

GALLATIN COUNTY (39)

With an even 100 sq.mi. of area, the smallest county in Kentucky, although not in population. Some twelve miles of its northern boundary is of the Ohio River, resulting in a reduction of its surface area.

Formed by statute passed December 14, 1798 (ACTS, 1799, 79), effective May 13, 1799, from Franklin and Shelby Counties.

Named for Albert P. Gallatin, an orphaned boy of sixteen years when he immigrated to the United States. He was reared in Geneva, Switzerland, by affluent aunt and uncle and when sent to Paris to study, he just kept going to America. Taught French at Harvard, then moved to Pennsylvania, from when he was elected to the U.S. Senate, but was refused his seat as he had not been a citizen the required ten years. Immediately sent to the House, whose requirements he did meet. His fiscal policies clashed with those of Alexander Hamilton, then Secretary of the Treas-

ly, e.g. Hamilton wanted to sell the "western land" to large speculating companies for cash, Gallatin wanted to sell small tracts to settlers, and on credit. This made Gallatin a hero to settlers, and his name was used, geographically, many times -- all except Gallatin River, in Montana, are in Missouri or eastwardly. By the time all this was developed, Gallatin was a forgotten hero.

Gallatin served as the third Secretary of the Treasury, under Jefferson. His statue stands on the plaza, on Pennsylvania Avenue, in front of the Old Treasury Building, next to the White House.

On formation, Port William, now Carrollton, was County Seat. Original area included all of Carroll County, and parts of Owen and Trimble Counties. -- Only original boundary is that between Gallatin and Boone Counties.

✓ GALLATIN CO., KY: Port William was the only town in the newly formed Gal. Co. and thus it became its co. seat. To some extent, its distance from the other pop. centers led to the creation of two other counties --Owen in 1819 and Trimble in 1836. PO was est. before 1/1/1907 with Robt. Plummer, pm. (POR);

GALLATIN COUNTY: Named for Albert P. Galatin. ... "As Congressman, he gained a reputation as an econ. philospher, and regularly opposed... Hamilton. Hamilton, faced with raising money for a brand-new govt., advocated selling wild, western land in huge blocks to land speculators for cash. Gallatin countered with selling small tracts to Rev. War veterans and pioneers provided they occupied and developed the land. Gallatin became a hero to western pioneers, and is often named in town, county and river names, but only as far west as about Missouri, (except Gallatin River in Montana). In the regeneration of westerners, Gallatin was forgotten as a hero." (Robert John G. Wright of Warsaw, Ky. in a letter to me, 9/9/71);

GALLATIN COUNTY: Named for Albert Gallatin (1761-1849), Swiss-born, to US 1780. Served in Pa. Leg. for 3 yrs. and in US Cong. from Pa. 1795-1801. Sec. of Treas. 1802-14. Min. to France, 1816-23, and to Engl. 1826-7. Pres. of Nat'l. Bank of NY, 1831-9 (Highway marker in county courthse. yard, acc. to GUIDE, No. 747, P. 107); 99 sq. mi. "Est. in 1798 from parts of Frank. and Shelby Co's., Gal. was named for Albert Gallatin (1761-1849), Swiss-born Sec. of the Treasury under Pres. Jefferson and Madison (1802-14) and minister to France and Engl. (1816-23; 1826-7) (Book-P. 112);

✓ GALLATIN COUNTY, KY: Several post offices operated early in what became other counties and will be listed and described there; Gal. was the 30th co. org. by leg act on 12/14/1798 from parts of Frankf. & Shelby Co's. Assumed present boundary 3/1/1838 with the formation of Carroll Co; The co's 1st seat was Port William (now Carrollton) betw. 1799-1838; Counties taken from the orig. Gal. were Owen (1819), Trimble (1836) and all of Carroll Co. which was taken from the western half of Gal; Gal. Co. is bounded on the n. by the Ohio R. and on the s. by Eagle Creek; Gal. Co. originally included all of Carroll and parts of Owen and Trimble and was named for Swiss-born Albert Gallatin, in US Cong. when the co. was org. and was later to serve as Jefferson's

Treas. Sec. and amb. to France & Engl.; In 1869 the Short Line came thru the co., establishing stations in Glencoe and Sparta. Warsaw's econ. dominance came to an end. (Bryant in Ky. Ency., P. 934); US 42 was called The River Road betw. Sugar Creek and the Carroll Co. line. (WPA); That part of the old co. south of Eagle Creek was cut off to form Owen Co. (Bogardus); How Sanders area was added to Carroll Co. in 1874 is described by Bogardus;

✓ GALLATIN CO., KY: A sect. of the s. part of the co. was taken for part of Owen Co. in 1819 and part of the co's. extreme w. end was given to the new Trimble Co. in 1836. Finally, in 1838, the w. half of what remained of Gal. Co. became the separate co. of Carroll, leaving the Gal. Co. we know today; Gal. Co. is drained by the Ohio R. which forms its n. boundary for 21 mi. Eagle Creek forms its s bound. for 12 mi. Big Bone Creek separates it from Boone Co. on the ne. Other major streams: Sugar Creek joins the Ohio 5 mi above Warsaw. Craigs, Steele, Lick, Ten Mile, Vera Cruz, Little Sugar, Dry, and Stephens. (Gray, P. 5); Gal's. last ct. session at Port W. was on 12/11/1837. The 1st ct. session in Warsaw was 1/1/1838. (Ibid., P. 7);

✓ GALLATIN COUNTY, KY: 31st co. formed. Betw. the Ohio R. and Eagle Creek. 99 sq. mi. Nearly altogether a farming co. with over 80% of the land used for that purpose. Early a major export outlet for regional farmers in trade with N.O. Non-farm activities are mostly sand, gravel, and limestone mining. Furn. manu. The co's. 1st. seat was Port William. Warsaw did not become seat till 1838 when Carroll Co. was created. River trade was overshadowed by rail and later highway traffic. Markland Locks and Dam, 3 mi below Warsaw, was completed in 1964. Over half of the co's. workforce commutes to jobs out of the co. Pop. 5400. (Ron Bryant, Ky. Ency. 1992, 362-3);

- ✓ BEECH PARK (Gallatin Co., Ky): po est. 1825...Edward A. Turpin was pm till it was disc. 3/13/1844; Re-est. 4/16/1844, John O. Hamilton; Disc. 11/29/1844 (POR-NA); Edward A. Turpin heired from his father Horatio Turpin (died 10/8/1826) 250 acres on the lower side of Craig's Creek incl. the millseat at Stone Lick. Edward was then living at Beech Park on Boone Rd. Horatio, a Rev. War vet., was buried at Beech Park. (Bogardus, Gal. Co. Estates, 1799-1838, pub. by G. Co. Hist. Soc., 1985, Pp. 37-8); The Turpin fam. graveyard is on Ky 35, a mi n of Sparta. Incl. Horatio (1755-1826). (so was this Beech Park?);

BOONE ROAD (generally present Kentucky Highway No. 16
and Kentucky Highway No. 465)

In 1780 when Fayette County, of Virginia, was created, Daniel Boone was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the county militia. Boone also served as Sheriff of the County. The present Gallatin County was included.

