AUSTIN (GRAVES CO., KY) - PO. est. 2/24/1880, WM. AUSTIN. Disc. 6/13/83 (POR).
BACON CREEK (Graves Co., Ky) (F424c): "One day a man was coming from town with quite a package of bacon. He tried to jump across the stream, which was swollen from rain, but fell in and lost the package. Since then it has been called Bacon Creek."
(Collected by Edith Knepper from Patricia Adams, a fellow student at Murray St. U. winter, 1948, in Herbert Halpert, "Place Name Stories of Ky. Waterways and Ponds"
stream, a large sack of bacon fell off his wagon into the middle of the creek. It was never recovered. The stream became known as Bacon Creek." (Collected by Lon Carter Barton from Judge Carl Wyatt of Mayfield, Ky., winter, 1948 in Ibid.); "A farmer started to town one day with a wagon load of meat to sell. There had been a hard rain, and a little creek he had to cross was full of water. There was no bridge, but he thought the water would not be deep enough to do any harm, so he went on. When he got across, he found that his bacon had been
washed out of the wagon. So the creek has been called Bacon Creek ever since."
(Collected by Eliz. Wyatt from her friend, Mrs. Brown of Mayfield who learned it from her mother, summer, 1953, in Ibid. P. 92);
"...One night a man was hauling a wagonload of bacon across this creek. The waters were up, and he did not know the bridge had been washed out. When he started to cross, the water washed him and his wagonload of bacon down the creek. From that time on it has been known as Bacon Creek."
(Collected by Betty Kreisler from Tom Malone of Sedalia, who learned it from his grandmother. 1947 in Ibid.)
Ballance (Graves Co., Ky) & Po, Est. in McCracken Co. 6/29/1892, Johnny (or J. Henry) Ballance, 1/31/1895, Wm E. Wood (into Graves Co), 9/11/1900, Jas Ht. Carter, Disc. 3/15/07 (m. to Symsonia) (Por)
BELL (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 3/5/1879, John W. Harden. Disc. 1/23/1880 (NA); Bell City is the correct name. (Pron. "B(eh)l S(ih)/tee". On the Tenn. state line. DK name origin. Now: well known pottery, Latter Day Saints Chur., 2-3 other churches. Nearby sawmill and lumbering industry. (Interview with Lon Carter Bart, 8/5/77); (F423, F424)
Bloom (Marion Co., Ky); P.O. est. 2/15 1889, asa J. Vincent, 10/5/92, Jacob F. Parsons, O:sc, 5/31/06 (m. to Mayfield) (POR); F45-9
BOAZ (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 9/20/1869, Wm. W. Adams... (NA); (pron. "Bohz") Named for Joshua Boaz who gave rr passage thru his plantation. Acc. to the 1950 Census, he was one of the 3 largest land & slave owners in the co. Today: dpo, 2 stores, that's it. (Interview wi, Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77); & mi. n. of Mayfield 2 mi. e. of viola. (ibid.); Inc. 2/27/1888 (ACTS 1887/8, Vol. 1, P. 674); Boaz Sta. was on the Memphis Paducah Northern RR, c1880 (Lake Atlas PO is active. PO was moved from rr tracks to th Viola-Boaz Rd. This is the official name of the road. At the rr site now: the old bldg. which housed the po. Now on the rd: homes. There is a
small road betw. the rr and the old bldg. The commu. is officially located now at the same location. (Acc. to letter from Ben B. Boyd, 9/6/1979);
BOAZ (Graves Co.): Named for Boaz Landing, c. 1830-60. David & Joshua Boaz, brothers, shipped tobacco from there. (Malcom R. Boaz, atty., Mayfield, Ky., a gt. grandson of David, in letter to Delphine Haley, 6/27/1975); See 1984 Marsh. Co. hist. (KHS or LPL), P. 245...
BOYDSVILLE (Graves Co.): On state line, its southern half in Tenn. "It early achieved considerable notoriety as the rendezvous of a set of hard characters who gave the place an unenviable reputation, from which it never entirely recovered." (Perrin, 1885, reprinted in 1972, P. 60);
BOYDSVILLE (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 7/17/1866, John W. Maxwell...Disc. 5/15/1916 (mail to Lynnville) (NA); (Pron. "Boydz/val") Named for the Boyd family on the state line. A state line commu. This name has been used interchangeably with Boyds Crossing. Dates back to the 1850s. Only a store now. c. 20 mi. se of Mayfield. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77); Aka Boyds Store (ibid.) P.o. est. as Boyds Store 8/31/31, Benj. Blythe... Disc 2/15/1834 (to marion, Weakley Co. Tenn.) (NA); Boyds-ville Sch. (FY24);
BREMO PO (Calloway Co.-Marshall Co., Ky):
po est. 6/24/1834. James Riley; 3/2/1842,
John Perry; Disc. 11/15/1842; Re-est. 7/8/1843 (to Marshall Co. with Sargeant Moss)
(POR-NA); Acc. to P&G, the Bremo PO was in
Graves Co. from 1837-1846; Acc. to POR-NA
it moved from Marshall Co. to Graves Co. in
3/25/1844 with John Woods, PM; Disc. 3/23/1846); F515
CAMP BEAUREGARD (Graves Co., Ky.): nr. Water Valley, Ky. est. by the Confederates early in the C.W. (Bill Cunningham, FLAMES IN THE WIND, Nashville: McClanahan House, Inc., 1981 P. 44)
CUBA (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 2/12/1858, Robt. W. Harper; Disc. 8/31/62; Re-est. 2/19/66, John A. McCain...Disc. 8/19/70; Re-est. 6/22/74, Joshua H. Reaves...Disc. eff. 1/14/1905 (mail to Wingo) (NA); 10 mi. s. of Mayfield. (pron. "Kyú/b(uh)") He thinks this place was named in the early 1850s in response to the then considerable agitation in Wash. about the desirability of annexing Cuba, that if Spain wouldn't cede it to US, we should take it by force. c. 1852, the So. Dem's. were pretty strongly org. in support of this. Barton speculates on this as origin of name. DK who were the 1st settlers or who est. the town. On Ky. 303. Divided into
Old and New Cuba with the construction of the highway that bypassed the busi. dist. On the hiway now are 2-3 stores, a couple of restaurants, filling sta., mill, 2-3 churches; this yr. the local h.s. was closed (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
CUBA (Graves Co., Ky): "...The two general stores that were once centers of community life are abandoned buildings now. There is still a schoolhouse there, of relatively recent construction. But the (highschool)... has long since been torn down. /The old Cuba Sch. had 12 grades and 400 students."/ This hi. school's basketball team won the Ky. state basketball championship in 1951. (Marianne Walker, "When Cuba Conquered Kentucky" LCJM, 2/26/1989, Pp. 8-14)
DOGWOOD GROVE (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 7/30/1879, Bradford R. Green...Disc. 6/7/1880 (NA) Called Dogwood (not Dogwood Grove) c.10 mi. nw of Mayfield. (pron. "D(aw)g/wood ⇔ D(oh)g/"

Only the Holzhousers Gro. and a chur. across the rd. This is Dogwood. Acc. to local people it was named for the prevalence of the dogwood tree (sic) there. (interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77); (FO684)
Double Springs (Graves Co., Ky):
Post, est. 8/16/1842, W.A. Bowden. Disc.
