ALTON (Anderson Co.): po. est. as Rough and Ready 2/6/1850, Elisha D. Hawkins...n.ch. to Alton, 5/22/1876, Richard Parent....Disc. 11/15/1910 (mail to Lawrenceburg) (NA) 4 mi. n. of Lawrenceburg. R & R was inc. 1854. (check on date). Large hotel catered to travelers. Drygoods store attracted customers from all over county. Over the years, most of the busi. dist. destroyed by fire. Southern RR est. sta. c. 2 mi. away and drew most of the business from that town. The sta. was called "New Alton."(...) (McKeé & Bond, P. 123). Oldtimers still refer to it as "Rough-and-Ready". (Shely, 7/16/1971).
ALTON (Anderson Co.): First called Rough and Ready for Pres. Zachary Taylor in whose admin. the po was est. The town was actually named Rough and Ready when incorporated by Act of Leg. in 1854. Located on the main rd. betw. Lou. & Crab Orch., 9 mi. from Frank. on the dividing ridge betw. the Salt & Ky. R's. Early growth and dev. till it reached position of most import. trade ctr. in county. Renamed Alton betw. 1878-1882. Prosperous town at this time with hotel. Business "drifted away from this town" after the So. Ry. built thru. Most of the busi. section was destroyed by fire. (J.W. Gaines, Souvenir Supplement of THE ANDERSON NEWS, June, 1906, P. 19, in UK Spec. Coll. #071.69/An27):
ALTON (Anderson Co.): ("(Ah)l/tan") c. 3 mi. nw of L'burg. Once known as Rough and Ready for Zachary Taylor. DK why renamed. No local families of that name so dk the origin of the Alton name. New Alton on the rr and built after the rr came thru. c. 1 1/2 mi. from old Alton which is on US127 to/ Frankf. Now at New Alton: larger commu. than it used to be. A rural subdivision. There was a store there but was moved to the highway nearer to Old Alton. Old Alton was strung out along the hiway....Was a thriving commu., a farm trd. ctr. with nearby distilleries....(Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
ALTON (Anderson Co.): Alton Sta. est. 4/22/1890, Lester W. Wheat. (NA); Commu. sprang up around the rr sta. after the Southern Ry. was built through. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA); R&R was named in honor of Zach. Taylor. Incor. 1854. (Ibid.)

The Alton name referred to the town's altitude. (M. Ladd, WPA files, 4/1941).

Following the building of the Southern RR, "business drifted away from this town and most of the busi. (section was) destroyed by fire..." (...) (a Mr. Gaines in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 1st decade of 20th cent. reproduced in Ibid., 1/31/1974, Sec. 3, P. 6:4-6.) Inc. 1854 as Rough & Ready. 9 mi. from Frankfort.
ALTON (Anderson Co.): Inc. as Rough & Ready, 3/9/1854; (ACTS, 1853/4, Vol. 2, P. 337); Alton Star podisc. 11/22/1963;
ASHBROOK (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 6/6/1890, Thos. N. Calvert....Disc. 1/31/1913 (mail to Sinai) (NA); 12 mi. w. of L'burg. On Beaver Creek. Founded 1878. Named by Capt. John H. McBrayer, a local businessman. Dwindled. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA).

