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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 18 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.

*Lisle*  
*Simeon & Co. Oct*      *Ans'd*

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- (1) Lisle was named by a man named  
Thos. H. Willmott after a Village in  
the Southern States where he lived when  
a boy
- (2) No restriction
- (3) Nil
- (4) Lisle used to be called Touist Lee  
Named named by Thos Crosby the  
oldest settler in this vicinity and  
called after a place called "Touist Lee"  
in Scotland where he and his parents  
came from. Named Touist Lee about 28 years  
ago. R. named Lisle about three years  
afterwards

Yours faithfully  
Robt. H. Little

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GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, November 2nd, 1905

Dear Sir,

I note that your P. O. was named after a village in the southern states. Can you inform me which State it is situated in?

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

*James White*  
Geographer

Ross H. Little, Esq.,  
Lisle, Ont.

I cannot find out anything further in connection with name of Lisle. The man that called it Lisle died about four years ago in a place some part of the State of Ohio and no one living here knows anything more than already reported by one of your men.  
Robt H Little