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# Department of the Interior

## OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, ..... AUG 28 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.

*"Little Sands"*  
*Kings Co. P 6 J*

Little Sands is only just a country  
place, no stores being in it only my own little  
shop and Post office. My own memory brings  
me back over forty years and after you would  
leave Wood Islands eastward they would call  
it Cape Bear until they commenced to divide it  
in sections. White Sands, Little Sands but now  
there is another section between the two Sands,  
called High Banks. In days gone by when  
there were no roads and so few travelling which  
would then be along the shores the appearance  
of the places would suggest the names but as the  
folks in general are not satisfied that their  
children should bear them our old-fashioned  
names very likely our Sands, & Banks, will  
have some fashionable names by & bye

Yours truly

L. Currie P. M.

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