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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 Perry ✓
Ontario Co. Ont.

Port Perry was named after Peter Perry an extensive grain merchant buyer and general merchant of the Town of Whitley at one time a Member of Parliament for the County of Ontario one of the United Counties of North Ontario and Seat in the Parliament of Upper Canada. who resided in Whitley until his death which occurred about the year 1848 he owned considerable property in Port Perry and had surveyed the first Town plot into lots and was then known as Saegog (originally spelled Skuagog) an Indian name) composed of 2 Saw Mills 2 general stores 2 Hotels one Blacksmith shop and about 8 or 10 private houses on the establishment of a Post Office in 1852 the place was named Port Perry of which Joseph Regilon was first Postmaster. The Town was incorporated and set apart from the Township of Reach in 1871 Joseph Regilon being its first Reeve

Sept 30th 1905
54 years today I resided
in Port Perry and have
resided here all this time
Joseph Regilon