BRACKEN COUNTY, KY: Created from Campbell and Mason Co's. on 6/1/1797. From its orig. 260 sq. mi. terri. it lost 30 sq. miles in the formation of Pendleton Co on 5/10/1799. It lost another small area to Harrison Co. on 2/9/1820 and another 10 sq. mi. to Harrison Co. on 2/22/1834. It gained small areas in 1844, 1846, 1854, and 1864 from adjacent counties. It lost 20 sq. mi. in the formation of Robertson Co. on 8/1/1867 and a small area to Pendleton Co. on 4/22/1882. (Long);

Named for 2 creeks—Little and Big Bracken which had been named for Wm. Bracken, pion. hunter, who had visited the co. in 1773. He later settled on one of the creeks where he was killed by Indians. (Collins);
BRACKEN COUNTY, KY: 206 sq. mi. The 23rd co. in order of formation. Named for Wm. Bracken, the trapper, who had accompanied the McAfee and Bullitt survey parties to Ky. in 1773 and later settled along one of the creeks named for him in the future county. County was org. in 1796 out of sections of Camp. & Mason Co's. and its seat was 1st est. at Augusta. Primarily an agri. co. and seat of white burley tob. prod'n. during the latter half of the 19 cent. One of the country's major wine producing co's. in the 1870s. Agri. is still dominant econ. activity, supplemented by small indust. operations--a plastics factory in Augusta. 1990 pop. of 7,766. (Ky. Ency. 1992, Pp. 110-11);
BRACKEN CO. (Ky.): Org. from Camp. & Mason Co's. 12/14/1796. Named for 2 creeks, Big & Little Bracken, both named for Wm. Bracken, hunter, who settled on one of them and is said to have been killed by the Indians. Some historians say the county was named for Matthew Bracken who surveyed with Hancock Taylor in 1773. (Margaret Hartman's tour gui to N. Ky., P. 21); 203 sq. mi. "Est. in 1796 from parts of Camp. & Mason Co's., B. is said to be named for 2 creeks, Big & Little Bracken, which had been named for Wm. Bracken, a pion. hunter and Ind. fighte who had settled on one of them and may have been killed there by Indians." (Book-P. 33);
BRACKEN COUNTY, KY: The county in the 1870s became the country's leading wine producer with annual prod'n. of over 30,000 gallons, half of all the wine then produced in the US. Wine production was introduced here by German settlers. (Ky. Highway Marker #1213); "Moderately to well dissected" topo. Several "flat topped" ridges in the ne sect. of the co. Stony Point, a ridge overlooking the Ohio R., is 880 ft. high. (McGrain & Currens, TOPO., Pp. 13-4); Rolling hills; Was the 23rd co. formed. Taken from sections of Camp. & Mason Co's. by Act of GA of 12/14/1796 (with Mont. Co.) and named for Wm. Bracken and the two Bracken Creeks;
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co.): Buckner was commissar in Rev. War and provided supplies and thus rec'd. grants of much land in Ky. & Ohio. Is traveled to Ky. 1783. He acquired a tract on the site of Augusta and brought his family to settle there in 1793. In 1795 he built the town's 1st brick home. Donated 600 acres to form new town there 10/2/1797. Thus he's considered its founder. A state legislator. Gave land for 1st college w. of the Allegh. which later became 1st Meth. Coll. in world. Buckner's dates=5/13/1747 to 10/24/1820...

(James O. Cracraft, "Most Came--Some Meet Them" ROBERTSON REV. CENT. ED. 7/1971, P. 19 1-5, 1-2)
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co.): po est. as Augusta or Bracken C.H. 1/1/1801, Wm. Brooks; 4/1/01, Wm. Buckner... (NA); Founded 1797 and named for Augusta, Va.... (WHO'S WHO ON THE OHIO RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, by Ethel C. Leahy, Cincy 1931, P. 529); This site was granted to Philibuckner for Rev. War service. He laid off the town in or before 1795. Sale of lots at public auction, 11/3/1795. New property owners petitioned Ky. Leg. for est. of town to be called Augusta. Trustees were deeded 600 acres on which the town was located by Buckner, 10/2/1797. (HIST'C. AUGUSTA AND AUGUSTA COLLEGE, by Walter Rankins, Augusta, Ky. 1949, P. 3);
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co., Ky): 4th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 1336. It may have been on the site of a large prehist. vil. Part of Rev. War grant by Va. to Capt. Philip Buckner. He first visited there in 1781 and returned in 1796 with several Va. families to settle. The city was est. in 1797 and named for the old Va. co. It was the co's. 1st seat till Oct. 1800 when, till March 1802, court was held on Andrew Morrow's farm called Oxford. The river and later the rr spurred econ. dev. Ferry service to Ohio was initiated in 1800. The C&O arr. in 1888. The town's main businesses incl. the Clopay Corp., makers of plastic parts, and F.A. Neider Corp., producer of metal stampings. (Ky. Ency. 1992, Pp. 41-42);
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co.): "The descendants of the early settlers know of no special reason why this name was selected for the colony."
(Nora Hickey WPA ms); Capt. Philip Buckner was a Va.-native and vet. of Rev. War. For his services, he was given Land Office Treasury Warrants, incl. one for 28,000 acres along the Ohio R. from Bracken to Lawrence Creeks and no of the N. Fk. of Licking. This area incl. the sites of Germantown, Brooksville, Berlin, & Augusta, as well as Mt. Olivet. Returned to Augusta in 1797 to settle. He est. town, donating 600 acres for it... (Ibid.);
Capt. Buckner was a Commissary Officer in Va. in the Rev. War. "He furnished army supplies and in return rec'd. Treasury Warrants by virtue of which he obtained large grants of land in Ky. Records show he was living in Augusta in 1781, which he founded by a gift of 600 acres of land which was legally retitled in 1797." He was the Co's 1st Rep. in Ky. Leg.. He built No. Ky's 1st ct. hse. in Augusta. His dates=1747-1820. (BROOKSVILLE CENTENNIAL, 1839-1939, Pp. 34-5)
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co.): ("(Aw)gh/(uh)s/tə") DK why so named. The only name it had. cf Barbar Reynolds, Librarian, Knoedler Pub. Lib. in Augusta, for the origin of this name. She publishes articles on Augusta hist. in the weekly newpaper there. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15, 1978); Wm. Buckner, son of Philip Buckner, donated half of the site of the present day Augusta to the town. ("Welcome to Augusta" brochure published by the local C.of C. n.d.)
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co., Ky): Capt. Philip Buckner acquired many land office treasury warrants from Va. for Rev. War service in 1781. These were the basis of his 7,000 acre grant of 1785 by Gov. Edmund Randolph. He brought his family to this area in 1793. Here he founded a settlement he called Augusta and erected a brick home there for his family in 1795. On Oct. 2, 1797 he gave 600 acres to the new town. ("Diary of Capt. Philip Buckner, with Notes by William Buckner McGroarty, William and Mary Col. Q. Hist'l. Mag, Vol. 6 (3), July 1926, Pp. 173ff);
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co., Ky): Town was laid out by Capt. Buckner in 1795 and became the county's 1st seat. It was later moved to the centrally located Brooksville, 6 mi south. (Lex. Herald-Leader, 8/24/1986, Sect. E, pp. 1,6); The Clopay Corp. makes plastic sheeting. It lately became a cultural center with crafts store, galleries, and an annual writers' conference. Restoration. Ms. Elizabeth Parker is the town's historian. ("Augusta" by John Voskuhl, LCJ, in its "Our Towns" series, 11/9/1992); With the coming of the rr, "river shipping declined."
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co., Ky): "This 4th cl. city is on the Ohio R. floodplain, 6 (air) mi nne of Brooksv. It was part of a large Rev. War grant by Va. to Capt. Philip Buckner who had laid off 600 acres for a town. He placed it on sale by public auction in 1795. The new prop. owners then petitioned the Ky leg. for the est. o a town to be called Augusta, possibly for the large Va. co. which had once included all of Ky. The co's. seat was located here from 1797 to 1800 and again from 1802 to 1839 when it was removed to Brooksv., a more central ly located place. The po was est. as Augusta or Bracke Court House on 1/1/1801 with Wm. Brooks, pm." (Book-P. 10);
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co., Ky): Noted as an Ohio R. tob. shipping pt. (Collins II); Augusta po aka Bracken Ct. House was est. 9/6/1800 with Wm. Brooks, pm. He was succeeded 1/2/1801 by Wm. Buckner, pm. But he was not pm in 1803 and it was apparently gone by then too. It was re-est. as Augusta by 1805 with Nathaniel Patterson, pm, who was succeeded 7/6/1810 (date of postmaster's bond) by Johnston Armstrong. (Stets); Site may have been an old Ind. settlement hundreds of yrs. before its 1st white settlers. Capt. Philip Buckner of Va. acquired a 7000 acre grant for Rev. War services. He visited his claim in 1781 but didn't settle it till 1796 when he found at least 10 Bucks Co. (Pa.) families already living there. He later
built his home in what became Powersville at the present jct. of Ky 10 & 19. Augusta was founded in 1795, the 1st and most important town in the county due to its site on the river (Reis, I, P. 131); A 4th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 1,336; Capt. Philip Buckner, a pion. B. Co. settler, was a Virginian and Rev. Rev. officer. Was given land office treasury warrants for much land on the Ohio R. He 1st visited the future B. Co. in 1781, returning for settlement wit his family in 1797. He came to the Augusta site where he donated 600 acres for the est. of that city. (Nora Hickey's ms. hist. of Bracken Co. for WPA);
AUGUSTA (Bracken Co.): River town on Ky. 8. Site of Augusta Coll., 1st Meth. Coll. est. in US, 1822-1847. Built over an ancient Indian burial ground. ("Welcome to Bracken Co., Ky." brochure, undated); Augusta Coll. est. 1822 from a merger of Bracken Acad. with the Conferences of the Meth. Church of Ky. & Ohio. The 1st est. Meth. Coll. in the world. (Highway marker on the college grounds, Ky. 8, 19, acc. to GUIDE, No. 94, P. 15); Augusta founded 1797 on land granted by Va. to Capt. Philip Buckner for Rev. War serv. (5/13/1747-10/20/1820)...He participated in a state const. convent. & served in both houses of state leg. He had the
town laid off and placed on sale by public auction on 11/3/1795, and on 6/5/1799. Once the county's seat... (RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMORROW, 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO. 1969 by Bracken Co. Homemakers Mrs. Graydon Heaverin, n.p.);

