HICKMAN COUNTY (Ky.): Act of Gen. Ass. approved 12/19/1821 the creation of Hickman Co. out of that portion of Caldwell & Livingston Co's. that lay on the sw side of the Tenn. R. Named for Capt. Paschal Hickman who was killed at the River Raisin. (Sec. 1). Sec. 5 referred to Mayfield's Creek and Massac Creek. Sec. 8 of the same act authorized the future division of Hickman to 4 counties when pop. justified their est. and the boundaries and seats of govt. of these counties were also laid out at this time e.g. Hickman with its seat at Columbus, Graves for Maj. Benj. Graves, another casualty of River Raisin, Calloway for Col. Richard
Calloway, M'Cracken (sic) for Capt. Virgil M'Crackin (sic) who also fell at River Raisin. The "permanent seats of justices" for the last 3 counties were to be selected by an appointed comm'n. (sec. 9) 6/1822. They were inst. to select their sites and then proceed to lay off and plat a town at each site. (sec 10). (Source: "An Act Forming the Counties of Hickman..." Purch. Edit. of the Mayfield Messenger; 12/27/1969, P. E7:7-9).
HICKMAN CO: Paschal Hickman for whom the co. was named was a native Virginian. To Ky. as a child with father, Rev. Wm. Hickman and settle in Franklin Co. Fought in various Indian campaigns. Killed in Battle of River Raisin. ("Excerpts of Early Hickman History Recorded" From Perrin's Ky: A Hist. of the State, in Purch. Ed. of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P.G8: 1-7);
BAYOU de CHIEN (Hickman Co., Ky): "...acc. to this legend a certain Frenchman plied the Mississippi rather frequently between St. Louis and New Orleans, and kept noticing the large creek which emptied into the river near Hickman, which, of course, had not been settled at that time. Finally, he and a French companion went in a small boat on an exploring mission up this creek, to find its source. Seeing the country for several miles full of bayous and marshes, one of them suggested the name Bayou de Chien for the stream. The other agreed. It was later charted by that name on the map." (Lon
BAYOU DU CHIEN (Hickman Co., Ky.) stream 6 mi long; heads at the junction of Running and Owens Sloughs at 36° 30' 10" N, 89° 17' 55" W. Flows sw to Upper Blue Basin, 5 mi. n. of Samburg, Obion Co., Tenn. 36° 27' 10" N, 89° 21' 14" W. (Field #314) The above from Docket #151 submitting this for consideration at the 7/13/1971 meeting of the BGN, in relation to Running Slough (q.v.) Check after 8/1/1971.
BEELERTON (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. 7/31/1886, John J. Kennedy...Disc. eff. 12/31/1904 (mail to Crutchfield, Fulton Co.) (NA); 6 mi. n. of Fulton. Adjacent to what was first called Wesley, a store run by J.M. Dodson, MD. B'ton. was named for Dr. Geo. Beeler of Clinton. It "sprung up around a competing business also established by Dodson, who had sold the Wesley property. Later B'ton had a county hi. sch. Church and store. (D. Johnson in letter to Wm. G. Steel, 10/13/1923). Dr. Beeler, an MD, ne 1830 in Jeff. Co. To Clinton in 1851. Pract there. "Virginia Jewell, "Diary of Dr. Beeler is Preserved in Hickman Co." Purch. Edit. of Mayfield Mess., 12/27/69, P. D9:6-9).
BUGG (Hickman Co.): po est. 7/31/1886, John A. Bugg. Disc. eff. 12/31/1904 (mail to Clinton) (NA); Buggs=a store there for many years. Named for a large local landowning family. (D. Johnson, postmaster, Hick "Definition & Origin of Names in Hickman Co." ms. sent to Wm. G. Steel, 9/17/1923); \underline{Puckett} (po. 8/23) 1881, John A. Bugg, Disc 11/1/81 (POR); x Bond \underline{Puckett}, y 12/27/1903 - 12/31/04
BULAH (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. 6/14/1888, John D. Wilson. Disc. 12/31/1915 (mail to Milburn) (NA); In the extreme ne part of co. Country store in which p.o. was located. (D. Johnson in letter to Wm. G. Steel, 10/13/1923); Beulah not Bulah. (pron. "Byu/l(uh)" very close to St. Dennis. (Lon Carter Barton Barton, interview, 8/5/1977);
Bullard (Hickman Co., Ky): Po. est. 6/14
1878, John D. Wilson -- 3/16/08, Richard T. Courtney. Dist. 12/3/115- (M. to Milburn) (POR);
CLINTON (Hickman Co.): Founded 1828 when the site was chosen by "commissioners appointed to relocate the seat. The original plat was laid out on land owned by Stephen Ray who donated the public square for county purposes. The records were moved from Columbus in 1829 in which year several small buildings were erected. As early as 1830 there were several families located in the new town." 1st merchant = Wm. Walker. Little early growth till its status as co. seat was resolved in 1845. "Steady and substantial growth" after 1873 when ICRR completed thru the co. "gave new life and impetus to business interests."