12 mi. sw of L'burg. 'on Beaver Cr. commu. founded 1878 and po in 1890. Named by Capt. J.H. McBrayer, who had a business there, for the ash trees in profusion. (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/16/1971, P. 12:3)
ASHBROOK (Anderson Co.): 12 mi. w of Lawrenceburg on Beaver Creek. Est. 1878 when Capt. J.J. McBrayer est. a business there and named the place. c.1905 it had 2 stores, mill, blacksmith shop, po, several homes. On 2 roads.... Farming commu. (Mrs. Mary Hedger, Souvenir Supplement of the ANDERSON NEWS, 6/1906, P. 19 in UK Spec. Coll. *071.69/An27);
ASHBROOK (Anderson Co.): ("(Ae)sh/brook")
Now: nothing. Down Ky. 53, off of Ky. 44, 8-9
mi. from L'burg. Turn left. The 1st section
along in there is Sinai. Then comes Ashbrook
then Shiloh. Only 2 mi. separates these.
Nothing at the Ashbrook site in the past 25
yrs. Had a store & a blacksmith shop. But the
commu. was strung out along the rd. At the
Ashbrook site is the Leathers Rd. that goes
to Ky. 44. Jim Puckett had a store at Ash-
brook. Was on a Sinai rural rte. People stil
refer to it as Ashbrook. (Philip Spencer,
interview, 8/4/1978);
ASHBROOK (Anderson Co.): Founded 1878. A rural vill. 12 mi. sw of L'burg on Beaver Cr. Vill. on both sides of a turnpike (now Rt. 53) "A pike leading west over Beaver Creek Bridge led to Leathers' Store.". Thos. N. Calvert, th lst pm was also storekeeper. Thriving vill. at one time; now ext. At peak were 2 stores, blacksmith shop, gristmill; one room sch. (Royalty) on hill just above vill. Today ('74) only Rückett store and home remain; this was across the road from the village's other store, which Calvert had operated. (unsigned article on commu. in ANDERSON NEWS, 1/31/74, P. 5:3-8 of Sect. 3).
AVENSTOKE (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 7/2/1888, Edgar E. Wiggs... Disc. 1/31/1912 (mail to Waddy); Re-est. 9/27/1920, Henry O. Cook...(NA) On the Southern Ry. line. Comm. est. around the rr sta. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA) ("A/ v(eh)nz/st(oh)k") On the Southern RR c. 12 mi. from L'burg. 2 mi. off US62. A fairly good farming commu. DK how or when it got its name. Store closed but had been one off there for yrs run by McBrayer. Crawfords & Perrys are old families in there. Probably named when the rr came thru in 1889. Never had another name. Still locally called this. (Philip Spencer, 8/4/1978);
BALLARD (Anderson Co.): ("B(ae)l/ərd")
On Ky. 53, c.10-12 mi. se of L'burg. DK of name. Settled by the Caldwells...One of them was the father of Rhoda Kavanaugh, a great teacher (see hiway marker)....Still called Ballard. DK for how long it's been called this and it's never been called anything else. At one time, bootlegging was its econ. base. Always a farming commu. The Caldwells ran the store there. Now: no store only a house or 2. There's a store run by Bowen nr. the site of Ballard and another store run by a Mr. Dennis on Ky. 53 nr. the Bluegrass Pky. interchange. Ballard was
always on the same site. No Caldwells left in the nghbrd. Ballard at the forks of the road, one fork to Hooppole. (Philip Spence interview, 8/4/1978);
BALLARD (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 8/8/1893.
Austin G. Caldwell...Disc. eff. 1/14/1904
(papers to L'burg) (NA): In the "Cut-Off" section of the county so-called because it had been taken from Mercer and Washington Co's Named for Thos Ballard, pm of Lawrenceburg who secured the po for the community. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA); since 1850 Probably named for Wm. Ballard "first by the name to appear on census rolls of Anderson Co. and whose farm was but a short distance from present Ballard. Caldwell's Store (housing post office 1866) was often referred to as Ballard." (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. ir. THE ANDERSON NEWS, 10/21/71)
BEAVER CREEK (Anderson Co., Ky): The Washes in Anderson Co: Benj. Allen Wash, Rev. War vet., & wife, Jemima, to Ky. from n. Va. and took up land grant where Hammond's Creek joins Salt R. Had 4 children: Benj., Jr., John P., Rebecca, & Bettie. No mention of a James Wash. He was not a son of Benj., Sr. or Jr. (Maybe of John P. of whom nothing more is said.) (McKee-Bond, Pp. 208-09)
BIRDIE (Anderson Co.): ("Ber/dee") On Ky. 395, c. 8 mi. nw of L'burg. Now: store run by Walter Perry (or Parry-?). The Humes (or Hughes-?) family ran a gro. there c. WWI. DK why so named. Perry says he dk either. Not a good farming country. On a xrds: Timber Creek & Birdie Rds. Corinth Chu. is down the road a piece with a big cem. May have been an early timbering area but never any industry. Now residents live in nice homes and commute to nearby cities. But at one time it was one of the poorer sections of the county. Local people still refer to it as Birdie. Birdie Voting Prec. (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
Caldwell's Store (Anderson Co.): commu. near Ballard, c1866, named for Ben Caldwell, the storekeeper and pm. (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 10/21/1971); Acc. to POR, the p.o. of Caldwell's Store was est. 2/19/1866, Benjamin F. Caldwell. Disc. 4/16/1883 (papers to Sinai) (NA)
CHEDER STORE (Anderson Co., Ky): given in this spelling in McKee-Bond, P. 78
CORA (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 1/22/1890, Nimrod Utterback...Disc. 1/31/1912 (NA)
Utterback & wife, Kate owned prosperous groc. on the old Delaney Rd. (now US62), 15 mi. w. of L'burg. He petitioned for the po and was appointed pm. He named it Cora for Miss Cora Bond whose family was local. PO first in his store; then to Joe Hughes store. Both gone. Commu. still called Cora"(Acc. to Mrs. Grace Cranfill, in ANDERSON NEWS, Sec. 3, P. 6:3-4 of 1/31/1974)
FAIRVIEW (Anderson Co.): Once a thriving town on the western part of the county. On top of hill (check) which gave a good view of surrounding countryside. Good agri. area. (Mildred Roberts, WPA) from J. B. Shely; ("F(eh)rIVOU") On the Nelson Co. line, at the end of the Fairview Rd. You go off of US62 at the Mays Rd. c. 8-9 mi. to Fairview. At one time a very thriving commu. Assumes it was named for its good view but dk about that. Chu. Also a big store run for years by the Springates, a prominent family there and still is, but on the Nelson Co. side. The store, tho, was on of the Anderson Co. side....The po was in Miss
Rebecca Springate's store. Still called the
(Philip Spencer; interview, 8/4/1978);
FOX CREEK (Anderson Co.): on US62, 5 mi. sw of L'burg. "Named for the small stream flowing through it into Salt River." (....)
ANDERSON NEWS, 1/31/1974, Sect. 3, P. 13:4-
("F(ah)x Kreek") Assumes it was named for the creek which is a branch of Salt R. Quite a vil. at one time. A farming commu. The creek was probably named for the many Foxes (animals) there; and they're still there. Ch. of name not of site. DK who was Horace. Informant dk of this place or such a persona name there. Families of Hawkins(es) still live in there. DK why the n.changes. It was
probably settled as a commu. in the 1840s or '50s. Now: Xian Chu. (which was est. in the 1840s). Two stores there for yrs. Had an MD, laundry. Now: store, churches, nice homes. Now called Fox Creek. No one refers to it any more as Hawkins. (Philip Spencer interview, 8/4/1978);
FOX CREEK (Anderson Co.): What later became the Fox Creek p.o. and comm. may have started as Chessers Store Commu. 6 mi. w. of L'burg. on the Anderson City Rd. Named for the storekeeper, n.ch. 1861 to Buckner, later to Horace, then to Hawkins, and in 1885 to Fox Creek. (Wyatt Shely, col. "Our Heritage" in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/30/1971.) Acc. to POR, Chesher's Store p.o. was est. 5/20/1851, Wilfred G. Chesher, n.ch. to Buckner's Store 9/24/61, Andrew Cassidy. Disc. 03/17/65. (NA