9/12/44 (POR);
DUBLIN (Graves Co.): p.o. est. as Bush Creek, 5/18/1832, Samuel Jackson (or earlier); n.ch. to Dublin, 2/25/37, Hayden E. Brown. Disc. 10/21/47; Re-est. 9/16/50, S.S. Brown; Disc. 9/20/59; Re-est. 3/20/60, Manzer A. Payne; Disc. 10/10/63; Re-est. 5/10/66, Manzer A. Payne... (NA); c. 8 mi. sw of Mayfield and 4 mi. s. of Fancy Farm. (Pron. "D(uh)b/l(ih)n") DK much about this commu. Thinks it was named for a local family. DK when/by whom 1st settled nor had he heard of a Bush Creek. Today: Bapt. Chu one fairly good sized gen. store and a smaller store. (Lon Carter Barton interview, 8/5/77); Po. disc. est. 2/15/1948 (m. to Fryorsburg) (NA)
DUKEDOM (Graves Co.): Named for an early pm named Duke. Half of the town is in Ky. and half is in Tenn. to the south. (Sarah Lansdell "Heritage Homes" CJ&T MAG., 9/29/1974, Pp. 24-6(25).) p.o. est. in Weakley Co., Tenn... into Graves Co., Ky. on or before 3/6/1846, Wm. Taylor... To Weakley Co., Tenn. 2/19/52; (NA The Dukedom P.O. est. in Tenn. 7/30/1833, Duke A. Beadles; 3/6/1846, Wm. Taylor....(NA); On the Ky-Tenn. line, 8 mi. e. of Fulton. (Pron. "Dyug/dəm") PO is now in Weakley Co. Town is c. 1/2 in Ky. and 1/2 in Ten. Bank of Dukedom & funer' home in Ten. Large groc-filling sta. across the hiway in Ky. Ten. has larger prop. of town's...
pop. Tho the po serves a pop. about equal betw. the 2 states. DK when/by whom 1st settled. Acc. to cont. maps, it was in existence at least by the 1840s. Acc. to trad., it was named for the Duke family, a prominent local family but Barton's never found anybody who's ever heard of the Dukes down there. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
Baker's Mills (Graves Co., Ky): P.O. est. 12/11/1830, Michael Eakin, 9/1/32
Avnet P. Story. Disc 11/19/34 (Por);
ELGIN PO (GRAVES Co., Ky): PO est. 4/23/1901, Elmer B. Yarbrough, order rescinded. (POR);
FAIRBANKS (Graves Co.): c. 2 mi. due south of Lynnville. (Pron. "Far/b(ae)γs") Locally referred to as Podunk (Pron. "Poh/duη"). In the so-called "Hills" section of co. The ridge on the state line is called "The Hills", a sparsely settled area on the north entrance to the hills. DK origin of the name. It maybe a descriptive name. No Fairbanks family. DK who settled or est. it or may have named it. (Lon Carter Barton, interview, 8/5/1977); (fyγ)}. \(\text{\textcopyright}2023\)
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.): Said to be probably the only town in US founded by descendants of Lord Baltimore's English Catholics who had landed in Md. in 1634 "that's remained all-Catholic down through the yrs." Acc. to Mrs. Anna Courtney Hunt, local historian, named by a US Postal Insp. who was in the commu. "in response to an applic. for a p.o. here....(He) remarked that the farm on which he stayed nearby during his visit...was the fanciest and prettiest he had ever seen. He then suggested Fancy Farm as the town name. Everyone agreed." M&M Sam'l. Willett were the first settlers of the vic., from Wash. Co. 1830. Built log cabin. The town was built
around St. Jerome Church which was constructed in 1836. Disincorp. c.1947 (ch. date). Most noted for annual political picnics attended by state and county office seekers. (Harry Bolser for LCJ and reproduced in Purch. Edit of Mayfield Messenger, 12/27/1969, P. A8:1)

The Bolser article may have appeared originally in 1962 but check,...

3/8/1965, LCJ.
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.):  (pron. "F(æ)n/see
F(æh)rm")  Barton accepts the acct. "of the
inspector for the Postal Service who visited
this little Catholic commu. that at that time
had not been named but which wanted a name be­
dause it wanted a po."  He observed some well
maintained, neat, attractive homes, fences in
good repair and barns in good shape, all of this
led him, probably "facetiously at first" to
suggest that FF would be a good name for the
commu. This is from an acct. by Ms. Hunt, the
local historian. St. Jerome's Chur. is still
the center of the commu which is still practi­
cally 100% Cath....Now: several small stores,
filling sta's., rest, meat packing hse. Barton
couldnt recall the orig. owner of the fancy
farm itself but it might have been John
Peeples or else Mr. Withers....(Interview
with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.): Acc. to Thos. E. Murphy, chairman of the picnic for 1971, it started in 1834 to raise funds for the Cath. church. Temp. halted with the coming of the CW and started up again 1880 and ever since. 1st Sat. in Aug. Funds now used to pay for local sch. bldgs. On the grounds of the school. People come from allover Ky. to the Fancy Farm Picnic and Political Speaking which has traditionally served "as the kickoff of fall political campaigns." (Bill Billiter, LCJ, 8/7/71, P. Bl:1-6).
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.): Named for "the desolate appearance of an early settler's farm (in that area, in the late 1830s or early '40s...) passed by..." (would) refer to this farm as an example of a 'fancy' farm. This term, originally applied in derision and ridicule, became a stock expression in that neighborhood, and the name of the community was later taken from it." (Lon Carter Barton, winter, 1948, from Lebert Orr of West Viola, Ky. and repro. in "Place Name Stories about W. Ky. Towns" Violetta Maloney Halpert, KFR, Vol. 7 (3), 7-9/61, Pp. 107-8).
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 3/15/1843, John Peebles... (NA); Named for "the well-kept country place of an early settler, John Peebles. A post-office inspector had stopped at the Peebles place in 1845 (sic), while investigating whether a p.o. was needed in the growing settlement, and he was so impressed with its trim, neat appearance that he proposes the name of 'Fancy Farm' for the new p.o." (Alben W. Barkley, THAT REMINDS ME--., Garden City: Doubleday, 1954, Pp. 24-5.)
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.): Acc. to local trad., it was named by a Mr. Willett, whose descendants still live in that area. He was said to have justified his purchase of an attractive farm by describing it as a "fancy farm". He thus named his farm and later the town. (From Mrs. Molly Carrico of F.F. to Mrs. Merrie Virginia McIntosh, spring, 1954 and given in Violetta Maloney Halpert's "Place Name Stories about W. Ky. Towns" KFR, 7-9/1961, P. 107)
FANCY FARM (Graves Co.): "An example of group migration of several Catholic families from central Ky." (Lon C. Barton, "Young So. Carolinian and Wife were First Settlers of Mayfield" in Purch. Ed. of Mayfield Mess., 12/27, 1969, P. 18:1-9f: 18:2); 10 mi. W. of Mayfield on Ky. 80; Inc. 4/11/1880 (Act 1880, v.2, p.59);
FARMINGTON (Graves Co.): (Pron. "F(ah)rm/(ih)n", "K(ah)rn/erz <--> Körn/erz") 8 mi. south of Mayfield on Ky. 121. DK about Cornersv. This is speculation: "The Jack. Pur. is the part of Ky. which was laid out by the reg'l. survey system when they would plot a meridian & intersect the meridian with baselines at 6 mi. intervals, and all this, and divide the land into sections and townships and ranges, and so on... It's quite possible that F. could have been situated at the very corner of one of these 6 mi. square sections. Or it could have been in the corner of a smaller area of a twp." Known as F. at time of C.W. or within a few yrs. of that time. The Stokes & Hendley families were among earliest settlers. (Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77)
So it may have been settled in the late 1830s. DK why nch. He's heard that the name is a shortened form of Farmingtown (inadvertently shortened from this splng) which reflected on its rural economy and life style. Always high quality and productive land, a good farming area. Now: still a thriving town with 4-5 businesses. Small hi. sch., commu. ctr. Optimist Club. Several churches. Basically still a farming commu. (Ibid.).