(by 1885 had become) the most important trad. & shipping pt. in the county...." (Perrin, 1885, 1972 reprinting, Pp. 71-2)
CLINTON (Hickman Co.): PO est. 12/18/1829, Allen Caldwell... (NA); Land selected by commissioners was owned by Stephen Ray and was then heavily forested. Ray donated land for public square. Site selected for seat 1828 and this is regarded as 1st yr. of Clinton's hist. Several families located there by 1830, incl. Wm. Walker... Agitation for co. seat continued till 1845 when Judge James resolved it (q.v. Columbus)....ICRR thru in 1873 and was special "impetus" to busi. of community. By 1885, became major trade & shipping pt. in co. pop. (1885)=1200.... No mention of how got name. (HICKMAN CO. GAZETTE, 100 Anni. Edit., 4/30/1953, Sec. 12, P. 1:12-2....), Platted by Jas. Gibson. Inc. 1831. (Fed. Writer Proj. book, Pp. 325-7, 326.)

See Columbus (7)
CLINTON (Hickman Co.): inc. 12/7/1831 (ACTS 1831, P. 75) Act of 2/13/1866 amended the Act of Inc. (ACTS, 1865/6, P. 45½); Pop. of c.2000(1900);
Columbus (Trigg County, Ky.) P.O. est. 10/26/1820, J. Henry L. Edrington, 10/28/1823, wm. cook. 1825, J. Henry L. Edrington, 11/21/31, B. B. B. B., Woodruff, 7/2/36, wm. cook. -- Apo. (Por). (Fl8)
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Was one of the most important trading points on the Miss. before 1840... (Don Singletary, "Hickman Co. Hist." 11/17/1925, unid. area newsp. in KHS Libr., Hickman Co. vert. files, examined by me, 3/25 1979); Est. as Iron Banks 12/27/1820 (ACTS, 1820, P. 214); Inc. 2/18/1860 (ACTS, 1859/60, Vol. 1, P. 501); First called by French travelers La Rivage de Fer or "Iron Banks" (rough Engl. transl.) for this is how they saw "the towering rusty looking bluffs" (P.3) Acc. to locally accepted trad., Jefferson "ordered" the survey of the site in 1784. Owings doesn't think sufficient research has
been attempted to authenticate the plans for the removal of the US capital to this point but she feels it was Jefferson's consideration. She feels that "the scope of this planned city is proof of it." ...(P.5)
The survey earlier commissioned by Jefferson was not finished until 1822 since the team, headed by Thomas Walker of Va. "were interrupted by a party of Chickasaw Indians ...." Block house built 1804 but no evidence that it was "built during the Burr conspiracy." Boat landing and inn site est. on Wolf Is. before 1811. Boat landing and a
woodyard to supply fuel for steam engines.

(P. 6) Columbus was made the seat of newly formed Hickman Co. on 12/19/1821. Acc. to ACT, the county was named for Paschal Hickman who died at the Battle of River Raisen.

(P. 7) Columbus became a major trad. ctr. for the area west of the Tenn. R. before 1840. Then to be rivalled by Paducah. (P. 8) Growing trad. ctr. after C.W. and factories schools, hotels, train transfer boat, many other businesses were erected. Survived 2 bad fires. (Pp. 29-30) But prosperity suffered a damaging "blow" in 1874 when the ICRR built thru Clinton and a bridge across
the Ohio R. to Cairo in 1889 ended the need for Columbus as a terminus and transfer pt. for pass. and freight north-south (P. 30) Trade declined. Factories shut down, etc. Several bad floods and fires. 1927 flood completely covered the town and in 1928 it was moved under the direction of the Am. Red X from the river bottom to the hilltop. (P. 31) Nothing left of the old site. (P. 32) Columbus=northern term of the M&O by 1858. Train ferry was est. 1870 (P. 32) Some of the orig. 4000 acre city site has been claimed by the river. (P. 33) Town was laid off 1821. (P. 39)
("Old Columbus, Ky. Belmont, Mo. Civil War Battlefield Area: A Brief Hist. and Old Pictures" by Lucille Bryars Owings, 1974); "Columbia" was probably a mistake on an old map. No court record of its ever having been called that. (Mrs. Owings in a letter to me, 3/16/1979);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Founded 1804 and called Iron Banks "because French river travelers thought the bluffs around the little settlement looked like iron." Was the seat of Hickman Co. when this took in all of the J.P. all of Ky. w. of the Tenn. R. Before the C.W., the town was the northern term. of what was then the longest single rr in the country. This was the M&O. Columbus then was located on the flood plain of the Miss. R. Had a pop. in 1880 of 3000. "In 1871, the St. Louis & Iron Mt. RR built a line to Belmont, Mo., just across the river from Col. Later, entire trains were ferried across the Miss. at Col. to join the M&O and the Iron Mt. The train
