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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 29 1906

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.

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Kent Co. Ont.

Guilds
in 1836 this place was a wilderness
first settler was a man by the
name of Julius Guild come
from the county of Leeds and
settled here on 28th of July 1834
the nearest villages then was
Worpeth, J. Blenheim 5 miles
to either place

I will give you a few
names of the earliest settlers
in this place A. Mr. Morehouse
J. Mr. Bell, Haygart, Sampson
Sinclair, Grant, Patterson
Simons, Malot, Coates, Cougher
Steel, Steverson, Bentley,
those men have all passed away

this place derived its name
from the first settler Julius Guild
a small village with, a Church
Schoolhouse & Stores, Post office
Blacksmith Shop

a great heavy country improved
farms are selling from 80 to 100 Dollars
per acre, the Bay, or Rardeare
lies S.E. 2 miles, Lake, E. 5 miles
yours Truly, J. T. Guilds P. M. Guilds D. W.