Leslie County, Ky: 402 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1878 from parts of Clay, Harlan, and Perry Co's. and named for Preston H. Leslie (1819-1907), gov. of Ky. (1871-75) and territorial gov. of Montana (1887-9)." (Book-P. 170); The co. is drained altogether by the s-n Middle Fk. and its branches. This stream was the dividing line betw. Clay & Perry Co's. The 117th co. org. 412 sq. mi. Much of its terri. is forested and lies within the Dan'l. Boone Nat'l. Forest. Drained by the main channel & branches of the M. Fk. R. Buckhorn Lake in the n. Principal streams incl. Cutshin & Hell- for-Certain Cks. River travel was the only outlet to the outside world, till c. 1900 when the 1st roads of any significance were built. Little comm. farming in ~2% of
the co. land area, Econ. base mostly lumber and coal & lignite mining. 1990 pop. = 13,642. (Ron D. Bryant, KY. ENCY. 1992, P. 545); Named for Gov. Preston H. Leslie (1871-75) who was also apptd. Terri. Gov. of Mont. by Pres. Cleveland (1887-9). The Dan'l. Boone Pky. is 4 mi nw of Hyden; Co. was taken from Clay & Perry Cos. on 4/15/78. (sic) 380 sq. mi. Gained 30 sq. mi from P. Co. on 3/19/90. By then had reached 410 sq. mi. (Long); In Eastern Ky. Coalfield. A highly dissected plateau. The Hyden Spur connects Hyden with the Dan'l. Boone Pky at Thousandsticks; Acc. to Long, none of Leslie Co. came from Harlan Co;
ASHER (Leslie Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is centered at the jct. of US 421 and Ky 1780, at the mouth of Beech Fk. of the Middle Fk. of the Ky R., 7 1/2 (air) s of Hyden. The po was est. on 5/22/1900 with Henry M. Hensley, pm, and named for the Asher family of se Ky., descendants of Dillon Asher (1777-1844), an English-born Rev. War vet. who settled on Red Bird R. ca. 1810." (Book-P. 8); APO (ca. 2000); By 1/1996, the po was at the jct. of US 421 and Ky 1780; Acc. to 1900 Census, H.M. Hensley (1/72 lived with his partner A.B. Asher (8/60) & Asher's wife. Nancy (9/65) next to Jas. Muncy (6/71) & wife Fanny (6/72) in the Badcreek Prec;
ASHER (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to H.M. Hensley, 11/6/1899, this prop. po would be 3 mi s of the Hoskinston po and 10 mi n of Helton po. On 11/23/1938, no sign. pet. for a site ch. 600 yds w to a pt 30 yds n of the Middle Fk. R., 2 3/4 mi ne of Warbranch po, 4 mi n of Mozelle po, 5 mi s of Hoskinston po. On 9/1/47, Bert Howard, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 1/4 mile ne to a pt. 1/4 mi w of Ky 257, 30 ft s of Middle Fk, 4 mi n of Warbranch po, 5 mi s of Hoskinston po, 5 mi nw of Mozelle po, 5 mi e of Essie po. On 8/4/49, Ibid, then pm, pet. for a site ch. 0.2 mi e to a pt 50 ft s of Middle Fk, 6 mi ne of Warbranch po, 5 mi n of Mozelle po, 5 mi s of
Hoskinston po, 5 mi se of Essie po. (SLR); APO;
On the Ashers: The sons of Jackson D. Asher (who lived and died at the head of Red Bird R) were: Geo. Mattis, Thos. J., Andrew Jackson, Hugh L., and Abijah B. They helped develop the region's timber industry. Matt, Tom, Jack, & Hugh org. the Asher Lumber Co. at Ford on the Ky R. where they built a mill and boom to catch the logs down from the upper forks. Yrs. later, after great success, they sold out to a Mich. firm. Matt, Hugh, & Jack retired to Lex. area farms. By 1892 Hugh and Jack were still there. By 1898, Tom still owned & ran a mill at Wasioto (Bell Co.), 1 mi above Pinev. By 1898 Jack was living in Pinev. where he ran a saw-mill. (From Dickey's interv. with John W. Culton in KY. EXPL. Vol. 11 (10), 4/1997, P. 92);
ASHER (Leslie Co.): ("(Ae)sh/ər") Named for the prominent Asher family of SE Ky. One of them, John Asher, an atty., had a sawmill here. He died, age c. 90, only a couple of yrs. ago. The commu. was named for John. John's brothers were Dill and McKinley. They were all the sons of Dillon, Sr. Dill, Jr. ran a Hyden gro. for 20-25 yrs. John had been Commonwealth's Atty. of the county. He was also a wealthy landowner. He thinks that T.J. Asher and Dillon, Sr. were brothers. But he's not sure of this. Nothing at the Asher site before 1900. Now: po, gen. store, a few Homes (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);}

D+McK were merchants.  x (1893-1970)
ASHER (Leslie Co.): po est. 5/22/1900, Henry M. Hensley...(NA); Dillon Asher, ne 1774 in England. Married a Miss Davis. To NC. She soo died and he marr. her sister. To Ky. and he settled in Queensdale vic. on Red Bird R. nr. the later site of Dog Rock. (Pp. 93-4) Rev. War vet....Died 1844 and buried nr. his Red Bird home....(P. 94) His descendants still live in Leslie and adjacent counties....(Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN (A Hist. of Leslie Co.), c1972);
Dillion Asher II (ne ca. 1797 in Tenn.), son of John and Emily Asher and nephew of Dillion I (who settled at the head of Red Bird R. Dillion II mar. Henrietta called Hettie) Bowling while visiting his uncle, and settled nr. the mouth of Ashers Br. Married 1816. Hettie was the d. of John E. Bowling and granddaughter of Rev. Jesse and Polly (Green) Boling. Dillion II also owned land on Bull Ck. He died in the F. of 1865. (Stidham, 1986, Pp. 30-31);
BAD CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): This commu. was named for a small stream of this name which had been named for the many fights there. It gave it a bad reputation. (M. Ladd, WPA PN ms, 4/1941)
BEAR BRANCH (Leslie Co.): ("B(ae)r Br(ae)nch") On US 421, nr Clay Co. line. Name for the stream. Never heard anyone say how the stream got its name. Active po. Chloe Crawford = pm. Old commu. that probably goes back to the early days of the county since it's on early rte. from London to Hyden, etc (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); po est. in Clay Co. 11/10/1923 with Wm. Britton, pm; ch. of site into Leslie Co. 11/11/24 with Thos. T. Hensley who became pm on 11/5/24... APO; On Ky 80 (ca 1/1996); Is it now on US 421?
BEAR BRANCH (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. Britton, 5/9/1921 (sic), this prop. po would be est. in Clay Co. 2½ mi from the Red Bird R., on Big Ck, 2½ mi sw of the Big Ck. po, 7 mi se of Hector po, 7½ mi w of Obed po, 50 ft from the Leslie Co. line// PO moved to Leslie Co. on 12/2/1924// On 11/8/24, T.T. Hensley pet. for a site ch from Clay to Leslie Co. 3 mi sw of Red Bird R. ½ mi w of Big Creek (stream), 3½ mi sw of Big Ck. po, 4½ mi w of Obed po, 5½ mi n of Imlay po, at the forks of Ulysses Ck, 0.26 mi from the mouth of Ulysses Ck, 5 mi from its Clay Co. site. But he stated that Obed was (before the move 4.5 mi from Bear Branch// On 8/31/35, Thos. J. Hensley (sic) pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi sw to a pt 3 mi
e of Red Bird R, 300 ft s of Big Creek (stream), 2½ mi e of Big Ck. po, 12½ mi nw of Hyden po, 4 mi sw of Sizerock po, ½ mi from the co. line. Reason: to locate on Ky 80, eff. 9/20/35. On 11/2/36, Walter Crawford pet. for a site ch. 1300 ft w to a pt 300 air ft from the co. line, 2 mi e of Big Ck. po (in Clay Co), 13 mi w of Hyden po, 35 ft s of Big Creek (stream), 150 ft w of Bear Branch (stream). Acc. to Grace Crawford, 9/26/39, po was 100 air yds from Clay Co, on the w side of Ky 80, 50 ft s of Big Ck (stream), 2 mi e of Big Ck po, 13 mi w of Hyden po, 4 mi n of Peabody po.
BEAR BRANCH (Clay-Leslie Co's., Ky): Acc. to Wm. Britton, 5/9/1921, this po was 2½ mi from the Red Bird R, on Big Ck, 50 ft from the Leslie Co. line, 2½ mi sw of Big Ck po, 7 mi se of Hector po, 7½ mi w of Obed po //It moved to Leslie Co. on 12/2/1924 (SLR);
BEGLEY (Leslie Co., Ky): Felix T. Begley of Bull Ck. in Leslie Co. was ne 1834 nr. the m: of Cutshin Ck. He was the grandson of Wm. Begley and Minnie (Sizemore, d. of Geo. of All) who settled there from Hawkins Co, Ten. (FTB was interv. at his Bull Ck. home by J.J. Dickey on 3/27/98, acc. to KY. EXPL. Vol. 12 (6), Nov. 1997, Pp. 95-6); Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. C. Begley (2/1861) & wife Martha (10/66) lived in Wooton Prec. For another Wm. & Martha Begley, see OSHA entry); Wm. Begley (1771-1852) to Ky ca. 1800 and settled 1 mi up Cutshin. Mar. Winnie Sizemore, d. of Geo. All). Wm's. son was Hiram (1802-1867) who mar. Cynthia Allen (nee 1818). Hiram's sons incl. Felix (1834-1912), Hiram K. (1839-1904). Elijah & Henry were cousins. (Stidham, Pp. 59-60);
BEGLEY'S (Perry Co., Ky): po est. 5/15/44, Hiram Begley 1/31/51, Felix T. Begley, 7/3/51, Elijah R. Begley, 7/5/54, Henry Begley, 12/27/54, Felix T. Begley; Disc. 5/9/1855 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1849 tax list, Hiram Begley owned land on Middle Fk. as well as Hell for Certain. No mention of Felix; The area's Begley prog. was Wm. Begley (ca. 1770s-ca. 1830). To Ky ca. 1800, settling 1 mi up Cutshin. Was a P. Co. J.P. 1824-9. His children included Hiram (the oldest) ne ca. 1802, who became a P. Co. mag., sheriff, and state leg. He marr. Cynthia Allen. Among their 19 children were Felix T., an herb doctor & P. Co. sheriff. (Jackson Allen Begley, DAR hist., 1953, P. 208);

Was this in Leslie Co?
BIGFORK (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Henry T. Day, 2/1907 (sic) this prop. po would serve a locality known as Tony or Tarry (can't decipher), 3 mi e of Causey po, 4 mi w of Tracefork po, 7 mi se of Sinda po, 3 mi w of Cutshin Creek// Acc. to Ibid., 3/29/09, this po was 2 mi s of Cutshin Ck and 10 yds n of Wolf Ck, 3 3/4 mi se of Causey po, 3 3/4 mi nw of Tracefork po, 4 mi s of Cutshin po// Acc. to Jemima Day, 6/13/38, this po was/ would be re-est. 150 ft. e of Wolf Ck, 3 3/4 mi se of Causey po, 3 1/2 mi from Cutshin po, 4 mi from Big Rock po, 3 3/4 mi from Yeaddis po// Acc. to Ibid, 7/26/39,
the po was 3 air and 6 rd mi from Perry Co., on the s side of Wolfe Ck. (sic), 3½ mi w of Big Rock po, 3½ mi s of Yeaddis po, 3 mi n of Causey po, 3½ mi e of Cut shin po (sic). (SLR); Disc. 1971;
BIGFORK (Leslie Co.): po est. 6/3/1907, Henry T. Day; Disc. 9/30/1911 (mail to Tracefork) (NA); ("B(ih)gh/f(aw)rk") On Cutshin. Big Fork (stream) is a branch of Coon Creek, a fork of Cutshin. Named for that fork. Local people get their mail at Yeadiss. The Days are affluent landowners. Spelled two words. Now: store. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); Re-est. 1938 ➔ 1971;
BIG ROCK (Leslie Co.): ("B(ih)gh R(ah)k")
Named for a huge rock within 100 yds. of
the present site. Just off main Cutshin Cr.
on Persimmon Fk. Now: was store, 3-4 homes.
No vegetation on the rock, just a bald rock.
Thinks there was a po there at one time. The
Hendricks are prominent family there. Store
may no longer be in operation. DK when est.
Store may have closed c. 10 yrs. ago. (R.B.
Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); PO in opera.
from 1932 to 1984 (P&G);
BIG ROCK (Leslie Co., Ky): "This po est. in 1931 on Cutshin Ck, opp. the mouth of Low Gap Br., 11 1/2 (air) mi se of Hyden, was named for a huge bald rock within 100 yards of it." (Book-P. 24); Acc. to Dan F. Hendrix, 2/19/1931, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Hendrix (?) and it would be 150 yds se of Cutshin Ck, 3 1/2 mi sw of Yeaddis po, 3 1/2 mi from the Big Fork po// Acc. to Mrs. Joanna C. Hendrix, 7/25/39, it was 1 1/2 air & 2 rd mi from Perry Co., 3 mi s of Yeaddis po, 4 mi se of Big Fork po. (SLR);
BIG TWO BRANCH OF WOOTON CREEK (Leslie Co.): So-named because it was the second large trib. on the left as one goes up the creek from Second Fork. (Carl Hamilton who was born & raised on Wooton Creek, acc. to his sister-in-law, Katherine Hamilton, Library Asst., Leslie Co. P.L., Hyden, Ky., letter to me, 7/28/1987)

