

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 21 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.

Black Point

Halifax Co. Moose Harbour NS

Black Point N.S. 1903
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Dear Sir

Black Point is situated on the western side near the mouth of the River Liverpool or Mersey. Just below the place a long reef of black rocks putting out in the water forms a long point, hence the name Black Point.

The next Settlement is called Moose Harbour: Many years ago when the place was just settled a moose straying from its home wandered for several days along the shores and fields.

The name Moose Harbour was given it, and has remained unchanged.

Both places are small having one school & Post Office. The former in Moose Harbour. The latter in Black Point. There are no mountains or lakes,

As I was unable to obtain any further information I hope this will be satisfactory and of use to you,

I remain your
Respectfully
C.P.M.

Black Point
Queens Co
N.S.