The Ky. R. Valley in Lee Co., Ky: The river's entire drainage basin was 7870 sq. mi. Each of the 3 forks head in the Pine Mt. Fault. The 155 mi long N. Fk. heads in Payne Gap (Jenkins, Letcher Co.), "against Elkhorn Ck". It joins the S. Fk. at Beattyv. The S. Fk. is formed by Goose Ck. and the Red Bird R. heading in the Ky. Ridge, against the Cumb. R. (Mary Verhoeff, The Ky. R. Navigation, Louisville: John P. Morton, 1917, P. 2) Goose Ck's. head forks are E. Fk. and Collins Fk. where there were saltworks. (Ibid., P. 25). The Goose Ck. Salt Works at the m. of Collins Fk. (Ibid., P. 34). Verhoeff mentions the Russell map (1794) references to Franklinv. and Somerset as towns laid out by land co's. that never materialized. (Pp. 131-2). Early in 1798,
there was a town called Martinsburg laid out ca. 20 mi above the 3 Fks. on 500 acres. Each of these names suggested the possibility of some settlement by that time. (Ibid.; P. 132). Beattyville's 1st settlement was made by Sam'l. Beatty in 1842. In 1870 that town had a pop. of 123 while Proctor had a pop. of 100. (Ibid., P. 133). The L&A RR built a branch betw. Heidelberg and Ida May on Duck Fk, 1906, to bring out coal from newly opened mines. (Ibid., P. 181);
LEE CO. (Ky.): Probably named for Lee Co., Va., from whence many of its pioneers had come. Myth perpetuated or originated by Richard Collins in rev. HIST. (1874) that it had been named for Gen. Robert E. Lee. No evidence for this. He and the members of the Ky. G.A. who organized the county in 1869 "may have simply assumed" this. J.W.F. Williams, late authority on Lee Co. history, believed it was named for Va. county. He knew the men who had petitioned for the Ky. county's establishment. The Va. county was named for Lighthorse Harry Lee, Rev. War officer and later Va. Gov. Still seeking documentary evidence for this. (Thos.
(The) G. Harding and Gladys Sale, "The Naming of Lee Co." THE BUL. OF THE KHS, Vol. 4(6), 12/1978, P. 8; Shack. in Romance (1947) claimed the Co. was named for REL (P. 3); Co. is close to the west end of E.Ky. Coal Field. Well-dissected plat. typical of much of E.Ky. Drained by main stream & 3 head fks of th Ky R. & their branches. The M. and N. Fks meet 2 mi above (ne. of) Beattyv. and together they're joined by the S. Fk. at Beattyv. The w half of L. Co. is the D.B. Nat'l. For. (McGrain & Currens, TOPO. P. 46);
LEE COUNTY, KY: In its county enabling act, the G.A. named Proctor the county seat. Amended 3/10/70 to avoid continuing controversy on location of seat by naming a comm'n. to meet in Proctor on 4/4 to select a permanent site from several to be suggested. This and several subsequent deliberations ended in deadlocks. Finally, a one vote change brought the seat to Beattyv. in 1871. (Dennis L. Brewer, The Land of Lee (The Formation and County Officials of Lee County, Ky, 1870-1983), ca.1987; Pp. 7-8);
The Ky. Union Ry. was inc. 1872 to ship coal & timber from SE Ky. Construction began in 1886, and by the end of that year 14.7 mi had been completed betw. Ky. Union (later L&E) Jct. and Clay City. The line reached Lex. in 1890 and Jackson in 1891, a total of 92 miles. In receivership in 1891. Re-org. 10/16/1894 as the L&E and purchased by the L&N in Nov. 1910 with plans to extend ca. 100 miles from Dumont to McRoberts. (Sulzer, Ghost RR-Ky, P. 13);
LEE COUNTY, KY:—The co's. 1st settlers were Josiah & Sabina Miller, their d. Nancy and her husband Sam'l. Willcockson (sic). Josiah (sp. Joshiah) was bro. of Jacob, a scout for D. Boone. Settled about where the N. & M. Fks. meet. Willcockson (1755–1825) was bur. nearby in the St. Helens Cem. The next settlers of Lee Co. were the Stufflebean Bros. John & Mike, ex-Hessian soldiers. Two Beattyv. cks—Crystal & Silver—were once named for the bros: Mikes Br. at White Ash was named for Mike who had built a cabin here. John's home was the si' of the Beattyv. graded sch. Later moved to Maloney Bend A shoal in the r. there, before the dam was built, was
thus called Stuffle Shoal. The county's next arrivals were Crawfords, Meadows, Snowdens, Wyatts, Ashcrafts, Coles, Durbins, Bakers, Horns, McGuires, and Townsends. (Shack, Romance, 1947, Pp. 10-13); The Riney B (Richmond-Nicholasv.-Irvine & Beattyv. RR)=60.76 mi betw Vers. & Irvine were completed 1890. 37.74 mi betw I and B. were completed by the Lou & Atl. in Nov. 190. The L&A bought the 5.6 mi. long Beattyv. & Cumb. RR from B. to Airedale on the L&E, thus providing the L&A a continuous route of 101.10 mi extending from Ve to Airédale (the Beattyv. Jct.)....(Centen. P. 75);
LEE COUNTY, KY: 211 sq. mi. "Est. in 1870 from parts of Owsley, Estill, Wolfe, and Breathitt Co's. Lee Co. is traditionally believed to have been named for Gen. Robert E. Lee (1807-70), commander of the armies of the Confederacy. This notion, originated or perpetuated in Collins's Hist. of Ky. (1874), has been challenged by the late J.W.F. Williams and others who have found no documentary evidence for it. They suggest it was named for Lee Co., Va. whence many of its earliest residents had come. The Va. co. was named for Lighthorse Harry Lee, Rev. War officer and later Va. gov." (Book-P.168);
LEE CO., KY: Lee Co's. 1st settler, Jacob Miller, was the source of Miller's Ck. He settled nr. the site of the Canaan Chu, nr. the later home of Jas. McGuire (ca. 1881) (Newsl. of the Lee Co. H&G Soc., #16, 9/88, P. 8);
LEE COUNTY, KY: Taken from Breathitt, Estill, Owsley, & Wolfe Co's. Orig. terri=200 sq. mi. Gained negligible areas from Owsley Co. 4/30/88 and 2/12/90 to accommodate local prop. owners and 4/29/90 from Estill Co. Gained 10 sq. mi. from Wolfe Co. and a small area from Breathitt Co. 5/24/90. By then it had 210 sq. mi. (Long); 115th co. org. 211 sq. mi. Prefers derivation from Lee Co, Va. whence many co. residents and Union sentiments during the CW. Fairly hilly terrain with fertile valleys suitable for ag. (corn, tob, & fruit orchards). Heavily forested with 7000+ acres in the D.B Nat'l. For. Coal, iron ore, and oil deposits dev'd.
Earliest ind. was saltpeter mining used in manu. of gunpowder. Steamboats and later rr led to Beattyv. as an import. transp. ctr. in late 19th cent. Just below the "confl. of the 3 forks" Beattyv. was the "e. term. for (Ky. R.) steamboats. For a brief period in the 1950-60s prod'n. of coal and oil gave co. some importance but it declined after 1970. Pop. (1970)= 6587, (1880)=7754, (1990)=7744. (Ron D. Bryant, KY. ENCY. 1992, Pp. 541-42); Collins' hist. (1874) has it that the co. was named for Robt. E. Lee. Pop. was only 2924 in 1870; The Ky. R. was the Owsley-Wolfe Co. line when co. was org. in 1870. (Shack, 7/8/78);
AIRDALE (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 1/22/1920 with John D. Olinger, 1st pm....Disc. 1936 (POR-NA); Acc. to John D. Olinger, 7/29/1919, this prop. po would be 50 yds w of N. Fk. and 30 yds w of Walkers Ck, 3 mi s of Fincastle po, 3 mi e of Oil po, 2 mi n of St. Helens po. A flag sta. with no agent (SLR); po disc. 12/24/1936 (POR-NA); Airedale, a sta. on the L&N, was 1st called Beattyville Jct. on the Lex. & Eastern RR, at least by 1899. (KY. EXPL. Vol. 15 (6), 11/2000, P. 57); All modern maps sp. it Airedale. A sta. on the Lex. & Maloney Br. of the E. Ky. Div. of the L&N 3 mi from Fincastle, less than 1 mi from Gretno, 1 mi from Hudco, and 3 mi from Maloney;
AMERICA (Lee County, Ky.) America Crawford was the first pm of post office which was est. 6/22/1886 (....) Changed to Tallega, 10/26/1892, with Mary B. Bowling, pm. ...(Acc. to Nat'l. Archives)

AMERICA-TALLEGA (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to the 1880 Census, America Crawford (30) was the d. of Sam'l. & Rachel Plummer. She was the wife of James Griffin Crawford (1846-1920), son of Claiborn and Susan (Jett) Crawford. She was the d. of Stephen Jett and she & Claiborn were wed in 1831; Acc. to the L&N RR's 1921 timetable, the Tallega (Sta) was 4 mi above St. Helens and 8 mi above Beattyv. and 2 mi below Athol; Jas. Griffin Crawford, ne 1846, son of Claiborne, and bro. to America Crawford, marr. Rachel Plummer. (Miles N. Crawford's book, Pp. 44-5); The Plummer girl was America Rachel. She marr. Jas. Griffin Crawford who was ne 1846. No data on her. (Allen W. Scholl, The Bros. Crawford, Vol. 2, Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, Inc., 1995, P. 361);
ARVEL (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Henry N. Isaacs, 5/1926, this po moved from Owsley to Jackson Co. (?) to a site 2 mi nw to a site 8 mi s of the Ky. R, ½ mi from Station Camp Ck, 8 mi s of Evelyn po, nr the co. line, 5 mi n of Wind Cave po// On 2/13/28, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 1½ air mi se to a site 9 mi s of the Ky. R, 1½ mi e of Station Camp Ck, 9½ mi s of Evelyn po, on the co. line. Eff. now// On 12/15/30, H.K. Gray pet. for a site ch. to serve the locality of Goosey Springs in Lee Co. 1 mi w of its earlier location. Would now be 9 mi e of Ky R. and 9 mi se of Evelyn po, 1 mi e of
Warfork Ck, 4 mi n of Muncy po, 5 mi. nw of Banford po, 4 mi from the co. line. (see map)// Acc. to Hardin K. Gray, 7/25/39, the po was in Lee Co., 100 ft from the Jackson Co. line, ca. 100 ft e of Grassy Br., ca. 2 mi e of Station Camp Ck, ca. 1½ mi se of Rosses Ck (si ca. 8 mi se of Evelyn (rr sta. & po), ca. 4 mi n of Muncy po, ca. 5 mi sw of Cressmont po, ca. 4 mi ne of Wind Cave po. (SLR); Disc. 1973 (P&G); The Goocey Oil Pool, a small oil field with drilled and producing well on Jim Goocey's farm (WPA);
ARVEL (Owsley Co, Ky): Acc. to Jesse Brandenburg, 2/17/1916, the prop. name for this new Owsley Co. p.o. was Old Orchard (in Jackson Co.-sic) but it was est. as Arvel in Owsley Co., 6 mi w of the Ky R, 2 mi s of Ross Ck, 6 mi s of Evelyn po, 5 mi s of Leighton po, 100 yds from the co. line, 7 mi n of the vil. of Old Orchard (sic)//On 4/1/1922, D.F. Brown pet. for a move 1 air mi (still in O. Co.) to a pt 8 mi se of Ky R, 1 mi from War Fk. Ck, 4 mi ne of Muncy po, 5 air mi from the co. line (?). Eff. 4/10/1922. [Owsley Co. SLR]; No Arvel or Old Orchard given in the Jackson Co. SLR;
ARVEL (Lee Co.)
p.o. est. 6/26/1916, Jesse Brandenburg... (NA)

(Pron. "(Ah)r/və1") is where Brushy Mt-Wild Dog country, and Owsley-Jackson-Lee Co's corners together. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/77);

"(Ah)r/və1") The vic. around Arvel is known as Old Orchard. "(Oh)ld (Aw)r/chərd"). And old 1 rm. sch. there by that name... On the border of Estill, Jackson & Lee Co's. Kids came to the sch. from all 3 counties. Acc. to legend, the 1st settlers came into that area, found an old Indian settlement with a peach orchard there and named the community for it.
Dk why/how the po got called Arvel. Several local men named Arvel and thinks the po was named for some local person. Barnettts and McQueens were the 1st settlers in that area. Now: store, maybe po. Arvel is on Ky. 52... Now locally called Arvel but the Old Orchard name is still known. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
ATHOL (Lee Co., Ky): Probably named by pioneer Crawfords for their ancestral home in Scotland. The Earl of Athol in NE Scotland. Ancestral home was near Dalwhinnie on the R. Spey. (P 4). Archibald Crawford marr. Margarett Brown (sic) 12/8/1801 in Clark Co. (P 23) Arch. arr. at the mouth of Bear Ck ca. 1812. Had 20000 acre bounty warrant betw. the Bear Ck. val. & both Twin Creeks. He was a vet. of the War of 1812. (P 26) Josiah & Jacob Miller settled at the mouth of Middle Fk., at Caanan (sic) ca. 1800. They served in the W of 1812 with Arch. Crawford. Wm. McGuire settled on Bear Ck and A.D. McGuire settled at the m of S. Fk. at Proctor. Peyton Short settled at Belle Point. Elhannon Crawford settled at Horse Shoe Bend in 1803. (P 27)
Arch. Crawford (ne 1772 and died 3/27/1866, age 94). marr. Margaret Brown in 1801 on Millers Ck. Issue incl (1) Valentine (ne 1774) who lived nr Crystal. Son Oliver (1805-1876) mar. Delina Estes (1812-1882) (Pp. 28-29); (2) Oliver (1785-1860) (P. 32); Wm. Harrison (Harry); (4) Claiborne; (5) Owen. Arch's. daughter Cynthia marr. Jos. Bowman. She heired from Arch. all the land above the falls of Bear Ck. Owen lived at Tallega. (Pp. 37-8) Claiborne (1805-1895 came with family to Bear Ck in 1815. Marr. Susannah Jett, d. of Stephen Jett (1775-1860) in 1831. Jett of Va. via NC to Ky 1800. Claiborne was pm of Bear Creek po from 1859-1864. He was a timberman and the owner of
much M. Fk. land. His daughter America Crawford (1832-1914) marr. Jesse Bowling and lived on Rockcastle R. in Laurel Co. (Pp. 43-44). Owens (1816-1907), son of Arch., had a sawmill nr the m. of Lynams Ck from 1840 to the late 1860s, then he owned a steam mill till ca. 1890. Lived at Tallega. (P. 55). In the last yrs of his life, Arch. lived with Claiborne. (P. 67) Earlier lived at the m. of Bear Ck. (P. 68) Bybee Hill nr. the m. of M. Fk. was settled by John Bybee ca. 1810. He had come with the Millers and settled at the foot of the hills. (P.140). Nicholas Bowman acquired 500 acres of Lower Twin Ck. from Arch. in 1836. (P. 135) (Miles Nicholas Crawford, Early Pioneers of the Three Forks Of The Kentucky R, Cullman, Ala: The Gregath Co, 1984)
ATHOL (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, this was on the L&E Ry, 12 mi w of Jackson. Had 3 gen. stores: (1) W.M. Couch, (2) Crawford & Co., (3) Henry Gross;

"This L&N RR sta. & po are at the jct. of Ky 52 and 315, 7½ (air) mi e of Beattyv. Bowman, the 1st po in ic was est. in Breathitt Co. on 6/20/1890, with Stephen J. Crawford, pm, and renamed Athol in 1892 by a Scotsman for his home district in Scotland. In 1927 the po was moved to its present site." (Book-P. 10);
ATHOL (Lee Co.): po est. as Bowman in Breathitt Co. 6/20/1890, Stephen J. Crawford; n.ch. to Athol, 5/14/1892, Ibid. ...10/13/1926, T.C. Spencer; (in Lee Co., 4/14/1927 with Thos. C. Spencer, still pm)... (NA); (Pron. "(Ae)th-01"). A rr sta. with a country store now run by Tommy Crawford. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); Same pron., Named by a Scot for a town in Scotland. Thinks it was a ch. in site. The Crawfords owned a big store 200 yards from the present site of the po.... (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
ATHOL (Breathitt Co.): ("(Ae)th/al") DK orig. of the name. (Everett Bach, interview, 6/30/1978); Acc. to Thos. C. Spencer, 4/8/1927, the Athol po moved from Breathitt to Lee Co, 390 yds n (eff. 5/1/27) to a pt 500 yds n of Middle Fk, 300 ft e of Lower Twin Ck, 2 mi e of Zold po, 71 rods e of L&N (1170 ft from the Athol (rr) Sta.), 200 yds w of the co. line// Acc. to Ibid, 7/24/39, the po was 500 air and 1200 rd ft from the Breathitt Co. line, 100 ft e of Ky 52, 1200 ft n of rr sta. & 300 ft n of tracks, 1800 ft se of Middle Fk, 200 ft e of Lower Twin Ck, 2 mi e Tallega po, 3 mi s of Canyon Falls po. (SLR); disc. 1489
ATHOL (Lee Co., Ky): Its 1st settlers came from Scotland. (Lee Co: Yesterday and Today, 1976, P. 40); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, Athol was on the L&E RR in B. Co., 12 mi w of Jackson. 3 area gen. stores: (1) W.M. Couch (2) Crawford & Co, (3) Henry Gross; Athol [aeth/əl] was also the name of a city in Worcester Co, Mass. where leather goods, tools, toys, and wood products are (or have been) manufactured. The Atholl or Athole (same pron.) Dist. of Scotland is a mountainous area in n Perth Co. at the s. base of the Grampian Mts. with hunting tracts. (Webster's New Geog'l. Dict); Athol, Ma was named for the Duke of Athol (1762) and Athol, Id. was named for an Indian chief. (Stewart AM. P.N. '70, p.26);
ATHOL (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Stephen J. Crawford, 5/30/1890, this po was est. in Breathitt Co. as Bowman (proposed name Middleport), 4 mi nw of Copes Branch po, 8 mi n of Jetts Creek po, 8 mi e of St. Helens po, on Middle Fk. (of Ky. R.), 100 yds s of Twin Creek, 150 ft s of Ky. Union RR serving a vil. of a dozen residents. Until then, the larger area it will serve had to depend on St. Helens po.// Acc. to Ibid., 6/24/92, this po, now Athol, was 150 yds n of Ky. R., 150 yds w of Twin Creek, 4 mi nw of Cope Branch po, 10 mi n of Boonev. po, 30 ft s of KU RR.// Acc. to Noah Lucas, 3/1/1914, the po was in the w part of Oakdale Prec, 600 ft n of Middle Fk, 500
ft nw of Upper Twin Creek, 3 mi w of Oakdale po, 3\frac{1}{4} mi e of Tallega po, 3 mi se of Canyon Falls po, 125 ft s of L&E RR whose sta. was Athol, and 325 ft from the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable the Athol sta. was 2 rail mi above the Tallega Sta;
ATHOL (Breathitt-Lee Co's., Ky): Acc. to Breathitt Co. Census, Miles Crawford (6/1850) & wife Rachel (nee Strong 2/73), lived with his mother Ibby (nee Bowman, Jan. 1818), widow of Wm. Harrison Crawford. She was the d. of Alex Bowman. They lived nr Stephen Crawford (2/56) and his wife Nancy (Hargis) (9/64). Acc. to 1880 B. Co. Census, Ibby Crawford, a 62 yr old widow but no Miles listing. A couple of Bowman families lived in the Crawford Prec. in B. Co. in 1900; Acc. to 1870 Census, Ibby Crawford (53) lived with son Miles (20) while Stephen (14) was living with his father Oliver (55) & mother
Elvira (47). (Wm. Harrison had probably died before 1870); Acc. to 1860 Breath. Co. Census, Harry Crawford (41) lived with wife Ibby (45) & son Miles (10) nr Claborn (sic) Crawford (55) & wife Susanna, who were living with his father Archibald (88), ne Culpepper Co; Oliver Crawford (45) & wife Elvira (37) and their son Stephen (4), etc. lived nearby. (Thus Stephen & Miles were cousins and Wm. Harrison & Oliver were probably brothers;
ATHOL (Lee Co., Ky): Named for the English Earl of Athol, an ancestor of the Crawford settlers of that area. More documentation is available. (Stephen Bowling of Jackson, Ky., letter to me, 7/10/00);
AUDRA (Estill County, Ky.) p.o. est. 5/5/192
with Hugh T. Williams, p.m. (Acc. to the
National Archives) moved to Lee Co. 2/23/1946.
Mrs. Ruth Childress; disc. 1941.

