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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.

*North Buxton  
Kent Co. Ont*

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Mark Parker  
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North Buxton 's So named because it is  
North of Buxton an older village South of it

NORTH BUXTON  
ONT.

Buxton was named after a family of noble in  
England that tried to establish plantations in  
Africa to raise cotton by free labor so that they  
would not have to import raw cotton <sup>from</sup> the United  
States produced by Slave labor

There was formerly a tract of land here set  
aside here and settled up under the management  
of a Presbyterian clergymen (formerly a slave-  
owner) in the State of Louisiana MSd  
On coming to Canada all slaves were freed  
Rev Wm King became an abolitionist freed  
his slaves and established a colony here of  
Negro farmers &c Went to England and begged  
money to help his scheme had a Post Office  
established and had it named <sup>after the</sup>  
Buxton family in England that were  
so favorable to the Freedom of all  
rational beings of men

Your obedient Servant

G B Shreve

Postmaster

North Buxton Ont