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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, OCT 20 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 who 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.

*Roaches Point 1 North Westlimbury Tp
York Co. Old*

Roach's point Oct 1905

When this place was Surveyed by Cherivil p. S. S
(the year I cannot ascertain) it was all laid out in
town lots & named on Cherivil's map the Town plot
of Keswick & all our deeds of land is marked
the same. but a man named Roach landed
on the point of land jutting out into Lake
Simcoe & the point proper was called Roach's
point & the village has since borne the same
name. I cannot get the year when the post office
named Roach's point was established but an old man
84 years of age settled about 1 mile from here in the year 1843
& he says there was no p. O. then, they had to go to Bug Hill
which is now Keswick (it seems to have taken our
village's name) for all mail matter at that time
which is about 3 miles distant. Roach's point is become
a great place for Tourist during the summer season
& this year 1905 we are connected to the other outside
world by the Bell Telephone & a line of
Rail way the Metropolitan Extension from Newmarket
to Jackson's point the rails are now being laid
which will give us better means of Travel
as up to the present the way of Travel has been
by Ferry boat to Bell Ewart & thence by Stage to Lefroy
In the Northern P. C. distance 2 miles by boat 1 mile by stage

which sometimes was very inconvenient according to the weather. Roach's point - has 1 Hotel the Hamilton House close to the Water & Wharf & Ferry Boat. Agency. owned & Run by Cpt. Thos Ellis 1 General Grocery & Provision Store & Post Office 1 Butcher Shop 1 Church (English Church) 2 boarding Houses. & public school & Beautifully situated on Lake Simcoe

J. Young P.M.
Roach's point
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