

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 26 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.

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*Man*

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*Good man*

The Landing  
Southwest cor. sec. 6, 14. 8 west of first  
principal Meridian homesteaded by  
David C. Stewart in or about 1880,  
in 1881 the Manitoba & Northwestern railway  
was built through Westbourne and the  
following year the Hudson's Bay  
Company shipped in goods via  
Westbourne station for their stores  
on Lakes Manitoba, Winnipegosis, St. Martin  
and Waterhen, the goods being transferred  
Westbourne station to the head of naviga-  
tion on the White Mud river with  
teams to Mr Stewart's place which  
began to be known as Stewart's Landing  
Later Mr Peter W. Arthur occupied the  
opposite of the river and built a steam  
boat with which he carried railroad ties  
and later lumber from his sawmill  
on Lake Manitoba to his landing  
place and the railroad Co built a spur  
track from Westbourne St. to the Landing  
which about this time became known  
as Mr Arthur's landing. A school district  
on being formed it was called The Landing  
over

about the same year (1898) a post office  
was opened the landing and is named  
David C. Stewart and family (myself the  
eldest son 11 1/2 years old) arrived in  
Winnipeg by steamer Selkirk on the  
13<sup>th</sup> of June 1871 from near the village  
of Ailsa Craig, Middlesex Ont. and  
settled on the banks of the White  
Mud river on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June  
where he continued to live  
till he died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February  
1900 aged 74 years.

If at any time I can give you any  
farther help I shall gladly do so,

Yours respectfully

David C. Stewart

The Landing P.O.

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The Geographer

Ottawa,

Ont.