

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.

Kerfoot

Man.

Kerfoot March 22nd

Mr. James White.

Dear Sir

Our Post Master here has handed me this paper and ask me to write something about this District or give some information that the paper enquires for; Well this is nearly all farming lands around Kerfoot and is level land and is very good for raising wheat there is a ridge of sand hills two miles east of post Office; I am one of the oldest settlers here the country around here has been settled about 26 years and they are most old settlers that still live here; the farms have nearly all got good house and buildings; the school is half a mile south of post Office and is called Klempey school and is called after me as it was build on my farm about 22 years ago but was moved ~~over~~ farther southeast after a few years to have it more in centre of district the post Office I think was called Kerfoot by one of the old residents that lived here so there is no particular history to the name or place My name is Joseph Klempey and I have been in this District since it was first settled I had a farm of 480 acres but we sold it to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad Co. and they have the road graded through here now it goes through about the middle of farm and the ~~land~~ are going to have a riding and station here and I expect there will be a town here would like to have it called Klempey an account of it being on this farm

and the School Church and Post Office will liked
all be moved to where the station will be build in
a few years the siding is just about 80 rods
north and 30 rods west of post office well I think
this is all the information I can give now;

yours Truly

Joseph Kempsey