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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

Hesherton
Grey Co Ont

Fleetham Oct. 2nd 05
Replying to certain this place was named after
one of the oldest ~~or~~ or first residents in the place
namely Mr Kingston Fletcher who was the owner
of part of the property first plotted out for the
Village.

The P.O. was originally named after the
Township it is situated in namely: - Artemesia ^{Artemesia}
~~but~~ at that time the P.O. was situated outside
the present Village about 1/2 a mile. the
name however was changed to Fleetham
about the year 1856 and shortly afterwards
the office was moved into the present
Village.

Your obedient servant

P.S. I think have not given P.J. Sprule
as full information about the ^{P.M.}
person whom the Village was named after
as I might. Said Mr Fletcher was a resident of
the Village and property owner at time it partook
of his name. He was a Carpenter and Millwright
by trade. He still owns considerable Real
Estate here, although he has resided in
England for almost the past twenty years
and still resides there through his present address
I am not aware of. but it is I believe somewhere
in Hull

Card for Artemesia.