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Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Historical Information

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names is a Federal body created in 1890 and established in its present form by Public Law in 1947 to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. The Board promulgates official geographic names with locative attributes, as well a principles, policies, and procedures governing the use of domestic names, foreign names, Antarctic names, and undersea feature names.

The original program of names standardization addressed the complex issues of domestic geographic feature names during the surge of exploration, mining, and settlement of western territories after the American Civil War. Inconsistencies and contradictions among many names, spellings, and applications became a serious problem to surveyors, map makers, and scientists who required uniform, non-conflicting geographic nomenclature. President Benjamin Harrison signed an Executive Order establishing the Board and giving it authority to resolve unsettled geographic names questions. Decisions of the Board were accepted as binding by all departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

The Board serves the Federal Government and the public as a central authority to which name problems, name inquiries, name changes, and new name proposals can be directed. In partnership with Federal, State, and local agencies, the Board provides a conduit through which uniform geographic name usage is applied and current names data is promulgated.

The Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names is responsible for standardizing names of places, features, and areas within the United States and its dependent areas. The Domestic Names Committee consists of members and deputies representing the Dept. of the Interior, Dept. of Commerce, Dept. Agriculture, Dept. Defense, and the Dept. of Homeland Security, as well as the United States Postal Service, Government Publishing Office, and the Library of Congress.

The Virginia State Library adopted the name, the Virginia State Library and Archives, in early 1987 to more adequately reflect its mission and purpose today. In July 1, 1994 the name was changed to The Library of Virginia.

Scope and Content

U.S. Board of Geographic Names files of the State Archivist include copies of minutes of the Domestic Names Committee, as well as some correspondence and other documentation related to Virginia place names. Each accession contains files created and maintained by the State Archivist documenting his involvement with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in original order.

Contents List

Minutes of the Domestic Names Committee (Accession 30957), 1966-1980.

Boxes 1 (box)

Extent

Extent: 1 cu. ft. (3 boxes).

Scope and Content

Includes Correspondence, 1966-1980, of the Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

Correspondence, 1966-1970.

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Correspondence, 1971-1972.

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Correspondence, 1974.

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Correspondence, 1975 Jan-June.

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Correspondence, 1975 July-Dec.

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Correspondence, 1976 Jan-June.

Box 1

Correspondence, 1976 July-Dec.

Box 1

Correspondence, 1977 Jan-Mar.

Box 1a

Correspondence, 1977 Mar-May.

Box 1a

Correspondence, 1977 June-Aug.

Box 1a

Correspondence, 1977 Oct-Dec.

Box 1a

Correspondence, 1978 Jan.

Box 1a

Correspondence, 1978 Jan-June.

Box 2

Correspondence, 1978 July-Dec.

Box 2

Correspondence, 1979 Jan-June.

Box 2

Correspondence, 1979 July-Dec.

Box 2

Correspondence, 1980 Jan-June.

Box 2

Correspondence, 1980 July-Dec.

Box 2

Minutes of the Domestic Names Committee (Accession 32206), 1983-1984.

Boxes 1 (box)

Extent

Extent: .35 cu. ft. (1 box).

Scope and Content

Includes Minutes of the Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, as well as correspondence.

Minutes, 1983 Jan-July.

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Minutes, 1983 Aug-Dec.

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Minutes, 1984 Jan-July.

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Minutes, 1984 July-Dec.

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Minutes of the Domestic Names Committee (Accession 32688), 1985.

Boxes 1 (box)

Extent

Extent: .25 cu. ft. (1 box).

Scope and Content

Includes Minutes, 1985, of the Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, as well as correspondence.

Minutes, 1985 Jan-June.

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Minutes, 1985 July-Dec.

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Minutes of the Domestic Names Committee (Accession 33120), 1986.

Boxes 1 (box)

Extent

Extent: .25 cu. ft. (1 box).

Scope and Content

Includes Minutes of the Domestic Names Committee of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, as well as correspondence.

Minutes, 1986 Jan-June.

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Minutes, 1986 July-Dec.

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Correspondence (Accession 44570 and 45495), 1997-2011.

Boxes 1 (box)

Extent

Extent: 1 cubic feet (1 box).

Scope and Content

Includes correspondence and other documentation related to Virginia place names.

Harris Creek (Prince George Co.), 2000.

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Membership directory, 2003.

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Mottesheard Mountain (Craig Co.), 2008.

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Orchard Valley (Bland Co.), 2008.

Box 1

Wright's Peak (Giles Co.), 2008.

Box 1

Adkins Pond (Surry Co.), 2007.

Box 1

Bower's Hill (Winchester), 2007.

Box 1

Liberty Run (Shenandoah Co.), 2005.

Box 1

Candler Mountain (Lynchburg / Campbell Co.), 2005.

Box 1

Quander Brook (Fairfax Co.), 2006.

Box 1

Shipps Corner (Virginia Beach), 2006.

Box 1

Buckle Island (Virginia Beach / North Carolina), 2003.

Box 1

Collects Run (Greene Co.), 2006.

Box 1

Reeds Creek / Reeds Gap (Nelson Co.), 2002.

Box 1

Barn Rock / Raven Rock / Riven Rock / Barren Rock (Highland Co.), 2002.

Box 1

Midwatch Point (Westmoreland Co.), 2002.

Box 1

Batch Allen Creek (Henrico Co.), 2002.

Box 1

Rolls Hollow / Rowles Hollow (Fauquier Co.), 2001.

Box 1

Brambleton (Loudoun Co.), 2001.

Box 1

Entoto Knob (Rockbridge Co.), 2000.

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Aarons Branch (Madison Co.), 2000.

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Correspondence, 1997-1998.

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Hutcheson Ridge (Rockbridge Co.) (Acc. 45495), 2010-2011.

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Orchard Hill Mountain (Fauquier Co.) (Acc. 45495), 2010-2011.

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