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To Whom It May Concern:

The Washington County Historical Association enthusiastically endorses naming the unnamed creek Carter Valley Creek.

Three Carter brothers, Thomas Marion, Jacob, and Alexander, were the first settlers on this land in 1855. By 1866, fourteen Carter families, all from Ohio, settled in Carter Valley. They were all hard-working, energetic pioneers with large families.

Thomas Marion built the first log school on the unnamed creek in 1866. The school served as the stagecoach stop for passengers and for mail.

In 1869, John Insley Blair, the railroad entrepreneur from New Jersey, bought out the Carters and established his town, Blair. At first, the Carters were reluctant to sell, but they realized the railroad would expand the territory to the benefit of all.

The Carter family had a significant impact on the City of Blair. It would be most appropriate to honor the family with the Carter Valley Creek.

Sincerely,

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