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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 29 1906

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 who 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.

Mitchellville

Leeds Co. Ont

Mitchellville is named after a family
of the name of Mitchell who settled on a
Clergy Reserve Lot, S. E. Corner Lot No. 24 in the
Township of the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne in
the County of Leeds, Province of Ontario. ~~In the~~
In the year 1815, the late Valentine Mitchell and
his son Robert Mitchell emigrated from
the County of Wexford Ireland.

Being the pioneers of the above section of
country, it was thought advisable when
selecting a suitable name for the above
~~office~~ office to perpetuate remembrance of
them by naming the Post office after them
and also in view of the fact that this lot
has been handed down from generation to
generation to the present time, the Post office
being situated on the old homestead.

June
Mitchellville, ~~June~~ 16th 1896

Dear Sir; — above you will find the information asked for,
Yours very truly,
R. J. Mitchell
Postmaster