SECOND FORK OF WOOTON CREEK: was the second large branch of Wooton Creek on the right. (Ibid.); Extends c. 1 mi. in wnw dir. to Wooton, 2 1/2 mi. from Wooton PO above Wooton's confluence with Cutshin Cr. Acc. to 1919 Hyden 15 min. top. map, this stream was known as Browning Fk., the name now identi-fying one of the forks of Second Fk.
BULL CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): "...got its name as follows: John Amis shot a big bull as he stood under the shadow of a great rock, fighting the flies. This gave it its name." (From J.J. Dickey's diary based on ca. 1898 interviews in Leslie Co., acc. to KY EXPL. Vol. 8 (5) 10/1993, Pp. 77-8); Was named for a fight with a buffalo bull on its banks. (Acc. to Dickey's interv. with John Lewis, 1898, in Ibid., Vol. 13 (3), 8/1998, P. 90); Where an early settler had killed a bull buffalo. (Brewer, Of Bolder Men, 1972, P. 39);
CAMP CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): 3 mi. long, Joins Middle Fl 5 mi s of Hyden. Adams and Cornetts lived on it in the mid 1930s. A large bottom of 20 acres at its mouth was called The Camp Field for an Indian camp there. "At one place the soil was almost black and will not produce corn and it is thought that the Indians poured the grease from the game they killed on the land. The first settlers came here and built a camp and it was burned and later it was called Burnt Camp." This may have been the county's first place of settlement. No homes there (ca. 1937). 1 mi below was Mary Breckinridge's home. Heads against Coon Ck, a br. of Cutshin. 1st area settlers were Gid Lewis and Henry Crèss. (Viola Bowling in her WPA ms);
CAMP CREEK (Leslie County, Ky.) "so named because the Cherokee Indians used to camp there when they came to hunt." (Ruth Huston, GOD'S TIMING, p. 28). po est. 5/6/1911 with Granville G. Cornett, pm; Disc. 3/31.1913 (mail to Hyden) (POR-NA); In G.G. Cornett's 6/1911 SLR, everything was too light to be readable (SLR); 7 mi s of Hyden and above Wendover. "A large alluvial bottom used for many years as an Indian camp ground. Indian relics are found regularly at the site." (Leslie Co: An Appraisal of Educational Potential prepared by Ira H. Linville and Rufus Fugate, Apr. 1969, p. 42); A Cherokee campground. (Brewer, Of Bolder Men, 1972, p. 37);
CAUSEY (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to John W. Baker, 4/4/06, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Grassy and it would be 6 mi w of Cutshin Ck, 1 mi w of Wolf Ck, 6 mi mi se of Sinda po. // Acc. to John W. Baker, 4/21/09, it was 5½ mi w of Cutshin Ck, 1 mi w of Wolf Ck, 3¼ mi nw of Bigfork po. // On 8/16/1929, Willie Boggs pet. for a site ch. 70 rods ne to a pt 5 mi from Cinda po. // Acc. to Jas. Turner, 7/28/29, it was 40 ft n of Baker Fk. of Wolf Ck, 1 mi s of Wolf Ck, 3 mi w of Bigfork po, 3 mi sw of Cutshin po, 5 mi s of Cinda po, 6 mi w of Yeaddis po. (SLR);
CAUSEY (Leslie Co., Ky): "This hamlet with recently closed po is one mi up Baker Fk. of Wolf Ck, 8 (air) mi of Hyden, in the Cutshin Ck. watershed. The po, est. on 6/7/1906 with John M. Baker, pm, was named for a local family." (Book-P. 53); Acc. to 1900 Census, a no. of Causey families lived in the Cutshin Prec. The earliest included Carlisle (ne 1835), Stephen (ne 1841) John Baker (11/56) with wife Rebecca (3/60) nr Carlisle and his wife Mary (5/42); Acc. to Jillson II, P. 1090, C.B. Causey acq. 150 acres on Abners Br. in Harlan Co. that were surveyed 1/5/56) and 50 on Lick Br. of Wolf C in Harlan Co. (10/12/72). Wm. Causey (50) on Rockhouse (10/30/89) and 50 on Cutshin (9/6/89). Stephen Causey (100) on Lane Br. (9/6/89);
CHAPPELL (Leslie Co., Ky): Geo. Chapel (sic) from Abingdon Co., Va. was the 1st settler on the Greasy Fk of Middle Fk. His 2 bros. had settled on Dicks Fk. in c. Ky. by the 1870s. Geo. had 2 sons John & Geo. John marr. Betsey Wilson. (Acc. to Dickey's interv. with John's son Geo. ne Middle Fk, in KY. EXPL. Vol. 8 (5), 10/1993, Pp. 77-8); Acc. to Jillson II, P. 109 Henry M. Chappell acq. 200 acres on Elk Ck. which were 7/30/83; Henry lived nr. the m. of Elk Ck of Greasy. He owned much land and timber in that val. (Huston, P. 42); APO (ca. 2000); PO on Rt. 2009 (ca. 1/1996);
CHAPPELL (Leslie Co., Ky): "This po at the mouth of Robin Br. of Greasy Ck, 10 (air) mi s of Hyden, was est on 12/17/1895 and named by and for its first pm Henry M Chappell, the first of his family to settle in that vic." (Book-P. 56); Acc. to Henry M. Chappell, 9/1895, in a very unclear, confusing, and overly light SLR, the lst name prop. for this new po may have been either Salt Rock or Stinnett (and was told to choose another); and it would be 5 mi n of Hoskinston po, at the mouth Elk Ck, serving a vil. of 200 (see map// Acc. to Henry Chappell, it was on Greasy Ck, 5 mi nw of Shell po, 10 mi se of Hoskinston po// On 1/26/36, Mrs Maudy Slusher pet. for a site ch. 900 ft ne to a pt 150 ft e of Greasy Ck, 200 ft s of Robin Br. (SLR);

may 1904
CHAPPELL (Leslie Co.): po est. 12/17/1895, Henry M. Chappell...(NA); ("Ch(ae)p/al") On Greasy Creek, nr. the Napier PO. For years, the Chappell family was very influential in the county and still quite a few of them arou
Named for Henry M. Chappell, 1st pm, the 1st Chappell in there. DK when he came, just before the turn of the century. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); Acc. to 1900 Census,
Henry M. Chappell (ne 1/1855) lived with wife Sarah J. (6/57) in the White Oak Prec; Acc. to 1880 Census, HMC (25) & wife Sarah (23). He was son of John & Eliz. (nee Wilson) Chappell;
CONFLUENCE (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. B. Huff, 10/20/90, this proposed po would be on the sw bank of Middle Fk. on the n side of Wilder Br, ca. 5 mi e of Shoal po, ca. 11 1/4 mi n of Hyden po// On 11/9/05, A.W. Huff pet. for a site ch. 1/2 mi se to a pt on the w bank of Middle Fk, 100 yds w of Wilder Br, 3 1/2 mi e of Shoal po// On 1/12/21, A.D. Colwell pet. for a site ch 1/2 mi n to a pt 30 yds w of the Middle Fk, 100 yds from Grassy Br, 1 1/4 mi s of the Perry Co. line, 4 1/2 mi s of Krypton po, 4 1/2 mi ne of Shoal po, 15 1/2 mi n of Dry Hill po. Eff. now// Acc. to Roy Sizemore, 7/24/39, it was
$1\frac{1}{2}$ air and 2 rd mi from the Perry Co. line, on Middle Fk, 4 mi sw of Krypton po, 4 mi se of Shoal po, 4 mi ne of Omarsville po. On 3/29/50, Ibid pet for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w to a pt $\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Ky 257, from the w side to the e side of the Middle Fk, 6 mi n of Dryhill po, 3 mi ne of Kaliopi po. (SLR); Suspended 5/14/1993 (Jennifer Lynch, 5/16/01);
CONFLUENCE (Leslie Co., Ky): At the mouth of Wilder Br. of Middle Fk, on Ky 257, 7 m i n of Hyden. PO was est. in 1890 and named for the site. PM's included Geo. B. Huff (1890), Blevins' Huff (1892), Adam Huff (1905), Andrew D. Colwell (1919), Nelson Huff (1925), Boyd Campbell (1927), Roy Sizemore (1938), Linda C. Feltner (1985.) Closed. (Darlene Sizemore of Dayton, O. in KY. EXPL. Vol. 11 (11), May 1996, P. 46);
CONFLUENCE (Leslie Co.): At the confluence of Middlefork (sic) River and Cutshin Creek (Mary T. Brewer, RUGGED TRAIL TO APPALACHIA (Hist. of Leslie Co., Ky. and its people), 1978, P. 28); "This hamlet is on Ky 257, 7 (air) mi n.of Hyden. Its po was est. on 12/1/1890 with Geo. B. Huff, pm, and named for its location at the mouth of Wilder Br. of Middle Fk. of the Ky. R." (Book—P. 66);
CONFLUENCE (Leslie Co.): po est. 12/1/1890, Geo. B. Huff...(NA); ("K(ah)n/flǔ/ons")=2½ syl. Named for the fact that at this site the Wilder & Grassy Branches run into the Middle Fk. R. Never were many homes around the po and they're still not. Maybe 15-20 homes within 100 yds. Doesn't think there was anything there before the po was est. This is at the headwaters of Buckhorn Dam (sic). Now: po, gen. store, nearby picnic area. (R.B. Campbel: interview, 5/27/1978);
COON CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. in Perry Co. 3/18/1878 with John C. Lewis; 4/21/79, Wm. B. Feltner; in Leslie Co. 6/3/1879. Alex'r. Vanover; 8/1/81, Jos. M. White; 3/24/82, C. Wooten; 9/25/82, Jas. K. Cornett; Disc. 11/24/1886 (p. to Cutshin) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sign. too light, 10/15/1877, this prop. po would be 4 mi e of Middle Fk. R. and on the w bank of Cutshin Ck// Acc. to Jas. Cornett, 1886, it was ½ mi w of Cutshin Ck 8 mi e of Hyden po, and 9 mi. s of Cutshin po. (SLR); Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was 7 mi se of Hyden and had a pop. of ca. 100; John Muncy from the Black Mt. in Va. settled here ca. C.W. He & a neighbor John D. Pace owned most of the ck. Other residents were: Wilson Dixon, Clemmie Joseph, John Melton. (Viola Bowling, WPA
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 699 and the ck. for which it was named, 7\(\text{\frac{1}{2}}\) (air) mi se of Hyden. The po was est. on 8/21/1860 with Jas. C. Brewer as the 1st pm. The ck. heads almost at the Harlan Co. line and flows in a generally nw direction to the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R. at Smilax, 5 mi below the po. The several trad. accts. of the name seem to refer either to some unidentified early traveler or hunter who fell while crossing the turbulent waters of the stream in flood, cutting his shin on a jagged rock, or to an early settler on the stream bottom who cut his shin with an ax while felling timber for his new home. More likely the name merely suggests a stream that is difficult to cross." (Book-P. 76);
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co., Ky.) "Cutshin was named from an accident in which a man cut his shin with an axe." (Jimmie Faulkner, Ingram, Ky., one of Leonard Roberts' folklore students at Union College, 1955-6.); Cutshin Creek flows into Middle Fork R. 7 mi. n. of Hyden. 30 mi. long; "Before this section of Ky. was settled, fur traders would come hunting in the forests and along the creeks. Once a party of hunters were floating down Middlefork (sic) R. with their furs when they decided to go up a creek to hunt. Having been fortunate in catching many animals, one of the hunters tied his furs with grape vine (sic) and slung them over his shoulder. As he started wading down back the creek
the vine broke and he stumbled, cutting his shin on a sharp rock. From this time on the creek was called Cutshin. Gen. Gerrard (sic) told Rev. Dickey that Cutshin got its (sic) name from a man who was cutting a tray from a piece of buckeye with a hovel (sic), let it slip and cut his shin." (The 1st acct. from John X. Begley) (Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN: (A Hist. of Leslie Co.), c1972, P. 38);
CUTSHIN CREEK (Leslie County, Ky.)
"The early settler pioneered in there and plotted him out a place to build his home and he was cutting out the trees and bushes for a place to build his home and his axe glanced off one of the trees and struck his shin and they just called the creek Cutshin."
(Floyd D. Baker, Winchester, Ky., a native of nearby Hell For Certain Creek, in a personal interview, at his home, 4/23/73.)
CUTSHIN CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): First called Cane Ck. Alleged to have been named Cutshin by Roderick McIntosh. Story goes that Mr. hired a man to help hew logs to build his home. The man cut his shin and Mr. named the stream for this. Earlier had named Cane Ck. for the tall canes on its banks. (Bangor Wm. Wooton of Wooton, Ky. to Viola Bowling, WPA ms. 11/18/1936); A variant explanation of Cutshin Ck: "Here in the winter the stream freezes so hard as to cut the shins of mules and horses which break through the ice." (John C. Campbell, The Southern Highlander and His Homeland, NY: Russell Sage Fndtn. 1921, Pp. 37-38);
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co.): "An old hunter came over from Va. late in the fall to shoot his winter supply of meat during cold weather. He had his hog rifle, his dog, a knife, small hatchet and a buffalo skin to sleep in. He was successful in killing some large animals and in order to get them out of the inaccessible place made a raft to float them down-stream. Grapevine were cut down and tied to the raft to use for pulling it over the shoals. Unfortunately, he tripped over a log and his little axe fell out of his holster and cut his shin, which bled profusely. For two days he laid there, nearly bleeding to death, until another old hunter found and
rescued him. The story went around and so the creek was named 'Cutishin', later shortened to 'Cutshin', which is now spelled that way on the map." (Ruth Huston, OBSERVATIONS OF GOD'S TIMING IN THE KY. MTS Salisbury, NC: Rowan Printing Co., 1962, P. 93);
The prog. of the Leslie Co. Lewis family was James Lewis (1736-1825) From NC to Ky. Died & buried on Cutshin Ck. His son Sam'l. was born in Ashe Co, NC 1794 and to Ky in 1811. The family probably came together in Cutshin. At that time there was only one other family in the Cutshin val., that of Robert Pace who lived on Coon Ck. (Dickey's interv. with Sam'l.'s son, John C., ne 1879 on Leatherwood, Perry Co., 1/17/1898, in KY EXPL. Vol. 8 (10), 4/1998, Pp. 80-81); Another of James' son was Thaddeus who mar. Polly Roark. He was ne Ashe Co. and by 1816 he was living on Cutshin. To Ky 1811 and 1st lived on Poor Fk. of Cumbo R. (Acc. to Thaddeus' son Timothy of Cutshin to Dickey, 1/17/98, in Ibid.).
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co., Ky.)

