

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

Attercliffe (Station)  
Haldimand Co. Club

## Attercliffe Station. Ont.

This village was named by Dr. John Kirk about 32 years ago after a town in England named Attercliffe.

Dr. Kirk was an Englishman coming to this country about 60 years ago settling about one mile North of the present location of the village where he built a large 3 story brick house. He here practised medicine until about 18 years ago when he sold his property and moved to South Dakota to a town called Mapleton where he died about five years later.

His remains were brought back & deposited in the Kirk Cemetery which was opened as a public burying ground ~~since~~ thirty years ago.

This village has a population of about 300. Is situated on the Michigan Central Ry (Canada Stn) & Wabash Ry. The Oswego creek a tributary of the Chipawa river runs past the outskirts of the village.

The surrounding country is generally level being good farming land of clay & clay loam.

Natural gas in abundance is found in the vicinity which is carried in pipe lines to Hamilton Dundas + Dunnville etc.

The village contains two general stores one church post office hotel cheese factory brick yard wood yard public school chopping + cider mill blacksmith shop railway depot -

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Attercliffe Station Oct 19/1905.

Attercliffe is another village about size of this 2.  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of this named from the same source information concerning which could be obtained from the post office of that village.