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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 4 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.

Burwell Road  
Middlesex Co. Ont



1905  
Burwell Road Oct 13

Dear sir

In reply to yours would say that  
Burwell Road is only a country Post Office  
it was called after J B Burwell who at one time  
owned 1100 acres of land in this vicinity  
& died in 1880 he inherited this property  
from the late Malton Burwell who got this  
land as part payment for surveying the  
Twp He left a family of 7 sons & two daughters  
which are nearly all deceased at this date his  
residence was situated on river Johnsons  
fronting the river & opposite the Comide Indian  
reserve besides the P. O there is the Burwell  
Road school & the Burwell Memorial  
Church, (English), he gave 100 acres of  
land & built the Church which now  
marks his last resting place  
he was one of the first settlers in  
this part & served as Twp & County Coadjutor  
Yours Hugh Brodie P m