built by the M&O in 1881. A 15 mi. line that was abandoned by the ICG in 1975 was est. in 1881 to connect with northern rail lines via the Cairo bridge. After 1881, Col. started to decline. The city's pop. growth came with the M&O and the ferry; attracted stores and factories. Frequent floods were "eating away at the townsite even before 1927". Pad. succeeded in attracting trade from Col. 1927 flood "washed away all but about 40 homes. Those remaining were moved to the bluff, 140 ft. higher. Relocation did not lead to new growth as hoped. Col. went the way of
most river towns in the 1930s with only a slight growth in business....Lucille Owens is in charge of C.W. museum at Col. Battlefield State Pk. and is knowledgeable about local hist. Unsuccessful attempts to attract industry and tourist boom never materialized as planned....Acc. to John M. Muscovalley, area historian, (Bill Powell, "Columbus Cuts the Railroad Ties that Bound it to Another Era" LCJ, 7/16/78, P. B1:1-6);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Old Columbus was on the flood plain of the Miss R. and was the no. term. of the M&O which, in the 1850s, was the longest single rr in the US. When, in 1871, the St. Louis & Iron Mt. RR built line to Belmont, Mo., across the river, train were ferried at that pt. to connect the 2 rr lines. In c1880, Columbus had 3000 pop. The ferry operated from 1883 to 1911...Columbus was 1st called Iron Banks when est. in 1804 for French travelers on the river "thought the (surrounding) bluffs...looked like iron." Hopes by 1811 for the place to become an imp.
river port. Made seat of Hickman Co. when this included the entire Jackson Purchase area, all of Ky. w. of the Tenn. R. The town was moved up to the high bluff behind it by the Am. Red Cross after the disastrous 1927 flood. Before the CW, Columbus was the trade ctr. for the w. section of the J.P. area until eclipsed by Pad. which succeeded in "luring away trade." The growth in the 19th cent. was due to the M&O and the train ferry. The relocation did not lead to a substantial redevelopment of the town....

(of Lucille Owens, dir. of the C.W. Museum)
at the Col. Battlefield State Park at Col. has researched Col. hist. as has John M. Muscovalley from whom the above data was obtained.)(Bill Powell, "Columbus Cuts the RR Ties That Bound it to Another Era" LCJ, 7/16/1978);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): In West to the Iron Banks (MA thesis, U. of Louiv., by John E.L. Robertson, Hist. Dept., 1961); author refers to Kenneth L. Oliver's MA thesis, UK, 1928 "Columbus: The Town that Would be the Nation's Capital" Acc. to him, that the town was once suggested for the nation's capital, that Jeff. planned it in 1783 with the idea of est. the cap. there (P. 3); that there was lots of agitation to move cap. there after destruction by fire in W. of 1812 was merely local trad. and unfounded. Oliver discredits this saying there was no town there in 1783-4, nor in 1812. Jeff. wasn't gov. of Va. in '84. Nor was there any settlement anywhere in the Columbus area. The local trad. even says that Jeff. himself had visited the vic. and
promised "from there" that it would become cap. Robert Summers, editor of COLUMBUS DISPATCH said (in early 1870s) that this site was offered as nat'l. cap. by Jas. Madison. But this too was unverified. But Madison was in Ky. 1820 with Jackson at Louisville. (Acc. to Collins, I, P. 28) (P. vi) In the 1870s, much pressure to move cap. from Wash. to a place in Miss.-Val. (cf Olyntthus B. Clark, "The Bid of the West for the Nat'l. Cap" MISS VALL. HIST'L. ASS'N. PROCEEDINGS, 1909-10, Vol. 3, Pp. 214-90, 1911...(P. vii)
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.). The only town in Ky. that was ever moved completely from its original site: under the bluffs overlooking the Miss R. banks. Moved to the top of the bluff ½ mi. away and 140 ft. higher. In 1927. Pop. then = 600. Before then had been a prosperous river town with c. 80 stores, 2 schools, and a steam boat landing & served by 3 rrs. (…) 1st called Ironbanks for the "peculiar brown appearance of the bluffs." Renamed Columbus in 1821 "when, acc. to a wellfounded tradition, it was considered as a site for the nation's capital." Ironbanks a misapplied name for these "were never found to contain a trace of
that mineral" and crumbled from erosion by the flood waters of the Miss. The new town on the bluff was carefully laid out.... (Virginia Jewell, "Columbus Will Always Remember the Red Cross" Purch. Ed. of the Mayfield Mess., 12/27/1969, P. G4:8-9).
