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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.

*Maitland Forks  
Lunenburg Co. N.S.*

Chaitland Oct. 27/05

Lunenburg Co. N.S.

James White Esq.  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir

The attached pamphlet has been handed to me by the Postmistress which I will endeavour to answer:

The present name of this village is Chaitland. There are two Post Offices in the village one called Barry's Corner and the other Chaitland, <sup>forke</sup> the reason of this being several places by the name of Chaitland in the Province, it was thought best to name the P. O. differently

Previous to 1845 the place was called Big Lots presumably on account of farms being in 300 and 600 acre lots.

<sup>somewhat</sup> Between 1845 and 1852 Rev. Dr. Hilleul gave the place its present name. Dr. H. was a missionary of the Church of England moving from here to Weymouth N.S. 1852, he died about 2 yrs ago. We do not know his motive in naming it so.

An agricultural district - midway between Bridgewater & Mahone Bay on the Halifax & South Western Railway line containing Church and School. The first settlers were French and German ~~men 100 yrs ago~~ It was settled more than 100 years ago. Any information I am able to give on the subject - I will be happy to do so

Yours Respectfully

P. O. Add.

Barry's Corner N.S.

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