

Mosherville N.S. November 11th 1905

James White Esq

My dear Sir

I received a notice

From the Postmaster sent by you to him wishing information about change of names of rivers or places or Lakes he said did not know of any change in vicinity of Scotch Village he sent it to me not the postmaster of Mosherville I dont know of any change for some years around here — a small river running from Center Rawdon soase not far from the English Church down through Greenfield School section via Walkerville and through Mosherville and Empty into Kennetcook river one mile above Mosherville Post office and called Little River which no doubt is marked on Hants County Map and the west line is bounded on a large Brook called Macumber brook one mile below Mosherville Post Office Empty into Kennetcook River the road leading to Center Rawdon direct from post office south boundary of Mosherville about two miles to Township line on Center Rawdon Road and East to Township line between Newport and Douglas one and 3/4 quarter of a mile is the East line from Mosherville post office of Mosherville and from this Township line is now called Stanley to Clarkville 5 miles East of Township Line to Birch brook or Clarkville on Midland Railway at Kennetcook river a post Office Established here since Midland built — no other Station or post office from Clarkville to the mouth of Gore road a post office to accomodate the Gore the railway being on the North side of Kennetcook river untill it reaches Kennetcook corner on Noel road there a post office and Station of Midland Railway this is about Eight miles East of Clarkville

No doubt you will hear from Burlington this place formally called Lower Kennetcook is now called Center Burlington six miles west of Scotch Village and no doubt you wrote to and have the desired information I will not attempt to say any thing about the Burlingtons as I am at least Nine miles from Center Burlington

I am dear Sir Yours truly William Mosher

Mosherville N.S.
Hants Co.

Mosherville N.S. Nov 28th 1905
James White Esqr

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 14th but I being away from home when it came I hope you will excuse the delay in not replying before I don't just understand just what you want whether it is a history of Canada or a new Geography you are getting up but as I have nothing to do to day I will give you some History of the place in 1760 my Grandfather Joseph Mosher's Father with several others in May Landed at what is called now Simpsons Creek near ~~Half~~ a mile up from the road now leading up by Mosherville on to Shubenacadie at the mouth of Shubenacadie River the first road laid out through Hants County and another Vessel arrived and Landed a short distance above on the Left bank of the Avon River which is now called Falmouth and in the first Vessel was my Grandfather's Father James Mosher and I think were his wife and four children out of the two Vessels 70 men agreed to take up Twelve miles square and done so but as was the custom them times to throw in a Chain occasionally and the distance is all of 13 1/2 mile this Extra Chain was to make up for rough ground when the chain dropped into holes and took up Chain in this Square were many rivers and Marsh Land so the 12 mile square of upland divided into 70 parts the Marsh Lands the same Each lot numbered and the Lands marked and put together No one of upland put with No one of Marsh Land put on strips of paper ^{put in packets} and I am told Each man put his hand in Hat and drew out a number that No was his there was some Changes the proprietors Knowing where the Lands were by mutual concert changed so all passed off but soon Many Changes Jehu Mosher and Barzillai Mosher two of James Mosher's Children got the Lands at and near where they Landed Allen Mosher got Lands in Kempt and lived there and died there the other child said to come which I doubt its coming as one daughter never left Rhode Island and married and died there the Eldest child or daughter the first Female child born in the Township of Newport was born a few rods above the Mill built by James Mosher on the Herbert or Bear river so called James lived there while building this mill for the 70 Proprietors

This place where they Landed They called Newport Landing and the 12 mile square was called the Township of Newport and the Land above was called the Township of Douglas to the Shubinacadie River. Many years after the name Shubinacadie at the mouth of was changed to Maitland and a place 20 miles up the river at the time Intercolonial R R built was called Shubinacadie a station there and the Farm bounding East on Township line over a mile square belonged to the said James Mosher when he came in possession I never learnt but he willed to his son Nicholas and Joseph Mosher my Grand Father he James died I dont know date or when they came in possession but James built a Mill on the river running down through the Farm and called Little River Emptying into the Kennebec River about the center of Farm source Center Rawdon from Spring. The sons Nicholas & Joseph lived on this Farm untill Joseph got tired and concluded the Farm was too soon all for two large Families they had not cleared much on their own place and their mind did not run on Farming was mechanically inclined so foolishly I say Jos went over 20 miles up the river took up land not a foot cleared on it moved up there his wife not very healthy soon returned as you will see by the Mosherbook I send you and after my Grandmother died he broke up Housekeeping the Children soon got scattered and he Jos done a very foolish thing Nicholas took a job of building a Bridge over the Cornwallace river ^{in Kings County Nova-Scotia} and warranted it to stand for one year there came an uncommon high freshet the next spring undermined pier out went Bridge so he had to rebuild in order to do so mortgaged the whole farm. The party who held the Mortgage soon found out another owner in ^{Farm} came and wished N to get a quiet claim deed from Joseph he N had lost his wife and the Bridge took to drinking and gave Joseph no piece untill he gave the quiet claim deed it done N no good and the Half of the Farm was worth more than the Mortgage but Joseph foolishly signed and lost his right in Farm doing his brother hurt as the half was more than the debt which the party would have not lost my Grandfather would have let him live as long as he did live but the N Party as soon as got the deed foreclosed and I never got a cent. My Father after he was out of his time with his Cousin they went down on school property leased it for a few years built House and shop and Lease near out Jakes went to Toronto in 1829 in 1830 my Father came here bought an acre of Land built a shop and House on an acre of Land bought of Daniel Wier and lived and died here after a time James his brother