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Allegedly proposed as the nation's capital by Thos. Jefferson. DK th origin of this legend. A deep rooted trad. Are residents have long heard it. Acc. to trad., T.J. he selected the site and laid out the town as the future cap. Yet there's no mention of this in any known writings by him, nor any other authoritative publication of that time. Seems plausible though on acct. of his fondnes for that section of the country and the unpopularity of Wash. At that time, the site was about the geog. center of the US. Many Americans favored relocating the cap. further in the interior of the county (to avoid enemy)
to avoid enemy capture and to bring it closer to new population. This peaked in 1815.... "A Kentucky Town's Tradition", LCJ, 11/24/1926.)
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Columbus came to be too inaccessible for county's pop. so new seat was sought. 2 rivals: Moscow and Clinton. Moscow included the community of Rock Springs (P. 111) Act enabling county's citizens to vote to remove seat from Columbus to more centrally located place. Committee est. to choose site if the voters approved. They did. "After long and careful deliberation, commissioners chose Clinton. Moscow objected. 1st settler of Moscow vic. was Widow Griffey, pre-1822. (P. 112)... Discusses the Clinton reaction and div. of county... (From Perrin...) (P. 114ff) Jan. 1830 court ordered the purchase of 160 acres from

(John E. L. Robertson, WEST TO THE IRON BANKS, MA. thesis, U. of Louisville, History, 1961);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Jefferson's instructions to Walker's surveying party in 1783 were to lay off 4000 acres for a city. Forced to "abandon" the project by threat of Chickasaw hostility. (Atwoods Hist. 1934, cited by Owings, P. 8). At this site, 1804, the 1st settlement in the future Hickman Co. was made. Block house was built 1804 probably for the "protection of early settlers." Columbus rec'd. its name 1783 by Va. Leg. Wm. Tipton (alleged) to have lived in block house in 1804+ (P. 8) 1st court held here too. RR to Mobile completed 4/1861. In 1871, transfer boat to ferry rr across the
Miss R. between Belmont & Columbus... (p. 8)
(HIST'L. PROG. BOOK, 1971);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): 1927 flood forced Columbus residents to abandon their homes and move to higher ground. Their old home sites were then conveyed to the city which, in turn, deeded them to the state and with other land obtained by purchase, it became the site of the Columbus-Belmont Mem. State Park. Built in mid 1930s by CCC labor to commemorate the C.W. Acc. to local legend, Geo. R. Clark est blockhouse nr. there as an outpost against th Indians, 1780. Authentic records go back as far as 1804. Settlement "grew up" and the 1st court house in the Purchase area was built there in 1823. When court hse. burned in 1829
the seat was removed to its present site at Columbus..... (F. Eichelberger on the "Columbus-Belmont Memorial State Park" for the WPA, 9/10/1936 ms.)
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Flood of 1927 almost destroyed the old town and it was relocated. See ACTS of G.A. 1821 for founding and inc. At suggestion of Gov. of Va., town was named Columbus after the discoverer of Am. Nothing left of the old town to suggest there ever was one there. Old site = 2-- feet below the present site. The brown colored bluffs called by the French "Les Rivage de Fer" or "Banks of Iron" for they believed the coloring was due to the presence of iron ore. "It is certainly true that Iron Deposits (sic) did aid in characterizing the ancient coloring of these high bluff for Iron Conglomerate abounds in the lower strata of the earth near the edge of the normal river surface." (Hick. Co. GAZETTE, 100th Anni
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Nothing at all left of Old Columbus. 1st settled 1804. Platted and laid off... (Chas. J. Custer, OLD COLUMBUS, n.d. reprinted by Advance-Yeoman, 1976); In 10/1783, the Va. Leg. passed act authorizing town of 4000 acres to be est. at the Iron Bank. In 1804 people began to settle there. "Name Columbus 1st used when Ky. Leg. granted the ferry privilege across the Miss. R. in 1820." Flood of 1927 led to the move to shift the town. In 1928-9 moved to higher ground. Pop. of Old Columbus in c.1900=3000. (Cairo, Ill. Evening Citizen, 5/18/1954 "Town Site of Columbus, Ky. Authorized by Legislature of Va. in Oct. 1873" (sic);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): 12/27/1820 ACT authorizing town at the "Iron Banks" (ACTS 1820, Pp. 197-200) which had 1st been authorized by the Va. Ass. (in Act of 1783) ... 4000 acres (P. 90) The Columbus name was 1st used to refer to the town in Act of 12/18/1821 (ACTS 1821, Pp. 363-5) Surveyed, platted, and recorded by Wm. Taylor... (P. 91) ... Year after Columbus was est the Gen. Ass. authorized est. of Hickman Co. with seat at Columbus. (ACTS, 1821, P. 390) (P. 93). 