

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 24 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.

*"Grisewood"  
Man.*

Greensold July 12/56

Dear Sir

Have made careful inquiry but  
have not been able to learn anything  
of the regarding the naming of this  
place

When I came here some fifteen  
years ago I remember being told  
that the town was named after  
the Aunt of one of the surveyors connected  
with the survey, but no one seems to  
know anything of this now

Yours truly

W. F. Hill

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CHARLES W. [unclear]

I wish to obtain information regarding the derivation of the name [unclear] of the  
 [unclear] and also to know if you have any information as to the  
 [unclear] of the name and the derivation of the name and also to know if you have  
 any other facts in the vicinity of your knowledge concerning [unclear] name.

In many instances the derivation is passing on the name [unclear] and other facts are  
 taken to which [unclear] it will in many cases [unclear] to be the [unclear] In such instances  
 there are persons who take an interest in such matters and have been contacted with  
 the early settlement of the locality. If there are any more of your acquaintance with you  
 kindly inform me to this effect.

Below I have indicated the name along with I desire information and also the compass  
 bearings of place names in [unclear] -

- Whether named after a settlement or city or town or place in any other position  
 If so the name of [unclear] or country in which the name is found (a) Whether  
 the name of [unclear] person or the person's name, occupation, spelling of name  
 (b) the name and any details of [unclear] (c) Whether  
 the name was derived from [unclear] (d) Whether the name is a variation of the locality  
 in which it is found.

*Beautiful*

It is desired to know the name of the locality and the geographical position of the locality  
 if possible the year of settlement or date of first settlement; if not at what  
 date approximately and the origin of the name.

Any information wanted on the above will be deemed a favor.

JAMES WHITE

Geographer

I kindly wish you to mail in the enclosed which  
 to receive five [unclear] of your reply. I enclose herewith the enclosed envelope which  
 will come free of postage.

*James White*