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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... OCT 18 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.

*Tory Hill  
Haliburton Dist. Oct.*



Tory Hill is situated on the edge of  
McLure Lake in a valley surrounded by hills.  
On one of these hills was the farm and general  
store of John H. Anderson, who moved here about  
26 years ago from Apsley.

About 20 years ago Mr Anderson succeeded  
in having a Post Office established here of which  
he was appointed Postmaster, which position he  
still holds. He had decided to request the  
Department to name it 'Glen Anderson', having  
it in mind to build at some future time in the  
valley.

There was an election campaign on at  
that time and Alex. Niven, P. L. S. of Haliburton  
was canvassing in the interests of the Liberal  
party. In a conversation with Mr Anderson,  
Mr Niven remarked that he had not met a  
righteous man that day and in his opinion  
the place should be called Tory Hill.

In writing to the Department, Mr Anderson  
submitted the two names 'Glen Anderson', and  
'Tory Hill'. The Deptmt. chose the latter.

Ten years ago Mr Anderson moved his  
place of business and the Post Office about  
one mile west to the valley so that 'Tory Hill'  
is a misnomer, and 'Glen Anderson' would  
now be the more appropriate name.

Tory Hill.

Oct 21st 1905.