Acc. to 1900 Estill Co. Census, W. Williams (ne 1866)
lived with his wife Stanly (sic) (4/67) but no issue;
Not listed in the 1910 Estill Co. Census; Acc. to the
1920 Estill Co. Census, Hugh T. Williams (53) lived with
his wife Stanley (52) and their son Alvin (16) but no
Audra;
AUDRA (Estill Co., Ky): PO est. 5/5/1922, Hug T. Williams... (POR-NA); To Lee Co. 2/23/40 (Id.);
AUDRA (Lee Co., Ky): po est. in Estill Co. 6/7/1922 with Hugh T. Williams, pm who retired 1/11/40. Was succeeded by Ruth Childers 2/1/40 and the po moved to Lee Co. 2/23/1940. Disc. 4/30/1941 (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Ruth Childers, 3/16/1940, it had moved 3/4 mi s to a pt. ½ air and 3/4 rd. mi. from Estill Co. line, ½ mi from Billies Fk. of Middle Ck, 3 mi e of Patsey po, and 4 mi n of Greeley po (SLR);
AUDRA PO (Lee Co., Ky): Prop. name: Radical.
Acc. to H.T. Williams, 2/8/1922, the po would be located in Estill Co., on the Lee Co. line 3 1/2 mi. s of Pilot PO, 5 mi. w of Leeco PO, & 7 mi. ne of Crystal PO. Acc. to same, 7/28/1939, the po was 1 rod from the Lee Co. line (still in Estill Co.), 1 rod e of Millers Creek, 3 mi. e of Patsey PO, 3 mi. n of Greeley PO (Lee Co.), 7 mi. s of Pilot Po (in Powell Co.). (SLR); Radical PO was prop. for the w. side of Billy Fk. of Miller Creek on the Lee-Estill Co. line for Billy Fk. form the co. boundary. Acc. to a letter from H.T. Williams to POD, 5/14/1918) (SLR);
BANFORD (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 5/26/1902, Alfred Marcum 1/20/1911, Harden K. Gray...Disc. 1934; Acc. to Alfred Marcum, 2/3/02, this prop. po would be 3 mi s of the Ky R, 100 yds s of Sturgeon Ck, , above the m of Duck Fl Ck, 4 mi nw of Delvinta po, 7 mi nw of Pebworth po// Acc. to Ibid, 2/17/09, it was 3 mi s of Ky. R, on the w bank of Sturgeon Ck, 5 air mi from co. line, 3 mi n of Delvinta po, 3 mi s of Heidelberg po, 6 mi nw of Pebw. po// Acc. to Scott ? 11/13/13, it was 75 ft from rr. (everything else is too light)// On 10/19/31, Scott Farmer (?) pet. for a move 600 ft s to a pt 7 3/4 mi s of the Ky R, 3/4 mi s of Sturgeon Ck, 1½ air mi from co. line, 4 3/4 mi s of Cressmont po, 2½ mi w of Delvinta po Eff. 11/1/31 for greater convenience// on 1/2/33, Chas.
Young pet. for a move 500 yds w to a pt 8 mi s of Ky. R, 3/4 mi w of Sturgeon Ck, 3 mi from co. line, 3½ mi s of Cressmont po, 3¼ mi n of Earnestville po. (SLR); PO disc. 2/9/1934 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, an Alfred Marcum was ne 2/1868, son of Lewis & Jane Bowle Marcum who lived with his wife Rosilla (nee 2/78). No Banford;
BEAR CREEK (Owsley-Lee Co's., Ky): po est. in Owsley Co. 2/11/1859 with Claiburn Crawford; Disc. 1/9/1864 (thus never in Lee Co., as such) (POR-NA); Acc. to the 1880 Census, Claiborn Crawford (75) was the son of Arch and Peggy Brown Crawford; The stream heads at what was early called Rock Lick, a sulphur lick that attracted bears. The ck was settled ca. 1848 by Henry Evans, a Virginian, and his wife Lucinda (nee Hanks) near a waterfall ca. halfway up the ck. He died 1865 and was buried in the 1st cem. on the ck. A daughter married (Jackson) Jack Bowman, son of Joe & Sytha (Crawford) and they lived in the Evans house. Jack had a watermill there the Canyon Falls po, named for the falls and died 1916. Other early Bear Ck. settlers: J. Cole
(1850), Perrion & Sally (Palmer) Coomer from Va (Jack
neighbors), Pleas & Elanor (Minter) Lucas (1860). In
the early 1870s, a tram rd was built up this vil. by
G.D. Hieronymus & Walker Johnson to haul logs to the
mill. Below Canyon Falls the ck's. val. becomes a
canyon or gorge".... High cliffs "form(ing) a cascade
or cataract...." (From interv. with Matt Blakemore, et
etal in Bernice Calmes Caudill Remembering Lee Co., no
35-37); Other nebrs. of Jack Bowman on Bear Ck:
Syttha (Hindrick) Palmer (1857), father-in-law
soon ?) Coomer, Ira Profitt & wife
He was 1st pm of ? in his home on
ch. to Tallega & later Zol
BEAR TRACK (Lee Co., Ky): A large rock at the edge of Hatton Hollow, a deep gorge 13 mi. se of Beattyville, c. 100 ft. from the Beattyv-Irvine Pike. Impressions of the footprints of a bear at the edge of this rock. Story told of a young Indian who wounded a bear who then gave long chase. Gained on him. Brave reached the "rim of the deep gorge. It was a sheer drop (of) over 100 ft. As he paused on the edge the bear gathered himself for a last charge. Uttering one piercing shriek the brave flung his outstretched arms above his head and
leaped out and down into space. The bear was carried over the cliff by the intensity of his spring. As the large rock was soft the seconds hesitation (sic) of the brave and the bear was long enough to leave their footprints on it as mute testimony of the end of the race." One of the county's show places. "The footprints are dim but if you look closely you will see them pointing over the edge of the cliff." ("Bear Track" by Lily Stamper in "Folktales of the Cumberlands" Pikeville Coll. students mimeo. booklet)
BEARTRACK (Post office in Lee Co., Ky): PO est. 5/16/1908 with Floyd Hughes, 1st pm. Still in operation by 1930....

Bear Track Lkr (F138N)
B.T. Miss. Sch. (F707N)
B.T. Youth Camp (F766N)
B.T. High. (F765N)
BEAR TRACK (Lee Co., Ky): "One of the most scenic spots in Lee Co." On Ky. 52, w. of Beattyv. Oliver Newman is now owner & caretaker. Also owns Bear Track Park. Named for "a bear track shaped imprint." The rock and the com. are located on top of a 90 ft. cliff which extends for c. 3 mi. on the nw side of Ky. 52. (...) (Rosemary Gross "Bear Track" LEE COUNTY YESTERDAY AND TODAY, 1976 P. 27)
BEARTRACK (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 5/16/1908 with Floyd Hughes, 1st pm....Disc. 1933 (POR-NA); Acc. to no sign. 6/1908, this po was 5 mi n of Ky R, 1 mi s of Big Sinking Ck, 5 mi n of Beattyv. (rr) Sta, 5 mi of Greeley po, 4 mi se of Simcoe po// Acc. to Floyd Hughes 1/15/1917, the po was 4 mi n of Ky R, ½ mi ne of Contrary Ck, 5 mi from co. line, 5 mi se of Radical po, and 3½ mi w of Fincastle po. (SLR); A scenic spot owned (1976) by Oliver Newman called Bear Track Park and named for an imprint of a bear's foot. A rock on a 90 ft high & 3 mi long cliff on nw side of Ky 52. ("Bear Track" ms by Rosemary Gross in Lee Co Yesterday and Today, Lee Co. H.S. Commu'ns. Class, ed. by John D. McIntosh & Jane Brandenburg, 1976, Pp. 27-8); ca. 1930s
a tourist camp with cabins and an outdoor dance platform. Fourth of July annual picnics and sq. dances were held here. (Robt. Smallwood, edit. of the B'ville Enterprise, for the WPA);
BEAR TRACK (Lee Co., Ky): On Ky. 52 between Irvine & Beattyville, c. 8 miles from latter. Named "because some prehistoric sculptor had carved in the sandstone an excellent resemblance of a bear's track, also the track of a man and a wild turkey. Up until the construction of the state roads past this spot the 'tracks' were very distinct, but visiting vandals have just about obliterated them." (2 stories referring to this feature....) (Robt. S. Smallwood, Editor of Beattyville Enterprise, for WPA-Lee Co., ms.)
BEATYVILLE (Lee Co.): ("Bā/dee/v(ih)l"). No one knows when the town was laid off or by whom. A no. of land companies came in here especially from Balti., Md. One of these was a Mr. Carnehan and the vic. was called Carnehan Patent. Thinks he was an Englishman. These speculators came in here with hope to build a great western city and they were going to develop the area's coal and timber. Certain that the land speculators from Balti laid out the town.... The 1st persons known to have settled this vic. were the McAfee Bros. who explored the land. Then Jas. Harrod came in. Acc. to trad., he was killed on the
present site of the ct. hse. He was camping there and someone killed him... (See Collins Hist.) ("Tā/lərz L(ae)nd/(ih)ŋ"). The landing was supposed to have been right behind the site of the present po, at the mouth of Lower Stufflebean Creek. DK who Taylor was. We know the Stufflebeans, who were Hessian soldiers, were early settlers here. They had deserted the Brit. army during the Rev and fought on the Am. side. They were granted some land in this county in payment for their services... (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);

"Bad /21 021" (Nash County, Irvine, 2/11/20.
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky.) Three-Forks Investment Co. (...) "envisioned (that town) would be key city to unlock the lock of development in natural resource rich E. Ky." c1888. Shipped coal to be burned downriver at Frankfort.... Town failed to grow as planned. Income from virgin timber industry never stayed in the area so town didn't become "the greatest hardwood lumber market" in country. The Inv. Co. which probably owned much land in co. laid off town of 600 acres. Designed to become a large & import city in e. Ky. The Richmond, Nicholasville, & Beattyville RR (called the "Riney B")
At one time, the Swann-Day Lumber Co. had the largest hardwood lumber factory in world. Now the town is merely residential commu. and co. seat. 'But all inst.' have remained solvent. A shoe factory there now... Became seat in 1872, succeeding Proctor. First called Taylor's Land ing, then Beatty or Beattytown. Named for Sam'l Beatty, founder. Town est. 1850-51 by Chap. 459 of the Acts of the Gen'l. Ass. Then in Owsley C On Beatty's land.... Approved 1/21/1871. Loca-
(See Co. Centennial, 1870-1970; Artic by Nelson Shackleford pp. 11-12. 31-2.)
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky.)
Named for Samuel Beatty, a Welsh coal miner and an early settler of that section of the county. Town laid off on his land. Many of his descendants still live in B'ville. (RR South, "Our Station Names" L&N MAG., 3/1950, Pp. 34-5.)

p.o. est. in Owsley Co. as Beattyville, 9/14/1858, Chas. J. Blount...to Lee Co., 1/7/1870, Robert B. Jameson...(NA)

Named for founder Sam'l. D. Beatty. At the confluence of the north, south, and middle forks of the Ky. R., in the late 18th cent. "Early settlers were attracted by the rich timberlands and coal deposits". At the head of navigation on the Ky. R. (FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Clemens Hollow on 9/14/1858.)
BEATYYVILLE (Lee Co.): 1st settler at site was Sam'l. Beatty, native of Fayette Co. who built a log home there sometime before 1840. Soon joined by others. 1st store was run by Al Crawford. After his wife's death, Sam'l moved to Franklin Co., Mo. but returned to Ky. in 1842. (From an anon. ms. describing pre-C.W. life in Beattyville in possession and reported by Nevyle Shackelford, "Old Manuscript Gives Early Hist. of Beattyville" LEX. LEADER, 6/24/1958). By 1870, thriving town of 12 stores, 2 M'd's, 1 sch. 3 chur., 4 lawyers... (cent. 1970, 9.32) ("Ball & Del V (in) de") (Fred Gabeland, 7/8/1977);
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): river port that supplied up country farmers. Lumber and coal floated down Ky. R. from here. Growth (substantial) came only with the arrival of the rr. (Goff Bedford, Clark Co., Vol. 1, P. 315); Its dev. was a reflection of area timber & mineral resources, bend in the r., and crossing of trails. (N. Shackelford in LEX LEAD. 6/24/58); Vil. w/ steam-operated flour, grist, & carding mills, 4 chu's & sch. Ships stone, coal, & timber. 1st settled 1832. Inc. as vil. 1852. Pop. ca. 300. Robt B. Jameson was pm & hotel keeper. Jas. Beatty was a lawyer. A no. of businesses incl. David Pryce & Bro. gen. store. C.D. Tyler gen. store, other stores & shops, etc. (1876-7 Gaz);
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co.): Two-thirds of the commissioners wanted to locate the co. seat at St. Helens because it was on level land. But the owner of the Beattyville site bought off one of the commissioners and they voted to build the town here. This was after the seat had been at Proctor. The 1st settler at B'ville was Sam'l. Beatty, a Fayette Co. native. He arr. at site in 1843. At that time it was known as Taylors Landing.....(Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); Inc. 3/28/1872 (ACTS 1871/2, Vol. 2, P. 488); see ACTS 1878, Vol. 2, P. 515);
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Dennis Brewer, the 1st pm was Chas. D. Blount; The city's 2000 pop. = 1193; City at jct. of Ky 11 & 52. 1st called Taylors Lng. Est. by leg. 3/15/51 as Beatty for Sam'I. B., landowner; Inc. as Beattyv. 3/28/72. Co. seat was then transferred from Proctor. Slow dev. around coal ind. 20 coal co's. had offices here in the 1870s. Lou. & Atlantic RJ arr. here 11/1902. Ky ind's: lumber, concrete, fiberglass boats, shoes (all gone). 5th cl. city with pop. 923 (1970), 1068 (1980), and 1131 (1990). (Ron D. Bryant, KY ENCY, 1992, P. 62); Pop. of 165 (1887) and 1200 (1895) due to arr. of rr. Relatively shortlived boomtown;
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): ca. 1870—at the Ky R's. head of navigation, reached by steamboats only at certain times of the year. (Collins Hist. II, 1874, P. 461); Pop. in the 1870s=400 (Ibid); Al Crawford, an early B. storekeeper, and Beattyv's name source Sam'l. Beatty were the town's first two residents. (Shack, Romance, 1947, P. 13); ca. 1905 Beattyv. was the term of the L&A Ry, 2½ mi below Beattyv. Jct;
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): Sam'l. Beatty (1793-1880), son of Henry Beatty, early recipient of land grants in Estill & Lee Co's. and who lived on Drowning Ck. in E. Co. In 1841 Sam'l. settled in (present) w. end of Beatty on 313 acres he heired from his father. Rob't. Beatty was the son of Wm. and Margaret (Sam'l's. sister) Jameson. The area w. of Lower Stufflebean was 1st called Beatty Town, the 1st part of the town to be settled. (Lee Co. History—Constitutional Bicent. 1787-1987, Vol. 2 of the Centen. ca. 1987 by Lee Co. Hist. Soc.); Town had pop. of 1500 (1900). By 1905 it was a lumber & mining ctr. with 5 large & several small area coal mines
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co.): No one really knows who was 1st settler of site. Some local historians think it was John Stufflebean. All are agreed, tho', that it was named for Sam'l Beatty (12/25/1793-3/3/1880) who, acc. to the late Johnny Williams, was founder, here from Madison Co. and is buried on a small knoll in Slabtown....Acc. to a descendant, Mrs. Gwendolyn Simpson, he arr. at site in 1843; it was then known as Taylor's Landing. The Ky. GA est. Taylor's Landing as a town in 1850 but named it Beattyville. First called Beatty, and later Beattyville. In 1870 Sam'l gave land for the ct. hse. (Nevyle Shackel-
ford, ms. "Sam'l. Beatty, Founder of Beattyville" c1976); "This 5th cl. city and the seat of Lee Co. lies at the jct. of Ky 11 & 52, at the forks of the Ky. R. ... For reasons unknown it was first called Taylors Landing, but in 1850 it was officially estab'd. as Beattyville by an act of the Ky. leg. It was named for Sam'l. Beatty (1793-1880) who arr. at the site in 1843 and is credited with having founded the town. In 1870 Beatty also donated the land for the new co's. seat." (Book-P. 16);
BEATTYVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): Local econ. from the 1920s to the early 1970s depended on the co's. oil ind. Lee Co. was a major oil producer for awhile but the big drillers moved away. In Sept. 1990 the Lee Adjustment Ctr., a pvt. prison, opened. Other businesses: a key-punch business and a fact. making firefighters uniforms. Failed to survive great potential of the 1880s. The Three Forks Investment Co. anticipated in an 1889 brochure that the town would soon become the gateway to E. Ky. and the ctr. of dev. of mineral, timber, & ag. resources of a large region due to its location nr
the confl. of the Ky R's 3 head forks. Failed to materialize when the rr extended beyond B. and principal thru rds. bypassed it by some distance. Doubtful that the co. was named for REL. (John Voskuhl on B. in the LCJ 4/20/1992);
BELLE POINT (Lee Co., Ky): po est. as Whiteash 3/8/1904
Wm. H. Dickerson; 8/14/06, John L. Tompkins; n.ch. to
Belle Point 7/16/1909, Wm. B. Johnson; 9/15/1919, Luther
L. Massey....Disc. 1951 (POR-NA); Acc. to Benj. Louis
Norman, 1/27/04, the prop. po of Whiteash would serve
mining camps and nbhds. ¼ mi n of Ky. R. & 2½ mi e of
Contrary Ck, ca. 200 yds from the L&A (rr sta of White
Ash)// On 9/25/05, Wm. H. Dickerson pet. for a move 3/4
mi s to a pt 100 yds n of N. Fk, 1½ mi n of Contrary Ck,
probably in the White Ash (rr) Sta, serving 3 surround-
ing mining camps, 3 mi s of Beattyv. po, 3½ mi n of
Heidelberg po, 3 mi s of Proctor po/// In July 1906, John
L. Tompkins pet. for a short distance move (maybe)
3900 ft to a site w of Mikes Br, n of the Ky R, on the L&A RR (probably returning to the 1st site) (too light)// In June 1909, Wm. Blanton Johnson pet. for a move 2 mi w and renamed Belle Point. It would be 20 ft s of the Lou. &. Atlantic RR, adjoining the Belle Point Sta., 300 ft n of Ky R, 4 mi w of Beattyv. po// Acc. to W.B. Johnson, 1/10/17, it was 400 ft n of Ky R, 300 ft se of Contrary Ck, 15 ft s of the rr, 2 mi ne of Heidelberg po, 4½ mi sw of Beattyv. po// Acc. to J.B. Durbin, 7/26/39, it was 100 ft n of rr sta and 50 ft n of tracks, 300 ft n of Ky R, 4 mi w of Beattyv. po, 2 mi e of Heidelberg po. (SLR);
BIG ANDY RIDGE (Lee Co., Ky): Wolfe-Lee interco. feat. (F763) named for Big Andy Spencer. Hobbs-Spencer Cem. with its 19th cent-erected rock house graves;
BEGG SINKING (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 6/26/1919 with Ambrose T. Graf.... (no record of its closing) (POR-NA); (not listed in P&G);
BOWMAN-ATHOL (Breathitt-Lee Co's): Stephen Crawford's grandparents were Valentine and Isabel Bowman (her dates: 1820-1885). They had wed 1837. (Miles N. Crawford's book, P. 50);
BROWNE (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 10/3/1900 with James G. Whisman; 1/9/1906, Lena Whisman; 3/10/1910, Wm. Treadway Disc. eff. 1/14/1911 (mail to Beattyville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jas. G. Whisman, 8/22/1900, this prop. po would be on the n side of the N.Fk. and on the w side of Walkers Ck, ca. 20 ft w of the rr, 1 1/4 mi n of St.Helens po, 3 mi s of Fincastle po, 6 mi ne of Beattyv. po(SLR) Acc. to 1900 Census, Jas. G. Whisman (11/61), son of Moses and Gilly Ann Whisman, lived with his wife Lena (nee Thomas);
CANYON/FALLS (Lee Co.): ("K(ae)n/yən F(aw)lz
1st called Carters Chapel. Used to have a
water mill. Falls gone after they dynamited fo
a new rd. Had a big school. Pleasant little
commu. No store. More or less of a chu. com.
now. A group from Pa. came in there & built a
chu. DK who Carters Chap. was named for. Use
to be chu. there by this name. A farm commu.
before Dr. Guerrant est. his sch. there. A
hill goes up from Bear Creek. At the foot of
that hill they call it Bear Wallow, where
bears used to wallow. DK what Dr. G. called
his school. It was disc. A Knoxville woman
taught at the sch. for a long time, Eliza
Richards. She also est. the h.s. at Williba ... (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978

"The site of a chu. & mission sch. and an epo on Ky 708 & Bear Ck, a trib. of the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R., 6½ (air) mi e of B., was 1st called Carters Chapel for a local chu. On 10/14/1909 Andrew J. Bowman est. the now defunct po which was named for the local canyon & falls. The falls were later dynamited into nonexistence for the construction of a new road." (Book-P. 49);
CANYON FALLS (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to A.J. Bowman, 1/28/1915, this po was 1½ mi ne of Middle Fk, 150 ft n of Bear Ck, 100 ft n of L&N, 1½ mi w of co. line, 1½ mi e of Monica po, 3½ mi sw of Fillmore po, 3 mi nw of Atho po. On 3/10/17, Ruth Lucas pet. for a move (not given to a pt 1½ mi n of M. Fk, 100 yds of Bear Ck, 2½ mi of co. line, 1½ mi ne of Zold po, ca. 3 mi sw of Fillm. p and 1½ mi se of Monica po. On 10/25/19, Ibid. pet. for a move 200 yds e to a pt 1½ mi n of Middle Fk, 30 yds n of Bear Ck, 2 mi from co. line, 1½ mi n of L&N, 1½ mi ne of Zold po, 3 mi w of Fillmore po, 1½ mi e of Monica po. nearest rr sta=Tallega. Eff. 10/31/19/
Acc. to Pleas Lucas, 7/24/39, it was 1½ air and 2 rd m: from Breathitt Co, 1 3/4 mi e of Middle Fk, 100 ft n of Bear Ck, 1½ mi n of L&N and 2½ mi n of Tallega Sta/po, 3 mi w of Fillmore po, 3½ mi e of Primrose po. (SLR); Andrew Jackson Bowman (1870-1945). In 1891 he marr. Malissa Lucas and later Susie Turner. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (8), 2/1998, P. 85); po closed 11/30/1957 (POR-NA);
CANYON FALLS (Lee Co., Ky.) Dr. Edward O. Guerrant est. a Pres. school in the area in 1900 as one of a series of such schools in the So. App. (ch) Ele. and h.s. educ. Boarding school and kids could earn their expenses. i.e. a settlement school. P.O. est. and named Canyon Falls because of the picturesque canyon and falls there. "Uncle Jack Bowman was 1st pr (ch)..... Other residents... Today a mission school with Miss Pauline Horst and Miss Fern Sweigert. (Acc. to the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 29)."

by Carlie B. Lynch.

