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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 12 1906

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 who 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,

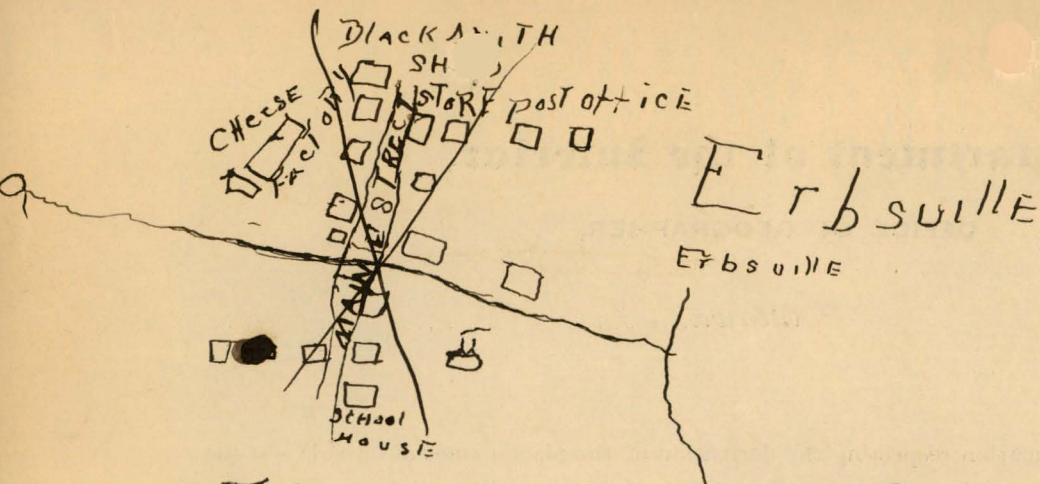
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Geographer.

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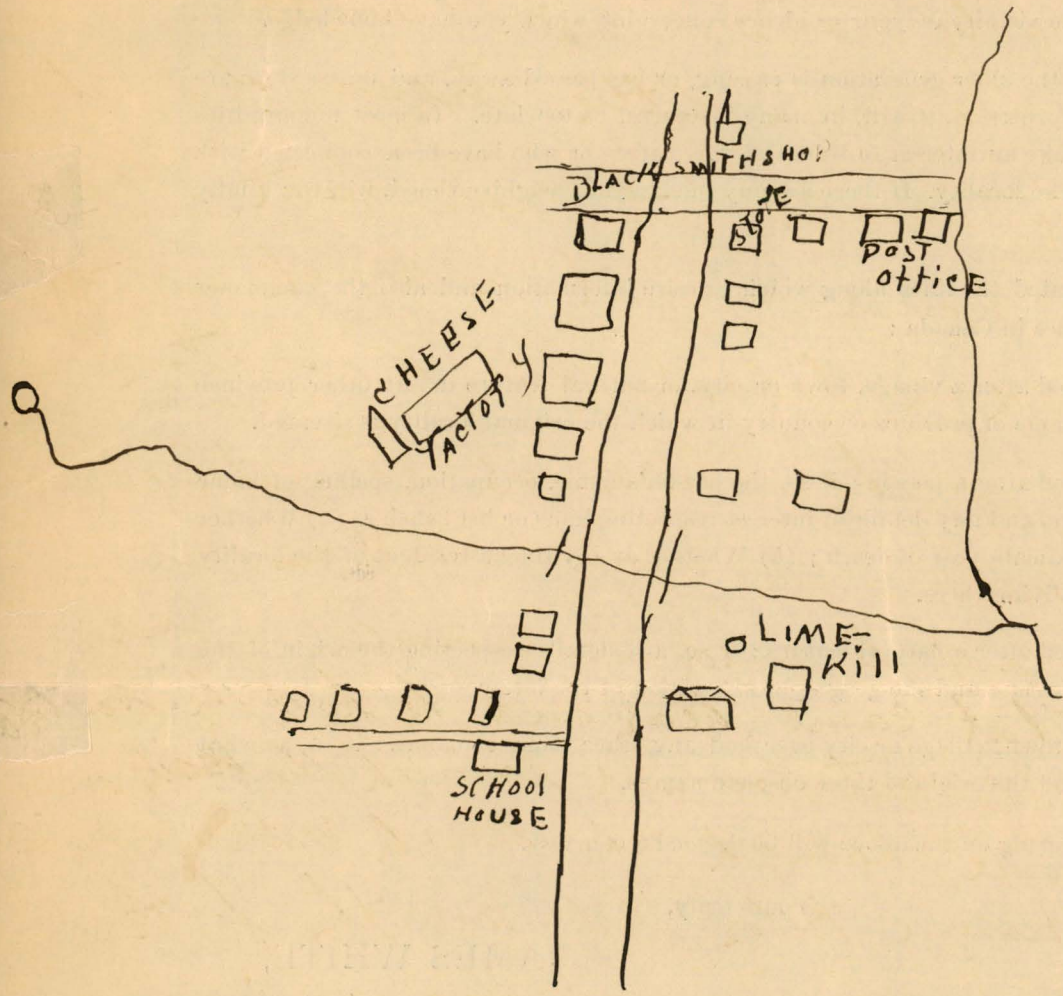
To ensure free transmission of your reply I enclose herewith an addressed envelope which will come free of postage.

*Arbville*

Waterloo Co. Ont.



*This is the plan of Erbsville*



Erbsville April 20 1906

Dear Sir

Erbsville is a little place  
~~he was the man~~ he was the first  
it was call after Vallin Erb he is dead <sup>man</sup> (that lived)  
long ago and they wher so many Erb in  
the little vilage But they are all gone  
they are no body living that know any  
thing about they is a little stream of fresh  
water running through it run East they  
we only ten house in it a Black smith  
post office and a school But know store  
the emation of the store is standing  
Erbsville is 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Waterloo I can not  
tell you how long he lived in Erbsville he was  
the first man that came hear and he had the post office  
he used to walk to Waterloo and brough the mail on  
his back and come through the Bush with the mail  
it had no other name before that was the first  
name Erbsville

Named after Vallin Erb, the first post master