

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.

Beaver Harbour

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The oldest residents do not know how Beaver Harbor got its name.

There are two lakes ^{one} called The Beaver Harbor big lake and the smaller one Beaver Harbor little lake as they are on the Beaver Harbor Grant Muskrat lake named after Muskrats, as they had been very plentiful there at one time

There are three large hills ~~which~~ in rotation which are called by the inhabitants first second & third Hardwood Hills. also a hill named Bear hill an old gentleman says that some thirty or forty years ago a neighbor of his had a cow killed by a Bear on the Bear Hill - hence the name Bear hill. Dryden's Hill derived its name from an old gentleman. The name Dryden hence the name Dryden hill and Dryden's ^{Cove}

Beaver Harbor back Cove, Beaver Harbor Bay, Black Duck Cove as it was formerly a great place for Black Duck's Dung Cove derive its name from being a great Cove for sea manure that is when ever there are a southerly or southeast storm

Carreys Hill and brook named after a gentleman by the name of Carreys a number of years ago cannot find out if he moved away or died here. Bluff Head is called from its Bluffness of rocks on a point of land which runs off from Black Duck Cove