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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

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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-name 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.

Howwood

Peterborough Co. Ont.

Norwood its name and origin

Norwood, is an Incorporated Village in the township of Asphodel in the County of Peterburgh in the Province of Ontario on the main line of the Canada Pacific Railway between Toronto and Montreal. Twenty miles East of the City of Peterburgh,

The true origin of its name and early settlement are as follows, viz.

About the year A.D. 1830, The Government were desirous of inducing emigrants to settle and take up lands in the back country in this vicinity - offered a block of several hundreds of acres to any person who would build a grist mill as a means to induce settlers - Joseph A. Keeler of Colborne accepted the Government offer - and had a search for a mill site and selected it here. When the grist mill was started it was for several years called "Keeler's Mill", and was known by that name until about the year 1838, when a daughter of Joseph A. Keeler, Miss Harriet Maria Keeler one day was reading a book descriptive of a suburb near London, England which was growing rapidly - called "Norwood" - she suggested to her parents that the name wood be a good one and appropriate for that of Keeler's Mill - which being some 30 miles north of Colborne, and in the woods, the name would be in the first part an abbreviation of North, and the latter part of the name, wood - would be pleasing and appropriate - and asked that she might give the name "Norwood" to her father's mill - which was from that time changed from Keeler's Mill to Norwood. Harriet Maria Keeler married Perigand Mailland Goss - and in 1855 they were given the lands and mill and remained

until both of them died some ten years ago -

The writer's father - who came from Cornwall England to Canada a miller was induced by Mr Keeler to take charge and manage his mill. he subsequently married a niece of Mr Joseph A. Keeler - thus the parents were really Peter Pearce - and his wife Almira (Edmonds) - who built a new mill for Mr Keeler after a few years - and the writer was born in the first mill house in 1840, and has been a resident for 66 years. P. M. Groom was elected a member of the first House of Commons at Confederation - Peter Pearce - was Reim of the Township from 1850 - and for 16 years - a member of the County Council and the first Warden of the County - and a Justice of the Peace for many years - previous to his death: the writer following in his father's footsteps - became J.P. - was the first Reim of the Incorporated Village defeating P. M. Groom & M.P. - and is now the oldest living member of the County Council has been twice Warden - and is the Postmaster - at Norwood for twenty years - These statements are only made - to show the writer is from a lifelong resident - and the early settlement is given from a personal recollection of the early settlement in the the Eastern part of the County of Peterborough - only five others now living - are previous - or early settlers at Norwood - - so that my name - is that of one of the earliest associated with the birth and growth of the prosperous village of Norwood - Respectfully submitted -

J. B. Pearce

Norwood April 14 1906