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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, NOV 16 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.

Oliver

Stanstead Co., Que.

Oliver Nov 23rd 1805

James White Esq.

Ottawa.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 16th inst is
hand and in reply beg to say,

On the year 1806 Dr W^m Oliver came
from the town of Albworth N. H. and
settled in this place, he was about the first
to locate here, he had four sons named
William, Ebenezer, John, & George.

The above named all took up land
in this locality and lived all their lives
here, and this has always been called Oliver's
Corner, there are three roads come together
here, the road to Magog 5 miles, Georgeville
5 miles, and Fitch Bay 5 miles, Dr William
Oliver M.D. died in the year 1850 aged
53 years, William (my Grandfather) died in
1882, aged 88 years. Ebenezer died aged 74.
John died aged 36 years & George aged 43 years.

Capt William Oliver was a shoemaker
and farmer, he served in the British Army
in the war of 1812, being only 19 years of
age. in the year 1832 he organized a Company
of Militia and received a Captain's Commission, he
had two sons, Edward B. my father, who died in 1896, aged 78,
and William W who is still living on the old farm in his
83rd year, Hoping this is satisfactory I am
Yours A. P. Oliver. Postmaster, Oliver Dist