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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.

*Middlefield
Queens Co. N.S.*

(1) Middlefield Queens County Nova Scotia was formerly Twelve Mile, being twelve Miles from Milton Queens. Co. N. S. from whence the first Settlers came, the first Settlers were the late James Morton and yeomas Waterman followed a few years later by the late Thomas Miles and Jabez Morton. The first house was built by the former two persons upwards of 90 years ago, a large double 2 story house called the 12 Mile house built on the line half and half between the two properties the house is still standing in good repair and has always been used for a Hotel.

Middlefield is situated on the main Post road between Liverpool and Caledonia, about midway consequently

derived the name of Middlefield.

the nearest River is Port Medway on the North East about 4 Miles distant

Tierpool river on the South West about
7 Miles distant, the nearest Lake
is a Small Lake called the 10 mile
Lake 2 Miles distant quite near
the main Post-road. Middlefield
is called the highest land
in Queens County.

There is a Small Settlement about
3 Miles distant called the 15 Mile
a Gold Bearing district but hasent been
found in paying Quantities. a man by
the name of John. W. Lowe built a
10 Stamp mill but the works have shut
down for the present. Dear Sir if the above
notes are any benefit to you I shall be
well paid for my trouble and would be
pleased to give you all the help in the matter
I can.

I Remain Respectfully Yours

S. F. Waterman

Post-Master

Middlefield

Queens. Co.

Oct 7th 1905-

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