On one of his hunting and exploring expeditions, Boone blazed a trail across the County. This trail entered present-day Gallatin at the point where Myer's Cut was created, or the place where the L&N enters Gallatin from Boone County. From there the trail wound down through present-day Napoleon and on to a ridge overlooking what is now Glencoe, on Eagle Creek. From there it crossed a saddle and followed Johnson Road (KY. No. 455) to the present location of the Oakland Church, turned west and crossed Indian Camp Creek to join Boone Road (KY. No. 465) just west of its crossing over I-71, and followed its path

westwardly, crossing Lost Branch, and crossing Kentucky Highway No. 35, as Boone Road now does, just south of the Sparta Interchange of I-71. Then it continued on Kentucky Highway No. 465 (the name changing now to Lick Road), down Hixon Hill, along Lick Creek, and crossing Threlkeld Branch to Bramlette, thence south towards Eagle Creek, near Sanders in Carroll County, and down the Eagle Creek Valley past Worthville, across the Kentucky River to Drennan Springs, in Henry County.

Most of this generally followed a buffalo trail between Big Bone Lick, in Boone County, to Drennan Springs. However, somewhere east of Napoleon, the buffalo trail bent northwardly through Beaver Lick, and on to Big Bone.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. pages 13-15.

✓ BRASHER (Gallatin Co., Ky): Acc. to James G. Brasher, 7/6/1881, the name proposed for this po was Steels Creek and it would be 4 mi n of Sugar Creek po, on the so. side of the Ohio R. and the e. bank of Steels Creek (| Acc. to Edward Ernest Gregory, 8/26/1895 the po would be r-est. as Brashear at same site as above. (| Acc. to J.W. Eubank, 5/14/1914, the Brashear po was serving the commu. of Steels Creek and was 100 ft. e of the Ohio R., 75 ft. n of Steels Creek, 1 3/4 river mi. w. ? of Patriot po, 5 mi w of Berkshire po, 3 1/2 air mi. from the co. line. (SLR);

BRASHEAR (Gallatin Co.): DPO on So. Fk. of Big Bone Creek betw. US42 and the Ohio R., nr. Cow Branch. "Now defunct and known only to the older residents of that area. It was named ✓ for the Brashear family, prominent in that locale." (In letter to me, by John G. Wright, ✓ Warsaw, Ky., 9/9/1971); po est. as Brasher, 8/1/1881, James T. Brasher; Disc. 10/15/87 (papers to Ryle) (NA); a Brashear p.o. was est 9/17/1895, Edward E. Gregory... Disc. eff. 5/15 1931, (mail to Glencoe) (NA); Brashear po and Landing was across Steeles Creek from Steele's Creek Landing. (Wright, 3/13/1978);

✓ BRASHEAR (Gallatin Co., Ky): Among Gal. Co's. pion. settlers were Joseph Steele and Belt Brashear (1791-1864). (Acc. to Carl R. Bogardus, MD of Austin, Texas, The Early Hist. of Gal. Co., Ky., 1798-1848, 1948, n.d.); Jos. Steele was ne Va. and settled early in Gal. Co. Was a farmer and salt maker. Died 1855. Fought in War of 1812. Married a niece of Dan'l. Boone. (Perrin, 7th Ed., 1887, P. 890); Jos. Steele was ne 1779 in Va. and died 1855 and was buried in the Steele Cem. on Steele's Bottom Rd., 3 mi from US 42. He was the family's Gal. Co. prog.;

BRASHEAR (abandoned postoffice)

Located on the Ohio River bank, at the mouth of Steeles Creek. Pronounced bra' shear'. Also the site of Ewbank's grocery and a passenger ferry to Patriot, Indiana. The only postmaster it ever had was John Ewbank, who also owned the store. In existence from 1897-1933. The Ohio River flood of 1937 destroyed all remains of the site.

Letter of Ryle Ewbank, son of John W. Ewbank, above, to Charles G. Warnick, Editor/Publisher The GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS; date unknown.

/ John W. Ewbank created name for the postoffice. Wanted to call it Steele, but that name was already in use. Chose Brashear after Capt. Jim Brashear, who had a river boat and was familiar to John W. Ewbank. (Source, same letter.)

✓ CASTLEMAN'S (Gallatin Co., Ky): po est. 2/11/1831, John Castleman; Disc. 8/31/1838 (POR-NA); John Castleman (1778-1842) ne Woodford Co., Ky. and died in Gal. Co. (Ky. Anc. Vol. 27 (1), Summer 1991, P.65); John Henry Castleman, son of Lewis Castleman of Hampshire Co., Va. who later moved to Woodford Co., Ky. John Henry died in Gal. Co. ca. 1839. Among his issue: Lewis P., Elbridge, John Jr., Henry Clay. (Dr. Thomas L. Riley of Hop., Ky. in Ky. Anc. Vol. 20 (3), Winter, 1985, P. 183); John Lewis Castleman was a grandson of John Henry. (Will Book E, Gal. Co., acc. to Ky. Anc. Vol. 17 (2), Oct. 1981, P. 80);

✓ DRURY (Gallatin Co., Ky): po est. 6/20/1900, Thomas Groves; 6/24/1901, Owen Bethel; 5/16/1902, Lillie Alsu Disc. eff. 6/30/1903 (papers to Sanders) (POR-NA); Acc. to Thos. Groves, 5/14/1900, this prop. po would be 4 mi ne of Carson po, 4 mi s of Gex po, 5 3/4 mi sw of Ethridge po, on the w. bank of Stephens Creek. Only a country store. (POR-NA); Drurys Chapel Church and School (Wright, 3/13/1978); No Drurys are listed in the county's marr. records;

EAGLE TUNNEL ROAD

EAGLE TUNNEL SCHOOL

This road runs from the old Napoleon-Glencoe Road, Boone Trace, or present Kentucky Highway 16, into Grant County, crossing Eagle Tunnel of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington Railroad (now Louisville and Nashville Railroad) to the Glencoe-Folsom Road (Kentucky Highway 467), about a mile below the mouth of Ten Mile Creek. Could have been built during the construction of the tunnel, or simply re-named an existing road.

The school was located near the junction of Eagle Tunnel Road and present Kentucky Highway 16. (JGW)

✓ ETHRIDGE (Gallatin Co.): po est. 7/30/1886, Thos. Ethridge...Disc. 5/31/1911 (mail to Sanders) (NA); Acc. to Thos. Ethridge, 5/21/1886, the name proposed for this new po was Bladen and it would serve Landing and would be 3 mi w of Warsaw po, 2½ mi se of Markland po, on the Ky. R., 1 mi from Craigs Creek. A country store and thickly settled area. (SLR); Ethridge Landing was 1 mi e of the Markland Dam. (Wright, 3/13/1978); Acc. to 1870 Census, Augustus and Rosana Bladen are listed as separate households in the Warsaw Dist. Jas. Ethridge is listed in the 1870 Census;

FISH TRAP

This is a site on Big Bone Creek, some 300 yards up from its mouth, snug up against a mini-palisade. By deduction, I conclude that it was a deep pool, bound, either end, by a riffle. In dry, dog-days, when the water level dropped, the locals would seine the fish trapped by the dry riffles. This presupposes an undamed Ohio River, at the time that the name attached, in which no impoundments were created to eliminate the dry riffles. (JGW)

