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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 12 1906

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.

✓ Chaunter

Welland Co. Ont.

Chautler May 7<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear sir

The inclosed questions have been handed  
to me to answer which I will endeavor to do  
Chautler is only a country place named after ourselves  
who have been residents here for over 50 years.

About ten years ago the N. to & B. R. R. was built through  
here and they built a station on the right of way through  
our farm and they named it after us and about the same  
time we built a store and established a P. O.,  
which is named Chautler. We have a Saw  
mill near the P. O. and station. The above comprises  
the town, we are farmers but do a little in the saw mill  
in the spring. The above is about all the information  
I can give which I trust will be satisfactory

Yours Truly

→ E. Chautler  
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P. S.

I got the man that this place is named  
after to answer the questions  
Yours  
Postmaster Chautler