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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

*Lombardy
Leeds Co Oct*

Dear Sir

The village of Lombardy is situated in the Township of South Elmsley, County of Leeds, six miles South West of S. Falls, in the midst of a good farming and dairying section,

Back in the Forties, it was named Lombards
corner, (the first name it had) and which was derived from
Francis Lombard (a Frenchman) who owned the Farm the
village is built on, and kept a tavern or Place of accommodation
on the old Stage Road (here) between Brockville and Perth,
He was about the first settler here some time in the thirties,
he died in 1864, a granddaughter of his and her family own
and lives on the old Farm now.

the Postoffice was established here about 1853, the first
Postmaster was Elisha Landon, who died about 1870, and
the name of the Postoffice until 1873 was South Elmsley,
derived from the name of the Township.

About the year 1873, a number of the People in the
village and Township asked to have the name changed to
Lombardy, which would still retain the name of the first
settler, and owing to the nice farming country around here, it had
a resemblance to the Plains of that name in Italy.

To Jos. White Esq.,
Ottawa,

I am yours Respectfully

M. Doohan,
P.M. Lombards