

# 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.

Cape George ✓  
Antigonish Co. N.S.

Dear Mr<sup>r</sup> White - As you ask me to answer  
the questions on the previous leaf, I will try and  
oblige you as well as I can, but am sorry that I  
can't give information regarding all the questions  
situate as I am so far from Antigonish (our County Town.

(1) Ballantine's Cove, on the S. Side of Cape George, is  
called after David Ballantine a Lowland Scotchman, who  
took up 1000 acres of land on the S. Side of the Cape  
and said <sup>Cove</sup> being included in block, is called after him.  
He died about the year 1840.

Next. On the N. Side of Cape George is Livingston's Cove  
called after a Mr. Livingston who also took up 1000 acres  
of land, and where his descendents still reside. Besides  
Livingston's Cove, there is Livingston's Brook, flowing  
into said Cove. He - Mr Livingston died about 1825.

In conclusion, I will mention the name of a certain  
Brook, called Indian Brook which is situate half-way  
between the above mentioned Coves. It still retains  
said name, for in the days of my youth, the Mic. Maes  
pitched their tents or Wig-wams, at the mouth of said Brook  
flowing into St. George's Bay and lived by hunting and fishing.  
Hugh McEachern P. Master.