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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 25 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.

Arkona  
Lambton Co. Ont. Ansd



Mr. James Whites.  
Geographer.  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir. Re-attached, would beg to  
reply. The place formerly was known  
as Eastman's Corner. after a number  
of Eastmans living here, then at  
a meeting called some 45 years ago  
to select a suitable name for the place  
a number were chosen to pick out  
a few suitable names. a number  
of names were handed in and Akonag  
being amongst the number, was chosen  
voted on and carried. Mr. Jeph. Brower  
was the name of person who handed  
in the name. These facts were given to  
me by our present Reevs. J. Jaynes  
who was present at the meeting.

Akonag,  
Oct 12/05.

Yours Sincerely  
J. Jeph. Brower



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Ottawa, October 20th, 1905

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"Arkona" Ont.

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*(See over)*



Dear Sir,

Could you give me any further information respecting the derivation of the name of your village. The only other place of the same name that I have been able to discover is in Germany. Could you procure any information that would shed additional light on the derivation of this name.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

*James White*  
Geographer

J. Geo. Brown, Esq.,  
Arkona, Ont.

*A Mr. Brown, who suggested the name, was a "German" hence, I suppose the name was adopted. Yours truly,*

*J. Geo. Brown*