p.o. est. 10/14/1909, Andrew J. Bowman; 2/16/1917, Ruth Lucas.... (NA) D:sc 1957
Bowman owned the West mill. Charlie B. Lynch is his granddaughter (undated, 1920, p. 29).
CATHEDRAL DOMAIN (Lee Co., Ky): On Ky. 52 proceed to Ky. 1746. The feature is less than \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. off Ky. 52. A "rustic style Episcopal chu. and camp. The cathedral is a large frame and timber structure, resembling an English cathedral on the inside. It is called the Church of St. George, the Martyr, and was constructed so that on the date of the martyrdom of St. George the sun shines through one particular window, bathing the alter in a golden glow." (Robt. E. McDowell, RE-EXPLORING KY., Ky. Dept. of Parks, 1971, P. 75)
CONGLETON (Lee Co.): ("K(ah)n/əl/tən") On Ky. 11. Named for local family. Had a sch. there. Now: only homes. Always a farming commu. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); Prog. of the Lee & Fayette Co. Congletons= Dr. Wm. Congleton who settled on Rock Bridge Fk. of Swifts Creek before the CW, built a large log home and a water-powered saw & grist mill. (Nevyle Shackelford, "For Central Kentuckians Who Love Clean Outdoors, Here's a Good Spot" LEX. LEADER, 10/15/1957, P. 5:1-8, 3-4);
CONGLETON (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Mr. Algin Cecil, 1/6/25 the prop. name for this new po was **New Point** and it would be 2 mi s of Ky. R, \(\frac{1}{2}\) mi w of Long Br, 3 mi from co.line 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi s of Beattyv. po, 3\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi n of Pebworth po, 4 mi e of Ida May po// Acc. to Jas. A. Bowles, 8/3/39, it was 2 air & 3 rd mi from Owsley Co, on the e side of Ky 11, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi w of S. Fk.(Ky R), 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi s of Beattyv. po, 2 mi n of Pebworth po, 3 mi w of Lower Buffalo po, 4 mi e of Ida May po. (SLR); PO closed 3/31/1941 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1920 Census, Isaac G. Congleton (73), son of Isaac and Delia (Brandenburg) Congleton, was a farmer who lived with his 63 yr old wife Nancy (nee Dunagin). No Algin Cecil listed;
CONGLETON (Lee Co.): p.o. est. 6/18/1925, Algin Cecil...(NA); (Pron. "K(ah)\text{-al/tan}") Just across the Owse line. Named for prominent landowning famil in the vic. Farmers. Lee Congleton was a prominent timberman there and Gentry Congleton is still one of Beattyville's leading cit zens. The commu. was named for the family in general. DK which, if any, particular indi. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977);
CONGLETON (Lee Co., Ky): "This settlement extending along Ky 11, ca. 1½ m's of B. and the Ky. R, was named for a prominent landowning family in the vic. Its po, est. on 6/18/1925 with Algin Cecil, pm, has since closed." (Book-P. 66); Acc. to Jillson II, Isaac Congleton acquired 195 acres on the S. Fk. of the Ky.R in Estill Co. Sury. 5/13/1839. and 300 and 85 acres on Long Shoal Br., Owsley Co. (3/21/45 and 2/16/50, resp.) and Isaac & Wm. acquired more land in mostly Owsley Co. in the 1840s;
The ck. was settled by Joe & John Durbin and their families after 1815. They came from Madison Co, Ky. Catholics. (LEE CO. CENT. 1870-1970, Pp. 38-40);
The Contrary Ck. Coal Co. (Beattyv. Enterprise, 4/14/05).
Acc. to Jillson II, Wm. S. McGuire acquired 200 acres on Contrary Ck (surv. 5/27/81) and 45½ acres on Long Shoal Br. (5/15/91). Ibzan McGuire acq. 200 acres on Contrary Ck (5/27/81). Jas. M. McGuire acq. 200 acres on Contrary Ck (7/2/81);
COW HOOF BRANCH (of N. Fork) (Lee County, Ky.) e. part of the county. Field #106. "The name ... came from the discovery of a perfect im-
print of what appeared to be a cow's hoof in
an expanse of solid rock forming a section of
the stream bed." (Acc. to Nevyle Shackelford,
"Mapmakers Finally List Flatwoods on Atlases"
LEX. LEADER, 9/28/1961)
COW HOOF BRANCH of N. Fork of the Ky. R. (Lee Co., Ky) (F106e) "stems from an impression in a rock in the creek bed which looks like the imprint of a cow's hoof." (Nevyle Shackelford, "Unusual Incidents Account for Many Odd Names of Ky. Areas" LEX. LEADER, 5/29/1962, P. 5)
CRAWFORD (Lee Co., Ky): Archibald, son of Sam'1, a Rev. War vet. and pion. settler of Bourbon & Clark Co's, was given 20,000 acres on M.Fk. for W of 1812 service. In 1815 he settled at the mouth of Bear Ck and raised a family of 13 children. (Miles Nicholas Crawford, Early Pioneers on the Three Forks of the Ky. R. Cullman, Ala: Gregath Co, 1984, rev. in KY ANC. Vol. 21 (1), Sum.1985, P. 29; Archibald Crawford to Lee Co. from Clark Co. 1812 ne Va. Rev. War vet. and friend of Dan'1. Boone. His bros: Wm, Austin, Gideon, Oliver, & Valney. Hay was a so of Gideon. Wm's. sons were Jeptha & Merryweather (sic) who moved to Tex. Arch. lived 1-2 yrs at Maloney Bend. Then moved to vic. of Tallega Sta where he died, age 96, during C.W. He & companions named M.Fk streams: Turkey,
Cutshin, Bee, etc. Cks. Acc. to Dickey's interview with his son Owen on 7/16/1898. Arch & wife Margaret (nee Brown) had 13 children incl. Claiborne, Valentine, Oliver, Wm. (Harry), Simpson, Al....(KY EXPL. Vol. 14(2 6/1999, P. 86);
CRAWFORD (Lee Co., Ky): Archibald Crawford came from Va. before 1790 and settled on Upper Howards Creek, Clark Co. He later moved to the present Lee Co. and lived at the mouth of Bear Creek (a trib. of Middle Fk. of Ky. R.). He married a Miss Brown whose folks came from Phil., Pa. (Harry W. Mills co in the Clay City TIMES, 2/5/1976); Brown

Acc. to Burr map (1838), this po was just below the mouth of Bear Creek;
Lee Co. 7/28/34, Sam'l. Plummer

CRAWFORD (Estill Co., Ky): PO est. 1828
with Archibald Crawford; 2/3/1832, David Snowden...6/3/1835, Benj. McGuire; Disc. 4/28/1843 (POR-NA); Acc. to the 1839 Burr Map of Ky. & Tenn. this po was on the n. bank of the Middle Fk. of the Ky.R., ca. 5 mi. above its jct. with N. Fk. in the present Lee Co. During the entire course of its existence, it was in Estill Co; Archibald Crawford was appointed constable 1/15/1816. David Snowden ran a ferry at the mouth of Walkers Creek, present Lee Co., in 1836;
CRESSMONT (Lee County, Ky.) Located on Sturgeon Creek, 3 mi. so. of Heidelberg. In 1911, the Turkey-foot Lumber Company then located in Cressmont, W.Va. bought a large boundary of timber in Lee and Jackson Counties. The company moved their large sawmill to the location on Sturgeon Creek and named the rapidly growing community for their home town. Lee Countians sought the high wages paid by the company and flocked in. The company built the K.R. & C. (Kentucky, Rockcastle and Cumberland) railroad which ran from Caryton (near Heidelberg) to Jackson County to haul
the logs to the sawmill. For a few years this 'boom' town flourished (with 2-room school, doctor, church, co. commissary). . . . When there was no more timber to saw the mill closed in 1925 and moved away. Therefore the Cressmont community vanished as rapidly as it sprang up. People left for jobs in Lexington, Cinci. Dayton, and other places...." (LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 19)

P.O. est. 5/2/1914, James A. Heaton; disc. eff. 3/15/1922 (mail to Heidelberg); Re-est. 5/16/24, Mrs. Laura Stanberry...(NA)
CRESSMONT (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to E.E. Clark, 2/19/13, the prop. name for this new po was Turkey Foot on the Turkey Foot Lumber Co. rr (which went to Banford), 100 ft n of the Turkey Foot Sta., 3 mi from co. line, 2 mi w of Ky R, 500 ft n of Sturgeon Ck, 2 mi s of Heidelburg po, 3 mi e of Banford po, 3 mi n of Ida May po// Acc. to no sign, 6/13/23, it was 3 mi s of Ky R, 200 yds e of Sturgeon Ck, 4 mi from co. line, 3 mi s of Heidelburg po, 3½ mi n of Banford po, 4 mi e of Ida May po// Acc. to Jas. S. Gross, 7/14/27, it was 3 mi nw (sic) of Ky and 200 ft n of Sturgeon Ck, 3 mi sw of Heidelburg po, 4 mi ne of Banford po// On 12/5/31, Cora P. Mays pet. for a move ca. 3/4 mi s to a pt 5 mi s of Ky R, ¼ mi w
of Sturgeon Ck, 4 mi n of Banford po, 5 mi s of Heidelberg po, 4½ mi ne of Arvel po. Eff. asap for greater pm/patron convenience// Acc. to Ibid, 7/29/39, it was ¼ mi w of Sturgeon Ck, 4 mi s of Ky R, 5 mi s of Heidelberg po, 5 mi ne of Arvel po, 4 mi se of Spencer Ridge po, 5 mi w of Idamay po// On 11/2/48, Norma S. Lorimer, Act. pm, pet. for a move 3 mi s to pt 2 air & 4 rd mi from Owsley Co, ½ mi s of Sturgeon Ck, 5 mi s of Heidelberg po, 4 mi e of Arvel po, 3 mi w of Delvinta po, 2½ mi e of Earnestville po (then in Lee Co)// On 6/1/49, Margaret B. Farmer pet. for a
move 1/2 mi e to serve the locality of Farmer's Ridge, 1 1/2 air and 5 rd mi from Owsley Co, 1/2 mi w of Sturgeon Ck, 5 mi s of Ky R, 5 mi s of Ky R, 2 mi w of Delvinta po, 2 mi e of Delvinta po, 5 mi e of Arvel po, 2 mi n of Earnestville po (Lee Co.), 7 mi s of Heidelberg po (SLR); PO closed 5/31/1955 (POR-NA); Acc. to Hamill Kenny in "The Synthetic Place Names of W.Va." AMSP Vol. 15, Feb. 1940, Pp. 39-44, Cressmont, WV a. was named for the Crescent Lumber Co. + "mont" ending;
The 18 mi. long Ky. Rockcastle & Cumberland RR was owned by the Turkey Foot Lumber Co. Extended between Caryton (jct. with the Sturgeon Ck. Branch of the L&N) and Turkey Foot in Jackson Co. At the latter site was the company's logging operations. Its sawmill was at Cressmont where the RR shops & offices were located. The RR was incorporated on 12/3/1913. Construction of the line to T.F. was completed in 1914. The section between T.F. and Wild Dog was "abandoned" ca. 1923. And the section between Wild Dog and a point 3 mi north was abandoned in 1930, and the rest of the line (8 mi) was abandoned in 1935. (Sulzer, Ghost Railroads, P. 52);
CRESSMONT (Lee Co.): ("Kr(eh)s/m(ah)nt")
An old lumber area. RR extended thru there.
Named for wild salad greens called cresses
that grew there. It's on Wild Dog Creek, in a
valley, not on a hill. Now: nothing. (Nevyle
Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
CRYSTAL PO (Estill Co., Ky): In Sept. 1907, Chas. R. Watson pet. to move the Donnelly PO (prop.?) in Lee Co. to Crystall PO also in Lee Co. to serve the vil. of Billie (Billys) Fork, just within the Lee Co. line, 30 ft. from the Billie Fk. (L&N) RR sta., 2 ½ mi. se of the Donnelly site, 2 ½ mi. n of Old Landing PO, 4 mi. w of Simcoe PO (Estill Co.), 3 ½ mi. e of Pryse PO, 4 mi. w of Sinking Creek. In 10/1910, S.F. McGuire pet. for a site ch. ½ mi. e to a pt. in Lee Co. 1 ½ mi. n of the L&N tracks, 5 mi. e of the L&N sta. at Pryse. Acc. to A.D. Howell, 4/24/1916 Crystall PO in
Estill Co., formerly Simcoe, was 150 yds. n of Billys Fork of Miller Creek, 150 yds. n of the co. line, 4½ mi. s of Cobhill PO. \| Acc. to Geo. Eufery, 5/1913, the po was ¼ mi. e of Millers Creek. \| Acc. to Bertha Smyth, act. pm, 10/1/1933, the po was 100 yds. e of Big Sinking Creek, ca. 60 ft. from the L&N' RR tracks, 2 mi. from the Co. line. 6½ mi. ne of Beartrack PO, 6 mi. ne of Old Landing PO. \| On 11/1/1938 Ruby Howell pet. for a site ch. in Lee Co. 2 mi. nw to a pt. 2 mi. n of the Ky. R., 100 yds. n of the Big Sinking Cr., 5 mi se of Pryse PO, 4 mi. s of Cob Hill PO, 5 mi. e of L&N's sta. at Texola, 5 mi. nw of the Co. line.\|
Acc. to Ruby Howell, 8/14/1939, the po was 500 air yards and ¼ rd. mi. within Lee Co. from the Estill Co. line, 50 ft. s of Ky. 52, 4 mi. ne of L&N stat. at Pryse, 300 ft. 3 of Millers Creek. Back into Estill Co. soon after 1939 and certainly before 1944. Acc. to Ruby Howell, 1/2/1945, it was then 160 air yards from the Lee Co. line, 30 ft. s of Ky. 52, 1½ mi. ne of L&N' tracks & 5 mi. ne of Texola Sta., 100 yds. nw of Billie Fk. (SLR,
CRYSTAL (Lee Co., Ky): po est. as Donnelly 8/26/1891, Jesse H. Smyth; n.ch. to Crystal 10/15/1907, Charley R. Watson; 9/25/09, Lafayette Thacker...6/17/13, George Embery (sic); Disc. eff. 10/15/1915 (mail to Pryse) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jesse H. Smyth, 8/5/91, Donnelly, a prop. po, would be 7 mi e of Millers Ck, 7 mi n of the Ky. R, 1/8 mi s of Millers Ck (stream), 4 mi sw of Radical po, 6 mi nw of Whynot po. (SLR); The Simcoe po was est. 6/10/1903 at the head of Millers Ck, on the Estill Co. line, by Jas. H. Howell. In June 1906 it was renamed Crystal but closed in July 1907. In Sept. 1907 Chas. R. Watson moved his Donnelly po 2 1/2 mi e to a site just across Billie Fk. from the old Crystal site but called it Crystal. Disc. 10/1915. In 10/16, Crystal was
re-est. on the Estill Co. side of the Fork where it still serves both co's. (Rennick, Ky's Bluegrass, 1991 P. 115); Crystal was moved from Lee to Estill Co. on 12/16/1944 (POR-NA); Check if Crystal po closed in Estill Co. in 1990; Acc. to 1880 Census, John Morrison (38) and wife Lucy E. (Williams) (23) & their son Jess E. (12); John ne 1846, was the son of Wm. & Eliza (nee Ramsey) Smyth;
CRYSTAL (Estill Co.): po est. as Simcoe, 6/10/1903, Jas. H. Howell; ch. to Crystal, 6/2/1906; Ibid.; Disc. eff. 8/31/1907; Re-est. 3/31/1916, Achilles D. Howell... (NA); (pron. "Kr(ih)s/ tal") The last place before you cross the Lee Co. line. DPO on the road into Lee Co. Used to be called Simcoe ("S(ih)m/koh"). Kathryn has not yet been able to contact the present pm, Ms. Combs for info. DK if ch. in name or ch. in site. The Howells have always lived in that area. Never heard of Simcoe as a family name here and never heard of the Simcoe po until saw it in POR. DK why renamed. Thinks there are some caves in the area but dk if this could have been origin of the name. Now:
active po which serves residents of the val. behind it extending to the mts. (Kathryn Carter, interview, 2/11/1978); to Lee co. 4/15/1933; from Lee co. 12/16/44 (NA) c. 1979-80, Daisy Combs has been pm since 1961. Active po c. 1980. Serves 178 persons in the 2 co's. The bldg., 10 x 10 ft. is said to be the 2nd smallest in country. (phot.story in LCJ 4/19/1980, P. B4:1-3)
THE "CUT-OFF" Section of Lee County, Ky.

@ 1000 acres in the extreme northeast corner of the co. Virtually unoccupied today though there are good, "all-weather roads" into the area now. Came by its name "years ago when in the throes of swift development, the State of Kentucky created counties right and left with little regard for the consequences. Politically speaking, the Cut-Off should have been in Wolfe but in creating Lee County in 1870, it chances that the boundaries of Wolfe and the new county of Lee met across the open end of a big bend in the grand and one-time beautiful
and fish-filled North Fork of the lordly Kentucky River. (In comparison to its former state of condition, this sinuous stream is now little better than an open sewer, but the section it gathered up in one of its curves came to be called the 'Cut-Off'--a cut-off in fact as well as in name, for the river hems it in on three sides with the fourth side fronting on Wolfe County which in former times offered no outlet except a dirt road all but impassible in winter and little better in summer. In later years a bridge was built across the river at the mouth of Fraley's Creek which provided
ingress and egress for the area, but about 1937 this span washed out in a high tide leaving the residents almost as isolated as before." Stephen Campbell was 1st settler in the Cut-Off who came with family from Va. Ancest. of the Kashes and Shackelfords of the area. C. 1940 it was publicized in a newspaper story as "Kentucky's Shangri-La" as one of the most peaceful, idyllic places in the state. Pop. then c. 15 families in the commu. Decline since then. Never had a store, po or church. Strictly residential. But always a 1-room school, now abandoned as is the entire commu. People there had a strong feeling for educ.
Services were provided the local pop. over the line in Wolfe Co. Always known as a very friendly place where neighbors never wanted for anything. And everyone cared for each other.