BELCOURT (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 2/10/1890, George W. Collins; 10/13/1890, Thomas J. Griffith; Disc. 11/27/1891 (mail to Germantown) (POR-NA); Acc. to S.D. Rigdo in his SLR of 10/28/1889, the name proposed for this new po was Collins and it would 4 mi s of Germantown and 8 mi n of the Mt. Olivet po (SLR); 3½ mi nw of Tangletown po. (SLR); The only Belcourt listed in the 1895/6 Gaz. was in Webster Co;
BERLIN (Bracken Co.): 1st called Hagensville for a family of Hagens who were the 1st pm. Renamed for the capital of the country of origin of a group of settlers who had est. their homes in the vic. Had a store & po and was inc. At one time most of the residents of the vic. "spoke the Ger. lang. almost exclusively."  
(BROOKSVILLE CENTENNIAL, 1839-1939, P. 37); po est. as Pleasant Ridge, 2/23/1844, Owen T. McClanahan...ch. to Berlin, 2/11/1859, Sam'l. B. Lennex (sic); ch. to Hagensville, 10/4/59, S.B. Lennix (sic); ch. to Berlin, 12/6/59, Sam'l. B. Lennex (sic); ch. to Hagensville, 10/8/61, Jas. McClanahan; 12/4/61, Mathew (sic Hagen; to Berlin, 6/12/65, Jas. B. McClanahan.
ch. to Hagensville, 12/20/65, Matthew (sic) Hagen...ch. to Berlin, 9/28/68, Mrs. Matilda Whalin...Disc. 11/11/86; Re-est. 4/23/87, A.A. McClanahan...Disc. 12/12/1913 (mail to Bradford) (NA); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this was a vil. of 250 pop. Inc. 1868. Five mile from Brooksv. A.P. McClanahan was pm. Had two gen. stores: (1) R. Houston and (2) Wiley & McClanahan. J.M. Dewitt was wagonmaker. Other businesses;
BERLIN (Bracken Co.): ("B3r/lan") DK why so named. DK about Pleasant Ridge and Hagensv. or whether these were nch's. or site changes. Lenox families in the county spell their name this way. There were Hagens(es) in the co. before the turn of the cent. and there are a few left now but not with that name.... Pleasant Ridge Meth. Chu. nr. Berlin. Now: large store was closed last yr. No store left Another store-serv. sta. closed several yrs. ago. Now only homes; no businesses. No longer a sch. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978);
BERLIN (Bracken Co.): On Rt. 10 (which follow the Washington Trace, a buffalo trace). There was probably a vil. here before 1800 called Hagensville for the Hagens (sic) family that ran the po. Renamed for German capital for settlers from Germany. Once incorporated....

BERLIN (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to Abruzo H.P. Conkendofer, 4/9/1887, this po was 5 mi nw of Powersv. po, 6 mi s of Johnsville po., serving a vill. of 100. Acc. to A.P. McClanahan, 4/10/1896, this po was 7 mi s of the Ohio R., ½ mi n of Kincaide Creek, 5 mi n of Brooksville po, 4 mi e of Lenoxb. po. (SLR); ["b3/ln"] "Only some homes on Ky 10, 4½ (air) mi w of Brooksv., remain of this once busy rural trade ctr. named for the capita of the country of origin of many of its early resident. The po has had a curious hist. Est. as Pleasant Ridge on 2/23/1844 with Owen T. McClanahan, it was either moved to or renamed Berlin on 2/11/1859 by Samuel B. Lennex (or Lennix or Lenox). In Oct. of that year, Lennex renamed it Hagensville for a local family of
Hagens. In 2 mos. it was again Berlin; less then two yrs. later the Hagensville name was reapplied; in 1865 it was Berlin once again; 6 mos. later it was Hagensville; then finally it became Berlin in Sept. 1868 and kept that name till it closed in 1913. On March 15, 1869, Berlin was inc. by the Ky. Leg. The name Berlin is used exclusively today; many co. residents do no recall the Hagensville name at all and Pleasant Ridge identifies only a Meth. chu. 1½ mi. n." (Book-P. 21);
BETHESDA (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. as Hillsdale 4/19, 1872, James W. Henderson; 5/11/1874, Nelson Byar; Disc 7/15/1874; Re-est. 4/16/1891, Florence Armstrong; 5/6/1891, John A. Armstrong; changed to Bethesda 4/27/1892 John A. Armstrong; Disc. 5/15/1894 (papers to German­town) (POR-NA); Acc. to Florence Armstrong, 3/24/1891, the Hillsdale po was 4 mi s of Chatham po, 2½ mi w of Germant. po, 5 mi e of Brooksv. po, 1 mi e of Locust Creek. [Acc. to John A. Armstrong, 6/9/1892, the Bethesda po (late Hillsdale) was just e of the head of Locust Creek, 2 mi nw of Germantown po, 5 mi e of Brooksv. po, 4½ mi se of Chatham po. (SLR);
BLADESTON ("Bladz/tən") and Cumminssville ("K(uh)m/ən/ν(ɪh)l") were separate towns. Nothing left at the C'ville site. It had a mill and was on a little rr spur of the L&N that came up to Brooksv. C'ville was a stop for water. Mill gone for at least 40 yrs. Few residents now. C'ville was on Goose Creek. Up the hill is Bladestown which was named for a local family of Blades. The big store there is no longer in operation. It closed 2 yrs. ago and the bldg. is empty. No busi. of any kind are left. Only a chu. & homes. DK which Cummins the other commu. was named for. Joshua Cummins was an older member of the family but dk if named for him. Cummins(es) still around
but not many Blades. The C'ville name still identifies that vic. down the hill from Bladest. Probably no more than 8 homes now at Bladest. Only 3 families still live at C'ville. ½ mi. apart. But 2 distinct places still local people would distinguish. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978); Giver in the 1895/6 Gaz. as Bladestan and was just a po;
BRACKEN CROSS ROADS (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 2/28/1929, E.K. Easley, pm. (POR-Pre 1800); Acc. to P&G, it closed before the end of that year;
BRADFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to T.S. Teagarden, 12/31/1901, this was a site ch. 500 ft. w to a pt. 200 yds. s of the Ohio R., 500 yds. w of Little Snag Creek 3 mi n of Johnsv. po, 4½ mi s of Felicity po, 1 3/4 mi e of Willow Grove po, on the rr., 57 ft. s of the C&O tracks. In Sept. 1908, Albert C. Weisbrodt pet. for a site ch. 600 yrds. e to a pt. 40 yds. nw of Bradford Station. Acc. to B.L. Teegarden (sic), 8/7/1917, this po was ¼ mi s of the Ohio R., ¼ mi w of Snag Creek, 4 mi ne of Foster po, 75 yrds. from the C&O. Acc. to R.E. Weisbrodt, 7/24/1939, this po was 0.05 mi se of Bradford Sta., 0.1 mi from the river, 2½ mi w of Elm Grove po, 10 mi nw of Brooksv. po, 1 mi from Chilo (Clermont Co., O.) (SLR);
BRADFORD (Bracken Co.): Inc. 2/10/1866 (ACTS 1865/6, P. 420). Named for Laban J. Bradford, orig. trustee, acc. to Clift, KY. VIL...P (4) ("Br(ae)d/f3rd") On the Ohio R. A few Metcalfs left in the county. DK where the landing was est.'d. Knows nothing else about this place. Now: The Lenox Lumber Co. only.

On the L&N tracks. No stores. (Edith Brumley interview, 4/15/1978); Acc. to J.T. Sullivan, 9/19/1862 the po of Metcalfs Landing was 5 mi e of Foster po, 7½ mi w of Augusta po, 5 mi nw of Locust Mills po, on the bank of the Ohio R. (SLR);
BRADFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): Col. Laban J. Bradford was ne Bracken Co. on 6/26/1815, the son of Wm. & Eliz. Bradford of Engl. and Va. resp. Wm. came to Bracken Co. in 1791 and was sheriff and mag. of the county before he died there in 1830. Laban co-owned a gen. store in the co. from 1835-1875 and represented the co. in the Ky. G.A. 1855-6. He moved to Cov. in 1874. Was a farmer and real estate dealer. Alex'r. Jewell Bradford, his son, was also a merchant and leg. in the mid 1880s and died in June 1887. (Perrin, 7th edit., 1887, Pp. 16-17); Franklin Metcalf of Augusta po was the only one of that family name listed in the 1860 Census;
BRADFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): from Maryland to Ky. a family of Bradfords came and settled at the site of the future Augusta. Their son was Thomas H. Bradford whose son was Geo. L. Bradford, ne 1/18/1844 who was sheriff of B. Co. in 1865 (sic) and later was mayor of Augusta and became co. judge in 1886. (Perrin, 8th ed. 1888, P. 754); Joshua Taylor Bradford (1818-1871) was one of Ky's. most import. surgeons. (Reis, I, P. 134); On the C&O RR, 1.3 rail mi. e of Willow Grove and 8.1 rail mi w of Augusta's depot; The po closed in 1956 (P&G); Wm. Bradford was appointed J.P. of Bracken Co. in Dec. 1811;
BRADFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, this was a small vil. with a pop. of 100. A. J. Bradford was pm, gen'l. storekeeper, and leaf tob. dealer. Sawmill, hotel, other businesses and artisans; Acc. to 1870 Cens Laban J. Bradford was then a 54 year old merchant. His 16 year old son, Alexander, was a law student.
BRADFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): "Now the site of Lenox Lumber Co. and little else, this former Ohio R. landing at the jct. of Ky 8 and 1109, 8 (air) mi nnw of Brooksy was first called Metcalfes Landing for a local family. By this name a po was est. on 4/22/1863 with John T. Sullivan, pm. It was renamed Bradford on 4/2/1866 with Silas W. Norton, pm and the landing became known as Bradford's Landing for Laban J. Bradford who, with his bro., owned the land and most of the businesses."

