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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.

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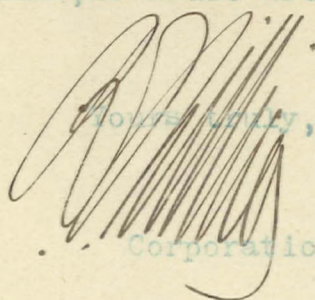
RICHARD J. LILICO,
POSTMASTER,
CHESLEY.

Oct. 3rd. 05.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the
25th ult. I have the following replies to
make to your questions:

1. No.
2. This Village was named after a Mr. Chesley, who was in the employ of the Post Office Department at Ottawa in the year 1868. (a) Not known here. (b) Never a resident of this locality.
3. No.
4. From 1854 to 1868 this Village was known as Sconeville, no doubt after Scone, Scotland.

Yours truly,


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Corporation Clerk.

James White, Esq:
Geographer,
Ottawa, Ont.

*Make card
for
Sconeville*



Chesley, Ont

Ottawa, 8th November, 1905.

Dear Mr. White,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, I have to say that Mr. Solomon Yeomans Chesley was Indian Agent at St. Regis from 1820 to 1845. In July of 1845 he was appointed a clerk in the Indian Department. He was still alive in 1863, but there does not appear to be a further record of this gentleman in the Department.

Mr. A.N.P. Chesley, Department of Militia and Defence is a grandson. He will probably be able to give you all the information you desire.

Yours truly,

S. Bray

James White, Esq.,
Geographer,

Dept. of the Interior,
Ottawa.

*Chesley
Bruce Co. Ont.*



Ottawa. 10th November, 1905.

Dear Mr. White,-

Referring to your recent inquiry, it appears that Mr. Solomon Yeomans Chesley died within the year following 20th February, 1830.

Yours truly,

S. Bray

James White, Esq.,

Geographer,

Dept. of the Interior,

Ottawa.