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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 18 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.

Newton Robinson

Simcoe Co.

Oct.

Ans'd

7
1 Robinson's Whisker saw

Newton Robinson

Derived the Name Robinson from a
Member of the Dominion Parliament that
was member at the time the village was
named by the name of Robinson that was
in forties 1840 ^{who is dead} before that this
Place was called Satiners Corners after
a man by that name kept an hotel on the
corner when it was named Newton Robinson
the Post office was first established here
by Wm Chantler the first Post Master
and has been kept by the family or some
member thereof ever since

There is no Mountains in this locality
the Patwasauga River Rises and Rises
Down Here & Hoping this will be Satisfactory
to you
Yours sincerely

J. G. Chantler
Assistant P.M.

1905
Newton Robinson

Oct 28th

To James White Esq
geographer

Dear Sir

in answer

to your Enquiry as to

Newton Robinson the Place

Was called Newtown Robinson

but the P. O. Department

Changed the Stamp to Newton R

for convenience to Shorton Stamp

I cannot find out Mr Robinson's

Christian name the our government

might enlighten you in that

so you will see how it got

the Newton of

Amid Hoping this will be suffice
You truly J. G. Chantler