

Department of the Interior,

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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.

✓ Cashmere

Middlesex Co. Ont.



Cashmere Village - was founded about the year 1825  
By Singleton Gardiner He built a Dam across the River  
Built and Equipt a Grist-Mill - Called the place Canton  
After an Irish Village near his Old Home in <sup>Armagh Co</sup> Ireland the name  
was afterwards changed to Cashmere by suggestion of the  
Postal Authorities sometime in the Forties from about 1852  
to 1866. there was considerable business done there having  
been built besides the grist mill two saw mills a planing  
sash & door factory two Blacksmith shops Three general  
Stores Three Hotels - the Building of the Great Western Rail  
Road at first stimulated then destroyed the place by Establishing  
Trading Places along its line - the first Post-Master was  
Mr James Gardiner, son of the founder of the village -  
the village is situated on the River Thames about Forty  
miles westward from London and about Forty miles from Lake  
St. Clair where it empties

The Dam has now been destroyed having been purchased  
by the Ontario government in 1901 or 1902 and broken down to  
allow fish to go up to Gordon's sports-might catch fish

As the old settlers have mostly moved away Early Events are hard  
to find at present the village is almost depopulated only one  
family living in the place. Several old houses and the old  
Grist-Mill is all that remain

(Singleton Gardiner died

December 25 = 1834

Cashmere is in the township  
of Mosa in the County of Middlesex  
Ontario

Yours Truly  
J. S. Gibb

Cashmere, P.O.