near and north of Fox Creek, 7 mi. from L'burg (Wyatt, lett., 4/19/74.)
FOX CREEK (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as Horace 3/23/1886, Ezekiel H. Rice; n.ch. to Hawkins, 4/29/86, Ezekiel H. Rice; n.ch. to Fox Creek, 5/18/86, Ezekiel H. Rice....Disc. 1/31/1913 (mail to L'burg) (NA): Long before the Horace p.o. was est., the commu. had been called Fox Creek; apparently n.ch. to Fox Creek to conform to the name of the commu. (McKee & Bond, P. 128). 7 mi. w. of L'burg. on US62. vill. named for the creek. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely; for WPA)
GEE (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 3/17/1898, John C. Murphey (sic) .... (NA) ("Djee") Not the same as Wavside. ("Wa/s(eye)d"). The latter is now known as "The Spot" and is on Ky. 44 at the Spencer Co. line at the end of Crooked Creek. 3-4 mi. from Gee. It's just a spot on the side of the rd. No connection with Gee. To get to Gee, you go down the Birdie Rd. to the end and turn left to Shelby Co. line. The Gee po is on the left side of the rd. Named for one of the several Gee families in the county and locally still called this. A Mr. Sea was the last pm and he was preceded by a Mr. Ruble (or Rubel-?) Now at Gee: only
homes...(Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co.): ("Ghl(eh)nz/ber/ə" or "Ghl(eh)nz/b(uh)r/ə" 2 or 2½ syl.) Originally known as Camden(ville) ("K(æ)m/dən"). Then Orr ("(Aw)r") And then Glensboro. DK why Camden. Orr was a prominent family. It's located in a glen. The Browning chairs were made here. Geo. Browning's name was mentioned in the 1850 Census. Was a bank there, 2 churches, several stores. Farming trade ctr. Now: one store & some nice homes. DK Wm. Orr's kinship with Elijah Orr. No Orrs still there or anywhere in the co... (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co.): On the Salt R. at the foot of a steep hill that was originally forested. Early mill on Salt R. powered by an undershot wheel. Only 3 homes in 1847, the homes of Elijah Orr, Brook Miller and Mrs. Edith Harris & her 3 sons...(P.55) Noted as the place where later US Rep. Champ Clark from Mo. once taught school. Had a carding factory bank, roller mill. Until c.1880, the town was called Camden but the po was est. as Orr for a pioneer settler. N.ch. again in late 1904 to Glensboro....The Glensboro Roller Mills est. 1896....(Mrs. W.L. Franklin, P. 56) (in Souvenir Supplement to THE ANDERSON NEWS, 6/1906);
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co.): Only 3 homes on the site in 1847...Until 1881, the town was known as Camden. Tom N. Calvert was the only storekeeper c.1906. (...) (anon. c1906 in ANDER-SON NEWS, reproduced in Ibid., 1/31/1974, P. 10:1-6). P.O. est. there 1839 and called Salt River. Disc. shortly thereafter and re- est. 1848 as Camden or Camdenville in the store of Elijah Orr...Village once had a distillery, several large stores, blacksmith shop, bank. Was the home of the late Wm. Townsend, lawyer, & historian.(...) (Wyatt Shely, "Glensboro 130 Years Ago" THE ANDERSON NEWS, 1/31/1974, P. 10:6-7 of sect. 3)
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co.): 1st known as Camden but d.k. why. Town laid out 1860 by W.E. Bell. N.ch. to Orr for Elijah Orr, early settler and church official in whose store the p.o. was first est. in 1848. Renamed Glensboro in 1904 "by local citizens who engaged the services of Champ Clark in getting name of p.o. changed." (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/16/1971, P. 12:3-4).
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as Camden-ville, 2/7/1848, Elijah Orr...Disc. 1/25/62; Re-est. 3/11/62, Thomas J. Moseley; Disc. 3/29 1864; Re-est. as Orr, 2/24/81, Thos. D. Brown ...n. ch. to Glensboro, 9/12/1904, Wood Blake-\man....Disc. 1/31/1913: (mail to Lawrenceburg); (NA) Rep. Champ Clark (Dem., Mo.) once taught sch. here in early 1870s. (McKee & Bond, P. 125). 10 mi. w. of L'burg. On the Salt R. 1st settler=Wm. Orr. (...) (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA)
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co.): Named for its location in "a secluded spot between two hills." Near Salt R. Commu. founded 1847 by Elijah Orr, Brook Miller, and Mrs. Edith Harris & her sons. Village soon boasted a mill, po., several stores, carding factory, bank, school 2 churches. Town first called Camden but n.ch in 1880 to Orr for its 1st settler, Elijah Orr. N.ch. again in 1904 to Glensboro. Amid very fertile agric. land. (unidentified news. series on central Ky. communities....)
GLENSBORO (Anderson Co., Ky): Some time before mid 19th cent. Elijah Orr built grist mill with undershot wheel at end of a mi. long millrace and Tom Montgomery built carding factory and stillhouse which later became John F. Day Distillery. This was site of what became Camden or Camdenville. "The people of the vil. detested 'Orr' as the name of the Camden po. When they went anywhere and said they were from 'Orr,' some wag was already ready with the wisecrack query: 'Or what?' So in 1904 my father, O.L Townsend, the country doctor, W.L. Franklin, and T.W. Calvert, merchants, and others de-
cided to do their utmost to change the name of the po and of the vil. itself.... There was in the beginning, strong sentiment for 'Parkersburg' or 'Parkersville' (since most of the local voters were Demo's. and supporters of Alton B. Parker who was running ag. Pres. Roosevelt). Rep. Champ Clark (Dem, Mo) who had been raised and taught sch. in the vic., interceded for citizens with the POD and was told that there were already too many Parkersvilles/Parkersburgs and they'd have to find another name. "Someone then suggested that since the vil. was located in
a valley or glen the name of 'Glensboro' would be appropriate...." By the turn of the cent. a thriving mill town and trade ctr. with steam and water-powered mill, 3 stores, dist., cooperage, school, 2 chu's., carding factory, blacksmith shop, jail.... (Wm. H. Townsend, HUNDRED PROOF: Salt River Sketches and Memoirs of the Bluegrass, U. of Ky. Press, 1964, Pp. 3-5)
JOHNSONVILLE (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 7/20/1854, John F. Bean...Disc. 1/29/1863 (NA)
Located nr. the Wash. Co. line. Inc. 1856.
Named for David Johnson, pioneer settler. (McKee & Bond, P. 124) Inc. 1855. Named for
David J. Johnson, lst settler. ...(Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA)
18 mi. w. of L'burg. on US62. Named for
David Johnson, lst settler. He built log
home there 1835. Inc. 1856. (Wyatt Shely,
"Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS,
9/16/1971, P. 12:3).
JOHNSONVILLE (Anderson Co.): Farming community in w. part of county. Inc. by G.A. 1855-6. Named for David Johnson, 1st settler. In about 1835 he built the 1st log house. (W.H. Morgan, Souvenir Supplement to the ANDERSON NEWS, 6/1906, P. 19) (UK Spec. Coll.'ns...); Located this side of Sparrows. ("Dj(ah)n/sənz/v(ih)l"). Tho' he said there's no "s" in this, he frequently pron. it as if there was. c. 18 mi. from L'burg. on US62. Now: no longer much of a commu. but still has the sch., called Western Sch. and a store; farm homes along the rd. At one time a thriving commu. Goes back to Wash. Co. so it's an old commu. Never inc.
Named for the many early Johnsons in that area. The only name he's ever heard applies to it. Wardsv. or Sparrows is just down the rd. This side of J'ville was a place with a store & po called Klondyke. (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
JOHNSONVILLE (Anderson Co.): Est. & inc. 2/2 1858 (ACTS, 1857/8, Vol. 1, P. 260);
LAWRENCEBURG (Anderson Co.): Acc. to Collins History, it was named for Capt. James Lawrenc of the USNavy whose famous last words as skipper of the USS Chesapeake were "Dont Give Up The Ship!". Jacob Coffman (sic) was killed 1792. Acc. to one account, he was killed by Indians. (Wyatt Shely, ANDERSON NEWS, 10/31/1974, Sec. 3, P. 1;7)

