

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 who 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.

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Huron Co., Ont.

Wintail Post Office. first-Situated on Lot 9 Con 9 W. 8
Township of Ashfield. opposite where it is now Lot 22
Lake Range. called (Wintail) by Duncan McRae the first
Post Master. He being a Native of Wintail Scotland.

He moved away in few years, (and died soon after that.)

The first Post Master Ferguson McRae. a native of the
same place. was drowned near Port Albert coming home
from Goderich in a Boat. a Storm coming on them March

24th 1857 Ashfield. noted for the amount of white & black

ash. and of Superior Quality. Terry Creek that flows past
Wintail to the Lake. was settled to the East of Wintail some distance

by Irishmen from County Kerry. Ireland. so acquired that
name. In the 40's it was called Baroness Creek. as a

vessel by that name was wrecked near the mouth on Lake
Huron in the earlier days