

# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 17 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.

*David*  
Barry Bay  
Renfrew Co. Ont.

Queens creek  
McMaster lake  
Leason lake

*Good*  
Yorkville

Barry's Bay October 30<sup>th</sup> 1905

To James White, Geographer  
Ottawa

Dear Sir

I have been living at this place for over 40 years, and when I came here there was a Welshman living on an Island in the Bay his name was Edward Williams and he informed me that Barry's Bay got its name from an old Hunter and Trapper by the name of Barry. And that he had left the Country - Greens Creek is named after Patrick Green he was a first Cousin of mine, and handsome type of a Shanty man I bought his Claim and I own his land along the Creek.

Mc Masters Lake - got its name from Mc Master a foreman having a Lumber Camp on the Banks of it - He was a relation of Dan Mc Lachlin, the Limit holder and once a member of Parliament

Carson Lakes got their name from a foreman by the name of Carson having a Lumber Camp on the banks of them. These Lakes are one mile from B. Bay ~~of~~ of them

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you will see that Barry's Bay is named after no place in any Country - we have the Village of Barry's Bay - and Barry's Bay Post office. I am acquainted with Hon. J. R. Lachford and J. D. Parmelee of the Customs Department, and many others in Ottawa

Yours Truly  
James Murray J<sup>r</sup>