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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 16 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.

Lang (See over)
Peterborough Co., Ont.

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James White Esq.

This is a very small Village
the name of the Village is Allandale.
Thomas Short was the Man that first
started in this Village He was born in
County Northumberland England I think He
called this Village either after the Village or
the river in the Village in England where He
came from The river in this Village is called
Indian River it is 60 years ago since this Village
was first established and the Family of Short's that
first started here are all Dead I cannot give You
any more information about it for there is no
Person here now that can tell Me anything about
it

I am Sir

Your Obedt. Servant

Mary J Short P M

Lang PO

Ont

card for
Allandale

7 Is Lang or Allandale after village in England

Ottawa, Nov. 2nd, 1905

Dear Madam,

Is Lang P. O. named after a person? If so, kindly give me initials, occupation and whether still alive.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

James White

Geographer

Allandale was called after the Village or the river in the Village in England

The reason this Postoffice was changed from Allandale to Lang P. O. is there is a Postoffice up West called Allandale there was so much trouble with the Mails Our Mail would be going to the other Allandale and their Mail would be coming here So the people here decided to change the name of this office there was a Mr Grover Member for this riding at that time and he got it called Lang P. O. after a Man called William Lang who was Reeve of this Township at that time Mr Lang's Occupation at that time was a farmer & he had a Carding Mill He is Dead and not one of His Family are living now

I am
your Ob. Servant
Mary J. Short Lang P. O.