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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.

*Mochelle*  
*Wd*  
*Annapolis Co.*

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Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry  
as this is the oldest settled place in North  
America  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles distant from Annapolis Royal  
was Port Royal under the French the name of this  
place is the original French name formerly  
Saw Mill Creek as there is a large creek here  
with a saw mill at the head of the tide the name  
was changed about 20 years ago.

This place is in the fruit growing section of the  
Annapolis Valley the North side of the river the  
mountain is quite steep about an average height of  
600 feet on the South side of the river the rise is  
gradual about 800 feet and forms the water shed  
between the atlantic coast and the valley.

The tide rises about 25 feet and quite rapid  
with plenty of water for large ships. River one mile  
wide the population is about 300. with Churches schools  
and stores

Yours Respectfully

John. M. Dorman Portmaster  
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