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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.

Wolverton

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Dear Sir

The village of
Wolverton, Oxford County situated on
the river Nith was named after the
late Enos Wolverton. In 1847 This section
was an unbroken wilderness. Mr. Wolverton
blazed his way in to the river, made a
clearing, built a saw mill and Grist-
mill, erected a church (free to all), opened
up a general store, secured a Post-office
of which he was first P.M., Mr. Wolverton
engaged quite extensively in the lumbering
business, getting out large quantities of
logs during the winter driving them down
the river in the spring to Paris and Brautford.

In 1856 Mr. Wolverton located near
Port Rowan still carrying on a large
lumbering business. In 1885 he retired from
business and returned to his old home in the
village where he continued to reside until
his death which occurred in 1903 at the
age of 84 years.

The writer his son aged 65 is the present
Postmaster

Yours
Alonzo Wolverton