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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 4 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.

*Hutton House  
Muskoka Dist. C.W.H.*



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No. 1. No.

No. 2. Yes. John Hutton original owner

Free Grant, year 1871. put up first steam saw mill on Muskoka Lake. name of place then was Lake View Mills 1874. Mill burnt 1880. put up a Summer Resort boarding house in 1885. Post office opened here same year but name of place was changed to Hutton House as there was another Lake View in the Province.

Hutton House lies on North West shore of Muskoka Lake, close by is the outlet of Brandy Lake. This was the old Indian Portage crossing from Muskoka Lake to Ropewalk Lake and Nipissing Lake. The Indians in the early days made their sugar in the bush by the river, marks on the maples showing that it had been done for years. Also that there must have been some battles as numbers of arrow heads have been ploughed up. A strange sight is on a rock 30 or 40 yds above lake when a large hole is seen about 5 feet diameter and 6 to 8 ft deep sides quite smooth, no explanation of it as yet been found: if on shore or in river it might have been caused by an eddy and a small stone. The oldest settler here is George Terry who settled in 1868