

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 18 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.

"Kersley"

Gale Carbo B.C.  
Miss.



Dear Sir

The Village of Kersby, is 205 from Stoheopt,  
and about 2 1/2 Miles from the Fraser River  
on the East Side of the River. The Kersby is  
on the Caribou Waggon Road and the Town of  
Duesnel is 15 Miles Distance. The Village is  
noted for the large quantity of Good Timothy  
Hay that it grows. There is a good deal of  
travel from the Village to the Duesnel River  
which is 12 Miles to the East Duesnel River is  
a noted River for fine Gold & Placer Mining  
The Village got its Name from John Kersby  
an Englishman from London Eng who came  
out here in Early days and was not successful  
in the Caribou Excitement, so took up this place  
and went to Ranching afterwards selling out  
to S. H. Bohanon, and he himself returning  
to Eng. I bought this Place such years ago  
from S. H. Bohanon

Yours Truly

Gas Shepherd