1st store, 1822, Will Cook. (Battle, Perrin, Kniffin, II, P. 74) ... (John E.L. Robertson, WEST TO THE IRON BANKS, MA thesis, U. of Louisville, History, 1961);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Forty bldgs. were "moved up the hill" after the 1927 flood. The rr tracks were removed by ICG in 1978. They had been "abandoned in 1975. Plans for a tourist boom centering on nearby Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park never materialized. Two local gro's. destroyed by fire in 8/1979. Leaving as the only businesses then: ser. sta., fish market, and cafe. APO.... (Bill Powell, "The Instinct of Survival: Despite Setbacks, Col. Looks to the Future" LCJ, 9/2/1979, P. B1:5-6 & B4:1-3);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): The 1st co. seat from 1822-29. Act of G.A., winter of 1827-8 authorized public election to decide if seat would stay at Columbus or be moved to more central location. Latter selected. Was on land then forested that belonged to Stephen Ray who donated the public square of what was to be the county's new seat at Clinton. Moscow was another candidate for seat. (P. 8:3) ("Excerpts of Early Hickman Hist. Recorded" from Perrin: KY. A HIST. OF THE STATE, in Pur. Ed., of the Mayfield Mess, 12/27/1969, P. G8:1-7);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): Co. seat at Columbus, 1822-29. Leg. 1827-8 session granted citizens the right to vote on whether to move seat to a more central site. Comm'n. selected to pick site if citizens voted to do so. Majority of voters did. Clinton chosen. People of Moscow displeased for this vil. also wanted seat. Had become important trade & commercial center. Their appeal based on central location too. But Judge Thos. James went to Leg. & influenced creation of Ballard & Fulton Co's. So Moscow came to be on the edge of the co....(Hick. Co. GAZETTE, 100th Anni. Edit., 4/30/1953, Sect. 7, P. 5:4-6
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. as Columbus, 10/28/1823, Wm. Cook; the 1st official US PO est. in the Purchase Area after the 1818 treaty. n.ch. to Columbus (but no mention of when) since there was another Columbia by then in Adair Co. DK if orig. intent to name it Columbia or if "an error was made in the spelling of Columbus."

COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): was designed on a 4000 acres tract with the hopes of its becoming the commercial & political center of country. Named Columbus at the suggestion of the Gov. of Va. The 1st bldg. on the site was the blockhouse in 1804. This was used as fort by US troops during the Burr Conspiracy. Later housed the 1st county and circuit court of Ky's Jack. Purterri.... ("Excerpts of Early Hickman Hist. Recorded" from Perrin: KY: A HIST. OF THE STAT! in Pur. Edit., of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. G8:1-7);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): In 1913, the "orig. site was abandoned for higher ground" (Hendrixson & Marrazzo, "A Study of Growth & Dev. of the Jackson Pur. Co's" Purch. Ed. of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/69, P. H6:8); 16 mi. s. of the confluence of the Ohio & Miss'R's. First called the Iron Banks. Planned by the Va. Leg. in 1783. Laid out as a town 1821 and became the seat of Hickman Co. est. that yr. (…) (Stanford Hendrixson, "Railroads Played Important Purch. Development Role" Ibid., E5:1-3);
COLUMBUS (Hickman Co.): 1st settler was a Wm. Tipton who had escaped an Indian raid on Ejt. Jefferson. (Chas. R. Geveden, "Mound-Builders Were First in Ballard Co. Section, Purch. Edit. of Mayfield Messenger, 12/27/1969, P. D4:1); (pron. "Kohl/(uh)m/bəs"). Acc. to the POR, it was originally named Columbia but was later changed to Columbus to avoid conflict with the name of the po already in existence in Adair Co. (Brown Tucker, interview, 8/4/77) (check on this in POR/NA....)
CROLEY (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. 8/20/1898, Robt E. Nall; Disc. eff. 5/15/1905 (mail to Clinton) (NA); small vill. c. 3½ mi. e of Clinton. Gen'l. store. Mt. Moriah Church and Cem. there. Center of prosperous farming area. Founded by David M. Johnson, local landowner and long term magistrate. (D. Johnson, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 10/13/1923) (*133*)
CYPRESS (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. 7/8/1881, Caleb A. Green...Disc. eff. 5/15/1905 (mail to Clinton) (NA); had po, stores, shop, sch.
old cypress on 7½ min. mps (5=133), cypress
sch = across rd. from po, power in Isaac Bugg's store, later pm's = Joe + Clarence Faulkner, Charlie Evans. New cypress =
2 mi. sw of o.c.
ELLA (Hickman Co., Ky): P.O. est. 4/20/1875; John E. Jackson, P.O. 1/20/81 (POR);
FULGHAM (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. 3/26/1900, Robert S. Bazzell...Disc. eff. 11/15, 1904 (mail to Clinton) (NA); Small vill. c. 6 mi. e. of Clinton at an intersection. c. 1923, a store and a co. hi. sch. (D. Johnson, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 10/13/1923); Est. & named sometime betw. 1885-90, acc. to trad., around a store run by a Mr. Fulgham. Acc. to records, Anthony Fulgham arr. Hickman Co. from Graves Co. 1839. Bought 125 acres on Wilson's Creek. The area was settled at least pre-1828. Orig. settler=Nathan Jackson...(Lucille Owings, "150 Yrs.--Hick. Co. Sesquicent Hist Prog. Book," c1971, Pp. 42, 44, in Murray St. U. Spec. Coll.)
