

# 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.

Camperden  
Lincoln Co Ont

Campden Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1905

Mr White

Dear Sir

I have been trying to find out the origin of the name of our little Burg. Campden but I cannot find out any more than I know myself and that is not very satisfactory. However I will write about all I know about this place as I have lived in it - now about 41 years. Before the Post Office was established here the place which is situated on 4 Corners or (Cross Roads) was called Moyer's Corners I suppose because 2 of the Farms joining the corner was owned & occupied by 2 Brothers Moyers and 1 son was having a store & the first store of the village. but when the Post Office was established there was some trouble as to the name they finally settled on Campden why I cannot tell. for all living here lived in fair Hous. It is now a village of about 150 inhabitants has a brick school house brick Church Parsonage. 2 stores 1 brick 1 stone and 2 shoes shop. Post Office & shoe store & sundry business places. is situated on what is called the Fly road which road was named after a creek by the name of Fly Creek & crosses the road twice inside of one mile one East of the Village and one west. is 4 miles from Beamsville the same distance from Jordan village 2 1/2 miles from Lintern. in the Township of Alintock in the county of Lincoln. It is about 50 years ago that the Post Office was established. It is situated about 1 mile south of the Mountain Range which extends through the Niagara District from the Falls west to beyond Hamilton. I think this will be about all I can give you

yours truly  
D Albright  
Postmaster

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