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CASE BRIEF (Domestic)

**Innerarity Point**: cape; approx. 6 acres; at the end of a peninsula jutting into Perdido Bay N of Ono Island; named for John Innerarity (1783-1854), Scottish-born merchant and longtime Pensacola resident who in 1815 was granted land that includes the cape; Sec 15, T3S, R32W, Tallahassee Meridian; Escambia County, Alaska; 30°18'53"N, 87°29'57"W; USGS map – Perdido Bay 1:24,000.

[https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesrimap?p\\_lat=30.3146453&p\\_longi=-87.4991469&fid=284547](https://geonames.usgs.gov/apex/gazvector.getesrimap?p_lat=30.3146453&p_longi=-87.4991469&fid=284547)

Proposal: change name to recognize local use

Map: USGS map – Perdido Bay 1:24,000

Proponent: Tara Wallace; Silver Spring, MD

Administrative area: None

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: Inerarity Point (FID 284547)

Local Usage: Innerarity Point (proponent, local sources)

Published: Inerarity Point (USGS 1941, 1943, 1970, 1994, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2021; NOAA/OCS since 1897; USACE 1921, 1944; AMS 1957, 1959, 1960)

Case Summary: This proposal is to correct the spelling of Inerarity Point, a cape along the Perdido River in Escambia County, to Innerarity Point. The proposal was submitted by the BGN member representing the Department of Commerce/National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration after receiving an inquiry from a local resident.

The cape is named for John Innerarity (1783-1854), a Scottish-born merchant who came to Pensacola in 1802. In 1815, he was granted land that includes the cape by the Spanish Government. GNIS records the grant as Juan Inerarity Grant [*sic*], citing a county map that could not be found at the time of this research. It is possible the name was recorded under the “Juan” due to the documents being in Spanish. John Innerarity is buried in Saint Michael's Cemetery in Pensacola.

USGS maps have shown the cape as Inerarity Point since 1941, and it was labeled as such on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maps as early as 1921 and on NOAA/Office of Coast Survey charts since at least 1897. A National Geodetic Survey marker near the cape is named “INERARITY WEST 2 1911” and includes a reference to “Inerarity Peninsula”.

All instances of the name in local sources spell it “Innerarity.” The island, of which the cape is the western point, is locally known as “Innerarity Island” (not in GNIS), the main road is Innerarity Point Road, and a local park is Innerarity Point Park. Several neighborhoods east of the cape are named Innerarity.

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