(Book-P. 34); Dr. Joshua Taylor Bradford, famed Ky. surgeon, was the son of Wm. Bradford of Va. To B. Co. in 1790. Joshua was ne 1818 and died 1871. He was bro. of J.J. Bradford and Col. Laban J. Bradford. (Collins);
BRIDGEVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 9/29/1857, Jas L. Hannah; 1/7/1859, Jos. L. Galbraith. Disc. 4/25/1863. Re-est. 2/15/1875, Geo. W. Galbraith; Disc. 7/23/1877 (POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. W. Galbraith, 3/25/1875, this po was in Prec. #4, on the n side of the N. Fork of the Licking R., 1½ m is of a creek, 6 mi n of Mt. Olivet po, 6 mi sw of Germantown po, 8 mi from the Brooksv. po. (SLR); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this small vil. was settled in the early 1850s on the N. Fork of the Lick. R., 8 mi. from Brooksville. Had a pop. of 50. G.M. Galbraith was pm. Two gen. stores: (1) Allen & Galbraith, (2) H.T. Struve. Kabler & Palmer had a flour mill; Assumes it was named for a bridge there across the N. Fk. Still a traveled bridge maintained for
vehicles by the County Roads Dept. DK how much of a commu. there ever was there. ["bri^hdj/vihl"] (Edith Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978);
BROOKSVILLE (Bracken Co.): Ct. house moved from Oxford to this site in 1833. At that time this was called Woodward's Cross Roads. The Ky. Leg. authorized the relocation by a bill submitted by Rep. David Brooks and WGR was renamed for him. 1st court session was held at the new site on 11/23/1839. (Grace Brooking McKibben in RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMORROW, 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO., 1969, by Bracken Co. Homemakers, Mrs. Graydon Heaverlin, n.p.); At the site of the crossing of Augusta, Cynthiana & Georgetown Rd. with the Buffalo Trace. Inc. as Brooksville. Wm. & Joel Woodward came from Germantown prior to 1800 & built homes in vic., one at the crossroads it-
self. Other settlers soon followed...(Ibid.) Brooks introduced bill to relocate seat at WCR on 6/12/1838. Bill was approved and enacted 2/16/1839. On that day, the town was renamed for him...(Ibid.); In the center of the co. on Ky. 10, 19. One of the oldest bldgs =The Ware Hotel, built before 1800 and ct. was held here when the 1st ct. hse. was being built. Active hotel. ("Welcome to Bracken Co Ky." brochure, undated);
BROOKSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): First settled in the late 18th cent. by Wm. and Joel Woodward and 1st called Woodward's Crossroads for its site at the jct. of the old Buffalo Trace and the road betw. Augusta and Cynthiana. The seat was moved from Augusta to the more centrally located crossroads in 1833. But this was not officially sanctioned by the leg. till Feb. 16, 1839. It was renamed for David Brooks, State Rep., who introduced the leg. to authorize the transfer. (Ky. Ency. 1992, P. 127); William Woodward was appointed sheriff of Bracken Co. in Dec. 1804; The Brooksville po was est. on 10/15/1839 with James M. Lucas, pm. On 10/15/1842 he was succeeded by Jos. C. Linn; 12/28/44, John N Furbin (POR-NA); Woodward x Rd's po. 1825-1828 (P+9)
BROOKSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): Est. 1839 and named for David Brooks. (Collins, II, Pp. 92-4); Brooksville is at the jct. of two pion. trails and a road betw. the river and Georgetown. It was founded in 1839. The site was settled ca. 1800 by Wm. & Joel Woodward and was 1st called Woodward's Crossroads. It was renamed in 1839 when the co. seat was transferred from Augusta. It was named for State Rep. David Brooks who got the Ky. G.A. to authorize the transfer of the seat for its central location. (Reis, I, Pp. 131-4); a 5th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 670; In 1833 David Brooks helped enact legislation to move the seat to Brooksv. The town grew up around the ct. hse. (Nora Hickey ms. hist. of Bracken Co. for the WPA);
BROOKSVILLE (Bracken Co.): Named for David Brooks, a member of the Ky. Leg. at the time the co. seat was moved from Augusta to Brooksv 1839. 1st called Woodwards Cross Roads (for some of the early settlers of the area). Brooks was influential in having seat moved. The ch. in site was based on Brooksville's more central location. It was renamed in 1839....(Nora Hickey, WPA ms); po est. as Brooksville (C.H.) 10/15/1842, Jos. C. Linn (?)...n.ch. to Brooks ville, 5/27/190! Henry C. Metcalfe...(NA); ("Broox/v(ih)l") (Edith Brumley, 4/15/1978); and (Lucien Robinson, 4/15/78)
BROOKSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to BGN decision on 11/6/1912 it is spelled with a medial "s".

"This 5th cl. city and seat of Bracker Co. is located at the jct. of Ky 10 and 19, about 87 (air) mi ene of downtown Lou. This site was known as Woodward's Crossroads when the co. govt. was moved here from Augusta in 1833. Wm. and Joel Woodward were the 1st settlers, having arr. from Germantown before 1800. They were soon joined by others and the little vil. named for them appealed to many persons seeking a more central location for the co's. seat. On Feb. 16, 1839 the Ky. leg. authorized the relocation in a bill submitted by Rep. David Brooks and on this day the xrds. was renamed for him. The 1st po to serve this vic. was est. as Brookville Court House (sic) on
Oct. 15, 1842 with Jos. C. Linn, pm. It was only after 1900 that the spelling was officially changed to its present form." (Book-P. 37);
BROWNINGSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): [brown/ihn/z/vihl"]. A thriving town at one time but now inaccessible by ordinary vehicles. Only one house still stands. This was built by a Mr. Browning and now is owned by an out-of-state resident, a Browning descendant. The latter has done much research on the place and has a good hist. of it. But my informant couldn't recall her name. The site is close to the Pendleton Co. line and near Milford and Neave. One of its old store bldgs. is still standing but long abandoned. Very few people would know there ever was a town there or how to get to it. A completely abandoned town. (Edith Brumley of Brooksv., Ky., interv., 4/15/1978);
BROWNINGSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 1/21/1854, Abner Holton; 3/13/1858, Wm. T. Browning; Disc. 10/22/1860; Re-est. 9/3/1868, Elijah Regan; Disc. 1/26/1871; Re-est. 11/3/1871, Eli Watson; 12/22/1873, Wm. T. Browning; 8/21/1877, Chas. Rigg; Disc. 3/5/1879 (POR-NA); Acc. to Elijah Regan, 7/30/1868, this po was 5 mi w of Milford po, 5 mi n of Havilandsv. po, 7 mi s of Hagensv po, 3 mi n of Licking R., on the e. bank of Willow Creek. (SLR);
BROWNINGSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): Wm. J. Browning of B. Co. died ca. 1892 in B. Co. He was listed in the 1818 Ky. Census (sic) and marr. Ellen Tucker in B. Co. in 1845. Among their children were: Wm. Thomas.... (Acc. to Kelly Parks in the Newsletter of the Mason Co. Geneal. Soc. Vol. 8 (1), P. 21); Henry Browning marr. Maria Fields in B. Co. in 1818. (KY. ANC. Vol. 29 (3), 1993-4, P. 170);
CHATHAM (Bracken Co.): ("Ch(ae)d/am") DK origin of the name. No local families by that name. Now: only homes, no store. A rest home: Bracken Intensive Care Ctr. DK how the two McKibbens were related. DK when settled. No other name. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this settlement had a pop. of 100 and was on Locust Creek, 4 mi. from ? It was settled ca. 1796. Sam'l. L. Tolman was pm & gen'l. storekeeper. There were 2-3 cattle brokers, a hotel and a wagonmaker; Nicholas Taliferro (pron. Tolliver) early settled at Chatham (or Sharon). So did John Byar;
CHATHAM (Bracken Co.): Supposedly named by Mr. McKibben for a NY town. Here is the Bracken Co. Infirmary. Many pre-C.W. homes still standing & in good condition... St. Paul Evangelical Chu. & the Chatham Chu. of Christ. Nearby Sharon Pres. Chur... (RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMORROW, 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO., 1969, by Bracken Co. Homemakers, Mrs. Graydon Heaverin, n.d.); po est. 12/4/1871, Wm. S. McKibben... Disc. 5/29/73; Re-est 7/16/73, John McKibben... Disc. eff. 6/30/1904 (mail to Augusta) (NA);
CHATHAM (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to Jacob B. Taylor, 4/20/1876, this po was 5 mi s of Ohio R. and 1 mi n of Locust Creek, 4½ mi ne of Brooksv. po, 5 mi s of Augusta po, 6 mi nw of Germantown po. On 7/21/1888, E.M. Bateman pet. for a site ch. 200 yds. s to a pt. 4½ mi s of Augusta po, 4 3/4 mi ne of Brooksville po. Not a vil. (SLR); "This rural settlement with epo is centered at the jct. of Ky 19 and 606, 3 (air) mi ne of Brooksv. Little is known of its early hist., but the po, est. on 12/4/1871 by Wm. S. McKibben was supposedly named by him for a town in N.Y." (Book-P. 56);
COLEMAN'S (Bracken Co., Ky): post est. 1828 and closed in 1830 (P&G); The 1830 Census listed the families of Daniel, Robert, and Sally Coleman;
CUMMINSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): On 12/14/1900, John W Dean pet. for a n.ch. from Bladeston and a site ch. ½
mi's to a pt. 5 mi n of Brooksv. po, 5½ mi's of Elm
Grove po, 5 mi w of Gertrude po, on the e. bank of
Cedar Fork. The po was in the depot on the Cumminsv.-
Brooksville RR. Acc. to John W. Dean, 4/1914, this po
was 400 ft. n of Cedar Fork of Locust Creek, 2 mi's of
Walcott po, 4 mi w of Brooksv. po, 3 mi n of the county
line. (SLR); Zadock Blades, ne 1776, lived nr. Dover
in Mason Co. from 1800-1844. (Betty J. Just of Salinas,
Kans. in the newsletter of the Mason Co. Gen. Soc., Vol
X (1), 1992, P. 25); There were several Blades families
in the co. in the middle 19th cent;
CUMMINSVILLE (Bracken Co.): po est. as Bladeston, 2/8/1884, Wm. W. Dean; Disc. 11/3/1886; Re-est. 3/11/1891, John Dean...name ch. to Cumminsville, 1/7/1901, John W. Dean (who had been last pm of Bladeston). 11/6/24, Jos. Cummins; 3/31/1930, Mrs. Gertrude W. Cummins ...(NA); Acc. to Wm. W. Dean, 1/26/1884, this prop. po would serve Great Crossing and was called Bladeston. It would be 3 mi NW of Brooksv. po, 4 1/2 mi SE of Tietzville po, 4 1/2 mi S of the Ohio R. and 1 1/2 mi S of Locust Creek. (Acc. to John Wm. Dean, 1891, this po was 3 mi NW of Brooksv. po, 3 1/2 mi S of Elm Grove po, 1 1/2 mi S of Locust Creek.)
This po closed in 1933.