"The nearby mountain creek was so filled with large, jagged rocks that it was said a person could cut his shins badly. The creek took that name and the postoffice followed suit." (Joe Creason, col., LCJ, 4/7/1971, P. B-17) As po est. as Cutshin in Perry Co. 8/21/1860, Jas. C. Brewer; Disc. 7/31/63; Re-est. 8/22/72 as Cutshin (?), Sam'l. Begley; (in Leslie Co. when it was est. as a county); Disc. 12/9/80; Re-est. 2/5/85, Larkin G. Baker...

By the 1890s it was once again spelled Cutshin...(NA);
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co.): "When one of the earliest pioneers came with his train to (Cutshin) Creek, he found it swollen and the crossing difficult. While driving his oxen over, he cut his shins badly on the sharp edges of rock; hence the name 'Cut Shin Creek.' The following day he came to another stream even more swollen, more rugged and far more difficult to cross. When he realized his predicament he exclaimed 'Hell, by jeeminy, this is hell-fer-sartin.'...." (Viola Bowling in her "Folk Customs" ms. for the WPA, c1936);
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co.): "Cutshin Creek is said to have been so named when one of a party of pioneers in fording the stream, suffered a deep cut on the shin when the foot (sic) came in contact with a submerged stone." (W.S. Kaltenbacher, "Legends Give Names to Ky. Streams" LCJ, 8/6/1933); Probably to indicate rough and rocky going." (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 124); A man "cut out a tray from a piece of buckeye wood with a 'howel' and cut his shin." (Acc. to J.J. Dickey's interv. with Jo Lewis, son of Jas. L. Lewis, 1898. in KY. EXPL. Vol. 13 (3), 8/98, P. 90);
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Levi Lewis, 12/2/1899 the po was 6 mi s of Middle Fk, on Cutshin Ck, 6½ mi s of Wooton po, 6 mi n of Tracefork po// On 1/4/01, James Monroe Baker pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi se to a pt 10 mi from Middle Fk, on Cutshin Ck, ca. 5 mi n of Trace F po, ca. 9 mi of Wooton po// Acc. to Lee Lewis, 7/22/39, it was 70 ft s of Cutshin Ck, ca. 5 mi of Daley po, ca. 3 mi n of Causey po, ca. 5 mi e of Smilax po// On 4/19/1948, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 200 ft e to a pt 50 ft of Cutshin Ck, ca. 3 mi nw of Yeaddis po, ca. 5 mi e of Smilax po. (SLR); Suspended 11/20/1992. (J. Lynch, 5/16/2001);
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to 1879-80 Gaz, the Cut Shin po was 6 mi from Hyden and had a pop. of 50. Sam'l. Bagley (sic) was the pm and co. judge. Bigley & Feltner (sic) had a corn & flour mill; By 1883-4 Gaz, this po, 6 mi from Hyden, had been disc; Sam Begley was the 1st co. judge; The most recent site of the po (1993 was on Ky. 699; PO closed 11/20/1992 (Jennifer Lynch, 5/16/2001); Jas. C. Brewer (1834-1900) mar. Jane Melto (1830-1908). Settled at Wooton and built 1st area water mill. A surveyor and Cutshin's 1st pm. (Stidham, P. 86)
CUTSHIN (Leslie Co.): ("K(uh)t/sh(in)h")
Still only a store, po, and a few homes. The
commu. was named for the stream which runs
into Middle Fk. R., c 6 mi. n. of Hyden. DK
when/by whom 1st settled. DK who cut his shi
or when. The stories he's heard of this al­
ways refer to a "he cut his shin." They neve
identify a person. DK when. PO is active and
at or nr. its origin, site. (R.B. Campbell,
interview, 5/27/1978);
DALEY (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to sign. too light, 12/06, this prop. po would be 12 mi e of Middle Fk. R. and 6 mi e of Cutshin Ck./ Acc. to Alford P. Shepherd, it was on Pauls Ck. (sic), and 6 mi from Cutshin Ck, 6 mi se of Wooton po. Not a town// Acc. to Floyd Wells, 7/25/39, it was 1 air and 1½ rd mi from Perry Co, 20 ft s of Bear Br 4 mi s of Farler po, 4 mi n of Cutshin po, 3 mi e of Smilax po. (SLR); No Daley families in 1880, 1900, or 1910 Censuses; Acc. to 1910 Census, Alfred P. Shepherd (sic) (48) and wife Martha (26) lived in the Cutshin E.I but no Daley;
DALEY (Leslie Co., Ky): Floyd Wells became pm in 1921 and continued in this position till 1954. His wife succeeded him till 1959. He also ran the local general store. Homer Day had another store on Polls Creek.

DALEY (Leslie Co.): 2/12/1907, Alford P. Shepherd...(NA); ("D(ae)l/ee") On Polls Creek, nr. the Smilax po. c. 5 mi. due e., and 5 mi. due s. of Frew. In a real remote section. The store is now a residence. Thinks it was named for a woman but dk whom. Floyd Wells, probably the most affluent citizen of Hyden, owns most of that creek and lives nr. the converted store. He's near age 90. Lots of Shepherds in that ngbrd. and on that creek. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
DELLA (Leslie Co., Ky): po in operation from 1935 to 1978 (P&G); Lewis Creek po was in operation from 1941 to 1986 (P&G); Acc. to Bill Jackson, 4/26/35, the prop. po of Della would be 100 ft s of Greasy Ck, ½ mi e of White Oak Ck, 4 mi from the co. line, 5 mi w of Napier po, 5 mi e of Chappell po, 6 mi s of Causey po. Until then, local people got their mail from Chappell. (SLR); Acc. to Mrs. Lucy Engle, 12/27/40, the prop. Lewis Ck. po would serve the Lewis Ck. camp, 3 mi e. It would be on Greasy Ck, 3 mi nw of Napier po, 7 mi se of Chappell po. On 11/3/42, Sillas Jackson pet. for a move nearly 3 mi nw to a pt 200 ft from Greasy Ck, 5 mi w of Napier
po, 5 mi e of Chappell po. (too light). (SLR); The Lewis Creek po was suspended 8/24/1984;
DEVIL'S JUMP (Leslie Co., Ky): "Flowing into the headwaters of Hell-fer-Sartain, in eastern Ky. is a small rock cluttered stream called The Devil's Jump. Folklore has it that the Devil, while skipping from one hilltop to another with an apron-load of rocks with which he proposed to burrèn the land, broke his apron strings and dropped the load of boulders and rocks into this stream." (J. Austin Violette, Louisville, Ky., "Kentucky All Over" by Finch, col. in the LCJ, 12/7/1947, P. 29)
DIMS (Leslie Co., Ky): At least this is how it's spelled by P&G. Po est. 6/15/1904 with Elias G. Howard; Disc. 3/30/1911 (mail to Asher) (POR-NA); Acc. to Elias C. Howard, 1904, the po would be Dims but everything in his SLR was too light to be read; Acc. to 1900 Census Elias Howard (1/53) & wife Fanny (4/54) but no Dims; No Dims families listed in 1880 and 1910 Censuses; Elias Crittinton Howard (1853-1944) marr. Fanny Estridge. He was son of John Jefferson & Eliz. Howard. No Dims (Stidham, 1986, Pp. 271-72); No Elias Howard in 1910 Census.
DRYHILL (Leslie Co.): ("Dr(ah)←→(eye) H(ih)l") c. 6 mi. nw of Hyden, at the mouth of Bull Creek. It's last pm=Johnny Keen of a very prominent area family. He was pm for over 30 yrs. till his death. DPO. DK the origin of the name Not many people lived right there but it was nr. the mouth of Hell for Certain Creek and the mouth of Cutshin just across from Bull Creek. Those creeks have a large pop. Now: gen. store, chu., and c. 20-25 homes within 200 yards of the site of the po. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
DRYHILL (Leslie Co.): po est. in this spellin 9/30/1897, Dan McDaniel...Disc. eff. 7/15/08, (mail to Hyden); Re-est. 8/13/1910, Dan McDaniel...(NA); c. 5 mi. ef of Hyden, on Middle Fork R. In 1923, 2 missionaries, Miss Zilpha Roberts & Jean Tolk, a nurse, arr: to org. a sch. commu. ctr. & mission program for local citizens...(WPA, c1936); Cutshin Creek flows into Middle Fork R. at Dryhill. (Mary T Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN (A Hist. of Leslie Co.) c1972, P. 4);
DRYHILL (Leslie Co.): "There was a Lane family living in this section in early days who gave a Christmas Eve party. Mrs. Lane was very attractive and became the dancing partner of John Jones. Mr. Lane became insanely jealous and called Mr. Jones outside where he cut him half in two with a knife. For Mr. Jones' (sic) grave on Christmas morning, residents chose a hill that sloped off in three directions. This was the first grave in this area. One of the men remarked that it was the driest (sic) grave he had ever helped dig. Henceforth the hill cemetery was called Dry Hill (sic) and gave the settlement it's (sic) name." (Mary T Brewer, from the late John X. Begley; OF BOLDE MEN (A Hist. of Leslie Co.), 1972, Pp. 37-8);
DRYHILL (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Dan McDaniel, July 1910, this po would be re-est. as McDaniel and would be 10 rods w of Middle Fk., 1 mi from Cutshin Ck. The rest of the info. thereon is too light. On 12/3/12, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi n to serve a commu. aka the Mouth of Bull Creek and would be ca. 75 ft w of Middle Fk. R, 200 yds s of Bull Ck, 5 mi s of Confluence po, 6 mi n of Hyden po, ca. 4 mi e of Gad po. Acc. to John M. Keen, 9/25/39, it was 100 ft w of M. Fk, 200 ft n of Bull Ck, 6 mi n of Hyden po, 5 mi e of T'sticks po, 5½ mi se of Omarsv. po. On 1/33/50, John Marshall Muncy pet. for a move 1 mi s to a pt 30 yds w of M. Fk, 7 mi n of Hyden po, 5½ mi se of Kaliopi po, 5 mi s of Confl. po, 3 mi sw of Toulouse po. (SLR);
DRYHILL (Leslie Co., Ky): "John Amis had a cattle camp at the mouth of Cutshin... 'where Joshua Muncy later settled.' This is now known as Dry Hill (sic) and is where the Daniel Boone Parkway crosses the Middle Fork...." (Jess Wilson, THE SUGAR POND AND THE FRITTER TREE, Berea, Ky: Kentucke Imprints, 1981, P. 46); Cutshin and Bull Cks. join the Middle Fk. across from each other. Indians are said to have called this area of 3 forks a Turkey Foot. Acc. to John X. Begley, it was early called The Aquar Cake attributing cases of ague fever to its swampy condition. (Brewer, Rugged Trail to Appal. 1978, P. 27);
EDES (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 10/26/1906, John H. Asher, order rescinded 6/14/07 (sic); 2/4/07, J.F. Roark order rescinded 6/14/07 (so it apparently never operated.) (POR-NA); Not in P&G; Acc. to 1900 Census, John H. Asher (ne July 1850) lived in Badcreek Prec. with wife Emily (7/69) but no Edes; No Edes families listed in the 1880, 1900, or 1910 Censuses;
ESSIE (Leslie Co.): po est. 10/13/1924, APO Jarvis Bowling...(NA); "My husband's grandfather, James Bowling, was a mail carrier carrying mail many miles on horseback. Some way he worked until he got another office put in and he became postmaster. I asked my father-in-law (Pratt Bowling of Essie) how he went about naming it. He told me that his daddy sent in all his daughter's names: Essie Marie, Mallie (and maybe some others). The POD chose Essie....Essie (the person) died about 15 years ago at about age 40. When Jas. Bowling retired or died, my mother-in-law, was appointed pm." (Letter to me from Mrs. James Bowling of Essie, Ky. 3/5/1969)
ESSIE (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to James Bowling, 1/29/24, this proposed po would be 3 3/4 mi w of Middle Fk. R, 100 ft s of Stinnett Ck, 6 mi ne of Roark po, 3 3/4 mi nw of Hoskinston po// No sign's. 7/29/39 SLR was too light. (SLR); APO (2000); po on Ky 406 (ca. Jan. 1996)

