

Chemakane-See Chamokane Creek.

Cheney-A city in Spokane county. As the railroad surveys passed that way the place became known as Depot Springs. The early settlers wanted an academy or school. They renamed the place in honor of Benjamin P. Cheney of Boston, one of the originators of the Northern Pacific Railroad and frankly told him of their educational ambitions. Correspondence led to his giving the sum of \$10,000. An academy was begun. When the Territory attained statehood that academy evolved into one of the first State Normal Schools. (Meany)

Cheviot-In Kittitas county. The engineers of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul Railway company imported for new stations the names of old cities in the east or in foreign lands. A vice president of the company says that Cheviot was a "chance selection." (H.R. Williams in Names MSS Letter 589) Meany.

Chester-A town in Spokane county. Old settlers say that the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company named the place but they do not know when or for whom. (W.H. Berkley in Names MSS Letter 470) M eany.

Chewack Creek-See Methow River.

Chewelah-A town at the mouth of Chewelah Creek, a tributary of the Colville River in Stevens County. Rev. Myron Eells says Cha-We-Lah means a small striped snake and "was applied to that place either because the snake abounded there or because of the serpentine appearance of the stream." (American Anthropologist January 1892) There is an Indian legend to the effect that an old Indian chief saw a snake reaching from east to west, from mountain to mountain and they called the place Chewelah. In the sixties a military post was placed there and the old Indian name was accepted. (J.W. Patterson in Names MSS Letter 259) The creek has also received the same name on recent maps. Capt. George B. McClellan of the railroad surveying

expedition , 1853, camped on the stream and called it
Kitsemawhep. (Pacific Railroad Reports Vol I Page 386) Governor
stevens of the same expedition says the Indians on the Colville trail
were Skecheramouse, a band of the Spokane. A form of the same
word appears on the United States Land Office map of Washington, 1897,
as "Chiel charle Mous Creek" for what we now know as Chewelah creek Meany.

Chewiliken Creek-^A tributary of the Okanogan River in Okanogan county. It was named in honor of Chief Chewilican of a tribe in thst vicinity. (T.S. Anglin in Names MSS Letter 263.) Meany.

Chiliwist Creek-^A tributary of the Okanogan River at Oléma. It was named in honor of Indian Charley Chilwist who formerly lived at the mouth of the creek(E. Holzhauser, Oléma, in Names MSS Letter 298) Meany.

Chimikaine-See Chamakane.

China Creek-^A tributary of the Columbia River at Evans in Stevens county. It was named in 1903 from the fact that Chinamen were using the water for placer mining. (W.O. Lee, Evans, in Names MSS) Meany.

Chinook--The name was used for a group of Indian tribes occupying the lower banks of the Columbia river. The word is said to come from Tsinuk, the Chehalis Indian name for the Chinook Indians. The Chinook Jargon or trade language was begun from the ~~1600~~ brief vocabulary recorded at Nootka by Captain James Cook in 1778. The headquarters of the fur trade was removed to the Columbia river after the founding of Astoria in 1811. Many Chinook Indian words were added and in that way it became known as the Chinook Jargon instead of the Nootka Jargon. The word becoming familiar was frequently used for geographic names, some of which have persisted.

Clark Fork River-In Pend Oreille county was shown as Saleesh river on the map of David Thompson in 1811 of the Northwest Company of Montreal. It was called Clark's river by the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1805-1806 and is now mapped as a considerable tributary of the Columbia River under the name of Clark Fork River. (Meany)

Clarke-A town in Lincoln county. It was named by the postoffice department about 1890 in honor of a prominent mining engineer of those days by the name of Clarke. He was also a pioneer of Lincoln county (C. Miller in Names MSS Letter 268) Meany.

Clarke County-Oldest county in the state of Washington. It was named in honor of Captain Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1805-1806 . The addition of the letter e to the name has given rise to much inquiry and discussion. The blunder is one of ignorance but it probably now too deeply imbedded in law, literature and custom to be corrected.

ON Sept. 3, 1849, the Oregon Territorial Legislature passed a law which briefly enacted "That the name of the county of Vancouver *be* and hereby is changed to Clark. In the law as printed the name is in italics and is without the final E. Washington Territory was created by act of Congress dated March 2, 1853. The Oregon

territorial Legislature on January 3, 1854 passed an act to release Clark county from the payment of certain taxes due to the Territory of Oregon. This legal farewell used the name without the final e. The new territory of Washington began the blunder at once. No law was passed changing the name, but the journals of the first legislative session, 1854, always referred to Clarke county.

Clarke Lake--A small lake near Bissell in Stevens county. It was
named in honor of James Clarke, who in 1888 had it surveyed. (postmaster
Bissell in Names MSS Letter 105) Meany

Clarkston, a town in Asotin county on the opposite bank of the Snake river from Leiston, Idaho. It is named in honor of Captain William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1803 1806. It is a fine honor for the two leaders of that great expedition to have their names thus borne by thriving cities connected by an interstate bridge. Clarkston was begun with the name of Concord as some of the promoters of the irrigation plans had their homes in Concord, Mass. By petition of the citizens the name was changed to Clarkston on January 1, 1900. (Meany)

Cle Elum-A town in Kittitas county. The United States Postal Guide Geographic Board and Land office maps give the name in two words. Many other maps however show the name as Clealum. The lake and river of the same name have been called Kleallum Lake and Samahma river. (Pacific Railroad Reports Vol 1 pages 219 1859 shows Kleattam Lake (United States Public Documents Serial No. 1026. The several forms of the Indian word are said to mean swift water.

Clear Lake-South of Medical Lake in Spokane county. It was named
by W.F. Bassett on account of the great clearness of ~~the~~ its water.
(H.S. Bassett, Harrington, Lincoln County in Names MSS Letter 327)
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