FARMINGTON (Graves Co.): p.o. est. as Cornersville, 12/22/1836, James Leech; n.ch. to Farmington, 3/24/38, Jesse Stokes; Disc. 8/25, 1841; Re-est. 3/5/42, Wesley Hicks...Disc. 9/10/62; Re-est. 9/19/62, Benj. C. Jones; Disc. 11/30/65; Re-est. 6/28/66, Andrew Williams...(NA); Founded 1837, Inc. 1849 (Pearle L. Hendley, HIST. OF FARMINGTON, KY... 1943, P. 73); Est. 21111(1836) (Acts 1835, P127) Apo. (F227)
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): A large landowner with several slaves ran an unnamed store. Two of his slaves were Felicia and Anna. Fell in love with same man and were very jealous of each other. Met on road in front of store to fight, winner to have him. Storekeeper separated them and decided to name store for them. (Rufus Lowry, from his father, and to Mrs. Dessie W. Coltharp, summer, 1953, repro. in "Place Name Stories about W.Ky. Towns" KFR, V: 7(3), 7-9/61, P. 108); The same acct. given by others and reproduced in Ibid., Pp. 108-9, incl. one that has Elissy killing Anna. People would pass that place and note that it was where Flissy killed Anna. Got slurred together into Flissy Ann. Town later est. at that place. They were cotton pickers at that site.
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): "Feliciana, now a small community located about three miles southeast of Water Valley at a cross-roads on the old Dukedom Road, was...about 60 or more years ago, a thriving young city, larger than Fulton at that time. Before the town originated and was named, there lived in this community two negro (sic) women. One was named Felicia and the other Anna. One day a quarrel arose between these two negro women over a young man, with whom they were both in love. The two rivals, each carrying sharp razors, met at the crossroads. A fight followed. It was a bloody battle! In the end, both died on the
spot from loss of blood. Soon after this, a town sprang up at this cross-roads and in memory of the negro women who had died there it was named Feliciana, a combination of their names." (Ouida Jewell, "From My Scrapbook", 1956-7, np)
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): (pron. "F(eh)/l(ih)/see/(ae)n/uh or F(or)/l(ih)/see/(ae)n/uh"). 3 mi. from Water Val., betw. Water Val. & Pilot Oak, on Ky. 94. Probably settled in the early 1830s. Earliest settlers included Gordo Lockridges, Starks. True origin of name is probably unknown. The acct. of the 2 slave women and their fight is a romantic explanation. Two parishes in La: Feliciana West & East - Barton feels there's a connection betw. these & Ky's, based on the proximity of Bayou du Chier another French name. He thinks that both names may have been influenced by early French travelers, like someone may have referred to the La. name and it simply appealed to Graves Co. settlers. Nothing there now except hist'l.
marker. Except for homes in vic. it's a ghost town. But at one time one of the most prosperous and commercially active towns in the co. By the 1860s, it had reached its peak with a bank, sch., race track, stores. In the 1890s, started to decline. As recently as 1955 there was nothing there...Locally residents still refer to that xords as Old Feli-cianann.(sic) (Interview with Lon Carter Bartor 8/5/77);
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): Thriving town in mid-19th cent. and virtually extinct by the end of that cent. Settled in the early 1830s. "Enjoyed rapid and prosperous growth; within a few years it boasted a spacious hotel, a bank, several stores and a no. of professionals, mechanics and craftsmen." Its strategic location at crossroads facilitated growth. Only Mayfield, as county seat, had greater commercial importance. The beginning of its decline came undoubtedly when the townsfolk rejected offer of the New Orleans & Ohio RR thru the town in the 1850s; it was routed thru Water Valley. (Lon C. Barton in Purch. Ed. of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. 18:2).
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): settled c. 1820 by a New Orleans man. 2 mi. e. of the present US45. He had 2 daughters, Felice and Anna, and combined their names when the p.o. est. 5/20/1829 Levi & (sic) Calvert = 1st pm. In this article spelled Felicianna. Thriving town before the Civil War. Once the chief trading center in the county and perhaps the oldest. (....) "Felice and Anna Form Names of City with Interesting History" by Mrs. Ruth R. Williamson, Purch. Ed. in Mayfield Mess., 12/27/1969, P. Ell:7-9) Was the largest town in Graves Co. before the C.W. (Ouida Jewell in in Mayf. Mes. P. B5:2).
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): p.o. disc. 7/6/64; re-est. 6/9/65. n.ch. to Morses (local family(ies Later p.o. called Water Valley and moved to that site on 5/31/1872. (J4:6) c1969, O.M. Henley's Groc. is the only busi. left in the com. (J4:8). Feliciana's decline is the result of the failure of local landowners to sel right of way to the rr which was then built thru Water Valley. Thus Feliciana businesses moved to W.V. (J4:9) (Ruth R. Williamson, "Dr. Mickle Home Only Orig. Home Left Standing at Feliciana" Purch. Ed. of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. J4:5-9).
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): Settlement est. 1830s & soon became the import. trading ctr. of the county. By 1845 with the building of a state road thru there, it became one of the prin. trading centers in W. Ky. Declined when bypassed by rr in 1858 & "abandoned when businesses moved to other towns." (Highway marker on Ky. 94, 1 1/2 mi. from Ky. 45 at Water Vall., acc. to SUPPLEMENT TO GUIDE, No. 1432, P. 76); Est. 2/11/1834, (Acts, 1834, P. 461); Inc. 2/2/1837 (Acts, 1836/7, P. 337);
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): Acc. to one pop. acct, named for 2 Negro slave women who had a fight at a crossroads. They were Felice & Anna. Vill. had either already est. or did shortly after their fight and was named for them. (Dorothy Crass, pm of Wingo, Ky. to James H. Taylor, 9/5 Acc. to Taylor, this acct. goes back to the CW. Repro. by Violetta M. Halpert, "Place Name Stories about W.Ky. Towns" KFR, V. 7(3), 7-9/61 P. 108).
