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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 29 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.

Peterwiller
Prince Co. P E J

Mr James White

Peterville Post / P & F
Sept 5th 1904

Dear Sir

In answer to you of the 29th inst.
this place was called Peter's Road
about the year 1879 and then was
change. an account of a post office
in the lower part of the Island
of the same name!

This place was called after
the late Land Lord Peter
F. Allen of the late Province Peter
and as I have not the date
of or the year he died in
he were resident here also
it was called after him.

If I have not found
information in the
you will please write
again and I can give
you more information
and

I have made a mistake it was in the year 1876.
It is as the this place was change to Peterville; it was the
year the first Postmaster was appointed. He was Postmaster
for 32 years and as I and his son and a son
of this place. I have the post office yet.

Hoping I have given you
information
Peter Breeman P.M.