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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, NOV 3 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 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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Ogdensburg November 9th 1905

Dear sir in reply to your request if I understand it aright this place was named Ogdensburg after the first man that came into the Woods and took this farm I am own his name was John Ogden he lived a few year on it and my Father bot it from him seventy four year ago by that time their was quite a number had settled around here Ogden went to western Ontario and Died several years ago this place from the first got the name of Ogdensburg after him this is only a farming place fully settled with Cheese factory and School Room and preaching houses all on my place the nearest post office until two year ago was Stonefield five mile it is situated on the Grand River at the long Sault in Township of Chatham their is a small office three mile east of here that had two mails per week but it was out of any traffic from here and made it

A useless office for here and very little
for where it is as it is within two and
A half miles from Staynerville station
and there is an office there with daily
mail the people north of this three
miles used to have to go to Stonefield
for their mail it made it over eight
miles for them they would often two
weeks without mail and it in the
office the name of Stonefield office
and the place it is in derived its
name from the terrible amount of
stone there is on the land around
there Staynerville derived its name
from a man by the name of Stayner
which owned a large block of land
there some three thousand acres he
never lived in this country he lived in
England and Samuel Cushing of Chatham
was a store keeper there and Stayners
agent or Squeezzer to take the money
for rent and sales of land please
let me know if I have answered you
right and oblige
Wm Blair postmaster
Ogdensburg Luc