FELICIANA (Graves Co.): The community of this name in La. was est. while that section was still under Spanish rule and probably named in honor of Félicité, the wife of Bernardo de Galvez, the gov. (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 164) de Galvez was then viceroy of New Spain, late 18th century. (Ibid., P. 176);
FOLSOMDALE (Graves Co.):  p.o. est. 6/25/1886, James M. Connor...Disc. 10/15/1910 (mail to Hickory Grove) (NA);  (pron. "F(ah)l/səm/dāl ⇐ F(aw)l/səm/dāl").  10 mi. n. of Mayfield on US 45. DK who 1st settled there. Town goes back to the 1890s. Named for Grover Cleveland's wife, Frances Folsom. DK why they honored her rather than the Pres; being a strong Demo. co. people undoubtedly wanted to honor the 1st Demo. pres. since before the CW. Now: resi. commu. with 1 gro. store, 1 garage, couple of churches, mill. 2 stores on the hiway. Center of a tel. exchange serving n. Graves Co. Fairly thriving little town. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);  (♀♂♀♀)
FREDA (Graves Co., Ky); Po. est. 7/3/1897, John W. Ferguson, 10/28/1999, Adolphus J Elliott; Oise, 9/30/03 (P. to Fancy Farm) (PQR);
GOLO (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 5/10/1894, John W. Gallemore. Disc. eff. 12/31/1904 (mail to Vulton Creek) (NA); Due w. of Mayfield, just off Ky. 80 nr. the Marsh. Co. line. (Pron. "Goh/loh") DK origin of name or when/by whom est. The Youngblood and Newsome families were local. He thinks it's of 20th cent. origin. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77); (F371);
HICKORY (Graves Co.): (pron. "H(ih)k/əri")
Orig. called Hickory Grove, always 2 words. An other rr. commu. its beginning coincides with arr. of rr in late 1850s. n.ch. due, Barton thinks, to a fairly well known (used to be) picnic area incl. 4th of July cele, political rallies, barbecues, etc. celebrated for the shade given by the hickory trees there. A grove. DK when it was shortened to Hickory but only within the past 40-45 yrs. DK why dropped "Grove." Now: active po, good resi., lamp fact. that occupies an old pottery, several churches Fairly good resi. areas nearly altogether on e side of US45. 5 mi. n. of Mayf. A clay mine. Gen. store on hiway with filling sta. (Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
HICKORY (Graves Co.): p.o. est. as Hickory Grove 3/9/1858, John Johns...n.ch. to Hickory-grove (one word) 2/18/96, Virgil Horton...n.ch to Hickory, 5/29/1914, Cora Lee Nall...(NA); Name was changed to avoid conflict with another Hickory Grove p.o. and other stations on the Ill. Cent. RR by this name. The rr co. support ed the change. (Acton R. Anderson, postmaster of Mayfield in letter to J.O. Kilmartin, Exec. Sec. Dom. Geog. Names, BGN, Wash. c. 9/1965). Laid out 11/5/1867 for J.W. Kemble, Jo. Johns, and R.K. Williams, prop's. A rr town...(Perri 1885, 1972 reprinting, P. 60);
HICKORY GROVE (Graves Co.): Inc. 4/11/1873, (ACTS, 1873, Vol. 2, P. 280);
HISER (GRAVES CO., KY) Est. 1/23/1901
Rubin S. Hiser, O/o. 7/30/04 (m. to Mary
Field) (POR)
HOLIFIELD (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 10/12/1892, James M. Holifield. Disc. 9/28/1897 (papers to Wingo) (NA); (pron. "Hól/ə/feeld" or "Hól/feeld") Very prominent family nr. Dublin in the sw section of the co. nr. the Hickman line. He speculates that this place was named for that family and thus in that vic. No longer in existence and not on any current maps. (Lon Carter Barton, interview, 8/5/77); (pron. "Hoh/1ə/feeld"). May have been named for Tom B. Holifield, early settler and grand father of the late Asst. Atty. Gen. of Ky. wh died in c.1956 or '7. (Ibid.).
KALER (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 4/4/1883, James H. Carter...8/16/1893, Levi L. Kaler; 10/12/1895, David M. Kaler...Disc. eff. 7/14/1905 (mail to Hickory Grove) (NA); (pron. "Kā/lər")
c. 8 mi. nw of Mayfield. Just a short distance of Dogwood. Named for local family still there. Sort of twin city with Symsonia. Probably never was very large; more or less a suburb of Symsonia. Est. around the same time. Only 1 fairly large sawmill + 1 large gro. and maybe a serv. sta. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton 8/5/77); F6 SY
KANSAS (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 5/3/1854,
Wm. M. Gargill...Disc. 7/31/63; Re-est. 6/12/68,
John W. Nance...Disc. 2/28/1910 (mail to
Melber) (NA); Barkley mentioned the Kansas
Neighborhood 3 mi. ne of Lowes in which was
an old fairgrounds. (Alben W. Barkley, THAT
REMINDS ME-- Garden City: Doubleday, 1954,
P. 31); 10 mi. nw of Mayfield. (Pron. "K(aen/
zas"). Name inspired by the then current
doings in Kansas Terr. The Kansas-Nebr. Bill
generated much excitement, debates, in Congr.
about slavery. People moving to Kansas. Nothi
there now; merely a ghost town. At one time,
fairly well est. commu. with a couple of
stores. Located betw. Melber & Pottsville in
the nw corner of co. Mayfield. A...
LEADER (GRAVES CO, KY) = PO. EST. 2/18/1902, J. E. L. Thomas, DISC. 5/31/07 (M. TO MINNA) (POR);
LEANDER (Graves Co., Ky): PO est. 5/16/1843, Frederick Fisher, 10/24/1843; John Welfield, 4/2/1844; Josh & Wilcox, disc 8/27/1845, re-est. 12/10/1849, WM. Yancey Eaker --- 2/16/1852; Char. & Hay, disc 7/31/1863 (POR);
LOWES (Graves Co.): Settled 1837 by Levi Lowe & his family...Sen. Barkley attended school there. Had a high school. (...) (Jim Phillips, "Century-Old Lowe House, Long the 'Heart' of the Lowes' Community, is Being Torn Down" (PAD. SUN-DEMOCRAT, 7/14/1957, Sec. Bl:1-3); Settled by Levi Lowe in 1837. Store est. a short distance from spring "which still runs feebly out of a roadside park". This is what attracted the Lowes to settle there. Junction of 6 roads--all important routes of travel in pioneer days. Considered the home town of Sen. Barkley who was actually born in nearby Wheel but at that time Lowes had the po....(Bill Powell, "Sale Ends 131 Years of Lowe Store Operations in Lowes" PAD. SUN-DEMON. 9/8/1968, P. 9D:1-8)
LOWES (Graves Co.): (Pron. "Lohz") Orig. called Lowes Crossroads. DK why dropped the xhrs. Never heard it called Roscoe and never heard of Roscoe. 12 mi. ne of Mayf. The town preceded the po by some 40 yrs. Founded by Levi Lowe (Lee/ν(eye) for whom it was named. He thinks this was the orig. name. Levi, a Bapt. minister, was 1st settler with his family. Now: the largest sch. in co. bank, funeral home, several churches, several stores. The old Lowe Gen. Store recently burned. The Lowe family import. in commu. since beginning. cf Roy Lowe, the local funeral dir., for info. on town. He's the most knowledgeable person. (Loi Carter Barton interview, 8/5/77);
