

# Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 17 1905 .....

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.

"Edgewood"  
Frank Valley B6  
Kootenay Dist



James White Esq

Edgewood BC  
Sep 1 1905

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Ottawa

Canada

Dear Sirs:

The name of this place is Edgewood named after a company who started a Dairy in this place the name originally was Fire Valley and this was named a number of years ago I have learned of late that it was called Fire Valley some time ago when only Indians resided here some man whose name I can not give was going up the Columbia River as you know this place is on the Columbia River he was in a Row Boat and at that time this valley was all fire evidently caused by Indians camp



fires since that time Fire Valley  
has been divided in to two parts  
one half Edgewood & the other ~~Fire Valley~~  
the name of this place was changed  
to Edgewood in the year of 1901  
I hope this information may be of  
some value to you.

Yours very truly

Rosie & William

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Edgewood

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