

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.

"Eholt"

B.C.
Yale Caribou Dist.

But I had some difficulty in getting this information
because the man was out of the country so long

The name Cholt, from Cholt-
breek - Cholt breek got its name
from Lavis Chalt - (who spell his name with
an a) who was of German French descent
and is as far as know still alive at
probably 55 to 60 years of age. He came to
this Boundary County in the early 80^{ties}
first settled on the piece of land that
is now the Townsite of Midway
then he took up land about 6 miles
down Cholt breek from where named the
breek. This place know in railway
business as Cholt Junction because
it is where the by branches of the Phoenix
this is on the divide between the
north part of Kettle River & Boundary
breek - and at the extreme head of
Cholt - that flows westward to a junction
with Boundary breek about 7 miles
distant - and about 2 miles above (or north)
of the town of Greenwood
Lavis Chalt left this part of the country
about 72 years ago and his last address
known was Myers Falls Wash
James H. Chalmers for Cholt-