Today, many wall tile and carpeting, whisky and tile, cables.
LAWRENCEBURG (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as Lawrenceburgh, 1/22/1817, Jeremiah A. Matthews; may also have been called Lawrence's Hotel, acc. to the POR...n.ch. to Lawrenceburg, 12/21/1893, Wm. P. Walker...(NJ 1st called Kaufman's Sta. for Jacob Kaufman, a German, who settled on 400 acres on a branch of Hammond's Creek "adjoining a claim held by a man named Bailey...the claim (presumably Kaufman's) being located in Feb. 1780, and in June of the same year, he located another claim of 1000 acres immediately adjoining the first." Other settlers followed soon after... Town was named for Wm. Lawrence who may have
built the 1st house on the site in the late 1780s in which he had a tavern for a no. of years. Inc. by the Ky. Leg. in 1820 as Lawrence. When became county seat of new co. in 1827 the name was changed to Lawrenceburg by act of the Leg. from Lawrence......(Souvenir Supplement to the ANDERSON NEWS, 6/1906, P. 7, in the UK Spec. Coll.)
LAWRENCEBURG (Anderson Co., Ky): Lawrence was officially renamed Lawrenceburg by the act that est'd. the new county gave it the name Anderson, approved 1/16/1827. On March 30, 1827 Lawrenceburg was officially designated the county seat. (McKee-Bond, Pp. 35-6)
LAWRENCEBURG (Anderson Co.): ("L(ah)r/əns/berg") Coffman settled there 1780. Named for Wm. Lawrence, local tavern owner and prominent citizen....Not named for Jas. Lawrence, war of 1812 naval hero....Est. 1818 by Ky. Leg. Made co. seat in 1827. Never called Lawrenceville, only Lawrence. Then Lawrenceburg. It's assumed that Jacob Coffman came from Pa. and was a Rev. War vet. because he took up a grant of 400 acres tho' informant has seen no record of this. DK where Lawrence came from...Coffman was killed by the Indians in 1792. (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/78)
LAWRENCEBURG (Anderson Co.): The site was 1st called Kaufman's Station for Jacob Kaufman, a Ger. immi. who settled there 1785. Others joined him and settlement grew until, in 1820, it was incorporated as Lawrence. Named for Wm. Lawrence, a local tavern owner for many yrs. who was also instrumental in developing the town. Made seat of Anderson Co. in 1827 when co. was formed. Name then ch. by special leg. act to Lawrenceville. (...) (from one of an undated and unidentified series of articles on bluegrass area communities....)
LAWRENCEBURG (Anderson Co.): Inc. as Lawrence by the Franklin Co. Court 9/1820. Renamed Lawrenceburg by Leg. act approved 1/16/1827. (McKee & Bond, P. 27);
LICK SKILLET (Anderson Co., Ky): "Was named for coon dogs licking skillets, something like that. There's dogs connected with it. That was on back of Fox Creek. I think that was another gambling place." No trace of it anymore. Goes back to right after the Civil War. (Philip Spencer, Lawrenceburg, Ky., interview, 8/4/78)
LICK SKILLET (Anderson Co.): d.k. when settled. Name allegedly derived from a political rally at which burgoo was served. The supply was exhausted before everyone was served and someone remarked 'they ate all the burgoo, and licked the skillet.' (M. Lad for WPA files, 4/1941) (cf also to McKee & Bond, on file....)

