

# Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, NOV 14 1905

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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.

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Missisquoi Co., Que.



North Pinnacle Post

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Mr White -

Dear sir

In reference to this office would say this is a farming section, only a limited number of families receive their mail here, it has been a great convenience to them, for several years the nearest offices were four and five miles distant; this office was established in 1865; my husband the late Einker Barnes, was appointed postmaster which position he held at time of his death, directly after that I was appointed to fill the vacancy, thus it has remained.

In reference to the name of this office, it is situated on the north side of the Pinnacle mountain (at the base) thus its name North Pinnacle

There are said to be only five mountain Peaks in the Province of Quebec higher than this Pinnacle, which is said to be 2512 feet above sea level: in a clear day one gets a very fine view of the country for miles.

If you wish to get a history of many of the early settlers of the Eastern Townships, by obtaining a copy of the book, Contributions To The History Of The Eastern Townships By C. Thomas, who resides at Abercorn, Que. you might gain information that would assist you in your work,

Respectfully

Mrs V. Barnes  
Postmistress  
North Pinnacle Post