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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.

*Sandwich
Stormont Co. Ont.*

Sandringham October 25th 1915 -
Department of the Interior
Office of Geographer Ottawa
James White Esq

Dear Sir Sandringham P. O.
was named after the Prince of Wales (now
King Edward's) Residence when I was appointed
post master the late Member for Stormont Dr. Burgan
gave it the name of Erasers Farm
and I said no call it Sandringham
It is on Lot-6 in the 9 concession of Poplarville
This part of the Township was settled by Scotch emigrants
who located here in 1832 when it was a dense forest
in 33 & 34 others from the same place came in
the names of the first settlers were Davidsons Erasers
Airds then Mc Gregor Mc Diarmid Mc Phails Mc Pherson
I was born on April 16th 1834
Sandringham is just a Country place at the corner
of 4 roads with a School House on one corner and Store
on the other the first School House was built in 1841
the store in 1867 will be pleased to give any other
information if required yours truly Alex Eraser P. M.