"Story is that about 1870 a fish-fry was held there and because the supply of fish was too soon exhausted (the) hungry late-comers licked the skillets." (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/30/71)

On Chaplin R., c. 20 mi. w. of C'burg, so. of us 62. (Wyatt Shely, letter, 4/4/74.)
LICK SKILLET (Anderson Co., Ky): Hamlet whose "development was arrested and not much linger but the name. Judge J.T. Cox vouches for the fact that Lick Skillet got its name when a political rally was held at this point in the county and burgoo was served, but the crowd was underestimated, and a disappointed soup taster said 'they ate up all the burgoo and licked the skillet.'" (McKee & Bond, P. 124)
LICK SKILLET (Anderson Co., Ky): Name allegedly derived from a political rally at which burgoo was served. The supply was exhausted before everyone was served and someone remarked that "they ate all the burgoo and licked the skillet." (M. Ladd, 4/41.) (See also McKee & Bond, on file...) "Story is that about 1870 a fish-fry was held there and because the supply of fish was too soon exhausted (the) hungry latecomers licked the skillets." (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in the ANDERSON NEWS, 9/30/71) On Chaplin R., c. 20 mi. w of Lawrencev. and s. of US62.)
MCBRAYER (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as Sidney, 7/17/1888, Ezekiel H. Rice; n.ch. to McBrayer, 1/10/1889, Ezekiel H. Rice....Disc. 2/15/1917 (mail to L'burg) (NA); commu. est. adjacent to rr sta. when Southern Ry. built through. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA)

Wm. H. McBrayer was US Sen., 1859-63. (ch. could it have been named for him?)....

McBrayer: Alex'r. McBrayer was prog. of this family in Anderson Co. From Va. in pioneer days. (McKee-Bond, P. 201)
McBRAYER (Anderson Co.): ("Mək/br(ih)/ər" = 2½ syl. Rice's Mill on the river, run by the Rices. At first the mill was called Hudgins Mill. Then the Bond acquired it and then the Rices. McBrayer is on the rr, off of US127, sw of L'burg. The rr sta. there was called McBrayer Sta. And a store run by Jim Waterful & Mrs. Bond. Down the rd. is a distillery owned by the Bronfmans. In c.1905, this was the Waterful & Fraser (ch. sp.) Distillery. They sold it to J.T.S. Brown & sons & they sold it, and sold again several times, and it now belong to the Bronfmans. Across the river there at
Bonds Mill, there's a J.T.S. Brown & Sons distillery. There's always been distilling in that community. It's a good farming community too. The Bond distillery has been there at least 125 yrs... McBrayer was named for a large family in the county, pioneer settlers.

Wm. McBrayer was the 1st one in, a Pennsylvanian... He came in with Jas. Harrod in 1774. He acquired the land c. 2 mi. from L'burg where a stone house was built, tho' not by him, in 1814... He was sheriff of Franklin Co. in 1809 and died c. 1810. The McBrayers still own land in Anderson Co. In the mid-19th cent., they were quite
wealthy, owning much real estate in the co. Wm. probably took up a land of land in the Salt R. and nearby bottoms and it was inherited by his family. Some of the best land in the county is still McBrayer land. They live & owned land in the vic. of the McBrayer commu. but he dk which ones. DK about the Sidney name applied to this place. Knows of no Sidney families in the co. nor why this place would have been called that. (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
NEVINS (Anderson Co.): ("N(ie)v/ənз" or "N(eh)v/ənз"). At one time a sta. on the So. Ry. Most of the ngbrd. around the sta. is in Mercer Co. Named for the Nevins family of which Wm. Nevins was the orig. settler in there. He was there before the rr was built thru in 1889; he was there in the early yrs. of the 19th cent. So the commu. preceded the est. of the rr sta. with that name. Now: dk if store there. The Nevins Rd. is off of US12 into Mercer Co. Still referred to as Nevins Station. Was called merely Nevins until the rr came thru. Some Nevins(es) still there. RR doesn't stop there anymore, but still goes thru. (Philip Spencer, 8/4/78);
NEVINS (Mercer Co--Anderson Co., Ky): PO in Mercer Co. Acc. to John T. Nevins, 1/2/1890, this po was 2½ mi n of Bondville, 2 mi s of McBrayer PO. At Nevins Station (depot) (SLR);
NEVINS (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. in Mercer Co. 2/17/1890, John T. Nevins; moved soon afterwards to Anderson Co.; 7/12/93, Robert H. Nevins; 10/25/93, John P. Nevins; Disc. 8/31/1910 (mail to McBrayer) (NA); commu. est. adjacent to rr stat. when the Southern Ry. was built through. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA).

viII. 4 mi. s. of L'burg. Named for 1st pm & prominent citizen, John T. Nevins. (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/30/1971). Nevins was a pioneer family in Anderson Co. (McKee-Bond, P. 199)
NINEVAH (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 2/21/1895, Ambrose C. Parker...Disc. eff. 1/14/1904 (mail to L'burg) (NA); 3½ mi. n. of L'burg. Settled mid-19th cent. Named by first settler and merchant, Ambrose Parker. (Mildred Roberts, WPA files).

