

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 7 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.

Bricklow

Annapolis Co N.S.

Brickton
April 19th 1906

James White
Geographers.

Dear Sir:-

As near as I can learn, this place was called "Elliot's Corner" from about 1835. to 1892, after a farmer by the name of Charles Elliott, who lived here. He died about 1890 at a ripe old age.

In the year 1892 a local Company was formed to start a Brickyard and shortly after the yard had commenced operations, a meeting of the rate payers was called in the school house, and a new name chosen for the place, Brickton, after the Brickyard, which has run every year until the present. The plant has been sold to a Company in Middleton called the Middleton Clay Working Co.

Brickton was given a weekly mail in 1892 which was changed to a daily mail in 1901. There is now a semi-daily mail which commenced in 1905.

Yours Truly
Percy G. Banks
Postmaster
Brickton
N. S.