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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 18 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.

*Dickinsons Laming*  
*Stormont Co.* *Oct.*



James White Esq  
Ottawa

Dear Sir -

In reply to your enquiry regarding the name of this village, I have found it somewhat difficult to get any definite information.

The village is located on the north shore of the River St. Lawrence, directly at the head of the Cornwall Canal about one mile west of the Lougue Saull Rapids. As near as I can find out, about sixty five years ago, before the completion of the Cornwall Canal, the passenger boats from the upper river came down and stopped here and the passengers were transferred from here to Cornwall by stage. Mr Dickinson (Christian name not known) a resident in this village at that time, owned the property and constructed the landing at which the above mentioned boats called, he also owned and



operated the stage <sup>system</sup> which transferred  
the passengers and baggage to Cornwall.  
In this way the place in time came  
to be known as Dickinson's Landing.  
Shortly after the completion of the  
Cornwall Canal which did away  
with the stage system Mr Dickinson  
left these parts and no person  
around here seems to have any  
trace of him since then.

Yours truly

David Paulson

Postmaster

Dickinson's Landing  
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