

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 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.

Cherney Station
Russell Co *OW*

(1) This place before to be called Cheney, was a forest situated between 9 & 10 Corner of the Township of Clarence in the County of Russell Ont.

The most part of Land around here belonged to A. Hagar, to day sharif of both Counties Prescott & Russell Wilson from Bearbrook, had some land too, in that Township, and he sold them to a man called Sam Cheney; a year before the Company of Railroad built the Road from South Indian to Rockland

That part of Rail-Road called until 1st Oct inst., Rockland Branch and from that time Grand Trunk Canada Atlantic Railway System.

(2) This small village, Received the name of Cheney Station, from a settler called Sam Cheney, who built here a saw mill, a small store, and he kept the Post Office until he was reduce to sale the whole buisness, to a man called D. N. McDonald, Both are away and I could not say if they dead or not. The whole thing belong now to S. H. Shower who I keep a little store and he is in some time farmer and dealer in cord-wood

The place is watered by two small creeks The Brook and South Indian - and two Rail-Road cross our place C. P. R. short line G. T. R. S.

I do not know any thing better, if this can be good for you, I will be glad.

Yours Truly

A. Lennery P.M.

Cheney Station
Ont.