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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.

*Gads Hill
Perth Co. Ont.*

Gads Hill, Eng. residence of Chas. Dickens, the
novelist

James White.

at the time of the B. mo say 30
years ago the Ridge now Gads
hill was a slummy little place

3 Saw Mills 2 Hotels 2 stores
Factory one Brick kiln one grist mill
one General Store & Post office.

one Wollen Mill one church
one wagon shop 2 Black Smith shops
Blainny & Cummy mill. Now

it is down to, one saw mill
one hotel 1 Black Smith shop, one store

Yours

Thomas O. Lomell

Gads hill out - Post master
Gads hill
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Grads Hill was formerly known
as the Ridge Simpley because
it was situated on a small
base of a few acres of land. About
6 miles north and east of the
City of Stratford.

Settled about
the year 1857, on account of its
Lumber & Timber Products
and a very Prosperous Trade has
Been Ever Since. Now these
Lumber Land are all Settled

With a Class of Well to Do
Farmers. Best of comfortable
Buck Houses & Bank Barns.
The Land Produces the Best of
Crops. Only a few years ago
a Wilderness. Now a Garden