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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.

*Hadlington
Peterborough Co. Ont.*

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Hadlington was named after J. H. Hadley as he is styled though Joseph was his name. He was the eldest son of William Hadley & Olga Russell. Joseph was born near Cambray in Fenelon Township and when about 10 years old his father moved to Haliburton County Township of Manmouth and when Joseph was 19 years old went to Hadlington and built a little camp & covered it with bark and when he did not get good wages worked on his place and improved it, each year Joseph Hadley also cut different roads from his place and lived there five years before he had a first neighbor then it began to be settled and a number came around his place and settled and Joe brought in supplies for the other settlers and later on a Post Office was applied for and the question was then what was the place to be called & it was decided by

some that the Post Office was
to be named after Joe and it was
called Hadlington
Joe is now 36 years old & has been
married twice his first wife was
a daughter of Daniel Ireland who
lived in Port Perry for years. his
second wife was Amelia Graves
who is still in health Mr Hadley
enjoys his wife and four children
two of each wife Mr Hadley is the
owner of the Hadlington stalk farm
a General Store and the saw mill
he has experienced some of the most
terrible trips carrying the mail &
getting in supplies to his store
and even to day the Road is yet
almost impassable to Hadlington
as all the Road for miles is what
has been done by the settlers
not even one dollar of Government
money has ever been spent near
Hadlington Hadlington is situated
on lot 17 con 18 Township of
Aurubuthur county of Peterborough
I am pleased to give you any information
I can if after you get this I have a Knoll
of this country for 27 years

I am also acquainted with the first
settlers of Brondal, Goodham, Arsa
Esdown, Tarybell, Pusey &
old Wilberforce and Kitotia settlement
which is all near

I can say now that Hadlington
is the most ready Post office in
the Dominion of Canada to day
for a Road even in Pictou County
the mail has to be carried
on Rafts or floating logs as
there is no crossways and even the
Burnt River is to be forded
and many trouble experiences
Mr Hadley has experienced getting
in and out from the Place

Trusting you may be able
to secure the knowledge required
I remain the Pioneer of Hadlington
J Hadley