

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.

Buck Lake
Frontenac Co. Ont

(See over)

Ottawa, Oct. 23rd, 1905

Dear Sir,

Could you give me any information respecting the derivation of the name Buck, as applied to the lake in your vicinity.?

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

Buck Lake 16th October 05

Dear Sir
I wish to state in answer ^{to your} enquiry
that Buck Lake is 22 miles North of Kingston
it is surrounded by other lakes the country is
very hilly, ridges and valleys some of the valleys
are very fertile and were they are large enough
they make good farms

But mining for Mica is one of the chief industries
The Inhabitants around Buck Lake as a general thing
live by fishing and hunting they are not good
citizens they do not observe the laws they take
no notice of them.

They take out a licence for one dollar which
allows them to fish and catch enough herring for
their family they then put nets enough to reach
across the lake and this is what make off with the
salmon because this is done when the salmon
is spawning and the nets are placed on the
salmon bars

Buttermilk falls, is 7 miles further down North
6 miles from Newboro & 6 miles from Westport
There are grist & sawmills belonging ^{to} Lett Bros
This is situated at the foot of devil lake, this ^{and} Buck
lake join here and empty into the Ride canal
The Population does not increase here

I think what by having local overseer
with less pay would remedy this defect both for
game and fish. one man to look over all these
Lakes and him 20 miles away is no use here
I have not herd of one since the new government
went into office

I Remain your Humble servant
Jas Thomas

P.M. Buck Lake

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I wis to state that I have made further
inquiry regarding the derivation of the word
Buck as applied to this lake

I went to Lett & Bro^{rs} who are large Property owners
and their Fathers before them. and he said he never
knewed

I enquired of an old Lady, upwards of one hundred
years old who is in the enjoyment of Pension
from a State through her Husband being in the war
of 1812 She states that the lake has been called Buck
ever since she can remember.

But she have often herd the proper name
was Duck Lake, This is all the information I can
obtain

Paul named



Buck Lake 1st Dec 05

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Dear Sir

Since I filled in the papers
for the Geographer.

I have learned that the derivation
of Buck Lake was caused by
a Man named Rousehorn
and a party of hunters
they went down to what is now
Buck Lake and killed sixteen
Deer and placed their heads
in a row on a log and
left them on what is now
called Buck Island

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It has been call Buck island
ever since, and the lake
has been called Buck Lake,
And a large bay they also named
Deer bone bay. Through
finding a skeleton of a large
Elk in the water and dragged
upon land.

I knowed this old Man
Rousehorn well he was a great
Hunter he died about 28 years
agoe he was about 90 year old
when he died

He owned the property
that the Frontenac led mines
are situate

I this news is of every service
to you. You are intirly welcom
Yours very Truly, Jed Thomas