

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 who 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.

Lulu Island

New Westminster

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Dear Sir

In reply to your letter regarding any information I can give you re why this island was named Lulu Island I am sorry to say I cannot do so I have inquired from the oldest settlers who first settled on the island and they do not know

There are three islands at the mouth of the Fraser River Lulu Island, Sea Island and Westham Island, but I cannot find out why any of these islands were called by any of these names

Before these islands were dyked these islands were about covered with water at high water

The land of these islands contain no rock of any kind or I must say I have never heard of any person finding any, at quite a depth old logs or I must say old trees have been found which seems to indicate it is made land, some attempts have been made to get fresh water by drilling but as never met with any success

Some years ago I saw some old fashioned cannon balls found by some of the farmers on Lulu Island but I have not heard of any being found for some little time

Kindly let me know if this information is of any use to you and oblige

Yours respectfully
J. B. Bowditch
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