FULGHAM (Hickman Co., Ky.) Named for owner-operator of a local store there many years ago (Erl Sensing, "Through a Glass, Darkly" col. i THE HICKMAN COUNTY GAZETTE, 10/15/1970.) (pron. "F(uh)djam") (Lon Carter Barton, 8/5 1977);
MUSCOVALLEY (Hickman Co.): Named for John Muscovalley, a native of Greece, who settled in this area in the early 1830s. (D. Johnson in letter to Wm. G. Steel, 10/13/1923.)

Hailewell: p.o. est. 12/12/1898, Benjamin L. Haile; 1/15/02, John F. Haile. Disc. 4/15/15 (mail to Columbus) (NA); A store and p.o. est. by B.L. Haile, a pioneer resident of the area betw. the Obion Creek and the Miss R. on a road west from Oakton on the Mobile & Ohio RR to the Miss. R. Est. by Haile in the early 1890s. The prin. landowner of that area before the p.o. was est. was a Greek named John Muscovalley. Haile was the 1st white man to
a farm in that locality. Muscovalley had settled much of his land by Negroes "who were considered to be immune from the milk sickness which characterized the area in early days." (.....) (Johnson to Steel:.....)
John Muscovalley was a native of island of Mytelene, Greece. Settled in Hickman Co. on Miss. R. 1839. Located on a farm then owned by Mr. Taylor. Bought farm. Shipped produce to New Orleans by steamboat. Increased holding to 3600 acres. Operated by slave labor. No mention of any connection with town of Moscow. He 1st arr. in US, specifically in NYC, in 1833. (Hickman Co. Gazette, 100th Anni. Edit. 4/30/1953, Sect. 3, P. 7:5-7); John was ne 1810. To Amer. and arr. Boston 1831. (Ibid., Sect. 8, P. 4:3-4);
Jackson (Hickman Co, Ky): Po. est, as Concord 1/31/1829, son of L. Beatenitch to Jackson 6/5/29, Rueben Owen 0:5c. 12/1/1832 (POR).
LICK SKILLET (Hickman Co., Ky): Midway betw. Columbus & Clinton. An old rural settlement, past Little Flock Prim. Bapt. Church and Midway Sch. to/Columbus from Clinton. Near Moss Sch. Lick Skillet had two store, one run by Alfred Scott & D.H. Johnson and the other by Jesse Cagle, c.1900. "Located in the bottom nw of the New Chapel Church Rd." Nearby was Shady Grove Sch. in the Tar Heel or New Chapel area. In the vic. was Johnson Bridge. (LICK SKILLET and other Tales of Hickman County, by Virginia Jewell, c.1986 & pvt. printed, Pp. 83-4)
MOSCOW (Hickman Co.): Pop. (1830)=c. 400. // 6 mi. s. of Clinton, Inc. 1831. Pop. (1870)=350. (Collins); The 2nd oldest town in Hick. Co. Est. 1822. 128 acres surveyed 1834. One of the 3 contenders for co. seat. Now almost extinct. ...(Ruth R. Williamson, "Local Lady Writes Sparkling Hist. with Memory of Happier Days" Fulton Co. News, in Pur. Ed., of the Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. Gl1:1-9);(An agri. ship. pt. of the Mobile & Ohio RR. P.O. est. 1/13/1829, Howard Cassity. PO disc. 2/15/1955, Mrs. Irene (Roach) Goodrum was last pm. "No record of how it got its name but it is supposed to be of Indian origin." c. 1/8 mi. off of Ky. 239. Most of the homes & stores since gone and
MOSCOW (Hickman Co.). Acc. to trad., it was settled 1820 but historical records go back only to 1825. Mary Griffith built a hotel on the Bayou de Chien. "at the north end" of the Moscow site in 1820. In 1820, Thomas Griffey bought land at the site. PO est. 1829. By 1829 it had been sufficiently settled to justify the est. of a PO. Town platted 1830. Not named for Muscovalley for arr. in Columbus area later... (P.15) Pop. (1880)=288 and trade ctr. for southern Hick. Co. and Fulton Co. farmers. Shipping pt. for area farmers. (P.16) ... (Lucille Bryars Owings, HIST'L. PROG. B00 1971);
