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# Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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Ottawa,.....

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 Ship Harbour  
Halifax Co. NS*



Ship Harbor takes its name from the white cliffs on the East Side, about 20 miles in from the entrance, which resemblences a ship under sail. it was formerly called, Knowles Harbor, as far up as the narrows, which is about 7 miles from the entrance, and above the narrows was formerly called Charles River. I do not know what time it was changed to Ship Harbor, but it has been called Ship Harbor this last 70 years. The course from the entrance in is North West, The harbor is about a mile wide there is a good depth of water all the way in, 2000 ton ship can load at the head of the harbor. Which is about 10 miles in from the entrance, the land is hilly on both sides, but being more so on the east side, there is 3 rivers running in one on the east side <sup>about 2 miles from the head</sup> ~~is~~ called Newcombs brook, on which there is a mill & at the head of the harbor, one called the little river, the other called Peeps River or falls, on which there is also a mill, as there are four islands above the narrows, called the Whale island, fish island, mussel island, and one large island called Laybolls island, formerly called Greenis island,

Raymond O'Bryan