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# 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.

*Clementsport ✓  
Annapolis Co. Md.*



Clementport Amherst Co. Va.  
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To James White Esq.

Dear Sir

Below you will find what information I have been able to gain in connection with the names of the Village of Clementport N.S.

The Township of Clements in which the Village of Clementport is situated was named after "St. Clements" and Clementport originated from this "Clements" after the Township with addition of "Port" affixed. This Village was formerly called Moose River or earlier still letters say on account of a number of Moose one time swimming down the River was shot, hence "Moose River". Mr. Moss Shaw M.P.P. in the year of about 1862 was the means of having the name changed from Moose River to Clementport.

As regards the date of this Village taking the name of Moose River must have been away back in 1700 probably 1756 or somewhere thereabouts. Mr. Shaw has been dead some few years and some of his children still live here.

Clementport is a very pretty little Village situated on the "Moose River" which makes in out of the beautiful Amherst Basin one of the prettiest sheets of water in the known world. This Village is surrounded by beautiful hills and the scenery around it is perfectly magnificent. One must see it to get an adequate idea of its beauty and its surroundings.

Hoping dear Sir this will be of service to you and await your pardon for not answering this before Elias Rounding  
Yours truly  
P. B.