

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.

*Big Tracadie ✓
Monastery riv. N.S., Antigonish Co
Black river*

Big Lacadie is of course the same as Lacadie, the "Big" being only a Post Office distinction. The name "Lacadie", so far as I can find out was given the place by the first inhabitants, the Micmac Indians. It never had any other name according to some of the oldest inhabitants.

The first white settlers to come here were Acadians who escaped deportation from Port Royal in 1755. Some of the first families to come were the Bellfontaines, Giroir's, Petipas' and Gutos's, others came later. Lacadie is specially suited to farming formerly it was a fishing place but now agriculture is the principal work. We have a bar harbour with entrance too shallow for anything but a small fishing vessel to pass through. The country is hilly - Two small rivers flow in the harbour, one is called the Black River from the fact that it flows through lands owned by colored people who are rapidly dying out or going

away. These groves settled here upwards of
seventy years ago, at that time receiving
grants of land from the British Govt.

The "Monastery" River is so called because
of the Trappist Monastery situated along
its banks. These are both very small
streams.

I do not know if this information
will be of any service to you or not, but
trust so.

Yours truly,

Postmaster

Big Lacadie