My Fathers brother bought the Daniel Wier Farm here and moved
 on it My Father having a Shop here his sons worked in the shop untill we
 got able to work at ship work turned our attention to Ship work we all
 settled around near by and three of James sons settled here also two
 being sailor men one on the Farm of his Father James I am going a
 long way around to tell you how the place came to be called Mosherville
 My Father being appointed Postmaster over 50 Years ago at Woodgate
 the Partys naming him or recommending him as postmaster did not
 give Woodgate any name for the Office he asked where it Located he
 said the office at the head of Kennetcook or within 4 miles of head
 and the office at or near the mouth of river on Northside of River
 is Called Lower Kennetcook we he said will call this Middle
 Kennetcook at that time only a few Offices had a stamp to name office
 so as you are aware people Careless when a letter directed would just
 say Kennetcook when directed to me should say Middle Kennetcook
 and go to Lower Kennetcook sometimes go to Upper Kennetcook so people
 was terrible annoyed in not getting letters when they should as mails
 did not run only once and twice Each week on those routs and circular
 for Instance the mail go up by here to Gore and down through Rawdon
 would be a long time getting around here again which was annoying
 our Mail being made up at Newport this being the stamp office naming the
 name of Office on south side of Kennetcook river on the mail road travel
 the Newport Office being south of Herbet river some times called River above
 where James Mosher built the mill for the 70 proprietors but as I said we
 all around this place got disgusted and so annoyed at the way our letters
 got astray not being fully adressed we grumbled and talked about how
 it could be remedied I think I was the first to propose a new name
 as was not a Chartered name given by the Postmaster General of
 Nova-Scotia partys all fell in with my proposal so a meeting was
 called and one of Daniel Lockharts sons was Chosen Chairman
 name Samuel Lockhart son of the above Daniel who bought
 Joseph Mosher Farm well we looked at one and
 another no was saying for a new name presently one of the party
 jumped up and said he had been much annoyed by his
 letters getting astray and William Mosher he thought had
 struck a good way of remedying the Evil he had better name
 a name appeared to be satisfied at the request they
 met me to name a name I said I did ^{not} care what the name

well we did not hear any more for some time then the word came Allen had skipped with the money did not go to England and those black legs was crying out vengeance against allen so it went on for Years next we heard they had found the will of Ezekiel Mosher and it was all right he was the Father of Hugh and Allen had not been in England and the money was willed to Hugh and we were his Heirs and no trouble come on they was getting papers fixed up and again asking us to contribute to the scheme some of our folks crazy in the matter a meeting called again it was decided if we paid any more money to send a Delegate to England the delegation carried and Nicholas Mosher was sent to England to meet their delegate and it was found Stephen Mosher of Manchester was the Father of our Hugh who died in Rhode Island who never left Manchester and Ezekiel was a fictitious name and not the Father of our Hugh also found the three Moshers that came out to Boston direct did not come direct to Rhode Island as those black legs tried to make it appear well I being secretary of our meetings got this information concluded to get up this Mosher History I went to considerable trouble and expence and paid 66 dollars for printing 350 books and I did not sell near enough to pay the 66 lost my time and expences gathering material I could get 1000 printed for about 4 dollars more but I knew I could not sell them but I am not sorry I done so as it comes in handy and I find where we came from — The John Anthony who took up the Farm bounding on Township line west came out in the same ship and landing at Simpsons Creek is not one of the 70 proprietors who took up the 12 mile square but is my great Grand Father the Anthonys are German decent and came from near where Mosher came from as I have nothing to do to day I supply this Epistle I dont know what you ask about who Mosherville was named for whether you are getting up a History of the Dominion or not but if I thought it would be out within a year I would ask for one I never had or saw a late History only the small history got up for school purposes and that is not much good to me however I dont expect to live much longer being near 82 Years old now not worth while for me to bother about History As I will not be here long I hope you will read this all and get what you can

out of it if any benefit to you

If this is any benefit to you worth the reading please let me know
I have a son in Montreal the only child we have is on the
staff of Gazette printing office he has better learning than I
if you want any thing Extra from Nova-Scotia he will give
you if in his power his address is 34 St Louis square on
Gazette office Montreal P Que

I am tired of writing will close

Yours truly William Mosher

Hants County N. S.