

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.

✓ "Amisworth" ✓
Kootenay Dist. Ble

The Town of Ainsworth - was named after
Capt. John C. Ainsworth - born in Ohio - U.S.A.
and residing for the greater part of his life in
Oregon and California - where he was very
largely interested in Banking - Rail-Roading -
& Steam-Boating - Mines and Real-estate -
A man who at his death - about the year
1894 was estimated to be worth - about Three
Millions of Dollars - The Lounisite of Ainsworth
was acquired by Capt. Ainsworth as a Grant
from the Government - along with other lands
about the year 1853 - and was first known
as the Hot Springs Mining Camp - because of
numerous hot springs - containing - Sulphur -
Sine - Iron - Magnesia - citrate within
the Lounisite limits - It is essentially a
Mining Camp - having extremely large ledges
bearing silver - lead or Galena ores - carrying
more or less gold - and with zinc a very
prominent feature in many of the mines -
It has the honor of being the oldest camp in -
and of having shipped the first lot of silver -
lead ores from West Kootenay - The results -

of this shipment - which was made
from the "Krao Mine" - were responsible
for bringing capital into this section
of the Country; and the opening up of
the Slocan district and many

other rich sections in West Kootenay
The correct spelling is Ainsworth

Very truly yours -
A. D. Wheeler -