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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 16 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.

*Granite Hill
Parry Sound Dist. J.W.*

Granite Hill

Oct 19th. 05

Dear Sir Said Office is kept by a Farmer
five miles from Commanada Village and ten
miles from Trout Creek Village This is mistaken

Parry Sound District This Section of Country
is very badly broken with Rock and Stone but
th here and there throughout the Vicinity there are
a fairly well to do Farmer along the Boundary
line between machar & Gurd Township there
lies a small Lake ^{called marsh lake 90 acres} just touching
the south end lot XI on the ^{80 acres} first Concession of
Gurd there is another small Lake on the north
End of lot XII on the I Concession of Gurd

called Elk Lake a man by the name just
located for this Property by the name of Alexander
Burke he Died about 12 years ago wiled this
Property to James Leynutt Mr Charles Pietschmann
living on lot XIV & XV on the III concession of Gurd
which contains a small Lake Perhaps forty acres

J. M.