ESSIE (Leslie Co.): ("(Eh)s/ee") Several Bowlings still live in that vic., on Stinnett Creek. Afluent area. New homes being built on Stinnett Creek to accommodate new families moving in. Most people are miners or otherwise connected with surface mining operations. DK who Essie was. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); "This po on Ky 406 at the head of Stinnett Ck., 7½ (air) mi ssw of Hyden, was named for the daughter of Jas. Bowling who est. it on Oct. 13, 1924." (Book-P. 95);
FREW (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Nelson H. Hamilton, 6/27/05, this prop. po would be 10 mi e of M. Fk. R, on the e side of Wooton Ck, 4½ mi e of Wooton po, 4 mi w of Farler po. In 3/08, Dan'l. Hamilton pet. for a move 2 rd mi e to a pt 7 mi e of Cutshin Ck, 7 mi e of Wooton po, 13 mi e of Hyden po, 3 mi w of Farler po.

not vil// Acc. to Jas. Melton, 8/25, it was 10 mi s of M. Fk, 200 yds n of Wooton Ck, 5 mi se of Wooton po, 5 mi sw of Farler po, 3 mi from P. Co// Acc. to Jack W. Melton, 7/27/39, it was ¼ air & 8 rd mi from P. Co, 30 ft s of Polecat Br, 5 mi e of Wooton po, 6 mi nw (?) of Farler po, 5 mi s of Avawam po, 7 mi n of Daley po (SLP
FREW (Leslie Co.): po est. 8/14/1905, Nelson H. Hamilton...Disc. 5/30/1908(?)(mail to Wooton); Re-est. 11/27/1925, Jack W. Melton... (NA); ("Frū") on Wooton Creek, c. 5 mi. w. of Wooton. Very sparsely populated. Frew was some person's last name. He had come thru that country yrs. ago. Not local person. That's all anybody knows about him. Nothing much there before 1905. Only a few homes and no store now. Hamiltons are big family that still lives there (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); Disc 1984.
GAY (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. in Clay Co. 4/6/05, Andy Arnett, order rescinded 11/1/05; 1/25/06 in Leslie Co. with Robt. Gay; 11/6/06, Ellen Gay; Disc. eff. 7/15 1908 (mail to Lillian, Perry Co) (POR-NA); Acc. to Rob't. Gay, 12/7/1905 in his Leslie Co. SLR, this prop. po would be 200 yds from Middle Fk. R, 300 yds from Leatherwood Ck, 4 mi e of Saul po, 4½ mi n of Shoal po, 5 mi se of Safe po. Not a vil. No Clay Co. SLR listing (SLR); Acc. to Leslie Co's 1900 Census, Robt B. Gay (3/80), son of Henry C. Gay (4/42) & Archa Gay (11/46) lived in Wooton Prec. nr other Gays, Bargers, Begleys, Johnsons, and Bowlings; marr. Ellen Combs in 1905;
GILBERTS CREEK OF RED BIRD RIVER: Preacher John Gilber settled at the mouth of this stream. (Stidham, 1986, P. 6);
GREASY CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): "Allegedly named because of the grease which flowed into the creek from the car­ cass of a slain bear." (Glyn Morris, Less Traveled Roads, NY: Vantage Press 1971, P. 77); Early (before 1792) called Licking Br., then Laurel (now confined to a trib. Called Greasy when "a hunter killed a bear upon a flat rock, threw the entrails into the creek which be­ came greasy in appearance; asked where the bear was killed, he replied, 'up there on Greasy,' and the name stuck." (John C. Campbell, The Southern Highlander and His Homeland, NY: Russell Sage Fnd, 1921, P. 37);
GREASY CREEK (Leslie Co.): "Got its name from hunters who bearskinned nr. the creek. The bear grease ran into the creek and covered the water. The stream then called Greasy Creek." (Sadie Wells Stidham, A FOLK HIST. OF FACTS AND FICTION: LESLIE CO., KY. 1878-1978 c. 1978 and privately printed, P. 16);
The 27-8 mi long ck. heads at the ft of Pine Mt. in Harlan Co. and joins the Middle Fk. at Hoskinston. Som 20 mi of it are in Leslie Co. (Viola Bowling, WPA);
ca. 20 mi. of Greasy flows thru Leslie Co. Mt. laurel and rhodendum (sic) line the ck. bed. "Dense growth of laurel". On the lower reach of Laurel was John Shell's home. (Ibid.).
GREASY CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): Early called Licking Ck. for its deer licks. Later Laurel Ck. for its laurel thickets. John Shell shot a bear on the hill above the ck. The wounded bear ran down to a "blue hole" that was too deep for Shell to extract him. "As (it) decomposed, its fat created a greasy scum on the water which remained in evidence for some time." Area people began calling it Greasy Ck. (Brewer Rugged Trail to App., 1978, P. 27); A wounded bear fell into the creek and his fat is said to have given the water a "greasy scum". Attributed to John Shell;
HAYWOOD (Leslie Co., Ky): Haywood Hoskins, ne 1865, was son of Irvin (bro. of Carlo) and Rebecca (Garrison) Hoskins. Haywood marr. Julia A. Farmer. (Stidham, 1986, Pp. 252–61);
HAYWOOD (Leslie Co., Ky): Not in P&G; po est. 5/21/24, with Haywood W. Hoskins, pm.... (POR-NA); No sign., but probably somebody Hoskins SLR, 5/1924, was too light to be read. Acc. to accompanying map, it was at the mouth of Roundhole Br. of Greasy Ck. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Haywood Hoskins was the 15 yr. old son of Irvin Hoskins (42) & wife Rebecca (44). In 1900 Haywood marr. Julia Farmer and they lived in the Badcreek Prec. Acc. to 1900 Census, Haywood Hoskins (3/65) and wife Julia (4/72) lived in the Badcreek Prec;
HELL FOR CERTAIN (Leslie Co.): "The name of the creek came from the experience of a man who was trying to find the home of a friend located on what is now Bull Creek. He had come up Bull Skin Creek to the top of the mt. where two paths led down in different directions. A buffalo bull had been shot there many yrs. ago. The skin was thrown on one side of the mt. top and the waters going down in that direction became known as Bull Skin Creek. On the other side of the mt. the carcass of the buffalo was thrown. Two water courses flowed down from that side of the mt. One was named Bull Creek and the other had no name. By mistake the stranger took the left
hand path leading to the unnamed creek. After a very rough time he met Mr. John X. Begley's grandfather going up the creek and asked where he was. The answer was, 'This creek has no name.' He replied, 'Well, it's Hell for Sartin.' He had taken the wrong path and gone to Hell for Certain.' (Ruth Huston, OBSERVATIONS OF GOD'S TIMING IN THE KY. MTS. Salisbury, NC: Rowan Printing Co. 1962, Pp. 20-21);
"The two travelers were traveling through that section on foot, before the place was settled, only one or two families living in the valley (then), and there come an awful rain on then, and the waters of the creek got up and they had to go right up the creek because there were no roads. They got tired out and sat down to rest and one made the remark "This is Hell." And the other said, "This is Hell fer sartin." (Floyd D. Baker, Winchester, Ky., a native of that creek, in a personal interview, at his home, ..."
4/23/73) "And it's been hell-fer-sartin ever since." (Ibid.)
HELL FOR CERTAIN is really a creek in Leslie Co., Ky. which was named in the early nineteenth century for the frequent turbulence of its waters in "high tide." One early traveler is said to have exclaimed to his companion, "This sure is hell," to which the other replied "for certain."
HEL-FOR-SARTIN CREEK (sic) (Leslie Co.): 9 mi below Hyden. "It is believed that an old pioneer was traveling through the county and (the) county seemed so rough that he said when he struck this creek, 'This must be Hell-for-Sartin.' Since that time it has been called 'Hell-for-Sartin.'" 5 mi. long. Two forks: Big Fork and Devil Jump Branch....The po is Omarsville. Fordson Coal Co. has land in there....(Viola Bowling, in her "Folk Customs" ms. for the WPA, c1936);
HELL-FER-SARTAIN (Creek in Leslie Co., Ky):
HELL-FER-SARTIN (Leslie Co.): "Pleasie Begley, grandfather of John X., was at the mouth of this creek when a traveler came down the hollow. He had missed the road that ran up Bull Creek and lost his way. Mr. Begley said: 'This sure is a rough place, isn't it?' 'It is Hell, fer sartin!' the stranger replied. As Pleasie told this story people began to refer to the Creek (sic) and territory as Hell-Fer-Sartin." (Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN: (A Hist. of Leslie Co.), c1972, P. 38);
HELL-FOR-SARTIN (sic) (Leslie Co., Ky): "Two hunters parted to meet at the mouth of this creek. It had no name. One waited at the mouth till his patience was exhausted. When the other came the impatient man asked 'which way did you come?' 'Down this hell creek,' was the reply. 'Well, it is Hell for Sartin,' replied he. The date of this is not known but it was early in the settling of this country." (From J.J. Dickey's diary based on ca. 1898 interviews in Leslie Co. in KY EXPL. Vol. 8 (5), 10/1993, Pp. 77-78); Was named for 2 men going down the ck. Very rough. One said 'This is Hell' and the other said 'Hell for certain.' (Dickey from gen. garnard, 1898. in KY. EXPL. vol. 13 (3), 8(98, 0.96);
HELTON (Leslie Co., Ky): In Jan. 1907, John C. Hayward (?) pet. for a move 2 rd mi (no direction given) to a pt. 10 mi s of Asher po & the Middle Fk, 2 mi sw of Beech Fk, 4½ mi nw of Imlay po, 5 mi se of Warbranch po. // On 4/3/13, Andrew Wilson pet. for a move 1½ air mi w to a pt 1½ mi w of Beech Fk, 5½ mi from the co. line, 5½ mi s of Nantz po, 6 mi n of Imlay po, 5 mi e of White po. // On 2/26/18, Ibid. pet. for a move 90 rods e to a pt 1 mi w of Beech Fk, 4 mi from co. line, 8 mi s of Asher po, 7 mi se of Warbranch po. Eff. 3/20/18 // Acc. to Addie H. Nantz, 7/29/39, it was 1½ air & 3 rd mi from Harlan Co. 150 ft e of Beech Fk, 50 ft s of Sims Br, 3 mi n of Bledsoe po, 5 mi s of Mozelle po, 7 mi w of Chappell po,
On 7/28/1947, Addie N. Nantz (sic pet. for a site ch. 60 ft se to a pt on the w side of Ky 257, 2.4 rd mi from Harlan Co, 150 ft e of Beech Fk, 70 ft s of Sims Br, 3.5 mi n of Bledsoe po, 5 mi s of Mozelle po, 8.2 mi e of Saylor po, 10 mi w of Chappell po. (SLR);
HELTON (Leslie Co.): po est. 2/5/1885, James J. Helton... (NA); aka Beech Fork commu. 18 mi. se of Hyden. "One of the most out-of-the-way places in the co." Only 2 mi. from the Harlan Co. line. Attractive vil. of modern homes, po, store. The Beech Fork Settlement School is 2 mi. below and 8 mi. up Beech Fork. It's run by the Evangelical Church and is a branch of Red Bird Mission. Begun by Mr. Dewall (who founded the Red Bird Mission Settlement Sch.) in 1924... (Viola Bowling, from her ms. "Folk Customs WPA, c1936); disc. 1965; c/o from 1965+
HELTON (Leslie Co.): ("H(eh)1tən") Named for a local family some of whom are still there. Now: post office and store and c. 1/2 dozen homes. On Beech Fork, trib. of Middle Fork R. This is one of the 2 forks of MFR and heads in Harlan Co. while the other fork heads in Bell Co. He knew that the community was aka Beech Fork though for years the precinct was called that. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/28/1978); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 21 miles of Hyden. E.M. Wilson was postmaster, storekeeper & lumberman. Other businesses. No Helton; Acc. to 1880 Census, a number of Helton families were living in the Marrowbone Prec. near Penningtons, Hoskins, Saylors, Burkharts, etc;
HELTON (Leslie Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo is on US 421, at the mouth of Simms Br. of Beech Fk. of the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R., 13 (air) m i s of Hyden. The po was est. on 2/5/1885 and named for the 1st pm James J. Helton or his family. A 1919 top. map located the com. nearly l½ mi up Big Branch, another trib. of Beech It was apparently moved later to its present site where it came to be known also as Beech Fork." (Book-P. 137);
HOSEA (Leslie Co, Ky): po est. 6/25/1926, Mallie Brewer
6/14/28, acting, Nancy Smallwood; 3/8/29, acting, Grover Bray; Disc. eff. 2/28/1931 (mail to Bear Branch)
(POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. A.R. Brewer, 11/14/26, the name Owl was 1st proposed for this po, 7½ mi w of the
Middle Fk. R, 10 ½ ft e of Hals Fk, 7½ mi w of Hyden po, 7½ mi e of Big Ck. po, 5 mi s of Obed po// On 9/3/28,
Mrs. Nancy Smallwood reported its move, on 6/24/28, 2 air mi se to a pt. ca. 6 mi e of Red Bird R, 35-40 yds
s of Big Ck. (stream), 4½ mi from co. line, 4 mi se of Bear Br. po, 8 mi from Hyden po, 4 mi se of Obed po//
On 3/21/29, Grover Bray, act. pm, reported the move, already made, 3½ air mi e to a pt ca. 6½ mi w of Middle
Fk, on Rockhouse Ck, 6½ mi w of Hyden po. (SLR);
HOSKINSTON (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to John D. White, 1/19/1885, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Hoskins and it would be 10 mi se of Hyden po, 6 mi nnw of Lula po (sic). The rest is too light to be read// On 1/11/89, A.W. Howard reported a move on 12/24/88, 2½ mi sw to a pt 40 yds e of Middle Fk & 15 yds e of Beech Fk, 11 mi s of Hyden po, 10 mi ne of Helton po// Acc. to too light, 5/07, the po was on Middle Fk, 10 mi s of Hyden po. The rest of the data was too light. (see map)// On 8/16/47, Sam Morgan, act. pm, pet. for a move 0.2 mi s to a pt 150 ft w of Middle Fk, 1.2 mi s of Stinnett po, 3½ mi ne of Asher po, 6 mi n of Mozelle po // On 3/15/48, Mrs. Grace Howard pet. for a move ¼ mi n
to a pt - 200 ft w of Middle Fk, 1/8 mi nw of Greasy Ck, 1 mi s of Stinnett po, 3 mi n of Asher po. On 12/14/1949, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 200 yds s to a pt on the w side of US 421, 50 yds w of Middle Fk. R, 200 yd. w of Greasy Fk. R. (sic), 4 mi n of Asher po, 1 mi s o Stinnett po, 5 mi e of Essie po. (SLR);
HOSKINSTON (Leslie Co.): po est. 2/5/1887, Carlo Hoskins (sic)...(NA); ("H(ah)s/kanz/ tən") The late Carlo Hoskinston has been dead for only the past 25-30 yrs. He lived to be c 90. A big landowner. Lived nr. the H'ton po. The commu. was named for him. Nothing there before the po was est. which was very shortly after he moved there. DK from where. He settled and raised his family on c. 20 acres of bottom land on Middle Fk. R. c 8-10 mi. s. of Hyden on now US421 to Harlan. The commu. is now c. 2 mi. from the old Hoskinston home and is at the site of the present po for only the past several yrs. Not the original site be-
cause informant assumes this was nr. the Hoskins home. Active po. Site of the orig. school=2 mi. n. of the present site of the commu. school was 200 yards n. of the po site, to/ Hyden. The po had been 2 mi. n. of Carlo's home for 40 years. Now: several stores, new bridge across Greasy Creek being built now. Should be completed by summer of 1978. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
HOSKINSTON (Leslie Co., Ky): The 1st Hoskins to Leslie Co. was John (ne 1775) with his wife Nancy (Stotts) from NC in 1800. Settled at the site of the po named for him. (sic) His grandson was Carlo Hoskins (1851-1945) who marr. Delia Helton. Carlo was the son of John (ne 1816) and Nancy Grace (Mosley). (Stidham, 1986, Pp. 252-61);
HOSKINSTON (Leslie Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on US 421 and the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R, opp. the mouth of Greasy Ck, 5 (air) mi s of Hyden. It was named for Carlo Hoskins who had settled in this vic. shortly before he est. the po on 2/5/1887, about 1½ mi s of the present site." (Book-P. 145); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 7 mi s of Hyden and had a pop. of 30; Acc. to P&G, its po was est. in 1885; Acc. to 1880 Census, Carlow Hoskins (29) was son of Lucinda and ? Hoskins and lived with his wife Delia (nee Helton) (20) nr other Hoskins;
HYDEN (Leslie Co.): Named for John Hyden, State Sen. from Clay Co. at the time Leslie Co. was org. He and his family lived on Goose Cr. in Clay Co. (Scalf, KLF, P. 499); po est. 3/7 1879, Leander Crawford...(NA); At the confl. of Rockhouse Cr. & Middle Fork (of Ky. R.) The former, "stream "splits the town in half."
Until recently, the town was "hemmed in... with no place to expand... (a) 1500 ft. mt. range... surrounds Hyden like steep walls.... (David V. Hawpe, "Hyden Tries to Pull Itself Together" LCJ, 4/19/1970): inc. 3/18/42 (ACFS 18-81, Vol. I p. 891)
HYDEN (Leslie Co., Ky): Rockhouses were overhanging cliffs. Early settlers, awaiting the completion of their conventional homes, would enclose these. They'd thus be called rockhouses. In later yrs. these would be used as barns and storage areas; Town on Ky 80 & US 421, at the m. of Rockhouse Br. of the M.Fk. R. The vic was 1st settled by NC'an. John Sizemore & fam. in 1817. Town est. as co. seat on John Lewis' farm in 1878. Inc. on 3/18/82. Named for John Hyden, st. sen. from Clay Co., who helped in the co's. org. Never but a small town. The area's isolation restricted dev. & growth. Pop. (1970)=482, (1990)=375. (Ron Bryant in KY ENCY. 1992, P. 449);
HYDEN (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Abijah Lewis, 8/18/1879 this po was on the w side of Middle Fk, n of Rockhouse Fk, 7 rd mi sw of Cutshin po, 5 rd mi w of Coon Ck. po. // Acc. to W.H. Lewis, 4/17/1917, it was 5 mi se of Gad po, 6 mi w of Wooton po, and 6 mi s of Dryhill po. (SLR)
HYDEN (Leslie Co., Ky): Three sites were considered for the new co's. seat: (1) the mouth of Rockhouse, (2) the mouth of Cutshin, (3) a site 5-6 mi above Hyden (old Elisha Morgan's place). Owners of ea. prop. agreed to donate the site. In June 1878 the m. of Rock. was selected. The 1st sess. of Circ. Ct. (1878) was in Boss John Lewis' home. John Melton, the 1st co. ct. clerk, and Farmer Roberts built the 1st homes at the H. site, while Roberts and Bill Dixon had the 1st stores. M.S. Napier was the 1st sheriff and Houston Napier was the 1st co. atty. (Farmer Roberts interv. by Dickey at his home at Big Ck on 4/22/98. In KY EXPL. Vol.9·(10), 4/1995, Pp. 80-81);
HYDEN (Leslie Co.): On both banks of Rockhouse Creek where it empties into Middle Fk. of Ky. R. Hemmed in by mts. on no. & so. 25 mi. from Hazard. 1st. known settlers were John and Nancy (Bowling) Sizemore who came there 1817 from NC. Town founded as seat of newly est. Leslie Co. when co. founded by act of Leg. 3/30/1878. Named for State Sen. John Hyden, who had been Perry Co. Judge and an MD. At that time, only 2 families lived on site: those of A.B. Lewis and his cousin, Dr. John "Boss" Lewis. They lived across from each other on opp. banks of Rockhouse Cr. John & Bill Dixon built the 1st store in town in '79 (Viola Bowling, WPA ms., 9/19/1936);
Enabling legislation passed to est. county 4/15/1878. Three commissioners appointed to locate seat. They agreed 6/25/78 to locate it at mouth of Rockhouse Creek on John Lewis’s farm on c 3/4 acre. (Book 1, Leslie Co. ct. records, cited by Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MAN, (A Hist. of Leslie Co.), c1972, P. 1); Rockhouse Ck: a man named Johnson, while bear hunting, made a camp under a cliff or rock house. He was allegedly the 1st settler of the Hyden site. (Ibid., P. 37);
HYDEN (Leslie Co.): The 1st settlers of the land opp. the site of Hyden = Geo. All Sizemore and wife Aggie Shepherd Sizemore. Owned most of the land there. Geo. was ne 1750-5.

