

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 30 1906

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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 who 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.

Bartholme

Norfolk Co. Ont

Colobum, Ap - 20/02

James White
Geographer

I hardly know what information you would want of this place it being rather insignificant, it only being a mailing &c convenience for the neighborhood. It is beautifully situated and is a good farming post but is deprived of modern advantages of R.R., Telegraph, Telephone, Stores &c

but time may do wonders.

I send the following which is all I can think of to fill your request.

If this is not satisfactory send me a list of questions and I will answer same.

Yours Truly
Walter Smith. P.M. Colobum

Carholme

Carholme is the name of a Post Office in Norfolk County, Province of Ontario and has been in existence for twenty five years. It is situated on Big Creek or rather on the Hill on the western bank of said Creek. This creek is noted for its size having its start in Oxford County and flows in a south westerly direction and empties into Lake Erie. Carholme is about nine miles from its mouth. It is simply a Post Office there being no other places of business in the vicinity. This being a farming Community and is nine miles from a R. R. Station there is a Great Hill and Cheese Factory within a short distance and a Presbyterian Church stands within a few rods of it. There is a deal of romantic scenery formed by hills, valleys and cedar trees on flats &c. The oldest resident is 86 years old.

Ottawa, Ont.
May 4th, 1906

Dear Madam,

Could you kindly let me have a memo re derivation of name "Carholme". If named after some person; his name, occupation and whether still living, or, if after some other city, town etc., where situated.

Thanking you in advance.
Yours truly,

Miss Maggie Smith,
Carholme,
Ont.

Geograger

All I can find regarding the name Carholme is, the time the Office was applied for, several names were suggested by the parties on the petition but they did not suit the Department so it was left with P.O. Authorities to name, and the M. P. who acted for the neighborhood was a conservative and J. A. McDonald was Premier, so they named it the same as the Premier's County Residence near Kingston or Ottawa I do not know which. This is what I heard at the time.

Yours &c
Maggie Smith