

✓ YAMACRAW (McCreary Co.): [Yaem/a/kraw] (Barthell). Almost nothing remains of a mining community established in 1905 by the Stearns Coal and Lumber Co. of Stearns, Ky. on the e bank of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River, just s of the present KY 92 and 3½ air miles w of Whitley City. The local post office was established Sept. 2, 1905 with James R. Sparks, postmaster. In 1906 the Kentucky and Tennessee Railway, built by the firm to ship coal to its railhead at Stearns, 7½ miles e, reached this point. No one knows why the name was applied to the vicinity, probably before the opening of the local mine. The name actually refers to a tribe of renegade Creek Indians that lived in the area that later became the city of Savannah, Ga. whose name was given to the settlement that preceded that city. There is nothing to support the popular contention that the McCreary Co. community honored the chief of the alleged corn-cultivating Comargo tribe who had brought his people to this area after the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals in March, 1775. [(1) Dr. Frank C. Thomas, letter to me, 1/29/1979; (2) Robt. F. Collins, "Daniel Boone Nat'l. Forest Hist'c. Sites" FILSON CLUB HIST'L. Q. Vol. 42, 1968, Pp. 26-48; (3) Elmer G. Sulzer, GHOST RR OF KY. 1967, P. 217; (4) Kenneth Krakow, GEO. PLACE NAMES, 1975, P. 264] 129, 208, 336, 1162

✓ YANCEY (Harlan Co.): [Yaen/see] (Harlan). A coal mine town with extinct post office on Slaters Fork of Catron Creek, 5 air miles s of Harlan, that was built up around the mine established in 1919-20 by Elbert O. Guthrie and named by him either for a race horse or for Yancey Gross, a civil engineer. He also established the local post office on Jan. 12, 1924. The community is now on a Harlan rural route. [(1) B.W. Whitfield, letter to me, 5/19/1979; (2) Mabel Collins "Town Names Given by Railroads..."] 335, 1173

√ YEAMAN (Grayson Co.): [Yā/mən] (Falls of Rough). This hamlet with an active post office at the junction of KY 878 and 736, 15 air miles w of Leitchfield, had been called crossroads since its establishment in the early 19th century. According to tradition, when this name was rejected by the Post Office Department for being too common, that of Yeaman, storekeeper Frank Patterson's youngest son, was offered and accepted. The office began operation on Nov. 27, 1893 with Frank Green, postmaster. [Victor D. Young, "Communities" sect. of BiCent. Ed. of LEITCHFIELD GAZETTE, c1976, P. 10:1-7] 832 -

YELLOW ROCK (Lee Co.): [Yael/a rahk] (Heidelberg). This active post office on the n bank of the Kentucky River, 4 air miles w of Beattyville, was named for the yellowish cast of the local limestone rock which is still being quarried.

[Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978],¹³⁷²

✓ YELVINGTON (Daviness Co.): [Yehl/vihŋ/tən] (Maceo). This hamlet with extinct post office at the junction of KY 662 and 405, 8½ air miles ne of Owensboro, is one of the oldest settlements in the county, having started as a stage coach stop at the junction of 2 Indian trails. The post office was established June 25, 1832 by Thomas H. Pointer, the local storekeeper, and named for Yelvington Overly (1800-1852), pioneer settler and local blacksmith. After an intermittent existence, the office closed for good in 1913 and mail has since been secured from Maceo, 1½ road miles wnw. [(1) Cecelia M. Laswell, "Towns and Villages of Daviness Co." WPA ms, 6/19/1936; (2) HIST. OF DAVIESS CO., 1883, Pp. 849-50] 99,930

✓ YESSIE or YESSE (Allen Co.): [Yehs/ee] (Scottsville). A settlement with extinct post office on KY 234, 2 miles nw of its junction with KY 101, and 6 air miles n of Scottsville. The post office was established as Yessie on March 2, 1906 with Thoughty Y. Oliver, postmaster, and probably named for Yessie or Yesse Oliver whose name is mentioned in John Durham's Day Book in 1854. It was discontinued in 1916. The Yesse spelling appears on current maps and seems to be preferred by historian Louise Horton for both place and person. [(1) Louise Horton, "Place Names of Allen Co." ms., P. 22; (2) Letter from postmaster, Adolphus, Ky. to Wm. G. Steel, 10/5/1923; (3) The Eubanks, interview, 7/22/1978] 915, 1204, 1281

