

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.

Sudair Station
Man

Sinclair Station man

Aug 30/05
named after Sinclair P.O. 6 miles South

The name Station being added for distinction
between the two Points the old office is not
on a line of Railway & merely a P.O. also now called
Crescent P.O. It was named Sinclair in the first Place
by the first P. Master who named it after himself
and is now situated on N W 1/4 14-6-29 Wpm while
this Sinclair Station is in the Village of Sinclair and
on Sec 13-7-29 Wpm. There are no Lakes or Rivers near
us those small streams marked are merely water sheds which
run for a short time in the Spring then dry up but there are
along those creeks large Ponds which hold water the year round
the Country in and around (Sinclair) Sec. 13-7-29 this is the name of the
town is altogether a Farming Country and I may say a very good one
and the Price of Land is fast advancing The Village Population is
125. and One can purchase any necessity at very reasonable
Prices 2 years ago our Population was 10 Persons and Land
Prices have advanced from \$2.40 an acre to \$10.00

I will be Pleased to answer any
Questions you wish me to if this does not cover
Your Requirements - I remain While I am yours Truly
John Milton