

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

"Mountain Hill"
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Mountain Mill Mar 30

Mr White
Ottawa

Dear Sir

Mountain Mill derived its title from the first mill being built in this locality by the Government, thirty years ago. For the purpose of providing the settlers with and Indians with lumber for building material, and the first mill to encourage the Indians in agricultural pursuits.

The Mill is situated in the foot-hills of the Rocky Mts. on a creek which afterwards was called Mill Creek, and at the base of a mountain, hence the name Mountain Mill was originated.

The Mill was purchased from the Government by the Hon. Senator McLaren about 24 years ago & was used

for a number of years for sawing
lumber it being the only mill in
the province until of late years.

One of the natural features of the
place is an immense canyon
situated on the south fork a branch
of the old man River. also great
undeveloped coal seams lying south
of here on Mill Creek.

Mrs M McElquhan
P. M. Mountain Hill.

Alberta