COMMINSVILLE (Bracken Co., KY)
DIX'S (Bracken Co., Ky): post est. 1/17/1840 with William Dix its only pm. It closed 8/23/1842. (POR-NA); William Dix is listed in the 1840 B. Co. Census; Wm. J. Dix, a 39 year old farmer, is listed in the 1850 Census;
ELMGROVE (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz.,
this was on the C&O RR, 5 mi from Augusta. Had a pop.
of 100. C.F. Jordan was pm. Had 2 gen. stores (1) Wm.
G. Hull, (2) Jordan and DeWitt. Other businesses;
Several early 19 cent. Wells families. Francis Wells
was among the 1st group of J.P.'s appointed in June
1797 and was one of the 1st trustees appointed for
Augusta. (Recollections);
ELMGROVE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 4/4/1890, W.G. Hull
3/17/1894, Charles F. Jordan.... (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. Gregory Hull, 2/1/1889 (sic), the name prop. for this new po was Wellsburg and it would serve the Wellsburg (rr) Station and a vil. of 95 under contract by the Maysv. and B.S. RR, 1 mi w of Rockspring po, 3 mi e of Bradford po, 3½ mi ne of Johnsville po, 1 mi s of the Ohio R., ½ mi e of Big Locust Creek, 500 ft. s of the Maysv. & B.S. tracks. Acc. to Belle Jordan, 2/28/14 this po was serving the commu. and sta. of Wellsburg in the nw part of the W. Augusta prec., ½ mi sw of Ohi R., 50 rods e of Little Locust Creek, 2½ mi e of Bradford po, 5½ mi w of Augusta po, 3 mi ne of Walcott po, 160 ft. sw of C&O. On 8/23/1923, Carrie M. Hayes
pet. for a site ch. 32 air rods n.  Acc. to J.G. Lytle, 7/22/1939, this po was still serving the Wellsburg (RR) Sta. 500 ft. s of the station, ¼ mi s of the river, ½ mi e of Locust Creek, 9 mi n of Brooksville. (Nearly 7 mi e of Augusta po). (SLR); The Elmgrove po closed in 1940; Elmgrove = Wellsburg (Brumley); Badly flooded and people moved away. No longer any businesses. Only 6-8 homes remain. Named for a local family. ["wehlz/birgh"]. (Ibid.); Wellsburg was once laid out and was a thriving commu. with a brickyard, grangehall, and store. No longer any businesses there, only homes and nearby churches. (Ibid.).
FOSTER (Bracken Co.): Named for Israel Foster, early settler and large landowner. 1st called Foster's Landing and catered to river boats. Had a cigar manu. plant and 2 shoe makers. Was import. river port till RR built thru county in 1888 leading to drastic decline in river traffic. At the mouth of Holt's Creek.... (BROOVILLE CENTENNIAL, 1839-1939, P. 36); ("F(åh)s/ tår") Now: very large store on Ky. 8 and a 2nd large store. Just out of town is a small factory—ceramics. Two chu's, Masonic lodge, sch. is gone. On the Ohio R. At one time, a thriving shipping pt. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978);
FOSTER (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this was an inc. vil. first settled 3/1/1800 and inc. in 1857. Had a pop. of 125. A.H. McKinley was pm. Had 3 stores, a hotel, wagonmaker, cigarmaker, tinner, & other businesses; A 6th class city with a 1990 pop. of 65; In 1981 the po was in the old bank bldg. and John M. Hiles, Jr. was pm. and had been since 6/2/1967 (Falmouth Outlook, 7/24/1981, P. 24:3-4); Foster was founded in 1850 and named for landowner Israel Foster. It soon became an Ohio R. shipping port for adjacent Pendleton Co. (Reis, I, P. 134); Israel Foster, a Bracken Co. farmer, donated local land for two chu's;
FOSTER (Bracken Co.): 1st called Foster's Landing. Inc. 1849. Thriving town in river boat times. Named for Israel Foster, landowner.


po est. as Foster's Landing, 8/19/1847, Richard T. Lindsay; ch. to Foster, 1/29/50, Ibid.

.... (NA); Inc. 1/30/1850, (ACTS, 1849/50, p. 99)
FOSTER (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to James A. Swope, 12/29/1913, this po was 60 rods nw of Holts Creek, 70 rods s of the Ohio R. A site change in 1915 (SLR); "Among the smallest 6th cl. cities in Ky, this former Ohio R. port is at the mouth of Holts Creek, 10 1/2 (air) mi nw of Brooksville. It was first called Fosters Landing for Israel Foster, an early settler and large landowner, and a po of this name was est. by Richard T Lindsay on Aug. 19, 1847. In Jan. 1850 the po was re­named Foster and the town was inc. under this name." (Book-P. 107);
GERMANTOWN (Bracken-Mason intercounty feature, Ky): Est. by leg. act on 12/19/1795. Laid out in 1794 by Whitfield Craig on 320 acres at the head of Bracken Creek owned by Philemon Thomas. Its trustees were Davie Childs, Spencer Records, Thomas Hubbard, Thomas Davis, and Whitfield Craig. The name may have been derived from nearby Buchanan's Station which had been settled earlier by Penn. Germans. The po was est. in 1817. The p.o. "shifted between the 2 co's." and is now in Bracken Co. During WWI there was an unsuccessful attempt to rename the the town Maytown, but this was resisted by the townsfolk. (Calvert & Klee, The Towns of Mason County--Their Past in Pictures, 1986, Pp. 124-26);
GERMANTOWN (Mason-Bracken Co's., Ky): Est. on 320 acres at the head of what was then called Bracken Creek on property owned by Philemon Thomas. Laid off and named before the Gen'l. Ass. est. the town. (Littell, Vol. 1, Pp. 329-30); Acc. to Jos. D. Woodward, 3/10/1916 this po moved from Bracken to Mason Co. (SLR); Ludwell (blank) was the 1st Germantown pm 12/8/1817. He was succeeded by James Savage on 1/23/1829 (POR); The town was laid off by Whitfield Craig ca. 1794 and est. in 1795. It was 1st called Buchanan Station but was re-named for the Penn-Germans who settled there in the late 18th cent. (Reis, I, Pp. 131-34); The 1st pm may have been Ludwell Owings, 12/8/1817. (POR-pre 1830);
GERMANTOWN (Mason Co.): p.o. est. 12/8/1817, Ludwell ... in Bracken Co. 7/21/1851... may have returned to Mason Co. by 1854; back to Bracken Co. on or before 8/27/61; back to Mason Co. after 1870... then back to Bracken Co. 8/1897... (NA).

