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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, APR 17 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.

*Norman
Rupert River
Humboldt Bay Dist. Ont.*

Norman's April 24th 1906

To all whom it may concern
The origin of the name Norman
it was named after the son of
Mr Macally one of the firms of

the M & O Lumber Company
as this is the West Ward of
Kenora it was found necessary
the amount of business done here
that we have a p.o., application
was made and granted and it was
named Norman Post Office

He is now in Vancouver B.C.
in the Lumber Business still
We have had a post office since
1886 nearly 20 years. Norman is
situated between Kenora on the East
and Kudatim on the West 1 1/2 miles
from each I have resided here 25 years

John Key