

Broomhill Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900

James White Esq,  
Geographer

Dear Sir

Replying to your request re. information  
respecting the naming of this P.O. or locality

The present name of Broomhill was a substitute for the  
proposed name of "Greenhill" which the P.O. Department "owing  
to a repetition of names" refused to give to our Post Office.

~~Long ago~~. I suggested the name Greenhill from the fact that  
on the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  18-5-27. 6y 1<sup>st</sup> M. there is a rise in the ground  
which terminates in a knoll covering about one acre of land.  
The hill is composed of a rich black loam with heavy clay  
subsoil, and no matter how the <sup>dry</sup> season the grass was  
always green on top of knoll. Therefore the name Greenhill  
was a very appropriate one.

The name of Broomhill was given partly after a place  
in Selkirkshire Scotland, and partly owing to some  
specimens of a shrub called Broom which I had growing  
on the knoll, but which afterwards was destroyed by  
frost. It is better known as The Broom The Bonnie Bonnie Broom.

The name Broomhill is the original and only name by  
which the Post Office and district <sup>has</sup> been known. The name was  
given in 1892

The P.O. is situated on S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  18. 5-27 6y 1<sup>st</sup> M. and is  
12 miles N.W. from Melita and 12 miles north of Elva on the Eastern  
Branch of the C.P.R. also 12 miles south of Reston on the Arcola Branch  
of the C.P.R.

There are no very prominent natural features in this district

One matter of great importance to this district is the extension of  
the Lauder Broomhill branch of the C.P.R. which will be built this year.

Trusting you will find what data you require in the above.

I remain yours obediently William McKerny P.M.

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