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

Change Larmond to Larmand

Proposal Information

Proposed name	Larmand
Proposal type	Name change
Current official name	Larmond
GNIS ID	1494748
Proponent	Jeffrey Crane; Orange, VA
Date proposed	4/25/2022
Submitter	same
Date submitted	same
BGN case number	5793
Quarterly Review List	448

Feature Details

Primary coordinates	38.2667988, -78.1205567
Secondary coordinates	n/a
GNIS feature class	Populated place
Feature size	
Feature description	N of Orange
Name history	Named for the Larmand family, including Francis Larmand (1856-1917), a train engineer for the Southern Railway who was killed in a train wreck near Orange
USGS primary topo map	Rapidan 1:24,000
State(s)	Virginia
County(s)	Orange County
Local jurisdiction(s)	n/a
PLSS	n/a
Land management	Private

Decisions/Usage

BGN decision(s)	None
Unpublished name(s)	None

- Published name(s)
- ï Larmond
 - USGS 1961
 - *The Official Railway Guide*, 1909
 - *Railway Signal Engineer*, 1917
 - *Railway Age Gazette*, 1917
 - ï Larmand
 - *Evening Star*, 1917
 - *Asheville Citizen-Times*, 1917

Case Summary

This small unincorporated community has been labeled as Larmond on USGS topographic maps since 1961 and was listed as such in a number of publications between 1909 and 1917. However, the proponent reports that it was named for the Larmand family, including Francis Larmand (1856-1917), “train engineer for the Southern Railway who was killed in a train wreck on October 21, 1917 near Orange, VA. Engineer Larmand was President Theodore Roosevelt’s requested engineer anytime the President traveled by train. [The] Larmand, Virginia name was in use prior to 1917.”

An account of Mr. Larmand’s death, published in the October 22, 1922 edition of *The Baltimore Sun*, noted “Strangely enough, the accident occurred near Larmand, a station named after the engineer, and within sight of his farm.”

Family history records, including Mr. Larmand’s death record, spell the name Larmand. Francis Larmand was listed as a fireman in the 1880 Federal Census of Alexandria, VA, and as an engineer in the 1910 City Directory of Alexandria. The proponent provided a photo of a sign recently erected by the county highway department for Larmand Drive. The Library of Virginia found no name for the community on county, railroad, or postal route maps prior to 1910.

Stakeholder Input

Local government(s)	Orange County	support
State Names Authority	Virginia	
Federal Agency	n/a	
Federally recognized Tribes		

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