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# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 28 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.

*Moffatt*

Halter O., Ont.

Moffat

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1906

Dear Sir: regard  
with to the information you  
require, I would say: Moffat, or Moffat  
station, is the proper name of our  
village: it is spelled with <sup>an</sup> S; and was  
given in honor of one James Moffat,  
who was a clever and prosperous black-  
smith, and also a popular man: I am  
informed that this took place about the year  
1858, about which time: the store and post-  
office was built by one Peter Little, a scotch  
man: the Post office was established here in  
1872, also a brick Methodist <sup>Church, built</sup> church; there is a  
large stone Presbyterian church, and splendid brick  
manse about a mile and a half further up, where the  
Reverend Mr. Archibald Blair preaches:  
This might be called a farming village,  
if a dozen houses with a store and Post office,  
a sawmill, heading mill and chopping mill,  
wagon shop, and blacksmith shop, can  
be called, or dignified by the name of a  
village: Moffat is the 3<sup>rd</sup> station from  
Guelph situated on the Guelph Junction  
branch of the C. P. R. - 7 miles from  
Campbellville on the main line, or 12 miles from  
Milton, the county town of Halton.

The people are without exception respect-  
-able. well to do farmers. most of them  
have at least one colledged son or daugh-  
-ter; many of them devote their time and  
attention to raising thorough breed stock.  
Among these are Messrs George Amos  
J. Parker Allison: J. Simpson & Estlin.

There are low lying grassy hills.  
Like the: Brads: O. Bonny Doon.  
And narrow moss bound. purling rills.  
Where the Pheasant chickens croon:

But we have no mountains or  
snowyable streams; and last best we have  
no. Yauene; we can grow all kinds  
fruits and grains. with the greatest of  
success:

Nothing more of interest  
Yours respectfully

Lindsay McFerran  
Post mistress at  
Moffat. Halto Co.

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Hoping you will find this  
satisfactory.

have learned that this formerly bore  
the name of gamorro. when it held an old log  
Tavern