

CALIFORNIA

Change Regina Heights to Rogina Heights: populated place (unincorporated); located 1.8 mi. E of Ukiah, 1.5 mi. SW of Vichy Springs; named for the Rogina family, who owned property in the area in the 1900s; Yokaya Land Grant; Mendocino County, California; 39°08'54"N, 123°10'25"W; USGS map – Ukiah 1:24,000; Not: Regina Heights.

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Proposal: change name to recognize family name

Map: USGS Ukiah 1:24,000

Proponent: Joseph Rogina; Ukiah, CA

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Regina Heights (FID 1659497)

Local Usage: Regina Heights (real estate websites)

Published: Regina Heights (USGS 1958, 2012, 2015; Zillow website, 2017); Rogina Heights (California Department of Industrial Relations, 2017; Ukiah *Daily Journal*, 2003; Zillow website, 2017)

Case Summary: This proposal is to change the name of Regina Heights, an unincorporated populated place east of Ukiah in Mendocino County, to Rogina Heights. According to the proponent, the area that is now Regina Heights was owned by the Rogina family, who still own and operate a water company that supplies the areas east of Ukiah.

In 2010 and 2012, changes were made to the Wikipedia page for Regina Heights, changing the spelling to “Rogina.” A user commented “I changed ‘Regina’ to ‘Rogina’ because ‘Rogina’ is the last name of the man who developed the community in which I lived from 1974 to 1983. I personally knew the developer’s sons, Bob and Dan Rogina.”

A search of online genealogical records lists a number of individuals with the surname Rogina born in Mendocino County. Frank Rogina (1909-1971) and his wife Estelle (1909-1970) are buried in Ukiah Cemetery.

Many real estate and rental websites have listings for both Regina Heights and Rogina Heights, although the majority of properties are listed under Regina Heights. The county highway does not label the community.

A query of GNIS found no features in California with names including “Rogina.”