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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.

*Morrison*  
*Inverness Co.*

*see over for other names*

Morrison West Bay Innuveroo, N.S.

Mr James White  
Dear Sir

you wanted me to give  
you some information about the place  
I came to live here some 20 years ago. It was  
called McKenzie's Point named after the first  
settler that lived here, John M. McKenzie. Farmer by occupation  
but nine years ago we got mail conveyance to the point for  
the convenience of the place and two islands that is two  
miles from the point the post office is called Morrison. I don't  
know is it after myself or not anyhow I am the only Morrison  
in the place our address used to be McKenzie's Point but now  
Morrison as above the first and second generation has  
passed away before I came here to live, the island named  
above is called Smith's islands after the first settlers  
and is still Smith but the old folks is passed away years  
ago - also a group of islands three miles to the north  
east of is called Mac Rae's islands after the first settlers  
but no one living on them now the old folks has passed  
away and the young left the island but still owners ++  
There is no rivers around here except a small river called  
McLeod's river named after John M. Leod the first settler but is  
dead 48 years ago his farm is a beautiful land marshy place  
and is called Marshes West Bay, West Bay is the only  
village near us at the head of the bay - it is the first name  
the village got = John M. McKenzie above named died 65  
years ago but the date of the, or time of the year I could  
not get. The Smith's islands was settled by Dan Smith  
died March - 1843 - this is all I found or know about  
the old folks that settled here

Yours Respectfully  
Robt Morrison