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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 2 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.

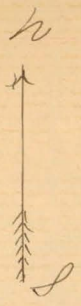
Yours truly,

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.

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*Huron Co* *Oct*



Co Perth  
Sp Blanchard  
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Lewis Kirk

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James Robert  
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Oct. 24th 55.

James White Esq.  
Geographer, Ottawa,

Dear Sir: I have delayed replying  
until I could get authentic in-  
formation on questions asked.

It will be seen by reference to opposite page  
that 3 of farms were occupied by men whose names  
were Kirk 3 Brothers, the village was originally called  
Kirks corner, but at the time a P.O. was established  
at a meeting composed of neighboring settlers  
Rev. John Gotheringham Pres Minister proposed  
the name Norfolk after a place in Scotland  
and still preserving the name of the  
Kirk family. This was agreeable to  
all. Since the name  
Alex Kirk is still living on the farm  
Lewis is dead about 10 years ago  
Robert - - - - -  
James left for parts unknown and  
has not since been heard of

The Kirk family came from  
Belfast Ireland 146 years ago  
and settled in Brock Township  
But about 60 years ago they settled here  
Hoping I have not delayed too long  
and that the information will be  
satisfactory I remain

Yours very truly

Wm Leigh  
P. M. Norfolk