✓ GEX (Gallatin Co., Ky): Gex Landing was just below Corine and Louis Gex home. (John G. Wright, for Ky PNS, 2/22/1978); The Gex (Jay) family was still prominent in Carroll & Gal. Co's. by the mid 1930s. (WPA);

GEX (Gallatin Co., Ky): John A. Gex, a farmer & stockman, was ne 2/15/1819, son of Anthony Gex. Anthony was ne Switz. 1794. Moved from Vevay, Switz. to Vevay, Ind. in 1812 and to Gal. Co. in 1816 and died in 1866. John was a Ghent storekeeper for two years. Among his children was a son Louis M. (Perrin, 7th ed., 1887, Pp. 800-801);

GEX (Gallatin Co., Ky): Gex (Jay) Williams of Verona (Boone Co., Ky) was running in the May 1994 in the Rep. primary for Ky. State House of Rep., 24th Dist., Boone Co., Ky. (Lexington Herald-Leader, 2/6/1994, P.B7:1) (male) po est. 5/5/1898, Thos. Mylor, Jr; Disc. eff. 8/15/1906 (mail to Sanders, Carroll Co.) (PORNNA); Acc. to Thos. Mylor, Jr., 3/19/1898, this prop. po would be 2 mi w of Ethridge po, 4 mi e of Ghent po, 5 mi n of Carson po, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of the Ohio R., 1 mi e of Stephens Creek. A small hamlet (SLR);

GEX (pronounced "jay")

GEX SCHOOL.

Switzerland County, Indiana, immediately across the Ohio River, attracted Swiss immigrants who aimed to establish vineyards and a wine industry, such as they left behind. There town is Vevay (pronounced "vee-vee"). Family names surviving, in Kentucky, in 1978, are Gex, Diuguid (pronounced "do good"), and Dufour.

The community Gex is located on the old Walnut Valley Road, approximately 5 miles west of Warsaw. The old store building survives next to the home of Corda (Mrs. Howard) Brown. It was immediate hinterland of Turners Landing.

Gex School (colored) still stands on the Fothergill Turnpike (now Montgomery Road) across from the present residence of Mrs. Jessie Lee Siler, and is now a home. Since Carlisle School is between the community Gex and the school, it must have been that the Gex family took the lead in establishing the school.

✓ GLENCOE (Gallatin Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city with po lies at the jct. of US 127 and Ky 467, just n of Eagle Creek and 6 (air) mi se of Warsaw. The vill. is said to have been est. in the early 1860s tho' the Glencoe po had been in intermittent operation since 3/16/1848. It was named for the Glencoe Valley in Scotland." (Book-P. 117); 6th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 257; Settled in the 1790s. 10 mi s of Warsaw. In 1876. Named for Glencoe, Scot. Grist mills, canning factory, hatchery. (Reis, I, P. 140);

√ GLENCOE (Gallatin Co.): po est. 3/16/1848, #. P.
Philip O. Turpin; Disc. 7/31/1848; Re-est.
8/28/49, ibid. ..Disc. 9/10/64; Re-est. 4/24/
1867, Mrs. Louisiana Castleman...(NA); On the
L&N RR, 10 mi. so. of Warsaw. Inc. 2/23/1876..
(John Forsee, WPA ms); Inc. 2/23/1876 (ACTS,
1876, Vol. 1, P. 371); Acc. to R.E. Foster, 9/1/
1876, this po was 4 mi s of the Ohio R., $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Eagle
Creek, 3 mi nw of Eagle Hill po, 150 yards s of Glencoe
Sta. on the LCL RR, 5 mi e of Sparta po, 4 mi s of
Sugar Creek po, 8 mi se of Warsaw po. ((Acc. to Mary B.
Garvey, 7/22/1939, this po was 0.1 air mi. and 0.3 rd.
mi. from Owen Co. line, 1/10 mi n of Eagle Creek. (SLR)

GLENCOE

Located on the bank of Eagle Creek.

Settled on a natural mill race formed by a sluice of the Creek, sometime between 1861 and 1865, although John Lee had owned land in the area as early as 1790. The first house of importance was the "Old Ruddle House." "James Ruddle, a blacksmith and mechanic, created the Ruddle Hoe, a favorite of farmers. An early store was operated by Irene Eggleston (of the family who created the Eggleston Subdivision?). James Lee operated a sawmill, sawing many of the crossties used in the construction of the Short Line."

"Glencoe was so named after the massacre of the entire clan McDonald, on February 13, 1692, by Campbell of Glen Lyon and 120 soldiers."

= Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky, pages 62-64.

GLENCOE (Gallatin Co.): 10 mi. s. of Warsaw on Eagle Creek. On the L&N RR. Est. on the site of a grist mill. DK first settlers but John Lee owned land in vic. c.1790. Town est. betw. 1861 & '65. Two gen. stores there then: owned by Irene Eggleston & a Mr. Daniels. Store & PO in the rr depot; run by Jas. Denton. Inc. 2/23/76. Named for Glencoe, Scotland "which was famous i literature for the fact that an entire McDonald clan was brutally and unjustly massacred on Feb. 13, 1692 by Campbell of Glen Lyon and 120 soldiers." At peak of prosperity c. 1940 with pop. of 500. Many local people commute to Cov. & Cinci. (Gypsy M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., KY 1968, Pp. 62-4);
(...)

HAMILTON SCHOOL

Located just north of I-71 and Kentucky Highway No. 35 interchange, at the site of the Exxon station. Named for the donor of the land, John A. Hamilton.

John A. Hamilton had a bet with doctor in Sparta as to the gender of an impending child, if a girl Hamilton paid double, if a boy doctor delivered child free. The child, Alfred Hamilton, died in the 1960's, and loved to tell the story of how he was born free. Uncle Alf was a fine old gentleman.

This came from information given by Uncle Alf Hamilton to Donna P. Craig before his death.

HOGGINS

A voting precinct of Gallatin County until about 1964 when merged into Sparta Precinct.

James Hoggins was an early settler of Gallatin County, as it is today. The Hoggins family, for whom the Hoggins Precinct was named, was the first to import a team of pure-bred Percheron horses into Gallatin County.

The Gallatin-Carroll County Atlas of 1883 shows the Hoggins Precinct to have been the entire west quarter of Gallatin County.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. pages 42, 66.

INDIAN CAMP CREEK

A tributary of Eagle Creek, about midway between Sparta and Glencoe. The Creek rises up on the ridge now crossed by Boone Road (Ky. Highway 465) and drops swiftly into a deep hollow crossed by the original by the original Boone Trace, or the buffalo trace between Big Bone Lick and Drennan's Spring (Henry County), then across the Eagle Creek Bottom, to its mouth. The many Indian artifacts found yet into the 1970's, prove the presence of Indians along Eagle Creek. This spot, sheltered by the steep hill hard by the buffalo trace, would be ideal for an Indian camp, hence the application of the name. (JGW)

JOHNSON ROAD (Kentucky Highway No. 455)
JOHNSON HILL

In 1805 Robert Johnson, who lived about Great Crossings, in Scott County, Kentucky, and who had been given a large grant of land in Gallatin County, surveyed a road, which is now Kentucky Highway No. 455, and is called Johnson Road.

