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DEFINITIONS

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1. It has come to the notice of the UK that there has been a mis-use of the word "eponym", particularly in referring to names in the North and South Polar Regions. The definitions are, therefore, proposed for adoption:

Eponym: A surname employed in a geographical name

Eponymous name: A geographical name which embodies a surname, hence the expression eponymous naming of geographical features.

2. The term ODONYM is used in some countries. The proposed definition is:

Odonym: A name for a street or a road.