LeLoup is an unincorporated community in Franklin County , Kansas , United States

LeLoup was founded in 1870 after the Santa Fe Railroad laid tracks through the area

The town was originally named Ferguson after Robert Ferguson , the original owner of the town site

The town was renamed LeLoup after a French traveler got off at Ferguson and mistook a coyote for a wolf and began shouting `` le loup ''

The town then voted to change the name to LeLoup

LeLoup had a post office from September 1870 until 1954 ; the name of the post office was changed from Ferguson in 1879

LeLoup is located a mile and half north of Interstate 35 on Tennessee Road , 11 miles northeast of Ottawa , 7 miles southwest of Wellsville