Vill. lies half in Mason and half in Bracken Co. Laid out 1795 on 320 acres owned by Philemon Thomas. Named in respect of a group of German families "of some consequence" then living on "Dutch Ridge" in Bracken Co. (....) (L. Alberta Brand, "P.N. of M. Co." DAR, 1941, (xm) ms. KHS Lib., Pp. 14-16).
GERMANTOWN (Bracken Co.): Laid out in 1794 by Whitfield Craig, Inc. about then in Bracken Co. By 1935, was a commu. of 4 mi. radius served by sch. in Bracken Co. part of the town. The Sch. System was given to the Bracken Co. B'd of Ed. in 1937.... (BROOKSVILLE CENTENNIAL, 1839-1939, P. 36); po est. in Mason Co. ... into Bracken Co. 7/7/1851 or shortly thereafter, Anderson Doniphon...to Mason Co. betw. 1854 and 1861, back to Bracken Co. on or before 8/27/61, James M. Nolan...back to Mason Co.....back to Bracken Co. 6/1: 1897, Jas. W. Pepper, 8/12/1901, Grace G. Pepper.... (NA);
GERMANTOWN (Mason Co.): Est. 12/19/1795 on lands of Philemon Thomas (and David Childs) acc. to Littell, Vol. 1, P. 329. Acc. to Collins HIST. Vol. 2, P. 18, Buchan's Sta. = 1 mi. w. of G'town in Bracken Co. Listed by him as one of the early stations. At the head of Bracken Creek. 320 acres of Thomas' land had been laid out as a town. Act approved 12/19/1795 authorized the establishment of a town to be called Germantown (Littell Vol. 1, Pp. 329-30); Acc. to Murphy, the 1st p was Ludwell Owens;
GERMANTOWN (Bracken and Mason intercounty feature): Acc. to J.W. Pepper, 8/2/1897, the co. line runs thru the town. On 3/23/1915, Thornton Rigdon pet, for a site ch. to Mason Co. On 3/11/1918, Harry S. Picher (?) pet. for a site ch. to a pt. 50 air yds. within B. Co. On 10/6/1930, Mrs. M.G. Kurtz pet for a site ch 120 ft. e to the town hall. Acc. to Mrs. E.O. Bammel (?), the po was then on Ky 10 and the co. line. (SLR); A 6th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 213; Was Germantown ever called Dutch Ridge? Buchanan's Station was one mi. w of Germantown. (Jillson's Pion. Ky., P. 75);
GERMANTOWN (Bracken Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city with po lies at the jct. of Ky 10, 165, and 596, just above the head of Bracken Creek, 10 (air) mi w of Maysville and 5 (air) mi ese of Brooksville. Settled by Pennsyl Germans ca. 1788 nr. Buchan's (pion.) Station (sic) the town was laid out in 1794-5 by Whitfield Craig & others on 320 acres then owned by Philemon Thomas and was inc. in Dec. 1795 as Germantown. The po was est. in Mason Co. on 12/8/1817 but for the rest of the cent shifted back and forth across the co. line and is now in B. Co. During WWI an effort to rename it Maytown was unsuccessful." (Book-P. 115);
GERMÁNTOWN (Bracken Co.): Settled by Pa. Germans, c.1788. 1st called Buckhanan Sta. (sic). When Maysville was only a landing, Germantown had 600 pop. At that time Augusta and Cinci. were non-existent. Didnt grow much beyond that due to its being off the "main lines of" communication and too far from a navigable stream, not conducive to rr. In existence prior to the est. of the co. The Mason-Bracken Co. line went right thru it. Laid out 1794 by Whitfield Craig, etal. Inc. by the new Ky. Leg. On a high plateau 5 mi. n. of jct of Rummell & No. Licking and 9 mi. w. of Washington....Industries: tannery (on Tanyard Hill tob. warehouse, wood cording, flour mill, bank news. a consol. sch. The Germantown Fair....
During WWI, an effort to consider renaming i- Maytown... (RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMMORROW, 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO., 1969 by Bracken Co. Homemakers, Mrs. Graydon Heaverin, n.p.); On Ky. 10. Was formerly known as Buchanan Sta. (sic) In those days, Ky. 10 was called the Washington Trace Pke. & The Corridor. Hosts the oldest fair in Ky., from 1854. Called the "Old Reliable" German- town Fair. "Welcome to Bracken Co., Ky." brochure, undated);
GERMANTOWN (Mason Co.): ("Djer/man/town")
Half in Mason and half in Bracken Co. Mason Co. residents considered it almost in B. Co. Kind of strung out along one street and a few side streets. Early German families and assumes it was named for them. A few "Ger. people" are still in that area. 1st pm= Ludwell (didn't know his name offhand but would check for me). Most of the residents identify with or orient to Bracker Co. The Germantown Fair has always been in Mason Co. for the past 125 yrs. Site was moved c. 5 yrs. ago from 1 site in Mason Co. to another in Mason Co....(Jean Calvert, interview, 6/25/1977);
GERTRUDE (Bracken Co.): po est. 3/25/1891, Jas W. Weatherington. Disc. 3/28/1906 (NA); (Pron. "Ghr'/trūd") Now: small xrds store. 2 rm. sch. closed some yrs. ago. DK origin of name. Assumes it was named for a woman. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978); Acc. to James W. Weatherington, 3/2/1891, this prop. po would be 3½ mi se of Rockspring po, 3½ mi nw of Chatham po, 3½ mi s of Augusta po, 1½ mi n of Locust Creek. Not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to 1895/ Gaz. this was just a po; James W. Weatherington (1834-1924) and his wife Penelope (1830-1885) and others of that family are buried at the Mt. Zion Cem. on Rt. 1011 the Mt. Zion Rd., nr. Gertrude. None in that family by that name;
HANSONVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. as Stanton 2/6/1851 with Samuel Hedges, pm. N.Ch. to Hedges 2/10/1853 with Ibid. N.Ch. to Hansonville 11/7/1853, John Hanson; Disc. 4/3/1855 (POR-NA); Capt. John Hedges in 1773 surveyed some land, built an improvement (cabin), and cleared land on the Ohio R., 5 mi below the site of Augusta, just below the mouth of Locust Creek. He was living there in 1775. (Collins II); Samuel T. Hedges was appointed J.P. of Bracken Co. in May 1809 and also in Dec. 1798; Samuel, Joseph, Hiram, and Daniel Hedges were the sons of Jonas and Rebecca (Jet Hedges of B. Co. ca. mid 19th cent; Samuel Hedges is listed in the 1850 Census along with Greenbery G. Hanson and John, Thomas, and Wm. Hanson. But no Stanton;
HANSONVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): The Hanson and Hedges came to the co. early from Nich. Co. and were members of the Traveling Church;
HARMON (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 5/16/1866, Henry H. Miller; Disc. but d.k. when. (POR-NA); Acc. to Harmon Miller, 4/9/1866, he proposed first the name Cleveland for this new po but was asked to choose another since it was already in use in Fay. Co. He chose Harlan which was already in use too. He decided instead to call it Harmon. It would be 5 mi n of Petra po, 6 mi s of Milford po, 2 mi e of Kincade Creek. (SLR); Francis L. Cleveland represented the county in the Ky. Sen. 1863-7 and in the House 1859-63. (Collins II); The Harmon po closed in 1870 (P&G); Informant d.k this place but there have been Harmon families in the co. (Edith Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978;
HARMON (Bracken Co., Ky): Samuel Harmon was an early Germantown settler;
**HILLSDALE** (Bracken Co., Ky): ["hīhlz/daɪl"]). Very old cem. there. Home of John G. Fee, co-founder of Berea Co (Edith Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978); No Hillsdale is listed in the 1883/4 Gaz;
HOLT'S CREEK (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 5/23/1843, Peter Demoss; Disc. 8/19/1847 (POR-NA); "hohlt's kreek" Nr. the Ohio R. Has hist'l. significance tho' cant tell me why. Thinks gunpowder was once made here. There are no longer any Holt families in the co. tho' there may have been at one time. The name was not corrupted from Holton. (Brumley, 4/15/1978);
JOHNSVILLE (Bracken Co.): 1st settled 1800 on a long high ridge by Jordan, Hile, Houston, & Pepper families...1st called Fairview by Wm. A. Yelton who "is said to have looked out on the surrounding hills from his home and though it was a wondrous 'fair view.'" PO est. as Johnsville since there was already a Fairview po in Ky. Name taken from that of 2 Johns who ran the store in which it was to be located: Johnnie Jackson and Jonce Yelton. School & churches incl. the Fairview Xian Chur., c1884. Had tob. warehouses, hotel, several stores & shops, O.D. Now (1969): only 1 business- a truck body shop and homes for commuters to Cinci. & the Black River Mines at Carntown...(RECOLLECTIONS...HIST. OF BRACKEN
JOHNSVILLE (Bracken Co.): 1st home in what became Fairview was built c. 1800. This was the home of Wm. Pepper. A Virginian, he settled first in Mason Co. and was a tchr. Other pioneer families were the Jordans, Pearls, & Coopers. Named Fairview "because from the ridge along which most of the homes stand a wonderful view was to be had of the blue hills of Ohio, and an almost unbroken circle of horizon." (BROOKSVILLE CENTENNIAL 1839-1939, P. 35); po est. 4/11/1879, John H. Riley... 8/28/1882, Johnson Yelton... Disc. eff. 2/28/1906 (mail to Bradford) (NA);
JOHNSVILLE (Bracken Co.): ("Dj(ah)nz/v(ih)l")
Fairview Xian Chu. Next door to a Meth. Chu. Locally called Johnsv. now, not Fairview. DK why n-ch. Now: only a no. of homes, no longer a store. A lumber business some 2 mi. from J'ville, on the river, run by a Mr. Lenox. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978); Inc. 4/28/1884 (ACTS, 1883/4, Vol. 2, P. 448);
JOHNSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to John H. Riley, 3/18/1879, the name pro. for this new po was Jacksonville and the po would be 3 mi s of Bradford po, 6 mi n of Berlin po, 3 mi se of Tietzville po, 3 mi s of the Ohio R., 1 mi w of Big Run. Serving a vil. of 150.

