

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa,

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 who 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.

Aberdour ✓

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Aberdour P.O. 27th April 1906

As requested on other side of give a few lines
regarding the origin of Aberdour and station
Aberdour P.O. was opened on the first February
1875 with one mail a day Donald Christie was
appointed in charge who is a farmer in the

immediate

→ immediate Neighbourhood and has still charge of it
the name was given in honour of two of the ^{immediate} ~~immediate~~
neighbours who emigrated from Aberdour in Aberdeen ^{shire}
Scotland the Station is called after the man
that owned the ground on which it stands whose name
was Thos Turner whose son Thos Turner Jun kept a general
store here the old man died a few years ago near Walkerton
the son is farming at Dryden Kaim River District
grain only sops when flagged it is half way
Paisley and Port Elgin about seven miles from either
of them good farming country especially Fall
Wheat and Pease Population about 30

yours D. Christie P.M.