

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 3 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.

*Attercliffe*  
Lincoln Co. *Out*

*(See next)*

Attercliffe  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1905

Mr James White  
Ottawa

Dear Sir

Handed  
over to Mr. H. C. Growth, who has enclosed  
Circular request to be answered as well as it  
could be done conveniently, but if I understand it  
rightly, it should have been accompanied by a blank  
form which was not enclosed, however if this is not the  
case, you can advise me and I will do the best I  
can at any time  
Respectfully

Yours

J. K. Tisdale

Attercliffe cum Darnall, parish, seat & Ry. station near  
Sheffield, Eng.  
Attercliffe Road, Ry. station, suburbs of Sheffield, Eng.

Ottawa, Oct. 20th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I have your memo of the 14th instant and note what  
you say respecting blank sheet. This statement in the circu-  
lar, however, refers to the blank portions of the sheet, part  
of which you have already written upon. I have added, in pen-  
cil, descriptions of two places in England with similar names.

Is your village named after either? *no*

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

J. K. Tisdale, Esq.,  
Attercliffe, Ont.

James White  
Geographer

the white. The name Attercliffe <sup>PO</sup> was after the memory of the wife of one  
old English doctor whose Christophers was Attercliffe in England.  
its first name was Coister Po from its being the first P.O. in the Township  
Established by my Father about 1855. The next Po is "warnes" after the  
owner of the farm on which it is situated the next Coisterwell. It is on  
the welland river used to be the "Clippewa" Attercliffe is on the old military  
Road running from the Niagara to Windsor area is called "Talbot Street"  
about the entire length. Attercliffe Station on the M.C.R. two miles South  
Father "Jas Isaac" with a number of others was made a J.P. about 1835. Think I  
have a list of them all he passed thro all the offices in the Township and  
was finally disparanuated. The old roads most all have an original name  
from persons who lived along them or were Contractors. There are 5 Township Corners  
very near the end of Cornetier. The Indian Reservation line passes along my lands.

I suppose you will gather the same kind of information from the  
other Post masters or Clerks in the Township. if there is anything  
else in this line that will be of any use to you from this way, I will  
try to attend to it any time. Respectfully yours

J. H. Isaac.