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Dear

This Village does not appear to have had a definite name until it was called "Orono" at the time the name was given they were making application for a P.O. and a meeting was held in a small blacksmith shop to give the coming Village a name. a number of names were proposed and for reasons were not acceptable. When a stranger that happened to drop in from a Village or Town in the State of Maine in the U.S. suggested the name "Orono" after the name of his home in Maine it stuck. Then present as being rather nice and the name prevailed. It is I presume an "Indian" name and I have understood it means "romantic" or "picturesque" or something of that kind but I am not good authority on that point. Any further information will be most freely given as I think it is a shame that we are letting our local names pass away without hearing some history behind.

Yours truly
Robert Percival

Place-names

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