MOSCOW (Hickman Co.): Settled c.1822 "and had developed into a well-defined vil. in 1830." Inc. 1831. "2nd oldest commu. in the county next to Columbus. Laid out on the land of Sam'l. McFall who opened the 1st hotel and was...one of the earliest merchants...Nobody knows for sure how Moscow got its name..."Failing...to (become) co. seat (1843) the vil. remained comparatively obscure until the construction of the M&O Rd. in 1854. The town then developed into a good trading and shipping ctr. around a thriving agri. region...." ("Moscow Contended for Co Seat" HICKMAN CO. GAZETTE, 9/30/1971, P. 6B:1-5);
MOSCOW (Hickman Co.): In the early days included the commu. of Rock Springs to Crutchfield. Earliest settlers included John and Adam Haynes before or in 1822, widow Griffey, pre-1822, Sam'l. McFall, 1822. On his land, the vil. was laid out...(Hickman Co. Gazette, 100th Anni. Edit., 4/30/1953, Sec. 6, P. 3:3); Moscow also incl. Oakton, 1st called Clinton Sta. when the M&O RR passengers for Clinton would be let off here to make their way by livery to Clinton.... (q.v. Oakton)....(Ibid.) Est. 1/8/1831 (ACTS, 2/7/1861, 1831, P. 56); Inc. 2/7/1861 (ACTS Called Session, 1861, P. 52);
MOSCOW (Hickman Co.): Early settlement founded on Bayou du Chien, 6 mi. S. of Clinton. Inc. by G.A. in 1831. By 1830 already a well est. vil. 1st prop. of town= Sam'l. McFall, an early storekeeper & hotel operator. Trad. ctr...Competed with Clinton & Columbus for co. seat and early dominance. Mobile & Ohio RR built in 1854 gave it needed impetus for growth and it became import. trad. and shipping pt. (Perrin, 1885, 1972 reprinting, P. 73);
MOSCOW (Hickman Co.): Geo. R. Stewart in AM. P.N. (P. 309) suggests that the various Moscows in the US (15 such named commu's.) were named after the fashion in the 19th cent. of naming places for major foreign cities. Hickman Co's. MOSCOW (p120) is 15 mi. up Bayou de Ch'ien Ch. from the Miss.
NEAL (Hickman Co., Ky): P.O. est. 4/16/1894; Luke W. Bostock -- Disc, 11/15/04 (m. to Wingo, Graves Co), (POR); F723
NEW TEXAS (Hickman Co., Ky): P.O. est. 9/22/1858; Isaac C. Whayne, P.O. 7/3/1863 (PO R);
OAKTON (Hickman Co.): Hamlet of c. 125 pop. on Ky. 123. On the rr. Abandoned antiques store and welding shop and gro. store. Three chu. in the vic. 6 mi. w. of Clinton. Oakton has a rundown commu. ctr. of Lucille Bryars Owings of Columbus, Ky., a native...

("Little Miracles" by Al Allen, LCJ&T MAC 8/8/1976, Pp. 9-14); Vill. had the "Oakville (sic) name at least by 1870.... (Lucille B. Owings, HIST'L. PROG. BOOK, 1971, P. 30); A storm blew the large oak tree down sometime after 1940. Active po by 1979. (Ibid. in a letter to me, 3/16/1979);
OAKTON (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. as South Oak, 11/23/1874, John B. Cave...n.ch. to Oakton, 10/23/1882, Isaiah Scott...(NA); "Located on the edge of an old Indian vil. 1st called Baldwins Precinct (which took in the area) nw of Moscow to Spicers Bridge." Probably settled pre-1828. (P.29) No town till M&O RR came in 1858. Then known as Clinton Sta. Sam'l. M. Scott may have been 1st settler. Scotts Chapel Church was est. before 1858. Oakton Cem. 1st called Scott Graveyard. When rr built thru Clinton, no longer a need for a Clinton Sta. to serve i- Oak trees abounded but cleared out by c.1858-6. Perrin's reference to Oakdale in 1885 may be i...at Oakton meth. chu.
error. Oakton was named for a large oak tree that had been behind what's now Clyde Rogers' antique store. ...(Lucille Owings, "150 Yrs.--Hick. Co. Sesquicentennial Hist'1. Prog. Book, cl971, P. 30, in Murray St. U. Spec. Coll.)

"Ok/+(uh)n" (Lou Carter Barton, 8/15/17
Scott's chapel chy. = red Oakton;
OAVILLE (Hickman co., Ky): P.O. est. 8/11/1869, Jose Augustin Prieto, 1/30/1871. T.M. Gore (2) disc. 4/11/1871 (POR Sta. on the GM to RR;
OBION (Hickman Co., Ky.): P.O. est. 6/25/1850. A. Weatherford, 7/24/50. Thos. J. Owen, post. 2/2/1853 (Port); 4 mi. N.E. of Clinton.
PECO (Hickman Co., Ky): P.O. est. 8/6/20, Richard T. Courtney, Issued 10/31/24 (on to fancy farm) (Pop).
Puckett (Hickman Co., Ky) = po. est.

