

Naches, an Indian name used for a pass through the Cascade Range, for a river, town, canyon and valley. The spelling has assumed such forms as Nachese, in Theodore WintorhoP's Canoe and Saddle, , as Wachess by J. Patton Anderson in James G. Swan's Northwest Coast, 1857, as Nahcheess on Jame Tilton's Map of Part of Washington Territory in 1859. The form Naches in present use first appeared on Preston's Map of Oregon and Washington West of the Cascade Mountains 1856. The government benchmark at Naches pass shows an elevation of 4,988 feet. (J.H. William's edition of Canoe and Saddle, note on page 124) The Wilkes Expedition 1841, called the river Spipen, a tributary of the Yakima River (Atlas with Vol. XXIII Hydrography chart 67) Pierre C. Pambrun of Fort Walla Walla

and Cornelius Rogers are credited with an early exploration of Naches Pass (Oregon Spectator May 12, 1849, quote by H.H. Bancroft, works VOL

XXXI, page 63, note 40; The river was crossed by Captain George B.

McClellan on August 20, 1853 (Pacific Railroad Reports, Vol I, Pages 377-

389) A famous company of pioneers, James Biles, Captain, containing such well known families as Longmire, Himes and Byles, crossed Naches pass in 1853.

The meaning of the Indian word Naches has not been ascertained. The pioneers in 1920 were making efforts to retain the name instead of McClellan Pass which arose with the construction of a state highway.

Navarre Peaks, west of Methow, on the boundary between Chelan and Okanogan counties. They are called North Navarre and South Navarre. The name is an honor for the pioneer surveyor, Judge Navarre. (Meany)

New York Bar, in the northern part of Columbia county, New York bar located on the snake river some distance above Texas Ferry was quite an important shipping point in the early days the grain raised in a large section of the country lying north and east of the Tucannon including the towns of Pomeroy and Pataha City being shipped from this point before the advent of the railroads into the country. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company had a warehouse there and a regular agent was employed to look after the company's interests. The most important item in the history of this place was the murder of E. J. H. Cummins which resulted in the lynching of one, one legal execution and the death in jail of another of the assassins" (Illustrated History of Southeastern Washington, Page 378) Mean

Newport, county seat in the southeastern part of Pend Oreille county. A few residents on the bank of the Pend Oreille River portaged their supplies brought from Sandpoint. In 1890 when the first steamboat was placed on the river a new landing place was selected and Mr. M.C. Kelly suggested the name, Newport (Fred L. Wolf in names MSS Letter 368) Meany.



Nocktosh, see Yakima river.

Now-~~wow~~-~~Ee~~, see Rock Creek, a tributary of the Columbia River.

Nespelem, the name of a tribe of Indians, a river, ca yon, bar, rapid and a town on the Colville I<sub>u</sub>dian Rese vation in the southeastern part of Okanogan county. There have been many spellings of the word. The Wilkes Expedition, 1841, charted it as Spillnin(Hydrography, Vol XXII, Atlas chart 67, Edward S. Curtis spells it Nspilch and says it refers to a large open meadow beside a stream, in particular the meadow just below the village of Nespilim (The North A<sup>u</sup>merican Indian, vol VII, page 64( The first vowel is nearly ignored in the I<sup>u</sup>dian pronunciation and the word literally means "it , the flat land." (Earl de Camp, postmaster in names MSS Letter 367) Meany.



Pacific county, named for its ocean boundary. While Washington was still a part of Oregon territory this county was created by an act of legislature dated February 4, 1851.

Page, a town in the southern part of Fra klin county named for Dan  
Page, an old resident there. (Pete Klundt, postmaster in Names MSS  
Letter 27) There is a station on the Northern Pacific Railway near  
Eagle Gorge, King county by the same name. It was so named for  
the Page L<sup>u</sup>mber company (Page L<sup>u</sup>mber company in names MSS letter 56) Meany

Page Creek, a small tributary of the Snake River in the northern part of Asotin county, named for the man who in 1871 took up the first land claim there." It goes by the name of Cornner Gulch now. No water in it.." "(Cliff M. Wilson of Silcott in Names MSS Letter 240 (Meany))

Paha, a town in the central part of Adams county. There is a large spring there and Paha is supposed to be an Indian word meaning big water."

Postmaster at Paha in Names MS S letter 365 (Meany)

Palisade a station on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in the north central part of Whitman county. so named because it is located on a formation similar to the renowned Palisades of the Hudson.  
(H.R. Williams in Names MSS letter 589) Meany.



Palisades, a town on the Great Northern Railway in the southern part of Douglas county. The name has reference to the sharp pointed basaltic rocks so characteristically a part of the Walls of Moses Coulee and was bestowed in 1906 by George A. Virtue of Seattle. The same region at the mouth of Douglas Canyon was formerly known as Beulah Land (Irving B. Vestal in Names Mss letter 80) Meany.

Palmer, a lake and mountain in the north central part of Okanogan county named for Y.A. Palmer an ea ly stockman in Okanogan county. (Postmaster at Loomis in names MSS Letter 264) The same name is used for a railway junction and a mountain in King county and for a creek and lake in Snohomish county but the origins of those names have not been ascertained.

(Meany)

Palouse, a name of a city in the east central part of  
Whitman county, of a river, falls, rapids and of a tribe of Indians.  
It is also applied to a large area of wheat lands in the southeastern  
portion of the state. The Lewis and Clark expedition, 1803-1806, ~~was~~  
first of white men to visit the region, named the region stream  
Drewyer's river after George Drewyer, one of the party. They also  
gave the name of the tribe of Indians as Pallotpallah..... etc. etc.

Pandora, a station on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in the northern part of Whitman county. It was named "after Pandora's Box." (H. R. Williams in Names MSS Letter 589) Meany)



Pasco, a town near the junction of the Snake and Columbia Rivers and the county seat of Franklin County. The name was bestowed by Virgil Gay Bogue, location engineer of the Northern Pacific Railroad. At that time the place was dusty, hot and disagreeable. He had read of a disagreeable town in Mexico by that name and gave it to the new station with no suspicion that it would become an important county seat and railroad center. (F.W. Dewart, Spokane in names MSS letter 599) Another version is that Harry McCartney associated with Mr. Bogue as locating engineers, named it by way of contrast. Pasco was the hottest and flattest place he had found while Cerro de Pasco, Peru was the highest and coldest place he had ever been in) Lewis A. McArthur (Sic) in Names MSS Letter 606.



Pataha a village near Pomeroy in Garfield county, on a creek bearing the same name which is a tributary of the T<sup>h</sup> <sub>11</sub> cannon. The word is

Nez Perce and means "Brush." There was a dense fringe of brush along the creek. The site was first settled in 1861 by James Bowers who sold it to his brother-in-law J. Benham Norton who in turn sold it in 1867 to A.J. Favor. He platted the town on August 21, 1882. Illustrated history of Southeastern Washington page 545. The town was formerly known as Favorsburg and Watertown but the Indian name finally prevailed. Favor was an interesting pioneer who for a time drove stage on the Lewiston route.

He was known as Vine but the newspapers of that day had much fun over his real name. His parents lived in a small town in Maine and a circus came there for the first time in the history of the place. It was owned by Angevine June,

Titus and company. Mr. and Mrs. Favor attended in the afternoon and were so well pleased that they named the boy, born on the following day, for the proprietors of the enterprise." Columbia Chronicle, January 31, 1885.) Meany