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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.

H. Ellington
Clk

P. E. Co

Wellington is situated on north shore of Lake Ontario Midway between Kingston & Coburg 20 miles north is the City of Belleville on the east the famous Sand Banks which separate ~~the~~ West Lake from Lake Ontario. Wellington is situated on the north shore of Big Sandy Bay
See Map

Yours
Garratt Harris
Clerk
Village of Wellington

Wellington Fe^y - 16th 1906

James White Esq
Geographer, Ottawa

In questioning around from the oldest citizens of our Village I find the following

A brief sketch of the early history of Wellington is enmeshed with facts which rival fiction as related by the first Pioneers. The first white man to settle in the vicinity was a U. E. Loyalist named Daniel Reynolds. The date of his settlement is not definitely known somewhere between 1785 & 1790. When this Village ~~was~~ first named received a local habitation & a name that name was Smokeville. Some affirm that it was Reynolds who gave it the name as he was popularly known as old Smoke while others say it was an Indian Chief whose name was Smoke gave the name.

The first Post Office was established here in 1813 through the influence of Archibald McFaul who was Post Master for many years. Mr. McFaul was an Irishman by birth came to this Country quite young. The name Wellington which was given the Post Office through his influence in establishing it owing to his love for his ^{native} Country & that Country's noblest son the Iron Duke.