8/23/1881, John A. Bugg. Disc. 11/1/1881 (Pou)
Rossville (Hickman Co., Ky): P.O. est. 2/18/1868. Resident Ross, Disc. 8/19/1870 (POR).
SEVEN SPRINGS SCHOOL (in Old Columbus, Hickman Co., Ky.): Was destroyed in the Civil War. Named for 7 local springs which have since dried up. "The last was located in the middle of Hwy 123 and for years it managed to break through the pavement and cause a lot of trouble. They must have finally sealed it for I have not seen any new breakthrough in several years." (Lucille Owings, Columbus, Ky., in letter to me, 8/18/1987)
South Columbus (Hickman Co., Ky.)

Post est. 2/15/1849, John B. Dickson,
Disc 1/25/193 (p. fo Columbus) (Por).
(Re.)
SPRINGHILL (Hickman Co.): Named by Sam McGhee, the 1st tchr., for its site on a hill with a good spring. "The story goes that they had a barrel buried around this spring and someone's old sow tried to get a drink and drowned. The weather was warm, so when someone came to the spring for water, they found a barrel full of wet sow. Some budding ecologist decided that the water was polluted forever, so they filled it up." PO-store; school built 1849 so commu. older than that.... (Lucille Bryars Owings, "150 Yrs.--Hick. Co. Sesquicent: Hist'l. Prog. Book c1971, P. 36, in Murray St. U. Spec. Coll.");
SPRING HILL (Hickman Co.): vill. in n.c. part of co. est. and named by Douglas Zimmerman, the county's lst super. of schools. Had a store and home at this place. Commu. est. on a hill out of which flowed a spring. //c. 1923, there were 2 stores and 2 churches. (D. Johnson in letter to Wm. G. Steel, 10/13/23); p.o. est. as Trevor, 8/23/1881, J.P. Woodward. Disc. 1/18/83; Re-est. 7/10/86, Berry B. Lee. n.ch. to Spring Hill, 8/10/87, Henry J. Lamkin. Disc. eff. 8/15/1905 (mail to Clintor
SPRING HILL (sic) (Hickman Co.): po in this spelling was est. 4/26/1866, John T. Porter; Disc. 5/21/1867; Re-est. 3/27/1872, S.L. Humphrey. Disc. 2/3/74; Re-est. 11/26/1877, S.F. Chayce (sic); 12/12/77, L.B. Cayce; name changed to Orion (sic), 2/13/1878, Robt D. Phillips; Disc. 1/3/79 (NA);
STUBBS (Hickman Co., Ky): Po- est. 10/27/1900, Frank P. Wrather, 11/17/04, Vesten H. Campbell, Disc. 5-115/05- (m. to Moscow, Ky) (poR); F120. & rr siding on Gulf Mobile & Ohio RR hr. Moscow, Greenwood chy. (till 1923) = adjacent to siding. Here was store till 1923; [*when burned]; here was loading pt. for loco as prod's;
THREE PONDS (Hickman Co., Ky) (F756w)
aptly named for a string of 3 ponds ex-
tending nw-se, less than a mile from the
Miss. R. in sw Hickman Co. The Three Ponds
Bluff borders the ponds on the ne.
TICHAUVILLE (Hickman Co., KY): P.O.
est. 2/2/1874, Caleb A. Green, P.O.S.
1/4/76 (P.O.R.)
WATTS (Hickman Co.): On the Ill. Cent. RR & Ky. 58. Pop=c.50 (c.1969). This name was changed to Watts Station by BGN decision. W.S. appears on the Hickman Co. map and the Dublin 7½ m. top. map. Origin of the name is not known. There was a rr sta. at the site yrs ago. Extinct. Acc. to Ode Mullins and Judge E.H. Padget,"the name was retained as W.S. after the sta. was torn down. There are sidings existing there with work crews working from this locality." (Frank A. Hughes, USGS in Dom. Geog. Name Rept. 2/20/69).
WESLEY (Hickman Co.): p.o. est. 3/15/1843, Otho Hardin; Disc. 1/4/65; Re-est. 8/22/66, Finley Huss...3/20/77, James A. Dodson; Disc. 7/20/81 (NA); 20 mi. SE of Columbus. (Collins)

Wm. Clayburn Lewis arr. in vic. between 1850 and 1856 when he built his home. (Owings, HIST. PROG. BOOK, 1971, P. 39); Wesley had been located on the outskirts of old Beelerville. Extinct. All homes, stores, etc. are gone or falling down. (Owings, letter to me, 3/16/1979);
WEST FORK (Hickman Co., Ky.): Po. est. 4/16/1832, Richard O. Holson, Disc. 7/2/1836 (COR);
on WOLF ISLAND (or Island Number 5) (Hickman Co., Ky) and the other numbered islands in the Mississippi River see Bayless E. Hardin, "The Kentucky Boundary" REG of the KHS, Vol. 44, Jan. 1946, Pp. 1-32, 30-2...