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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.

*Medina  
Oxford Co. Ont.*



Cards for  
Truman's Corners  
Lakeside

Medina Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1905

Dear Sir

In reply to your request on 1<sup>st</sup> Part of this sheet I beg to say that I have made some inquiries and learn that the name by which this hamlet was originally known was "Truman's Corners" after a man who owned one of the corner farms here

For a short time "Lakeside" Post Office was transferred to this place and when it was returned to its present location two miles East of this place, the residents about here petitioned for a new Post Office which was granted to them the name given to it being "Medina" as at present it is known, after the City of Arabia of the same name. The man who was appointed Postmaster was Joseph H. Beck. The date was about - 1860

found satisfactory. Hoping this account may be

I remain

Your Obedient Servant  
Alfred Goodbow  
Postmaster

To Mr Jas White  
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