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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 4 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.

*Newholm  
Muskoka Dist Oct*

*(See over)*



Ottawa,

October 23rd, 1905.

Dear Sir,

On consulting the Gazetteer I find that there is a Newholm, parish and village, in Yorkshire, England, also a Newholme in Lanarkshire. Was your village named after either of these places? Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

James White  
Geographer

Dear Sir

I cannot say in regard to the naming this P. Q. after the above places as I said before Mr. Gray P. Q. at the time our Office was opened named the said Office Our Church was registered Holy Trinity Newholm. ~~I regret~~ I regret not being able to give you the information you require.

I remain yours

Respectfully

David Grayson  
P. Q.



Newholme Oct 15/55

Dear Sir

In answer to your favour  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> I beg to say that Newholme  
P.O. was named by Inspector Spigg; <sup>the name of</sup> this part  
of Brunel is called Newholme. Brunel you  
are aware no doubt is called after the person  
who surveyed this Township. The P.O. is on the  
Main road. Huntville and Wagsville <sup>ten</sup>  
miles from Huntville or Railroad Station.  
Only a short distance from Lake of Wags  
Newholme never had another name.  
The P.O. was established about twenty seven  
years ago I have changed the name ever since  
the Office was established this is a rural  
not a village or town

Yours truly

Wm. Ferguson

P.M.