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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.

*Stittsville
Carlton Co.*

Stittville, Oct. 13/05.

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your enquiry of the other side, beg to state that Stittville was called after Jackson Stitt, a man who lived in this vicinity years ago. A few of his descendants still live here.

What is now called Old Stittville about a mile West of here used to be Stittville proper, but this was swept by the fire of 1857. Then the C.P.R. came through here and the village immediately began to grow up around it, and it has steadily grown till it is now one of the busiest little villages in the Valley.

This place was called Stittville after the above mentioned Jackson Stitt 62 years ago, who then kept the post office. About 30 years ago Mr. And. Alexander bought him out, and he kept the Post office for some time after which it was transferred to Mr. J. P. Argy.

Mr Pitt went west after
selling out and cannot find out
anything more concerning him
but presume he must have died
years ago.

The place has never had any other
name than Pittsville,

Your obedient Servant
C. F. Kearney
Asst Prov.