Vermont Board of Libraries

GEOGRAPHIC NAMING PETITION

The attached petition is to formally request that the Vermont Board of Libraries give consideration to the geographic naming proposal as described below.

Date Petition Submitted to the State Librarian: ____________________________

The undersigned are in agreement that the Board of Libraries approve

Huzzy* Brook

(proposed name) as the name for

Negro Brook

(brief description of geographic location/feature).

This feature is located in the Town of Townshend, in the County of Windham, at the location described here:

Feature ID: 1461200

Coordinates: 43.0433510, -72.6929910 See Appendix A for map

Negro Brook is located primarily within the boundaries of Townshend State Forest, and empties into the West River.

Please provide a brief description of the reason for proposing this name:

The word "negro" is deemed offensive to many and is not reflective of evolving socio-cultural usage.

See Appendix B

Please provide a brief description of the history of the feature and/or name:

We wish to honor both Susannah (1750-1854) and James Huzzy (1754-1822), Black Americans who lived in the Townshend area (Acton became a part of Townshend in 1843) in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

See Appendix C

*Alternative spelling may be Huzzey in some documents
Main Petitioner's Contact Information (Please print):

Name: Lynne C. Shea

Mailing Address:


Phone: ___________________ Secondary Phone: ___________________

Email: ___________________

Do you represent a group/organization?  X Yes*  ___ No

*If Yes, please provide the name of the group/organization:

This group is an informal collaborative of Townshend residents and neighbors, and thus unnamed.

Main Petitioner's Signature: ___________________ Date: 4/24/22

Please attach the following documentation to support this naming proposal:

- Available map(s) of the feature
- Letters of support
- Additional documentation concerning the history of feature and/or name
- Additional documentation concerning the reason for proposing this name
- Minimum of 25 signatures in support of the petition

Mail the original to:

State Librarian
Vermont Department of Libraries
60 Washington Street, Suite 2
Barre, VT 05641-4209

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Petition received: ___________________

Documentation: ☐ Signed Petition Form ☐ 25 Signatures ☐ Maps ☐ History ☐ Proposal Reason ☐ Letters of Support