

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa,.....

DEAR SIR,

I wish to obtain information respecting the derivation of the place-names of Canada—of the names of the villages, towns, cities and of the natural features, such as rivers, lakes, capes, bays, mountains, etc.—and shall be much obliged if you will give me any information that you may possess or can procure, respecting the below-mentioned name and also respecting the names of any other features in the vicinity of your residence concerning which you have knowledge.

In many localities, the older generation is passing, or has passed away, and unless steps are taken to collect this information, it will, in many instances, be too late. In most communities there are persons who take an interest in things of this nature or that have been connected with the early settlement of the locality. If there are any such in your neighbourhood, will you kindly submit this to them.

Below I have indicated the lines along which I desire information and also the commoner derivatives of place-names in Canada :—

(1.) Whether named after a village, town, or city, or natural feature in any other province or country ; if so, the name of province or country in which the original locality is situated.

(2.) Whether named after a person ; if so, the person's name, occupation, spelling of name as rendered by the person and any details of interest respecting him (or her) such as (a) Whether alive or, if dead, approximate year of death ; (b) Whether at any time a resident of the locality and, if so, whether still living there.

(3.) Whether named after a natural feature ; if so, any details respecting the origin of the name as applied to the feature and the geographical position of the latter.

(4.) Whether the town, village or city ever had any other name or names ; if so, at what dates, approximately, and the origin of these obsolete names.

Any information bearing on the above will be deemed a courtesy.

Yours truly,

JAMES WHITE,
Geographer.

Kindly write your reply on the attached sheet.

To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

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To
The Geographer
Department of the
Interior
Ottawa

Sivingstone Post Office
Alberta September²⁶
1905

Sir
I regret having lost the
paper you asked me to write
what information I could obtain
on —
this Post office is named
Sivingstone from being within
10 or 12 miles from

the Livingstone Range of
the Rocky Mountains -
It is situated on "Fossil
Creek" named after an
old timer who years ago
lived on it

Before this office was opened
some 7 years back, there was
~~at~~ a Post office 3 miles east
of this one situated on the
"North Fork of the old Mary
River" named "North Fork".
There are 2 other creeks
near here, one 3 miles
west named "Camp Creek".
The other 10 miles north
named "Talley Creek" after
another old timer called
"Talley"

This is all the reformation of a
geographical nature I can give
but I may say the land
all about these creeks, & North
Park River, are being rapidly
settled on

I am Sir

Yrs Truly

Mary G Wilson P.M.