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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.

McGrath Cove  
Halifax Co. N.S.  
McGrath Cove

McGrath Cove

James White

all over

Dear Sir the information

I can give is not much As this  
is verrey remote part of the Province  
there is absolutely no change in  
the names of places around this  
Section  
+ you  
Sorry I can't give  
some help  
Yours John McGrath

Dear Sir

Is McGrath cove named after a Mr  
McGrath? If so please give initials, occupation  
& whether alive

Yours truly  
James White

Dear Sir please Pardon me. I suppose McGrath  
Cove, had been named after my father  
William McGrath who died in 1869 aged 64  
his occupation fisherman. As all the people  
down here is fishermen. But there  
is no fish this season. But  
yours John McGrath

JAMES WHITE

Mr. J. W. White  
1869