As it leaves the Ohio River bottom, just south of Warsaw, it climbs a large, steep hill, known as Johnson Hill. So named after Robert Johnson, father of Richard M. Johnson, Vice-President under Andrew Jackson.

Robert Johnson built a house in Warsaw, still in existence as a classic example of Federal architecture, but never did live there. He also collaborated with Henry Yates, in surveying and laying out the town of Fredricksburg, now Warsaw (Deed Book L, page 389, Gallatin County Court Clerk's Office, Warsaw). Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky; page 15.

LOST BRANCH

A tributary of Eagle Creek, its mouth being about one mile east, upstream, from Sparta. It runs through Bridge 19, of the railroad.

Local legend has the branch so named in memory of a young boy sent along its course to bring in the cows. He never returned. It was assumed that he had been captured by Indians.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. page 13.

MARION (Gallatin Co.): Est. 2/9/1819 (ACTS,
1819, P. 754);

- ✓ MUNK (Gallatin Co., Ky): "This epo and L&N RR sta. were on a deadend rd. just n of the Grant Co. line and 11 (air) mi e of Warsaw. This vic. was home to a Webster family who were called "The Munk Websters" to distinguish them from another Webster family in the area. The po was est. on 4/9/1900 with Ina N. Webster, pm, as Munk. It closed in 1939." (Book-P. 208); 38°46'30"N/84°41'45"W is the site of the old po. The only bldg. in that vic. is now a farmhouse. The area was once the home of a Webster family that was distinguished from nearby unrelated Webster families by their nickname "The Munk Websters". PO est. in this name. (BGN pet. to ch. name from Monk to Munk);

✓ MUNK (Gallatin Co.): Ina N. Webster became pm 4/9/1900; the po was disc. eff. 11/15/1939 (mail to Verona) (NA); PO est. 4/9/1900, Ina N. Webster....Disc. 1939 (POR-NA); Acc. to I.N. Webster 1/31/1900, the names proposed for this po were: Mulligan, Munk, Webster, Nolder, Bend, Nome, and Peth and the po would be 2½ rail mi n of Zion Station, 4 mi se of Ryle po, 4 mi s of Verona po, ¼ mi w of Ten Mile Creek, 100 ft. e of Mulligan Sta. on the L&N. Acc. to Ina N. Webster, 12/7/1908, this po was 500 ft. w o Ten Mile Creek. Acc. to Roy D. Webster, 9/25/1939, act. pm for Ina Webster, deceased, this po was ¼ air mi from the Grant Co. line. (SLR);

NAPOLEON

Located astride Kentucky Highway No. 16, which was generally the buffalo trace between Big Bone Lick (Boone County) and Drennan's Spring (Henry County).

In 1801 twelve families crossed the Big Sandy near Louisa, crossed the mountains and settled on a ridge near Ten Mile Creek. In the spring of 1803 another group came down the Ohio on flatboats, and made their way through the cane-break to the ridge. The first legislative assembly held in this part of the country was held on Napoleon Ridge, under the branches of a mighty oak. After passing several laws to the satisfaction of all concerned, they adjourned until fall but never did meet again.

(One source says that Joseph Spencer Lillard laid out and named the town. Another source says that there was some dissension when they chose a name. Some liked the name, Madisonville, in honor of President James Madison, others

remembering the help which France gave during the Revolutionary War, wanted the town to be named Napoleon in honor of France's great hero. There is perhaps another reason it was named Napoleon. The Lillards descended from Jean (John) Lillard, a French Huguenot (Protestant) who migrated after the signing of the Treaty of Nantes in France, about 1685. The Brashears and Alexanders were also of French Huguenot descent, hence the desire for a French name. Napoleon it became in 1821.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. pages 72-75. The since abandoned postoffice there was postmastered by W. M. Spalding. Postoffice closed in 1915.

Letter of W. Ryle Ewbank, to Charles G. Warnich, Editor/Publisher The GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS; date unknown.

✓ NAPOLEON (Gallatin Co., Ky): "Now but a hamlet on Ky 16, 6(air) mi ese of Warsaw, this was once a prosperous 19th cent. trade ctr. Settled in the 1st decade of the 19th cent., it was laid out and named about 1821 by Jos. Spencer Lillard, local merchant. Although some wanted to call the new town Madisonville for the pres. others wished to show their gratitude for France's aid in our Rev. by naming it for her great leader. The po of Conner's, est. by Samuel Conner before 1831, was renamed Napoleon on Jan. 30, 1841, and the town was inc. under this name the following month. The po closed in 1912." (Book-P. 209);

✓ NAPOLEON (Gallatin Co.): po est. as Conner's
in 1824, with Sam'l. Conner; 4/6/1831, Sam'l.
Landrum....ch. to Napoleon, 1/30/41, Philip P.
Hanna..Disc. 10/15/42; Re-est. 7/8/47,
Absalom B. Chambers...Disc. 4/15/1912 (mail to
?) (NA); Kerry Spencer, 26, male,
owns gen'l. store-auto repair shop combo.
there. (Byron Crawford, LCJ, 5/30/1979, P B1:
3-6); Inc. 2/16/1841, (ACTS, 1840/1, P. 225)
Acc. to Mirix J. Jones, 9/2/1885, the Napoleon po was
3 mi s of the Ohio R., 1½ mi e of Sugar Creek, 3 mi
se of Sugar Creek po, 4 mi nw of Elliston po. (SLR);

NAPOLEON (Gallatin Co., Ky): on Ky. 16, 7 mi e of Warsaw. Founded ca. 1801. Platted and named by Jos. Spencer Lillard probably on behalf of early French settlers. (sic) Tho' some wanted it named Madisonville for Pres. Jas. Madison. Xrds. commu. (Reis, I, Pp. 140- Small vil. 7 mi e of Warsaw with Bap. chu., store, & tavern. Pop. of 60. (Collins, 1847, P. 321);

✓ Samuel Conner (1777-1863) (Bogardus); The oldest chu. in the present Gal. Co. was Ten Mile Bapt. Church at Napoleon, which was org. in 1804. Rev. Wm. Bledsoe was the 1st preacher. (Bogardus); Sam'l. Conner (1777-1863) is bur. in Ten Mile Bap. Chu. Cem. at Napoleon;

NAPOLEON (Gallatin Co.): Settled 1st decade of 19th cent. 7 mi. e. of Warsaw on Ky. 16. Jos. Spencer Lillard, son of David Lillard, pioneer laid out and named the town. (David Irvine Lillard, THE LILLARDS, Beacon Pub. Co., 1906, cited by Gypsy M. Gray, HIST OF GAL. CO., KY. 1968, P.75); "Another source says that there was some dissension among the citizens of the vill. when they chose a name for the town. Some liked the name Madisonville, in honor of Pres. Madison, others remembering the help of Franch during the Rev., wanted the town to be named Napoleon in honor of France's great hero. There is perhaps another reason why it was named Napoleon. The Lillards are descendants

of Jean Lillard, a French Huguenot who migrated to Amer. after the signing of the Treaty of Nantes in France about 1685. The French Protestants suffered much rel. persecution following the treaty and many thousands fled from France. The Brashears and Alexanders (other pioneer families) are also of French Huguenot descent, hence the desire for a French name. Napoleon it became in 1821." (Gray, P. 75, from Jacques E. Stout Lillard, THE LILLARD GENEALOGY, Richmond, Va., 1928); Jos. Lillard owned a gen. store. Town thrived for many yrs. Inc. 1841. (Gray, P. 75); Peak of

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prosperity in the 1850s & '60s. RR thru Glen-
coe in 1869 caused its decline. (....) (Gray,
P. 76)..... Early settlers included the Connors
(Ibid. p. 72);

ROCKY BRANCH

ROCKY BRANCH ROAD

A rather short creek, emptying into the Ohio River about a mile below Sugar Creek. Laterally, it's course would run more than several hundred yards. It spills down the bluffs, steep hills, and created a rocky bar at its mouth. Hence its name.