LOWES (Graves Co.): Lowes is near the site of an old town called "Sawdust City"; now merely farmland, that had a thriving existence for a few years from its sawmills until, in the 1870s they closed and now there's nothing to mark the site except perhaps the sawdust. At one time it was larger and more important than Lowes. (check....) (Bill Powell, "Sale Ends 131 Years of Lowe Store...", PADUCAH SUN-DEMO., 9/8/1968, P. 9D:1-8(3-4); cf a Mr. Lowes at Lowes who has a copy of a hist. of Lowes done by local hi.sch. class;
LOWES (Graves Co.): Inc. 3/28/1888 (ACTS, 1887/8, Vol. 2, P. 619); probably named for the Lowe family. J.R. Lowe was an original trustee. (Clift, KY. VILL. P. 28);
LYNNVILLE (Graves): p.o. est. 2/1/1866, Wm. H. Hale... (NA); (pron. "L(ih)n/val") c. 12 mi. se of Mayfield on Ky. 94. Dates back to c. 1828 or '29. Presumably the Lynn family was instrumental in naming it. On Terrapin Creek ("Ter/ə/p(ih)n"), one of the earliest sites of settlement in the co. Today: 2 stores, 2 church Thinks it was always called this. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77); Agri. commu. around it was early settled by Tenn. & Carolina farmers. Inc. vil. by G.A. (...) (Perrin, 1885, 1972 reprint, P. 60); Inc. 4/13/73 (ACTS 1873, Vol. 2 p. 299);
MAYFIELD (Graves Co.): Barton couldn't vouch for the acct. given by Trabue Davis for there were others that have been given. None of the accts. though have been authenticated, nor can they be. All will agree that the town was named for the creek. Another acct. is that "Geo. Mayfield was a part of the Davy Crockett group of hunters and that he and Crockett were close friends and that he later went west to Texas with Crockett and was killed at the Alamo. But this can't be authenticated... (There's no) record of a Geo. Mayfield at the Alamo. I guess the most common folklore story about it is the one that Trabue Davis gives about the man being shot on the log and falling into the
creek, and later people began to refer to the creek as the creek where Geo. Mayfield was shot and gradually the name of the creek became just Mayfield Creek....This indicates (to me) there was a good bit of traffic along the creek at a time before the town was ever established and the town itself was established about 18 and 19 and there's no documented proof that there was this much movement around Mayfield Creek before the town of Mayfield was established. On the other hand, nobody has ever shown that Mayfield, the town, or Mayfield, the creek, was named directly after a family that lived
in this area by that name.... In all these stories, Geo. seems to be the common given name. There's another story that this Geo. Mayfield was a large landowner and that the creek was named after this man that owned many acres of land in the creek bottoms. Well the thing that sort of shoots that out of the wad is that the large landowners—there were very few and none of them were recorded in Jillson as being owned, occupied, sold or anything else by anybody by the name of Mayfield..." (sic) Mayfield, the seat, was est. by the same leg. act that est. Graves Co. in 1823. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/1977); "mayfield" (ibid.)
MAYFIELD (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 4/23/1829 (if not earlier) Jesse Wells... (NA); 10/1819, John and (wife) Nancy Anderson of S.C. were its settlers of site. The Act of G.A. 12/1823 creating Graves Co. also est. Mayfield, by name, as its seat of govt. Present industries: textile & ceramics plants, plant of Gen. Tire Co., etc...(Lon C. Barton, "Young South Carolinian and Wife Were First Settlers of Mayfield" Purch. Ed. of Mayfield Mess, 12/27/1969 P. I8:1-9f)
D. Trabue Davis, *STORY OF MAYFIELD THROUGH A CENTURY, 1823-1923.* (UK=976.99/D291) Pub. in Paducah, 1923. MAYFIELD. (Graves Co.): Origin of name is much debated. Acc. to local trad.: c.1817 at or near Mills Pt. (Hickman) was a track for horse racing. A Mr. Mayfield from Miss. came every yr. for the races. Lots of money. Kidnapped 1817 and taken to site of future Mayfield city and held in captivity. While there, for some reason, he carved his name on a tree. Attempted escape and was shot. Body fell into creek and was never found. All that ever found was his name carved on tree. Creek was thenceforth called Mayfield Creek and later the town was called Mayfield. (P. 9) (story told in detail by Davis....)
OAK RIDGE (GRAVES CO, Ky): PA est. 10/7/1847, Wm B. Adams, 1/13/49, Sem. C. Payne; 9/16/52, John W. Taylor, disc 1/2/61, re-est. 3/19/67, Chas. C. Collier, disc 8/27/67 (PAR); Oak Ridge sch.
OLD WHITEY (GRAVES CO, KY): P.O. 2/28/1850. LUTHER R. NORTHAM, DISC 8/28/50 (POR);
PALMORE (GRAVES CO., KY): Po, est. 4/14/1902, Arthur B. Latta, 8/12/02, Richard J. Grace, Dis. 12/31/04 (m to Wingo) (POR);
PILOT OAK (Graves Co.): 15 mi. sw of Mayfield. 3 mi. e. of Feliciana. (Pron. "P(ah)l/ɔt ↔ P(eye)l/ɔt") Named for the oak tree that stood there but no longer, Doesn't think he could point out precise location anymore. It was ver nr. the old stage rd. that ran betw. the Tenn. & Miss. R's. from Aurora. Rd. split, one branch went to Hick., the other to Col. DK when est. or settled. He's come across reference to the Pilot Oak as early as C.W. and possibly earlier. One of the really old settlements in co. Old Bethel (Prim. Bapt.) Chur. is nearby; org. 182 The Stark family was very imp. in that area, John Stark & his sons... On the stage road which takes it back to era of 1840s & '50s. Today: very little there. Largely residential. 2-3 churches in vic. Maybe a store.}
PILOT OAK (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 5/8/1876, Albert H. Brown. Disc. eff. 1/15/1906 (mail to Fulton) (NA); Named for a tree from which early settlers could refer for directions to Paducah, due north. (Earl Adair of Farmington to Merrie Virginia McIntosh, 3/54, repro. in "Place Name Stories about W. Ky. Towns" KFR, V.7(3), 7-9/61, P. 112) One of a no. of landmarks from which early travelers could plot their courses. This was a large oak tree on the 'Old State Rd.' Some pioneers est. vill. there and named it Pilot Oak for a much marked tree at which someone had carved a sign with "Pilot Oak" and attached the board to the tree. (Mrs. Dessie W. Coltharp from Orville Coltharp
who lived c. 1/2 mi. from that site...(Ibid., Pp. 172-173.) Accts. don't agree on the particular tree or whether it's still standing.
Pleasant Hill (Graves Co., Ky): PO. est. 8/26/1833, Andrew M. McGowan, Disc 6/21/1834 (PO5); (F723)
POTTSVILLE (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 5/15/1873, John F. Potts...Disc. 6/30/1909 (mail to Hickory Grove) (NA); (pron. "P'ah'ts/vəl"). DK anything about this place. There are Pottses in the co. At this site now are a couple c stores and a couple of churches. (Lon Carter Barton interview, 8/5/77); 55 mi of Mayfield, 5 mi of viola. (Ibid.) w. of viola (Ibid.)
