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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 5 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.

*Harwood
Northumberland Co. D.W.*

(See over)

Starwood Oct 18th 1893.

Starwood is a village on the shores of Rice Lake,
one of the most beautiful lakes in the World.
About the early history of Starwood I am indebted
to a traveller, a Mr Starwood, representing, Brayley
and son. Huggists, of Montreal.
He told me that his grandfather lived here
many years ago and named the village
Starwood after himself.
He was an English gentleman and very
wealthy. He married an Indian woman
near here but afterward deserted her
and went East to Quebec where he
married a white woman, but died
a few years later from the excessive
use of alcohol.

W. J. Edmison
Post Master
Starwood.

Ottawa, October 23rd, 1905

Dear Sir,

Could you kindly give me a memo of the initials, of the Mr. Harwood after whom your village was named.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

Dear Sir

*I saw no way of
finding the initials of
Mr Harwood*