

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 27 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.

*Hudonwood
Bruce Co. Ont*

Underwood ONT. Sept 30. 1905.

Geographical,

Co Minister of the Interior,

Dear Sir - ~~to~~

Underwood was named on account of the very heavy forest which at one time was where the business portion of our village now stands. It was formerly called Clark's Corners after a Mr Clark a granduncle of my own and who kept a general store. The name has been changed for about 45 years. The village ~~stands~~ Mr Clark objected to having the place named after him so it was changed to Underwood. The business portion is in a hollow and I suppose that this was the reason for the name.

Yours truly

Ray Murray
Postmaster.

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Underwood Oct. 11. 1905.

The Geographers,

Dominion of Canada,

c/o Minister of the Interior,

Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir:—

Some time ago you wrote to me asking re the naming of Underwood, I did not give you the correct derivation of the name of our place. The other day I was in to see a sick man who is I think the oldest resident of these parts.

A good many years back there were two towns 4 miles west of here named, Matta and Port Bruce. These two towns were both burnt in one night and some of the residents moved here and started the place. Mr J. H. Boulthard was the first postmaster, and in suggesting a name Mrs Boulthard suggested they should call the place Underwood after her native town in England or Ireland. The Boulthards are now somewhere in British Columbia. Hoping this information will be of value to you.

I am Sir,

yours truly

W Roy Murray

Bruce Co.

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Underwood in Devonshire (2) Devon (3) Notts

Ans'd Underwood - Ont