PRITCHARD (GRAVES CO., KY): Po, est. 4/25 1863, Tylhimon G. Miller, 9/29/84, Joshua A. Miller, Disc 11/30/85 (p. to Mayfield), Re-est. 1/26/86, John R. Ray, 11/1/90, Rob't. M. Nevsom, Disc 1/14/04 (p. to Mayfield), Re-est. 3/28/04, Emery N. Howard, Disc 4/29/05 (m. to Mayfield) (poor); Pritchard Sec.; (4723 - at jct. of 301+ 5 8/50);
PRYORSBURG (Graves Co.): (pron. "Pr(ah)rz/berg ↔ Pr(eye)rz/berg". Named for Jonathan Pryor. Named at the time the rr came in. But the town was already there when the rr came in. "Acc. to the Census of 1840, J.P. had already est. a fairly large landholding there, so when the rr was built, I presume he was quite a promoter of the project...."Thinks the Pryorsburg name preceded the coming of the rr but dk how much earlier. He thinks the rr came in 1855. Lots of problems in building that rr, lots of false starts: started and stopped several times and ran out of money and completely
halted construction for some yrs. The idea for the rr may go back to 1852 or earlier. And it wasn't until 1856 that it reached Mayfield; perhaps the rr co. anticipated its arrival at that place by 1855. It was called Bogey ("Boh/ghee") but dk why, nor what this means. But renamed to honor Jonathan Pryor who owned most of the present site. Now: a fairly good sized commu. with at least 1/2 doz. churches. Sch. gone. Old Pryorsburg on the ri has largely been bypassed by the newer settlement on the highway (US45s) and most of the businesses, incl. a goodsized rest., 2 groc. and other stores are on the hiway. There's a
fairly large rendering plant just below town and just above town is one of the largest industries in the co, the Ky-Tenn. Clay Co. which has a ball clay mine. So a fairly prosperous town? DK present pop. 6 mi. sw of Mayfield. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
PRYORSBURG (Graves Co.): 0.1 km or 5.6 mi.
sw of Mayfield. 36°41'15"N, 88°42'45"W. Submitted to BGN "to resolve a name difference
betw. official and pvt. sources; provisional
name approved 9/20/1982." Tho' all maps give
the name, above, the var. Pryors appears in a
pvt. comm. atlas, shipping guide, and rr
guide and FIPS 55 list. Acc. to Mayfield pm,
etc., Pryorsburg is locally used to identify
the place. (Acc. to Docket 278 for considera-
tion at 12/9/82 mtg. of BGN, Pp. 9-10);
Approved, acc to Dec. List. 8 204, 10-12/82,
p.6)
PRYORSBURG (Graves Co.): Named for the Pryor family that settled there, specifically Jonathan Pryor, ne Va. 1788. On the Obian (sic) Creek, 6 mi. s. of Mayfield. Inc. 1874. Pop (1880)=129. On the New Orleans & Ohio RR=1857. Until inc. in 1874, the commu. was known as Bogy (sic) because wheeled vehicles would bog down in the poorly drained roadbed and that name is recalled by oldtimers....A rural trade center. ("Pryorsburg Founder Friend of Andrew Jackson" by Beulah Morgan Smith, in Purch. Edit. of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. 110:5-9);
PRYORSBURG (Graves Co.): p.o. est. p.o. est. as Depot, 4/3/1855, Melbourn Saxon; n.ch. to Pryorsburg, 5/14/60, ibid....Disc. 9/5/61; Re-est. 2/19/66, Wm. G. Hogue; Disc. 1/3/67; Re-est. 4/3/67, John D. Clusterman (?). Disc. 10/27/68; Re-est. 1/29/69, Wm. T. Goheen; Disc. 9/6/73; Wm.--Pryor Re-est. 10/23/73, Wm. Pryor ...(NA); Inc. 4/11/1873 (ACTS, 1873, Vol. 2, P. 271); C.Disc 7/31/1960 (m to Mayfield) (NA);

Pryors still live here (c.11/1986).
Rock (Marion Co., Ky.): Po. est. 1/31/1891
Benj. A. Howard, disc. 3/18/94 (m. to Boydsville), re-est. 4/18/96, Benj. A. Howard, disc. 1/14/05 (m. to Farmington) (por); #423;
SAGE HILL (GRAVES CO., KY): PO. EST. 9/5/1848, J. THORBROUGH, OIRC 3/27/55 (PO)
SEDALIA (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 3/5/1879, J. W. Morris (?...(NA); 8 mi. se of Mayfield. (Pron. "Sēd/ə/lyə") "dk much about it. Legendary acct. of naming: "There was an attractive young lady named Dalia and when any of the young men in the area were asked where they were going, if they were on horseback or in buggies or carriages, they would say they're going to see Dalia. And that's the way they say that it started. That is "po' folklore." And (there's) nothing in the world to back that up. He's never been able to est. any relation between this place and the Sedalia in Mo. It was not in existence in C.W. He thinks the town may have
grown up around the po not vv. He doesn't think the 1st settlers came from Mo. Today: hi. sci
3 chur. in vic. a no. of businesses & stores, serv. sta., nursery...The Datsun Forklift Co.
aka the Int'l. Equipment Co. was moved to Memphis a yr. ago....(Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77)
SEDALIA (Graves Co., Ky.) (F227c) (commu.)
The name "was deliberately coined by General George R. Smith in 1857. He named it for his youngest daughter Sarah, who was known familiarly to her family and friends by the pet-name of 'Sed.' His first thought was to call the town (in Missouri which was the first to bear her name) 'Sedville;' but that name, he decided on second thought, would hardly comport with the large and flourishing city of his dreams." So he named the new Pettis Co. seat (Sedalia) Sedalia.... From Missouri it has spread to fourteen other states" incl. Ky. (Ramsey, Storehouse, 1952, p. 21.)
SEVEN STICKS SCHOOL (Graves Co., Ky): Disc.
1 rm. ele. sch. on s. side of Ky. 408, s. of
Lowe Lake, betw. Ky. 440 (on the e) and Ky.
339 (on the w) and roughly midway between
Wheel & Pottsville. (map supplied by Berry
Craig, 4/1986) (cf Edwin Reid of Symsonia);
Closed c. 1921-2. It was on the old Cameron
Ridge Rd betw. Pottsv. & Ky. 440, midway betw
the Lowes & Fancy Farm Rd. and Ky. 440. Bldg.
was torn down soon after it closed. DK why sc
named or anything else about its hist. (from
"...I can very well remember it. It was torn down about the year 1927. I am sorry but I never heard of where they got that name for it. I well recall that years after I buried the man that owned the land, and his family gave me the lot and also an old sow in payment of the funeral expenses. I am sorry that I am unable to give you more of the details of it." (Roy M. Lowe, Lowes, Ky., letter to me, 1/21/1988)
SPRAY (GRAVES CO., KY): est. 1/8/196...

Jackson W. Baker, disc 8/31/08 (m. to Kristen) (POR);
STORY (GRAVES Co., Ky): Po. est. 3/13/1882, Geo. B. Howard, Disc 8/2/82 (POR);
STUBBLEFIELD (Graves Co., Ky): PO. est. 6/22/1874, John H. Hutchinson, 11/24/74, Silas A. Cayce ... disc. 6/2/38 (P. to Cuba), re-est. 7/9/38, Henry George, 7/13/38, Jno. N. Wester ... 11/28 1891, Robert E. Dodson, disc 11/5/94 (m. to Cuba), Re-est. 7/1/99, wm. T. Harrison, 3 11/02, geo. m. Daniel, disc 5/14/06 (m. & wife) (Port) (445).