This land was later owned by their son, John & his wife Nancy who built the 1st home in vic. John sold his property in 1842 to James Lewis. (Acc. to the late Pleasie Woods and John X. Begley, Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins, and the Rev. JJ Dickey Diary, in Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN (A Hist. of Leslie Co.) c1972, Pp. 208-12);
HYDEN (Leslie Co.): ("H(ah)d/ən") Named for John Hyden, one of the orig. settlers. The Sizemore family were the first settlers but dk which parti. one. The Wootons were the next to come. 1817 is as far back as he knows. Not sure whether Harmon Sizemore was a bro. or son to John. He's heard that he was a bro. and thus a son of George. George probably built the 1st home; in any event, it was one of the 1st Sizemores. John Lewis could have built the 1st home on the site; dont really recall. (R.B. Campbell, 5/27/1978);
HYDEN (Leslie Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city and seat of Leslie Co. is on US 421 and at the mouth of Rockhouse Ck, a branch of the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R....It was founded on John Lewis's farm in 1878 as the seat of the newly est. co. and named for John Hyden (1814–83), then st. sen. from Clay Co. and one of the commissioners appointed to est. Leslie Co. The po began operation in Mar. 1879 with Leander Crawford, pm, and the town was inc. in 1882." (Book-P. 148); Rockhouse Ck. was aka Johnsons Rockhouse, named for a Mr. Johnson who, on a bearhunt, camped under a large rock house just below its mouth. (Acc. to Dickey's interview with John Lewis, son of Jas. L. Lewis, 1898, in KY EXPL. Vol. 13 (3), 8/98, P. 90);
IMLAY (Leslie Co., Ky): P&G has this in Harlan Co. between 1893 and 1913; Acc. to POR-NA it was est. in Leslie Co. 6/1/1893 with Richard L. Wilson, pm; succeeded on 2/20/1894 by James Duff....; Acc. to Richard L. Wilson, 1/22/1893, this proposed po would serve the Big Branch locality, 6 mi e of Helton po, on Beech Fk. (SLR No Imlay families in Leslie Co.'s 1880 Census;
JASON (Leslie Co., Ky): po in operation between 1937 and 1965 (P&G); Acc. to Billie Jones, 3/13/1936, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Elim// Acc. to Ibid., 8/13/39, it was 3½ mi e of Ky 80 and 5 rd mi from Clay Co, ca. 75 ft s of Hollins' Fk of Big Ck, 6 mi e of Red Bird Ck (sic), 4½ mi se of Sizerock po, 5 mi w of Thousandsticks po, 5 mi e of Bear Branch po// On 12/13/48, Sophia Estep, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w to a pt 0.8 mi e of Hollins Fk, 6 mi e of Bear Br. po// On 8/26/49, Wm. O. Collins pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi nne to a pt 3½ mi n of Ky 80, 4 mi ne of Bear Br. po 5 mi e of Red Bird R. (SLR);
KALIOPI (Leslie Co.): po est. as Omarsville, 2/27/1929, Lilbern W. Woods...(NA); Settlement on Hell-for-Certain Creek, c. 5 mi. nnnw of Hyden. Recommended Kaliopi over Omarsville "to avoid confusion in the distribution of mail". Located at the confl. of Big Fork Cr. and Hell-for-Certain. Order ch. name of po from Omarsville to Kaliopi effect 3/1/1945. The Omarsv. pm wrote to the POD 10/23/1944, "This office receiving much misdirected mail that belongs to other offices and much of this office mail is misdirected to other offices have names resembles (sic) the name of this office. If it is practicable at this time I
suggest to have the name of this office (sic) change to Caliopi (sic) and I believe that would eliminate (sic) much of the misdirected mail." In a letter of 12/1/1944, the pm asked that the name begin with K instead of C. Acc. to a Q. returned to the POD on 7/9/1942, the pm asked for a ch. in site to a point 1760 ft. n. of its then present site; that is, to a pt. 2¼ mi. n. of Middle Fk. River and 10 ft. on the n. side of Hell for Certair Creek.... (In Dom. Case Brief, BGN, prepared by A.L. Lusk, 2/16/1950, docketed 5/15/50, and promulgated 8/1950);
KALIOPI (Leslie Co.): APO. Confirmed that it was called Omarsville and located at the mouth of Mill Branch on Hell For Certain (sic) Cr. Confirmed that Lilbern Woods est. the po there "On this date, Lilbern refused to pay money to the political power in office at that time and lost the p.o. but somehow got it in his brother's name and continued to run it. Elmer Huff was chairman of the Republican Party at that time and had a son named Omar. Lilburn had to name it after this boy."/"After Sam (Pilateos) moved to mouth of Devil Jum (sic), he changed the name from Omarsville to Kaliopi. Sam's mother sent Sam & his bros. from Greece
to Am. to stay out of war that was growing in Europe. Her name was Kaliopi hence the name of the p.o. (sic) Sam was married to Lilber W. Woods sister. She is still alive and lives in S.C." The po was never located at the mouth of Big Fork Creek. Clarance's store on Big Fork and Ells hous on Big Fork. cf Ethel Palatous (sic) for date of move of po to its present location at the mouth of Devils Jump Branch. It was originally located at the mouth of Mill Branch, not D.J. Branch. It was never at
the mouth of Big Fork but at two different places on Big Fork: Ell Sandlin's house and Clarence Osbourne's store (sic). The community was called Mouth of Devils Jump Branch until Sam named it Kaliopi. However, it is still referred to as Mouth of Devil Jump Branch. (sic) The community is now called Kaliopi. (Robert Epperson, letter to me, 4/12/1980);
Sam Palatous ("Pal/(ae)t/əs"), a native of Greece, came to Leslie Co. in the late 1920s or early '30s and ran a gen'l. store for several yrs. nr. his home in the head of Hell for Certain Creek. ("H(eh)l fər Ser/tən") He was pm and renamed it Kaliopi which was his home town in Greece. He married a native Leslie Countian. He died c. 2 yrs. ago in S. Car. where he had moved to c. 10-15 yrs. ago. Omarsville=Kaliopi. ("(Oh)/m(ah)rz/v(ih)l"). Acc. to Lilbern Woods, Omarsv. was named for some member of his family. Campbell couldn't
recall whether it was bro., father, or what. The Hell for Certain name probably identified the larger commu. but not the po. This is the only po on that creek. DK to whom the HFC legend applied. Someone observed that it was awfully rocky, stoppe and said, "Oh, this is Hell for Certain." Local people call it "Hell for Certain" not "Sartin". The stream name is probably as old as the county; never had another name. Now at the Kaliopisite po & gen. store run by Oscar Begley. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
KALIOPI (Leslie Co.): Acc. to a letter to Allan Trout (that appeared in his col. 1/8/57) from Dr. Carl R. Bogardus of Austin, Ind., there was once a po on Hell-for-Certain Cr. called Hell-for-Certain. "But such profanity could not be tolerated long by the POD. The local pm asked to find a new name, called it Omarsville after his son, Omar." The creek empties into Middle Fork R. c. 9 mi. below Hyden. Bogardus continues: "Acc. to local trad., Hell-for-Certain came by its picturesque name in this manner: One day, during the pioneering era, two settlers were making their way up the creek, mostly fording it endways. The going was exceedingly difficult. At one trying spot one
of the exasperated settlers exclaimed: 'This is Hell!' The other added, in complete agreement: 'For certain!''