(Acc. to the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 17-18)
DELVINTA (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Mrs. Florence H. Treadway, 10/13/1898, this prop. po would be 5 mi s of the Ky R, 2 mi e of Sturgeon Ck, ca. 3 3/4 mi e of Earnestville po, 4 mi n of Travelers Rest po// Acc. to Ibid, 10/16/15, it was 5 mi s of Ky R, 1 mi e of Sturgeon Ck, 1/2 mi from the co. line, 3 mi nw of Vincent po, 3 mi se of Banford po, 2 1/2 mi n of Earnestv. po// Acc. to Ibid, 7/26/39, it was 1/2 air and 5/8 rd mi from the Owsley Co. line, 1 mi se of Sturgeon Ck, 3/4 mi w of Duck Fk. Ck, 3 1/2 mi e of Earnestv. po (Owsley Co), 4 mi s of Cressmont po, 2 1/2 mi w of Idamay po// On 3/2/42, Lucy T. Brandenburg pet. for a move 1150 ft nw to a pt 5 1/2 mi s of
Ky. R, ca. 2 mi s of Sturgeon Ck, 3/4 mi from co.line, 2.6 mi e of Earnestv. po, 3 mi sw of Idamay po, 4 mi s of Cressmont po. Eff. 3/1/1942 (SLR); PO closed 5/31/1955 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, Morgan Jos. Treadway (10/1854), son of Elisha B. and Sarah (Eager) Treadway, lived with his wife Florence (nee Horton) Treadway (nee Jan. 1860);
DEL VINTA (Lee County, Ky.) named by Capt. Morgan Joseph Treadway, a lawyer in Booneville (Ky.) who decided he'd rather be a farmer. Came to Del Vinta in 1897. Del Vinta means "a place of vines." He was fond of grapes and planted them and named the place for his vines. His widow, Mrs. Florence Horton Treadway, a great-granddaughter of Gov. Garrard, died at age 101, on 12/29/1961. (Acc. to the LEE CO. CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 102). Substantially the same acct. given in Rena Niles' interview with Florence Horton Treadway. She was 1st pm serving until 1942 in small store she maintained across rd. from home. Succeeded by Lucy T. Brandenburg, her daughter. po spelled as 2 word (CJ' MAG., 8/15/1954, Pp. 28-30).
DELVINTA (Lee Co.): one word. ("D(eh)l/v(ih)n(t)/ee") Now: only several homes. Sch. was disc. DK how it was named. Morgan Treadway was an officer in the Span-Am. War. His widow lived to be over 100 yrs. old. They lived on a hill above the site of Del. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); "This settlement with epo is on Ky 587, 6½ (air) mi sw of B. The com. & its po, est. on 11/11/98, with Florence H. Treadway, pm, were named by her husband Capt. Morgan J. Treadway, a Boonev. lawyer, who had retired to this site in 1897 to grow grapes. The name refers to 'a place of vines.'" (Book-P. 80);
DELVINTA (Lee County, Ky.) p.o. est. 11/18/1898 with Florence H. Treadway as 1st pm. (Acc. to the National Archives); (Pron. "D(eh)l/V(ih)n/tee") Close to the Ow~J;eley Co. line. The Treadways were members of old Maj. Elisha Treadway's family. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); ð's - 195-;
DEVILS CREEK (Owsley-Wolfe-Lee Co, Ky): po est. in Owsley Co. 10/12/54 with Sandford R. Shackelford (only) Into Wolfe Co. on its org. Disc. 7/31/1863. Probably at or nr the future Shackelford po, operated by SRS's son;
DONNELLY (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Jesse H. Smyth (2/63), son of Jas. & Sally Smith, lived with his wife Nannie D. (marr. 5/30/89) and their son Donnelly H. (4/90) (who later marr. Bertha Samples—?) They lived in Old Lng. Prec. nr John (Patton) Smyth (1/72), son of Addison & Rebecca Smyth, who marr. Lyddia (1/61) (on 4/9/1894) and nr Jas. Smyth (11/1820) ne Va. and his daughter Lucy E;
EARNESTVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Emma L. Rodes, 3/27/1891, this prop. po would be in Owsley Co., 12 mi s of Ky R, on w side of Sturgeon Ck, 4 mi nw of Travellers Rest po, 7 mi w of Pebworth po. On 1/30/96, Jonathan (? Brandenburg pet. for a move 1 mi e to a pt 7 mi sw of Ky R, 1 mi w of Sturgeon Ck, 5 mi nw of Travellers Rest po, 8 mi sw of Pebworth po, 12 mi sw of Beattyv. po. Acc. to Alex'r. Creech, 10/1/15, it was ca. 9 mi s of Ky R, ca. 150 yds n of Sturgeon Ck, 2½ mi sw of Delvinta po, 4 mi nw of T.R. po, 2 mi s of Banford po, ca. 50 ft s of the Ky Rockcastle & Cumb. RR (nearest sta=Banford), ca. ca. 50 yds from Lee Co. Acc. to Tilford Creech, 7/26/39 it was 100 air & 125 rd ft from L.Co., 350 ft n of Sturg Ck, 4 mi w of T.R. po, 3 mi s of Delvinta po. (Owsley Co. SUR);
EARNESTVILLE (Lee Co., Ky): po operated between 1891 and 1959. (P&G) but not in my Lee Co. POR list; The po was est. in Owsley Co. 5/14/1891 with Emma L. Rader, 1st pm, succeeded 2/27/94 by Jonathan Brandenburg and on 12/17/95 by Alex (sic) Creech...moved 5/26/48 to Lee Co (POR-NA); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, this Owsley Co. po was 10 mi from Booneville; This po closed in Lee Co. in 1959 (P&G) (check); On 5/31/1948, Rachel Minnie Hubbard pet. for a move 0.7 mi n from Owsley to Lee Co. to a site 4 mi s of the rr, 300 ft e of Sturgeon Ck, 2½ mi w Delvinta po, 4 mi s of Cressmont po, 4 mi n of Traveler Rest po. (RMH was act. pm) (SLR);
EARNESTVILLE (Wolfe-Lee Co., Ky): PO serving the Wild Dog area. Was at the mouth of Wild Dog Creek, a br. of Sturgeon Ck, that parallels Granny Dismal. The creek was well populated in the 1930s but was sold by its residents to the Fed. Govt. and they left. Now an unin. sect. of the Dan'l. Boone Nat'l. For. DK why so named. PO was on the Lee-Owsley Co. line. Mr. Creech was pm. D.k. who the po was named for either. The vic. is still referred to as Wild Dog, not Earnestville. (Fred Gabbar 7/8/1977);
ENOCHE (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 12/22/1922, Richard L. Turner; Disc. 12/13/1928 (mail to Beattyville) (POR-NA) Acc. to R.L. Turner, 2/10/1922, the prop. name for this new po was Paw Paw but he was directed by the POD to find another name as this was already in use in Pike Co. It would be 400 yds e of S. Fk. (Ky R), 100 yds n of Paw Paw Ck, 3 air mi from co. line, 3 1/2 mi s of Beattyv. po, 3 1/2 mi n of Lower Buffalo po, 5 mi w of St. Helens p (SLR); Acc. to 1920 Census, Richard Turner (54), son of A.C. and Amanda Turner, a farmer, and wife Nanie Franci (d. of Oliver & Martha Tirey) lived with their son Enoc (14);
EVELYN (Lee Co.): "(Eh)v/ə/lan") Just a rr sta. and that's all it ever was, just the de· pot, c.½ mi. from a big river farm. Named fo: the daughter of the longtime station agent. He was George (but couldnt recall his name). DK of a GW Calmes. (Nevyle Shackelford, inte view, 7/8/1978); O:Sc. 34 9/15/1954 Evoline McIntyre lived in Old Lng. Sinks Prec. (1870) but no Calmes; Acc. to 1900 Census, Geo. Calmes (2/42) lived with wife Louvina (5/66). He was son of Emily; Acc. to 1870 Census, Evoline McIntyre (36) & two children lived in Old Lng. Prec. while Emily Calmes (53) lived with sons Geo. (23) & Henry (21) & d. Eliz. (14) in the Beattyv. Prec;
EVELYN (Lee Co., Ky): No sign. 1/28/1904 and everything was too light and undecipherable. Acc. to R. Lithy (?). 12/2/1929, po was 37 ft s of rr & 1288 ft s of depot, on n side of Ky R. (illust. by the Beattyville 30 min top. map). Acc. to Stanley M. Durbin, 1/8/30, it was 150 yds n of Ky R, 650 yds directly across the r. from m of Ross Ck, 250 ft s of Evelyn (L&N) Sta., 500 yds from co. line, 2 1/2 mi ne of Leighton (ck—or po?), 4 rail mi e of Old Lng. po. On 8/10/33, Ibid. pet. for a move 100 ft to a pt 100 yds e of Ky R, across the r from the m of Ross Ck, 350 ft w of rr, 1/4 mi from co. line. 2 1/2 mi ne of Leighton po, 4 rail mi s of Old Lng. po. Acc. to Ibid,
7/26/39, it was 300 air yds and \( \frac{1}{4} \) rd mi from Estill Co
200 ft s of Evelyn (rr) Sta, 150 yds n of Ky R., 2\( \frac{1}{2} \) mi.
ne of Leighton po, 4 mi s of Old Landing po. (SLR);

Acc. to 1880 Census, Eviline McIntire (46), a widow,
was living with her sister Manervy Calmes (43). E.M.
was listed in the 1870 Census as a widow, nee Calmes;
Also acc. to 1880 Census, Henry Calmes (30) and wife
Mary L. were living with his widowed mother Emily (68)
Acc. to 1900 Census, Evoline McIntyre (nee 3/34) but
no husband listed, living in Old Lng. dist; Acc. to the
1921 L&N timetable, Evelyn (sta) was 4 mi above Old Lng
and 4 mi below Lock 13 Sta;
EVELYN (Lee Co.): "G.W. Calmes homesteaded the land where Evelyn was located. When the railroad was built through this area, he gave the railroad the right(way) of way and they named the station after Mr. Calmes' sister, Evalena McIntyre." (Letter from Russell Gilbert, Irvine Ky. 1/23/1970). Acc. to 1850 Estill Co. Census, Eveline Calinreis (sic) (16) lived in household of Bailey Finney (33) [perhaps as a servant-?]. No Calmes or McIntyre listed for the county; Acc. to 1860 Estill Co. Census, Manerva Calamese (sic) (22) lived with Jas. B. McKinney (37) and his d. Evaline (7) & her bro. Geo. (4). No McIntyre in the county;
EVELYN (Lee County, Kentucky)

"From my husband, J. J. Johnstone, I learned that Evelyn was named for the wife of one of the railroad officials when the railroad was routed through that community about 1902. The post office took the name of the station. So far I've not been able to learn more concerning this lady. My husband was an agent for the L & N Railroad more than fifty years. Evelyn is in Lee County. You might be able to secure more specific information by writing the Beattyville Woman's Club, Beattyville, Kentucky." (Mrs. J. J. Johnstone, Irvine, Ky., in a letter to me, 1/21/1971).
EVELYN (Lee Co., Ky.) P.O. est. 3/18/1904 with Robert E. West, pm... (Acc. to the Nat'l. Arch.)

One of a string of villages along the Ky. R. in Lee Co. Important "in the early days when the river was the only link to the downstream world"

First called "Old Landing", a raftsmen's tie-up spot for the night. Many willow trees grew along the river in this area, close to the river. Thus the area named Willow. Three shoals there before the locks were built: Long Shoal, at the quarry, now known as Yellow Rock; Big Willow, and Little Willow Shoals. Lewis Stamper came in from Breathitt Co. just after the C.W. bought land and engaged in farming.
His gr-grandson, Jim Wesley Spicer, was Willow pm for many years. RR men named a community Evelyn for old lady, Evelyn McIntyre who lived in the area. RR caused decline in river traffic. Now roads have caused decline in rr passenger traffic. So these places"have been by-passed in today's world." (LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, p. 20.) (Check: are these 3 different towns?....) Yes they are. Willow is several miles up river from Evelyn; Yellow Rock is still further up; and Old Landing is down river, at the loop.) (Acc. to the latest (state)county highway map). These commu.
declined & coming of rr, + especially roads that no longer needed to follow the course of the river (bid).
EVELYN (Lee Co., Ky): "This sta. on the L&N RR and dpo are on the n bank of the Ky R, just across from the Lee Estill Co. line and 8 (air) mi wnw of B. Acc. to some historians, the sta. was named for the wife or one of the rr officials who routed the tracks through that vic in 1902. Others say that it was named for Evalena or Evelyn McIntyre, a longtime resident and sister to G.W. Calmes who donated the right-of-way to the rr. The po was est. on 3/18/1904 with Robt. E. West, pm and named for the sta. It closed in 1954." (Book-P. 96);
FAIRGROUNDS RIDGE (Lee Co., Ky): Extends from one mile n. of Beattyville to Ky. 498. Four cemeteries on the ridge, incl. Steele Graveyard, 2 miles from Beattyv. with c. 40 graves, mostly Steeles; Ashcraft Cemetery which is 4 mi. from Beattyv., a fam. cem. owned by that family. 150 graves. (Kim Gabbard, in GLIMPSES OF THE THREE FORKS COUNTRY, by Communications Class of Lee Co. Hi. Sch., 1975, n.d., Advisors=Elise Patrick & Jonas Hollon; Editors=Jeanena L. Spencer, etc.)
FILLMORE (Lee Co.): ("F(ih)l/m(aw)r") An old settlement. Named for Millard Fillmore. Now: po and store. Active commu. (Nevyle Shackelford interview, 7/8/1978); Acc. to Millard Fillmore Stamper, 1/25/1899, this prop. po would serve a locality called Enon, ca. 3 mi s of the Ky R, ca. 5 rods r of Bear Ck, ca 4 mi n of Tallega po, 5 mi s of Tallega Flat po, 5 mi e of Primrose po// Acc. to Bert L. Bumgardner, 1/29/15, it was 1½ mi sw of Ky R, on Brush Ck (♀), 3½ mi e of Canyon Falls po (the rest is too light) (SLR);
FILLMORE (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Millard Stamper (ne 11/1855), son of Larkin and Eda (Wright) Stamper lived with wife Eda (nee Townsend, 4/1857);
FILLMORE (Lee County, Ky.) Farming community. Settled by Jos. Barker and his family, a Wolfe Co. native, 1884. (....) Mostly on the Barker family....Nothing on the name. (Acc. to the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIA 1870-1970, Pp. 24-5.)

p.o. est. 2/15/1899, Millard F. Stamper... 4/25/1907; ibid. ....(NA); Disc. 12/10/1955 (POR); Acc. to P&G it was still an apo by 1987, and acc. to some other source it closed in 1992; po suspended by 1993 and officially closed 4/6/96;
FINCASTLE (Lee Co.): Named for "the fact that from 1772 to 1776 this whole area was Fin­castle County, Virginia. The first land surveyors here (1774) were authorized by the county surveyor of Fincastle County." (Jess D. Wilson, WHEN THEY HANGED THE FIDDLER, Berea: Kentucke Imprints, 1978, P. 162); ..po est. 9/24/1890, John E. Morris; 5/24/93, John D. Stamper....Disc. 1951 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1921 L&N time­table, this sta. served the E.Ky. Div.-Lex. & Maloney Br. and was 5 mi above Torrent sta. and 3 mi below Airedale (sic);
FINCASTLE (Lee County, Ky.) The area was 1st settled by Edward and Miriam Kincaid and fam. in 1825. Had come from Lee Co., Va. Were farmers. Moved to Ky. by way of brief residence in NC. Other area families: Oliver, Shackelford, Thomas, Cable, Smith, Thomas, Hobbes, and Treadway. All farmers. RR came through and section enjoyed oil boom in early 20th cent. Nothing on the name.... (Acc. to the LEE CO. CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 26).
FINCASTLE (Lee Co., Ky): 1st settled by the Kincaids. Then by Cables, Shackelfords, Eastins, and Smiths. (Bernice Calmes Caudill REMEMBERING LEE COUNTY: A STORY OF THE EARL DAYS, pvt. print., n.d., P. 10); PO closed 1/15/1951 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, it was on the L&E RR, 8 mi from Beattyv. Pop. 25. J.D. Stamper was pm, gen. storekeeper, and ties/staves dealer. E.B. & G.M. Boyd had sawmill as did A.C. Easton. Lycurgus had a gen. store, W.S. Morris was rr & expr. agent, Prater & Janes had a gen. store G.M. Rogers had a flomill & gen. store; On Walkers Ck nr Big Andy Ridge, ca. 20 mi from Beattyv. On rr. The Cartwright Chu. Declined when gas resources gave out; x Kincaid
FINCASTLE (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to John E. Morris, 9/8/1890, this prop. po would be 3½ mi e of the Ky R, on the w side of Walkers Ck, 185 yds from the KU tracks, (sta=Fincastle), 8 mi ne of Beattyv. po. On 4/19/16, T.S. Shackelford pet. for a move 128 ft n to a pt. 1½ mi n of the Ky R, ca. 200 ft e of Walkers Ck, 2½ mi from the co. line, nr the L&E tracks (sta=Fincastle), 5 mi s of Torrent po. Eff. 5/1/16. J. Morris was rr agent at F. Acc. to E.H. Oliver, 8/1/39, it was 3 air & 4 rd mi from Wolfe Co, 30 yds nw of Fincastle (rr) Sta, 75 yds e of Walkers Ck, 4½ mi s of Torrent po, 5 mi n of St. Helens po, 6 mi ne of Oil po. (SLR);
Near the border of Lee and Powell Counties there is a little village by the name of Fixer. In the center of an oil-producing region, it sports a school, a general store, post office; and several nice homes. Years ago, acc. to Finley Booth who was raised up close by, a somewhat stern and impatient old gentleman by the name of Sim Crabtree decided the community needed a post office. Petitioning the US Postoffice (sic) authorities, Crabtree was told to go ahead, establish the post office and suggest a name. The old man sent in one name after the other only to be informed that places by the same name already
existed and to suggest another. Finally when his already thin patience gave way to so much letter writing, he wrote the postal authorities he had sent in the last name he was going to and that 'you can fixer yourself.' (Nevyl Shackelford probably in his col. in the Lex. Leader). 1/21/1959. P. 5.

And that is just what the Post Office Department did. They named the office Fixer.

P.O. disc. 1970 (bid, interw. 10/21/71)

81615-9, sec. 2, par. 2-3
FIXER (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to G.W. Booth, jr., 3/26/17, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Burke and it would be 6 mi NE of the Ky R, ca. 100 yds S of Big Sinking Ck, 3 mi E of Radical po, 3 1/2 mi S of Zachariah po. Not a vil. (the rest is too light)// Acc. to Geo. W. Booth, 7/31/1939, it was 50 ft from Big Sinking Ck, 14 mi from Beattyv. po, 3 mi SE of Zachariah po, 2 1/2 mi S of Zoe. po. (SLR); PO closed 7/26/1968 (POR-NA); PM's after Geo. Booth: 9/30/46, Maudie Moorefield (Booth's daughter); Alma Booth (from 3/8/50—closing on 7/26/1968 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1920 Census, Booth was a 35 yr old local storekeeper, marr. to Dixie, Simp Crabtree's daughter;
**FIXER** (Lee Co., Ky.). Settled by farmers. Some early settlers made ties for 50¢ per day. 1918 oil boom brought many persons into the area. "One of the original settlers, Simpson Crabtree, grandfather of Lula Begley, was asked to send a name to Washington for a post office for this area. He sent several names which were all rejected because of previous use in other places. Finally in disgust he wrote to Washington and told them that he had sent all the names he was going to and for them to 'fix her.' As a result the little community was named Fixer." After WWI, a genl store was started by Geo. Booth, son-in-
law of Crabtree. Booth had carried the mail to Fixer on horseback for years. Booth still runs that store. (....) (Acc. to Lula Begley, in the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 28).
FIXER (Lee Co.): "They were getting a p.o. there and they were trying to decide on a name. And they'd send in one name and it was too long and the POD would send back—they'd send them another name. And they did that 3 or 4 times and finally they got together one night and wrote the POD and said 'You fix 'er'. And the POD just put it down Fixer-F-i-x-e-r. And that's the way I've been told it got its name." Originated in the oil boom of the 1920s. Now: nothing. Geo. Booth's long time store closed when he retired. The area is now more or less deserted. Only a few people still live there. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/78)
FIXER (Lee Co): p.o. est. 7/26/1917, Geo. W. Booth, Jr. ... Disc. 1970. (NA+Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 10/2/71); ("F(ih)x/ər") "They were getting a po there and they were trying to decide on a name. And they would send in one name and it was too long and the POD would send back--(sic)They'd send them another name and they did that 3 or 4 times and finally they got together one night and wrote the POD and said, 'You fix'er.' And the POD just put it down Fixer. And that's the way I've been told it got its name." DK when/by whom it was 1st settled. It originated with the oil boom in the early 1920s. Now:
nothing. Long time store there run by Geo. Booth. He had the post wanted to retire and no one else wanted the job. It closed. That area is more or less deserted, abandoned. Only a few people still live there. There's a terrible hill one has to go down to get there, impossible to get to from Campton, where the mail is now delivered from, where the road is covered with snow. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
FIXER (Lee Co., Ky): "This nearly deserted and almost inaccessible com. with epo is on Big Sinking Ck, 6½ (air) mi n of B. Acc. to trad., Simpson Crabtree was unsuccessful in getting several suggested names accepted by the postal authorities. Each name he submitted was already in use, and he was repeatedly told to suggest another. Finally he wrote that he had sent in all the names he was going to and demanded that the postal authorities 'fix 'er' themselves. The po was thus est. as Fixer on 7/26/1917 with Crabtree's son-in-law Geo. W. Booth, Jr., as the 1st pm. The po closed in 1970." (Book-P. 102);
FIXER (Lee Co., Ky): "In 1916 residents submitted four names for approval of postal authorities. (Booth, Crabtree, Big Sinking, and Fixer). People contacted (by the Moyers) do not know definitely whether it is a family name, or if it was submitted as a whim...to memorialize a worker. In this instance, it was possibly a repairman of oil drilling machinery." (Armond & Winifred Moyer, comp., THE ORIGINS OF UNUSUAL PLACE-NAMES, 1958, P. 51. No source given.)
FRAILEYS CREEK (Lee Co., Ky): a trib. of the 
N. Fk. of the Ky. R. || 3 mi. below its head, it 
falls 150 ft. over a rock precipice "landing 
in a gorge of rocks and thick foliage. An­
other mile to N. Fk. The 1st settler and its 
name source) was Jim Frailey, a Virginian. 
Before 1800. (Bernice Calmes Caudill, REMEMBI­
RING LEE CO.... n.d., P. 49, from Eliza 
Richard, a local resident).
GREELEY (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to sign. illeg., 1/21/1904 this po was 3/4 mi n of Millers Ck, 6 mi n of Ky R, 10 mi n of Beattyv. po, 5 mi s of Radical po, 4 mi e of Donnelly po // Acc. to Elkhanah Crabtree, 2/15/09, it was 5 mi e of Ky R, 20 ft e of Little Sinking Ck, 2½ mi from co. line, 2½ mi e of L&N, 4 mi e of Radical 4 mi nw of Bear Track po, 2½ mi e of Simcoe po // Acc. to Randa Smith, 4/19/16, it was 8 mi n of Ky R, 40 yds n of Sinking Ck (sic), 3 mi from co. line, 4 mi nw of of Beartrack po, 5 mi s of Radical po // On 7/22/38, Minerva Crabtree pet. for a move ½ mi sw to a pt 1½ aii
and 2½ rd mi from the Estill Co. line, 15 ft s of Little Sinking Ck, 14 mi n of Beattyv. po, 5.3 mi e of Crystal po (in Lee Co), 6 mi s of Audra po, 6 mi w of Fixer po. On 3/31/39, Ibid. pet. for a move 2 (?) mi to a pt 1 air & 2½ rd mi from Estill Co, 1/8 mi n of Little Sinking Ck, 6 mi s of Audra po, 6 mi w of Fixer po, 6 mi e of Crystal po. On 2/6/50, Chas. E. Giebel, P.O. Inspector, pet. for a move 1.2 mi n to a pt 30 yds s of Little Sinking Ck, 18 mi nw of Beattyv. po, 5 mi s of Patsey po, 6 mi w of Fixer po, 6 mi e of Crystal po (SLR);
GREELEY (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 12/9/1900, Richard A. Childers; Disc. eff. 9/15/03 (papers to Radical); Re-es 3/8/04, Boyd Curry; 9/23/04, Jas. Taulbee... 2/9/1910, J.B. Curry; Disc. 6/14/1913 (mail to Beartrack); Re-est. 11/15/1917, Green B. Ross, 6/4/1919, Elkanah J. Crabtree; Disc. eff. 7/31/1920 (mail to Beartrack) (POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, Richard Childers, son of John & Polly Childers, ne 5/1834, mar. Margaret Cable in 1856 and Jane Curry (1889). No Greeley in the co;
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co., Ky): Not so identified on 1890 govt. map. Acc. to Ms. Mary Quillen, a coll. was planned for this site and several persons (Judge Gourley, "Beefjack" Brandenburgh, Charley Quillen (her father), and S.P. Brandenburgh (local storekeeper) suggested naming it for the then famous Ger. u. In the 1890s Brandenburgh had his store there but the site was not yet called H. The L&A RR from Irvine arr. at this site in 1902. The L&A was bought by the L&N in 1909. The local depot was built 1910. Bert Roher was the 1st loc. agent. Harlen W. Quillen submitted his SLR for the H. 2/21/1903 and the po was est. 3/3/1904 with Lucien
Treadway, 1st pm. (E.C. Brandenburgh, 9/15/1975 in a typescript memo to W.J. Moore, on file in Lee Co. vert. files, KHS Library);
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po, once an important sawmill and rr town, is on Ky 399 and the Ky. R, nearly opp. the mouth of Sturgeon Ck, and 2½ (air) m sw of B. Acc. to trad., the site of this sta. on the L&N RR was settled in 1799 by Joseph Brandenberg, a native Virginian, and named for his ancestral home in Germany. The po was est. on 3/3/1904 with Lucien Treadway, pm." (Book-P. 136);
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co., Ky): 1st settler=Mr. Brandenberg who is said to have come from Germany. 1st settled in Va., then to Ky. He named the settlement for the German city Settled c. 1857. (Bernice Calmes Caudill, REMEMBERING LEE COUNTY: A STORY OF EARLY DAYS, pvt. print., n.d, P. 10); Sam'l. Branderburgh (sic) (9/15/1801-3/1885) was the 1st white child born in Lee Co. Son of Jos. Brandenburgh who had settled opp. the mouth of Sturgeon Ck. in the fall of 1799. (Newsl. of the Lee Co. H&G Soc. #16, Sept. 1988, P. 7);
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co., Ky.) Mathias Brandenburg(h) came to Va. from Heidelberg, Ger. Moved to Clar Co., Ky. A son, Joseph, ne 1767 in Hampshire Co. Va. and with his family moved to Heidelberg, Ky 1799. He died there, 1864. H., Ky. was named for H., Ger. (Other info. on the B. family and the hist. of H., Ky....) (Acc. to the LEE CO. CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, Pp. 13-4); (pron. "H(ah)l(e)y/d(æl)berg") (Fred Gabbard, 7/8/1977); Acc. to fa'mily records, Jos. Brandenburg arr. at H'berg. site 10/1799. (Shackelford "Old Newsp. Reveals First Settlers in Lee" LEX. LEAD. 5/5/64, P. 6) He cites old newsp. acct. probably written by Johnny Williams. (Ibid.).
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co., Ky.)

