

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Historical Society has requested the Bushmans Cave and Creek be restored to the historically correct name of Bushnell Cave and Creek advising Eusebius Bushnell, a Revolutionary War captain, was an aggressive purchaser of North Carolina land grants in the late 1770's and at one time controlled over 10,000 acres in what is today the northern and eastern sections of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, proximate to the Bushnell holdings was a cave from which flowed a "remarkable large cave spring" feeding a stream that joined the East Fork upstream from today's Walter Hill community. According to early land records and 19th century maps, the cave was named for Bushnell and the stream was named Bushnell Creek; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Union cartographers during the Civil War may have mistakenly identified this East Fork tributary as "Bushmans Creek". This misnomer appears on the 1878 Beers map and now appears on numerous area maps, although the Bushnell name remains in State records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to restore the historically correct name of Bushnell Cave and Creek on the official County map and to replace the bridge signs on Compton Road and Lascassas Pike allowing the Rutherford County Highway Department in consultation with the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the County Mayor to determine the installation and source of funds for the replacement of the bridge signs.

RESOLVED this 15th day of May, 2014.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE

ATTEST:

BY: _____
ERNEST G. BURGESS, Chairman

LISA DUKE CROWELL, County Clerk