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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, SEP 25 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.

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(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.

Warkerville ✓  
Essex Co Ont

Walkerville 30 Sept 1905

In the year 1858 the late Mr Hiram  
Walker bought farm land on the Detroit  
River being pt lot 94 lot 95 & part lot 96 Con 1  
Township of Sandwich East and established a  
Distillery - On May 20- 1890 Walkerville  
(then part of Sandwich East) was incorporated  
by special act of Parliament, as a Town  
separated from the County, the population then  
being some 700 odd, the population now is  
2500 - The late Mr Hiram Walker, the  
Founder of the Town, died 12 Jan 1899

He or one of his sons have continuously  
resided in Walkerville - Mr A. G. Walker  
The eldest son is erecting a <sup>new</sup> residence for  
himself in Walkerville, to cost some  
\$200,000<sup>00</sup>

Any further information  
you may require I shall be  
happy to give you

J. H. R.

Jessie H. Robinson  
Town Clerk  
Walkerville