

Powwow creek, a tributary of the Columbia River at Fruitland in the southwestern part of Stevens county shown on the maps as Alder creek. The local name comes from the fact that Indians formerly held their councils or powwows there. Mrs Anna J. Thompson, postmistress at Fruitland in Names MSS Letter 128 See Alder Creek and Fruitland.Meany.

Prescott--a town in the central part of Walla Walla county named in 1881 in honor of C.H. Prescott, General superintendent of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company. At that time the company made Prescott a railway division with machine shops etc. which were soon afterward moved to Starbuck. R.B. Smith in "Names" SS Letter 480) The town of Prescott was platted May 12, 1882, by the Oregon Improvement Company. Illustrated History of Southeastern Wash Page 166. The first settlement on the site was by the Rev. H.H. Spalding in 1859 History of Walla Walla county, page 143. Great trouble with freights was caused by the ~~same~~ same name being given to a water tank station on the tide flats at Tacoma. It required 17 years (1893-1910) of complaints and correspondence to change the name of the water tank station. Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Feb 23, 1910.

Priest Rapids--in the Columbia River southwest of Grant County. Alexander Ross of the Astoria party writing in 1811 said; Here a large concourse of Indians met us and after several friendly harangues commenced the usual ceremony of smoking the pipe of peace; after which they passed the night in dancing and singing. The person who stood foremost in all these introductory ceremonies was a tall meagre middle-aged Indian who attached himself very closely to us from the first moment we saw him. He was called Ha-que-laugh which signifies doctor or rather priest--- we named the place Priest Rapids after him (Oregon Settlers Early Western travelers edition Pages 143-144. The name was charted by David Thompson and appears in the writings of the early travelers as well as on recent maps.

Prindle--a town on the Columbia river in the southwestern part of Skamania county. The place was formerly called Cruzatt in honor of Peter Cruzatte of the Lewis and Clark expedition by which Wind River had been named Cruzatte River in 1805. The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway company changed the name of the station to honor Ernest Hinsdale Prindle, a pioneer land owner there. (L.C. Gilman in Names MSS Letter 590* The first Prindle known in America was at New Milford, Connecticut in 1654. There were 31 of the names of Prindle or Pringle in the Revolutionary War. (E.H. Prindle in Names MSS Letter 387)

Prosser, county seat of Benton county named in honor of William Farrand Prosser, early homesteader there. He was a prominent citizen of the Territory and State of Washington who died in Seattle on Sept. 23, 1911, aged 77 years. The place was long known as Yakima Falls. (Robert M. Graham of Mabton in Names MSS Letter 297) It was also known as Lone Tree, the first post office being called by that name (W.M. Scott of Kiona, in names MSS letter 586.)

Ptehnum River--see Manastash creek.

Puak-Ooke--an Iⁿdian name for Mount Rainier (J.A. Costello,
the Siwash, Seattle, 1895.)

Pu-Kal-Bush, an Iⁿdian name for Deschutes River at Tumwater,
J.A. Costello, the Siwash, Seattle, 1895.

Pullman, a city in the southeastern part of Whitman county ~~22000~~
home of the State College of "ashington. The place was first named "Three
Forks" being at the junction of three small streams. The town adopted
the new name in the hope that George M. Pullman, car manufacturer, would
endow it, which hope was never realized. (Lou E. Wenham in names
Mss Letter 115.) Meany.

Oakesdale, a town in the northwestern part of Whitman county named by the Northern Pacific Land Company in honor of T omas F. Oakes, Vice president of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in 1886(E.J. Tramill, postmaster at Oakesdale in Names MSS Letter 179) Meany.

