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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 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.

Port Burwell ✓
Elgin Co. Ont.

No 1 House after the founder
Mayton Burwell P. Q. S.

(2) Who died in the year 1845
was a land surveyor under the orders
of Colonel Talbot. who gave him
titles in fee simple to a large number
of farms in the Counties of Elgin
Middlesex Kent & Essex in western
Ontario

(3) see

(4) no other names.

is situated at the mouth of Bay Street
Creek in the Township of Bayham
Elgin County was first settled in or about
the year 1832. and had grown to a village
in 1871 of 1800 persons owing principally
to the lumbering and ship building
industry since that time it has gradually
decreased in population until the year 1845
that year the Welland Canal Lake Erie and
St. Lawrence R. R. was built Port Burwell
being the southern terminus of the Road
on the north side of Lake Erie
the population is now steadily increasing
that there are now Campuses about 500
sails

Yours respectfully
W. B. Burwell P. Q. S.