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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 14 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.

Centre Burlington
Hants Co. W

Burlington Oct 18th 1905

Mr James White,
Dear Sir In response to your request for information in respect to the name of Centre Burlington Post Office it is situated about one and a half miles from the mouth of the Kennetcook River and on the North side thereof. The River (a tidal River) runs from the Avon River Eastward about twenty miles, and until about forty years ago, the country on the North side of the River for a considerable distance was called Kennetcook and a Way Office was called the Kennetcook Way Office, As the Territory called Kennetcook was so lengthy it was very inconvenient and confusing in the delivery of the mails, and some forty years ago a meeting was held and the Western part of the Territory about six miles in length was named Burlington, the name of the Post office, which had succeeded the Way office was retained until about two years ago, when it was changed to Centre Burlington. In the meantime there had been a Post Office named Upper Burlington created a few miles up the Kennetcook River and one called Sower Burlington, to the West nearer the Avon River. I presume that the Kennetcook River received its name from the French who had settlements near the River and had many of the marshes along its Banks enclosed by Dykes, the settlement on the North side of the River which was made by British Subjects from Rhode Island about one hundred and forty five years ago no doubt took its name from the River Kennetcook, the Burlington was just a fancy of the majority of the Inhabitants without any reference or regard to any Person, Place or thing.

Yours truly

H. V. Satter

P. M. Centre Burlington