"This settlement is strung out for ca. a mi. along Ky 1109, on Little Snag Creek, 2 1/2 mi from its confluence with the Ohio R. and 6 (air) mi nw of Brooksv. This vic. settled ca. 1800 by Wm. Pepper, a Virginian, was soon called Fairview by Wm. A. Yelton who 'is said to have looked out on the surrounding hills from his home and thought it was a wondrous fair view.' Since there was already a Fairview po in
Ky., John H. Riley est. the local po in 1879 as Johnsville, probably for himself and two other Johns, John Jackson and Johnson Yelton, who ran the store in which it was located. The po and store have since closed. The Fairview name is today preserved only in the local church." (Book-P. 154); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this place was 3 mi from Bradf. Had a pop. of 150. J.E. Yelton was pm. The Yelton Bros. gen. store. Two other gen. stores: (1) C.E. Canwell, (2) Asa A. Hiles. Kinnett Bros. wagonmakers;
LENOXBURG (Bracken Co.): Named for Sam'l. B. Lenox who ran gen. store there, c.1850....
(BROOKSVILLE CENTENNIAL, 1839-1939, P. 37);
Pop. 65-70. DPO, 2 gro. and 2 chu's. A farming commu. 1 mi. from Caddo, Pendleton Co. (Mrs. Genevieve Schonert, Falmouth, Ky., interview, 10/17/1978); ("L(eh)n/əx/bərg") DK if it ever had another name. Named for local family. DK when it was settled. Now: meat locker with freezer, space for rent. One store, 3 chu's. On the old rd. (now Ky. 10) betw. Brooksville & Cinci. Since Ky. 8 built, the towns on this old hiway were bypassed, no longer get the thru traffic. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978);
LENIXBURG (Bracken Co.): Named for Sam'l. B. Lenox. Was a resident & storekeeper. Nearby Thomas Hill (a hill) was named for Richard Thomas, a Virginian who came with Capt. Phili Buckner. Five mi. from Foster. Tob. ware­house. Old Union Sch. = ½ mi. n of L'burg. Meth. & Bapt. churches. . . . (RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMORROW, 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO., 1969 by Bracken Co. Homemakers, Mrs. Graydon Heaverin, n.d.); po est. 7/14/74, Wm. H. Landen. . . . Disc. eff. 1/16/1906 (papers to Falmouth, Pendleton Co.) (NA);
LENOXBURGH (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to John Mefford, 12/23/1891, this po was late in Bracken Co. and was now in Pendleton Co., 1 mi w of Snag Creek, 5 mi s of the Ohio R., 1 1/3 mi e of Caddo PO, 6 mi from Foster po, 3 1/2 mi n of Wampum po. (It later returned to Bracken Co.) (/SLR); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., Lenoxburgh had a steam-powered flouring mill, a wagonmaker, and other businesses, incl. 3 gen. stores. One of these was run by W.H. Landen, the pm. S.B. Lenox also had a store; As Lenoxburgh the po operated from 1874-1894. Then as Lenoxburg it operated till 1906. (P&G);
LENOXBURG (Bracken Co.): Inc. 4/24/1882, (ACTS, 1881, Vol. 2, P. 1105); Acc. to W.J. Wallace, 7/14/1893, Lenoxburgh was 1/2 mi n of Sandy Creek (?), 1 1/2 mi W of Caddo po. (SLR); "This hamlet with epo on Ky. 10, 9 (air) mi WNW of Brooksv., is said to have been named for Samuel B. Lenox who kept a store there ca. 1850. The Lenoxburg po, however, was not est. until July 14, 1874 with Wm. H. Landry, pm. and was disc. in 1906." (Book-P. 170);
LENOXBURG (Bracken County, Ky): On the Pendleton Co. line. The Hancock gen. store bldg. on Ky 10 was torn down till then it had been the oldest store in Pendleton Co. Early maintained by the Hobbs and Allenders. Owned by Eugene B. and Lexie Hancock ca. 1926. The bldg. was built ca. 1880. Eugene was father of Genevieve Shonert. Myers Gen. store is extant in 1993. (Pict. Hist. of P. Co., pub. by the Outlook, ca. 1993, Pp. 28-9); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this place, as Lenoxburgh had a pop. of 50;
LOCUST GROVE (Bracken Co., Ky): po. in operation from 1831 to 1832 (P&G); Locust Creek was so named in 1782 but was called Turtle Creek in 1773 by Capt. Thomas Bullitt, etal. (Collins II); Locust Grove po was est. 4/1/1830 with John H. Rudd, pm, and disc. on 1/26/1831 (POR-pre 1830);
LOCUST MILLS (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 4/28/1843, William A. Pepper; 11/10/1863, Abraham B. Haley; Disc. 8/19/1873(?) (POR-NA); Acc. to A.B. Haley, 5/20/1868, this po was in the 7th Prec., 1½ mi s of the Ohio R. ar 50 yrd. n of Locust Creek, 6 mi nw of Brooksville po, 4 mi se of Metcalf Landing po. (SLR);
was discontinued a few yrs. before. Now: active po, 2 stores, 2 beer joints. One ch
A no. of black people there in the 1910s but none there in the last 50 yrs. They had their own chu. & sch. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978);
MILFORD (Bracken Co.): Now: church, 2 grocerie
2 rest., garage. 9 mi. s. of Brooksville. c.
20-25 homes. (Obs.,spring, 1978); ("M(ish)1/
fərd") Named for the grain mill there on the
N. Fk. of Licking. At the time the town was
named, there was no bridge over the river at
that point and people forded the stream the
bring their grain to the mill. Hence its name
John Ogdon. The Ogdons were the wealthiest
family there....Thinks that John & Henry were
bros. but dk. John ran the largest store in
that whole end of the county and adjacent co's:
The bldg. is gone. Mill ground flour. It was
water-powered...mill was torn down c1920. It
MILFORD (Bracken Co.): Vil. on the N. Fk. of Licking R. Founded 1831 by John Ogdon. Named for a mill and a ford across the river there. Ogdon (sic) was co-owner of the local gen'l. store. Water mill was owned by S.L. Snodgrass. Milford Christian Church. . . . (RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMORROW, 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO., 1969, by Bracken Co. Homemaker: Mrs. Graydon Heaverin, n.â.); On Ky. 19, on th N. Fk. of Licking R. Once thriving town of grist & saw mills. . . . ("Welcome to Bracken Co., Ky." brochure, undated); po est./6/10/1850, Wm. M. Best. . . . 1/31/65, Henry Ogdon. . . . (NA);

12/11/1832, Daniel G. Ellis.; disc. .
12/19/1835; Re-est. 9/22/1838, Josiah B. McF.
MILFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this was a vil. of 150. Was settled in 1825 and inc. in 1870. On the North Fork of the Licking R. A.B. Brown was hardware and grocery store operator and pm. J.M. Browning had another store. Three more gen'l. stores. Also a saddle and harness maker, tob. dealer, flour mill, saw mill, 2 hotels, school, other businesses; Acc. to P&G, this still active po was est. in 1832;
MILFORD (Bracken Co.): Est. by Va. 1789 (Littell, Vol. 3, P. 567); inc. 3/20/1870 (ACTS, 1869/70, Vol. 2, P. 669); Acc. to A. Brough, 8/28/1885, this po was on the N. Fk. of the Lick. R, 3½ mi sw of Petra po. (SLR); "This hamlet with po lies on the N. Fk. of the Lick. R. and Ky 19, just n of its jct. with Ky. 539, 7½ (air) mi sw of Brooksv. It was founded in 1831 by John Ogdon, the co-owner of a local store, and named for a water-powered grain mill and ford across the river at that pt. The po was est. on 6/10 1850 with Wm. M. M. Best, pm." (Book-P. 197);
MORRIS (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 11/18/1893, Champ T. Morris; 10/18/1894, Cornelia M. Morris; Disc. eff. 7/15 1904 (papers to Bradford) (POR-NA); Acc. to Champ T. Morris, 5/2/1893, this prop. po would be 3 mi nw of Berlin po, 3 mi sw of Johnsville po, 5 mi ne of Lenoxb. po, 2 mi e of Big Snag Creek. (SLR); Morris families have lived in the Wellsburg area. (Brumley); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz., this was 10 mi from Brooksville and 6 mi from Bradford. Had a pop. of 26. C.M. Morris was pm & milliner. C.T. Morris was gro. and justice. Other craftsmen; C.T. and C.M. were husband/wife;
MOUNT HOR (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., the po was in a farm house. Dr. J.W. Jacobs was pm and druggist. It had a pop. of 32 and was 11 mi. s. of Brooksville;
MOUNT HOR (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 4/20/1871, Jonathan W. Jacobs; Disc. eff. 7/15/1904 (mail to Brooksville) (POR-NA); Acc. to J.W. Jacobs, 10/2/96, the Mount Hor po was in the Milford Prec., 1½ mi ne of N. Fk. of Licking R., 3 mi ne of Milford po, 3/4 mi sw of Santa Fe po. (SLR); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this po was est. in 1866 nr. the N. Fk. of the Lick. R. in the s.e. part of the co. Served a com. of 12 resi. Dr. Jonathan W. Jacobs was pm; Mount Hor = Belmont and was 2 mi. from Santa Fe. Nothing there now. Once had a school. Local Bap. chu. still stands but services are no longer held there. Old cem. there. (Edith Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978)
NEAVE (Bracken Co., Ky): Walter Neaves of Bracken Co ca. early 19th cent. (Perrin, 8th edit., 1888, P. 1020) Walter Neaves, 85, ne Va., died 4/1858. Son of Daniel and Mary Neaves; To get to the Neave Cem. turn right off the road betw. Neave and Willow. ca. ¼ mi. out the ridge. Here: Joseph Neave (1820-1883) and his wife Mar (1821-1886). Walter Neave (died 4/1850, age ca. 80); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., R.S. Fishback was pm and farmer; John and Abner Holton of Neave were bros. John was the father of Charley. Neave was a stringtown on Ky 22. The road was built in 1927. Alva Neaves had his home there. (Recollections);
\checkmark NEAVE (Bracken Co.): ("Neev") Named for a local family. Now: farm equipment busi. & chu. No store. Cem. at the chu. The Neave family is all but gone. Had a sch. 1st called Holtons Corner but that family is all gone too. The Holtons were probably the ori settlers. The Neaves were farmers,... (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978); Acc. to R.L. Fishback, 9/27/1879, the name prop. for this new po was Millers' Cross Roads which was the name of the settlement it would serve. It would be 5 mi s of Berlin po. Acc. to R.L. Fishback, this po was 4 m e of Lick. R., 1 mi s of Kinkade Creek, 3½ mi e of Kinkade po, 3½ mi ne of Bachelors Rest po, 6 mi w of Powersv. po. (SLR);
NEAVE (Bracken Co.): Vil. 1st called Holton's Corner for Mr. Holton (was this Mr. Abner Holton?) who was the 1st storekeeper. DK why n.ch. Renamed for an early family, the Neaves. A "stringtown". Several other stores in the past ... On Rt. 22. PO from 1895-1906 with the Fishback family as pm's. Sch. there disc. 1940.... (RECOLLECTIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY FOR TOMORROW 1969: A HIST. OF BRACKEN CO., 1969 by Bracken Co. Homemakers, Mrs. Graydon Heaverin, n.p.);

