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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa,.....OCT 19 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.

Leggatt
Wellington Co. Ont.

18th 1903
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Dear Sir

I neglected answering this for some time
This Post Office was called after myself but
the department made a mistake in spelling
my name and had the stamp cut before I knew
that the mistake was made and they would not
cut another stamp George Legate is my name
I have been here for 17 years but the ~~PG~~ a little over
one year we live in the Township of East Luther
on the Banks of the Grand River 6 miles north
of Grandvalley and 5 miles south of Kildon
P.O. all in Luther. Farbert P.O. is 4 lots south
of us and Colbeck P.O. is 4 lots north of us. The Farmers
here have a Telephone in our ^{PG} office we can talk to Shelburne,
Grandvalley, Moundforest, Arthur, Colbeck, Farbert,
Bowling green, Laurel, Bonn, Monticello, Wesley,
Marville Orton.

George Legate