Odessa, a town in the southwestern part of Lincoln county. The name was given by the Great Northern Railway officials about 1892 on account of the Russian settlers then living south of there near Ritzville (Hy.W. Rieke, secretary of the Odessa Commercial Club in Names MSS Letter 445) Meany)

Okanoga, a river flowing from British Columbia southward to the Columbia River through the central part of Okanogan county. A tribe of Indians bore the same name. The word means rendezvous and was applied to the head of the river at Osoyoos lake where the Indians of British Columbia and Washington often gathered for the annual potlatch and to lay in supplies of fish and game (Rev. Myron Bells in "American Anthropologist January 1892)

The name has had many spellings such as Oakinacken by Alexander Ross; Ookenaw, by David Thompson and Alexander Henry, the Younger; Okenaken by Gabriel Franchère, Okinakane in the Pacific Railroad Reports and other forms most of which aim at the same sounds. J.K. Duncan, the topographer with the railroad surveys calls the main river through and above the lakes

Sahtilkwu and the Similkameen he calls Millakitkwa (Pacific Railroad Reports, Vol I, Chapter 18, page 214). A town by the name of Okanogan is located on the bank of the river in the central part of Okanogan county.

Okanogan county, organized by act of the territorial legislature,
February 2, 1888.

Ollalie Canyon, near Dryden in Chelan county. It is sometimes referred to as Williams Canyon. It was named ~~Ollala~~ ~~and~~ for Ollala, an Indian, who lived there from early days and until 1894 (A.J. Amos of Dryden in names MSS Letter 301) Meany)

Olema, a postoffice in the south central part of Okanogan county named by Mrs. L.C. Malott in 1897 (E. Holshauser in names MSS Letter 298(Meany))

Omak, a town near the central part of Okanogan county, named for a lake about eight miles east of the town. It is claimed that the Indian word Omache means great medicine, referring to the supposed curative qualities of those waters (Postmaster at Omak in names "SS Letter 568) Meary.

Oraphum creek in Stephens county. It was named for an Indian chief whose people still live on the Colville Reservation. (Mrs. Anna J. Thompson of Fruitland in Names MSS Letter 128(Meany)

Orchard Prairie in Spokane county. In May, 1879, Thomas T. Howard Doak
and H. Dart of Minnesota arrived on the site and planted fruit trees.

(History of Spokane county, page 282) Meany.

Orient, a town on the Columbia river in the northeastern part of Ferry county named after a mine of the same name two and one half miles from the town. It was so named by Alexander Ireland in 1901. (Nellie J. Harvey in Names MSS letter 517.) Meany

Orondo a town on the Columbia river in the western part of Douglas county, named by J.B Smith about 1886 after the supposed superintendent of the ancient Lake Supper copper mines.. Orondo's people are thought to have been the ancestors of the mound b ilders "from Lake Superior to the Isthmus where their Atlantis joined America " (J.B. Smith in names MSS 1etter 352.

Oroville, a town in the north central part of Okanogan county.

The town's beginning was in placer mines for which reason the Spanish word oro for gold was selected as the name. In 1892 when establishing a postoffice, the postoffice department asked that ville be added to avoid confusion with Oso another postoffice in the same state. Frank M. Dallam in names MSS ₁etter 362.

Osoyoos lake, a large lake through which the Okanogan river flows at the international boundary. It is from the Calispel Indian word sooyos meaning the narrows. Rev. Myron Eells says "When it came to naming the lake an Irishman who was present suggested that O be prefixed in honor of his country which was done (American Anthropologist January 1892)

Probably the first use of the name was by H.K. Duncan, topographer in 1853 (Pacific Railroad Reports Vol 1, Page 214.) Meany

Othello, a town in the western part of Adams county named by H.R. Williams, vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company after the Shakespearian play (H.R. Williams in Names MSS letter 530) "From names given to adjoining towns and stations--Corfu, Smyrna and Jericho, it seems probable that the misdemeanor was committed by a student and Shakespeare and the Bible," (G.W. Ogden in names MSS Letter 385.

Overlook, a station in the central part of Spokane county, formerly known as Wins. The new name was selected because one at that place can overlook the Marshall valley (Postmaster at Marshall in Names MSS Letter 66) Meany.