

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 who 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.

Beeton

Simcoe Co. Ont.

James White Esq.
Geographer,
~~Toronto~~ Ottawa

Beeton, April 16th 1906.

Dear Sir,

Your Circular letter of April 11th was handed to me today for reply, by W Jones, Postmaster of this town

The village of Beeton was originally called "Blacksville" being named after Robert Black, the first postmaster in this section, who died a number of years ago. His son W George M. Black was License Inspector for the district of Cardwell during the past twenty years and removed from town to Alberta three months ago. The name of the village was changed from Blacksville to Beeton owing to the similarity of the original name with that of others throughout the province, and the difficulty experienced by our citizens in receiving mail matter, which frequently went to the other post offices.

"Beeton" was chosen by the town's most foremost business man W D Jones, who at the time manufactured Apiary Supplies and was also President of the Canadian Beekeepers Association.

The name was selected no doubt on account of Beeton castle in Scotland being the birth place of W^o Macpherson, mother of W Jones.

I trust the above information may be of service to you.

Truly Yours

J. Somers.