Founded by "Beef Jack" Brandenburg and named for his ancestral home in Germany. (RR South, "Our Station Names" L&N MAG., 1/1950, P. 17)

p.o. est. 3/3/1904, Lucien Treadway....(NA);

On the E.Ky. Div. of L&N RR & The Ky. R. (Jos. Brandenburg, a Va. native, settled 10/1799 on a sandbar now called Sturgeon Creek (sic). Built log cabin a raised family."After C.W., became booming lumber town"...with stores, churches, saloons, restaurants, churches, and Beechwood Seminary, one of the largest mt. mission schools of the So. Pres. Church, now gone. Gen. store & PO is all that remains....

(Gladys Angel, "Once Bustling Heidelberg...Barely a Whistle-Stop Today" BEATTYV. ENTERPRISE,
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co.): ("H(ah)<<(eye)d/əl/berg") Has heard that the vic. was first settled by French Canadian fur traders and later the Brandenbergs from Heidelberg, Germany. The furtraders est. the local chu.A Cath. mission is still in that country. The Brandenbergs founded the town. No confirmation on this. Heard about the French-Canadians from a St. Hiway Dept. employee who mentioned a book put out by the church that describes a lot of these communities. Couldn't recall the name of the book. cf some Cath. mission libr. It's a hist. of Cath. in the US. Thinks Jos. Brandenberg was called "Beef Jack" but dk why. This
is the 1st time he ever heard that nickname applied to him....Was a rr and lumber town. Used to be big saw mill there owned by Mowbray (ch. sp. ) and Robinson. Now: depot is gone. Maybe 1 store and an auto body shop. HiSch. is gone. DK of any Brandenbergs still living there. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview 7/8/1978);
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co.): One time railhead & logging center. In 10/1799 Jos. Brandenberg, ne Hampshire Co., Va. arr. by flatboat, built a cabin. He named the settlement that grew up around it for the principal city in the prov. of Brandenburg in Germany from whence his father, Matthias Brandenburg, and his 2 bros. had come in 1750. H'berg, Ky. is at the confl. of Sturgeon Creek & the Ky. R. Little dev. until after the C.W. when it "suddenly became a booming lumber town....Being on the river which offered transp. to the outside world, H. flourished." Lumber mills for the logs floated down the Ky. R. White oak, poplar, hickory. E. Ky. Div. of the L&N. When the timber was
gone, the town declined to sleepy hamlet status. "Corn fields cover the site of the great sawmills and lumber yards." By 1958, only a store, rest., and 3 chu's. (...) (Nevyle Shackelford, "Heidelberg Now Sleeeps After Rollicking Past" LEX. LEADER, 4/14/1958, P. 14:1-4);
HEIDELBERG (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Harlan W. Quillen, 2/21/1903, this prop. po would be ca. 1/8 mi n of Ky I ca. 1/2 mi n of Sturgeon Ck, ca. 40 ft from L&A RR (sta=Heidelberg), 5 mi n of Beattyv. po and 4 mi n of Banford po (on s side of Ky R), No vil. yet but town has been laid off// In 8/1907, Lucien Treadway pet. for a move 150 ft e to a pt 200 ft w of depot, 200 ft n of Ky R, 200 ft n of Sturgeon Ck, 6 mi e of Willow po, 3 mi n of Banford po. Not a vil// Acc. to L. Treadway, 7/22/09, it was 8 rods w of Ky R, on the w side of Sturgeon Ck, 33 rods from rr, 4 mi n of Banf. po// On 7/19/18, H.S. Brandenburg pet. for a move 135 ft w to a pt 400 ft n of Ky R, 55 ft n of L&N, 2 mi nw of Belle Point po, 7 mi se of Willow po. Eff. now//
On 2/6/28, Mitchel Howell pet. for a move 300 ft w to pt 600 ft e of Ky R, 800 ft e of Sturgeon Ck, 3 mi e of Cressmont po, 3½ mi ne of Idamay po, 2 mi n of Bell Point po // Acc. to Mitchell (sic) Howell, 7/1939, it was 350 yds n of Ky R, 350 yds n of Sturgeon Ck, 408 ft w of Heidelberg Sta, 2 mi w of Belle Point po, 2½ mi n of Idamay po, 4 mi ne of Spencer Ridge po. (SLR); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, the sta. was on the main line of the E.Ky. Div., 2 mi below Belle Pt Sta. and 6 mi below Beattyv. sta. It was also on the Sturgeon Ck. branch, 3 mi below Idamay sta;
The Hieronymus family (Lee Co., Ky): Samuel Rector Hieronymus, in 1837, brought his family to the N. Fk. (in present Lee Co.) and built his home on Binks (sic) Br. on an acquired tract near a spring. This branch joined the river \(\frac{1}{2}\) mi. away at Hieronymus Ford, a shoal. Here was a trading post run by Chas. Davis, Samuel's bro-in-law (husband of Sam'l.'s sister Nancy), George (Whitfield), Sam'l's son by his 2nd wife Sarah (Sally) White. George (1833-1910) marr. in 1860 Mary Catharine Duff. George's son Joseph Hooker (1869-1860) marr., in 1892, Ada Frances Lucas. Jos. and his bro.
Chas. B. co-ran store & blacksmith shop at Primrose. Jos. was a circuit rider and poet. (Ben T. Hieronymus, and R. Dean Heironimus, The Hieronymus Story, 1985, Balti: Gateway, 1985, passim);
IDAMAY (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign., winter 1907-8, the prop. name for this new po may have been Mavid (?) and it would be at the mouth of Elk Fk of Duck Fk, 3 mi s of the Ky R. and 1½ mi s of Sturgeon Ck, 3 mi s of Heidelberg (Sta), 3 mi e of of Delvinta po, serving the vil. of Idamay with a pop. of 150, projected to 500// In Nov. 1915, sign. too light pet. for a move 50 yds n to a pt 2½ mi s of the Ky R, on the e side of Duck Fk, 2 air mi from co. line, 200 yds s of L&N, 2 mi n of Delvinta po, 3 mi s of Heidelberg po// On 10/8/30, Martin V. Alston pet. for a move 150 yds n to a pt 3 mi s of the Ky R, 40 ft s of Duck Fk of Sturgeon Ck, 2 mi
from co. line, 6 yds s of L&N, 2½ mi ne of Delvinta
po, 3½ mi s of Heidelberg po, 2½ mi e of Cressmont po/
Acc. to Gertrude L. Ash, 8/8/39, it was 1½ rd and air
mi from co line, 3½ mi w of Ky 11, 1½ mi e of Sturgeon
and 3 mi s of the Ky R, 3 mi s of Heidelberg po and rr
sta., 6½ mi w of Beattyv. po. (SLR); Acc. to the 1910
Census, Wm. E. Taylor (31), ne Pa, lived with wife
Georg Anna (sic) (28) but no Idamay; Acc. to 1921 L&N
timetable, the Idamay sta. was at the end of the
Sturgeon Ck. branch, 3 mi above Heidelberg Sta;
IDAMAY (Lee Co.): "(Ah)/dee/mā"
Probably named for some woman. It's over the hill from Aunt Mae's Motel. A lumber rr ran from Heidelberg to the head of Wild Dog Cr., at Turkey Foot in Jackson Co. Had several big stores there and a tremendous timber operation in that area. Also a gasoline pumping sta. Now: only 1 large store, 1 or 2 churches, several homes. Billy Steel has a store there now and a fine home. (Nevyle Shackelford interview, 7/8/1978);
IDA MAY (Lee Co., Ky): The Ky. Coal Dev't. Co. built a 2.98 mi long rail line up Sturgeon Ck. from Heidelberg to Ida May. Construction began Mar. 1907 and finished Jan. 1908. It was acquired by the L&A on 11/1/1909 and then by the L&N. It was abandoned 4/13/1935. At Caryton it joined the Ky. Rockcastle & Cumb. RR. Three rail mi. betw. Heidelberg & Ida May. (Sulzer, Ghost RR-Ky, P. 42
VIDAMAY (Lee Co., Ky.) p.o. est. 2/3/1908 with Wm. E. Taylor as pm. (Acc. to the National Archives). Disc. 9/30/1942.


A r.r. sta. on the Duck Fork of Sturgeon Creek. Owsley Countians used to haul all their groceries from Idamay to their stores by wagons before they built roads. DK why so named. (Fred Gabbar interview, 7/8/1977);
IVY PATCH-TWIN MILLS-TALLEGA (Lee Co., Ky): Ivy Patch Ck. was within 2 mi of Bear Ck. Iry Profitt and his wif Rhoda (Jameson) Profitt lived nr the Ivy Patch Ck and a sulphur spring. His po there was in 1 rm of his home. His po later became Tallega and then Zold. (Bernice Calmes Caudill, Remembering Lee Co., Pp. 39-40);
LEE CO (Lee Co.): ("Lee/k(oh)") Assumes it was named for the county. An oil town. Still a lot of oil wells being pumped there. Now: a few homes along the road. Dollie Prettyman ran the po for years and doesn't think she was replaced when she retired. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); "This oil co. town with po is on Ky 1036 and the Wolfe Co. line, 9 (air) mi n of B. The Petroleum Exploration Co's. discovery of oil led to its est. of this vil. in 1919 to house its workers. It was named for the county. The po was est. on 10/6/20 with Flossie A. Kimble, pm." (Book- p.168);
LEECO (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Mrs. Flossie Ash Kimble, 6/10/20, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Durham and it would be 12 mi ne of Ky R, 1 mi e of Big Sinking Ck, 100 ft from co. line, 1 mi w of Zachariah, 2½ mi w of Torrent po. Its po would be serving the vil. of Zachariah. (Everything else is too light) Acc. to Dollie Prettyman, 7/25/39, it was within 50 ft of Wolfe Co, 1 mi w of Ky 11, 1½ mi n of the head of Big Sinking Ck, 2½ mi w of Torrent (rr sta), 1 mi w of Zachariah po, 5½ mi n of Fixer po. (SLR); PO closed by 1993 (POR-NA); Was suspended 11/2/90 (Lynch, 10/25/01)
LEWELLEN (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Jos. J. Walton, 3/5/83, the 1st name for this new po was Relief and it would be serving the vil. of Canaan (with a pop. of 100), 1 mi w of the Ky R and 5 mi e of Beattyv. po (SLR); Acc. to Frank W. Beatty, 8/1/1889, the St. Hellena po became St. Helens on 2/4/89. He noted that Lewellen had been the former po name till 2 yrs before. The local name was still Canaan. The po was betw. the Middle and North Fks of the Ky R, ½ mi from M. Fk. and 1 mi from N. Fk, 1 mi s of the m. of Walker's Ck, 300 yds n of the new Ky. Union RR (to be operational by 11/89) It was also 4 mi e of Beattyv. po, 3 mi w of America po// Acc. to
Dan'l. B. Hobbs, 2/1909, the po was \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi n of M. Fk. and 1 mi sw of Long Shoal (ck-?), \( \frac{1}{4} \) mi n of the L&E RR, \( 1\frac{1}{2} \) mi s of Browne po// Acc. to D.B. Snowden, 9/25/15, it was \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi n of M.Fk. and \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi w of Log Cabin Ck, 2665 ft n of the L&N, 4 mi e of Beattyv. po, 3 mi w of Tallega po, 3 mi sw of Primrose po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/39, it was 2000 ft n of Ky 52, 2075 ft n of St. Helens (rr) Sta, 2000 ft n of M.Fk, 3 mi sw of Primrose po, 5 mi w of Tallega po, 5 mi ne of Beattyv. po, 6 mi s of Fincastle po. (SLR);

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LONE (Lee Co.): On Lyman's Creek. (Pron. "L(oh)N") Just across the hill from Owsley Co. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); Same pronunciation, on Middle Fork R. DK why so named. DPO (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); po in operation from 1934 (P&G); on kən7k.

The K&P Lumber Co. RR was a narrow gauge line extending from Tallega s. to a site in Owsley Co. to move timber. ca. 1906. (Sulzer, Ghost RR-Ky. P. 132);
LOWER BUFFALO (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Malcom Brandenburg, 3/7/1914, This prop. po would be ¼ mi e of S. Fork, 50 ft s of Lower Buffalo Ck, 1 3/4 air mi from co. line, 5 mi s of Beattyv. po// On 2/20/37, Dora Hall pet. for a move 36 yds s to a pt ½ air and 1 3/4 rd mi from O. Co, 100 yds s of S. Fk. (Ky. R), 500 yds sw of Lower Buffalo Ck, 3 3/4 mi w of Stay po, 4 mi se of Congleton po// Acc. to Clete Perry (?), 7/28/39, it was 75 yds ne of S. Fk, 5 mi s of Beattyv. po, 5 mi n of Booneville po, 4 mi e of Pebworth po (see map) (SLR);
LOWER BUFFALO (Lee County, Ky.) School and a church. W. H. Lutes of Kankakee, Ill. may know more about it. Nothing about the name given in LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 33). po est. 7/14/1914, Malcom (sic) Brandenburg; Disc. 8/31/1916; Re-est. 10/2/1916, Malcom Brandenburg 6/26/17, James S. Brandenburg...Disc. 1959) (POR-NA); 8/31/
LEECo (Lee Co., Ky.) An abbrev. of Lee County. Acc. to Ralph McKee, 3 men named Pruitt, Mille and Goff came from Winchester and bought large wooded area for purpose of hunting. A Mr. Cunningham leased some of the land to drill for oil. Abandoned attempt when reached only water. Later oil was found by Petroleum Exploration. The co. est. village c1919. 1600 of leased land, Co. also built a large boarding house for their workers and later built family homes as well as a community center, library, and school house. (...) High labor turnover. At one time, 27 drilling machines at LeeCo. Still (?)drilling for oil there.
"One of the first oil wells was drilled on Townsend Mountain in 1917 by the Swiss Oil Company. Also one of the first oil camps... was located on Contrary Creek near Bell Point. (Acc. to the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 34).

P.O. est. 10/6/1920, Flossie A. Kimble... (NA)
A. H. Wagner 0, 1919 to manage enterprise & est. village. He came from Winchester (cf CO 7/29/1956) Pet.-Ex. Co. est. it as Co. town & homes, comm. ctr., school, etc. (P. 74).
LUMBER POINT (Lee Co., Ky.) where the North and Middle Forks of the Kentucky R. join.

LYNAMS CREEK (Lee Co., Ky): a branch of the Middle Fk. of the Ky R. was 1st settled by the Kilburns of Lee Co, Va. e.g. Jeff Kilburn who marr. a Judd, another local pion. family. Early sawmill. Later a store and po (unid Other early families: Brandenburgs, Porters, Coles, Palmers, etc. (Bernice Calmes Caudill, Remembering Lee County, n.d., P. 9) [Was the po Tallega?];
MONICA (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Cordd H. (sic) Hieronymus (July 1877) with his bro. Geo. D. Hieronymus (1/63) and latter's wife Mary Belle (10/70). Other H. families included Joseph (9/69) and wife Addie (11/73). Cordd & Geo. were the sons of Thos. & Margaret T. (nee Bush) Hieronymus. No Monica in any family; Cordy was Tallega's pm from 5/24/1893 to 2/2/1899 and became Monica's only pm from 7/2/1899 to 4/15/1922;
**MONICA** (Lee County, Ky.) p.o. est. 2/2/1899 with Cordie H. Hieronymus (check) as 1st p.m. Disc. eff. 4/15/1922 with mail to Zold. (Acc. to the National Archives)

The Cann family were local farmers on the banks of the Ky. R. Had a 2 room school. (Acc. to THE LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 25—nothing on the name....)

Acc. to C.H. Hieronymus, 2/17/09, po was 200 yds n of N. Fk, 500 yds w of Bear Ck, on the s side of L&E RR. (SLR);
MONICA (Lee Co.): ("M(ah)n/ə/kə") Another Scottish name. Cordie's son still lives on the old family farm, Harvey Hieronymus. Acc. to the late Col. C.E. Tyree, it was another of those stations named by the Scottish engineer. Was a store or rr station there. Now: store & 3 homes. Where the Battle of Rocky Gap was fought during the C.W. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
MT. PARAN (Lee County, Ky.) In the early 1840s, Missouri Bill Townsend, Jake Meadows, and Jake Crabtree built homes along Little Sinking Church built and named Mt. Paran. Nearby, a ridge called Pleasant Flat settled by Elisha Robert Winn Cox (E.R.W. Cox), a surveyor. He had come from Mt. Paran settlement (ch.) (Acc. to the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 30).
NEW VIRGINIA (section of Lee Co., Ky): c. 1842 such a large no. of settlers from Powell's Val. in Lee Co., Va. arrived in the future Lee Co., Ky. "that the section where they settled was called 'New Virginia, a title which it retains today. There, in the ne part of Lee Co., they found productive land, well-watered, with a fine range for stock....Jas. Smith...founded the New Virginia Chu. and School in 1850." (Acc. to John Williams, REMEMBERING A PIONEER, JAMES SMITH, ms. in possession of the edit. of THE BEATTYV. ENTERPRISE. Williams is said to have learned this from Smith who died in 1907....)(Virginia Clay McClure, THE SETTLE-
MENT OF THE KENTUCKY APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS; PhD Diss., UK, 1933, in MSU Ky. Coll'n., P. 156)
NEW VIRGINIA (Lee Co., Ky): At the head of Millers Creek. Named by some Va. settlers for their home state;
NEW VIRGINIA (Lee County, Ky.) Wm. Smyth of Lee Co., Va. settled here 1841. Then part of Estill Co. Bought 1000 acres on Billy's Fork. Deed recorded at Irvine. Soon after he settled there, Smyth built a log schoolhouse and named it New Virginia after his old home state. Name is now one the county's magisterial districts.

because it reminded him of his home in Va.

