

# 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 who 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.

Willow Brook  
Sask.

1.

Dear Sir.

The name Willow Brook was selected by Mr J. C. Wilson & myself.

It was not named after any person but the natural feature.

2.

I fancy it had a different name some years ago. A man named Insinger lived here and I think he gave a different name, but we did not know at the time

Note.

I may say that up to six years ago there was only one house near, that of Mr Insinger, now owned and occupied by Mr Tho. H. Garry M. P. P.

There is a store & blacksmith shop, but all the homesteads are taken up & quite a lot of land bought in addition. The district has a population of over 400 (P. O) and the School District is named W. B. C.

There is also a school south of the creek (Look. Out)

Formerly only a ranching district, now mixed farming is carried on by all

Yours truly  
Jas Mills. And P. M.

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JAMES WHITE

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& Louly discovered it this morn May 24/06  
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