Reeds Bay
San Juan County - Spelling Clarification

Township: 35N
Range: 1W
Section: 28

USGS Quad: Lopez Pass

Location Description: Bay; located on SW end of Decatur Island at 48° 29' 38.31" N, 122° 49' 7.35" W.

Proposal Summary:
Reeds Bay: bay; located on SW end of Decatur Island at 48° 29' 38.31" N, 122° 49' 7.35" W.; Named for the Reed family who settled on the bay in the 1860's. Tacee and her husband John P. Reed were the first settlers on Decatur Island.; San Juan County, Washington; Sec 28, T35N, R1W, Willamette Meridian; 48° 29' 38.31" N, 122° 49' 7.35" W USGS map - Lopez Pass 1:24,000.

Named for the Reed family who settled on the bay in the 1860's. Tacee and her husband John P. Reed were the first settlers on Decatur Island.

The name currently appears misspelled on maps as "Reads Bay".

Proponent:
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Proposal Received:  4/18/2022
Initial Consideration:  7/26/2022
Final Consideration:

WA Committee Decision:
WA Board Decision:
US Board Decision:

Opinions:
Proposed Name: **Reeds**  
County: **San Juan**  
Township: _______ Range: _______ Section(s): _______

at. ____________ N, Long. ____________ W (Begin)

at. ____________ N, Long. ____________ W (End)

**Description**

Type of feature (lake, stream, etc.): **Bay** *(off Decatur Island)*

Description of feature (location, length, depth, height, size and/or area covered):

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A stream, number of months it flows on a yearly basis: N/A

This feature identified by other names or spellings? Please list variant names: Currently on Maps it is spelled **Reads Bay** but most locals write **Reeds**, as everything else is spelled that way.

Is it ever been signed, posted, or publicized? If so, when? I could only find records of it being on maps & charts starting in the early 1970's. At that time it was being spelled incorrectly (Reads). Prior to that, it does not seem to be named officially.

**History**

Give 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, etc.) 6 Any significant cultural events. If appropriate, geology, flora and fauna. Cite sources. Use additional pages if needed.

Origin of name: The Reed family settled on that bay in the late 1860s. Tacee (a Native Tlingit from Alaska) and her husband John P Reed were the first settlers on Decatur Island. The bay is a map from the San Juan County Website showing Reed Bay Rd, Reed Shipyard, and Reads Bay (Incorrect spelling) and right in the middle of the triangle made by these 3 things is the Reed cabin. Homesteaded in 1867. I will also include a panorama photo from the cabin over to the bay that needs the spelling corrected.

As a commemorative name, provide a brief summary of the entire life of the person including how and the length of time he/she was associated with the proposed feature: John P Reed & Tacee Reed (a native of Alaska, a Tlingit Indian) settled on Decatur on the bay in 1867. They built a cabin that is still there today. They had 7 children named Reed. All but Mary (later Mrs. Henry Cayou) were born at Decatur. Mary was a baby when they settled here. John P Tacee lived on Decatur from the time they settled to their deaths.
ustification of Proposed Name

What is the usage of feature? N/A

Ease state why the proposed name will best serve the public interest: Many other features are named for the Reed family and spelled incorrectly. It is confusing that the bay is not as most locals just spell it like the family name.

How long has the proposed name been in use? By whom? I think it was always (since 1860's) called Reed's Bay as that is where they lived... but at some point (1960's / 70s) seems to have been officially named & spelled incorrectly at that time.

Ease list all sources of information used for your research: (maps, books, articles, periodicals, etc. for background history relating to proposed name) The book "Native American Wives of San Juan Settlers," Plat maps on San Juan Co. website, 1880 Census records, records of births & death certificates of the Reed family.

What type of support is there for the proposed name? 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:

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

Printed Name: Kendra L. Lamb
Signature: Kendra L. Lamb
Date: 4.18.22

Please mail completed form along with copies of any additional materials to:
WA State Board on Geographic Names
PO Box 47030
Mary Tacee Weldon Gustoff Reed (1846-1918)
First lady of Decatur Island
Mary Reed Cayou and husband, Henry
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