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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 16 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.

✓ Churchill

Pictou Co. N.S.

To Mr James White Geographer

In compliance with your
request for information I send you the
following

The Locality now known as
Churchville is one of the oldest settlements in
Pictou Co it was first settled about A.D. 1780
it was first called Robertson's hills so called
on account of a man named William Robertson
having built a small Grist mill there about
A.D. 1816 about A.D. 1835 a Presbyterian Church
was built near the mill which caused the
name to be changed to Churchville

Part of the District supplied by Churchville P. Co.
is now called Mountain but was formerly
called Weaver's Mountain in deference to Alexander
Cameron a weaver by trade who settled there about
A.D. 1800 South of Churchville and supplied by
Churchville P. Co. is a Settlement called Oriah
Mountain so called on account of the first settler
being an Irishman named Patrick Fenner who
settled there about A.D. 1780

John McCallan P. M.