

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 18 1905.....

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.

*Allaudale  
Simeoe, Co. Ont.*

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Allaudale Oct 23rd 1905

"Allaudale" was named in honor of the late Hon Senator G. Wallan, of the City of Toronto who owned about 600 acres of land East of here and fronting on Kempenfelt Bay. He made a small clearing near the Bay in which he built his summer residence a very pretty place he named "Strathallan". He and his family every year spent their summer holidays there. It was in the year 1857 or '58 that the Post Office was established here and the place named "Allaudale". The Railway Station had been till that year been known as "Barrie Station" - it was then changed to Allaudale Station, on the Old Northern Ry. This place is now the Hub of the Northern Division of the G.I. Ry and the new Ry Station just completed at a cost of nearly \$50,000 is the admiration of all who see it. It is said the Ry Co. has spent about \$500,000 in Roundhouse Shops and yards. The population now is 1500, and being now amalgamated to Barrie makes Barrie's pop = 7500.