

USBGN Review List 442 December 31, 2020

Oregon

New Name Proposals

Otto Creek:

stream; 1.5 mi. long; heads on Bull Mountain 1.7 mi. SW of Stark Reservoir at 45°24'59"N, 122°49'40"W, flows generally S to enter the Tualatin River 2.9 mi. SE of Pleasant Valley; the name commemorates Otto Meyer (1857-1937), who purchased 40 acres along the Tualatin River in 1880; Washington County, Oregon; Secs 17,16,&8, T2S, R1W, Willamette Meridian; 45°23'46"N, 122°49'42"W; USGS map – Beaverton 1:24,000.

Mouth: https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesricoor?p_lat=45.39612&p_longi=-122.82846

Source: https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesricoor?p_lat=45.41628&p_longi=-122.82773

Proposal: new commemorative name for unnamed feature

Map: USGS map – Beaverton 1:24,000

Proponent: Amanda Meyer-Carkner, Nicole Meyer; Tigard, OR

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: None found

Published: None found

Case Summary: This proposal is to apply the new commemorative name Otto Creek to a 1.5-mile-long unnamed tributary of the Tualatin River on Bull Mountain in Washington County.

The new name would commemorate Otto Meyer (1857-1937), who purchased 40 acres along the Tualatin River in 1880, where he farmed cattle and other animals. Mr. Meyer and his wife traveled to the area by wagon with the Wilson Tigard family. Seven generations of the Meyer family have lived and farmed on the property, and 34 of the original 40 acres are still owned by the family.

According to the proponents, who are great-great-great-granddaughters of Otto Meyer, the family is well known as contributors to the growth of the Tigard community through the years, establishing businesses in the area and building a private airfield (Meyer Riverside Airpark) on their property. A local road is named Meyer Lane.

Letters of support from the Tigard Historical Association, the Washington County Community Participation Organization 4K, and various Meyer family members and neighbors were included in the proposal packet forwarded by the Oregon Geographic Names Board.

Responses:

Washington County has not responded as of June 15.

No local opposition – this is a family farm and members still live on the land.