Mason County, organized by act lof legislature dated March 13, 1854 under the Indian name of Sawamish county. On January 3, 1864, the name was changed to honor Charles H. Mason, first secretary of the Territory of Washington who had died in 1859 after gallant and efficient services as secretary and acting governor during the Indian wars. He had graduated from Brown University in 1850.(H.H. Bancroft: Works Vol XXXI Pages 77-2010 and 211.) Meany)

Maud, a town in the western part of Stevens County, named for Miss Maud Morgan, daughter of S.C. Morgan, a pioneer of 1885 (Postmaster at Gifford in Names MSS Letter 106) Meany)

Mayview, a postoffice in the northeastern part of Garfield County.
It was named in 1880 by Henry Victor. The first postmistress
was Mrs. W.L. Cox. In 1885 the postoffice was moved to the residence of
L.H. Bradshaw, but the name was not changed.(Chester Victor in Names
MSS Letter 588 and History of Southeastern Washington page 548) (Meany)

Mazama, a town in the western part of Okanogan county. The
place was occupied (placed sic) placed was called "Goat Creek" When
the postoffice was secured in 1899 , they chose what they thought was
the Greek word for mountain goat. They later thought that was
not the meaning of the word.(Mrs. M. Steward in Names MSS Letter 314) They
looked in the wrong dictionary. The word is Spanish, not Greek and the
meaning is "mountain goat." (Meany)

Mead, a town in the central part of Spokane county, named by James Berridge in honor of General George Gordon Meade of the Union Army in the Civil War (Postmaster in Names MSS Letter 170 (Meany)

Meadow Creek, a town on a small stream of the same name at Keechelus Lake in west Central Kittitas county. At the summit of the Cascades there is a meadow with two lakes. One is drained by this creek to the eastward and the other is drained to the westward. Thus arose the name.(Mrs. Jennie Whittington McKinney, in Names MSS Letter 379)The source of the creeks is called Meadow Pass. (Meany)

Meadow Lake, a village in the west central part of Spokane county named by the Washington Water Power Company when its electric line was established about 1806 (C. Selvidge of Four Lakes in Names MSS Letter 168 (Meany)

Meagherville, a village in west central Kittitas county named for
T.F. Meagher about 1890 (E.J. Powers of Liberty in Names MSS Letter 295)
(Meany)

Medical Lake, a town and a lake of the same name in the west central part of Spokane county. Andrew Lefevre is counted the first settler, one authority giving the date as 1859 (History of Spokane County page 268) and another as 1872 (Rev. HLK. Hines History of Washington Page 342.(The last above named authority on page 401 gives a sketch of Stanley Hallett saying that he settled there in 1877 and gave the name to the town. It is claimed that the waters of the lake were believed by the Indians to be a cure for rheumatism (Postmaster in Names MSS Letter 248 (Meany)

Megler, a town on the north bank of the Columbia River in Pacific
county named for the pioneer legislator, Joseph G. Megler who
maintained a fish cannery at Brookfield. Mr. Megler died on
September 10, 1915 (Postmaster atMcGowan in Names MSS Letter 55 (Meany)

Memaloose Ialands , interesting islands in the Columbia river near The
Dalles. Lewis and Clark called one of them "Sepulchre Island," on
which they counted thirteen burial huts some of them more than half
filled with dead bodies. (O.D. Wheeler:The Trail of Lewis and Clark, Vol.
II Page164) Vic Trevett, a pioneer river man was buried there at his own
death-bed request. His monument is a conspicious landmark for those
traawveling on or near the river.The Indian word Medd Memaloose means dead.
(Meany)

Mentor, a former town three miles from Pataha in Garfield county.
It was at one time a candidate for the county seat. Known first as Rafferty&s
Ranch the town was later named Belfast and in 1881 the name was
changed to Mentor in honor of President Garfield's home town in Ohio.
(History of Southeastern Washington, Pages 504-505 and 549 (Meany)

Mesa, a town on the Northern Pacific Railway in the central part of
Franklin county. The word in Spanish means "Table-land."   (Meany)

Metaline Falls, a town on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in the south central part of Pend Oreille County. The original town was across the Pend Oreille River and was named by miners in the golden days of 1849 because they thought the entire district was covered with minerals. The noise of the falls in the river can be heard in the town which is some distance south of the falls.(E.O. Dressel in Names MSS Letter 51)Meany.)

Methow, the name of a town in Okanogan county, of a river flowing through that county into the Columbia and of rapids in the latter river below the mouth of Methow river. The tribe of Indians known as Methow formerly living on lands between that river and Lake Chelan now has some survivors on the Colville Reservation. (Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of American Indians, Vol I, Page 850) The Wilkes Expedition 1841 gave the name Barrier River (Hydrography Vol XXIII Atlas Chart 67) But Alexander Ross says the Indian name for the river was Buttle-mule - emauch" (Oregon Settlers Page 150) As early as July 6, 1811 David Thompson wrote the name Smeeteowe" for the tribe he met there. (Oregon Historical Society Quarterly Vol XV Page 51) In 1853 George Gibbs called the stream Methow or Barrier River (Pacific Railway

ports, Vol I,412. The name as now used has passed through many

ms of spelling. (Meany)

Meyers Falls, a town on the Great Northern Railway in the west
central part of Stevens county. It was named for Louther Walder
Meyers, the pioneer who took possession in June, 1866 having leased the
Hudson's Bay Company mill property. The name was applied to the vicinity
about 1880 and to the townsite in 1890. David Thompson in 1811 called
it Root Rivulet on account of the camas root lands at the head of the
river. Later the name was Falls on Mill Creek or Hudson's Bay Mills. The
Wilkes Expedition, 1841, called it Mill River. Mr. Meyers died in 1909
(Seattle Post Intelligencer, March 31, 1909) His family still live in
the old home at Meyers Falls ((Jacob A. Meyers in Names MSS Letter 86)
(Meany)

Middle Oregon, a name used by the Wilkes Expedition in 1841
for the Okano an country.(U.S. Exploring Expedition Narrative
Vol IV page 433. (Meany)

Midvale, a station in the southeastern part of Yakima county named by
the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation officials (Postmaster
at Sunnyside in Names MSS Lette 402)(Meany)

Midway, a town in the north central part of Lincoln county named in honor of General Nelson A. Miles who located Fort Spokane at the junction of the Spokane and Columbia Rivers (A.E. Lewis in Names MSS Letter 237)(Meany)