*No such PC listed in POR (NA) between 1830-1920*
KALIOPI (Leslie Co.): 1st called Hell-fer-Certain (sic), then Omarsville, and now Kaliopi. Sam Pilatos (sic), when he became the pm, named it for his grandmother. (sic) (Mary T. Brewer, RUGGED TRAIL TO APPALACHIA (Hist. of Leslie Co., Ky. and its People), 1978, P. 28);
KALIOPI (Leslie Co.): The Omarsville po was renamed Kaliopi betw. 6/15/1943 and 6/30/45. The Kaliopi po was suspended 7/10/1981.
KALIOPI (Leslie Co., Ky): "This po lies at the mouth of Devils Jump Br. of Hell for Certain Ck, 2½ mi from the confl. of the latter with the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R. 5 (air) mi nnw of Hyden. The local po, est. on 2/27/29, about a mi below the present site, was first called Omarsville. The 1st pm, Lilberrn W. Woods is said to have named it for the son of Elmer Huff, a Rep. Party official at that time. After several brief changes in location to sites on nearby Big Fork, Sam Pilatos moved the po to his store at the present site, known as Mouth of Devils Jump Branch, and at his request it was renamed Kaliopi on 3/1/45 for his mother back in
their native Greece. The name of the Hell for Certain Ck is as old as the county itself. Among the numerous accts. of this name is this: after a heavy rain two travelers are said to have found the swollen stream difficult to maneuver. When one exclaimed to the other 'this is Hell', the other replied, 'For certain'. (Book–P. 157);
KATE (Leslie County, Ky.) p.o. est. 6/18/190
with Henry L. Baker as 1st pm. (Disc. 2/28/1914
with mail to Napier. Re-est. 10/16/1919
with Mr. Lillie Hendrix as p.m. (q.v.) Disc.
10/30/1920 (with mail to Cutshin).* (Acc. to
the National Archives); Acc. to Henry L. Baker,
10/28/08, this po was 1/32 mi e of Cutshin Ck, 1½ mi
from the co. line, 5 mi from Napier po, 5 mi s of
Tracefork po, 5-6 mi se of Big Fork po (see map) (SLR);
Acc. to the 1900 Census, Henry Baker (ne 3/1851) lived
with his wife Katie (10/1851) in the Cutshin Prec;
KATE (Leslie Co., Ky): Henry Baker, ne 1852, son of John Jackson, Jr. and Sarah (Maggard) Baker, marr. Katie Cornett (nee 1851) (Stidham, 1986, P. 54);
LEWIS CREEK (Leslie Co.): Della po was in Bill Jackson's store that was \( \frac{3}{4} \) mi. from the present Lewis Creek po. Della was slightly over \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. from the mouth of White Oak, a branch of Greasy Creek. The Lewis Creek po was 1st located in a home \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. above the mouth of Lewis Creek. With a ch. of pm, it was moved down the creek. In 1952 it was in a store \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. up the creek from its present location. Doubts if anyone knows who the 1st Lewis was. Bill & Della Jackson are both deceased. Mae Jackson is wife of Raleigh Jackson, a nephew of Bill Jackson and both of her parents were 1st cousins of Della. Della was
parents were 1st cousins to Della. Della was nee 1893 and died 1975. DK why the Della po was not discontinued. Bill & Della were never involved with the Lewis Creek po. In 1952 Siller Jackson, a sister-in-law to Bill, was the Lewis Creek pm. (G.R. Klinefelter, (Wife) Bright Shade, Ky., letter to me, 5/20/1980);
LEWIS CREEK (Leslie Co.): PO (c.1968-9 with Z40851) po first called Della. "Della was never a town, only a po in this then very isolated valley of distant and scattered homes. A leading citizen (John Jackson) petitioned the postal authorities for a po for this section of the creek. Before this, people had to travel from 3 to 8 mi. to get their mail.... It was agreed that his son and daughter (Bill & Della Jackson)-in-law should run the po and he named the po Della out of his great respect for his daughter-in-law. This was 1936. It remained the po around a year when it was moved upcreek and called Lewis Creek. The mail came in by muleback
over a mt. from the val. in which US421 goes through. (sic) The salary amounted to the cancellations. Bill and Della Jackson have been married 58 yrs. and continue to live in this val. of their birth. They have six living children and 3 deceased." (Rev. Gerald R. Klinefelter, pastor-tchr., Red Bird Mission, Greasy Fk. Ctr., Lewis Creek, Ky. in a letter to me, 3/16/1969);
LEWIS CREEK (Leslie Co.): ("Lū/əs Kreek")
Had been Della ("D(eh)l/ə"). On Lewis Cr.
Very sparsely populated. Active po. The
creek was named for an early Lewis but dk
which. Half of the population in that vic.
are still Lewis(es). PO named for the creek.
Move of po followed ch. of pm. At the L.C.
po site now are gen. store, po, and a few
homes. At the Della site: probably only a
home. DK who Della was. One of the most re-
omte spots in the county. (R.B. Campbell,
interview, 5/27/1978);
LULATON (Leslie Co., Ky): P&G has this po operating betw. 1885 and 1888; po est. 2/5/85 with Sarah C. Hall; Disc. 10/13/1918 (papers to Hoskinston) (POR-NA);
Acc. to John D. White, 1/19/1885, the 1st name for this new po was Lula and it would be (acc. to the accompanying map) on Middle Fk, 6 mi n of Spruce Pine and 6 mi s of Hoskins. (sic) (everything else is too light) (SLR); No Sarah C. Hall or John D. White listed in 1880 Census;
MADDOG (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 9/3/1891, Wm. D. Wooton; 9/17/94, Russell S. Wooton...6/10/04, Wm. D. Wooton; Disc. eff. 10/31/1905 (mail to Hyden) (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. D. Wooton, 8/15/1891, this proposed po would be on Cutshin Ck, 3 mi from Middle Fk, 5 mi ne of Hyden po, 5 mi w of Wootons Ck po// Acc. to R.S. Wooton, 1/4/1897, it was 3/4 mi w of Cutshin Ck and 100 yds n of Macintosh Ck (sic), 1 mi from the co. line, 6 mi e of Hyden po, 5 mi nw of Wooton po. (SLR); This may have been a lumber camp but check; (Was Wm. D. "Bangor Wm."? Check in Bowling-WPA for him); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, this was 6 mi from Hyden. R.S. Wooton was pm;
McINTOSH CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): Named for Roderick McIntosh, ne Scotland, 1775. To Am. with parents in 1779 Settled at the m. of this ck, 4 mi below Wooton. His 2nd wife was Rutha Lewis, widow of Jim Dixon and grandmother of ex-Judge Wm. Dixon of Wooton. His 1st wife may have been a daughter of John Baker of NC. (The above from Bangor Wm. Wooton of Wooton to Viola Bowling, WPA for her 11/18/1936 ms;
MOSLEY BEND (Leslie Co., Ky): PO in operation from 1941 to 1954 (P&G); Acc. to Nannie Langdon, 11/25/1940, this proposed po would be 300 ft ne of Middle Fk. R, 90 ft w of Bradleys Br, 2½ mi n of Confluence po, 1½ mi from the co. line. (SLR); Samuel Mosley was a pioneer settler of Beech Fork section of the co. (Stidham, 1986, P. 388);
MOZELLE (Leslie Co., Ky): No such families listed in 1900 Census; APO (2000); po on Ky 472 (ca. Jan. 1996);
MOZELLE (Leslie Co.): po est. 8/4/1924, Jerry Smith...(NA); ("M(oh)/z(eh)l") On Beech Fk. Just a po, gen'l. store, and c ½ doz. homes. DK origin of the name. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); Acc. to Jerry Smith, 4/7/1924, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Stone Coal and it would be 4 mi from Middle Fk, 100 ft w of Beech Fk, 4 mi s of Asher po, 5 mi n of Helton po, 4 mi e of Warbranch po// Acc. to Chas. Roark, 7/29/39, it was 30 ft w of Beech Fk, 4 3/4 mi n of Helton po, 4 1/2 mi s of Asher po, 4 mi e of Warbranch po, 5 mi w of Chappel po// On 4/17/44, Chas. Earl Roark pet. for a move 600 yds ne to a pt. 100 yds e of Beech Fk, 700 yds n of Stone Coal Ck, 4 1/2 mi s of Asher po, 4 1/2 mi n of Helton po eff. 5/16/44 (SUR);
NANTZ (Leslie Co., Ky): Fred Nantz, Sr. was ne Greasy Ck, mar. Sallie Chappell and they lived on Anglin Br. of S. Fk. nr Island City, Owsley Co. Among their children were Geo. (ne 1835), who mar. Alice Howard, Fred, Jr., Albert, Hannibal, Walker. (Pion. Families: Clay Co., Ky 1769-1969, by Kelly Morgan, 2nd. edit, 1970, P. 564); Acc. to Jillson II, P. 1554, James Nantz acq. 100 acres on Ky. R. (Leslie Co.) (surv. 12/29/84) and Geo. Nantz (200) on Elk Ck (10/20/83). Early Nantz, Nants, Nance(es lived on M. Fk. & tribs. in Harlan & Clay Co's; Fred Nantz had a farm on Greasy Ck (ca. 1840); Acc. to 1910 Censuses, several Nantz families in Marrowbone E.D.
The oldest was Silas W. (65) and wife Kate (40), Geo. A. Nantz (61) and wife Susan (57) living with Rebecca, a widow (103). In the same E.D. were several George & Wm. Wilsons;
NANTZ (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 6/25/1909, Wm. Wilson; 6/27/1910, Geo. Wilson; Disc. 4/15/1913 (mail to Helton (POR-NA)); Acc. to Wm. Wilson, 1909, the proposed name for this new po was **Peters Branch** and it would be on Beech Fk, 4½ mi s of Middle Fk, 3½ mi n of Helton po, 4 mi w of Chappell po. No vil.// In Nov 1910, G.W. Wilson pet. for a site ch. 1 mi (direction not clear and map was too light) to 3 mi s of Asher po, 4 mi w of Chappell po, on Beech Fk. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, a no. of Nantz families in the Marrowbone Prec. The oldest were Silas (3/44) & wife Mary J. (1/63) and Geo. A. (8/46) with wife Susan (12/51);
NAPIER (Leslie Co.): po est. 6/6/1902, Felix G. Turner...(NA); ("Nā/pyār") On Greasy Cr. is one of the least populated and most "untouched" sections of the co. Stripping in the area. DK which Napier named for. Napiers live in the area. Turners are the prominent family there. Nothing there before the po was est. Now: 2-3 homes, po: and little store. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); "This hamlet with recently closed po lies on Greasy Ck, just below the mouth of John Miniard Br., 12½ (air) mi sse of H. The po was est. on 6/6/02 with Felix G. Turner, pm, and named for a local family." (Book-P. 209);
NAPIER (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Felix G. Turner, 5/8/1902, this proposed po would be \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi s of Greasy Fk, on Abners Ck, 7 mi w of Jane po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/20/1916, it was \( \frac{1}{4} \) air mi from the Harlan Co. line. The rest of the info. was too light// Acc. to H.G. (?) Turner, 9/26/39, it was \( \frac{1}{4} \) air & rd mi from the co. line 25 ft s of Greasy Ck, 3 mi sw of Big Laurel po (Harlan Co.), 6 mi s of Big Rock po. (SLR);
NAPIER (Leslie Co., Ky): "There is an old tradition which clings to the name Napier, pronounced 'Napper.' It is said that the name was originally Reynolds but that one of the clan fought so bravely on the field of battle that a Scotch king changed it to 'No Peer' or 'N'Peer,' and since it has been changed to 'Napier.'" (Thomas D. Clark, THE KENTUCKY, Lex.: Henry Clay Press, 1969, P. 135)
NAPIER (Leslie Co., Ky): Jas. & Louisa Miniard Napier of Abners Br. of Greasy Ck, gave 100 acres as a wedding present to their son Israel. James ran a store on Abners nr Wm. Miniard. Jas. was the son of Jas. & Eliz. (Howard) Napier who came here from Lee Co., Va. Israel and Mary Turner Miniard came from Isle of Wight, Va. The Napiers, Miniards, and Turners were early area settlers. (Shirley Miniard Bobo of Winthrop Harbor, Il. in KY EXPL. Vol. 10 (9), 3/1996, Pp. 102-3);
OBED (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 1/26/1903, Levi Couch; II/16/1915, Henry B. Collins....(POR-NA); Disc. 1938 (P&G); Acc. to Levi Couch, 3/22/1902, this proposed po would be 6 mi e of Red Bird R, 1 mi from Big Creek (stream), 6 mi se of Brutus po, 6 mi ne of Big Ck po, 7 mi w of Hyden po// On 3/16/1936, Jas. M. Couch pet. for a site ch. 3200 ft s to a pt 4 mi from the co. line 100 ft nw of Stone Coal Branch. The rest of the info. is too light. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Levi Couch (Feb 1862) & wife Tennessee (11/66) lived in Hyden Prec. but no Obed; Acc. to 1910 Census, Levi Couch (48) & wife Tennessee lived in Bigcreek Prec. but no Obed anywhere; Levi Couch (ne 1862) marr. Tennessee. No children named Obed nor anyone else in the family. (Stidham, PION. FAMS 1986. P-15-9)
OMARSVILLE (Leslie Co., Ky): On 7/13/1942 Ethel Pilatos reported the move (already) of this po 1760 ft n to serve a locality called The Mouth of Devils Jump Branch 2½ mi n of Middle Fk, 10 ft n of Hell For Certain Ck. (sic), 4 mi from the co. line, 11 mi n of Hyden po, 5 mi nw of Dryhill po, 4 mi s of Shoal po. (SLR); Acc. to Pilatos (too light), 3/22/45, the po was now Kaliopi and was 20 ft n of Hell For Certain Ck, 4 m se of Shoal po, 4½ mi se of Sizerock po, 5 mi nw of Dryhill po, 12½ mi from Hyden po. (SLR);
ONEMILE BRANCH OF BEECH FORK (Harlan Co., Ky)