From J.B. Shely

NINEVAH (Anderson Co.): ("N(ih)n/ə/və")
ENE of L'burg off of old US127. An old settlement. Never heard it called anything else. In 1832 there was a ferry across the Ky. R. The road to it went thru Ninevah. It was known as the Christopher-Buckley Ferry Rd. There was a Ninevah at that time. Buckley & Christopher were Woodford Countians who built the ferry... Ninevah had a store there. The Sullivans had one in the late 19th cent. When it closed 3-4 yrs. ago, it was being run by Mae Sullivan. In one of the best farming sections of the co. This nghbrd. was settled early, by Bakers, Washes
McBrayers, Nelsons. DK when the Ninevah name was applied. It was a Biblical name. There was a Providence Chu. 1 1/2 mi. nnw of the settlement. It was later a sch. house. From Ninevah there's a rd. that turns to the left, called Lanes Mill Rd. and on the rd. was a log schhouse. A water-powered grist mill further on that rd. There until 20 yrs. ago. Run by a Mr. Lane, right over the line in Franklin Co. No community called Providence, only the chu. Now at Ninevah: just some homes. Store has been gone for 10 yrs. The Prov. chu. is gone. DK why named N. (Philip Spencer, 8/4/78);
Yes, there really is an Over-Spent Farm.

In recent months, a truck bearing that name has been spotted in Lexington. Problem was, nobody seemed to know whether the farm was for real and, if so, where it was.

Answer: near Lawrenceburg. It's a 53-acre horse farm, previously known as the old Jefferies Farm. Katherine Treamer bought it in 1977 and registered the name in 1982.

Why “Over-Spent” Farm?

Mrs. Treamer says she and her husband, Everett, owned a boat in Florida and one day she saw the name “High Life.”

“High Life,” Mrs. Treamer immediately reasoned, clearly translated into “Over-Spent.”
RIPYVILLE (Anderson Co.): ("R(ih)p/ee/v(ih)l
Named for John Ripy, one of the 2 brothers. He had store there....Now: subdivision. No longer a store. Homes being built on and off the road...Combined gro-liquor store at the jct. of old US127 and the bypass, in a triangle, the far end of R'ville. At one tim this triangle was considered part of the R'ville commu. John was not the 1st settler but probably built the 1st store, in the early 1840s. The bros. were from Ireland, came to Amer., were peddlers. 1st came to Bourbon Co. To Anderson Co. and went into the liquor business and dealt in land and got rich....Locally few people still call
it Ripyville, only the older people; others dont call it anything except maybe in the neighborhood of the Sand Springs Bapt. Chu. ....(Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
RIPYVILLE (Anderson Co.): On the Danville Pike (US127) c. 3/4 mile n. of the road to McBryar. (acc. to 1924 map);
RIPYVILLE (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 5/31/1867, Dickson G. McMichael....Disc. eff. 6/30, 1905 (mail to L'burg) (NA); 4 mi. S. of L'burg. James and John Ripy arrived in Anderson Co. 1835 from their home in Tyrone, Ireland. James est. grocery store and John a dry goods business in L'burg. In 1855, John entered into a partnership of a store at the site. Town was to be named for him. (....) (McKee & Bond, P. 127) Named for 1st merchant, John Ripy. Inc. 7/1858. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA)
RIPYVILLE (Anderson Co.): On US127, 4 mi. so. of L'burg. Inc. 1858. Named for 1st merchant, John Ripy. Name now seldom used. (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/16/1971, P. 12:3); Est. c. 1830s. Two bros. left home in Tyrone, Ireland for Am. They were Jas. and John Ripy. Arr. Lawrence. James opened a gro. and John a drygoods store. In 1855 John bought farm and opened a store with John McMichael. Tho' he continued to live in L'burg, McMichael lived in the store. This was the site of Ripyville. Named for John, 1st merchant. (P. 31)...Inc. as Ripyville by the
SALT RIVER (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 7/5/1839 James S. Davis; Disc. 10/8/1840. (NA & Wyatt Shely, ANDERSON NEWS, 1/31/1974, Sect. 3, P. 2:4)

SINAI (Anderson Co.): ("S(ah)<->(eye)n/ee/eye"). A voting place and dpo. A Christian chu. at nearby Shiloh ("Sh(ah)<->(eye)/(o)l(oh)l") Was a store at Sinai until 15-20 yrs. ago. PO recently closed. Both are Biblical names but dk why they were given to the communities. Still called by these names. Within a mi. of each other. Sinai is on a hill. They're really both the same commu. though. Had a sch. at Sinai. Dogwalk is back of Fox Creek, on this side of the present hiway, 3-4 mi. from Sinai. ("D(aw)/w(aw)k") This info. from Mr. Holly Searcy who came from there....Dogwalk was a
gambling and drinking place with a bad reputation. Rowdy. Didnt last too long. Very few yet know of the Dogwalk name. DK which of the 2 names: Sinai or Shiloh were applied first; thinks it was Sinai. The 2 names have always identified the same community. The Shiloh Christian Chu. is active. Just homes there now. (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
SINAI (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as such on 10/24/1876, James M. Wash...(NA); Sinai=Shiloh, the name of the local church. The Shiloh Christian Chur. was org. at Browns Sch. house c1870. (McKee & Bond, P. 126)

Acc. to Mildred Roberts for WPA, there was a commu. called Shiloh which was first called Dogwalk by the Wash. Brown, and Searcy families. After church was built, the n. was changed to commemorate the Battle of Shiloh. P.O. called Sinai. Vill. also sometimes called Sinai. (WPA files)

