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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 5 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.

*Eastwood  
Oxford Co. J.W.H.*

Somewhere between <sup>the years</sup> 1830 and 1836  
Admiral Vansittart settled in the  
vicinity of Eastwood upon a farm  
consisting of 700 acres. There resided  
with him a widow, a sister whose  
surname was East, and in honor of his  
sister Mrs East he named the Village  
Eastwood, and it has retained that  
name to the present time. The said  
Admiral Vansittart with some assis-  
tance from the early pioneers erected the  
first church and school house, in this  
part of the country. This part of the  
country was largely settled by aristo-  
cratic gentlemen from England who had  
formerly held important positions  
in the army.

John L. Overholt  
Eastwood