Heads close to the Harlan Co. line and extends for c. 2 mi. north to join Beech Fk. (a trib. of the Middle Fk. of the Ky. R.) a mi. above (s. of) Helton. (But Helton wasn't always located at this site; it used to be 1½ mi. up Big Branch.); "After several calls I have found nothing regarding One Mi. Branch nr. Helton, Ky." (B.W. Whitfield, Jr. in a letter to me, 7/20/1987)
"...called One Mile from where it comes together with another branch known as Rocky Hollow. It is one mile from there to Beech Fork." (Bess Nantz Helton, Ky., letter to me, 4/12/1988) (actually only 1/2 mi. from their jet. to Beech FK.)
ORCHARD (Leslie Co., Ky): po in operation from 1936 to 1938 (P&G); Acc. to Daniel Baker, 1936, this proposed po would be serving the vil. of Wootons Creek with a pop. of 200. Everything else is too light. (SLR);
po est. 9/15/1906, Wm. C. Begley (?); Disc. eff. 12/14/1907 (mail to Confluence)

Acc. to Wm. C. Begley, 7/21/06, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Hell For Certain and it would be 4 mi. of that creek and 200 ft e of Middle Fk. 3 mi s of Confluence po.

Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. C. Begley (2/64) & wife Martha (11/66) lived in the Wooton Prec. with their daughter Ocia (nee Apr. 1893); Wm. C. Begley, son of Henry Y., was b. 2/1/1864 and d. 3/21/1948 in Dryhill. He mar. (1) Martha Jane Begley in 1882. She was d. of Sam'l & Eliz. (Bowling) Begley and was b. 1866. He mar. Cynthia Begley in 1907. He was a farmer living on the M. Fk. R. Rd in Bull Ck. Prec. Among his children=

Cynthia Begley, 1882; Martha Begley, 1907.

Among his children=
POLLS CREEK (Leslie Co., Ky): Johns Br. of Polls Ck is the 1st stream above Bear Br. Other branches: Wilson Fk, Pheasant Fk, Like Fk. The creek was settled by families of Wells, Day, Williams, Lewis and Baker. Green Briar Br. is just above Still House Br. Andrew Wells built his home at the mouth of Still House. About then a woman named Polly arr. on the ck. Came from NC seeking work. Unsuccessful till she arr. here. Local sympathy for her. A small pole hut was built for her at the m. of Still Hse. (18x10 ft) She looked like a man "with a coarse face and features, and too much chin beard or hair for a smooth faced woman." Suddenly left and was
never seen nor heard from again. The stream was 1st called Polly's Creek and then Polls Creek. (Floyd Wells The Life of Floyd Wells, Ky. Pioneer, 1894–Today, Pompano Beach, Fla: Exposition Press of Fla, Inc. 1987 Pp. 5-7); Deer Lick Spring, a sulphur spring opp. the mouth of Green Briar Br. of Polls Ck. Salt to attract deer. (Ibid., P. 13);
RED BIRD RIVER (Clay–Leslie interco. feat., Ky): 22 mi of it borders Leslie Co. (Linville & Fugate, 1969, P. 40): The thickly populated 7 mi long Phillips Fk. Ck. (WPA);
ROARK (Leslie Co., Ky): ca. 1/1996, the po was on the n side of Ky 406; APO (2000); John Roark, ne 1850, son of James (ne 1822) and Mary (Asher) Roark. Mar. Lucy Collett (Stidham, 1986, P. 430); Small vil. at the mouth of Jack's Ck. Named for dominant family. (WPA);
ROARK (Leslie Co., Ky): Cont. Roark families in that commu. (c1993); PO est. 1/29/1907 with John A. Roark, 1st pm, succeeded 5/27/05 by Lucy F. .... (POR-NA) (APO by 1988 acc. to P&G); Acc. to John A. Roark, 1907, this po was ½ mi e of Red Bird R, ¼ mi e of Jacks Ck, 5 mi nw of Skidmore po// Acc. to Mary Slusher, 2/1912, there was no change from the above// Acc. to Benj. (?) Slusher, 7/19/1916, it was 1½ mi from Bowen Ck, ¾ mi from Elisha Ck, ½ mi e of Red Bird R, 60 ft n of Jacks Ck, 3 mi s of Spring Ck. po, ½ mi from Clay Co.line// Acc. to Ruth Roark, 5/30/33, it was ½ mi se of Red Bird R, 200 ft n of Jacks Ck, ½ mi from co. line, 3 mi se of Ice-
cliff po, 4½ mi nw of Essie po/\ Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/1939, it was ½ mi e of Red Bird R. (SLR); po at the mouth of Jacks Ck and named for one of the main families there. The Jacks Ck. Settlement Sch. was est. there in 1920 by the Evangelical B'd. of Missions. (Viola Bowling, WPA ms); A small vil. at the mouth of Jacks Ck. Only a few homes till 1922 when the Evangelical B'd. of Missions sent to lady tchrs. there under the guidance of Mr. Dewell, founder of the Red Bird Settlement Sch. Graded sch. & J.H.S. Acc. to H.N. Porterfield, local preacher & commu. worker. (WPA); John Coke Roark of Roanoke, Va. settled here and raised a family. (Brewer, Rugged Trail to App. 1978, P. 28);
SANDY FORK (Leslie Co. Ky): Acc. to 1879-80 Gaz, this was a country p.o. with R.J. Fairchild, pm. R.S. Fairchild had a gen'l. store, Josiah Asher had another gen'l. store, J.D. Asher had a flouring mill, and Pleasant Elliott was a shoemaker; Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was 25 mi from Hyden. Isaiah Haley was pm. Other businesses as above; Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, as Sandyfork, it was 25 mi from Hyden and had a pop. of 150. Dr. A.B. Gross was pm, storekeeper, and J.P. Other area stores were run by Josiah Asher, E.L. Morgan, Allen Nantz, etc;
SANDY FORK (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. in Clay Co. on 2/26/1877, J.R. Fairchild; 3/27/77, Rob't J. Fairchild (in Leslie Co. in 1878); 12/29/79, Isaiah Haley; 12/14, 1885, Jesse L. Brice; 5/7/92, Elijah S. Howard; n.ch. to Sandyfork 3/27/94, Abijah B. Gross; 10/23/02, Jas. L. Howard .... 9/1/09, Margaret Roark; Disc. 9/30/11, (mail· to White) (POR-NA); No SLR for Clay Co// Acc. to someone's SLR, 1/1897, there was no map and everything is too light// It was later moved 3/4 mi but everything was too light and again there was map. (SLR);
SAYLOR (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Sallie Wilson, 5/1919 the lst name proposed for this new po may have been White (?) and it would be on the Middle F. (everything else is too light) // Acc. to no sign. ca. 10/1920 or still as Redox it was 3 mi n of Gross po, 3 mi sw of Warbranch po, 4 mi w of Helton po // On 10/10/1938, as Saylor, Sam'l. Caldwell pet. for a move 75 yds e to a pt 1 mi from the Harlan Co. line, 25 yds n of Middle Fk. R, 5 mi sw of Beverly po (in Bell Co.) (SLR);
SAYLOR (Leslie Co.): po est. as Redox, 9/8/1919, Sallie Wilson; 10/23/1920, Mike Saylor; n.ch. to Saylor, 3/4/1922, Ibid. ...(NA);
In one of the most isolated sections of the county. Home of the Helton, Saylor, Short, Brock, Wilson, Belcher, and Coldwell families. Had an ele. school....(Viola Bowling in her "Folk Customs" ms. for the WPA, c.1936); Named for local family ("Sāl/ər"). Many Saylor's still live in co. This was n.ch. The site was approx the same. n.ch. when the pm was changed. DK whilst called Redox. Not a family name. May have been named for ox(en). Probably nothing there before 1919. Very remote area. Now: gen. store nearby and a few homes. (R.B. Campbell, 5/27/1978) store (1936)
SHELL (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 9/11/1902, Silas B. Shell 4/14/1906, Allison H. Shell, declined; Disc. eff. 8/15/1906 (mail to Chappell) (POR-NA); Acc. to Silas B. Shell. 5/19/1902, this proposed po would be on Laurel Ck, 6 mi ne of Chappell po, 7 mi n of Imlay po. not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Silas B. Shell (7/62) and wife Nancy (5/59) lived in White Oak Prec. nr. other Shells and next to Alison (sic) (8/71), & wife Cartue (5/68) nr. the oldest living Shells: John (5/22) and Eliz. (4/22); John Shell's log home on Laurel Fk. of Greasy Ck. was built in 1830 and may be the oldest extant home in the co. (Bryant in KY ENCY. 1992, P. 545); Silas Shell was ne 1862 and mar. Nancy. (Stidham, 1986, P. 451
SHOAL (Perry Co., Ky): Acc. to J. Begley, 6/10/1886, the po was serving a locality called Corner Shold (?) on the n bank of Middle Fk, on the e side of Bush (?) Creek, 15 mi nw of Hyden po, 12 mi sw of Chavies po, 14 mi se of Crocketttsv. po. (SLR); Acc. to Anderson D. Begley, 11/91, this po was on the s side of Middle Fk, 1½ mi s of Elkhorn Ck, 3 mi w of Confl. po, 5 mi s of Gays Ck po. Acc. to Chester Bowling, 7/24/39, it was 1 air & 2½ rd mi from P. Co, 50 yds se of Middle Fk, 30 yds ne of Elkhorn Ck, 4½ mi ne of Bowlingtown po, 5 mi sw (?) of Confluence po. (SLR);
SHOAL (Leslie Co.): posted in Perry Co. 5/1 1883, Justus Begley... into Leslie Co. on or after 7/9/1891, Anderson D. Begley... Disc. ef 3/31/1908 (mail to Gay); Re-est. 7/14/1908, Nannie Hacker... (NA); The lodge at Buckhorn Dam State Park that overlooks the lake at the site of what was 1st known as Shoal. (Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN! (A Hist. of Leslie Co.) cl972, Pp. 4-5);
SHOAL (Leslie Co., Ky): **Elkhorn** or **Cornershoal**, a hamlet, ca. 16 mi e of Hyden. Area settled, owned, and occupied by the Bowling family. Where Elkhorn Ck. joins the Middle Fk. Level and productive land. Called Cornershoal because here the Middle Fk. is at its widest and it's nearly impossible to cross during high tide. Three mi. from the P. Co. line. Here is a Pres. chu. & a sch. (Viola Bowling, WPA ms, ca. 1936);
SHOAL (Leslie Co.): ("Sh(oh)l") /a bunch of riffles in the water and there is a long shoal with about a 4 ft. drop in the water level going thru there. (So it's a good size shoal. He) assumes that's where the name cam from. The po is now and probably has always been on..Elkhorn Creek which runs into what they call 'the Big Shoal' where the water runs through the riffles which is all comple tely covered several ft. deep with Buckhorn Dam (sic) now. It's about halfway betw. the headwaters of the dam (sic) and the dam site. The lodge is not on the site of the Shoal
community but on the site of the Bowling-town commu. ("B(oh)l/(ih)η/town") in Perry Co. The Shoal site is upstream, se, c. 3½ mi. up. There's a lot of Begleys in that nghbrd. Now at the site: 20-25 families (pop.=c.75-100). The lake wiped it out. The creek, po, etc. still exist but it's landlocked. To get to Hyden from Shoal, one must take a boat to Confluence and the proceed by car to Hyden. This is the closest way. The most practical rte, which is what most persons follow, is to drive out to the head of Elkhorn Creek and cross int
the edge of Perry or Clay Co's. Then circle back and enter Leslie Co. on US421, c. ½ way betw. Manch. & Hyden and come into Hyden that way, c. 10 air miles or 35 rd. miles. Most of the local pop. "draw", either retired or receive some kind of disability payments. (R.B'. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
SINDA (Leslie Co.): po est. 9/20/1902, Enoch H. Nolen; Disc. 11/30/1910 (mail to Hyden); a po named Cinda was est. 1/21/1919, Chrisley Maggard....(NA); A00("S(ih)n/pee") On Cutshin.

