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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.

Glenorchy, Inverclyde Sp.
Halton Co. Ont

Population 150

Post Mt of Glenorchy
G. E. Askin

I can only speak from my own term of residence 35 years in Glenorchy.

"Glenorchy" so spelled on the large map of this part of Co. Walton, there was no railway running from Toronto to Hamilton. a boat front Rochester to Toronto, thence to Hamilton, in 1855 thence to Oakville. The railroad started a few years later the village of Glenorchy, lies half way between Oakville & Milton a valuable creek runs for miles thru the country, several miles, a brewery and distillery some years ago were operated, on its banks by Mr. Proudfoot. Long since dead.

A saw mill also ran by Mr. Halliday a Scotchman from "Glenorchy" came out with his family in the early forties and started mill on the banks of the 10 mile creek, where he had a good farm and had it men- tioned on a large map as (Glenorchy) where he came from, he supplied lumber for all the residences round him. His farm, and house are lot 21 north of Dundas St. He died some 15 years ago. at one time works were lively along the banks of our creek burning wood, for charcoal hauling logs, sawing lumber, etc etc - - very few of the old settlers of that time are alive now. The Post office was procured for Glenorchy in 1894 by the present Recor. D. Buck who has grown up with the country.