

Paterson, a town on the north bank of the Columbia river in
Benton county. It was named for Henry Paterson, a pioneer settler.

(Postmaster at Paterson in names MSS letter 356.)

Patit creek, a tributary of the Touchet river in the central part of Columbia County. Some maps show it as Palat Creek. The railroad surveyors called Pa-at-te-tah (Map of Pacific Railroad Repots Vol XII book 1) It is from the Nez Perce Pat-tit-ta meaning bark creek. (F.T. Gilbert in Historic Sketches of Walla Walla, Whitman and Garfield counties, page 389)Meany.

Patterson Lake, s amall body of water west of Winthrop in
Okanogan county. It was named after the first settler there,
Sam Patterson (Guy Waring, Winthrop in names MSS letter 291) (Meany)

Pat-to, said to be an Indian name for Mount Adams. (Meany)

Paxton, a railroad station in the east central part of Adams
county. H.R. Williams, vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St.
Paul Railway company says, " It was a chance selection (It names MSS letter
589) (Meany)

Peach, a town on the Columbia river in the northern part of Lincoln county. It was named ofor its fine fruit and peach orchards(Postmaster at Peach in names MSS letter 159)Meany.

Pend Oreille, a county in the northeastern corner of the state which was created by the legislature on March 1, 1911. A creek and lake bear the same name. The name originated with the French employes of the Northwest and Hudson's Bay company who gave it to Indians who had ornaments hanging on pendant from the ears. A flippant translation in some journals was "Ear Dobs." (Meany)

Penrith , a town in the southeastern part of Pend Oreille county.
It was named by the Great Northern Railway company (J.B. Torbet in
names MSS letter 174(Meany)

Peone, a creek, prairie and town northeast of Spokane. The name came from Chief Peone of the Peone Indians (Postmaster at Mead in names MSS letter 170)(Meany)

Periwee falls in pend Oreille county near the Canadian boundary.

It was named in 1895 by a French Canadian who was hunting and prospecting in that region (E.O. Dressel in names MSS Letter 51 (Meany)

Perry, a postoffice in the northwestern corner of Columbia County,
established in August, 1881. Daniel Lyons was then postmaster. Illustrated
history of Southeastern Washington, Page 379(Meany*

Philleo Lake, west of Spangle in S_nokane county. It was named by
T.A.E. Philleo, who owned the land about it. (M.H. Sullivan of Spangle
in names "SS Letter 153(Meany)

Pierce county, created by the Oregon Territorial Legislature on December 22, 1852, before congress had created Washington Territory. The name was in honor of Franklin Pierce, who was at that time president elect of the United States. (Meany)

Pine City, a town in the northern part of Whitman county. Vice president
H.R. Williams of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company
says it was a name in local use when the railroad was built (Names
M SS letter 589) (Meany)

Ping, a town in the northern part of Garfield county. It was named for Robert and Frank Ping who had settled in that vicinity in early days
(Illustrated history of Washington, page 49)(Meany)

Pingston creek, a tributary of the Columbia river in the north central part of Stevens county. It was named for Captain Alfred G. Pingston, who was captain on the Steamer 49 running between Marcus and Death Rapids, B.C. on the Columbia River in 1865. He was shot and killed by accident at the Little Dalles on the Columbia River some 20 miles north of Marcus in 1870. He had settled on the creek and planted an ot hard which has survived for more than half a century (Richard Nagle in Names MSS letter 129) (Meany)

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Plain, a postoffice in the central part of Chelan County. The name was suggested by C.F. Rupel and the office was opened for business on November 14, 1913. (C.F. Rupel in Name; MSS Letter 370; Meany.