How did Mount Erie get its name?

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Wilkes Expedition

The United States dispatched an ambitious mission to uncharted oceans in 1838, six U.S. Navy vessels set out on a great voyage of exploration. Aboard were several hundred seamen and scientists under the command of Lt. Charles Wilkes.

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In 1841, Wilkes' detailed map of the Oregon Territory was published, and many names applied by other explorers were changed by Wilkes to reflect U.S. history.
Mount Erie, elevation 1,273 feet, located in the west central area of Fidalgo Island, was named by Wilkes for the Battle of Lake Erie, won by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the War of 1812.

Mount Erie is composed primarily of 167 million year old diorite, a hard igneous rock favored by rock climbers who climb the mountain’s south side cliffs.
Perry’s Island has returned to the Spanish derived name – Fidalgo – yet Mt. Erie has endured.
Mt. Erie Park. Gus Hensler donated 120 acres around the summit of Mt. Erie to the City on January 12, 1934. His will states the following:

"Said property to be deeded to the City of Anacortes for park purposes, it being my wish that same be a haven of safety for birds and/or animal."
On March 30, 1951, the Kiwanis Club, by way of Charles Pinson, deeded the City the 40 acre summit of Mt. Erie. "The property herein conveyed shall be used for public park purposes only, and any other use by the Grantee shall render this instrument void and cause title to revert to the Grantor, his successors and assigns. The Grantor hereby reserves the right to place, upon a prominent part of the property herein conveyed, a suitable plaque to inform the public that the land was donated by the Anacortes Kiwanis Club."
On November 26, 1952, F.E. and Eva Foss donated 80 acres located adjacent to the Hensler/Kiwanis donation on Mt. Erie for $1.00.
Mountain Guardian, by artist Phillip McCracken, was installed atop Mt. Erie in 1966.