

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.

"Beaver Creek" ✓
Comox-Alberni Dist. B.C.

Beaver Creek the name of our place
was so named after a Creek of that name
on the west bank of which our first
office was held by C. F. Bishop established
I think in the year 1886 The origin
of the name Beaver Creek is on account
of the great number of Beaver in-
habiting this the stream when in
the spring of 1885 John Orr John Flock
& John McHafferny (a brother of the
writer) located on the above
stream and if my memory serves me
well it was my Brother who suggested
the name if you would drop a line
to John McHafferny now of Carleton
Place ^{he could give you information on the above} Mr Orr is still on his
place Mr. Flock died in the fall
of the same year in Victoria
I came in later in the season &
settled above the others on the same
creek & still holds that part

Joseph G. Hafferny