

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 28 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.

Hazel Ridge
Rossmore
look creek

Springfield

Mamie

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WASHINGTON

The Townships of Rossmore & Cooks Creek
are situated in the Municipality of
Springfield.

Called after the numerous
fresh water Springs which
abounds all over the
Municipality

I think that is all I can
report just now, as the time
is very limited, for to furnish
further information

Yours truly
Powers Shiff
Haystack Ridge Co.
Dramatic

James White Esq. Dear Sir. The Postmaster
of Hazel Ridge handed me the undersigned,
this report to fill in, as I was the
man that suggested the name. Hazelridge
it was on account of the large quantity of
hazel that grows on the ridges in this locality.
That I suggested the name.

Hazel Ridge named on account of the large
quantity of Hazel on the high lands
in the vicinity
situated in the
Township of Rossmore.

Rossmore = Is called after a Gentleman
by the name of Malcolm Ross, who
was one of the earliest pioneers
of this locality, was born in the
old settlement of St Andrews
on the banks of the Red River
his occupation was cattle raising,
and his residence is situated on
the banks of Coon's Creek,
where he still lives.

Coon's Creek.
Is called after an old & very
early pioneer by the ^{name} of Joe Coon
who resided in the district for a
short time. The creek starts in
the northern portion of Rossmore
and winds through Coon's Creek
Township, named after the same
man, and also through East Selkirk
and empties into the Red River