

Approved, 4/13/2023

Pending Virginia Place Name Proposal before the Domestic Names Committee, USBGN

### **Lake Simms**

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Proposed name	<b>Lake Simms</b>
Proposal type	new commemorative name for unnamed feature
Current official name	n/a
GNIS ID	n/a
Proponent	James Simms; Rocky Mount, VA
Date proposed	10/17/22
Submitter	same
Date submitted	same
BGN case number	5902
Quarterly Review List	449

### **Feature Details**

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Primary coordinates	36.948838, -79.941725
Secondary coordinates	n/a
Feature class	reservoir
Feature size	1.3 acres
Feature description	1 mile E of Waidsboro
Name history	Named for Clifford Harold Simms (1914-2010), who bought the land that includes the reservoir USGS
primary topo map	Rocky Mount 1:24,000
State(s)	Virginia
County(s)	Franklin
Land ownership	private (proponent)

### **BGN decisions**

- None

### **Other Names**

- Published names: None found
- Unpublished names: None found

### **Case Summary**

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The new commemorative name Lake Simms is proposed for a 1.3-acre reservoir on private property in Franklin County southwest of Rocky Mount. The proponent wishes to honor his father Clifford Harold Simms (1914-2010), who in the late 1950s bought the land and constructed the reservoir. Mr. Simms was a deacon at the nearby Story Creek Baptist Church, served on the Ferrum Rescue Squad, and worked for Hub Oil Company.



**Stakeholder Input**

Local government	Franklin County
State Names Authority	Virginia
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X

Source: Quarterly Review List 449, Released November 4, 2022 (<https://www.usgs.gov/us-board-on-geographic-names/dnc-review-lists>)