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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 28 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.

*Godfrey*  
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Card for  
Demiston

W. H. H. H. H.



To pay. Apr 20. 1906.

The first office of this place and even of this Township was established in or about 1852. and was called Deuiston after its manager Mr. William Deuison, Brothers of the late George Deuison M.P.P. The former Mr Deuison is dead about Ten or Twelve years ago in Dakota

The second and present name the office got was Godfrey called after C. H. Godfrey for many years warden of the Township of Hinchingsbrook, and an extensive farmer of this district. And for many years took an active part in mining Mr. Godfrey's death took place about 1894. and after his death his son C. D. Godfrey took his place and continues to do so until the present date. In reference to the natural features there are many small lakes but not near the office only one small creek passing near called Cole Creek coming from a small lake of the same name. Hoping this small history may furnish you the necessary information I remain your obedient servant

R. B. Howes

Godfrey, P. O.