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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.

*Bluevale
Huron, Co Oct*

Bluevale, October 18th, 1905.

James White, Geographer,
Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

Dear Sir: There is little to say regarding the history of Bluevale, a small village, situated on the middle branch of the Matt-land river, in Huron county. It was named Bluevale after a suburb of Glasgow, Scotland, by Margaret Todd, wife of Alexander Duncanson. Mr. Duncanson was one of the three first settlers in Turuberry township, the other two being Jacob Cantelou and James McCullough. All three were "settlers" before the "land sale" of fourth of September 1854. Mr. McCullough located in March 1854 and the other two some little time previous to that. Mr. and Mrs. Duncanson have been dead many years but some of their descendants still live here. The first postmaster of Bluevale was the late John Messer. The first school in the township of Turuberry was built at Bluevale, and the first teacher was Thomas Farrow, at present postmaster at Brussels, Huron county.

Yours truly

P. Duff.