

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 who 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.

Proxeter

Huron Co. Ont.

Wroster, Township of Howick, Co of Huron

Wroster, was so named by the late

Hon. James Patton. who owned the land. called after the home of his parents - a place in Wales, Eng - Mr Patton owned about 1200 acres. and had a village surveyed and laid out in the years 1854 & 1855. it never had any other name his brother Mr Andrew Patton. (who died about 4 or 5 years ago in Prescott) - with ~~several~~ others were the first settlers - Mr and Patton left in 1861 - came back about 1874 lived about 14 yrs here - then left for Prescott - some where in the '60s the lands passed out of the hands of the Pattons -

Wroster is situated on the north branch of the Maitland river, the Indian name of which is, Men-es-tung. I have heard the meaning of it - but have forgotten. good water power is on it.

I have known Wroster since its settlement - & has resided in it since 1859, any further information that I could give will be freely given
Jno Sanderson
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The Hon. Jas Patton bought the lands
from a Mr Boops of Barrie
Mr Patton never lived at Bowxeter —
became later Custom House officer
at Toronto. — he died suddenly in the Custom
- house - about 20 years ago

J.S.