

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.

"Morrissey" + Hosmer
Koolenay Dist. Do. C.A.C.

Morrissey B.C. Aug. 26th 1905

To Mr. White

Dear Sir

Morrissey is situated between the C.P.R. Depot with the Elk river running along this side of R.R. line to the east ^{of town} it is the valley continuing from the Crows nest mountain; with varying width of about a mile on either side of chain of mountains / West side of town we have G.O.R. and their depot called Swinton Station bounded by the high peaks of the Rockies then the valley runs out 10 miles south of here at Elcho^{BC} through small canyon and opens up another formation to Cranbrook^{BC}. Morrissey has 2 Hotels, 1 store 2 private families rest burnt out and gone no farming land one saw mill Morrissey was named after Mr. Morrissey one of C.P.R. officials when road was building rather a line don't know no old settlers here. The place is all prospecting on acct. The coal mines on the east side running away up the slope 3 1/2 miles away which now have formed little towns called (Carbonado) and also another called (Morrissey mines) leaving this place with the 2 R.R. in the valley without any other recourses but timber & etc etc

Morrissey had no settlement previous to building of C.P.R. Mr. Morrissey was one of C.P.R. officials from whom Morrissey got the name same as (Ashmer) * A place 35 miles or so east also on the Crows nest Pass * Ashmer was also named after another C.P.R. official I have done my best you will get fuller information at Fernie 10 miles east of here or at Cranbrook 50 miles west of here

Yours Obedtly Jas. Hingworth P.M.
Morrissey B.C.

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The Elk river empties into The
Kootenay Lakes

Dear Sir, I am from the coast

A short time ago
have done my
Best

Hoover

JAMES WHITE

Geographer