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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.

*Accupton
Durham Co. Ont*

Hampton - A village of some 300
inhabitants - situated in the center of
the Township of Darlington, It was settled
in the year 1840 when the late Henry Elliott
Sr. built a grist mill and established other
industries. The village was known as Mill-
vill till the year 1851 when a Post office
was established with H. Elliott Sr. appointed
Post master. The Post office authorities were
opposed to the name Millville on account
of there being other places in Canada of the
same and similar names - In order to
settle the matter a public meeting was called
and H. Elliott Sr. proposed the new name
"Hampton" which was decided upon.
Mr. Elliott came from North Cornwall
in England - near the town of Kilhampton
from which name Hampton is derived.

Respectfully

H. Elliott
Township Clerk
etc

and son of above
H. Elliott Sr.

Hampton, Ont. out
Oct 17, 1905,