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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 30 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 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.

Rose Valley ✓
Queens Co P.E.I.

Pass-Valley. This name was suggested by
John Mackay an old School teacher who
taught here. Being named Valley no doubt from
small features of that nature found between
the hills while it is more conspicuously
known from its hills. In travelling through
the land presents a very pleasing and
picturesque appearance being beautifully
diversified with woods and cultivated fields
while the hills go far to complete the serenity
and beauty of the landscape rendering it fair
and attractive. The farmlands are well
cultivated and homes are handsome
situated about two miles from Bradshaw
the nearest Railway Station. Agriculture
is the one and only occupation which is
offered. The residents are of Scotch extraction
some of whom first saw the light of day in
the old sod while others are only the
children and grand-children of earlier
bands of immigrants, not one of those was
of that pauper class of immigrants from
the British Islands whose passage money
had to be paid on the contrary many of
them were in such circumstances in the
old land that they landed here with
considerable amounts of money. In fact
they were of the best blood the Highlands
produced; of that class from which Wellington
and other British Generals drew their
best men. It was formerly called
the "Anderson Road" and "New Bedque
Road" from the fact that the road
passing through was surveyed by

Alexander Anderson of Bedeque
The New Bedeque Road on account
of the above named road leading to
the Bedeque settlements. While the
old Bedeque Road ran through the
Wratmoreland to a settlement three
miles to the south of Rose Valley.

This I think is about all
the necessary information.

In the meantime

I remain

Yours truly

Musdoch Macdonald

Postmaster

Rose Valley
P.E.I.
20th Sept 1895