ADA: Ada Riggs, daughter of H. C. Riggs, a member of the legislature who got the county established.

ADAMS: President John Adams.

BANNOCK: Local Indian tribe.

BEAR LAKE: Local natural feature.

BENEWAH: A Coeur d'Alene Indian leader.

BINGHAM: Henry H. Bingham, Pennsylvania Congressman and friend of Territorial Governor W. M. Bunn.

BLAINE: James G. Blaine, U.S. Congressman from Maine and Republican candidate for president in 1884.

BOISE: French word meaning, "wooded."

BONNER: E. L. Bonner, who established Bonner's Ferry in 1864.

BONNEVILLE: Captain B. L. E. Bonneville, Army officer, explorer, fur trader.


BUTTE: Local natural feature.

CAMAS: An edible bulb, mainstay of many Indians' diet.

CANYON: Local natural feature.

CARIBOU: Cariboo Mountain and mining area, named for Cariboo Fairchild, who prospected the Cariboo
mining area just north of the county. From a French word cajeux, meaning raft: a variation of Raft River.

CLARK: Sam Clark, an early settler.

CLEARWATER: For the river.

CUSTER: General George Armstrong Custer.

ELMORE: A quartz mine near Rocky Bar.

FRANKLIN: Franklin D. Richards, a Mormon apostle.

FREMONT: Explorer John C. Fremont.

GEM: From the nickname for Idaho, "Gem of the Mountains."


IDAHO: For the steamer Idaho, launched June 9, 1860, in the Snake River and used by miners during the Idaho gold rush.

JEFFERSON: President Thomas Jefferson.

JEROME: Jerome Hill, an investor in a local reclamation project.

KOOTENAI: Local Indian tribe.

LATAH: For Latah Creek.

LEMHI: Fort Lemhi, the LDS Salmon River Mission, named for King Limhi in the Book of Mormon.

LEWIS: Meriwether Lewis.

LINCOLN: President Abraham Lincoln.

MADISON: President James Madison.

MINIDOKA: For the first settlement in what is now the county: one of a series of Indian (or pseudo-Indian) names applied to railroad sidings along the Union Pacific. May mean spring" or "well" or "broad expanse."

NEZ PERCE: Local Indian tribe.
**ONEIDA**: Oneida, New York.

**OWYHEE**: For the river mountains, and mining area explored in 1819-1820 by fur trappers from Owyhee (Hawaii).

**PAYETTE**: Francois Payette, fur trader at Fort Boise.

**POWER**: For the power plant at American Falls.

**SHOSHONE**: Indian tribe (originally the county included mostly the Shoshoni Indian country, but boundary changes left no overlap between the original and the modern county.)

**TETON**: For local mountains and valley.

**TWIN FALLS**: For the irrigation tract and city, which were named for the falls.

**VALLEY**: Long Valley, a natural feature.

**WASHINGTON**: President George Washington.