Feature Details

Appendix A.

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Class:	Stream	
Location:	Windham County	- Vermont
Citation:	Source Type:	Мар
	Reference:	US
	Originator:	U.S. Geological Survey
	Publication Date:	December 31, 1981
	Map Name:	
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*Elevations from the National Elevation Dataset

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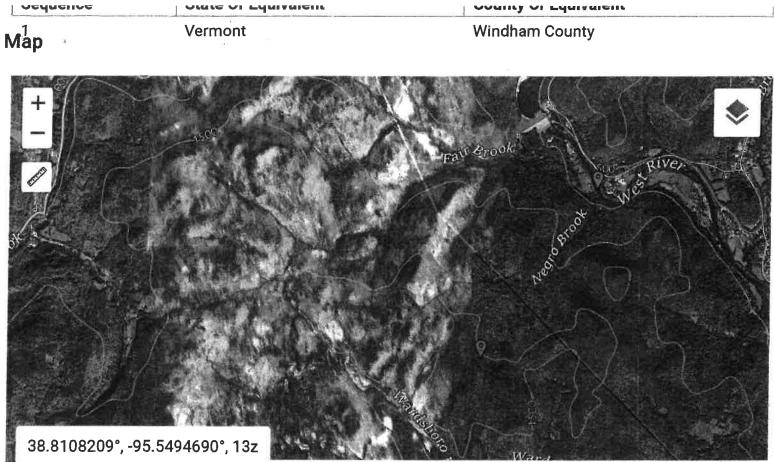
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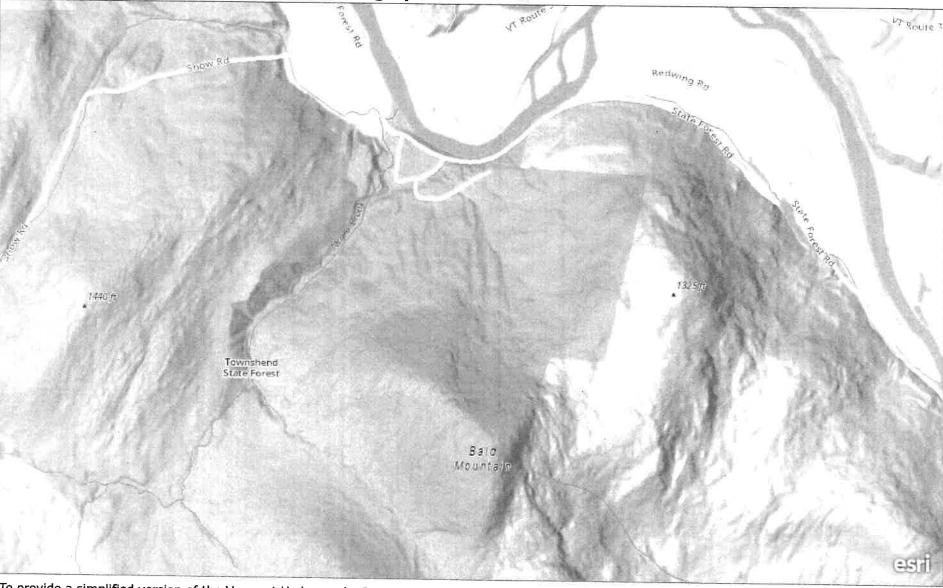
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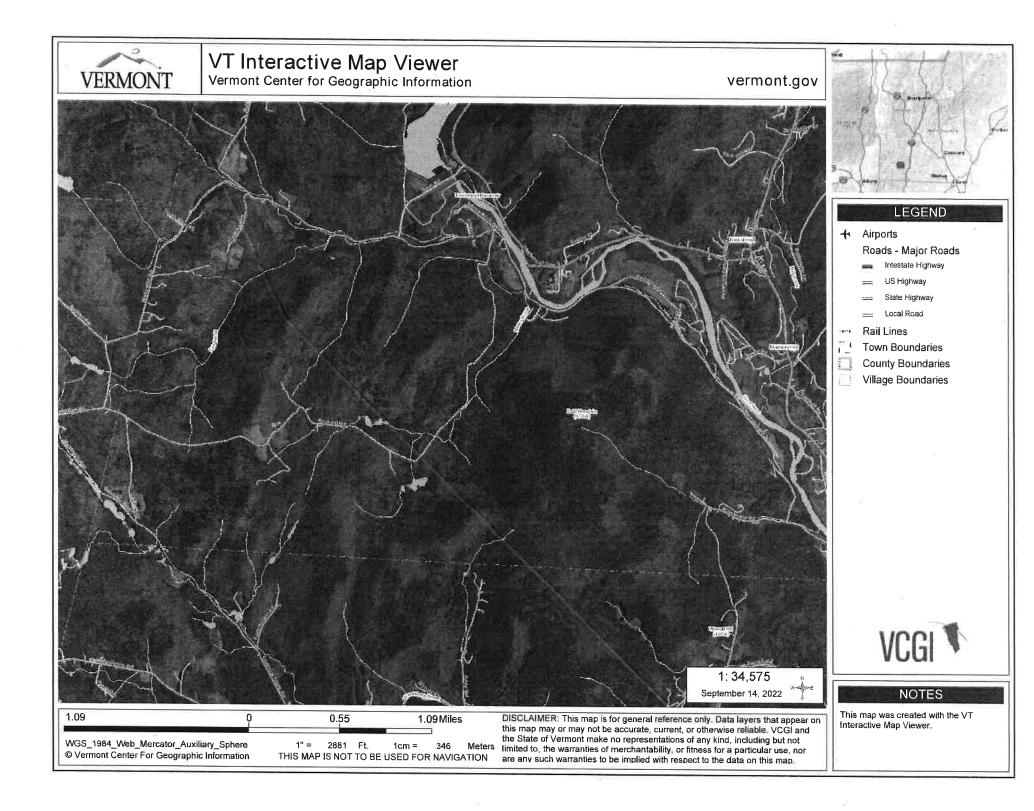
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To provide a simplified version of the Vermont Hydrography Dataset (VHD) for cartographic purposes that includes "perenniality" and Strahler stream order attribution. For full metadata on Local resolution NHD data follow this link - http://nhdgeo.usgs.gov/metadata/nhd_local.htm.