po est. probably 12/2/1879, Robert F. Fishback 10/27/93, Mary J. Fishback; Disc. eff. 7/16/06 (mail to Falmouth, Pendleton Co., Ky) (NA);
OXFORD (Bracken Co., Ky): Extinct. Once co. seat. Site: on Ky 10 betw. Bluegrass Rd. and Kalb Rd. and Rocky Pt. Once a thriving commu. with stores and ct. house. There was a school at Rocky Point. (Grace Brooking McKibben Recollections, 1969, n.p.); The co. seat was there from 1800 to 1802 when it returned to Augusta. (Ibid.); Oxford was one mile of Brooksv. (Nora Hickey in her WPA ms. on Bracken Co.).
PARINA (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 8/2/1880, Albert H. McBeth; Disc. 8/19/1888; Re-est. 5/22/1893, Wm. Huffma
12/22/1893, Wm. H. Field; Disc. eff. 7/16/1906 (mail t Brooksville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Albert H. McBeth. 7/21/1880, this prop. po would be 4½ mi se of Brooksv. po, ½ mi ne of Camp Creek (stream), serving a large and thickly settled ngbd. (SLR); ["par/ae---ahn/a" or "par/a:n/a"] Only a few houses now. Store closed yrs. ago but the bldg. is extant. DK the name's origin. Thinks it once had another name but dk what. (Edith Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978); Acc. to 1895 Gaz., it was just a po; Acc. to 1883 Gaz, it was a DPO 5 mi from Brooksville;
PEARL (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 1/14/1880, Charles V. True; 6/28/1880, John Galloway; Disc. 8/22/1882 (papers to Berlin); Re-est. 3/30/1887, Thos. W. McAtee...Disc. eff. 7/15/1904 (mail to Brooksville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Chas. V. True, 10/2/1879, the name prop. for this new po was Clarkston and it would serve the Willow commu., 3 mi. w of Powersv. po, 3 mi n of Berlin po, 2 mi s of Willow Creek (stream) | Acc. to Thos. W. McAtee, 3/3/1887, this po was 4 mi ne of Neave po, 1 mi s of Willow Creek. (SLR); John Pearl, a farmer, died 11/28/1878, age 83. He was ne Fleming Co; For further info. on this place cf Louise Poage of Brooksv. (Brumley); John Pearl had a home in the Fairview area in pion. times. (Brooksv. Centen. 1839-1939, P. 35);
PEARL (Bracken Co., Ky): Willow and Pearl were names applied to the same commun. nr. Powersville. The ridge road is now called Fords Ave. and, earlier, Bullskin Rd. The road's n.ch. probably occurred in the 1940s. The 2nd name was ostensibly for the many Ford cars and tractors owned by local people. (check) Hedgecock was another old name for the road, for the local families of this name. (Betty Lee Mastin in Lex. Her-Lead. 4/31/93, P. Dl:2-6); Willow is 3 mi. from Berlin on Ky 10, betw. Berlin & Powersv. Abandoned old store bldg. and chu. wi an old cem. ["wihl/ə"] One of the older cem's. in the c. A few yrs. ago the old chu. was replaced by a modern ne' bldg. tho' the old bldg. still stands. (Brumley, inter. 4/15/1978);
PEARL (Bracken Co., Ky): John Pearl died in Nov. 1878, age 81. He was buried at the Pleasant Ridge Meth. Chu. Cemetery; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz., it had a pop. of 60. E.L. Johnson was pm and gen'l. storekeeper. Wm. H. Galloway had a sawmill. Other businesses; The Pearl family came early to the co. from Nicholas Co. They were members of the Traveling Church (Recollections); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this was then a DPO 6 mi sw of Brooksville; Frederick Fishback, pioneer, brought his family to settle at Willow.
PETRA (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to Edgar Willis, 7/1879 this po was 3½ mi n of Milford po, 3½ mi s of Powersv. po, 4 mi nw of Mount Hor po, 1 mi e of Willow Creek (stream). Acc. to H.C. Blades, 9/28/1896, this po was in the central part of the Milford Prec., 3½ mi n of North Fk. of Lick. R. (SLR); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz. it then had a pop. of 20; No such place listed in the 1879/80 Gaz; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz., H.C. Blades was pm & gen'l. storekeeper. J.S. Reed was grocer. M.P. Haley was a grain & livestock dealer;
PETRA (Bracken Co.): po est. 9/24/1864, Payne R. Lucas...Disc. 7/11/67; Re-est. 8/1/67, Mrs. Rowena Marshall...Disc. 9/21/69; Re-est. 7/30/1879, Edgar Willis...Disc. eff. 7/15/1904 (mai to Brooksville) (NA); Dk the origin of the name. Old sch. house in which so much junk is stored. Owned by a junk dealer. ("Pee/tree") On Ky. 19, c. 3 mi. from Milford, between M. and Powersv....No store left. Used to have 2 thriving stores there. Locally called only this. No caves or salt manu. in that vic. (Edith Brumle; interview, 4/15/1978);
PIETYVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 9/6/1870, Charle Piety, Jr.... (POR-NA); No such place listed in the 1876/7 Gaz;
POWERSVILLE (Bracken Co.): po est. 11/13/1841
Jas. W. Morford...Disc. 7/6/64; Re-est. 3/19/1866, John W. Blades; Disc. 1/13/69; Re-est.
7/15/69, Geo. Hamilton...Disc. eff. 7/30/1904 (mail to Brooksville) (NA); Now: 2 churches,
gro. and filling station, garage, hardware store, 3 mi. s. of Brooksville. (Obs., spring, 1978);
("P(ae)↔(ow)rz/v(ih)l") c.15 yrs. ago, Johnson Coleman ran a store there on Ky.
19, c. 3 mi. from Brooksv. (Lucien Robinson, interview, 4/16/1978);
POWERSVILLE (Bracken Co.): ("Pow/3rz/v(ih)l"
DK when settled but named for local family.
DK their progenitor. No Powers(es) there now
and very few left in the county. Now: large
hardware store. Johnson Coleman operated it
for yrs. but he died a few yrs. ago. It's run
by another now....Gro. store and 2 chu's and
c. 20 homes. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15
1978); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this vil. was settled
in 1830 and had a pop. of 80. F.G. Ingean was pm. Willi
and Bro. gen. store. Two wagonmakers, saw & grist mill,
/sch. & Christian chu; Robert Power and Thomas Powers
were listed in the 1830 Census;
POWERSVILLE (Bracken Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo at the jct. of Ky 10 and 19, 2 mi sw of Brooksv., was est. at some unknown date on the site of a travelers' inn between Augusta and Cynthiana. It was named for a local family. The local po, est. on 11/13/1841, with James W. Morford, pm, closed in 1904." (Book-P. 242); Acc. to R.V. Willis, 8/28/1885, this po was 3½ mi s of Brooksville po. (SLR); Acc. to P&G the po was est. in 1831. (why the discrepancy?)
RAMA (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 11/20/1881, Peter G. Ingram; 12/4/1882, Zeno C. Fisher; Disc. 10/13/1884 (mail to Batchelors Rest) (POR-NA); Acc. to Peter G. Ingram, 9/27/1881, the name prop. for this new po was Rigg and it would serve Browningsville, 3½ mi e of Bachelors Rest po, 5 mi nw of Milford po, 2 mi s of Neave po, 3½ mi e of Lick. R. on the s. bank of Willow Creek, a vil. of 40. (SLR); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., Rama was 13 mi from Brooksville. It was a recently est. but unimportant po; No Browningsville was listed in the 187/1880 Gaz;
RAMA (Bracken Co., Ky): Wm. T. Rigg, the Circuit clerk of Robertson Co., lived in Mt. Olivet. He was ne 1836, the son of Alex. M. and Eliz. (Fielden) Rigg, natives of Mason and Nich. Co's, resp. His grandfather Clement Rigg came from Pa. to Mason Co. ca. 1800 as a miller. He settled nr. Maysville and built a mill. Alex. (1805-1874) was a farmer. Wm., ne Rob. Co., was a storekeeper and leaf tob. trader and became a circ. ct. clerk in 1880. (Perrin, 8th edit., 1888, P. 764);
ROCK SPRING (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., the commu. name was then sp. in 2 words and Tietzville was its po name. It was a settlement on the Ohio Pop. 70. John Norris was pm and leaf tob. dealer. Three gen. stores incl. one run by C.H. Tietz. Other businesses incl. a brick factory; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., Tietzville had a pop. of 150. It was a settlement with a sawmill and other businesses; Acc. to 1895 Gaz Rockspring (sic) had a pop. of 75. McCane & Davis gen. store;
ROCKSPRING (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. as Tietzville on 9/6/1870, Charles Tietz, Jr; 3/25/1878, John Norris; changed to Rockspring 4/25/1884, John Norris....Disc. 1/31/1910 (mail to Elm Grove) (POR-NA); Acc. to John Norris, 5/3/1885, the Rockspring po, formerly Tietzville was 1/8 mi s of the Ohio R., 1 1/4 mi e of Locust Creek, 3 mi e of Bradford po, 4 mi w of Augusta po, 4 1/2 mi n of Bladeston po, 5 mi ne of Johnsv. po. The po was 1st est. as Tietzville with Chas. Tietz, its 1st pm. Acc. to his SLR of 7/5/1870, this po was in the Augusta Prec., 3 mi e of Bradford po, on the Ohio R., 1 mi from Little Locust Creek. Some time after 1885 the Rockspring po was moved 1 1/8 mi e to a pt. less than 100 yds. from th
rr, 2 mi from the Elmgrove po, 3½ mi from Augusta po, 5 mi from Walcott po, 100 yards from the river on the east side of Wrangle (?) Run. (SLR); Tietzville was named for an old family that's been gone for years. On the Ohio R., an old port. Renamed Rocksprings but dk why. (Edith Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978); Extinct. Once laid out town. Four mi. w of Augusta. Later calle Rock Springs. Chas. H. Tietz owned wharf boat. He was gen. storekeeper and large vic. landowner. The place once had a dist. and tob. warehouse. C&O there in 1905. The county's river landings declined in importance with the coming of the rr in the late 1880s. (Recollections, 1969, n.p.);
SANTAFE (Bracken Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz., the Jett Bros. ran its gen. store;
SANTA FE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. as Santa Fe 11/22/1848, Edward Artsman; 7/18/1854, Robert A. Struve; Disc 7/27/1861; Re-est. as Santafe 6/8/1886, Jesse H. Jett; Disc. eff. 1/14/1905 (mail to Brooksville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jesse H. Jett, 5/22/1886, the name prop. for his po was Santa Fe but the po was est. as Santafe and was 3 mi w of Bratton po, 4 mi e of Milford po, 5 mi s of Mount Hor po, on the n. bank of the North Fk. of the Licking R. It was a vil. of 50. (SLR); "saen/(t)da/fee"