(Acc. to the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 30). Late mt. Shenan chur was built in 

OIL (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 5/29/1918, Buford Bowman, 5/13/1922, H.Y. Edwards...Disc. 1939 (POR-NA);
Acc. to Buford Bowman, 3/2/1918, this prop. po would be 4 mi nw of Ky R, 1 mi w of Hell Ck, 3½ mi nw of L&N RR, 4½ mi n of Beattyv. po, 6 mi s. of Zoe po, 4 mi se of Beartrack po. (see map)// On 2/5/24, H.Y. Edwards pet. for a move 3/4 mi nw to (too lite)// On 11/6/34, Edna Combs pet. for a move 1760 yds e to her store, 3 mi n of Ky R, 1 mi s of Upper Chrystal Ck (sic), 5 mi n. of Beattyv, 5 mi s of Zoe po. Eff. asap. (SLR);
OLD LANDING (Lee Co.): po est. at Old Landing Sinks 4/5/1878 and disc. 12/27/78. The po at Old Landing was est. as Whynot 3/26/83 and name was ch. to Old Landing 3/18/1904. (NA);

Whynot in Randolph Co., NC: "When the comm. met to select a name, there were so many queries of 'why not name it for so-and-so?' The members in desperation chose Whynot." "What's in a Name?" THE STATE: A Weekly Survey of NC, Vol. 11 (38), 2/19/1944, P. 9, from WPA Fed. Writers Survey of NC Place Names)
OLD LANDING (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Delina McGuire, 11/27/1896, the Whynot po is serving the locality of Old Landing, ½ mi s of the Ky R, 1½ mi w of Millers Ck, 11 mi nw of Beattyv. po// Acc. to Ibid., 12/15/03, the Whynot po is still serving the locality of Old Lng., 1½ mi e of Ky R, 1½ mi n of Millers Ck, 1 mi e of L&A RR, 11 mi w of Beattyv. po, 2½ mi se of Simcooe po; Acc. to Ambrose Durbin, 4/9/04, the po, now Old Landing, moved 1 mi w to a pt 200 ft e of the Ky R, 1½ mi s of Millers Ck, ¼ mi from co. line, 30 ft w of L&A, 5 mi se of Pryse po, 4 mi s of Simcooe po// Acc. to Ben's F. Griffin, 2/16/09, it was 60 ft e of Ky. R, 1½ mi w of Big Sinking Ck (?) or of Millers Ck, 30 ft w of L&A
RR, 250 ft from co. line// Acc. to Fidelia Ashcraft, 7/24/39, it was 250 air yds and 1 rd mi from Estill Co, 2 mi w of Ky 52, 900 ft n of Old Landing (rr) Sta, 35 ft w of the tracks, 200 ft e of Ky R, 4 mi from Evelyn po, 4 mi from Crystal po, 5 mi from Pryse po. (SLR); The O.L. po is in a store and was named for a fac. used to dock logging boats on the r. bank. 1st po on the rr, 4 mi+ from Ky 52. (Lee Co Yesterday and Today, 1976, Pp. 40-3); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, Whynot was 1 mi nw of Beattyv. E.D. McIntyre & Co. gen.store, Ambrose Durbin grocery, W.H. Crawford distillery; The Old Landing po was suspended in 1990;
OLD-LANDING (Lee Co., Ky): "Little but the po remains of a com. with L&N RR flagstop and landing on the Ky. 6 (air) mi nw of B. It is said that the com. grew from an overnight lodging house for the loggers who would tie up their rafts in the bottom across the river. The local po, est. on 3/26/83, with Mrs. Delina McGuire, pm, was 1st called Whynot, allegedly pron. 'weye/naht' but renamed Old Landing in 1904 when Ambrose Durbin took it over. The story of the logger who suggested that 'we tie up here' and got the answer 'why not?', has been discounted, but no other explanation has been offered. The name Old Landing may predate the Whynot po, for acc. to postal records, an Old Landing po was
in operation from 1871 to 1874 and another po called Old Landing Sinks was in existence for nearly 9 mos. from Apr. 1878. It is not known where either of these po's were located." (Book-Pp. 219-220);
OLD LANDING (Lee Co.): (Pron. "(Oh)ld L(ea)n/(ih)n") On the Estill Co. line "where they used to land log rafts when the logging men went down the river." DK of any Whynot. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); ("Ohl L(ea)n/dan") There's a big flat bottom across the river from O.L. and he's been told that that was where they used to land their rafts of a night. Someone had a boarding house for raftsmen to spend the night. 1st called Whynot. ("W(eye)/n(ah)t") but dk why. When the rr came in, it was just a flag stop called O.L. N.ch. rather than a ch. in site. PO-store right on the river. Has heard the story about "somebody coming down on a raft and they said (sic) 'let
tie up here' and the other one said 'Whynot.' But doesn't think there's anything to this. Never anything but a rr: station. There was a landing there, used as a tie-up spot for rafts for years. Used to ship coal down stream in barges and these would tie up there too. On top of the hill, above 0.L., is The Pinnacle, two stone monoliths. A lot of Boones were buried in the old Pinnacle Cem. There never was a 'New Landing at all. The commu. preceded the po and mayb
the county but dk when or by whom it was 1st settled. The Durbins and McGuires were the main families there. Durbins probably settled it for they were descendants of the French Canadian fur traders. Now: Horn store right on the river. Locally still call Old Landing. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
OLD LANDING (Ohl Laen/dan) (Lee Co., Ky.): "They tell me that that's where they's a big flat bottom across the river from Old Landin'. And they tell me that that's where they used to land the rafts of a night when they'd reach there and tie up the raft of a night. And they'd--somebody had a big house there--a boarding house where raftsmen could spend the night at that boarding house. And I've heard (it called) Whynot and I don't know why they called it that but that was the first name before Old Landin'. And, of course, when the rr came, it was just a flag stop...." (The po and store were right on the rr so Whynot...)
to Old-Landing was a n.ch.) (Q. Why was that first called Whynot?) "I don't know. Somebody told me one time, but I don't think they knew what they was talkin' about, but they supposed so-and-so like somebody was comin' down a raft and they said 'let's tie up here and the other one said, 'Why not?'. But I don't think that's--" There was a landing there. (Nevyle Shakelford, Beattyville, Ky., interview, 7/8/1978)
OLD LANDING (Lee Co., Ky): This po was 60 ft. n. of Ky. River, 6½ mi. s of Millers Creek PO (Estill Co.), 12 mi. nw of Beattyville PO. (Acc. to Wm. S. Thacker, PM, 2/19/1870) (SLR)

The first Old Landing po was est. 9/25/1871 with Otey Ward, pm; Disc. 9/17/1874 (POR-NA); the po of Old Landing Sinks was est. 4/5/1878 with Littleton B. Roberts; Disc. 12/27/1878 (POR-NA); Reference to old landing as an appellative (no caps) in Estill Co. was made in the act creating Lee Co. in 1870. Same with Billey's Fk of Miller's Ck. Geo. Spencer and his farm and home were included in the new county;
OLD LANDING (Lee Co., Ky): Early place of portage on the Ky R to avoid the inconvenience of river travel. Would cross a hill and into a val. coming down to the r. at another pt. A permanent camp was made here. Later travelers decided to use the river rte. instead and began referring to the place of portage as the old landing. W of 1812 recruits gathered in the sinks above O.L. and called it the old musterground in the Old Landing Sinks. So identified in an 1823 deed from Sam'l. Drake to Jacol Meadows "The Old Musterground nr the Old Landing Sinks" in locating something in the survey. (Robt Smallwood, "Lee Co. Hist. Notes" WPA ms, 1936. He was then ed. of the Beattyv. Enterprise);
OLD LANDING (Estill Co., Ky): po est. 10/5/1855 with Martin P. Moore, pm.. Disc. 10/30/60; Re-est. 7/22/62 with Wm. J. Ashcraft; Disc. 7/21/63; Re-est. 5/22/65 with John P. Brinegar... Disc. 11/2/66; Re-est. 2/22/1869 with Wm. S. Thacker; Disc. 8/29/1870. Re-est. in Lee Co. (in 1871) (POR-NA);

Acc. to 1921 L&N RR timetable, the O.L. sta. was 5 mi above Pryse, and 4 mi below Evelyn, and 22 mi below Beattyv; Nr. the future site of O.L., J. Russell's 1794 map identifies a Somerset but this didn't exist. (A paper town?) (Jillson, Pion. Ky, 1930, P. 102);
PRIMROSE (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Joe H. Hieronymus, 6/28 1893, this prop. po would be 1 1/2 mi n of M. Fk, 1 1/2 mi w of Bear Ck, 1 1/2 mi n of K. U. RR with sta. at Monica. Serv. a vil. with pop. of 30, 3 1/4 mi n e of St. Helens po, 6 3/4 mi sw of Flat po, 2 3/4 mi n w of America po // On 9/11/1914, G. Cleveland Abner pet. for a move 1/4 mi n e to a pt 1 1/4 mi n e of Ky R, 1/4 mi s of Laurel Ck, 1 1/4 mi n e of Monica po, 3 mi e of St. Helen po // On 5/27/22, Lawrence Lucas pet. for a move 400 yds n to a pt 1 mi e of N. Fk, 1/2 mi s of Laurel Br (sic), 3 mi n of L&N, 3 1/4 mi from co line, 3 1/4 mi n of Zold po, 3 mi w of Williba po, 3 mi n e of St. Helens po // Acc. to L. Lucas, 7/25/39, it was on e side of Laurel Br, 2 1/2 mi sw of Vada po, 4 mi nw of Tallega po. (SLR);
PRIHROSE (Lee Co., Ky.) p.o. 10 mi. e. of Beattyville. Till 1892 called Pattonsville, after Patton Coomer, a prominent citizen who lived in a large house at the intersection of the road. Six other homes, a blacksmith shop, grist mill, store...p.o. obtained by Joe and Ada Frances. Joe was a "poet and nature lover, expressed his sentiments by naming the post office for the flower, primrose." W.B. Lucas was pm c1894. Billy Lucas brought his family there from Va. in 1847. Settled in the Abner Flat Area, 1½ mi. from P W.B. Lucas was his son. The P. store now owned by a granddaughter of W.B. Jesse James legend
connected with the place. . . . . (....) (From an article by Mrs. Ben Davis in the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, Pp. 26-7.)

p.o. est. 7/21/1893, Joc. H. Hieronymus...
Disc. 6/14/1919 (mail to Monica); Re-est.
11/20/1919; Edna Wheeler; 9/29/1921; Lawrence Lucas... (NA) Apo.
PRIMROSE (Lee Co.): 1st called Pattonsville from the 2 story farmhouse home of Patton Coomer, local blacksmith. Simpson Lutes ran store at this crossroads settlement. Chas. & Jos. Hieronymus, bros., arr. spring 1892 and acquire the store. Soon petitioned for po; Pattonville unacceptable since another po in Ky. with that name. The bros. named the new po for the yellow flowers that "bloomed everywhere" that spring. Little there now.... (Bertie Hieronymus Edwards of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. "Primrose Settled by Hieronymus Bros." BEATTYVILLE ENTERPRISE, 5/11/1972, Pp. 1-2);
PRIMROSE (Lee Co., Ky): Jos. Hooker Hieronymus, ne 9/13, 1869 on his family's farm above Brinks Br, and died age 92. He was son of Geo. Whitfield Hieronymus and grandson of Sam'l. Rector H. Joseph's bro. Charles was his partner in a Crossroads store where they est. the Primrose po. By 1986 this po was 3 mi up the rd from its orig. site. They also ran local blacksmith shop. Jos. became a Meth. preacher. (Article in Cent. 1987, Pp. 66-7 by Joseph's granddaughter Sally H. Hill; Patton Coomer lived in the Beattyv. Prec. and was not Perian Coomer who lived in the Coal Branch Prec. (1870);
PRIMROSE (Lee Co.): 1st called Pattonsville. Named for the primrose flowers that grew there in profusion. (Rubye Hall, pm, and granddaughter of W.B. Lucas, the 2nd pm, in a letter to Mrs. Delphine Haley, 6/25/1975): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 2017, 5 (air) mi ene of B. It is said to have been 1st settled by a Mr. Grey, a Lex. silversmith, in the 1830s, and may 1st have been called Greys Bend. He sold off his land to other settlers, one of whom, Patton Coomer, became the leading citizen, and th com. came to be known as Pattonsville. Jos. Hieronymus est. the po on 7/21/93, and named it for the yellow flowers that bloomed in profusion in that area." (Book-P. 243);
PRIMROSE (Lee Co., Ky): PO was in separate bldgs, ½ mi apart. First called Pattonsville, In a store. (Lee Co. Yesterday and Today, 1976, P. 43); Joseph Hooker Hieronymus was a circuit riding Meth. preacher and a cousin of Cordie of Monica (Shackelford, 7/8/78); By late spring 2001, it was ap of Ky's smallest po bldg. in size (64 sq. ft), 10½ mi e of Beattyv. Charlotte Begley is pm. In a store that closed in 1999. (Frank E. Lockwood, "Stamped-Out" Lex. Her-Lead. 7/6/01, Pp. A1, A6); Bldg. (1996) on Rt. 2017;
PRIMROSE (Lee Co.): The Rev. Jos. Hooker Hieronymus...was the 1st pm of Primrose. ("Pr(ih)m/r(oh)z") DK how/why the name originated. J.H. Hieronymus was always writing poems and Shackelford thinks he was the one that named the place. Charley was Jos's bro. Ada France's was Jos.'s wife. She was nee Lucas. Never heard of any Joe Francis or anyone else there with the last name of Francis. Thinks that some of the Lucas family started the store & po or maybe it was the Coomers. He really d.k. Coomer was wealthy, had many interests and employed many persons
He had a store... The Hieronymus family were the best educated in the community and naturally they served as clerks and bookkeepers and teachers there. This was one of the oldest communities in the co. lst settled by a Mr. Grey and he was a silversmith from Lex. and came to that area at the time of the great cholera epidemic in Lex. Bought his family with him to escape the plague. They settled that area. lst called the vic. Greys Bend for him. ("Gráž B(eh)nd") He acquired that whole area and sold it off. A de-
scendant, Barney Grey, now lives in Montana. All it's ever been is a store and post office and that's all there is now. A farming community, no timber or mining. Active post office. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
PROCTOR (Lee Co.): ("Pr(ah)k/tər") Named for the Rev. Jos. Proctor, Meth. minister & Indian fighter. He didn't settle the town, (Is older than Beattyville and was the 1st county seat. Was 1st in Owsley Co. Now: chur. but no store. Used to be sch. Curvy rd. off Ky. 11 to the left, as you go from chu. to B'ville, down the hill. A resi. section or that road that's Proctorville too, as is Mulberry Hill. The commu. extends clear to the river. Locally still called Proctor. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
PROCTOR (Lee Co., Ky): "This is now a resi. suburb with po just below the forks of the Ky. R. and is across the r. from B. The area may have been settled in the very early 19th cent. by pion. & Ind. fighter Archibald D. McGuire and named for Rev. Jos. Proctor (1754-1844), a NC-born Indian fighter turned Meth. minister and one of the 1st permanent settlers of Estill Co. The Proctor po was est. on 4/4/1843 with Nathan Jacobs, pm, and disc. in 1918." (Book-P. 244);
PROCTOR (Lee Co.): The 1st co. ct. was held at Proctor on 4/25/1870, acc. to records in the Co. Ct. Clerk's office. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); First settler may have been Archibald (or A.D.) McGuire, acc. to an old newsp. acct. probably written by Johnny Williams. He was an old Indian fighter. (Nevyl Shackelford, "Old Newsp. Reveals First Settler in Lee" LEX. LEAD. 5/5/1964, P. 6); Est. 2/10/1845 (ACTS 1844/5, P. 217);
PROCTOR (Lee Co., Ky.) Named for the Rev. Jos Proctor, meth. minister and Indian fighter. Came to the area with Boone. Town inc. 1848; then in Owsley Co. Had a sawmill, flour mill wool-carding factory. Coalmines from which coal was shipped downriver to Frankfort on flatboats. The first session of the Co. court held here 6/25/1870 when Lee Co. est. (....) Today the village is growing. Had 100 people in 1870. (acc. to LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, P. 21, 31) p.o. est. in Owsley Co. 2/10/1846, Estes Marsh...Disc. 7/21/73; Re-est. in Lee Co. 8/14/73, Thos R. Bryant...Disc. 12/15/1910 (m. to Beattyv.); re-est. 10, 24/1914, Lillie F. Sternberg; Disc. 1/31/18 (m. to Beattyv.) (NA) x several stores, hotel,
PROCTOR (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to sign. too lite, 12/26/98, this po was 100 yds s of Ky R and \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi s of the rr// Acc to Lillie F. Sternberg, 7/27/14, it was \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi from Ky R, 1 mi sw of Beattyv. po (SLR); First co. seat, at the confl. of the N. and S. Fks. of the Ky R. Pop. 125. John B. Coleman had gen. store. Taylor, Strong & Co. had another gen. store and a sawmill (1876-7 Gaz); At the m. of S. Fk, opp. Beattyv. Suburb of B. Pop. 200. Geo. P. Burke was pm, apiarist, gen. storekeeper, and cornmill operator. Several other businesses...(1895 Gaz); Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi s of Beattyv. with a pop. of 200 Wm. Robinson, local drygoods dealer, was pm. Many businesses. Isaac and Jos. Congleton were area farmers; Acc. to 1879-0 Gaz, it had pop. of 150. Thos. R. Bryant, a
tinsmith, was pm. Gen. stores: (1) Geo. P. Burt (sic) (2) J.M. Davidson. Lonshine Frey had a flour & saw mill. Z.A. Howerton ran hotel & saloon. Other Businesses;
PROCTOR (Exiill) (Lee Co.): po est. in Estill Co. 4/4/1843, Nathan Jacobs; Disc. 5/16/1845 (later re-est. in Owsley Co....) (NA); (Pron. "Pr(ah)k/ter") One of the oldest towns in E. Ky. It's on this side of the Ky. R. at Beattyville, on top of the hill. Named for Jos. Proctor, the famous Indian fighter. The commu. was est. c. 1st decade of the 19th cent. DK that they called it Proctor that far back but the settlement was there by then...In 1870 an election was held to locate the new county's seat in Beattyv., Proctor, or New Canaan. Beattyv. won by one vote. The McGuire family had given one acre
at Proctor for a ct. hse. and it was thought it would actually be established here. At that time Beattyville had only one homestead some of the Beattys, prominent Lee Co. family since its beginning (e.g. ex-circuit judge Emil Beatty is still alive) Now: a lot of new homes and cem. Not much else. A suburb of Beattyville. (Fred Gabbard, interview 7/8/1977);
PRYSE (Lee Co., Ky): David died 1901. Acc. to 1880 Lee Co. Census, with his wife Lucy A. (Brandenburg) (40), he lived with his bro. Thomas (33), a merchant, who died in 1917, and Thomas's wife Sarah E. (they were wed ca. 1879). Nr them lived Elias M. Pryse (41), a merchant, his wife Eliz. (nee Bowman) (29); David (1834-1904). Was a Beattyv. merchant (1857-1882), thence to an Estill Co. farm where the Pryse po was named for him. Elias Morgan Pryse was also ne Cardiganshire Co, Wales (1838-1896). EM owned the Pryse Hotel in Beattyv. and like his bro. served in the Ky. Leg. (Newsl. of the Lee Co. H&G Soc., winter 1997); Acc. to 1900 Census, Miles Crawford was living in B. Co. but not in 1880;
David Pryse, a farmer and stockman, was ne Wales 2/16/1834, son of John Pryse (ne 11/11, 1796 in Wales). John was a civil engineer and died 1849 in Wales. David was also a civil engineer until 1854 when he came to Amer. In 1855 he settled in the present Lee Co., on the Ky. R. He mined and shipped coal here and in Menifee Co. until 1882. He owned 650 acres in Lee Co. and had a store in Beattyville. He represented Lee & Estill Co's. in the Ky. Leg. 1875-7. Thos. Pryse, a Beattyville merchant (ne 1844) was his brother....(Perrin, Vol. 8B, Pp. 955-6);
PRYSE (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 2/28/81 with Miles Crawford. Only pm. Disc. 7/26/83 (p to Jetts Ck) (POR-NA); Acc. to sign. too lite, 1/5/81, the prop. po would be on the Ky R and B (?) Ck. Everything else is too lite. (SLR); Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was a recently est. po, 10 mi due e of Beattyv; The 1879-80 Gaz. refers to E.M. Pryse who owned a hotel in Beattyv. and co-owned, with his bro., a gen. store. Also a Thos. Pryse, an insurance salesman in Beattyv; David Pryse represented the co. in the Ky leg. (House) 1875-7. (Collins II, 1874, P. 461);
PRYSE'S TUNNEL (Lee Co., Ky): a coal mine opened and maintained by E.M. Pryse and Bro. with a Beattyville address, in 1879-80. David & Thos. Pryse were among the incorporators of the Three Forks Lumber Co. in Beattyv. Oct. 1891;
RADICAL PO. (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to H.T. Williams, 5/24/1918, the po was est. in Estill Co., 10 mi n of Ky. R., 20 ft. n of Billys Fk. of Millers Cr., 6 mi. w of Zachariah PO, 8 mi. w of Torrent PO, 3½ mi. s of Pilot PO, and 20 ft. from the Lee Co. line. (SLR); The Radicalpo was est. (in Lee Co.) on 1/16/1883 with Mrs. Lucy E. Smyth, 1/20/88, John M. Smyth, 9/1/00, Hugh T. Williams; Disc. 12/31/1918 (mail to Patsey); re-est. 1/14/1920, Jesse M. Smythe, rescinded 9/21/1920 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, it was 12 mi n of Beattyv. John M. Smyth, gen store and corn mill operator, was pm. W.J. Smith was blacksmith;
RADICAL (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to H.T. Williams, 10/5/15, this po was 10 m i n of Ky R, on the w side of Billeys Fk of Millers Ck, on the co. line, 13 1/2 mi from Beattyv. po, 3 mi e of Pilot po// Acc. to Ibid, 10/22/15, the po was serving a locality called Ridgewood, 8 mi n of Ky R, on the w side of Billeys Fk, on the co. line, 3 mi ne of Patsey po, 3 mi ne of Fitchburg po, 4 mi sw of Xena po. Acc. to Ibid., Jan. 1917, it was 8 mi n of Ky R, 20 ft of Millers Ck, 3 mi s of Pilot po. (SLR); Acc. to H.T. Williams, pm, 5/14/1918 (in Estill Co. SLR), this po was on the w side of Billy Fk of Miller Ck (which forms the Lee-Estill Co. line);
THE ROCKEY GAP (Lee Co., Ky): c. 8 mi. above Beattyville, on the Middle Fork of the Ky. R. nr. Monica. Area homeguardsmen during the C.W. had their headquarters there. A county road going n. from Monica—now gravel-ed—then but a path, "winds up a high hill which..curves right or left almost all the wa to the top of the gap. On each side of the road is a natural barrier of high cliffs and rocks. At the top, the opening or gap is protected on both sides by rocks that are about 15 feet to the top from the bottom. This afforded a clear view both ways from the top of the hill. Acc. to legend, several C.W. skirmishes here...." (Bernice Calmes Co. 1940 Remembering Lee Co. N.D. 80, Y1-2)
ST. HELENS (Lee Co.): (Pron. "Sānt H(eh)l/ənz"). At one time it was called New Canaan ("Nyū Kān/uh)n") but doubts if any local people know it by this name. When Lee Co. was cut off by the Ky. Leg. from Owsley Co. in 1870, an election was held to locate the co. seat in Beattyv., Proctor, or New Canaan. B'ville won by one vote...(Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); Canaan had a pop. of 40, acc. to Collins II (1874) with 2 chu's, a sch. & a blacksmith; The co's 1st newp. was The Three Forks Enterprise of Beattyv., 5/8/1883 with the Rev. S.K. Ramey, edit. Disc. Re-est. 1906 by Judge Sam Hurst. Disc. Re-est. again in the 1920s... (Centén. P. 80); One of the 2 current weeklies is The Three Forks Trad'ln;
St. Helens (F37c) is 4½ mi. e. of Beattyville. It is 0.3 mi. n. of the Middle Fork of the Ky. R. (and Ky. 52) and 1½ miles above its confluence with the N. Fk. (and 3 mi. from where the N. Fk. join S. Fk. at Beattyville.) The N. and M. Forks join c. 4 miles above where (as North Fork) they are joined by S. Fork at Beattyville. Caanan (sic was another contender for co. seat. Was later called Llewellyn and then St. Helens. ca. 1870, had a chu. and 2-3 scattered homes. (Robt S. Smallwood "Lee Co. Hist. Notes" WPA ms, 1936);
ST. HELENS (Lee Co.): p.o. est. as Lewellen, 3/16/1883, Josiah J. Walton...Disc. 9/17/1887, (papers to Beattyville); Re-est. as St. Helena (sic), 11/9/1888, Henry B. McGuire; n.ch. to St. Helens, 1/16/89, Henry B. McGuire ...(NA) The 1st settlers are believed to have been Josiah Miller and wife Sabina, and their daughter & son-in-law, 'Nánce and 'Sam'l. Wilcoxson. They settled near the present day Kash homestead. Acc. to Samuel's tombstone in St. H. Cem. his dates were 1755-11/1825. They are also believed to have been the first settlers in the county. (LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, Compiled by the Lee Co. Cent. Book Comm., Beattyville, 1970, P. 6.)
ST. HELENS (Lee Co.): James McGuire and Jacob Miller were probably the earliest settlers of this vic. Miller arr. at the mouth of Middle Fork (Greek) R. in the spring, 1801. (Probably acc. to the late Johnny Williams, cent. Ky. news. edit. & historian, and cited by Nevyle Shackelford, "Old Newsp. Reveals First Settlers in Lee" LEX. LEAD. 5/5/64, P. 6); Some Balti. land speculators owned a lot of land in this area and laid out an elaborate city with streets, etc. The bubble burst in a matter of weeks. Mr. Snowden was paid by the speculators a very large amt. for his land there. When the burst came, he was
able to buy it back for a fraction of what he paid and became wealthy. ("Sañt H(eh)lənz") (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); First called Canaan ("Kā/nān"), then Lake City ("Lāk S(ih)/tee"). Then St. Helens Laid out by land speculators from Baltim. Then it was heavily timbered. It was a big lumber town at the head of the rr. Now: only a Pres. Chu. and 2 stores. Never heard of its being called Louellen or Lewellen. The 95 yr. old son of Mr. Snowden still lives there, in the house in which he was born. Never heard of a Three Forks City.
DK why they renamed it St. Helens. Lake Cty may have just been the name of the rr sta. before the St. H. name was applied to it...
The Balti. speculators weren't connected wit the rr; the rr came in later. Was not called St. H. before the rr est. its sta. there
The L&E rr people undoubtedly named it.
In c1896, it had a pop. of 150, MD & lawyer stores, depot, hotel; 2 stave mills; Fletcher Snowden was pm. A Scotch engineer, who surveyed the routeway, named a no. of stations and maybe this too....(Ibid.);
ST. HELENS (Lee County, Ky.) Small vill. 4½ mi from Beattyville, above Middle Fork R., off Ky 52. Settled in the late 18th cent. by the Snowdenses and McGuieres of Pa. and NC. Orig. called Canaan (after the Biblical place name). Then called Louellen when po est. She was the daughter of the 1st pm, a Mr. McGuire. Name changed again to Three Forks City in 1889 when rr came in from Clay City. Then changed to St Helens by a rr official "who thought the late name more appropriate." City officially founded in 1890.

