

Adopted name Baron Creek

Description a creek that rises about 2 miles northwest of the town of Delmar, Sussex County, Del., and flows westward just south of the town of Mardela Springs into Nanticoke River near lat. 38°28'10" N., long. 75°48'42" W., Wicomico County, Md. (Not Barren Creek nor Bowen Creek.)

Names

Authorities

Barren Creek

1794 - Map of Md., by Dennis Griffith (it has "Barren C. Mill" at present Mardela Springs)

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1826 - Tanner's map of Virginia.

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1840 - Map of Md., by Fielding Lucas, Jr.

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1849 - Coast Survey Topographic Survey T-266.

Bowen Creek

1863 - Coast Survey chart No. 34, Chesapeake Bay, Map of Oyster Grounds of Maryland, No. 3.

Barren Creek

1865 - Map of Maryland, by S. J. Martenet. (has "Barren Creek Springs P.O." at present Mardela Springs)

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1901 - U.S.G.S., Salisbury quad., repr. 1934.

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1903 - U.S.G.S., Nanticoke quad., repr. 1922.

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1904 - Gaz. of Md., by Gannett, U.S.G.S., Bull. 231, p. 13.

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1905 - Map of Wicomico Co., by Maryland Geol. Survey.

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1913 - U.S.G.S., map of Md. and Del., repr. 1940. (over)

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1921 - Rural Route map of Wicomico Co.

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1921 - Soil map of Wicomico Co., by Md. Geol. Surv. and
U. S. Bur. Soils.

Local usage

Barren Creek

C. & G. S. field party consulted 11 local authorities
in all who verify this name as in wide use for at least
50 years.

Comment from 1942 field party's report on names: This creek is widely accepted, both by local and published sources, as "Barren Creek", but the sign printed in bold letters in the concrete of the bridge over the creek at Mardela Springs reads "Baron Creek-1909". Originally, this creek was known as "Baron Creek", having been named after an English baron of unknown identity who once settled there. However, about 50 years ago the post office department named the post office at the town now known as Mardela Springs "Barren Creek Springs". Since that time this spelling has been applied to the creek, although the name of the post office has been changed to "Mardela Springs".

(U.S.C. & G.S., 11/6/42)