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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 2 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.

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Dear Sir As you are the first that has made any attempt to make inquiry about the early settlement of the Township of Euphemia I came with my Parents to the Township in the year of 1834 I was a boy of seven years of age at the time There was very few settlers in the Township at that time No roads We had to go to a place called Delaware a small town on the river Thames twelve miles west of London where there was a small mill run by water power To get a little flow ground As there was no horses in those early days We used oxen for our team It usually took 3 days to go & come We traveled a long the banks of a small stream which took its bed a little west of Wardsville The road and stream was called Hagerter named after a man who had resided on a farm through which this stream ran It empties in to the river Sidenhan which was at that time called Bare creek which was changed in the early forties {Hagerter has been dead many years ago



The first Post office we had was located on Lot 25 in 7<sup>th</sup> concession it was named Sutherlands corner's <sup>named</sup> after the owner of the lot who has been dead many years ago. The office has changed its name to Cairo moved east to the 8<sup>th</sup> con where we have our Town hall a Hotel Blacksmith shop Brick & Tile yards There a grocery store started in the south west corner of the Township which was named after our Township at that time called Zone There was a little water power mill started the vilage took the name of Zone mills which changed to Florence Our Township was at first was called Zone There was a piece of Lots taken off the south end of the township and added to the township of Zone and the name of my township changed to Euphemia This change took place in the early forties I must say in those early days we had no schools so you will over look my bad spelling as well as writing when a teacher was employed he boarded at each of those who sent their children to school a week at each place what schooling I got I had to travel 4 miles to & from the school The school was only employed for three months out of the year I could tell you far more than I can write  
Yours respectfully  
Jas M. Leabe



Ottawa, Oct. 20th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I find that there is a Mosside in Antrim County,  
Ireland. Is your village named after it?

Yours truly,

*James White*

Geographer

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James McCabe, Esq.,  
Mosside, Ont.

There is no village here my office  
is in the country among the farmers  
There is no business connected with  
my office I keep the office in my  
house on the farm which I have always  
lived on ever since coming to the  
Township The Government gave  
the name to the office

~~Having~~ Having this will be satisfactory  
James McCabe