

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.

"Three Hills" ✓
Ottawa

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The name of this office is derived from the Three Hills a chain of three small hills running from N to S South East. The highest being about 200 feet above the surrounding prairie. The creek on which the office is located (3 Hill creek) is a fair sized creek. Having its sources in several marshes in Tps. 34 & 35 Range 29.

The old Buffalo Lake Trail crosses the creek just west of the hills. It is, I believe one of the oldest trails in this part of the country being used long before the Edmonton & Calgary was in existence. It runs from Glacier on the C.P.R. to Buffalo Lake and from thence to Edmonton. I have known it for nearly 25 years. I understand our altitude is 3200 feet above sea.

Any other information about this part of the country will be glad to give you if I can.

Yours truly
Henry Evans
P.M.

It might add that this part is only beginning to settle up. There was only a few of us ranchers ^{here} until last summer.