

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 21 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 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.

"Earlewood"
Ansa Saska

Earlwood
1st September 1903

Dear Sir

In reply to the enclosed I beg to say we were the first settlers in this part which had no name, we are English people and named our house "Earlwood" the district around having been called, by the same name from that circumstance we came here in the year 1882 in month of May

I am a widow and brought 5 children out here to settle two Boys and three Daughters & commenced farming.

The land is rolling - there is a Creek running through the place about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from here & a few lakes about, of no much dimensions, there is a Bridge over the Creek called Drings Bridge which leads to our nearest town of Wapetice about 9 miles $\frac{1}{4}$ through which town the Railway C.P.R. runs a prosperous Wheat Centre

The next district is called Fairmeade about 5 miles from here with a Post-Office we also have a Post Office called after our house, this place is very well settled up now by Scotch English and a Canadian population Hoping this short account will be satisfactory

I am

Yours very truly

E J Dring

Remark

There are many young ladies around who think it wd. be very generous if the Government wd. grant them a quarter section of land & who have a little money and good will & energy enough to have it worked for small Poultry Farms and those in the country first seem rather entitled to the same I have often heard it mooted.

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Ottawa, Sept. 6th, 1905

Dear Madam,

I have yours of the 1st instant respecting the derivation of name of your P. O. Could you kindly let me have further information respecting the derivation of the name as applied to your house, which was, I presume named after some estate or village in England.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

James White

Geographer

Mrs. E. J. Dring,

Earlswood, ~~Assa~~.

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Earlwood
Ossau Sault

Earlwood
Via Wapella C P R
Saskatchewan N. W. T.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 5th of September
I am pleased to inform you that my house was
named after a village in England in the County
of Surrey near London and is a very picturesque
part of the Province

I am yours truly

E. J. Dring

21st September
1905