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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

*Crosshill
Waterloo Co. Ont.*

Mr White
Geographer

Dear Sir

In reply to your request
I may say that the village of Crosshill was named
after a village in Ayrshire Scotland
by John B. Campbell and Hugh Hutchison
coming from the village of Crosshill
Scotland the place of their birth.

They came to Canada about the year 1848
and had the pleasure of chopping the
first tree in the place
in a year or so it became necessary to
have a Postoffice
so they called the Postoffice Crosshill P.O.
and was kept by one Charles Wilcott a
native of Scotland also

John B. Campbell died in the year 1880
some of his family are still living in the
Neighbourhood. Hugh Hutchison died in the year
1861 and the family are all left this part
some years ago.

Crosshill is situated at two cross roads
and elevated similar to the one in Scotland
so they said. Y^{rs} Truly

J. H. Campbell son of the late

John B. Campbell
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