

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF GEOGRAPHER,

Ottawa,

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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.

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Wishart. P. O.,
Mch 26th 1906,

Dear Sir:

I 1883, Beatty, Morrow & Co., of
Seymour, Ont., organized a colonization company
and entered into an agreement with the Government
to locate settlers in this district. The leading
Settler appears to have been Robert Wishart,
and as a compliment to him the name of the
post office was changed from "Dilk" to
"Wishart".

Bob. Wishart, - came from Ontario
as a private in Lord Wolsley's Expedition.
during the Boom he sold property near
Portage La Prairie, and came here with
his family. His farming operations here
were a complete failure. He left ~~there~~
during Winter of 1891-2, for Dauphin, Man., where
he secured a homestead, which, being near
the town, became valuable. It was reported

here that he sold his Dauphin farm
for \$50 ⁰⁰/₊ per acre. He may be living
at the Portage now; but I think a letter
addressed to Dauphin would still
find him.

Wishart left her with judgements
against him, and has no interests of
any kind in this district now. He was
a farmer by occupation, and a great
lover of horses: a man of fine physique,
at one time a noted athlete. He is now
a widower, having buried two ~~set~~
wives, by his first wife he raised
a large family. He has a brother
a very successful farmer near Portage
La Prairie. In as much as ~~the~~ ~~Wishart~~
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G. M. Wishart

for post master
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