

# 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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2 Sep 85

This place should have been called Little Cut Arm from it was called Summer. I think was because  
Jas. Summer got up a petition. I did not sign but  
said the name should be L.C.A. the history of  
the place runs like the following

Came here in 1882 was the first town in the district  
I took up land South Side Creek. in 83 several  
English settlers came & settled north of the creek  
late in 84 they applied for a post office but did  
not get one in December of that year I went 12 miles  
to bring letters from a post office which was opened  
in 83 by a party called Redpath or Red Cut Arm  
I got lost for 2 days. On my return I wrote  
Mr. Dewdney then our M.P. a reply saying  
on my recommendation Jas. Summer had been  
appointed. I master. I understood Little Cut Arm  
was to be the name here it was called Summer I never  
could if after the first settlers it should be  
designated by name of district should be followed  
then it should be "Little Cut Arm" just now  
The Grand T. Pacific is passing about 3 miles  
north of post. I think a town will be established  
there but doubt if it should be called Little Cut  
Arm or foreward. I am just now in communication  
with Perry By. to settle on left of mine on 1620. I  
no name was mentioned by you you should suggest the  
name I mentioned - y<sup>r</sup> friend  
J. M. [Signature]

Same from Bayport Island