

SOUTH DAKOTA GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

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*WESTPORT - (Brown Co., pop. 150) was named for a Milwaukee railroad official.

WETONKA - (McPherson Co., pop. 31) has a name of Indian derivation, chosen from a list submitted by former State Historian Doane Robinson. It means "big sun" or "to grow big." The town was founded in 1906.

*WEWELA - (Tripp Co., pop. 23) has a Sioux Indian name that means "small spring." Springs along the near-by Keyapaha River probably account for the name.

WHITE - (Brookings Co. pop. 418) was named for W. H. White, a pioneer who owned the town site. It was platted in 1884.

*WHITE BUTTE + (Perkins Co., pop. 150) was founded in 1909 and named for a large butte six miles south of the town. (See *Buttes*.)

WHITEHORSE (Dewey Co.) was named for an Indian chief.

WHITE LAKE (Aurora Co., pop. 395) was first known as Siding 36, because it was 36 miles west of Mitchell. The name was changed to Windsor in 1881, then to Yorktown in 1882, and finally to White Lake the same year for a near-by lake. (For story, see *Lakes*.)

*WHITE OWL - (Meade Co., pop. 8) was named for White Owl Creek, on which it is situated. (See *Creeks*.)

WHITE RIVER + (Mellette Co. seat, pop. 617, alt. 2,350) was settled in 1911 and derived its name from the near-by river of the same name. (See *Rivers*.)

WHITE ROCK - (Roberts Co., pop. 35) was named for a large grey rock that has since been blasted away to make room for an elevator.

WHITEWOOD (Lawrence Co., pop. 689) derived its name from the birch and aspen trees near the town. It was platted in 1888.

WHITLOCKS CROSSING (Potter Co.) was named in honor of Mrs. J. F. Whitlock, who owned the land where the town was built. The town was founded in 1924 when work began on the construction of the Forest City bridge across the Missouri River.

WILLETT - (Harding Co.) was named by Nina Willett Owens, the first postmaster, for the Willett ranch operated by her father. The post office was established in 1909.

WILLOW LAKE - (Clark Co., pop. 353), named for near-by lakes, was founded