Sinai p.o. served the commu. of Shiloh, earlier called Dogwalk. (M. Ladd, WPA, 4/41)
SINAI (Anderson Co.): The last rural p.o. to close in the county, eff. 3/17/1973. Only the county seat's Lawrenceburg, remains. On Ky. 53 Mrs. Ruth Hoskins retired in 1972 after 31 yrs as pm. She was succeeded by Mrs. Jerelene C. Harley as acting pm, 6/72 and served till the p.o. closed. (Stephen Ford, "Sinai Postmark's Final Cancellation" 2/16/1973 of Blue Grass Edit., LCJ, P. 6.)
SPARROW (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 1/15/1883, James B. Barnett...(NA) Town formerly called Wardsville. Named for a number of Sparrow families in that area. Nicknamed the "Sparrows Nest" (McKee & Bond, P. 124)

Early church called Sparrow's Union, 17 mi. w. of L'burg on US62. Named when p.o. was est 1883 for the many Sparrow families in the area. Church rebuilt & relocated by 1862 and renamed New Liberty. (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/16/1971, P. 12:3).
SPARROWS (Anderson Co.): ("Sp(ae)r/əz") on US62, c. 18 mi. due w. of L'burg. Known as the Sparrows Nest. An awful lot of persons of that name and birds of that species in the area. Still. Morgan had a big store there at one time. Named for the many families named Sparrow. cf Ezra Sparrow, L'burg. writer, teacher, & preacher who came from there. He writes a col. in the local weekly. ...Wardsville was the older name of Sparrow. The same site. Named for some Ward for there were many of them in the area. It was called until 30-40 yrs. ago. Farming area....Now:
no longer a store, some homes. People still recall the Wardsville name. Distinguished from Johnson(s)ville (q.v.) tho' they're not very far apart. More people probably call it Wardsville than Sparrows. (Though spelled without the term "s", he continuall pron. it with the "s")....(Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/1978);
SPARROW (Anderson Co.): Hamlet named for the Sparrow family, local settlers. Was called The Sparrows Nest in its early days. (McKee & Bond, P. 207) These Sparrows came from Boyle Co. (Ibid.)
STRINGTOWN (Anderson Co.): ("Str(in)town")
Has always heard that it was strung up &
down the rd. 2 mi. s. of L'burg on US127.
Now: 1 store, chu...Many of the residents
in the past worked at the nearby Bond &
Lillard Distillery (1½ mi. to/ L'burg on
Baileys Run). The Hanks and Hedgers familie
were among the earliest. The oldest Bapt.
Chu. in the co. and among the oldest in Ky.
is nearby. Est. in c.1780s by John Pinney.
Then moved to Stringtown area. Oldest cem.
in the co. The 2nd chu. structure on the
site was recently renovated and is active..
So it's an old nghbd. It's an old name as
well & he's never heard it called anything
else. And still is. (Philip Spencer. 8/4/78)
TYRONE (Anderson Co.): It is said that Tyrone "suffered more as a result of the passage of the 18th amendment than any other town in central Ky." Was named by T.P. Ripy for his father who had come to Am. from Tyrone Co., Ireland. Located 4 mi. e. of L'burg, on the Ky R. Inc. 1879. Grew rapidly until by turn of present cent. it had become a major distill. center. Ripy owned and operated the Anderson Co. Distilleries. The largest mash-tub dist. in world in 1906. Now uninc. village. (Undated and unident. series of articles on bluegrass area communities...
TYRONE (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as Coke, 4/7/1882, John T. Coke; n.ch. to Tyrone, 8/9/1893, John T. Coke... (NA) Before 1868, the site was a "wayside landing called 'Streamville' by the steamboat men" on the Ky. R. Town inc. 1879. The largest "mash tub" distillery in the world was built there 1868. Plant later owned by T.B. Ripy (q.v. Ripyville). Named for Tyrone Co., Ireland from whence had come the Ripy Bros. Soon (a) after Anderson Co. was est. (Notes from the Souveni Supplement of the Anderson News of 1906, cite by McKee & Bond, Pp. 125-6).
TYRONE (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. as Coke, 1882, for postmaster John T. Coke. Changed 1883 to Tyrone "because of location in vill. of Tyrone." (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/30/1971). ("T(eye)/r(oh)n") Originally known as Streamville ("Streem/v(ih)l"). Renamed by the Ripys for either Tyrone, Pa. or Tyrone, Ireland, probably the latter. Prior to their arrival, there wasn't much there, just 2 houses. DK what yr. the name was changed but after the Ripys, who had settled in this community, got prominent in the distillery business. They settled on the hill back this side of
Tyrone... Thos. B(eebe) Ripy was son of John. Jas. Ripy, the other bro., had 4 sons. Jas. lived in Tyrone, as did J.B. at one time... Doubts the po was Coke at the same time the commu. was called Streamville. Thinks there wasnt much there when it was called Streamville because it was named that by the raftsmen who came down the river to a big mill in Frankf. Only 2-3 houses there. Later a big mill was built at the Tyrone site. Never heard of it called Coke. DK when the Tyrone name was applied to the community, whether it was called Tyrone while the po was called Coke. The orig.
The distillery was in the bottom, no longer in operation. The Ripy bros. distillery is on the hill; it's now Austin-Nichols (ch. sp) ... That was run by the sons of Thos. Beebe Ripy, who was the son of John. The site of Tyrone from the bridge by the distillery— you go right straight down the hill; it's 3/4 mi. across Baileys Run and you're on the edge of Tyrone; i.e. directly e. of the bridge (sic) Now at site of Tyrone: homes, 1 small store. Most of the older homes are gone. No longer any industry. Still locally known as Tyrone. (Philip Spencer, interview, 8/4/78);
TYRONE (Anderson Co.): Once a thriving town with large Ripy distilleries. Dismantled by prohib. Dwindled. (Mildred Roberts from J.B. Shely, for WPA); Before Prohib. the town's main indust. was Ripy Bros' distillery which was called the Tyrone Dist. for James Ripy's native co. in Ireland. Town originally called Streamville but then n.ch. to Tyrone when Ripy started his distil. under the Tyrone name. James' son, T.B. Ripy succeeded his father as head of distil. Other distil's. also operated in and around this community. Town thrived before 1920. Also rock quarry, coal & lumber yard, river traffic, retail trade, several stores, movie theater, p.o., rr sta. Tyrone's
FOLK ETYMOLOGY: Tyrone (Anderson Co, Ky):
A man rode his roan mare to the (Ky) river. Tied her to a tree on the bank. Got in a skiff to row across the river. He looked around and saw that the horse had gotten loose. He yelled to a man on the bank to tie her roan. (Col. Robt. G. Chambers of Nicholasville, Ky., 1972)
TYRONE (Anderson County, Ky.) folk etymology: A man rode a roan mare to the river and tied her to a tree on the bank. Then he got in a skiff to row across the river. He looked around and saw that the horse was loose and he yelled to a man on the bank to "tie 'er roan." (Col. Rob G. Chambers of Nicholasville, Ky. (address: 204 Broadway; a retired army colonel and industr. engineer), when I spoke on folklore at the Jan. monthly meeting of the Jess. Co. Hist. Soc., 1/11/1972.)
Acc. to a local legend, "A roan mare would jump the fence each time some cattle were driven by. The owner would shout, 'Tie the roan mare,' or just 'tie roan' when he saw some cattle being driven by." (Hardy, thesis, 1949, P. 33.)

