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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.

Houora
Manitoulin Island *Queb*

Honora Nov 1st 1905

James White Esq
Ottawa

Dear Sir, - In reply to your circular of Sept 27th I herewith send you what information, I am able to obtain regarding the Village of Honora, Manitoulin Island: -

Honora was founded by Weston Leroy Herriman M.D. of the Town of Lindsay County of Victoria Ont. in the year 1889. In the month of May 1889, Dr Herriman came here with his son H B Herriman, and a number of men to open up this section of the Manitoulin for settlement amongst them was David Hay and family, who came from near the village of Dunford Ont. They came here on a tug from Little Current and landed on the beach with a yawl boat as there was no road to get here; they pitched their tents on the shore in which they lived for some time until they got a log house fixed up; the first work they did was to cut a road through the woods out to the nearest government road. Dr Herriman let a contract to David Hay to clear up a large farm here which he and his boys worked at that summer. I came up here during the same summer at the Dr's suggestion from the village of Dunford, where I kept a store and Post Office and I was so well satisfied with the general surroundings that I bought a plot of ground from the doctor and built a house and store on it, and in the month of October 1889, I moved my family here where he have lived ever since. In the year 1893 a post office was established here I was appointed Postmaster, which position I have held ever since, and also still keep a general store business going.

The name of this place, Honora, was given by H B Herriman who named it after the beautiful "Honora Bay" upon which it is situated, and he sent this name to the ^{government} Department and had the Post Office called Honora. During the winter of 1889 & 90 Dr Herriman had a saw and shingle mill and dock built here which he and his son H B Herriman operated in partnership for eight years, and then sold to Messrs Stewart & Houston who run it for a couple of years, when it burned; it is now being rebuilt by

my son-in-law Gideon E. Hawks who has been a resident here for several years, and who was foreman for Stewart & Houston while they were in business. We now have an excellent government ~~dock~~ wharf and freight shed here, which has just been completed, and which supplies a long felt want; and also a saw and shingle mill owned by John Collins who was foreman for Dr. Herriman in his lumber camps for some years. David Gray is keeping a general store here and we have telephone connection to all parts of the island and Telegraph to all points. The first brick building on the Manitoulin is built on Dr. Herriman's farm here and the bricks were made in our own brick yard here. The village has been all surveyed into lots and the plan is duly registered. On the Marine charts it is situated on "Sounding Cove" which is a sheltered cove forming part of Honora Bay (or as sometimes called West Bay). The first saw mill ever built on the north channel was built here over thirty years ago by Messrs. Muckmoor, and M' Moran Garland and Garioch, but they only run it a short time when it burned, and Dr. Herriman bought the property which went by the name of the "old mill site" until the Dr. made a start here sixteen years ago as I have described. We have the leading government road of the Island running through the village and the settlement around us is improving rapidly each year. The place is beautifully situated and slopes gradually southward to the water. We have many natural attractions here, including ^{beautiful} inland lakes at short distances, which are all full of fish, and immediately opposite my house is one of the most picturesque water falls that exists anywhere which is situated in the centre of a natural park of huge Oak and Maple Trees and which is an ideal spot for a summer hotel or a Sanitarium. There are also some fine mineral springs containing sulphur salt and iron, and the indications for "oil" are of the best, and this whole region will be tested next year.

yours truly
William Graham P. M.