

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.

Burnley
Northumberland, Co. Eng

Northumberland County Township ^{Waldimay}
Burnley November 6

Mr. James White

Dear Sir you will please find enclosed a description of the Village. This Village was named by Mr. Thos Grimshaw an English Gentleman who lived at a Place called Sherbrook Lodge three miles East of Cobourg Ontario. He named it after a Town in Lancashire England called Burnley. He moved away from Canada about 30 years ago to the Southern States and died some years ago. He owned quite a lot of Real Estate in this County. The only name this Village ever had was Burnley. Before it was named Burnley it might have been known as Craigs Mills. This Village of Burnley is situated on a Concession on Lot 5 in Township Waldimay in County of Northumberland in Province of Ontario. About 16 miles North of Lake Ontario and the nearest Point to Rice Lake would be about 7 miles.

Burnley would lay in a South East
direction from Rice Lake, and from
G. S. R. 14. miles north of Coburne. The Town
of Cobourg is 21 miles South West of the
Town of Hastings. C. S. R. 15 miles to the North
of Burnley

This Locality is quite Hilly with many
fine Springs creeks. There is quite a large
creek that runs through Burnley it
Rises about 7 miles West of Burnley and
is East into the River Trent

This Post Office was opened in about the year
1865 or 1866. and the first Post Master appointed
to this Office was Mr. Thomas Grimshaw son
of Mrs. Thomas Grimshaw and while he was
Postmaster he lived here in Burnley all
but one year before I was appointed

Postmaster here he left Canada about 30
years ago for the Southern States I think he
is alive yet I think about December 2/1890
I was appointed Post Master of Burnley
and I am still yet

Any other information I can give you I will
be only too happy to do so yours Very truly

William Gardner
Postmaster Burnley