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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 27 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.

Carlsruhe
Bruce B. Old

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Ernst Seeber,

Notary Public, etc.

Carlsruhe, Ont. 4th October 1905

Mr. J. A. White

Geographer

Ottawa

Dear Sir:

I take great pleasure in giving you a trustworthy & reliable history of our little village, as you have asked me to do, and hope that my suggestion to substitute the "K" for the "C" on my P. O. seals will receive proper attention, and, final approval, and I shall be glad to hear again fr. you.

Yours respectfully

Ernst Seeber

P. M.

Dear Sir.

Re 'Carlsruhe' 4th Oct 1905.

At times remote, a certain Karl (Charles) Markgraf of Baden, built a Chateau or Hunting-Lodge in the midst of a dense, primitive forest for the purpose of hunting occasionally and ~~for~~ ^{as a place} quiet retreat, away from a noisy court or the cares of state, naming it "Karlsruhe" (Charles's rest); however the Country around getting gradually cleared up and cultivated, this chateau became the nucleus of the present city of Karlsruhe and Capital of Baden, which is the first Granddukedom of Europe.

~~The name of~~ Carlsruhe, a small village in the Township of Carriok, County of Bruce, well known for its elevated, healthy and beautiful situation, had its name given by Karl Schl, the first settler in the place, about 50 years ago. He was a ~~member of the~~ prominent man, a member of the Township-Council when first ~~it~~ ^{land} established, and owned 500 acres at that time, ~~however~~ ^{nevertheless} he did not succeed and sold out, and died about 10 or 12 years ago, a poor prospector in Muskoga. His descendants are scattered, some live yet in Bruce, others in Manitoba & Wisconsin U.S.A.

Sic Transit Gloria Mundi.

Respectfully
Ernst Seiber
P.M.

X The "C" in "Carlsruhe" is pronounced like a "K" (being put before the vowel "a"; but nevertheless ^{it} is radically wrong, because this letter - "C" simply usurps the place where the letter "K" should be, it ought to be ~~be~~ ^{be} consequently changed to "K", making the Name of the place "Karlsruhe" ~~that's~~ ^{its} true and historic name, and if this change can be brought about, I and all other citizens of "Karlsruhe" and the farmers for miles round, all of them Germans from the Old Country or at least their parents were, shall ever be grateful.

Yours
Ernst Seiber
~~XXXXXX~~ Born at the City of Mannheim. Baden, Germany.