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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.

Hawthorne  
Carleton Co. Ont.



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James White Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir in reply to you yours

I beg leave to state that Hawthorne P.O.  
is a Country Office for the Accomodation  
of the Farming Community situated on the  
Russell road six miles east of Ottawa and  
one mile west of the famous Borthwick Springs.  
it is thirty three years since I established this  
office and when I received my Appointment  
through the hands of J. P. French Late P.O. Inspector  
and the Name Hawthorne was in my Commission  
I imagined they had been reading Nathaniel Hawthorne's  
works and as there was no Hawthorne on the lists  
of Post Offices that they just called it that  
this is about all the information I can give  
you

respectfully Yours

A. F. Graham P.O.M.

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