

Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER

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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.

"Graytown"

~~Gray~~
Sask

German Settlement

North

Stony Creek
+ P.O.
+ school
Murray
Horse
dills

school
Mount Murray

P.O. & school
Graytown

Buffalo
P.O.
Clavis

Little Mountain

Horse Mountain

Graytown Sask.ⁿ (24-12-8 2nd)

was named after R. J. Gray who now lives on said section - Farmer, P.M. & Official Auditor - having come from Lincoln Co. Ont in April 1903 to form a settlement in this district and in that ~~year~~ located about 100 homesteaders and purchasers of other lands. He & W.R. Johnston formed the Graytown School District and took leading part in establishing Sunday school & Church services. He took contract of building and painting the P. School 24 x 36 ft 14 ft ceiling built according to latest approved plans etc and he taught the school from Feb 1st 1904 till the trustees secured the services of a 1st class teacher - A. N. Lapscott of Toronto Ont. in Summer of 1904

Graytown is situated in the centre of an excellent wheat tract of rolling prairie - free of bluffs and ^{havies} few sloughs - three miles east of Moose Mountain Creek and 12 miles N.W. of said mountain. The district is being fast broken and is better settled than many much older localities and takes the lead in every way.