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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 15 1906

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.

*Barro's Corner*

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Barrs Corner is situated in  
New Germany. The Post Office was  
called New Germany for a number of  
years, and what is now New Germany  
Whesley's Corner, I cannot give you the  
date of change, but it was wanted to be  
called Centreville, the department objected  
to that name, as there were a number of that  
name, as the P. M. name was Barrs, and  
had been an old resident, hence it was  
called Barrs Corner. It is 2 miles from  
New Germany Station. Just a country  
place, situated at the Corner are Tin stores  
and wood factory, also two churches very  
near, Farming is the principle occupation  
About 18 miles from Mahone Bay and  
also same distance from Bridgewater.  
If you need any further information  
will gladly give it  
Yours Truly

P. E. Barrs

T. M. Barrs Corner  
Lumbago G. S.