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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

*Traverston  
Grey Co. Ont*

In answer to the enquiry <sup>about</sup> Traverston  
it is situated on the Saugeen River and  
in pioneer days was called Waverely but the  
Post-Office was kept two miles and a half  
farther up the 8th concession in a log house  
by one William Martin Post-Master and was  
called East-Glenely. That is some 30 years past  
since that time the Post-Office has been stationary  
in Traverston called after John Travers who built  
the first Grist & Saw mill in Traverston built  
on the Saugeen River. There was also a splendid  
wollen mill built by a Mr Sims a little farther  
down the stream about 35 years ago but the Wollen  
mill was burnt down about 22 years ago it was  
then owned by Mr Denedy. Farming is the  
occupation of the people around Traverston. The  
Saugeen River is noted for it's rocky scenery  
fishing and hunting near Traverston P O is a  
creek called Paddy's Creek how it got it's name  
the Surveyers were looking for water when one  
of their men Paddy by name found it - and ever  
since it has went by the name of Paddy's creek  
which is noted for it's speckled trout fishing.  
When John Travers moved away Mr John Delaney  
became Post-Master and has continued in Office

for the last 23 years

I remain yours resptly

John Delaney  
Post-Master

Traverston Ont