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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 29 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.

Munroes Mills
Glengarry Co. Ont

(see over)

Ottawa, October 23rd, 1885

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let me have a memo of the initials, occupation etc of your grandfather, also whether still alive.

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

My Grandfather's name was
Thomas Murre who came to
Canada from U.S. after or during
the war of 1812 being one of the
U.E. Loyalists & first settled on a
farm now owned by G & M Gilroy
on River Raisin between Newburtown &
Millanstown & came here about
in 1824 & died here in 1834 being 72 years
old his General occupation was Farming
althoug he run the grist & Saw Mills
& did not require very practical
Men to run Mills in those days
for most any kind of flour done
then

Yours truly

J. M. Murre
P. M.

Murray Mills Oct 14 1905

Quintess in reply to circular would
say that this place derived its name
many years ago from the fact that
my grandfather had mills here
by dam & great Mills & has been
maintained by the Murray family
until about 20 years ago when it
fell into the hands of D M Lewis
my Mother-in-law who died 10 years
ago leaving the Mills to my Son-in-law
J D Carlyle the present owner the
Post office here was established in
the year 1872 & called Murray Mills
which name it still retains the Mills
one situated on the river Prescutt
on Lot No 27 in the 8 cons Charlestown
co of Gleanymy in a well settled
section of County the Farmers
seem to prosper well of late years

Hope the above account
will be satisfactory

Yours M

M Murray
P.M.