ZACHARIAH (Lee Co.): [Zaek/ə/ˈreɪə/ə] (Zachariah). A hamlet with an active post office on the Wolfe Co. line, at the junction of KY 11 and 1036, 8½ air miles n of Beattyville. The post office was established by and named for Zachariah C. Ponder on March 9, 1883 and was discontinued the following year. The name was applied to another post office, 1.8 road miles s, in 1902 and this was transferred to its original site on the county line in 1908 where it remained in operation until 1918. Meanwhile, a post office called Zoe was established at the second site in 1915 and the Zachariah post office was re-established in 1926. Both offices are still active. [LEE CO. CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 20]
ZAG (Morgan Co.): [Zaegh] (W. Liberty). A hamlet with a recently discontinued post office on KY 976, 6 air miles nw of West Liberty. Pearl Cox had seen the word "Zig Zag" in an old newspaper used to paper a wall so after all 18 names on a list submitted to the Post Office Dept. were rejected, she sent in "Zig" and "Zag." The second of these was accepted and on Sept. 23, 1915 her father, Jeff D. Cox became the first postmaster of Zag. Or so the local story goes.

[Arthur C. Johnson, EARLY MORGAN CO. 1974, P. 46]
ZEBULON (Pike Co.): [Zehb/yoʊlən, Zehb/ələn] (Meta).
A village with a 1970 population of some 500 extending for over 2 miles along US 119 and Burning Fork of Raccoon Creek from the foot of Town Mt., 1½ air miles ne of Pike-ville, to the mouth of Burning Fork. The post office, established June 9, 1880 with John L. Hubbard, postmaster, was for years located at the junction of US 119 and Burning Fk., 1½ miles s of the mouth of that stream. It was named, as was the county and its seat, for Zebulon M. Pike (1779-1813), US Army officer-explorer and the discoverer of Pike's Peak. Mail service is now provided by a rural branch of the Pikeville post office. [Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977]
ZION (Henderson Co.): [Zah/yan] (Spottsville). This residential community of some 250 persons on KY 54, 3½ air miles east of Henderson, may date to the organization of the Zion Baptist Church in 1853 on land donated by Miles Cooksey, pioneer settler. Yet the Zion name for the community has been traced back at least to 1848 and a nearby stage stop for Henderson-Owensboro travelers was in operation in the 1830s. The Zion post office, established June 29, 1857 with Theodore R.T. Fowlkes, postmaster, ushered in a period of economic prosperity when 2 tobacco factories and 3 local coal mines were in production. The town was incorporated in 1890. Now only a church and store remain, the post office having closed in 1913. (1) Maralea Arnett, ANNALS AND SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO. KY, 1775-1975, 1976, Pp. 251, 253; (2) Jean Ray, interview, 10/19/1978.
ZONETON (Bullitt Co.): [Zohn/tan] (Brooks). Part of the suburban sprawl of Louisville, centering at the junction of KY 61 (Preston Highway) and 1116 (Zoneton Rd.), 1 mile from the Jefferson Co. line and less than 4 air miles n of Shepherdsville. This community grew out of a late 19th century rural trade center whose post office was established May 17, 1883 and named by its first postmaster, Dr. John R. Holsclaw, MD. It is said that the "patterns on the ground made by moonlight shining through the trees reminded (him) of zones on a map." The post office closed in 1902 and the community is now on a Shepherdsville rural route. [Bullitt Co. Hist'l. Comm'n. 1974, P. 23]
ZULA (Wayne Co.): [Zu/13] (Parnell). A hamlet with extinct post office now on old KY 90, ½ miles of its original location at the site of an old mill on Otter Creek, and 6½ air miles sw of Monticello. At the original site, Thomas and Ramey Jones are said to have built a mill and opened a store sometime after 1882. On Nov. 16, 1901 Ramey established the post office of Zula which is said by some (though doubted by others) to have been named for Zula Frost (born 1891), the daughter of U. Grant Frost, who later became Mrs. John Perdue. When the Federal Government acquired Lower Otter Creek for its Lake Cumberland backfill in 1948, the mill closed and the local store and post office were relocated on top of the hill, ½ miles. The post office closed in 1975 and residents of the community now get their mail from the new Alpha post office (q.v.), 1½ miles w. The Zula store and post office site was recently bypassed by the new route of KY 90, ½ mile s. (1) Mrs. Mollie Hicks, interview, 11/3/1974; (2) John Frost, interview, 11/3/1974; (3) Gladys Lyons, 5/4/1975