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REFERENCE

Luckman Canyon, Morrow County. Luckman Canyon south of Lena was named for Joseph Luckman, an early settler, who took up land there in 1896.

Lucky Creek, Curry County. Lucky Creek is in the Siskiyou Mountains, at the extreme east edge of the county and southeast of Mount Billingslea. It flows into Tincup Creek. Along it was started the backfire used to stop the Chetco 30,000 acre fire in 1938. The fire was held at this creek, which became known as Lucky Creek by the firefighters.

Lucky Queen, Josephine County. The Lucky Queen mine is one of the best known in southwest Oregon and bears a name redolent of high hopes. The property is in the north part of Josephine County, just southeast of Sexton Mountain. This mine is described briefly in Walling's *History of Southern Oregon*, page 463. Little or no work has been done at this mine for many years. Lucky Queen post office was established December 13, 1876, with David H. Sexton postmaster. The office was closed July 24, 1896, and local commercial activity is at a standstill.

Luckyboy, Lane County. Luckyboy post office was established February 16, 1901, with George A. Dyson first postmaster, to serve the Lucky Boy mine four or five miles north of Blue River community. The mine was of course named in a spirit of optimism. The office was closed November 26, 1906, with papers to Blue River.

Luda, Coos County. Luda post office was named for Luda Krantz, the daughter of the postmaster, David C. Krantz. The office was on East Fork Coquille River a few miles upstream from Gravelford. The locality was on the main road between Myrtle Point and Brewster Valley. Luda post office was established June 3, 1901, with Krantz first and only postmaster. The office was closed August 28, 1902.

Ludwick Cabin, Wheeler County. Ludwick Cabin northeast of Stephenson Mountain was the location of the homesteads of Walter and Elmer Ludwick just prior to World War I.

Lumrum Butte, Deschutes County. *Lumrum* is a Chinook jargon word meaning whisky or rum, although the form *lum* is more generally used. The name has been applied to a butte northeast of Crane Prairie by the USFS, possibly because of some incident connected with the making or using of whisky in the vicinity.

Lund Park, Lane County. Loren W. Hunt of Cove told the compiler that this spot was a stopping place for travellers to the Bohemia mines. The name is a combination of the original residents Alex Lundberg and Tom Parker.

Lundell Canyon, Morrow County. Frank Lundell came to Morrow County in 1887 and took up a homestead at the mouth of this canyon near Gooseberry. Lundell was born in Sweden in 1848 and died at Ione, April 4, 1932.

Luper, Lane County. Luper was a station on the Southern Pacific line north of Eugene. Rhea Luper, state engineer, wrote the compiler on July 1, 1927, as follows: "This station was located on property owned by my father, James N. Luper, and his brother Lewis (Bud) Luper. My father when 19 and his brother about 21, bought this property about 1869 or 1870. When the railroad came through, my father had a spur constructed and built a

warehouse, and this was at one time quite a wheat shipping point. The warehouse burned and was never rebuilt. The spur track was taken up, but it is still a whistling post. Incidentally, this is the place on which I was born."

Lurley, Douglas County. In February, 1947, Charles V. Stanton of the *Roseburg News-Review* started a systematic program to harvest information about old Douglas County post offices, with some very commendable results. The following paragraph from the issue for February 14, 1947, slightly condensed, refers to Lurley post office: Lurley post office was on the Buckhorn road about twelve miles east of Roseburg. It was established by the late James J. Webb, father of Percy Webb, Roseburg, the latter having served for a number of years as sheriff of Douglas County. The office was named for Blanche Lurley Webb, a granddaughter of the postmaster and daughter of Percy Webb. She died at Lurley when she was but seven years of age. The site was later occupied by the Justin Eifert home. According to official records the post office was established December 18, 1897, with James J. Webb first and only postmaster. It was discontinued February 28, 1901, with mail to Roseburg.

Luse, Malheur County. This place was named for F. N. Luse, formerly a dispatcher on the Oregon Short Line Railroad. The station is between Ontario and Vale.

Lyle Gap, Jefferson County. The Dalles-California Highway traverses Lyle Gap at a point about thirteen miles northeast of Madras, where it goes through the ridge just west of Hay Creek. The gap was named for Alfred R. Lyle, a prominent settler on Hay Creek, in Wasco County as it was in 1877. Lyle went to central Oregon from Polk County to take charge of the cattle ranch of his brother-in-law, Edmund F. Veazie, who died in mysterious circumstances in John Day River in 1877. Lyle prospered in the business, added to the holdings, and became a prominent citizen of Crook County, which was established in 1882. He represented the county in the state legislature and died in 1906.

Lyman, Wallowa County. According to J. H. Horner of Enterprise the post office at Lyman in the north part of Wallowa County was named for Harry Lyman Murdock, the first postmaster. The office was established in May, 1910, and operated until the following May. Lyman was in section 21, township 5 north, range 43 east, about three miles northeast of Powwatika. Local settlers who wrote the petition for the office selected Murdock's middle name.

Lyman Mountain, Jackson County. Lyman Mountain has an elevation of 2730 feet and overlooks Rogue River near the mouth of Sams Creek about three miles northeast of Gold Hill. It was named for George S. Lyman, a pioneer apple grower, who discovered gold on its slopes in 1894.

Lyons, Linn County. Lyons was named for the family that established the community. They were early settlers. Lyons is in the valley of North Santiam River.

Lyons Ridge, Jefferson County. James Lyons homesteaded near this ridge south of Currant Creek in 1923.

Lytle Creek, Crook County. Lytle Creek is in the northwestern corner of the county. It was named for a pioneer settler, Andrew Lytle.

Mabel, Lane County. This post office was named for Miss Maud Mabel