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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 28 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.

*Shrigley*  
*Dufferin Co. Oct*

Shrigley October 4-1905

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> J<sup>r</sup> White  
Geographer

Dear Sir  
In reply to this Memorandum I would  
wish to state that Shrigley is only a prosperous  
farming district situated in the Township of  
Melancthon County of Dufferin 8 Miles from  
Dundalk the nearest Railway Station —

This place took its name after one of its first settlers  
Elisha B. Shrigley now dead he died in this year  
1905 Age between 90 and 100 - could not say his exact age only I  
know he was over 92. —

The only thing of any note is that on lot 28  
Con & New Huron is supposed and reported in  
the Atlas as being the highest part in Ontario from  
which the head of the Hoop river and Grand river rises

Yours Respectfully  
George Bailey Post Master  
Shrigley