

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.

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Hamona Jan 16th 1904

F. White

Dear Sir

As this was mislaid and I only came across it today I shall give you what information I possess. in the year 1896 there was a number of people here entered into an agreement called the Hamony Industrial cooperative association. the name taken from the old Testament meaning multitude. The association is by mutual agreement broken up. and we have named the post office after the association. the place chosen for the site is in the celebrated ^{low place} ~~but~~ ^{means a low place} ~~people~~ valley. 10-18-31 ^{two miles west of this on sec T R 4-18-31 is site of} a fort. called fort La Bend. where there was fought over one hundred years ago. a battle for the supremacy of Hudson Bay & north west Trading co the cellars & rifle pits still remain and the ground is strewn with bones though the land is now broken. Yours Respectfully
J. Sanderson P.M.