The road runs parallel to Rocky Branch, northwestwardly from Spencer Hill Road, at the Old Sleet residence, now deadends after about 3/4 mile, originally down over the very steep hill to Baxter's Landing. This was not a trade road, just access. Charlie B. Sisson told me of farmers hauling tobacco-bed water from the Ohio River.

Same road as Sleet Road. (JGw)

RYLE (Gallatin Co., Ky): Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this place, as Walnut Lick had a po and 2 gen. stores owned by Bagby & Hogan and H. Klepper; Wm. Ryle was in Gal. Co. ca. 1810. (Ky. Anc. Vol. 15(1), July 1979, P. 15);

✓ RYLE (Gallatin Co., Ky): po est. as Walnut Lick 12/30/1866, Ambrose D. Whitson; 4/15/1875, Mrs. H. Klepper... 12/30/1884, Simeon C. Ryle; changed to Ryle 8/24/1885, Simeon C. Ryle; 11/1/1886, John M. Bagby... 7/6/1928, Nina B. Whitson; Disc. eff. 1/15/1931 (mail to Zion Station) (POR-NA); Acc. to Simeon Clement Ryle, Feb. 1885, the Ryle po was serving the commu. of Walnut Lick and was 4 mi from the Zion Sta. po, on the n bank of South Creek. A store and home. ((Acc. to J.M. Bagby, 11/9/1897, the Ryle po was still serving the Walnut Lick commu. 50 yds. n of S. Fk. of Big Bone Creek, 4 mi se of Berkshire po, 4 mi sw of Verona po, $\frac{1}{2}$ air mi. from the co. line. ((In 9/1928, Mrs. Nina B. Whitson pet. for site ch. $\frac{1}{3}$ mi e to a pt. $\frac{1}{3}$ mi e of Walnut Lick Creek. (SLR);

SHORT LINE

The division of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad between Decoursey and Louisville. Originally, the Louisville Cincinnati and Lexington Railroad Company, shortly after the Civil War, bought the right-of-way and built a railroad from Milldale (Latonia) to LaGrange (Oldham County). It became known as the Short Line. The L & N built the link from Louisville to LaGrange (Louisville Terminal Railroad Company), and subsequently the L & N took over the L, C & L RR Co., when it went into receivership.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. page 20.

✓ SOUTH FORK BIG BONE (Gallatin Co., Ky): po est. in Boone Co. 6/8/1831, Wm. Hughes; to Gal. Co. 1/8/1837, Wm. Hughes; 6/4/1838, James Edwards; Disc. 3/15/1842 (POR-NA);

SOUTH FORK (of Big Bone Creek)

This is just what it says, the south fork of Big Bone Creek. The trouble comes when it divides just north of U.S. Highway No. 42, near the Boone County line. Each of these branches are known and identified as South Fork, and each runs several miles southwardly.

Big Bone Creek is the boundary between Gallatin and Boone Counties, at the Ohio River. Big Bone leaves the counties line and runs back through Big Bone Lick, so named because of the finding of mastadon bones (big bones along, or near, its banks (Boone County). A historical marker notes that this was the area from which Jennie Wylie escaped her Indian captors. (JGW) no!

SPARTA (Gallatin Co., Ky.)

Named for the ancient Greek city but d.k. why.
In the 1820s it was called Ross's Mill and
then Brooksville. Probably changed to Sparta
after the rr built thru in 1869. (RR South,
"Our Station Names" L&N MAG., 12/1949, P. 17).

✓ po. est. as Sparta Sta., 1/13/1870, Florian
Cox.. 5/10/81, Benj. F. Turley; ch. to Sparta,
ibid. ... (NA); Vil. on the L&N RR, 9 mi. from
Warsaw, on Rt. 35.... (John Forsee, WPA ms);
Sparta p.o. was est. in Owen Co. 2/19/1853,
Jedediah Jones; 6/20/1854?, Thos. C. Ross...
Disc. 5/4/1870 (NA);

APO,

on 11/29/1872,

✓ SPARTA (Gallatin Co., Ky): "This 6th class city with po is centered at the jct. of Ky 35 and Eagle Creek, 6½ mi s of Warsaw and 9 mi nne of Owenton. Jacob Carlock and party from Va.'s Holston Val. settled around 1800 on the Owen Co. side of the creek. The settlement was first called Ross's Mill and then Brock's Station, for David Ross, the local gristmill operator who arr. before 1805, and Granville Brock, who built a log house there around 1818 and later took over the operation of Ross's mill. Another local gristmill called Sparta Mill was probably the source of the name Sparta by which the commu. was inc. on Jan. 3, 1852, and the po was est. on 2/19/1853. ~~The~~ commu. is now known as

This

Old Sparta. With the location of the Lou. Cinci. & Lex. or "Short Line" (now L&N) RR on the Gal. Co. side of Eagle Creek in 1869, the main section of the commu. shifted to Gal. Co. Another po was est. there on Jan. 13, 1870 and called Sparta Station. The old Sparta po closed in May 1870, and Sparta Station was renamed Sparta in 1881." (Book-P. 278);

✓ SPARTA (Gallatin Co.): The town's name was probably derived from that of an old mill called "Sparta". (Gypsy M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., KY., 1968, P. 59, from Rebecca Gano, "Hist. of Sparta" WARSAW INDEPENDENT, 5/31/1930, reprinted in the GAL. CO. NEWS, 4/11/1940); ~~...~~
The LC&L RR, unable to get right-of-way thru Warsaw decided to build its track thru Sparta. Depot built on land owned by descendants of Robt. Bond. 1st bldg. on the Gal. side of Eagle Cr. had the po & store.... (Ibid., P. 60, from Rebecca Gano, "Early Hist. of Sparta" NEWS-HER. of Owenton, 3/23/1950) Sparta inc. 1852. Thrived Stockyards, lumber, coal yards, tob. Declined due to the increased import. of auto & truck.
(Ibid., p. 60.) a shipping pt.

SPARTA

It originated in the Spring of 1801, or 1802, when Jacob Barlock, and a party, arrived from Holsten's Valley, Virginia, settling at the confluence of Two-Mile (Owen County and Eagle Creeks. The early settlement, on the Owen County side of Eagle Creek, is known as "Old Sparta." The coming of the railroad on the Gallatin County side of Eagle Creek moved the main part of the settlement across the Creek, although a part remains in Owen County.

