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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 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.

Alba M.S. ✓
Inverness Co.

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Dear Sir as this is
A country Puffin and as I suppose the officer
Reciev'd circulars of the same nature I therefore
will take my own office which was formerly called
Boom it was originally named Boom after
A place for securing timber being situated in
A narrow Channel between the waters of Malaga watch
and A larger lake to the East this Boom is very
near West alba Post office the Boom Post-office
was kept by A Scotch Highlander by the name
Alexander Mc Echern he was one of the first
Settlers of this ^{place} being A man of fairly good
English Education which was not very common in
them days And A. J. P. Besides he was something
of A Leader among the old Settlers
on or about the 1900 he took A notion in his
head to have the name of the place changed
from Boom to the present name alba which
is the galic name for Scotland and pronounced
galic (alaba) and also the name of the post office
and Station which he accomplished
in due time he died A few years
ago about the ^{age} of 86 his wife died
A year ago age 95

P.M. alba

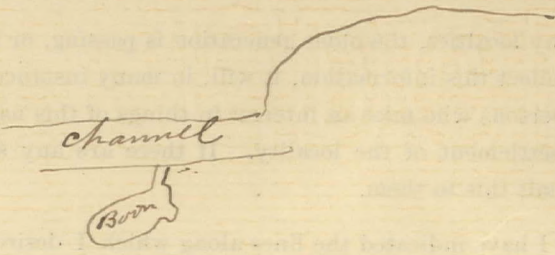
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Washington

The following information was furnished to the Bureau of Land Management by the State of California on the 15th day of June, 1908.

In the County of Santa Clara, California, there is a certain parcel of land known as the "Chamell" tract, which is situated in the Township of San Juan, Range 22 North, and Meridian 12 West. The area of said tract is approximately 100 acres.



Below I have indicated the boundaries of said tract as shown on the attached map, and also the corners of the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., this 15th day of June, 1908.

Very truly yours,
C. D. Wright, Geographer

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Accepted: _____
State of California

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., this 15th day of June, 1908.

W. B. ...
June 15, 1908