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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 27 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 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.

*Sherwood Springs* (See over)  
*Leeds Co. Ont*



Ottawa, October 23rd, 1905

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let me have a memo respecting the initials and occupation of the person after whom the Springs were named, also whether still alive.

Yours truly,

James White

Geographer

Dear Sir

I have been trying to obtain some information regarding Sherwood Springs.

A number of years ago a man named "Sherwood" owned a large tract of land surrounding the springs. "I cannot find out his given name" and the name has never changed since. A Post Office was started near them at that time. He has been dead for years & all his people are dead or moved some distance away.

Yours truly

W. A. Conroy  
Post Master



Sherwood Springs  
Oct 1905

Mr James White  
Geographer

I do not know of anything  
in this locality that would be of interest to you  
only that the (name) of our park near us has  
been changed. It is situated on the river  
St. Lawrence 7 miles from Brockville and is a  
pleasant summer resort the name for some years  
has been Union Park but now the syndicate  
that own the Park have changed the name  
to ~~Butternut~~ Bay Park the old name I think  
Butternut

that is all I can tell you but if there is  
anything else I can tell you kindly let me  
know

Yours truly  
W. A. Empey  
Post Master