By 1804, it had a grist mill, tan-yard, distillery, mechanic shop, shoemaker and several coopers. Originally, it was known as "Brock's Station," a resting place on the road over which agriculture products were carried from Georgetown and Owen County to Warsaw on the Ohio River.

Because the banks of Eagle Creek are particularly suitable for water-powered grist mills, several were established at, or near, Sparta. Most of the millstones were manufactured in Germany. Allen Brock operated one mill for 52

✓ SPARTA (Gallatin-Owen intercounty feat.):
Old Sparta is the Owen Co. side. (P.372)cf Mr.
C.N. Varble, local historian... (Mariam S.
Houchens, THE HIST. OF OWEN CO., KY. 1976);
"The first part of Sparta to be settled was the
portion located on the so. side of Eagle Cr.,
which part has been in Owen Co. since 1820.
This area is still spoken of as 'Old Sparta.'
"However, it was 1st known as 'Brock's Sta.' The
old grist mill was built by a Mr. Ross, suppos-
edly about 1801 to 1804.... One of the earliest
settlers of the Sparta vic. was Granville
Brock, who came from Scott Co. and built a log
house about 1818...." Sparta's econ. dev. &
growth came in response to the opening of the

Short Line betw. Cinci. & Louisv. Depot housing store & po was built. Other business establishments and homes attracted by this (from data ~~derived~~) given in a letter by Mrs. Ona Greene, a descendant of Brock's and from info. from C.N. Varble, in unsigned article entitled "Early Days in Sparta" in the Owen Co. Sesquicent. Celebration Edition of the NEWS-HERALD, 6/27-7/6/1969, np);

✓ SPARTA (Gallatin Co.): 9 mi. s. of Warsaw on Eagle Cr. and Ky. 35. Once known as Brock's Sta. (acc. to Mrs. Margaret Bledsoe, interview by Gypsy Gray, 7/1957). Jacob Carlock with a party from Holsten's Val. (sic) in Va. came to area, spring 1801 or '02 & settled at the "confluence" of Two Mile and Eagle Creeks....These orig. settlers later lost their claims when syndicates bought up large blocks of land (in 25,000 acre sections) and sold them to other farmers who came to dispossess the earlier settlers....(Gypsy, M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., KY., 1968, P. 57, from Mrs. Curtis Gullion, article in GAL. CO. NEWS, 6/22/1929);

The 1st settlement, referred to above is in the present Owen Co. and is called Old Sparta. In 1804 had a grist mill, tanyard, distillery and several other businesses. Enoch Winkfield had a store there, opened in 1806. Taverns. Several water-powered grist mills located on Eagle Creek. One of the oldest was Ross Mill which was built early, by Wm. Garnett & David Ross. Later mechanized, it ceased operation in 1935. Allen Brock ran this mill for 52 yrs (Ibid., P. 58, from "Early Days of Old Sparta" GAL. CO. NEWS. 8/10/1929 and 5/15/32)

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SPARTA (Gallatin & Owen Co's, Ky): Acc. to Isaac Swange (?), 2/15/1870, this po was 28 rods s of Eagle Creek, 3½ mi w of Poplar Grove, 128 rods s of Sparta (rr) Sta., 12 mi nw of Owenton po. (SLR); On Eagle Creek, shared with Owen Co. Settled ca. 1801-2. Jacob Cralock "led a party of settlers to the area from Holsten's Val., Va."(sic) Earliest dev. was on the Owen Co. side with a dist. & gristmill. Named for one of the early mills. Inc. in 1852. Became one of the county's rail ship. ctrs. Its dev. came with that. (Reis, I, P. 141);

SPARTA (Gallatin Co.): Jacob Carlock & bro. came to n. side of Eagle Creek from Holsten's Val., Va. in (~~fall~~, -1799) summer of 1800. They est. camp at mouth of Two Mile Br. and soon est. a vil. there. By 1806 there were store, grist mill, tanyard, distillery, mechanics shop, other shops. "The first settlers' stay in old Sparta was cut short after 16 years when they found they had no claim to the land. Several large syndicates had purchased the land in 25,000-acre plots and sold sections to other farmers, thus dispossessing the first." RR built thru 1869. The po & store were in the depot. Now: hotels, service stations, taverns, rest., gen. and groc. stores, fert. & coal co. etc. Gone are stockyards, depot, lumber yard.

Pop. (1974)=c.300. (XСпартакX@XХеакXАгX)
("Railroad Town Sparta Settled in 1799",
in Bi-Cent. Ed. of (Owenton) NEWS-HERALD,
7/4/1974, P. 11:1-3); the above info. from
C. H. Vanable, Hist. of Sparta, and
also repr. in Houchens, The Hist. of
Owen County, 1976, pp. 371-2.)

SPARTA STATION (Gallatin Co., Ky): Acc. to Florian Cox, 12/25/1869, this po was $\frac{3}{4}$ mi n of Sparta po, or the n bank of Eagle Creek. A vil. of 75; Sparta po: Acc. to H.C. Records, 5/10/1914, he pet. for a site ch. 80 ft. e to a pt. 350 ft. w of Eagle Creek, 9 mi e of Warsaw po, 3 mi n of Sanders po, 50 ft. w of L&N, 350 ft. w of the co. line. || Acc. to Emma K. Riley, 7/22/1939, this po was $\frac{1}{4}$ rd. mi from the Owen Co. line on Ky 35, 85 ft. s of Sparta rr Sta., 300 ft. n of Eagle Creek, 3 mi ne of Sanders po. (SLR); 6th cl. cit with a 1990 pop. of 133;

SUGAR CREEK

LITTLE SUGAR CREEK

SUGAR CREEK, or just plain SUGAR (an abandoned postoffice)

So named for the many sugar maple trees that grew along its banks, and from which the early settlers made maple sugar.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. page 9.

Postoffice at Sugar closed 1915. Postmaster there was Harvey Beall (pronounced locally, bell).

Letter of W. Ryle Ewbank to Charles G. Warnick, Editor/Publisher of The GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS; date unknown.

- ✓ SUGAR CREEK (Gallatin Co.): Was named for the many sugar maples growing along its banks. Sugar and molasses making are one of the 1st industries in the co. (P.9) Empties into the Ohio R. 5 mi. above Warsaw. (ch) (P. 36) (Gypsy M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., KY., 1968);
- ✓ the po of Suagr Creek was est. 8/10/1858 with Jonathan Howe; 5/11/1885, Francis M. Howe...3/7/1894, Wm. H. Beal n. ch. to Sugar 8/14/1894, Harvey W. Beall; 1/27/1906, Horatio F. Wood; Disc. 12/15/1909 (mail to Glencoe) (POR-NA); P&G has it as 1891 not 1894 when the name was changed to Sugar;

SUGAR CREEK (Gallatin Co., Ky): Acc. to F.M. Howe, 9/1/1885, this po was on the Ohio R., 25 yds. n of Sugar Creek, 3 mi nw of Napoleon po, 5 mi ne of Warsaw po. (SLR); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz., this was a hamlet on the river, 5 mi from Warsaw. Pop. 12. Jonathan Howe was pm and storekeeper. M.C. Grimes was blacksmith & wagonmaker; Named for the sugar maples on its banks.

