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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 13 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.

Marshall's Town
Digby Co. W

Answers to Questions:



No. 2 and 4 of Circular from the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, dated Sept. 13, 1900: Concerning denization of present and past names of Marshalltown, County of Digby, Nova Scotia.

Question No 2. — Marshalltown was so called from Anthony Marshall, who dominical on Lot No. 19 in year 1790.

Marshalltown was so named in year 1794.

Question No 4. —

The year 1783, Philip Whattman, with George Wood, John Edison, Samuel Kipp, and other King's American Loyalists, founded this Village as a Country Farming Settlement, and it was named Whattmanville, or all probability in honour of the aforesaid,

Philip Whattman, who had a License from the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, to keep a house of Entertainment for travelers, and was paid a yearly Bonus therefor.

Remarks.



Marshall town is a pretty village situated on high ground, looking East - a distance of four miles we have a beautiful view of Digby Basin.

Looking West - a distance of three and one half miles we get a view of St. Marys Bay.

We have situated here Digby County's Arms House.

A large two story building
with all modern improvements
where our poor of the County
and harmless. I presume are
cared for. The institution was
founded in the year 1902.

We have one Church
St. Pauls episcopalian.

Also one consolidated
school.

Hoping what I
have written may be of
some benefit.

I remain yours truly
Respectfully Asst.

Mrs Owd K. Marshall.

P.S. Have not yet
the date of Anthony
Marshall's death,
if it will be of interest
I can get it by
referring to a Bristol
Stone that is in
this place.

MARSHALLS
TOWN
SEP 13
1895