

Ahtanum-A river and an old Indian mission in Yakima County.

Means "the creek by the long mountain. Theodore Winthrop in 1853 spelled the word Ahtinam. The early records speak of the priests and their successful mission on the banks of the Ahtanum.

Ainsworth-¹own east of Pasco in Franklin County. It was named in honor of J.C. Ainsworth, a prominent railroad man of the west.

Aeneas-¹town and creek in Okanogan county. The name came from Chief Aeneas who was at one time a government guide. He died about 1913, reputed to be more than one hundred years of age. (Charles Clark in Names MSS Letter 288) Meany.

Albion-Town in Whitman county. The former name Guy was changed in March, 1901 at the instance of an English miller by the name of Thomas to honor the early discoveries in the Northwest by the British who called the region Nova Albion. (Thomas M. Farnsworth, names MSS letter 438) Meany

Alder Creek-There are three creeks by this name in Washington. One is in Stevens county(see also Powwow creek) flowing into the Columbia at Fruitland; another is in Klickitat county, flowing into the Columbia at Alderdale and another has its rise near Mount Baker and flows into the Skagit River. Meany.

Alderdale station and village in Klickitat county. William Warner, Robert Warner and Mrs M.L. Warner, constituting the Western Investment Company platted the townsite and named it Alderdale because it is near the mouth of Alder Creek (Names MSS letter 555) Meany.

Alfalpa-Town in Yakima County. The name was given because of the quantities of alfalfa hay shipped from the station. (Names MSS Letter 353) Meany.

Allard-Town in Benton County, named in honor of Samuel Allard.

(Alice Dumert in Names MSS Letter 259.)

Almota-A town and three creeks in Whitman County. The creeks are West Almota, Little Almota and Almota. Rev. Myron Eells is authority for the statement that the name is a corruption of the Nez Perce word Allamotin, meaning torch-light fishery. Lewis and Clark camped there on October 11, 1805 and mention the Indian houses which John Work of the Hudson's Bay Company found and described in his journal of 1825. Me2000 Meany.

Alpowa-A creek and town in Garfield county. Originally a town was started under the name of Alpowa City where Silcott, Asotin County is now located. The word Alpowa is from the Nez Perce language and means a spring forming a creek although Thomas Beal, an old pioneer says it came from missionary experiences and meant that on Sundays they should go to church. The Nez Perce formerly had a village at the mouth of the creek where it flows into the Snake River. The name has also been spelled Alpahwah and Elpawawe. (Fred W. Unfried in Names MSS Letter 322) Meany

Alto-A town in Columbia county, eleven or twelve miles northeast of Dayton. The railroad engineer gave the name because it was the summit of the divide between Whetstone Hollow and Tucanon. (Meany)

Amber, in S^{po}kane County. The place was originally called Calvert after an old settler by that name. The name was changed to Amber to conform to the name of a postoffice already established on the homestead of Mr. Costello. (L.C. Gilman in Names MSS Letters 590)

Amelia-Formerly a postoffice in Mason county, named in honor of
Amelia Edmonds, the postmistress. (Names MSS Letter 234)

Anatone--A town in Asotin county. What is now known as Ten Mile Creek was known to the Indians as Anatone. It is claimed that it was so called for a noted Indian woman who lived near the present site of Anatone. (J.C. Packwood in Names MSS Letter 381)

Anglin-Town in Okanogan County. Named in honor of T.S. Anglin who
was appointed postmaster on October 28, 1902(T.S. Anglin in
Names MSS Letter 263) Meany.

Aputaput-Falls in the Palouse River not far from its mouth.
See Palous Falls. The Narrative of the Wilkes Expedition Vol
IV Page 466 says. The falls upon the river are of some note and are
called Aputaput; and they will hereafter be an object of
interest to the travelers in the country." There is also given in
the same record an Indian legend of Aputaput

Arrowsmith-Postoffice in Grant County. The place was named
in February 1908 Mitchell by Jackson Robinson to honor his mother's
maiden name. Since then another postoffice was granted for the same
vicinity and was named for George Arrowsmith(F.C. Koppen in Names MSS
Letter 110) Meany.

Artesian-A town in Yakima County. It was named by J.H. Gans about 1906 from the numerous artesian wells in the district(Marian McShane in Names MSS Letter 347.(Meany.

Asotin-A county, a town and a creek in the southeastern corner of the state. The name is from the Nez Perce language and means eel creek from the abundance of eels caught there. The town at the mouth of the creek where it flows into Snake River took the name in 1878 as did the county when it was organized under the law of October 27, 1883 (Meany)

Attalia-A Town in Walla Walla county. It was named by Mrs. V.K. Loose of Seattle. While touring Italy she visited a little hamlet whose name appealed to her so strongly that her husband adopted it for his irrigation and townsite projects in 1906.(R.C. Julian in Names MSS Letter 341) Meany.