

Dear Uncle - Can you help me with this. I think you will know how to answer some of the questions if not all. Mine - Geo W

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

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Ottawa, MAR 30 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,

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.

Falkirk

Middlesex Co. Ont.

Dear Sir — As you will see I have been making inquiries. The first name given to this place was Carlisle by George Shipley one of the early settlers here. He came here from the north of England and named it after a town in that country near where he was born.

Later the residents applied for a Post Office and the authorities suggested another name as they already had a P.O. of that name, and I think one John Stewart suggested Falkirk after a town in Scotland.

He also named the stream running past here Lyon, after Glen Lyon his native place.

Both of the above settlers are of course deceased many years now —

Yours

G. M. Shipley

P. M. Falkirk