

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa,

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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 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.

✓ *Glenora, Ferris Tp.,*

Parry Sound Dist. Ont.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Messrs of Congress

Ottawa,

Sir I Beg to State My Report as follows  
This Place, Derere, its name from the Port office, Glenida  
its is Bounded on the South By the Georgian Bay &  
a distance of Thirty five miles and on the north By  
Lake Michipicang Thirty five miles on the west French River  
Forty five miles on the East By Muskoka Lakes some fifty miles  
But there is quite a number of small rivers running west into  
the Georgian Bay one River known as the Magnetawan River  
that has Boat Comodation from Bush's falls to the village  
of Ahmic Harbour passing through the village of Magnetawan  
there is several smaller streams running into said Magnetawan  
those rivers are all fed By Lakes in the vicinity of  
the rivers this Country has numerous Beautiful Lakes all  
over this said Territory abounding in fish of all kinds  
and also Beautiful scenery the Land in bad shape of  
Country is much Broken up By Rocks and very uneven  
there is only fifty Per Cent of arable Land in this  
north Country But there has been a vast amount of Pine  
Timber in this Territory But it is nearly all Erupted  
But there is any amount of hemlock and all kinds of  
hardwood that will not float Down these streams and  
there is no Railroad at the Present time near this Place  
But there is one in course of Construction South of here  
running along the shore of Georgian Bay crosses the  
Magnetawan River forty miles from here in time this  
Country will be all weight for there is a mineral  
Belt running through this Country two miles north of  
the Magnetawan River it is composed of Gold Silver and  
Copper there has been quite a lot of Assaying Done and the  
prospects are Extra good, Should you wish to see more about  
these mines writes me and only too glad to inform you  
William M. Hammond P. M. Glenida out