

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 5 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.

Atterton
Norfolk Co Ont

Ans'd

Atherton

Dear Sir

We have only a small office in this place named Atherton, we suppose it was named after Sord Atherton, as there is no persons town village city stream lake, nor anything of the name any where that we've ever heard of. Our oldest inhabitant that might have given us a little history of the why it was so called died last spring at the age of ninety. He remembered all the old landmarks.

The neighborhood or place used to consist of a number of Cooper shops, mills, a blacksmith shop, shoe shop, wood stores, Hotel, stove mill, and a number of straggling houses for the men employed at these different places. Now timber has all been used, there is none of this old business at all. It then went by the name of Junctionville, and Abnoses Corners. The community is now all farmers, one fine new Church and sheds, and a small post-office. It is situated eight miles from Dinwiddie County town, four from Delhi our nearest R R station, 3 1/2 from Lynduck the home of John Charlton ex M. P. and on the old Galbut road that was first cut through by Col Galbut as he marched through with his men from here to Detroit - C. J. Cook Postmaster

Since writing I've found this tract of country around
us for many miles was known by the name of
Fairfield Plains. I would like very much to
know if there is such a place as

"Athertons Corners"? There must be some
place by that name somewhere and I mean named
Harry Atherton near. This is a corner but no
one bearing the name that we know of.

Yours truly

E. C. P. M.

P.S.

I fear I've only wasted time for I've given no
information that you were in quest of. But - it - as much
as I know of it - and I've lived here 30 years.

Atherton, Lancashire

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Canada

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed survey of the Atherton area, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. It is my duty to inform you that the same will be given the same consideration as all other surveys of this nature, and that the same will be carried out as soon as the same can be practically effected. The same will be carried out as soon as the same can be practically effected.

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