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

Lake Simms

Proposed name	Lake Simms
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

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Unpublished names: None found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

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>)