Thriving vill. by 1850. Inc. 1879. Named for Tyrone Co. in Ireland "the ancestral home of the Ripy immigrants." (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" col. in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/16/1971, P. 12:3)
TYRONE (Anderson Co.): Austin-Nichols & Co. (sic) Inc. is affiliated with Liggett & Myers
VAN BUREN (Anderson Co.): All that's left is chu. and cem. But shortly before 2/1979, the chu. was also moved. By 1981 the town will be under Taylorsv. Lake. Fed. Govt. bought all the land. 23 families forced to move. The last did so in 12/1978. Vil. in the nw corner of county. Named for Pres. Martin Van Buren. Founded when laid out in 1835. Peak pop. of 70 in 1878. (sic) Local businesses then included: bank, 2 stores, hotel, undertakers. Thrived until better roads took businesses away to larger centers. Also had flour mill, sch., blacksmith, lodge, wagon factory. Humes Gen. Store there 1976. Town
had 58 residents until then. cf H.G. Hume, storekeeper, and M&M Ed Stevens, long time residents and the last to leave. They moved to the hill above the water level....("Lake Birth means Van Buren's Death" by Carolyn Colwell, LCJ, 2/18/1979, P. B1:1-3);
VAN BUREN (Anderson Co.): p.o. est. 5/23/1850, Jacob W. Lindle. Disc. 4/13/54; Re-est 2/5/1858, Peter Dedman. Disc. 7/12/59; Re-est. 3/19/66, Wm. C. Ash. Disc. 10/19/68; Re-est. as Vanburen (sic) 4/10/86, Wm. C. Ash. Disc. eff. 2/15/1922 (mail to Mt. Eden). Town laid out 1835 by Edward Harris on his land at the mouth of Crooked Creek on Salt R. 18 mi. from L'burg. Named for then Pres. Martin Van Buren. (McKee & Bond, P. 124) 18 mi. w. of L'burg. 1st surveyed and lots sold 1835. On Spencer Co. line. Again laid out in Van Buren's admin. and named for him. (Wyatt Shely, "Our Heritage" in THE ANDERSON NEWS, 9/16/1971, P. 12:3)
VAN BUREN (Anderson Co.): ("V(æ)n Byûr/ən") Farming commu. in the Salt R. Val. Now: chu. and cem. only. All homes and business places were torn down for the Taylorsville Dam backwash. At one time it had the biggest (gen.) store in the County, (Charley) Ashby's store ...Closed c. 15-20 yrs. ago. Flooded in 1977. The chu. also will be flooded with the 370 graves in the cem. The Corps is going to move them to Spencer Co....Had a bank, shops, many homes. Dam will be built; it's too far along to drop plans now. (Philip Spencer, interview 8/4/1978);
VAN BUREN (Spencer Co.): Gone. In the path of the proposed Taylorsville Dam reservoir. Abandoned and buildings destroyed by the Corp of Engineers. (John Ed Pearce, "Spencer Co." on the Focus on Ky. series, in LCJ MAG. 4/16/1978, Pp. 10ff);
VAN BUREN (Anderson Co.): Named for Pres. Van Buren during whose administration it was laid out. It was a substantial 19th cent. vil. with a hotel, several stores, wagon factory, flour mill. c.18 mi. from Lawrenceb. Had a sch. & church also... (P.57 of Souvenir Supplement to THE ANDERSON NEWS, 6/1906, in UK Spec. Coll); Inc. as Van Buren 4/9/86 (Acts 1885/6, Vol. 1, p. 1: 40);
YOUNGS' HIGH BRIDGE (over the Ky. R. betw. Anderson & Woodford Co's, Ky. at Tyrone. It's 281 ft. high. Opened 1/1/1907 at cost of $700. (Acc. to Anne Van Willigen of the Ky. State Libr. (Dick Burdette's col. in the Lex. Her-Leeader, 5/17/1992, P. C2:6);