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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 29 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.

Fassifern  
Glenarry Co. Ont



Frassifern, Oct. 18/05.

Dear Sir,-

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup>. to hand and contents noted I beg to state that I can give but slight information regarding our P.O. Frassifern.

At the time of opening the new office the Hon. D. Macmillan was called upon to choose a suitable name. It been a scotch settlement he decided to call it Kennedy after the oldest gentleman residing here. The name was sent in and accepted but when it became known to the people they caused a disturbance saying that other scotch names had more right to the name consequently the Hon. D. Macmillan asked the name ~~recalled~~ <sup>cancelled</sup> and then named it Frassifern after Lord Frassifern who was killed at a small battle the day before the battle of Waterloo. He was a Cameron by birth.

Hoping this will assist you,  
I am, yours truly,

Post master  
Frassifern  
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Fassifern - was the seat of  
Col. Cameron <sup>who</sup> fell at Quattr Bros, 1815

Fassifern  
Quattr Bros