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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa, NOV 14 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.

Reed's Mines

Megantic Co., Que.

Reeds Mines Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 1906

Dear Sirs,-

Reeds Mines is named after a person.

James Reed M.D. is the persons name.

He was a medical doctor in his earlier days. He is also a rich mine owner, viz. gold, silver, copper, platinum, Chrome Iron, Iron, and Asbestos mines. The place called Reeds Mines is rich with asbestos. James Reed worked the mines here & resided here for about 4 years. His home is in Inverness Co. Me., about 20 miles from here, where he has lived since quite a young man, except when working his mines. He is alive and quite active, his mental faculties are quite bright and one year ago I was at his house & saw him reading his correspondence (when the shades of evening were beginning to fall) with the naked eye, although he must be a man of 80 years of age.

Reeds Mines is very mountainous, there are three large asbestos mines in Thetford about 2½ miles from here and four mines at Black Lake about 2½ miles from here, Reeds Mines is halfway between them. where the soil can be cultivated, it grows abundant vegetables & other things. I am sorry I cannot give a better account. - If you would write to James Reed M.D. Reedsdale P.O. Inverness Co. Me. he would supply you with better information as he is an older resident.

Yours truly

Postmaster Reeds Mines