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Inagua

/ináhgwa/ [this name is found on the 1523 Turin map (Curry 1928:26), suggesting a Lucayan origin (ibid 20); however, according to Albury (1975:197) "The Lucayans called this island Babeque, but it came to be known as Heneagua or Heneaga by the English some time before modern settlement. This was probably a corruption of two Spanish words, lleno 'full' and agua 'water'. ..salt water lakes and ponds comprise much of the interior"; this derivation remains problematical, both phonologically and semantically]

n. the name of two Bahamian islands (**Great** and Little Inagua) to the extreme south: 1635 Hinagua (Atlas Novus). 1788 Ynagua (Schoepf 314). 1804 The islands of Great and Little Inagua. . are now generally called Heneauga or Heneaga. The original is a Spanish compound word [sic] signifying that `water is to be found there' (McKinnen 134). 1888 Great In-agua, in the water (Powles 267). cf. HENEAUGA, YNAGUA

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