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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.

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See inside

Stamwell derives its name from Charles
Hager and David Hager the first
settlers here. They settled about
60 years ago. David kept a hotel
on the Stage Road from Port Dover
to Hamilton for many years and
Charles Hager who was a Carpenter
by occupation conducted a general
store and was Postmaster for
many years. David moved away
but Charles Hager lived here until
his death in 1888 His son John Hager
who had been with him in business
for many years succeeded him in
store and Post Office. He has the
first and largest store in the
County today. Fred Hager another
son ~~of the~~ is employed with John Hager
lives in and occupies the old
Hager homestead. No person was
better known and more generally
respected than Charles Hager the father
of the town. He saw the town grow
from crossroads hotel and store to
a Village of 1200 before his death and
was prominently identified in almost
everything connected with its growth
His son John is a worthy successor