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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 5 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.

*Lynn Valley
Norfolk Co. Ont* *Ans'd*

Lynn Valley

Oct. 10th 1905.

Mr Jas. White
@ Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Concerning yours of the 5th inst. respecting the name and place Lynn Valley, I beg leave to say that Lynn Valley is a small borough on a creek known as and called the River Lynn as far back as A. D. 1795

At that date our Solomon Austin a U. S. Loyalist brought his family to this place, and gave it its present name, Lynn Valley probably because of its being a natural valley

We have no record of its being called anything else than Lynn Valley, and no reason to think that the name was taken from any other place.

Trusting this will be satisfactory
I remain,

Yours Respectfully

Postmaster

Lynn Valley.

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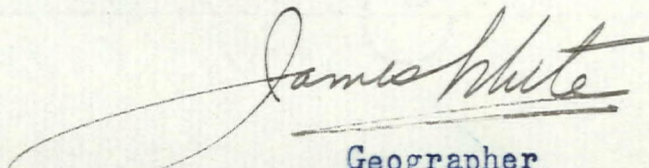
Ottawa, October 13th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 10th instant re derivation of name of your P. O. I note that it was given by Solomon Austin, a U. E. Loyalist. Could you give me any information respecting his place of residence in the United States, prior to emigration. I ask, as, if he came from Massachusetts it would be a fair inference that he named it after Lynn in that state.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,


Geographer

Postmaster,

Lynn Valley, Ont.

*Lynn Valley
Norfolk Co. Ont.*

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Oct. 1905

Mr James White,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir -

yours of 13th received
respecting our Solomon Austin, a U. E
Loyalist. Mr Austin's place of residence
before emigration was, Orange County
North Carolina, although he had been
a soldier throughout the war of the
Revolution,

Possibly he had been in, or
knew of the place Lynn, Massachusetts
and that the name appeared, to him,
fitting for this place, however I
cant find out for a certainty
more than that; it was he, who
gave the place its name.

Trusting this will be
satisfactory I am

Yours Truly

E. Edwards

Post Office

Lynn Valley
Oct -

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Prob. after Lynn River, Eng.

} come from Lynn, Mass.

Lynn, Mass.