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Appendix B. Rationale for Renaming

In the United States, the word 'negro' was used to count free slaves in the census. And in its earlier days, no name would be associated with the count of a "negro" household. To change the name of Negro Brook to an impactful local Black family from the early years of our country, is to acknowledge that every "negro" in Vermont has a name; and, that that identity matters.

Furthermore, because of this history, and its related etymology to the slave trade, it is at times considered antiquated and offensive to many folks of color. This is not reflective of our evolving socio-cultural usage.



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Appendix C. Description of Historical documentation

We wish to honor both Susannah (1750-1854) and James Huzzy (1734-1822), Black Americans who lived in the Townshend area (including Acton, which became part of Townshend in 1841) in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. There is no complete historical record of the lives of these two individuals, as is the case for many living during this time-period, but especially those of Black Americans. However, we do have historical documentation of significant events in their lives.

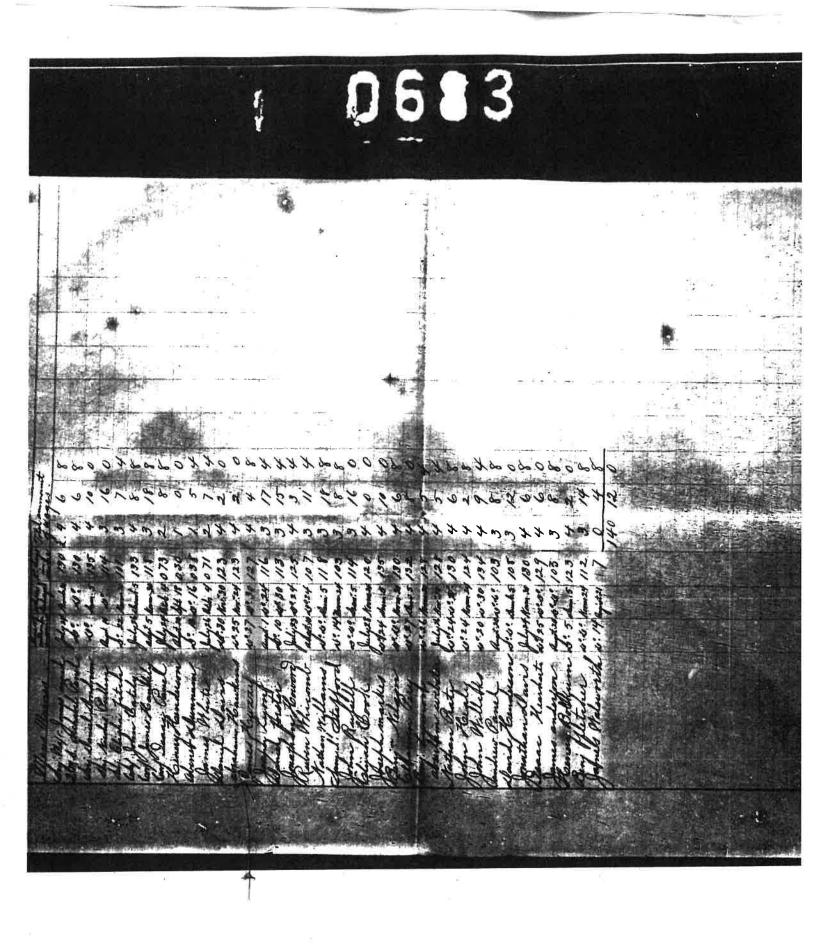
James had enlisted as a soldier in 1775. Through the U.S. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900, we have record of a warrant filed regarding James' service during this time. James Huzzey testified in Townshend that he enlisted in the spring of 1775 in and served until 1783 when he was honorably discharged. Susannah noted that they were married in 1776, in Upton, MA., after James had served in Lexington and was at Bunker Hill in 1775.

We also have documentation of James' service in Vermont, in which he is documented as serving for 127 days (See Appendix D). For the 1810 federal

census, the Huzzy family of eight was recorded in Townshend, VT (See Appendix E.) In 1818, James applied for a pension, in Townshend, and began receiving the pension the next year. By 1820, their Townshend household contained 5 people. [The federal census recorded only head of household names until 1850.] James died March 11, 1822

We have additional records of Susannah receiving James' pension after his death (see Appendix F.) and additional documentation of key dates, taken under oath, regarding various aspects of the couple's lives. While James and Susannah were not the only Black Americans residing in this area during this time- period (the 1810 census recorded 15 Black individuals in Townshend), they are representative of individuals whose lives suggest hard work, service, and perseverance, as well as the challenges reflective of this period in American history.

Susannah lived to the age of 104, a remarkable testimony to what we might call today "grit." Susannah is documented in the Townshend land records as being a landowner, being sold "a certain piece or parcel of land …being in Townshend" by Eben Brigham, recorded on September 27th, 1826. This is remarkable as this is not typical of the time for a Black woman to be a property owner in Vermont. Appendix D. A payroll of Captain Levi Goodenough's Company of Rangers in Col. Samuel Herrick's Reg. and raised in the State of Vermont (1778)



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Appendix E. Vermont, Windham County. 1810 Federal Census

Appendix F. U.S., Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1801-1815, 1818-1872 for James Huzzy

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