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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.

*Oakwood  
Victoria Co. out.*

Oakwood Oct 28/05

Dear Sir

The village of Oakwood derived its name from the quantity of white oak which was in the vicinity.

Mr Joseph Pearson a quaker suggested the name, he moved from here to the states, and since then <sup>has</sup> died. The village never had but the one name.

The township of Mariposa seventy - three years ago was assessed for \$70<sup>00</sup>. This year the taxes are \$25420.77 and farms in the vicinity of Oakwood have been sold recently as high as 105<sup>00</sup> an acre.

Part of the above information was given by Mr David King who is just ninety years old and who has lived within one half mile of Oakwood for over seventy years, and today is able to converse on any topic, as well as ever.

Yours Sincerely  
J. M. Pascoe  
asst. P. M.