

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

Ottawa, AUG 23 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.

" Ellisboro' "
 Assa
 Sask

Ellisboro was named twenty-two years ago. When a Post-Office was opened, after J. H. Ellis who was appointed Postmaster then and who up to the present-time has held the position and carries on a General Store is a Commissioner & takes affidavits and Issues of Marriage Licenses. There are two Churches, Presbyterian and Anglican. The village is beautifully situated in the Du'Appelle Valley with the Du'Appelle river running close by.

J. H. Ellis

P.M.

Ellisboro

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Ottawa, Sept. 5th, 1905

Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 1st instant respecting derivation of "Blackwood" and other places in your vicinity, which, however, does not give me quite the information that I desire.

Is Blackwood named after a person or after a village or town or, is the wood in the vicinity black in appearance.

Ellisboro J. H. Ellis

You state that Ellisborough was called after Mr. Ellis, a store keeper in the vicinity. Could you kindly give me Mr. Ellis's initials.

Katepwe- is this a fanciful name and, if so, how made up. If an Indian name, could you kindly give me some information respecting its derivation.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

James White

Geographer

Postmaster,
Blackwood,

~~Asst.~~

Sask

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EZZisborough J. H. Ellis Store Keeper & Post Master
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Indians as it had always been called Lake Katepew*

Post master of Kaitiawe was
Mr A. J. McLellan died this summer
succeeded by his wife