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# 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.

*Blackwater  
Ontario Co., Ont*

# Blackwater

Blackwater is so named from a sluggish creek which passes through this place. It is ~~is~~ a junction of two G. T. R. branches, the Toronto and Midland and the Port Hope and Toronto by way of Peterboro and Lindsay.

The place is about twenty years old. It was named by a Mr. Darling a banker who was formerly manager of the Dominion Bank at Malbridge. I am informed that he owned the site of the village at the time it was made a junction and had it surveyed into small lots.

Blackwater today consists of the G. T. R. Station and restaurant, two large elevators for grain belonging to Hogg & Lytle of Oakwood and managed by the firm of Lyons & Young dealers in grain, seeds, lumber, shingles, coal & lime etc.; one blacksmith shop at present unoccupied, red-brick store owned and occupied by Joseph Allen who is also postmaster the post-office being in store. There is also a saw-mill which still does a certain amount of work each year telegraph and Express office at station. There are numerous other buildings and dwellings. Large shipments of stock cedar posts and piles, slabs & wood are sent from this place and Wick siding a short distance from here where Mr. Myers of Peterboro has a camp and cuts about 1000 cords of wood each winter. Our population is about 50.

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Blackwater is in Ontario County Prov. Ontario  
Township of Brock in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession and  
is on the Centre Road. It is also on what is  
sometimes called Beaver River but more frequently  
the Marsh Creek.

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