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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, MAR 2 1906

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.

Norborough

Prince Co. P. E. I.

Corborough Lot 25 P. E. Island

This Settlement was originally called Bowness settlement. This was in the days when our mails was carried by stage coach, our newspapers was droped at Bowness school, our letters went to Kensington a distance of four miles our nearest post office, in the year 1872 or about the year the railroad was built. We called a meeting of the ratepayers of the Bowness settlement and had the place called Brooklyn.

The original name was given on account of two old Mr Bowness (brothers) that come from Kirkmahoe near Dumfries Scotland and settled here with their families in 1835.

Robert was was born 1794 died 1872

he had three sons and two daughters they are all dead excepting one daughter Jean wife of the late ^{Hon} Herbert Bell. William was born 1796 died 1874 his family consisted of two sons

and five daughters one son John lives on the homestead the older son William moved to

Summerside, several of those old gentlemen

grandchildren
live at or near the old homestead. Old Mr William
was a carpenter and farmed considerable and Mr
Robert was a farmer. The Brooklyn people applied
for a post office about the year 1771, the post office
department would not hear of calling it Brooklyn
on account of there being two other places by that
name on the Island already, they said it
would make a lot of confusion, they named
the post office Norborough, and ~~their~~ letters
come addressed Brooklyn Norborough Post Office
but very soon Brooklyn died out, and now
letters come addressed Norborough or Norboro
for shortness.

Mr White Dear Sir I have joted down
a few facts in a rough way some of which
I obtained from Mr John Bowness old William
son hope they will be satisfactory
John D Webster Pm
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