

Wheeler, a town in the central part of Grant county got its name
from an older town four miles southeast of the present town. A.M.

Wesjuld in Names ^WSS Letter 509(Meany)

Whiskey Creek, a tributary of the Touchet river at Huntsville, Columbia county. The origin of the name may be inferred from the following "At the crossing of Whiskey Creek lived William Bunter and with him were George Ives and Clubfoot George engaged in trading whiskey for Indian cayuses. These three sold out and went to Montana in the early sixties where they were shortly after hung by the vigilantes. (Illustrated History of Southeastern Washington page 284 (Meany))

Whitcomb, a town in the southwestern part of Benton county was formerly
known as ~~Luzon~~.Luzon. The change of name was suggested by James A.
Moore and G. Henry Whitcomb owners of land at that point.(L.C. Gilman
in names _m SS Letter 590(Meany)

White Bluffs, a town in the northeastern part of Benton county, was named for the ~~cond~~ conspicuous bluffs nearby. ^An old building of logs and driftwood is still ~~standin~~ standing in which the Hudson's Bay Company conducted a trading post in the early sixties. E.J. O'Larry in Names MSS Letter 215. (Meany)

Wilder creek, in the central part of Okanogan county was named
for H.A. Wilder who had a prospect there in 1890-1892 (C.H.
Lovejoy to Frank Putnam of Tonasket in Names MSS Letter 345 (Meany))

Wiley, a town in the central part of Yakima county was named by
Wallace Wiley on July 6, 1910, in honor of his father, Hugh Wiley

the pioneer on part of whose homestead the town is located.

(John H. Lynch of Yakima in Names MSS letter 302(Meany))

"Winesap a town in the east central part of C^helan county. Mr. W.J. Taylor and the Wenatchee C^ommercial club secured a postoffice for the place in 1909. Mrs. Elizabeth Cole was the first postmistress. C^oles View was objected to as a name because it comprised two words. A list of names was submitted and the United States Post~~m~~office Department selected Winesap (W.J. Taylor in Names MSS Letter 376) (Meany)

Winthrop, a village in the west central part of Okanogan county was named by the late Senator John L. Wilson in 1890 when he was a representative in congress . In 1891 .Guy Waring took the little postoffice into his log cabin and often asked Mr. Wilson why he chose the name. He could not remember but thought it was probably in honor of Theodore Winthrop which is now believed to be the case in that locality(Guy Waring in Names MSS letter 291(Meany))

Wishram, an Indian village above The Dalles on the Columbia River, was said by the Wilkes Expedition, 1841 to have been named for a chief long since dead. Narrative Vol IV, Page 388. The name is often mentioned by Washington Irving in Astoria. James Mooney for the Bureau of Ethnology says the name is for a tribe of Chinookan Indians and the name in another language is Tlaqluit and both ~~were~~ words refer to a species of louse or flea abounding in the neighborhood.

*Fourteenth Annual Report Part II Page 740 (Meany)

Wrights, a railroad station in the southwestern part of Klickitat county, was named for I.C. Wright, owner of land and a resident of that place (L.C. Gilman in Names MSS Letter 590(Meany))