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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.

Vaubrough *Ans'd*
Reuprews *D.W.*

Vanbrugh P. O. Ont.
October 23. 1905.

James White Esq.

Geographer

Ottawa.

Dear Sir!

Vanbrugh P. O. was opened in the year 1863 or 64
by application of Mr. C. F. Holtermann, who was
appointed Postmaster by the Postmaster General.

The name Vanbrugh was given by the
Departement and I am unable to say
if it was in memory of some officer of
that name or a town in some part
of the Empire.

Most respectfully
Albert Kosmick.
Postmaster.

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GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, October 31st, 1905

Dear Sir,

I note that you say that your P. O. was named after an officer or a town. In reply, would say that I have not been able to discover any person of that name and there is certainly no place in Great Britain named Vanbrugh.

Can you give me any further information that would assist here

Yours truly,

James White
Geographer

Albert Kosmack, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Vanbrugh, Ont.

*Vanbrugh P.O.
Nov. 6. 1905*

*James White Esq.
Geographer.*

*Dear Sir!
The name Vanbrugh was not proposed by any man in the Township of Sebastopol at the time of the opening of this office, but given by the Department; I suggested that it might have been named after an Officer of the British army or a place of renown, but was not positive about it. If Vanbrugh was spelled: Van - Burgh it would certainly be of Dutch origin.*

*Regretting not be able to give you any satisfactory information I sign as your most obedient servant
Albert Kosmack P. O.*

Vanbrugh Reef Co.