Swan (Graves Co., Ky) c. Po, est. 6/8/1886, Wm. v. Baker, 3/21/03, Oliver P. McElain. Disc 1/14/05 (m. to Sedalia) (Por); (Py23)
SYMSONIA (Graves Co.): Nicknamed Slabtown ("Sl(æ)e/b/town") and it's still called that by some people. (Why?) Acc. to Bill Powell, reporter for the LCJ, a resident, he'd heard that the roads in that vic. used to be awful ly muddy before they were gravelled, tho' good farmland. And they would saw out planks to lay on the road, similar to the older corduroy roads. And everybody got to calling it Slabtown as they drove out on the slabs or boards....DK why so-called Symsonia. (Ray Mofield, interview, 8/28/1978);
SYMSONIA (Graves Co.): Began as Slabtown soon after the co. was 1st settled in early 1820s. Acc. to lifetime resident, Dewey McClure, 77, the name is Indian or part-Indian. Others feel it was an"accident". Cecil Reid is still prin. of the local ele. and hi.sch. Verne (Pedro) Simmons is storekeeper. Edward Reid, 60, is pm. Has vol. fire dept. Basically residential comm. 

("Bill Powell's Symsonia, Kentucky" LCJ BI-CENT. MONTHLY, 5/1976, P. 3); Surveyed 7/21, 1860 for M. Lyles, Prop...(Perrin, 1885, repr. ted in 1972, P. 60);
SYMSONIA (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 12/23/1847. James K. Wilson...Disc. 3/30/63; Re-est. 2/7/68, F.F. McClure...Disc. 7/26/69; Re-est. 5/21 1877, Peter Lyles...Disc. 4/3/1911 (mail to Fristoc, Marshall Co.) (NA); 13 mi. ne of Mayfield on the McC. Co. line. (Pron. "S(ih)m/sohn/y(uh)." Rather prosperous commu. with hisch. Branch of Mayf. Bank. Clinic-pharm. PO, large gen. store, other retail businesses. Allegedly called "Slabtown" at one time. DK why called Symsonia. cf Bill Powell (reporter for LCJ); he knows more about this place than anyone. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
TICE  (graves co., Ky): co.-est. 6/1/1888, 
Jas. B. Smith 1 Disc 7/2/95 (m. to clean 
spr.), re-est. 10/29/98, Jas. P. Burnett, 
Disc 4/29/105 (m to Mayfield) (Por); 
(1=7.33).
Toy (GRAVES co., ky); 80, est. 6/26/1852.
Chas. Brown, Disc 21/1/90 (e. to Cuba) (for
TRI CITY (Graves Co.): 14 mi. SE of Mayfield on Ky. 94. (pron. "Tr(ah) C(ih)tee ↔ Tr(eye C(ih)tee"). DK when or how est. or anything else about it but its location. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
Twin oaks (Graves Co., Ky.): Po. est. 4/15/1875, Jas. M. Willkerson, Disc 12/11 1882 (m. to clean spring), re-est. 12/31 1883, Mark A. Hackney, Disc 7/7/84. (p. to clean spr.). Re-est. 1/9/85, Isaac A. Gamy. Disc 10/2/91 (m. to west plains) (Po.);
VEALSBURG (graves Co, Va) s Po, est. 7/31 1893. WM C. Brandon ... 1/7/99. Rufus F. Veal, disc. 10/15/04 (m to Selah) (POR) (POZ) Vealsburg Sch.
VERA (Graves Co., Ky): PO est. 6/30/1893, Jop. W. Jackson, PO sec. 11/22/98 (P. to Dublin) (PO R); (E 193)
VIOLA (Graves Co.): (pron. "V(ah)/oh/l(uh)⇔V(eye)/oh/l(uh)"). 8 mi. ne of Mayfield. May have been named for the wife of the man who gave the land to the rr. The State Police Barracks on US45 to Pad. is at W. Viola. The old town of V. is on the rr, 2 mi. e. He think the Whittemore family gave the land. John Whittemore still runs the large store which is all that's left of Old V. Most of the activity is shifted to West V. in the vic. of the Barracks. Mr. Whittemore also has a lumber mill there. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
VIOLA (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 3/5/1884, Thos Hendricks. Disc. 10/15/92; Re-est. 3/14/94, J.W. Farmer. Disc. 9/30/1910 (mail to Boaz) (NA); John W. Whittemore's Merchandise Ctr. = local store today. The only business left in the community. On the rr tracks betw. Pad. & Mayfield. Store opened 1913. John is now age 78. Had been a whistle stop for ICRR pass. & freight trains. Aka (nicknamed) Whittemoreville when others of that (name) family also ran stores there. (PAD. SUN-DEMO. 2/27/1977, Sec. C.P.1)
VULTON CREEK (GRAVES CO, NY): PO est 6/25/1878. THOS. D. WEST, 7/27/82, WM F. HARGROVE, 7/23/84. ALFRED B. CRAWFORD, DISS. 6/15/08 (M TO MAYFIELD) (POR); (12227) (WAS IT AT JER OF HIWAYS 561-1124?)
WATER VALLEY (Graves Co.): p.o. est. as Feliciana, 12/1/1830 (or earlier), James H. Farr...Disc. 7/6/64; Re-est. 6/19/65, John S. Snead...ch. to Morses, 3/9/69 or 1870, Nathaniel M. Moore...ch. to Water Valley, 5/31 72, Sam'l. Stokes...(NA); 1st called Morse' Station when the New Orleans & Ohio RR came thru in the 1850s. (Lon C. Barton in the Purch. Ed. of the Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. I8:4); Founded in 1865 after the rr was est. there and after Feliciana refused to per mit the rr to extend line thru their town. Today's Ky. 45 is 1 bl. w. of the old Main St of town. Used to have a bank, 3 churches, hi. sch. canning factory, movie house, several stores. Today's stores are on Ky. 45.
