

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.

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Sept 18/03

Sir

I have the honor to reply to the enclosed

Star City was named by myself
The first settlers here asked me to accept the position of postmaster, when we first applied for the post office, I did so on condition that I should name the place, my name being Walter Starkey. I took the first syllable of my name Star & added City to it calling it Star City. My occupation at the time was farmer, born at Brighton, Sussex, England in the year 1842, at the age of 18 I emigrated to the United States of America, where I resided 8 years, coming to Canada still a British subject in the year 1890, & homesteaded on the S E 1/4 Sec 16. Township 45. Range 14 W 2 am now moved to the townsite of Star City & still postmaster

Very Truly Yours
Walter Starkey