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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.

*Harrington, West-
Oxford Co. Ont.*

Harrington West Oct 18 08
James White Esq
Ottawa

Dear Sir This Village was named
after Jno Harrington a farmer who was a particular
friend of Sir Francis Hinks. Harrington died
Some years ago. previous to this. This Village
was called Springfield on account of so many
springs of water in this immediate vicinity but as
another Springfield came up it was then named
as above. the Harrington farm is within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Village
& is one of the best in the County now owned by John
McKay lot 27 - 3rd Con West York

we also have 8 of Rounds here who walked
from New York to California in 48 and
dug out the largest nugget gold ever
taken out of that State the value of
which was 15 to $20,000^{\text{00}}$ "twenty thousand dollars"

Yours Truly

R Beattie

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