✓ (Jas. B. Ireland, who settled on it ca. 1822, in his personal recollections "Looking Back Through One Hundred Years" REG. of KHS, Vol. 57 (1959), Pp. 95-129, 113);

TAPERING POINT ROAD

It runs from Sugar Creek Road (now U.S. Highway 127) to Napoleon. At approximately the same place, Sugar Creek divides, in a "Y", with the West Branch of Sugar Creek, a rather tapering point. The school was located upon this point, and still exists. Hence the name.

The bottom, or long, leg of the "Y" is down stream.
(JGW)

(Bapt.)

TEN-MILE GREEK-CHURCH (Gallatin Co., Ky):
(F553c) nr. Napoleon and on a site nr. the
Ten-Mile Cr. 1st pastor was Wm. Bledsoe.
After 1 yr., he was removed because of his
universalist teaching. David Lillard pastored
the chu. from 1817 to 1859 when the chu. went
from 50 to 400 members. Gave land and money
for the chu. site. School held here too for a
while. (Gypsy Gray, Pp. 73-5, from HIST. OF
TEN-MILE BAPT. CHU. by Lafe Johnson, Louisv.,
1904); $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. wsw of Napoleon, on Sugar Rd. &
less than a mile from the Grant Co. line.
Less than a mile from the head of Napoleon
Br. of Tenmile Creek. Several miles from the
main creek.

VALLEY VIEW

Adjacent to the abandoned Sugar Creek-Union Pike at its junction with Jericho Road, now astride U.S. Highway 42, some 7 miles east of Warsaw, next to Paint Lick Creek, at the edge of a small valley, so named for the view of that valley. (JGW)

VERA CRUZ

VERA CRUZ CREEK

Located on Kentucky Highway No. 35 where it crosses Vera Cruz Creek. In the old days many travelers to and from Warsaw, on the Ohio River, and points as far south as Georgetown, stopped for food, drink and provender for their horses. On the day that the Battle of Vera Cruz was fought in the Mexican War, March 9, 1847, we are told that the citizens and guests of the inn there engaged in a verbal and fistic battle of their own. Since their battle occurred on the same day as that of Vera Cruz, they adopted the name for their own village. The name also attached to the creek that passed by their door.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky. page 78.

VERA CRUZ (Gallatin Co.): small vil. 4.5 mi. s
of Warsaw on the road to Georgetown (Ky. 35)
Site of tavern & stage stop: "On the day that
the battle of Vera Cruz was fought..., March
9, 1847, we are told that the citizens and
guests of the inn engaged in, and perhaps en-
joyed a terrific verbal and fistic battle of
their own. (sic) Since their battle occurred on
the same day as that of Vera Cruz, they de-
cided Vera Cruz was a fitting name for the
small vil. The stream that flows by the road-
side was also called Vera Cruz Creek." (Gal. Co
NEWS, 5/14/1932, cited and above quote taken
from Gypsy M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., KY.,
1968, P. 78); Declined in import. with rr
thru Sparta, making that town the main trad.
ctr for the area. P. 1068 the town's

WARSAW-(Gallatin Co., Ky): po first known as Frederick
burg betw. 1816 and 1832. (P&G); Wm. H. Clifton became
pm of Warsaw 7/18/1832; 7/2/1833, John F. Peggs....APO
✓ (POR-NA); "This 5th cl. city and seat of Gal. Co. on
US 42, 54 (air) mi ne of downtown Lou., is said to have
been settled around 1800 by several Va. and Pa. families
and laid out as a town by Robert Johnson and Henry Yates
around 1815. By this time it may have achieved some
repute as the Ohio R. port of Great Landing or Johnson's
Landing. Johnson, a Scott Co. resident and the father
of later US Vice Pres. Richard M. Johnson, owned prop.
in the area and may have suggested Fredericksburg as the
1st official name of the town, for the city in Va. whenc

he had come. Or, Fredericksburg may have been named for Adolphus Frederick, a local boat builder, who arr. in that vic. before 1809. In either case, Henry Yates est. the po under this name on June 10, 1816. The town was inc. as Fredericksburg by an act of the Ky. leg. on Dec. 7, 1831, but a mere 5 days later another act officially changed the name to Warsaw to avoid confusio. with another Fredericksburg in Wash. Co. and the po name was also changed about this time. The name Warsaw is said to have been suggested by either Benjamin Franklin Beall or a retired riverboat captain John Blai. Summons, either (or both) having apparently been impres sed by Thaddeus of Warsaw, Jane Porter's fictional acct of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, which had been published in 180.

(BOOK, 309-11)

WARSAW (Gallatin Co., Ky): manu. of auto parts & racing equipment. Revitalization of city's economy only in the last 5 years. (1995);

WARSAW (Gallatin Co.): Henry Lates probably finished laying out the town that was started by Robt. Johnson before his death on 10/15/1815. (Gypsy M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., KY. 1968, P. 41); "After completion of the rr through Glencoe and Sparta in 1869, Warsaw lost its position of importance as a shipping center for the counties of the surrounding area. Boat traffic lessened and fewer boats stopped at the town. Thus the growth of the town commercially and otherwise became almost static." (Ibid., P. 49);.... Furn. fact. & pre-cast concrete products are 2 Warsaw ind's. (Bryant, Ky Ency, P. 934);

✓ WARSAW (Gallatin Co.): Acc. to ACT of Ky. Leg. 1831--An Act to Change the name of Fredericksburg to Warsaw, approved 12/12/1831 on the basis of great inconvenience to residents by the frequent miscarriage of letters, boxes, goods, etc." because another town, in Wash. Co. had the same name.... Inc. 12/7/1831 as Fredericksburg. n.ch. to Warsaw 12/12/1831 (ACTS, 1831, P. 91); Inc. 2/16/1838 (ACTS 1837/8) and 2/20/1839 (ACTS 1838/9, P. 255); Never rebuilt on its flood plain after 1937 flood. Now nearly altogether on a hill overlooking the old riverfront. (Gary Marshall, Cinci Enquirer, 11/5/1979);

WARSAW (Gallatin Co.): "Located on a high bank of the Ohio R. above the normal flood area. Originally it was named Fredericksburg, but because a Mason County town of the same name was older, the US Postal Dept. required a n.ch. A resident, river captain John Blair Summons, had recently read a romantic, thinly veiled novel, entitled Thaddeus of Warsaw, patterned after the Polish patriot, Thaddeus Kosciuszko ...Capt. Summons suggested Warsaw, and the name was adopted." (Letter to me from John G. Wright of Warsaw, Ky., 9/9/1971); ~~po est. 7/1/1810, Henry Winslow... (NA);~~

WARSAW (Gallatin Co.): Laid out by Henry Yates, Yates & his son, Richard (ne Warsaw, 1/18/1818) moved to Ill. 1830 or shortly thereafter where Rich'd. was educated and later served as Civil War gov. and Lincoln supporter, 1861-65 and US Sen. 1865-71. Died St. Louis, 11/27/1873. (John Forsee, WPA ms); On the Ohio R. and Rts. 42, & 35. First called Fredericksburg, inc. by Leg. Act 12/7/1831. On 12/12/1831, n.ch. to Warsaw since there was another Fredericksburg, in Wash. Co. At that time, only a small town, a trading post.... (John Forsee, WPA ms); Fredericksburg po est. 6/10/1816, Henry Yates... (NA);

WARSAW (Gallatin Co.): On the Ohio R. 71 mi. e. of Louisv. and 37 road miles (and 57 river miles) sw of Cinci. Est. either 1800 or 1803 by several Pa. and Va. families who had flat-boated to the site down the Ohio. Historians cant agree on date....(Acc. to "Early Hist. of Gal. Co." GAL. CO. NEWS, 3/9/29, cited by Gypsy M. Gray, HIST. OF GAL. CO., 1968, P. 36)...

