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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 29 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.

*Inflis Falls
Grey Co Ont. ans'd*

Englis Falls. Ont.

Oct. 5th 1905

Dear Sir

Englis Falls, was called after my father - Peter Englis - who settled here in the year 1845.

He at that time started a Flour Mill, and Saw Mill, and later on a Woolen Mill.

He was born in Lifeshin, Scotland, in the year 1813, and died here at Englis Falls in the year 1901. Had he lived another five weeks he would have been 88 years of age.

The place never had any other name.

The Falls have a fall of about 85 feet and in the Spring of the year, so most people say, are prettier than the Niagara Falls.

The Falls are situated 3 miles South of Owen Sound. I enclose you a Souvenir Post Card
Yours respectfully
W. A. Englis P. M.