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# Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 4 1905 .....

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.

*Craigie Lea  
Muskoka Dist. Club*

Craigielea, B.C. Oct 17, 05  
Onto.

Dear Sir

The name of this Postoffice and nearby locality was named Craigielea by Mrs C. C. Walls who came from Bootle Liverpool to the above place of Scottish parents having been born in Edinburgh as near as we can say 78 years ago and later in life moved to Liverpool and reached Canada about 32 years ago and Craigielea one year later and the Postoffice was opened about 23 years ago and named as above by her and John Walls was then its Postmaster "her son" - about 15 years ago the Walls family moved out west to Washington State USA where Mrs C. Walls died six years ago -

the name Craigielea is taken from a place in Scotland after the Banks and Braes of Donny "Craigielea" - I cannot give you just even the locality of the Scottish Craigielea but I will endeavour to trace it and advise you.

Yours truly  
The Waters  
Postmaster