WATER VALLEY (Graves Co.): (Pron. "W(ah)t/ər V(æ)l/ee"). 1st settled shortly after the CW, in the late 1860s. It was the beneficiary of the old town of Feliciana's decline. The rr was completed through WV in 1856. and this was responsible for WV's dev. 1st called Morse Sta. ("Môrs"). Barton presumes but dk for sure that Morse was 1st settler. He thinks the sta. was secured on his farm and in his name in return for his granting right-of-way thru the farm. DK Morse's 1st name tho' it could be found by checking old deeds. Feliciana residents refused to let the rr to pass anywhere nr. their town so the rte. was transferred
westward some 3 mi. N.ch. from MS to WV presumably to describe geog. setting in a low drainage basin of 2-3 creeks, an area that was fairly subject to flooding. Or, perhaps by then, Morse no longer had any interest in the commu...n.changes in this area came about over a period of time without any specific explanation...This is probably one of the lowest (lying) areas in that part of the county." The old busi. street (called the "Old Town" is now all but deserted--this is the one along the rr tracks. Business has shifted to US45: several stores, rest., sever al active churches, Attractive well maintain-
ed homes. Pop. now=500-600. In the Fulton trade area. The school, canning factory, & bank are closed... (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
WATER VALLEY (Graves Co.): ("W(h)at/eR V(ae)l/ee"). "Feliciana was... the co. seat at one time. And that was about 2 mi. e. of W.V. Then when the rr. came through they built a little sta. there they called Morse Sta. And when they got ready to build a po they found out there was another Morse Sta. in Ky. So they had to find another name. So they were all going to meet together. And there's a creek that runs through the town--it's in a little valley--and it's a branch of the Bayou du Chein Creek... And th morning they were going to meet to name the town. there had been a cloudburst the night
before and there was nothing but water to see so they decided they'd call it Water Valley. That's the legend. And how true it is I have no idea at all. It might very well be so... That's the only story I've ever heard." (Bill Wilson of Water Valley, Ky., interview, 8/28/1978);
WATER VALLEY (Graves Co.): Village grew up by the rr: when it was built to there. Two Morse brothers owned a saloon. Fought one day and one ran the other off. Place had been called Morse Station. Citizens sought n.ch. to avoid reference to this incident. The new name was derived from the appearance of the valley following a heavy rain. (To Mrs. C.M. Wilson by Mrs. Cora Farmer of W.V., then age 75, who had learned it from her father, Mr. Hubbard. Passed onto Mrs. Violetta M. Halpert and was (in her "Place Name Stories of W.Ky. Towns" in KFR, Vol. 7 (3), 7-9/1961, Pp. 114-15)
WATER VALLEY (Graves Co.): Inc. 4/19/1884, (ACTS, 1883/4, Vol. 2, P. 157);
WEST PLAINS (Graves Co, Ky) : Po. est. 1/24/1877, John A. Ollin, 1/29/83, John Lawson Jones 12/11/95, Martin U. Vaughan, N.C. to West Plains 6/3/97, Jas. N. Hill --12/6/1901, wm C. Cox, Oisc. 9/30/03 (r. to Mayfield) (por); (f.733,
WEYMOUTH (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 11/13/1901, John B. Williams; Disc. eff. 5/31/1904 (mail to Fulton) (NA); DK where this is located nor anything about it though had heard of it. Not on any current maps. (pron. "Wa/math") (Lon Carter Barton, interview, 8/5/77); (1723
WHEEL (Graves Co.): (pron. "Hweel") DK who was 1st settler unless it was father of the late Fred Biggs. Barkley's birthplace. The farm on which this was located was occupied later by Mr. Biggs. At that time merely a wide place in the rd; it never reached what we'd consider "commu. status," though it did have a gen. store & a 1 rm. sch. c. 5 mi. sw of Lowes. Name probably inspired by the activities of the semi-populist movement, the agric. wheel that was very active in this part of the country in the 1890s. A forerunner of the Populist party. The group's name was derived from its symbol, with the spokes running out from the hub, symbolizing unity, brotherhood, all the farmers
banding together in a great movement to achieve better farm prices, lower interest rates, and regulation of rr's. Now: another ghost town. No longer store. The Biggs family is the only one left. Fred's son still lives in the same house and his son lives nearby. cf Fred's son, L.L. Biggs, for exact time of founding or the name of founder. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77);
WHEEL (Graves Co.): Farmers org. est. "in an attempt to reduce taxes and curb r.r. excesses." In 1889 it merged with the Farmers' Alliance to form the Farmers' Alliance (sic) (to form the Nat'l. Farmers' & Laborers' Union of America). (Hambleton Tapp & Jas. C. Klotte; KY: DECADES OF DISCORD: 1865-1900, KHS, 1977, P. 314) Called "The Agricultural Wheel". org. in 1882 in Prairie Co., Ark. a secret society whose objective was to improve conditions of farmers. Spread to other states by 1886. Had ½ million members by 1887. Merger was in 1888 (Edward Wiest, AGRI. ORGS. IN: THE UNITED ST. UK, Lex. 1923, Pp. 455-7);
WHEEL (Graves Co.): p.o. est. 5/6/1892, Elisha J. Willett...Disc. 6/30/1909 (mail to Lowes) (NA); Named for "an influential farmer of the same name, who founded a semi-secret agricult. org. known as the Wheelers. This society was pledged to work for the interests of farmers (and to improve their econ. situation). My father was an active member...." (Alben W. Barkley, THAT REMINDS ME--, Garden City: Doubleday, 1954, P. 24). Barkley was born nr. there. Located betw. Fancy Farm and Lowes. (ibid.) 11/24/1877.
Wilson's Ck. Po. (Graves Co, Ky): Po. est. 1/31/1829, Jas. Lamm -- disc. 7/31/1863. Re-est. as Wilson Ck. 2/6/73, Jas. P. Morrill -- disc. 5/24/75. (PoR); R1/21 (1 mi. W. of Lowes)
WINGO (Graves Co.): Named for Jerman J. Winge ne 1807 who came here from NC in 1825 and built log cabin and opened 1st. business, a gro. & saloon. He gave ICRR right-of-way thru his land in the early 1850s. When rr arr it called the new sta. there Points Curve but it later renamed it Wingo Sta. and by 1900 it was simply Wingo. Became a town in 1854. At jct. of US45 and ICRR. Agri. trade center. Most of working pop. commute to jobs in Mayfield, Calvert City, etc....("Wingo" by Harry Bolser, LCJ, 11/1/1964, sect. 4).
WINGO (Graves Co.): (pron. "W(ih)n/goh" by most persons today or "W(ih)2/oh" preferred by older residents and is presumably the orig. pronunciation. Or "W(ie)2/oh") Named for its founder, German Wingo, a wealthy man who owned much land and kept slaves. He granted the right of way thru his land and land for sta. which was est. and named for him. The rr was responsible for the town's growth. Pt. Curve was presumably named for the sweeping curve made by the rr near (not in) the town. The town was never called P.C. Wingo was its only official name. Theophilus Wingo may have been German's bro. The Wingos arr. in the 1830s or '40s. They were
well est. in that vic. before rr. Now: pretty prosperous town, the largest in co. except for Mayf. An inc. town with own fire dept. The only other inc. com. in co. Bank, several stores, funeral home & other services. On US 10 mi. sw of Mayf. Busi. commu. still along the tracks and just as strong. Yet new dev. along the hiway too.... (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77)
WINGO (Graves Co.): Can't be seen from the hiway which runs along a ridge. Busi. section in a valley divided by ditch and ICRR. Founded by Jerman Juduthen Wingo, who arr. c.1825 and buil log cabin....("J.R. Russell's Wingo, Ky." by Jas. R. Russell, Chief of LCJ's Frankfort Bur. in a LCJ BI-CENT. MONTHLY, 5/1976, P. 2); Est. by the rr: The Chesa., Ohio & SW RR in 1854 when German Wingo laid off lots on his prop. & opened a store. RR est. a station there and soc other stores & businesses were est. Pop. of 350 (1880) with 9 stores & 3 chu's....(Perrin, 1885 1972 reprinting, P. 59); Inc 3/14/72 (Acto 1871/2, U. 2, P. 12)
WINGO (Graves Co.): p.o. est. as Point Curve 1/22/1861, Theophilus I. Wingo; n.ch. to Wingo's Station, 6/12/62, Jerman J. Wingo... n.ch. to Wingo, 11/29/1882, Albert C. Grissom ...(NA); The ICRR depot at Wingo was built or land donated by the Wingo family in 1913. (acc to text accompanying a photo in Purch. Ed. of the Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. II:7-9); "A direct outgrowth of the extension of rail lines through the territory." Est. as a rr sta on the Chesa. Ohio & SW RR when built 1854. Became important little trading ctr. (PAD. SUN DEM. 7/23/1956, P. 3B:2)
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(Probably the scarcest of Lake & Company's series of Kentucky county atlases, with colored maps showing the towns, villages, and precincts. Has also a list of residents, their occupations, and location of farms.)