G. James McGuire
RR built depot and turntable. Then commu. had a church and one-room school. Grew. Expected it to become a rr town. Boom town with speculators for the timberland, rr, and river traffic. Bad reput. for the gamblers, other undesirable, who gathered there. 5 saloons. Other local lore and history... Snowden house was built in 1815. (Info. from an article by Nevyle Shackelford and interviews with Dudley Snowden and Inadell McGuire Mackey, appearing in the LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, Pp. 15-16)
ST. HELENS (Lee Co., Ky): D(udley) B. Snowden's father was paid by early land speculators a very large amt. for his land. When the bubble burst he was able to buy it back for a fraction (1/10) of what he paid for it and became wealthy. Balti. speculators laid out an elaborate city with named streets. But the bubble burst in several weeks. (Shackelford, 7/8/1978); Acc. to the 1895 Gaz, this place was on the L&E RR, 4 1/2 mi from Beattyv. with a pop. of 150. U.L. Snowden was pm. Gen. stores were operated by F.W. Beatty, G.H. Hobbs & Co, and J.W. Wilson. Wm. Abner was a distiller, G.D. Hieronymus & Co. had sawmill, Hieronymus & Sims had a
stave mill and lumber co, J.G. Thomas ran hotel, J.N. Watson was rr & expr. agent; Walton was listed as Josiah in 1870 Census and Joseph in 1880 Census (age 39). In 1865-6 he marr. (Emma) Ann (36). No Lewellen or Louellen; St. Helens was 1st called Canaan, then Three Forks, then Louellen (sic). St. H. is said to have been named by a rr man with a d. named Helen. Jerilyn Ginnan in ms. "Lee Co. Commu's--A Link With Ou Past" on "St. Helens-The Canaan Land", J. Class of Lee Co. H.S., 1980, Pp. 15-21); APO on Ky 52 (by 1/1996); 4 rail mi above Beattyv. and 4 rail mi. below Tallega;
LEWELLEN-ST. HELENS (Lee Co., Ky): Mattie P. McGuire (nee Dixon, Nov. 1850) was wife of Felix G. McGuire (8/40). She had a daughter Lu A. (nee 11/1889, but she was obviously too young for the name); Acc. to 1880 Census, Mattie McGuire (27) was the wife of Felix G. (1840-1911). He was the son of Jas. B. and bro. of Louisa (1855-1895);
ST. HELENS (Lee Co., Ky): Henry Bascom McGuire (1850-1918), son of Jas. McGuire (1804-1888) and Evoline (Trimble) McGuire (1816-1899) (they were mar. in 1833.) Jas. was bur. at St. Helens. Henry B. had sisters (1) Louellen (nee 1852 who mar. Potter Duff (sic) and Louisia (nee 1854). No mention of a Josiah Walton. (The Descendants of Jas. McGuire (1735-1782), comp. by Ruth Wells, 1995 (?) , Pp. 25-6). No mention therein of any Evaline (in any sp.) marrying a McGuire; Acc. to 1880 Census, Joseph Walton (39) & wife Emma (Ann) (36) lived near several McGuire families; Acc. to 1900 Census, Ellen Duff (I think she was nee 1854), d. of Jas. & Eveline (Trimble) McGuire, was wife of Henry E. Duff (3/61), sor
of Henry C. & Mahala Duff. Henry & Ellen mar. 8/22/93 and lived in the town of St. Helens; J. Russell's 179 map identifies a Franklinville at the confl. of the North and Middle Forks of the Ky R. but it was never viable (a paper town) (Jillson, Pion. Ky, 1930, P.83) Acc. to Jillson I (P. 661), Jas. McGuire acquired 50 acres on N. Fk. (Estill Co) that were surveyed on 7/25/1825. And Arch. McGuire acq. 50 acres on S.Fk. (in Estill Co.), surv. 6/10/1818; Acc. to Jillson II, (P. 1543) Jas. McGuire acq. 200 acres on M. Fk. that were surv. 10/10/1840);
SHACKELFORD (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 7/3/1872, M.E. Shackelford; Disc. 7/9/1873 (POR-NA); Acc. to sign. too light, ca. 187?, the Shackelford po was 8 mi from Beatty po and 10 mi from Campton po. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Cens Mandrell Ellington Shackelford (sic) (1842-1924) was son of Sanford Richard and Sarah (Stamper) Shackelford. M.E.'s 1st wife was Mariam (nee Kincaid) (1848-1915) & his 2nd wife was Nancy Jane (Rose) whom he wed in 1915; Mandrey (sic) Shackelford lived in the Thomas Prec. in 1870; The po may have been at/nr the Devils Ck po est. on 10/12/54 by E.M.'s father Sandford R. Shackelford. D.C. began in Owsley Co. but, by 1860, was in Wolfe Co;
SIMCOE (Lee Co., Ky): The 8 mi long Ky. Northern RR joined the E. Ky. Div. of the L&N at a site called K.N. Jct., several miles s of Ravenna. It extended along Millers Ck. from the river to Simcoe. The Simcoe Land Co. constructed an add'l. 5 mi up to Bald Rock, and from there the Miller Ck. Logging Co. built another 5 mi up Big Sinking. The rr line was abandoned with the exhaustion of timber in 1909. (Sulzer Ghost RR, P. 52);
SIMCOE (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 8/13/1906, Chas. Eveleth, 6/7/07, Chas. W. Sale; Disc. 7/31/09 (mail to Pryse) (POR-NA); Acc. to Chas. Eveleth, 4/12/1906, this prop. po would be 4 mi n of Ky R, 50 yds n of Big Sinking Ck, 3 mi sw of Greely (sic) po, 5 mi ne of Old Landing po, Simco Station was the term. of the Ky. Northern RR (sic), serving 3 small villages. (see map) (SLR); No Simcoe or Eveleth listed in 1900 Lee Co. Census. Were any in Estill Co. then?; No Simcoe in Estill or Lee Co. Censuses (1880, 1900);
SIMCOE PO (Estill Co., Ky): Acc. to James H. Howell, 5/5/1903, the prop. name = Odas. Ch. to Crystal, on the n bank of Millers Cr., 1/8 mi. n of Odas Sta. on the Ky. Northern RR, 3 1/2 mi. nw of Why Not PO, 4 mi. se of Cob Hill, 2 1/2 mi. e of Donnelly, (SLR);
SPENCER RIDGE (Lee Co., Ky): po operated from 1935 to 1943 (P&G); Acc. to Rollin Spencer, 6/27/33, the prop. name for this new po was Spencer and it would be serving the Spencer Ridge neighborhood 2 mi s of the Ky R, 2 mi n of Sturgeon Ck, 4 mi from the co. line, 5 mi w of Heidelberg po, 5 mi n of Cressmont po, 6 mi n of Ida May po// (see Spencer's 4/26/1935 map....)// Acc. to Millard Spencer, 12/20/37, it was 2½ mi s of Ky R, 3½ m: e of Big Sturgeon Ck, 5 mi s of Heidelberg po, 4 mi n o: po, 4 mi nw of Idamay po// Acc. to Ibid, 7/39, it was 3 air & 15 rd mi from Jackson Co, 3/4 mi s of Ky R, 1 mi of Sturgeon Ck, 3/4 mi s of rr, 4.4 mi s of Heidelberg po & rr sta, 5½ mi w of Idamay po, 6 mi n of Cressmont po. (SLR);
SPRUCE GROVE (Lee Co., Ky): No listings of any Hieronymus families in Owsley Co's. 1870 or 1880 Censuses; In 1860 Geo. Whitfield Hieronymus marr. Mary Katherine Duff. He was the son of Sam'l. and Sally (White) Hieronymus. Geo. was living in Lee Co. in 1870/1880; Acc. to 1880 Census, Geo. Hieronymous (sic) (47), son of Sam & Sarah. In 1860 he marr. Mary Duff, nee 1830. Issue: Callie (19), Wm. (15), Charley (12), Jos. (10), Mary (7) & Sallie (3). They were in O. Co. in 1860 & L. Co. in 1870. They lived next to George's bro. Thomas (42) & his wife Margaret (34) (who were wed 1862) & their son Corda (3) (who later mar. Molly Congleton); Thus it's very likely that the S.Gr. po was in vic. of H. Ford and nr Vada, Primrose, Willia, Brinks Br;
SPRUCE GROVE (Lee Co., Ky): po est. in Owsley Co. 8/1/1854 with Sam'l. Hieronymus, 9/26/56, Geo. W. Hieronymus. Disc. 7/31/1863 (POR-NA); No listing in Owsley Co. SLR; Acc. to Owsley Co. 1860 Census, Sam'l. Heyronemous (sic) (72), a farmer, ne Va, lived with his wife Sally (52) next door to Geo. W. Heyronemous (26) and his wife Mary (28) but dk where; Sam'l. Rector Hieronymus came from Madison Co, Ky to (then Owsley, now Lee Co.) Hieronymus Ford in 1837. Settled betw. future Vada and Williba. His son was George Whitfield. Cent. 1989, Pp. 66-7, by Sally H. Hill, gt. grandd.);
TALLEG A (Lee Co.): (Pron. "T-a/lee/ghee") A rr sta. DK if it was ever called America or had any name before the rr came in. Named by the RR company. Garvice Kincaid came from here...
(Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); ("T-e/lee, ghə") On Ky. 52. Another Scottish name. DK if ever called America; never heard it called that. Thinks it was a n.ch. On the rr. Always been a store there. Locally called Tallega. Now: store moved from the orig. site. Depot torn down. Filling sta., One or 2 homes & a horse farm. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7, 8/1978);
TALLEGA (Lee Co., Ky): On 8/14/1904, Rosa B. Strong petitioned for a move 1 1/2 miles south (with property name Strong's Store) to a point 1/2 mile south of the Kentucky River, on the south side of Lynam's Creek, 1 1/2 miles from the L&N depot at Tallegra, 8 miles north of Boonesboro, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Monica post. On 12/7/14, Minnie Kincaid petitioned for John E.C. Johnson (applying for post master position), petitioned for a move 500 air yards southwest to serve Johnsonville, 200 yards southwest of Middle Fork, 150 yards southeast of Cole Branch, 3 miles from county line, 3 miles southeast of St. Helens post, 1 3/4 miles from Monica post, 100 yards south of L&N whose local station was Johnsonville. (see map) According to Robert Taylor, 9/28/1934, the name of this post was changed from Tallegra to Lone eff. 11/1/34. It was 1 air and 1 1/2 rod miles from 0. Co., x 0, 28 mi.
3½ mi n of Lerose po, 2½ mi sw of Zold po (which was renamed Tallega, also on 11/1/34), 2½ mi from the Tallega (RR) Sta, 30 ft w of Lymans Ck (sic) (SLR);
✓ The Tallega po (late America) was, acc. to Mary B. Bowling, 12/11/1892, 1/8 mi from M.Fk, on the e side of Bear Ck, 200 ft e of the rr, 8 mi nw of Bowman po, 5 mi se of St. Hellens po (sic)// On 5/5/23, Mary B. Johnson Rowland pet. for a move 2 mi se to a site 1½ mi sw of M.Fk, on the e side of Lymons Ck (sic), ca. 2½ mi s of Zold po, 2 mi from co. line, 3½ mi nw of Lerose po, ca. 4 mi sw of Canyon Falls po, 2½ mi sw of
(the nearest sta. was Tallega, then at Zold po). Eff. 5/5/23. Reason: resignation of present pm. (SLR); Acc. to Jos. P. Sutton, 9/14/1915, the po of Zold was serving the commu. of Tallega, \( \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \) mi e of the Ky R, 200 yds e of Ivy Patch Ck, 1 mi e of the then Tallega po, 150 ft n of L&N (sta=Tallega), 2 mi from co. line 2 mi n of Athol po, 1 mi s of Canyon Falls po. On 10/20/19, Polly White pet. for a move 75 yds se to a site \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi e of M.Fk, 100 yds w of Ivy Patch Ck, 1 mi of Tallega po, .20 yds e of L&N (sta=Tallega), 1 3/4 mi from co. line, 1 1/4 mi s of Canyon Falls po, 2 mi w of Athol po. Eff. 11/1/19. Had to give up present bldg.
Acc. to Ibid., 3/30/1927, the Zold po was serving the Tallega commu. ½ mi ne of M.Fk, 50 yds nw of Ivy Patc Ck, 2 mi n of Tallega po, 50 ft w of L&N, ca. 2 mi from the co. line, 1 mi sw of Canyon Falls po, 2 mi s of Athol po. (SLR); Acc. to Polly White, 9/28/1934, the Tallega po (formerly Zold) [n.ch. eff. 11/1/34] was 1½ air and 2 rd mi from Breathitt Co, 2 mi nw of Lone PO (the new name for Tallega), ½ mi n of M.Fk, 2 mi sw of Athol po, 1½ mi sw of Canyon Falls po, 4 mi se of Primrose po// On 3/21/40, Thos. Chapman pet. for a move 225 ft w to a site 1 air and 1¼ rd mi from Breathitt Co, 200 ft sw of Tallega (rr) sta, ½ mi ne of M.Fk, 1¼ mi s of Canyon Falls po, 1¼ mi w of Athol
The Tallega po was in 3 bldgs. within 1 mi of each other. In 1976 it was in Palmer's Gro. store, nick-named Loafers Paradise for local gossiping sessions of patrons who'd come in to wait on the mail. Olga Davis Palmer was then pm. She assumed that position in 10/20/1967. (Lee Co. Yesterday and Today, 1976, Pp. 40-43); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, the Tallega po was on the L&E Ry. 3 gen. stores: (1) S. Cole & Bro, (2) M. Saulsberry, (3) Stamper Bros; The Lone po still serves 18 homes with Lela Keller, pm. A store here is closed. (Frank E. Lockwood, "Stamped Out" LHL, 7/6/01 Pp. A1-A6);
THIRTEEN (Lee Co., Ky): Plans were to complete Lock & Dam 13 and 14 by 1913. Both projects were under contract by 1911. The work schedule was disrupted several times by "unexpected difficulties" (incl. death threats). (P. 131) The Corps began construction of #13 in 1909 with the original plan for completion by 1912. In May 1909 the contract for the construction of the lock was awarded to Smith Towles & Co. of W.Va. This company built its camp for the workers and called it Thirteen. The lock was completed by Aug. 1911. The contract for the dam was awarded Oct. 1910 to W.F. Garretson Co. of Cinci. but the company folded in 1912. (P. 132). Lock #13 was opened for navigation on 11/14/1914 (P. 134).
The Ky. R. drains 7000 sq. miles and is 255 mi long. (Leland R. Johnson and Chas. E. Parrish, *Ky. River Development: The Commonwealth's Waterway*, Louisville Dist. Corps of Engineers, 1999); "Construction at Lock and Dam 13 began in 1909, and it opened to navigation in 1914. However, land surveying and acquisition would have been initiated several years prior to the construction start; this could have taken place as early as 1906. Therefore, it is quite reasonable to conclude that the community could have been named by 1909." (Chas. E. Parrish, Historian, US Corps of Eng., Louisville, in a letter to me, 10/22/2001);
THIRTEEN (Lee Co., KY): DPO. Po est. 8/30/09 1903. Frank M. Robinson. 4/15/1913, Thos. R. Green; Disc. 11/30/1914 (NA); The po was on the banks of the Ky. R., 4 mi. nw of Evelyn and 2.4 mi. s. of Willow. It was also located on the route of the L&N RR which had a station at that point also called Thirteen.

This station had derived its name from Lock 12 on the Kentucky River. This is no doubt the origin of the name Thirteen for the p.o. as well." (Dr. Dennis L. Brewer, Pastor, Beattyville Bapt. Chu., in letter to me, 3/13/1987)

1 1/2 mi. from Est'ill Co. line.

