**Kirkson Creek**  
*Mason County - New Name*

**Township:** 20N  
**Range:** 4W  
**Section:** 18

**USGS Quad:** Shelton Valley

**Location Description:** Stream; 1 mile long; heads 0.7 miles W of the town of Dayton, flows S then SE to enter North Fork Goldsborough Creek.

**Proposal Summary:** Kirkson Creek: stream; 1 mi. long; heads 0.7 mi. W of the town of Dayton at 47°13′46.265″N, 123°14′32.393″W, flows S then SE into North Fork Goldsborough Creek at 47°13′13.355″N, 123°13′56.901″W.; name commemorates Joseph A. Kirk and Juanita E. Kirk (Hickson) and is a combination of their last names. A portion of the stream runs through John D. (Kirk) Hickson who is a descendent of Joseph and Juanita; Mason County, Washington; Sec 18, T20N, R4W, Willamette Meridian; 47°13′13.355″N, 123°13′56.901″W USGS map - Shelton Valley 1:24,000.

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**Proponent:**  
John Hickson  
8260 W Shelton-Matlock Road  
Shelton, WA 98584

**Proposal Received:** 4/6/2022  
**Initial Consideration:** 4/26/2022  
**Final Consideration:**

**WA Committee Decision:**
**WA Board Decision:**
**US Board Decision:**
WASHINGTON STATE
Geographic Name Application

Proposed Name: **Kirkson** (Kirk/Hickson)

County: Mason

Township: Range: Section(s): Lat. N, Long. W (Begin)

Lat. N, Long. W (End)

**Description**

**Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.):** Creek

**Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered):** A portion of this creek runs through the South East corner of my property.

I was told it connects to the Goldsborough further South.

A stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: 12 month Creek

None that I'm aware of.

as it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? Not that I'm aware of. Some years ago, the Dept of Fisheries posted a marker designating this creek as a fish tributary that connected to the Goldsborough Creek to the South.

No name was posted.

**History**

lease provide a brief history of the feature and its immediate surroundings, this might include information on the following: 1 Native American; 2 First settlers; 3 Historical background pertinent to feature; 4 History on how the land is/was used; 5 Natural disasters (floods, fires, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

**Origin of name:** The property that this creek runs through lies between the Kirk (Great Grandparents) property (on Dayton-Airport Rd) and the Hickson (Great Grandparents) homestead on Shelton-Matlock Rd. A portion of this creek runs through the South East Corner of my property.

Joseph A. Kirk (Grandfather) and Juanita E. Kirk (Hickson, P. grandmother) were my grandparents. Their home and property was located approx 1/2 mile from my property (the creek) going West on Shelton-Matlock Rd. on the North Side of the road. Between Deadmans and Hickson's corners. They lived there until their murder (by Arthur Schofer) on 9-16-28.
Justification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? A tributary (salmon) to Goldsborough Creek.

Please state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: No other marker beside their grave markers at Shelton Cemetery commemorate the lives and deaths of my Grandparents Joseph A. and Juanita E. (Hickson) Kirk. I thought it fitting that the creek that lies between the 2 families properties and runs through my property be named for them, (their descendant).

Please list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) Family history, Metsgar Maps, Shelton-Mason County Journal.

What type of support is there for the proposed name?

List all groups and persons who are familiar with the proposed feature and its usage. Please provide names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and his/her association with knowledge of the geographic feature:

Naming the creek after my Grandparents (Kirk) is my own idea, but there are plenty of descendants in the area that would support the idea.

Application submitted by:

Name: John D. (Kirk) Hickson
Address: 8200 W. Shelton-Matlock Rd. Shelton State: WA Zip: 98584
Phone #: 360-496-1608 Email: inh100@hcc.net Date of Application:

I am aware that all information submitted is considered to be public information.

Printed Name: John D. Hickson Signature: __________________________ Date: 10-5-20

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:

WA State Board on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Olympia, WA 98504-7030

(Phone: 360-902-1280 - Fax: 360-902-1778 - Email: bogn@dnr.wa.gov)
April 1, 2022

To Whom it may Concern:

You may have noticed that this request for name application was started and signed on 10-5-20. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the name request was put on hold for a while.

It has since then come to our attention that a private landowner other than ourselves has taken it upon themselves to erect a sign which we believe to be unauthorized and illegal on the shoulder of the County Right-of-Way near the culvert which the unnamed creek runs under the Shelton-Matlock Rd.

The offending landowners did indeed live here and purchase their property before my husband and I did but, they did not own this property before my husband's family did! Please take this into...
account before considering the name for the creek if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your time,

Susan K. Hickson

P.S. The legal description we gave on the application is of our property that the creek borders on the West side.
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