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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 15 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.

Lake George ✓  
Lake Paul WS  
Kings CO

Sept 24. <sup>06</sup>

Lake George N.S.  
County of Kings

James White;

Respecting information  
as you request. - am able only to tell you  
what popular tradition says regarding names  
of this village. It has been told for generations  
that Lake George and the adjoining place, Lake  
Paul, were named by the Indians who discovered  
them, or knew of them. Lake George was named  
after George III of England who was popular  
with the Redmen, and Lake Paul takes its  
name from an Indian "Paul," who travelled  
or frequented this region at this time.

These names were first given to freshwater  
lakes, and later to the settlements and village  
in their neighborhood. This seems to be all  
information I can give respecting immediate  
vicinity.

Very Truly Yours

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