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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 2 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.

*Egmondville  
Huron Co Ont*

Egmondville County Huron  
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Sir

In reply to attached circular -  
This is a small village on the River Bayfield  
about 20 miles from its outlet at Lake Huron,  
here seventy years ago. The Canada Company  
according to their Charter built a great  
mill, for many years the place was known  
as the Mill. The mill and property was  
sold by the Canada Company to a Mr.  
E. Van Egmond ~~the~~ say 1835 or 1836 - In.

Say 1855 a post was established and named  
after Mr Van Egmond who claimed to be a  
descendant of Count Von Egmont executed  
by Spaniards - in the wars of the  
Netherlands -

Yours truly

G. E. Jackson P.M.

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