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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, OCT 17 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.

The Brook  
Russell B. Oult

Beaubrook

The Brook. October 19<sup>th</sup> 1905

From the Postmaster's hand (himself)

This Post-office here, was called from and after a beautiful Rivulet running through the Southern part of this beautiful Township of Clarence running from East to West almost parallel to our side Line Roads. The name of this Rivulet is Bearbrook but the people calls it The Brook and from it the Post Office was called.

Previous to my coming to this place (in the year 1879) a Post office was established but it bore name "Caron" from our Parish Priest Late father Caron, but in the year 1879 when I came here the Post office Caron was not in operation.

Early in the year 1880 our late Inspector of P.O. J.P. French established what has since been called The Brook P.O. which <sup>and</sup> has continually <sup>pro-</sup>gressed <sup>and</sup> is doing still so beyond expectation. In the year 1879 I came here as a public school Teacher and was entrusted ~~it~~ <sup>me</sup> the care of this P.O. but shortly after I became Postmaster and am still so yet. and remain yours very truly  
(The Brook) Joseph Menard P.M.