"Not until 1810 was it given much consideration as a small hamlet. (Ibid. from ibid.) "It had no name other than 'The Ohio River Landing,'.. Adolphus Frederick, an emigrant from Pa.,
✓ settled in Warsaw at an early date and est. a dockyard...(Ibid. from ibid.) He constructed and launched his first boat...during the summe

✓ of 1809. The boat was named "The Frederick" in honor of its builder....The citizens of the town...decided it was fitting..to name the town Fredericksburg in honor of their most energetic and enterprizing (sic) townsman... On Dec. 12, 1831, by leg. enactment the name was ch. to Warsaw, due to the fact there [that was an..older F. in Wash. Co., and this caused frequent miscarriage of the mail. (Gray, P. 3] ...Capt. John Blair Summons suggested the name 'Warsaw' because of his fondness for the book entitled 'Thaddeus of Warsaw.' He, a retired riverman...had purchased land 2 miles e of Warsaw in the early 1800s." (Ibid. P. 38);

Fredericktown

✓ WARSAW (Gallatin Co., Ky): po est. as Fredericksburg 6.10/1816 with Henry Yates, pm....became Warsaw in 1832 (POR); 5th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 1200; Settled ca. 1800-03 by people from Pa. & Va. and 1st called Ohio River Landing. Town founded ca. 1814 and named Fredericksburg for Adolphus Frederick of Pa. at whose dockyard the first boat was built in 1809. Robt. Johnson and Henry Yates platted the town. Inc. as Fredericksburg on 12/7/1831. Soon became Warsaw since there was already a Fredericksburg (sic) in Wash. Co. The new name was suggested by John B. Summons and Benj. F. Beall for their fondness for Jane Porter's Thaddeus of Warsaw (1803.) (Bryant, ky. ency. 1992, P. 934);

WARSAW (Gallatin Co., Ky): Acc. to Stets, the Warsaw po was not in existence by 1911. Nor was Fredericksburg. Port William, which later became Carrollton when Carroll Co. was org., was est. as a po on 1/1/1807 with Robert Plummer; Robt. Johnson was Gallatin Co's 1st settler. His grandson, John J. Payne, built his red brick home in what became Warsaw in 1809. (John Forsee in a WPA ms on Gal. Co.); Warsaw was called Fredericksburg between 1804 and 1831. Laid out by Henry Yates, Henry Ellis, and Col. Robert Johnson on Johnson's Ohio R. bottom land. Johnson named it for his Va. hometown. To avoid confusion with Frederickstown, Ky. it was changed to Warsaw at the suggestion of Capt. Blair Summons for Thaddeus of Warsaw, novel based on life of Tadeusz Kosciuszko;

✓ WARSAW (Gallatin Co.): 1st called Fredericksburg after Adolphus Frederick, boat builder who had "launched his boat there and named it the 'Frederick'." n.ch. 12/7/1831 by Leg. Act to Warsaw since there was another Fredericksbu in Mason Co. So named by Benj. Franklin Beall from the book "Thaddeus of Warsaw" "of which he must have been very fond." (Carl R. Bogardus, THE EARLY HIST. OF GALLATIN COUNTY, KY. Austin, Ind., 1948, n.p. (UK Libr=986.97/B633) Esti. 1979 pop. of 1400-1450, acc. to Mayor F. R. Weldon. Has one factory--Warsaw Furn. Fact. Many residents commute to Cov., Cinci. Flor.(Gary Marshall, "We're Not Progressing... Just Holding Own" CINCI. ENQ. 11/5/1979)

WARSAW (County Seat) largest city, pop. 1,240 (1970)
Founded about 1800, earliest name was Great Landing, or Johnson's Landing (see Johnson Road). Then it was known as Fredricksburg a. after native area of Robert Johnson, Fredricksburg, Virginia; or b. In 1813 a Polish (?) immigrant, Adolphus Fredrick, came down the Ohio and settled at the present site. Later the same year, he set up a boatworks and launched a keelboat that he named FREDRICK. Thus the town was originally named for the founder of its first industry. This connection with Poland may have had some influd on those required to rename the town in 1831 to adopt Warsaw, upon its being suggested.

In 1831, the town was incorporated by the General Assembly, and when it applied for a postoffice, the Post Office Department required a different name, as there existed an older Fredricksburg, in Washington County. Benjamin Franklin Beall had recently read "Thaddeus of Warsaw," a story about Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish patriot

who had participated in the American Revolution (he designed the fortifications at West Point) then returned to Poland to fight in their war for independence, where he was captured and beaten into invalidism and an early death.

Gypsy M. Gray, History of Gallatin County, Kentucky; 1968, self-published, Covington, Kentucky.

Carl R. Bogardus, M.D., A History of Schools and Education in Kentucky, Gallatin County and Warsaw, paper read before Alumni Banquet, May 27, 1959.

Research paper of Lafe Smith, Jr., U.K. History 240, 1967.

✓ WARSAW (Gallatin Co., Ky): Two possible sources of the name Fredericksburg: (1) city in Va. that was Robert Johnson's hometown, (2) Adolphus Frederick, Pa. -born dockyard builder there. Warsaw was suggested by Capt. John Blair Summons from a favorite book "Thaddeus of Warsaw." Steamboat stopping pt. betw. Cinci. & Lou. (Reis, I, Pp. 138-40); On the 1000 acre John H. Craig grant surveyed 12/1793. In 12/1796 400 acres of this were acquired by Col. Robert Johnson on which he later built his 2 story brick home, the 1st home in the future town. Before 1800 he began a settlement there he called Great Landing. In 1810 360 acres, incl. this site, was sold to Henry Ely who, in 1811, conveyed 200 acres to

Thos. Hawes. In 1814 that land was deeded back to Johnson, half of it going to Henry Yates, Hawes' son-in-law "for the purpose of laying off a town." The town was laid off in early 1815 and named for Col. Johnson's Va hometown. Johnson and Yates were to share in the sale of lots but Johnson died in Oct. 1815 before his were sold. A son, John T. Johnson, served as his agent in the sales. By act of 12/18/1837 Warsaw was named the co's. new seat nullifying Port William as the seat. As a result, citizens of the western half of the co. petitioned for the est. of Carroll Co., approved 2/9/1838 with P.W as its seat. (Carl R. Bogardus, Sr. "Fredericksburg to Warsaw: Some History and Genealogy" Bluegrass Roots, summer 1987, Pp. 47-8);

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