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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 29 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.

Bishops Mills  
Ottawa Co, Ont  
Greenville

Bishops Mills, a small village situated on the North Branch of the south Branch of the River Rideau in the Township of Oxford not far from the centre of the County of Grenville first settled by N McCallister a tanner and Ira Bishop and his Brother Chauncey Bishop who built saw Mills Grist Mill and Shingle Mills about the year 1840 or 1844 done quite a little business until the timber got scarce the place was called after the Bishops these parties died about 1870 the Mills passed into other hands and cut lumber and shingles until timber got scarce the Mills are burned up or in ruins so now our only industry is stores, Cheese Factory

Blacksmithshop Postoffice &c

Your humble servant has done business here for the last 44 years is not thinking of taking a rest

10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1905

Yours very truly  
Jm Corbett

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