

ADDENDUM A

Application for Naming / Re-naming

Please follow the instructions below when submitting an application for naming a County-owned property.

1. Complete the application by providing detailed information about the proposed name. Please include supplemental information such as articles, letters of support, and signature list with the application.
2. Applications shall be directed to the Office of the County Administrator in order for the application to be considered.

Item or Area: Granite Bench

Proposed Name:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF PEGGY GRAY WILLIAMS
BY HER LOVING HUSBAND JOHNNY FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS...**

If proposing the name of an individual, please include a biographical description of nominee:

Peggy was married to her loving and devoted husband for 53 years, John Tankard “Johnny” Williams; and together they shared several children, John T. Williams, Jr. of Onancock, Margaret W. Hester (Frank) of Champlain, VA, Lori W. Tittermary (Eddie Landon) of Onancock, Mark Williams (Susan Rillo) of Onley, VA, and Clark Williams of Onancock. Peggy and Johnny have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

New Year’s Eve, 1967, marks the day she and Johnny would begin their love story, and on June 15, 1968 they were married. Together, they built a beautiful life based on Christian values, unconditional love, and mutual respect and admiration. The Eastern Shore welcomed Peggy with open arms, where she quickly became a beloved member of the community. She was a devoted member of Grace United Methodist Church and served as president of United Methodist Women. She worked as a preschool teacher at Miss Jean’s (Bellecroft Preschool), and in 1969 founded Williams-Parksley Funeral Home along with her husband. In 1973, Peggy became a licensed funeral director in the State of Virginia, proudly serving her community over the next 48 years.

Peggy was a member of the Soroptimist Club of Accomack County and the Woman’s Club of Accomack County. As the matriarch of the largest legacy family at the University of Mary Washington, Peggy served on several alumni reunion committees to include her 50th reunion, as well as the Parents Council.

Peggy and Johnny were longtime members of the Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club, where they enjoyed many meals with good friends, and family celebrations for many holidays and special occasions throughout the years; and were members of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Historical Society.

Describe the individual’s involvement and distinction in Accomack County:

The Williams family have been assisting Accomack and Northampton Counties with saying farewell, for the time being, to their loved ones as they return to their heavenly homes since a partnership that began in Painter in 1943.

They were joined by their son, John T. Williams in 1959 and then later by another son, Thomas W. Williams. The business flourished and in 1969, another location was added in Parksley, VA.

John T. Williams and his wife Peggy owned and operated Williams-Parksley Funeral Home. Then John T. Williams, Jr. (their son) joined the firm in 2000 and is now running Williams Funeral Homes, Inc.

Describe the individual's connection to the property, facility, street, or structure, if any:

If proposing a name that is not an individual, summarize the reason(s) for the name, including any and all connection with the geographical, cultural, historical or ecological features indigenous to the site or to the immediate vicinity of the site:

Date: July 6, 2023

Name of requester: Albert J. McMath, President, Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation

Address: PO Box 554, Accomac, VA 23301

Phone Number: 757-787-2500

Please provide any additional information with the application, e.g., newspaper articles, letters of recommendation, etc.

Direct questions to:

Accomack County Administrator
23296 Courthouse Rd.
Accomac, VA 23301
(757) 787-5700

Signature List (Optional)

APPLICATION FOR THE NAMING OR RE-NAMING OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES, INCLUDING STREETS, STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, LANDSCAPING FEATURES, FURNITURE, BUILDINGS, AND INTERIOR SPACES THEREOF

To: Accomack County Administrator
23296 Courthouse Rd.
Accomac, VA 23301

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby petition the County of Accomack, VA to approve the naming or re-naming of the County-owned property described as:

Legal Description: (Please print or type):

Eastern Shore Regional Library and Heritage Center

General Location or Street Address:

24313 Bennett Street, Parksley, VA 23421

Please Check Appropriate Application Category:

Naming or Re-naming of a County-Owned Street

Existing Name:

Proposed Name:

Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

County-Owned Property—Park or Library

Existing Name: Granite Bench

Proposed Name:

Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

Other County-Owned Property (other than park, library, or street)

Existing Name:

Proposed Name:

Proposed Re-name, if applicable:

