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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 30 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.

Garnet
Haldimand Co

Garnet, Oct. 19th. 1905.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter asking for information regarding the name of Garnet, I will tell you as my father, David Brock has just told me. The place was named Hullsville when the Post-Office was opened here about the year 1855. Mr. Hull was the first Post-master. He kept the office for twenty years and the store in which the office was kept was burned and he took the office in his own house and the people were not very well pleased with the way things were managed and the Snagging of them wanted the name changed. When the new office was opened Mr. David Hanna and my father went to Jarvis to see the Inspector and told him about the people wishing the name changed. He asked what name they wanted but it had not been decided what name was wanted so a gentleman with the Inspector proposed calling it Garnet after Sir Garnet Woodsey so it was named Garnet. Before the office was here it was called Sandusk, the Sandusk creek runs through. I am not positive about the year for it is just as father remembers it and he says it might be one year astray but that would be about all. Mr. Hanna is dead some sixteen years and Mr. Hull is dead about eight years.

Hoping this may be of some benefit to you
I remain Yours truly
Mable Brock.