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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 23 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.

*Lower Argyle  
Yarmouth Co. N.S.*

On the sixth of July 1771 it was resolved  
by the Council that the lands lying between  
the Township of Garmouth and Barrington  
be erected into a Township, and to be called  
by the name of "Argyle."

Land grants to persons in this district were frequent  
and being in an undefined territory sometimes  
troublesome, hence the action of the Council.  
Most of the residents of this district being  
of Scotch descent, it was decided to name  
the new Township after Argyle in Scotland.  
As the place grew, and new post offices were  
needed it became necessary to have more  
names added. They still kept the original  
"Argyle" though, and now there are at least  
five post offices by that name - "Argyle Head"  
"Central Argyle" "Lower Argyle" "Argyle town"

Some of the above data is copied from  
"Campbell's history of Garmouth County"

Yours very truly  
John F. Dr. Parren

Lower Argyle

Dona Scotia - October 30th  
1905

Per E. Dr. Parren