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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 11 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.

✓ *Bookstown*

Simcoe Co. Ont.

Cookstown
10th May 1906

James White Esquire
Dear Sir

The village of Cookstown is
located at the junction of the four
leading townships ~~by~~ West Parlinbury
Secumseth Essa and Annisfit -
the first settlers were the "Perry's" Kidd's Dunwoody
Duff - Thomas Cook after whom the village
was named - in 1847 - located here
in 1832 - the first Post Master here
was James Harper - who kept a small
Country Store - Ferguson and Pickett
located in the village about that
time and kept a general store -
the Sew Member - Mr Ferguson was
Dominion and local Representative
for South Division for a number of
years - Thomas Cook died in 1875
J.B. Ferguson died about 20 years
ago - the Colemans, Goodwins Lewis
and Parks - located here about that
time 1847 -

Yours truly
Thomas Cook