An old town. Used to be a sizeable, thriving town on the N. Fk. of the Lick. R. with a mill. Nothing there now but an abandoned store building and 4 homes. The N. Fk. flooded out the old store. Two mi. from Belmont. (Brumley, interv., 4/15/1978);
STONEWALL (Bracken Co.): ("Stohn/w(aw)l") On the Stonewall Rd. On the N. Fk. of Licking R. DK why so named but there still is a stone wall in front of a local home. DK if this was placed there for flood protection. Now: one store. Had an active Redmans Lodge there. Had a grist mill there. Millstones are still visible. (Edith Brumley, interview, 4/15/1978)
WAELDER (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 2/4/1901, Thomas J. Griffith; Disc. eff. 11/30/1903 (papers to Bridgeville, Robertson Co., Ky) (POR-NA); Acc. to Thos. J. Griffith, 1/8/1901, the name prop. for this new po was McKinley and it would be 2 ¼ mi n of Bridgeville po, 4 mi sw of Germantown po, 6 mi w of Tangletown po, 2 ¼ mi n of North Fk. of the Lick. R. A vil. of 50. (SLR);
WALCOTT (Bracken Co., Ky): The covered bridge was built in 1824. The name was selected for its po by pm Steve Thomas for Wallcott, Engl. (sic). Thomas "had a friend in Redland, Cal. who had friends in Wallcott, England." To avoid confusion with other po's in the US, the name was spelled Walcott. Acc. to A.L. Murray, direct descendant of the 2nd pm Jas. H. Murray. By 1975, A.L. Murray, retired storekeeper, owned the land on which the bridge is located. The Walcott Covered Bridge (White Bridge) was placed on the Nat'l. Reg. of Hist. Places, June 1975. Jas. Hugh Murray from Va. to Ky. ca. 1797 and settled at Cedar Fork, now Walcott, where he built a house, store, and flour mill. James Murray, son of above, was ne 1833. Jas. Hugh had
bought this land from Philip Buckner in 1797. Emerson Fannin now runs the Walcott store owned by A.L. Murray the source of the above info. (Bracken Co. NEWS, 2/8/1951 and Ibid., 6/25/1975);
WALCOTT (Bracken Co., Ky): Woolcott Ridge Rd. crosses the new Double A Highway just w of Locust Creek. There is a gro. on the s. side of the highway. This was the settlement of a family of Murrays whose ancestor, Jas. Hugh Murray, built a log cabin home ca. 1810. The vic. has one of Ky's. 13 remaining covered bridges. This was built in 1824. This land was part of the orig. Philip Buckner Rev. War service grant. (Carol Marie Cropper, "State's Road Plan to Split Bracken Historic District" LCJ, 1/18/1987, P. A1:3-4); The bridge was closed to traffic in 1954 when a new concrete struct. was built nearby. It's off Ky 1159, 5 mi nw of Brook. The bridge spanned 74 ft. over Locust Creek.
WALCOTT (Bracken Co., Ky): ["wahl/kaht"]. The orig. name Woolcott was changed to Walcott but dk why. One of the few covered bridges left in Ky. Attempts a few yrs. ago to tear down the bridge failed and they were able to save it. A Murray family now owns the land and claims the bridge which is in great need of repair. The co. hist. soc. would like to take it over and see to its repair but the Murrays wont relinquish title to it. It's called The Walcott Covered Bridge. The Walcott spelling is given on present highway dept. co. maps. Neither was a family name in B. Co. (Brumley 4/15/1978);
WALCOTT (Bracken Co., Ky): The bridge's orig. span was built in 1829. The Murray family deeded the bridge to the county's Fiscal Court. This is the state's oldest covered bridge. (Paul Lewis Atkinson, "Touring Ky's. Covered Bridges" Filson Club Hist. Q., Vol. 41, Jan. 1967, Pp. 21-25, 23);
WALCOTT (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. 6/26/1901, Stephen H. Thomas; 6/14/1902, Ahab L. Murray. 2/24/1920, Loval: W. Smith; Disc. 10/14/1922 (mail to Cumminssville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Stephen H. Thomas, 5/29/1901, the prop. po of Walcott would be in the Brooksv. Prec., 1½ mi n of Cummins v. po, 2 3/4 mi s of Elmgrove po, 3 mi w of Gertrude po, 3 mi s of Ohio R. and on the s. side of Locust Creek, 20 ft. w of Murray's Station on the Brooksville & Wellsburg RR. Not a vil. (SLR); The Walcott Covered Bridge was built 1824. When Rt. 1109 was rerouted with a new bridge the old one was closed in 1962. Bridge is now "the focal pt. of a small park.' (Reis, I, Pp. 131-4); Bridge over Locust Creek. Rt. 1159. 75 ft. long. Wooden. Used betw. 1824-1954;
WELLSBURG (Bracken Co., Ky): The Brooksville and Wellsburg RR, nicknamed "Big Windy". Built in the late 1890s at the request of Brooksv. businessmen for a rail connection with C&O on the Ohio. "Initiated..through efforts of Younger Alexander of Lexington." From B. to connect with the C&O at Wellsburg Junction at the mouth of Locust Creek. The 10 mi line was completed in June 1897. It was later intended to extend to West Liberty and was thus (re-)inc. as the Cinci. and Licking R. RR Co. but this never materialized. Went into receivership in Nov. 1917. Re-inc. July 1919 as the Brooksv. and Ohio R. RR. Line was abandoned in 1931 (Recollections);
WILLLOWGROVE (Bracken Co., Ky): east of Wellsburg to/ Campbell Co. and named for local trees. Abandoned. (Brumley, 4/15/1978); UK anthropologists think there once was an ancient Indian vil. there. A sawmill and river landing. Nearby Mehldahl Dam. (Ibid.);
WILLOWGROVE (Bracken Co., Ky): po est. est. as Willow Grove 2/20/1891, D. Carroll Thomas; ch. to Willowgrove 10/26/1894, D. Carroll Thomas; 5/25/1908, Jacob Henniger; Disc. 2/28/1910 (mail to Foster) (POR-NA); Acc. to D. Carroll Thomas, 2/5/1891, the Willow Grove po would be 3 mi e of Foster po, 1 1/2 mi w of Bradford po, 3 1/2 mi nw of Johnsville po, 1/8 mi s of Ohio R. and 1/8 mi w of Big Snag Creek, 50 ft. s of Willow Grove (rr) Sta.

Acc. to Ibid., 11/24/1894, as Willowgrove, this po was 1/4 mi s of the river, 1/4 mi w of the creek, 1 1/2 mi w of Bradford po, 3 mi e of Foster po, 50 ft. from the rr tracks. (SLR);
Bracken Co.

John Breslin, Maysville, Ky. Circuit Judge of Mason, Bracken, and Fleming Counties. Acc. to Mrs. Roy Gray of Flemingsburg, Ky., he's interested in history. Ask him to suggest someone for Bracken Co. He'd probably go to any lengths to help out.

Acc. to Mrs. Chas. Calvert of Maysville, Wm. B. Wallin, the mayor of Brooksville, is a ball of fire and has a large pvt. historical library.
BRACKEN COUNTY: Barbara Reynolds, Librarian, Knodler Library, Augusta, Ky. has a hist'l. collection. She may know the origin of the Augusta name. She writes a hist'l. col. for the Augusta newspaper. The "Looking Back" col. in the Bracken Co. News, a hist'l. col. by W.T. Breeze. Two installments of this. I have a cop of the 1st. (Edith Brumley, Brooksville, Ky. 4/15/1978);