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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.

*Howeup Mills
Grey Co. Ont*

The person who wrote the matter on the opposite page
is the Townshik Treasurer himself.

He has lived here all his life and I thought perhaps he would know
more about the origin of the name of ~~Horning's~~ Mills than I would.

He has only handed it back to me a day or so ago, that is the reason
it has not been sent

Postmaster.

JAMES WHITE

Horning Mills
Nov 12

The ^{name} Hornings Mills came from its founder and first settler Mr Lewis Horning who was of German decent. His Grand Father emigrating from Germany in 1770 settled in Montgomery county. Penn. His Grand Mother was born in Holland. His Grandfather Peter Horning emigrated to Canada in 1788 and settled on the present site of East Hamilton. the land on which the city of Hamilton now stands sold for 50¢ per acre in the year 1820 Lewis Horning emigrated to Melancthon ~~and~~ township & settled on lot 14 cor 2 the present location of Hornings Mills He bought 2500 acres of land mostly U. E. S. claims located in Melancthon Mulmer and Mono townships He started one Monday morning with a gang of 14 and cut a road through the wilderness landing the second Saturday night at a beautiful little fresh water lake on lots 13 & 14. about 80 miles. the village of Hornings Mills is located in the center of a good agricultural district its natural features being a little mountainous with beautiful streams of fresh water flowing through its vallies forming grand natural water powers

Mr. Horning remained from the year 1820 to 1838
when he moved back to Hamilton. The cause of his
leaving was in the year 1825 his son Servis aged 9
years together with Jane Vanmeear aged 16 years and
Susan Vanmeear aged 14 years and Oliver Vanmeear
aged 9 years
were stolen by the Indians and were never seen
any more. This drove emigration away for a
time. The only descendant left of his is Vickers
Bates & his family our Township Treasurer