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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.

*Leaskdale  
Ontario Co. Ont.*

Leasdale Oct 27, 1905,

Dear Sir

I understand you require to know the Origin  
of Leasdale. In the year 1857, I made application  
with the assistance of the Late Joseph Gould Esq  
then our Member of Parliament to the P.M. General  
for to establish a P.O. in the Township of Scott on the  
Seventh Con Line. Seven miles north of the Town of Uxbridge  
Some time passed, Parliament was sitting then at the  
City of Quebec, about the end of the year. I had  
a Letter from the P.M. General stating the establish-  
ing of a P.O. in January to take effect on the First  
day of February 1858. and for me to send a frame for  
the Office I called a Meeting of the Settlers when  
several names were proposed Leasdale was decided  
on situated in a valley or dale with a fine stream  
of water flowing through It is named from a person's  
name. I may just say my own name and from a  
natural feature (a Dale) united Leasdale P.O.  
named after George Leas Occupation Miller,  
Farmer and Post Master. Still alive. I have been  
a resident of the Locality since 1847 and still living  
here, no other name. at that time the wild beasts  
of the Forest roamed at pleasure night and day

Yours Respectfully

George Leas R. P. M.

\* Appropriate P.M. Name