

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.

"Woodside" ✓
Man

Woodside. Sept 10-05.
Man.

Mrs. White.

Dear Sir.

(1) Named after the amt of Oak Elm Ash Maples & Poplars,
Wood grown here.

(2) No John, McRae Norman, Morrison, & Dave Cameron, first
settlers. Near 30 years ago. It was called The Second Crossing
previous to this and at same time I believe. Stoneford, owing to some
stones being used to ford across the river. (White Mud RIVER)

These pioneers, were all Scotchmen, Very hardy Men, Cameron
died 2 years ago. Morrison was also killed by Ry. train running
over him, 2 years ago, near Calgary. McRae is still alive & farming
near Neepawa, Man.

(3) It is a Village Church School & Ry Station. T. P. O. Suitable for
mix farming and first class Grain & Stock raising as there is lot of hay.

There is also a number of Salt Springs, 2 Miles East of Station
near river, and supposed to be a Lime Stone Quarry in sight
north of same place.

P.S. ✓ Just needs the Settlers to make it a place.
Also a grand Cattle Shipping Yard is here now

Yours respectfully,

John Sharp. P.
P.M.