

Rockwell, a town in the northeastern part of Adams county named for the character of the county and on account of a well drilled in the rock there. (L.C. Gilman in names _mSS letter 590)(Meany)

Rodna, a station in the ~~1000~~ southwestern part of Spokane county originally named Ray in honor of E.W. Ray assistant engineer on location and construction for the Spokane Portland & Seattle Railway company. The name was changed to avoid confusion with Ray on the Northern Pacific Railway (L.C. Gilman in names MSS letter 590(Meany))

Rogersburg, a town at the junction of the Grande Ronde and Snake
Rivers in the southeastern part of Asotin county named in 1904
for G.A. Rogers of Asotin who owned the townsite. History of southeastern
Washington Pages 697-698 The first store was started June 12, 1912
by C.B. Brown who was also first postmaster (C.B. Brown in names MSS , et
letter 262) Meany

Ronald, a town in the western part of Kittitas county named in honor of Alexander Ronald, a native of Scotland who was superintendent of the coal mines there. (T.F. Mulvaney in names MSS Letter 353) Meany

Roosevelt, a town on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway
on the Columbia river in the southeastern part of Klickitat county. It
was named by T.B. Montgomery in honor of Theodore Roosevelt (W.H.
Reader in Names MSS letter 64) Meany.

Rosalia, a town in the northern part of Whit an county. It is the site of the Indian battle with Colonel Steptoe for whom the nearby mountains ~~White Mountain~~ was named (Sic) Meany.

Roslyn, a town in the western part of Kittitas county. In Aug.
1886 Logan M. Bullock, general manager of the Northern Pacific
Railroad Company's coal mine there suggested the name as a compliment
to his sweetheart who was living in Roslyn, New York (W.M. Sample,
postmaster at Roslyn in Names MSS Letter 535 (Meany))

Ross Rapids in the Columbia river between the Entiat and ~~Okan~~

Okanagon rivers named by the Wilkes Expedition, 1841, probaly in honor
of Alexander Ross of the Astoria party (Hydrography, Vol XXIII Atlas Chart
57, the name seems to have passed out of use. (Meany)

Boxboro, a town in the western part of Adams county named by the
Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company after a town in Massachusetts
(H.R. Williams in Names MSS Letter 530) Meany.

Roza, a town in the southern part of Kittitas county named in 1883
or 1884 by the Superintendent of the Northern Pacific
company in honor of his daughter (M.J. Roberts in names MSS letter #07)
Meany.

Ruby, a name much used for creeks and mining camps. In the central part of Okanogan county, Thomas Fuller in 1885 built the first cabin of a settlement. He was one of the owners of the Ruby Mine and so he called the settlement Ruby. (C.H. Lovejoy to Frank Putnam of Tonasket in Names MSS Letter 3345 SIC) In the central part of of Pend Oreille county some prospectors found rubies in a little creek which was at one time named Ruby Creek. In 1905 when a postoffice was established there it received the name of Ruby (T.D. Eastlick in Names MSS Letter 428(Mea.

Ruff, a town in the eastern part of Grant County named for
Otfred Ruff on whose property the town was to have been located. W.H.

Poggevall in Names MSS Letter 180 (Meany)

Russells, a creek and a town in Walla Walla county. The creek was
named by Charles Russell who settled there in 1889 but Russells station
was named for Patrick Russell. (W.D. Lyman of Walla Walla in names MSS
letter 246) (Meany)

Ryan, a town in the northwestern part of Stevens county named for
Henry Ryan who owned a farm there (Joseph T. Reed of Marble in Names
MSS Letter 125) (Meany)

Rye, a station in the central part of Whitman county and another with the same name in the southern part of Kittitas county.

The latter was named by the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company after Rye, New York (H.R. Williams, in names MSS Letter 589) (Many)

Saddle Mountain, a local name frequently encountered for saddle-shaped peaks. Captain John Meares while off the entrance of Willapa Bay in 1788 named such a peak in the present Pacific county. U.S. Public Documents Serial No. 1005 Page 403 The name also appears in the southern part of Grant county.

Saddlehorn Mountain in the southeastern part of Asotin county. It was named by the early settlers because it is shaped like a saddle. (Henry Hanson of Hansen Ferry in names MSS Letter 236)

Sage, a station on the north bank of the Columbia river
opposite Blalock island in the southwestern part of Benton county. It
was named for the prevailing vegetation there. (I.C. Gilman in names MSS
Letter 590) (Meany)

Sahale, a peak at the headwaters of the Stehekin river in the northwestern part of Chelan county named by the Mazamas mountaineering club of Oregon. The word is from the Chinook jargon and means high or above. (Henry Garnett: Origin of Certain place Names of the U.S. page 269(Meany))

Sahaptin River, see Snake River

Sah-kee-ke-hue, see Sauk river.

Sahpenis river, see Toppenish creek.

Sahtilkwun, see Okanogan creek.