✓ YOCUM (Morgan Co.): [Yoh/kəm] (West Liberty). This hamlet with an active post office on Pleasant Run and KY 519, 4½ air miles nw of West Liberty, is now also locally known as Pleasant Run [Plehz/ənt Ruhn] for this tributary of the Licking River. The post office, established as Yocum on Aug. 23, 1875 with William H. Lewis, postmaster, was first located at what is today called Blaze, 3 road miles n, and may have been named for Billy Yocum, a respected local resident. It was moved to Pleasant Run in the late 1880s. [(1) Lynn Nickell, interview, 12/1/1978; (2) Postmaster, Yocum, Ky., in letter to me, 8/22/1980] 1133,1346

✓ YORK (Greenup Co.): [Yawrk] (Brushart). An active post office at the mouth of Stockholm Creek, a n . . . bank tributary of Big White Oak Creek, over 6 miles w . . . of the latter's confluence with Tygarts Creek, and 11 air miles w . . . of Greenup. Since its establishment on March 5, 1891 with Daniel J. Stephenson, postmaster, it has served the settlement of Kenton Furnace [Kihn/ton Fɛn/əs], named for an iron furnace built there in 1854 by John Waring, and which was named, in turn, for the famed pioneer, Simon Kenton. No one is sure of Kenton's connection with the place though he is known to have owned property in Greenup County. An earlier post office in that vicinity was established as Kenton Furnace on Oct. 15, 1869 with Charles W. Ehrlich, postmaster, but was discontinued after only 15 months. All that remains of the furnace, which ceased operation in 1882, is a small pile of rubble. [(1) Rist, KY. IRON FURN. 1974, P. 64; (2) Evelyn Jackson, letter, 10/7/1973] 12A, 1092

✓ YOSEMITE (Casey Co.): [Yoh/səm/eyet] (Yosemite). A prosperous late 19th century timber processing and shipping point on Knob Lick Creek, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile s of its confluence with the Green River, and 4 air miles ene of Liberty. The town was established in the late 1870s by Eugene Zimmerman, a Cincinnati-based businessman, as the center of his extensive timbering operations in the area. On Dec. 26, 1883 a post office was opened and named Yosemite at the suggestion of his young daughter, Helen, whose first view of the valley below the town site reminded her of the Yosemite Valley in California which she had recently visited. By March 1884 the town had become incorporated and to it in 1886 Zimmerman extended his Cincinnati & Green River Railway, a timber hauling line which ushered in a period of great prosperity with all the establishments of boom time success. But by the 1890s the timber was depleted and the mills closed; the tracks were soon abandoned and, in 1896, removed altogether. Now this village of several stores, churches, an active post office, and some 200 persons centering at the junction of KY 70 and 198 serves as a farm trade center. The odd pronunciation of the name has never been explained. (For a history of the Yosemite name see Erwin Gudde's California Place Names, 3rd edition, 1969, Pp. 370-1) [(1) Wm. Watkins, THE MEN, WOMEN, EVENTS.... 1939, Pp. 55-7; (2) Gladys & Otis Thomas, interview, 9/21/1978; (3) CASEY CO. NEWS BICENT. ED. 8/29/1974, P. 9:3-6] ~~220~~, 220, 1397, 1452

✓ YOUNGS CREEK (Whitley Co.): [Yuhnz Kreek] (Wofford). An extinct post office on Bark Camp Creek, 9 air miles nnw of Williamsburg. It is probable that the post office, established July 14, 1864 with John Ryan, postmaster, was originally located on the creek that bears this name, heading about 1 mile s of the junction of US 25W and KY 90 and extending for about 7 miles due s. to the Cumberland^{River}. The creek was named for pioneering families of Youngs. The Rockholds post office/^{now} serves this area. [Eugene Siler, interview, 6/23/1978] 1380