

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.

"Keithley Creek"

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KEITHLEY CREEK, B. C.

Oct 10th 1905

James White Esq
Geographer
Ottawa
Dear Sir

Keithley Creek was discovered as a gold placer creek in 1851 by a California gold miner by the name of Keithley and ever since bears his name for years after the discovery there was 145 to 200 men working on the creek and its branches it never gave big returns as other creeks in Cariboo after the creek had been worked for 8 miles gold was discovered in an old channel in the hills facing the creek there are some hill diggers working yet and will be for years they pay better than the creek & are easier worked one mining property employs from 15 to 20 there dividend declared for the past month has been \$8,000 there are about 30 white men & 40 Chinamen working on the creek the creek is about 23 miles long and head from the Snow Shoe and Swift River mountains and has several creeks or branches empty in to it named as little Snow Shoe, French Snow Shoe, Weavers, Pigger, Creeks it empties its water into little Cariboo Lake at its mouth & close to the lake on a big flat is where a small town used to be the present business location is a ranch of 150 acres about 20 acres is under cultivation and a general store & hotel this property lays between the 2 lakes the upper & lower Cariboo Lake Keithley returned to California years ago & I understand he died

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There are three harbor lakes here several Lake Rivers flow to them
the one now being now worked is called Goose Creek
Swamp River empties into up Carbo Lake and several
creek empties into Swamp River the creek being worked
now is Hearsey and Suningham creeks named after the
ones that discovered them All goods are packed here
on animals the nearest waggon road is 20 miles
from here we have our mail delivered once a week
the nearest Express Office is 20 miles

Yours truly
Veith & Borland,
The Post Office is kept here