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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 5 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 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.

*Orland  
Northumberland Co. Ont*





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Orland 9/10/03

Dear Sir—

Orland is a small village situated  
Five Miles inland from Lake Ontario  
in the township of Brighton on a small  
stream known as Cold Creek, the  
scenery along which is very fine, the  
village is beautifully located being in  
a good farming district and having very  
beautiful scenery in small hills  
and picturesque gullies.

The place received its name from a man  
by the name of Horland, there being a place  
by that name in the County of Fenway  
and Addington we dropped the "H" and so had  
Orland, Mr. Horland was one of our town  
merchants and postmaster at the time but  
since in 1902 removed to Peterboro where he  
died in January 1905. It was formerly known  
as Heweomb Mills from Heweomb Bros who built  
a flour mill here in 1870 or 1872 but as the name  
was rather long and the Heweomb's had moved  
away we had it changed

Yours Truly

F. H. Pearson P. M. Orland.