Acc. to RR time table (c. 1921) the sta. was called Lock No. 12, 4 rail mi. from Evelyn.
THIRTEEN (Lee Co., Ky): The lock/dam may have been built or at least started in 1909. Check further...;
THIRTEEN (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Frank W. Robertson, Jul 1909, this proposed po would be 600 ft from the rr and Thirteen Sta., 200 ft e of the vil. of Thirteen with a pop. of 300, 2.4 mi n of Willow po, 4 mi se of Evelyn p and on the Ky R. (see map) (SLR); Lock and Dam #13 was built in 1915 by the US Corps of Eng. to raise the water level to enhance navigation on the Ky R. The Lock was 9 mi below Heidelberg and the end of Spencers Ridge Rd. Use of the river for transp. declined with the rr. Coal was transported on river because it was cheaper began in the 1970s. (Glimpses of the Three Forks Countr Commu's. class of Lee Co. H.S. 1975, Pp. 34-7); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, the Lock 13 Sta. was 4 mi above Evelyn and 2 mi below Willow Shoals, 8 mi below Heid. & 1/4 mi below Beattyv.
THREE FORKS CITY (Lee Co.): Inc. 4/19/1890 (ACTS, 1889/90, Vol. 2, P. 915); St. Helens, a small vil. off Ky. 52, above the Middle Fk. of Ky. R., 4½ mi. from Beattyville, was first called Canaan; then Louellen, when the po was est., for the daughter of the 1st pm. Re-named Three Forks City in 1889 when the rr came in from Clay City. Then changed to St. Helens by a rr official who considered this a more approp. name. The city was officially est. in 1890. Boomed with timber, rr, and river development. (LEE CO. CENT. 1870-1970, Pp. 15-6) At one time called New Canaan.
(Fred Gabbard, 7/8/1977); PO was est. as
Lewellen in 1883 and disc. 1887. Re-est. as St. Hellena (sic) in 1888. N.ch. to St. Helen in Jan. 1889. (NA); First called Canaan, the Lake City, then St. Helens. Laid out by land speculators from Balti., Md. Big lumber town Never heard of its being called Louellen or Lewellen and never heard of a Three Forks City. Not called St. H. before the rr est. its sta. there. DK why it was renamed St. H. A Scotch enginser, who surveyed the routeway, named a no. of stations and maybe this too. (Nevyle Shackelford, 7/8/78)
An act to inc. Three Forks City in Lee Co. Approved by the Ky. leg. 4/19/1890 (Chap. 907, ACTS of the G.A. 1889/90, Vol. 2, Pp. 915-53). Bounds: "beginning at a pt. in the center line of the county rd leading from Three Forks City to Beattyville, and at low water mark on the s bank of the M. Fk. of the Ky R; thence following the meanders of said M. Fk. upstream in the line marked by low water on the s bank in a se direction a distance of 5430 ft; thence n 22° + 15 min, e 8240 ft thence at right angles N 67° + 15 min W 5280 ft; thence at right angles s 22° + 15 min w 7920 ft to the beg- ginning...."
THREE FORKS COUNTRY (Beattyville, Lee Co.)
The Beattyville area has been called (The) Three Forks Country and possibly even Three Forks City. Locally. The first news in that town was the Three Forks Enterprise. (Acc. to Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978)
THREE MILE BRANCH OF CRYSTAL CREEK (Lee Co., Ky): (F37s) An e. bank branch of Crystal, it extends c. 2.6 mi. in roughly ssw direction to join Crystal c. 2½ mi. from its confluence with the Ky. R. at Beattyville. Crystal is a n. bank trib. of the Ky. R.
TRILBY (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 7/10/1912, Jas. H. Farmer 8/21/1914, Jesse Brandenburg; Disc. 12/31/1914 (mail to Banford) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jas. H. Farmer, 9/16/12, this po was 8 mi s of Ky R, 5 mi w of Sturgeon Ck, 4 mi w of Banford po, ¼ air mi from the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to 1910 Census, Jas. Houston Farmer (53), son of Jas. & Matilda (Brandenburg) Farmer, lived with his wife Hailey Greene, daughter of Richard and Marg. (Evans) Smith. No Trilby;
TRILBY (Lee Co., Ky): A town in Fla. was given this name soon after the publication of Geo. DuMaurier's novel of the same name in 1894. Could this also be the source of Lee Co's. po? (Stewart, Am. P.N., 1970, P. 494); Trilby in Pasco Co, Fla, was est. as McLeod in 1895 and shortly thereafter became Macon, then Trilby in 1901. The town's streets were named for the book's characters. (Allen Morris, Fla. P.N., Coral Gables: U. of Miami Press, 1974 P. 144; Another Trilby is/was a Lucas Co., Ohio vil. ca. 7 mi'nw of Toledo (with a 1970 pop. of ca. 5500) Not (Webster's New Geog'l. Dict. 1984, P. 1228). Not shown on cont. maps so it may now be a part of Toledo; Allensv., a Person Co, NC commu., was once called Trilby;
TWIN MILLS (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 12/14/1874, Alexander P. Crawford, 4/15/75, Ira G. Profitt; Disc. 7/28/1879 (POR-NA); Acc. to Ira S. Profitt, 9/1/76, this po was serving a locality called Ivy Patch, 1/4 mi n of M.Fk, 10 yds n of Ivy Patch Ck, 10 mi e of Beattyv. po (SLR); Ivy Patch Ck, the 1st of 3 names of this 3 mi long ck named for ivy vines along its entire course. Settled by Archibald Crawford and his wife Mary (nee Brown). Built their home in a wide bottom nr M.Fk. Owen and Clay were their sons. Sytha was a daughter. (Bernice Calmes Caudill, Remembering Lee Co, n.d., P. 39); Acc. to 1876 Twin Mills, aka Ivy Patch, was a settlement with a pop. of 80 on M.Fk., 10 mi from Beattyv. Two flour mills owned by Profitt & Bowman and Profitt and Thomas, 2
chu's, a sch., Ira S. Profitt, a civil engineer and surveyor, was pm, Mrs. I. Crawford had hotel. John Crawford ran gen. store; Acc. to 1879-0 Gaz, it was 10 mi e of Beattyv. Ira S. Profitt was pm. John R. Crawford ran one of the gen. stores and J.W. Parmer (sic) ran another. Two flour mills: (1) Profitt & Bowman, (2) Profitt & Thomas. Mrs. I. Crawford had hotel. Other businesses....;
USONA (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 3/26/1906, Wm. Pendleton, order rescinded 9/7/06 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1910 Census, Wm. Pendleton (28), son of Geo. W. & Mary (Flanery) P, lived with wife Vivia, daughter of Geo. & Jalah (Brandenburg) Herndon;
UPPER AND LOWER STUFFLEBEAN CREEK (Lee Co.): Named for John & Mike Stufflebean. Mike, for whom MIKE'S BRANCH may have been named, was ne Albany, NY in 1752. Rev. War vet. John came to Ky. after the war; to Lee Co. for a few years and then to Randolph Co., Ill. where John died in 1844. (Bernice Calmes Caudill, REMEMBERING LEE COUNTY: A STORY OF THE EARLY DAYS, priv. print., n.d, Pp. 14-5)
VADA (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Barney Spencer, 10/23/1935, this prop. po would be 3/4 mi from N.Fk, 100 yds n of Brinks Br. (of N.Fk) [given as Blankey Br. on current top. map], 3 mi from co. line, 2 mi nw of Williba po, 2 1/2 mi ne of Primrose po, 5 1/2 mi nw of Fillmore po// Acc. B. Spencer, 7/25/39, it was 3 air & 5 rd mi from Wolfe Co, 1 mi w of N.Fk, 2 1/2 mi e of Primrose po, 2 mi nw of Williba po// On 7/3/47, Kenneth Abner pet. for a move 75 ft e to a pt 1 1/2 mi w of Ky R, 3 mi from Primrose po, 3 mi from Williba po (SLR); PO in vic. of the Hieronymus farm in the Grays Bend area. PO est. there in response to complaint of lost mail from Primrose. (Nevyle Shackelford, 7/8/78); po est. 4/6/36 with Barne Spencer...other Abners succeeded Kenneth.... (POR-NA);
VADA (Lee County, Ky.) Settled by Wm. Lucas, c. 1852 who came from Lee Co., Va. with his family. Built their homes on Pleas Branch, "now a part of the farm owned by Decousey Lucas." Pleas Lucas, one of Wm's sons, was in the party that came from Va. Was the Branch named for him? More on the family, but nothing at all on the name. It matches no name in that family, as mentioned. (LEE COUNTY CENTENNIAL, 1870-1970, article by Viola Hieronymous Hobbs, a great-granddaughter of Wm... Write her for info. on Vada's name....

(pp. 22-3)
VADA (Lee Co.): ("vä/də") PO for the Grays Bend area. Forks of the road. Never called by another name. It was a coined name; didn't precede the po. DK why or who named it. Never heard of anyone there by that name. A farming commu. Very few people live there. No store. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/78); po operated from 1936. APO (P&G); Acc. to 1920 Census, Barney Spencer (31), a rr operator, with wife Lula C. (32 (nee Williams) and their daughter Sadie (9) but no Vada; PO closed in 1991 (POR-NA); Gray Cem. in the Grays Bend area was named for Benj. T. Gray (1832-1875) and wife Caroline V. (1835-1915) who were buried there;
WHYNOT (Lee County, Ky.) P.O. est. 3/26/1883.

WHYNOT (Lee Co., Ky): name derived from old song "Why Not Tonight" after a religious revival held there at which that song was sung. "People became so carried away with the music that the place was ever afterward called Why Not". (alleges that this po was in Leslie Co., Ky). (J.G. "Queer Origin of Two Queer Names" LCJ, 2/24/1904, P. 4) (called to my attention by Tom Stephens of the Ky. Hist'l. Soc., Nov. 1999); the song was "Why Not Say Yes To-night?" by Effie Wells Loucks and Louis D. Eichhorn in Chas. M. Alexander's "Gospel Songs" NY: Fleming H. Revell Co, 1908, P. 151. (cf 1st verse & chorus.... in a ft);
WHYNOT (Randolph Co., NC): "At a town meeting there were so many queries of 'why not name the new town this' or 'why not name the town that'--all without agreement--that finally one fellow rose and said: 'Why not name the town Whynot and let's go home.'" (Bill Sharpe, A NEW GEOG. OF N.C., Raleigh: Sharpe Pub. Co., 1958, Vol. 2, 1036);
WHITEASH (Lee Co., Ky): At the m of Mike's Br. of the Ky. R. (Named for Mike Stufflebean, an early settler. He and his bro. John were Hessian soldiers, acc. to John Williams, Lee Co. historian. (N. Shackelford, The Romance of Lee Co, B'ville Enterprise, 1947, P. 12); The Belle Point area was 1st settled by Peyton Short. (Lee Co. Centennial, P. 7); The Belle Point po closed 9/15/1951 (POR-NA); Acc. to L&N timetable (1921), the Belle Pt. sta. was 2 mi below the White Ash sta. which was 2 mi below the Beattyv. Sta; The White Ash Coal Co. ca. 1890s;
WILLIBA-(Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to A.B. Davis, Jan. 1907, the (re-est.) po was 4½ mi ne of Monica Sta, 3½ mi ne of Primrose po, 3¼ mi sw of Flat po, 3 mi n of Fillm. po// In Jan. 1909, D.H. Bradley pet. for a move 1 rd. mi w to a pt. 1 mi s of N.Fk, 4 mi e of Monica po, 3 mi e of Primrose po, 4 mi from Fillmore po, Not a vil.// Acc. to C.C. Spencer, 7/7/1919, it was serving the Hieronymus Ford locality, 80 yds s of N.Fk, ca. 75 yds s of Brinks Br, 3 mi sw of Flat po, 5 mi n of Monica po, 4 mi w of Fillmore po// On 6/26/35, John Creech pet. for a move 600 air yds e to a pt 800 yds s of Ky. River, on the w bank of Fraleys Ck, 3 mi from co. line.
4 mi sw of Flat po, 4 mi ne of Primrose po, 4 mi w of Fillmore po. Eff. 6/24/34 for greater patron convenience// Acc. to Ibid, 9/26/39, it was \( \frac{1}{2} \) air and 2 rd mi from Wolfe Co. line, \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi s of N.Fk, 2 mi e of Vada po 3\( \frac{1}{2} \) mi w of Fillmore po, 3 mi s of Flat po, 4\( \frac{1}{2} \) mi n of Canyon Falls po (SLR);
WILLIBA (Lee County, Ky.) p.o. est. 3/29/1904 with Thomas Colwell as the first pm. Disc. eff. 3/31/1906 with mail to Primrose. Re-est. 4/30/1907 with A.B. Davis as pm. ... Disc. 7/31/1913 with mail to Primrose. Re-est. 11/17/19 with Christopher C. Spencer as pm. ... (Acc. to the National Archives) Disc. 1954 (2/4/1954)

Pron. Willoughby from which it was corrupted to make it shorter to place on a rubber stamp that the pm used to cancel mail. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 10/2/1971)

Hollon's Gen'l. Store, Clennie Hollon, prop. edit. of the now defunct "Poreman's Journ." W. is midway betw. Fillmore & Gray's Bend on the river. Only 5 homes left of the 30 families there at one time. (Joyce Wilson, "Poreman's Editor,
WILLIBA (Lee Co.): (Pron. "W(ih)l/a/bee") The home of Clennie Hollon, crackerbox mt. philosopher often quoted in the Lex. newspapers. Runs country store at this place. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); ("W(ih)l/a/bee") Named for Willoughby (its orig. spellir a town in England. Some of the early settlers may have come from there. DK when they arrive via Va. in the late 18th cent. DK their names .... Spelling was simplified. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
WILLIBA (Lee Co.): Glennie Hollan still has his store there. A big chu. camp run by the Chu. of God there on land once owned by the H.S. until it was discontinued. Also a chu. there.... (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
WILLIBA (Lee Co., Ky): "This hamlet is on Fraley Ck, less than \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi from its confl. with the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, and 7\( \frac{1}{2} \) (air) mi ene of B. The recently closed po was est. on 3/29/04 and allegedly named for Willoughby, a town in England from which the ancestors of some of the area's pion. settlers may have come. The name is said to have been corrupted to make it short enough to place on a rubber stamp that, the 1st pr. Thos. Colwell used to cancel the mail." (Book-P. 320); The Williba po served a place called Glen Eden (Cent. Vol. 2, 1987, P. 67); John W. Edens lived in Beattyv. Prec. in 1870;
WILLLOW (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to John Wesley Stephenson, 7/11/1905, the prop. name for this new po was Willow Shoals but the Shoals was crossed out. It would serve the Willow Shoals (RR) Sta., 300 yds n of Ky R, \( \frac{1}{4} \) mi w of Big Willow Ck, 50 ft n of the L&A RR, 6 mi w of Heidelberg po, 6 rail mi e of Evelyn po, 10 rail me se of Old Landing po. Acc. to J.W. Spicer, 7/26/39, it was on the Ky R, 2 mi w of Yellow Rock (the nearest L&N sta) 6 mi e of Evelyn po, 6 mi w of Heidelberg po. (SLR); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, the W.S. sta. was 2 mi above Lock 13 Sta, 2 mi below Yellow Rock sta, and 12 mi below Beattyv. Sta; Acc. to Jillson II, S.P. Brandenburg acq. 100 and 190 acres on Willow Shoal Br. (surv. 10/29 & 11/1979, resp.);
WILLOW (Lee Co.): commu. on the Ky. R. believed to have been named for the willow trees growing in profusion at the water's edge. Prior to the construction of the locks, there were 3 shoals at Willow. They were Long Shoal at the quarry, now called Yellow Rock; Big Willow; and Little Willow Shoals. (LEE CO. CENTENNIAL, 1970, P. 20); po est. as Willow Shoals 9/20/1905 with John W. Stephenson, n.ch. to Willow 11/25/05 with same, 4/2/08, Thos. B. Stephenson...9/10/19, Martin V. Alston; Disc. 3/31/1920 (mail to Heidelberg); Re-est. 9/22/22, Hag H. Howland; 1/14/24, Jas. W. Spicer... Disc. 1956. (POR-NA);
YELLOW ROCK (Lee Co.): The 1st settler at this site may have been James Ashcraft, acc. to an old newsp. acct. that may have been written by Johnny Williams (Nevyle Shackelford, "Old Newsp. Reveals First Settlers in Lee" LEX. LEADER, 5/5/1964, P. 6); po operated from 1941 to 1983 (P&G); Acc. to Lillian Damrel (冬). 5/1/39, this prop. po would be 100 ft w of Ky R, 1 mi e of Salt Rock Br, 50 yds e of L&N (local sta=Yellow Rock), 2 mi s of Willow po, 6 mi n of Heidelberg po, 4 mi w of Spencer Ridge po. (SLR); PO closed 1983 (P&G); po est. 2/10/41 with Lillian Damrel, pm, succeeded 7/28/66 by Francis Horn; Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, Yellow Rock sta. was 2 mi above Willow Shoals and 4 mi below Heidelberg, & 10 mi below B'vill
YELLOW ROCK (Lee Co.): (Pron. "Y(eh)l/oh R(ah)k") Where the rock quarries are. DK why so called. Where limestone gravel for roads is quarried. (Fred Gabbard, interview, 7/8/1977); ("Y(ae)l/(eh)l/\{R(ah)k"") A big limestone quarry there with a kind of yellow cast and is said to have been so named for that stone. The Ky. Stone (Quarry-hass) Co. has a big quarry now. Never much there except the quarry; no room for anything. DK if a store now. DK of any other name. It's on the river. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
ZACHARIAH (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to John Spencer, 7/1908, he pet. a move of the po 100 road yds e to a pt. 2 mi w of the L&E RR (nearest sta=Torrent), 5 mi from Red R. (Wolfe Co. SLR); Acc. to John D. Spencer, 1/13/17, it was 5 mi s of Red R, ½ mi s of Graining Block (?) Ck, 2 mi s of Torrent po, 2½ mi ne of Zoe po, 30 yds from the Lee Co. line, 7 mi e of Radical po. (Wolfe Co. SLR); (No SLR for Zoe in Wolfe Co.).
ZACHARIAH (Lee County, Ky.) straddles the Lee and Wolfe Counties line. General store in Lee Co. Across the street is Wolfe Co. Named for Zach Ponders for acquired the po. for the community. Stepfather of Mrs. Maude Thacker Powell, age 86 (c. 1970). She recalls that, at one time, there were 3 stores. Her husband hauled supplies from the rr to the stores. (...) (Acc. to Lee County Centennial, 1870-1970, p. 20).

P.O. est. 3/9/1883, Zachariah C. Ponder...

Disc. 12/17/1894 (mail to Torrent) (NA) (see Zoe).... Re-est in Wolfe Co. 7/5/1908, John O. Spence; Disc 8/31/1918 (m. to Torrent) (NA)
ZACHARIAH (Lee Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po lies at the jct. of Ky 11 and 1036, 8½ (air) mi n of B. The po was est. by and named for Zachariah C. Ponder on 3/9/1883 and was disc. the following yr. The name was applied to another po, 1.8 rd mi s, in 1902 and this was transferred to the orig. site in 1908 where it remained in operation until 1918. Meanwhile, a po called Zoe was est. at the 2nd site in 1915 and the Zachariah po was re-est. in 1926. Both po's are still active." (Book-PP. 327-28)
ZACHARIAH (Lee Co.): (Pron. "Z(ae)k/ə/r(eye)k(ah)/ə") (Fred Gabbard, 7/8/1977); Has a term "h". ("Z(ae)k/ə/r(ah)k(eye)/yə") DK who named for. An old man named Bill Bush lives there...It's an old town. Now: store. Maybe the lodge hall is still there. DK anything else about it. On the Lee Co. side of the line. The road divides the county. Considered in Lee Co. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); same pron. Still a store there. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978);
ZACHARIAH (Lee Co., Ky): Acc. to Zachariah C. Ponder, 2/15/1883, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Ponder and it would be ontop of the ridge betw. Walkers Ck. and Middle Fk, 8 mi from N. Fk, 12 mi ne of Beatty, po, 12 mi from Campton po. Not a vil// Acc. to James Olney Williams, 3/9/26, it was 2 mi of Zoe. (Everything else was too lite)// Acc. to Ibid, 8/23/26, it was 1 mi from the co. line, 12 mi n of Ky R, 5 mi n of Big Sinking Ck, 1 mi w of Torrent po, 3 mi n of Zoe po, 1 mi se of Leeco po, 1 mi sw of L&N (sta=Torrent)// On 7/19/33, Albert C. Day pet. for a move 420 ft nw to a pt 2 mi sw of Red R, ¼ mi ne of Big Sinking Ck, 1 mi e of Leeco po
1½ mi w of Torrent po, 2½ mi n of Zoe po, 35 ft from the co. // On 3/1/1935, Alpha Spicer pet. for a move 400 ft e to a pt 20 air and 400 rd ft 'from Wolfe Co, 1½ mi sw of Torrent po, 2 mi nw of Zoe po, 2 mi ne of Leeco po, 1½ mi sw of L&N (sta. at Torrent) //

Acc. to Mrs. Alma Booth, 7/27/39, it was 100 rd ft from Wolfe Co, 11 mi from Beattyv. (sta), 1 mi s of Torrent Ck and Torrent po, 1 mi w of Leeco po, 2 mi n of Zoe po, 4 mi e of Fixer po. (SLR); ...2/5/34, Courtney Drake, Disc. 11/27/34; Re-est. 12/29/34; 2/1. Alpha Spicer...(POR-NA); Suspended by 1996 (with p to Torrent);
I don't know who it was named after. But there's an old man by the name of Bill Bush lived near there. He used to order whiskey by mail. Well, he could order it and they'd send it to the railroad station. They'd ship it by freight or express. And he told me one day that he was--one Sunday morning, he was ordering some whiskey. He didn't know how to spell Zachariah. And he's settin' out on the front porch, turning through the Bible, tryin' to find (the) name Zachariah so that he'd know how to spell it. Preacher come along and said 'let' go to church, Mr. Bush.' He said, 'No, I
'Well, I'm glad to see you're reading your Bible anyway.' He's readin' it tryin' to find out how to spell Zachariah so he could order his whiskey."

(Nevyle Shackelford, Beattyville, Ky., interview, 7/8/1978)
ZOE (Lee Co, Ky): Acc. to Edward R. Shoemaker, 4/5/01, the prop. name for this new po was Earnest and it would be a rural po, 6 mi n of Ky R, 1 mi n of Hell Ck, 4 mi from L&E RR, 4 mi n of Fincastle po, 5 mi s of Torrent po. Acc. to G.W. Stamper, 2/10/15, it was 7 mi n of Ky R (N.Fk), 2 mi from Walkers Ck, 3 mi from co. line, 3 mi s of Zach po, 4 mi nw of Fincastle po, 10 mi n of Beattyv. po. On 6/26/30, Earl McKinney pet. for a move 140 yds n to a pt 12 mi n of Ky R, 2 mi from co. line, 2 mi sw of Zach po, 3½ mi se of Fixer po, 3 mi s of Leeco po, 3½ mi s of L&N (sta=Torrent). Acc. to Ibid, 7/24/39, it was 1-3/4 air and 2 rd mi from Wolfe Co, 6 mi n of Ky R, 2½ mi w of Walkers Ck, 3 mi sw of Torrent Sta, 2 mi s of Zach po, 3½ mi e of Fixer po, 5 mi w of Fincastle po, 10 mi n. of Beattyv. po (SUR).
ZOE (Lee County, Ky.) P.O. est. 5/24/1901 with Edward R. Shoemaker as pm. Changed to Zachariah 6/6/1902... (Acc. to the National Arch.) (Zoe and Zachariah are about 1 mi. apart in the nc section of the co. This means that the po was changed and not the name of the community) (Acc. to the Co. Hiway map).


Edw. Shoemaker continued as pm after the p.o. became known as Zachariah...to Wolfe Co. 9/5/1908 and disc. in Wolfe Co. 8/31/1918, with mail to Torrent; re-est. in Lee Co. 7/16/26, James O. Williams... (NA).
Another ZOE p.o. was est. 4/14/1915, Geo. Stamper... (NA) A p.o.
ZOE (Lee Co.): ("Z(oh)") PO had been under the hill and now it's on top of the hill. An active po. DK anything about it. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); APO on Ky 11 Acc. to 1900 Lee Co. Census, Edward Shoemaker (2/77), son of Woodford (12/52) & Eliz. (Jane) Shoemaker (12/1852). Edward had a son or nephew named Ernst (sic) (4/96);
✓ ZOLD (Lee Co., Ky): po est. 7/23/1915, Jos. P. Sutton, 4/2/18, Jerry Miller, declined, 7/16/18, Polly White.... Disc. 1934 (POR-NA);

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