DK origin of the name. Sindy=Cindy. Chrisley Maggard's only been dead within the last c. 1/2 doz. yrs. Campbell knew him well. At the jct. of Coon & Wolf' Creeks. DK why the spelling was changed. Now: store run by Maggard's son. Nothing there before 1902 when the po was est. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
SINDA/CINDA (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Jillson II, P. II12, Henry Cress acquired 50 acres on Coons Ck. in then Perry Co. which were surveyed 8/15/1850; Acc. to 1900 Census, Enoch Nolen (1/72) lived with wife Margáret (7/78) but no Sinda in family or among neighbors; Acc. to 1900 Census, Lucinda Cress (nee 6/1875) lived with her husband Wm. (Cress) (2/73) in the Cutshin Prec. not far from Enoch Nolen. Christley Maggard (2/87), son of Sam'l. (3/61) and Nancy (7/66) Maggard, also lived in the Cutshin Prec; The Cinda po was suspended 12/30/1993. Had been on the s side of Wolf Ck. Rd. (J. Lynch, letter, 5/16/2001);
SINDA/CINDA (Leslie Co., Ky): No Enoch or Sinda Nolen nor a Cinda Cress were listed in the 1910 Census. But therein was a Cinda Maggard (35), wife of Abner Maggard (44) in the Cutshin E.D. But not nr. Crisley Maggard (22 who lived with wife Rhoda, but no Cinda, also in Cutshin E.D.; Chrisley Maggard (ne 1887) marr. Nora Rhoda Lewis. He was son of Sam'l. (1861-1916) & Nancy (Lewis) Maggard. His sister Ona (nee 1897) marr. Felix Feltner. There were several Cinda Maggards. (Sadie W. Sidham, Pion. Families of Leslie Co. Berea: Ky. Kentucke Imprints, 1986, Pp. 344-45);
SINDA/CINDA (Leslie Co., Ky): Chrisley Maggard owned a store and ran the Cinda po. (Huston, P. 99);
SINDA/CINDA (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Enoch H. Nolen, 8/21/02, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Board but it was named Sinda and would be 4 mi n of the Middle Fk. R, on Coon Ck, 9 mi n of Chappell po, 7 mi ne of Smilax po, 8 mi w of Napier po. (no map)// Acc. to Boyd Lewis, 6/6/1918, the prop. name for this new po was Cress Branch and it would be 3 mi e of Middle Fk., ½ mi w of Coon Ck, serving the vil. of Cress Branch with a pop. of 100, 5 mi w of Cutshin Ck, 8 mi se of Hyden po, 6 mi nw of Causey po// Acc. to Rhoda Maggard, 7/26/39, it was on the n side of Coon Creek. (SLR):
SIZEROCK (Leslie Co.): po est. 11/25/1927, Kelly Collins... (NA); ("S(ah)(eye)z/ r(ah)k") Named for huge rock, like Big Rock, except it's more slanted than flat, tho' it's the same type of rock. No vegetation. Comparable in size to B.R. Now: po and store. c. ½ doz. homes around it. The late Mr. Burns the 2nd pm. The po is c. 10 mi. nw of Hyden on Big Creek. The rock is practically within 11 ft. o: the po. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); same pron. Where that big rock is right in the middle of the valley. Rock as big as a house. Name may be the result of combining the name "Sizemore" with "rock."...(Jess Wilson, inter­ view, 3/24/1979);
SZEROCK (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to L.K. Collins, 4/28/1921, this proposed po would be on Bullskin Ck, 4 mi e of Panco po, 5 mi ne of Bear Branch po, 5 mi nw of Oberpo
// ca. 11/1/1928, the po was moved 100 yds e to (see map)// Acc. to Johnny Barnes, 7/26/39, it was 2 air & 2½ rd mi from Clay Co, on Bullskin Ck, 3½ mi e of Panco po, 3½ mi w of Jason po. (SLR);
SKIDMORE (Clay/Leslie Co's, Ky): Acc. to John D. White, M.C., 7/22/76, this prop. po would be est. in Clay Co. 5 mi s of the Red Bird R, 7 mi s of Spring Ck po, 10 mi s of Smallwood po. J.D. Asher was listed as pm-designate// Acc. to Josiah Asher, 10/1/83, it was 25 yds e of Redbird R (sic), 5 mi e of Red Bird po, 6 mi s of Spring Ck po, 4 mi n of Sandy Fk po// Acc. to Ibid, 5/5/1897, it was at the mouth of Phillips Fk, and on the e side of R.B. River. Otherwise everything is illeg. (SLR); Acc. to Jas. F. Asher, 8/6/03, the po was now in Leslie Co, 50 yds from the Clay Co. line, 1 mi sw of R.B. River, 30 yds se of Phillips Fk, 6 mi nw of Sandy
Fork po// Acc. to David M. Brummet, 1/13/06, it was on the s side of Phillips Fk. Everything else is too light. (SLR);
SKIDMORE (Clay Co., Ky): On 7/22/1876, John C. White, M.C. submitted a SIR for this prop po that would be 5 mi s of Red Bird R, 10 mi se of Smallwood po, 7 mi s of Spring Ck po. J.D. Asher will be pm. Acc. to Josiah Asher, 10/1/83, this po was 25 yds e of Red Bird R, 50 yds e of (Phillips Ck), at m. of Phillips Ck, 20 mi from Manch po, 6 mi s of Spring Ck po, 5 mi of Red Bird po, 4 mi n of Sandy Fk po. (SIR);
SKIDMORE (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. in Clay Co. on 8/3/1876, J.D. Asher; 10/27/76, Andrew C. Skidmore; into Leslie Co. on or before 8/22/1902 with Jas. F. Asher, pm; 1/25/06, David M. Brumet; 7/29/07, Jos. A. Asher; Disc. 6/30/1913 (mail to Roark) (POR-NA); Acc. to the 1879-80 Gaz, this was a po & country store in Clay Co with Josiah Asher, pm; same in the 1882-3 Gaz; No Skidmores in Leslie Co's 1880 Census; Nor in Clay Co's 1870 Census; Josiah Asher lived at the m of Phillips Br. in 1878. This is a br. of Red Bird R; No Skidmores
SMILAX (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to John Jackson Baker, 1/6/1902, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Baker and it would serve a locality of this name 7 mi e of Hyden po, 5 mi sw of Cutshin po, 9 mi sw of Trace Fk. po.// Acc. to Grace W. Thomas, 4/3/39, the Smilax po was being re-est. to serve a small rural commu. at the mouth of Polls Ck, 7 mi e of Middle Fk, 100 yds e of Cutshin Ck, 2 mi from the co.line, 4 mi se of Wooton po, 5 mi n of Cinda po, 3 mi w of Daley po.// Acc. to Ibid, 7/27/39, it was 4 rd & air mi from Perry Co, 200 ft e of Cutshin Ck, 300 ft n of Polls Ck, 3 mi w of Daley po, 4 mi s of Wooton po, 4½ mi ne of Cinda po, 4 mi n of Cutshin po.// On 7/11/49, Viola Pollard, act.pm,
pet. for a site ch. 100 ft se, on the Cutshin Rd, to a pt. 50 ft s of Cutshin Ck, 9 mi se of Hyden po, 4 mi ne of Cinda po, 3 mi w. of Daley po, 4 mi s of Wooton po. (SLR); APO (2000); On s side of Ky 699 (ca. 1/96)
SMILAX (Leslie Co.): po est. 4/18/1902, John J. Baker...Disc. eff. 8/13/1904 (mail to Cutshin) (NA); Mr. Ola Williams runs the local groc. store there, at the mouth of Polls Cr. (where Polls Cr. joins Cutshin Creek) (Frank Ashley, "Strip-Mine Slide in Leslie Co. Leave: Once-Popular Creek Ruined" CJ&T, 8/1/1971, Pp B1:1-6 & 2:1-3); ("Sm(ah)(eye)/1(ae)x") Th po is on Polls Creek, at its confl. with Cutshin. DK origin of the name. Bakers are a major family in that vic. No Smilax family. Nothing there before 1902. Just a po-gen. store. Now: po & store and several homes within a mi. radius. Surface mining now on Polls Creek. (RB Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
SMILAX (Leslie Co.): "A plant or vine with delicate greenish flowers" (Mary T. Brewer, RUGGED TRAIL TO APPALACHIA (Hist. of Leslie Co., Ky. and its People), 1978, P. 28); Acc. to ACD, 1967, P. 1140, "Any plant of the genus Smilax, of the tropical and temperate zones, consisting mostly of vines with woody stems, esp. the sarsaparilla plant..."

"This hamlet with po lies at the mouth of Polls Ck, a br. of Cutshin Ck, 5 (air) mi ese of Hyden. The po was est. on 4/18/02 with John J. Baker, pm, and probably named for a locally found plant or vine of the smilax family." (Book-P. 273);
SPRUCE PINE (Leslie Co.): A creek 5 mi. long 2 mi. s. of Saylor, Ky. Branch of Middle Fk. Only a few families live here. Isolated, inaccessible. School. Scene of the Brock & Coldwell feud, the last one in the county.... (Viol Bowling in her "Folk Customs" ms. for WPA, c1936); ("Sprūs P(ah)_seen") Betw. War Branch and Saylor. DPO. Named for the trees that are clustered in the vic. Also the name of the creek. So it's probably an old name. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
STINNETT (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to W.H. Mattingly, 5/4/1921, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Ray and it would be 2 mi w of Middle Fk. R, on the e bank of Muncys Ck, 4 mi (sic) se of Hyden po, 5 (sic) mi ne of Hoskinston po. Acc. to A.N. Hoskins, 7/26/39, it was ¼ mi n of Middle Fk. R, 1 (air) mi n of Hoskinston po, 7 (sic) mi s of Hyden po. (SLR); APO (2000); po on Ky 421 and 406 (Jan. 1996); No Stinnett families are listed in the 1880, 1900, or 1910 Censuses. Acc. to 1910 Census, Wm. H. Mattingly (39) & wife Mary lived in Hyden E.D. no Ray or Stinnett. Several Ray families in this E.D., incl. Wm. E. Ray (MD) (39) and Rob't. H. (40);
STINNETT (Leslie Co.): po est. 1/25/1922, Wm. H. Mattingly... (NA); ("St(inh)nэт") Within \(\frac{1}{2}-3/4\) mi. n. of the Hoskinston PO. On US421. Now po, 2-3 serv. sta., gro., homes. Mattingley died c. 10 yrs. ago. No local family named Stinnett. Commu. preceded the po. It's at the confluence of Stinnett Creek (at Middle Fk. R). The creek is c. 12-14 mi. long and a lot of people live on it. Never had another name. DK origin of the name. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
TEMPLETON (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 8/2/1910, Hiram L. Hensley; Disc. 8/15/1913 (mail to Causey) (POR-NA); (not in P&G); Acc. to Hiram L. Hensley, 5/1910, this proposed po would be on White Oak Ck, 1 mi w of Greasy Ck, 5 mi nw of Napier po. Not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to the 1900 Census, Marion Templeton (1/1877) and wife Becca (2/78) lived nr families of Pendleton, Helton, Lewis, etc; Jas. Templeton, ne Pittsburgh, Pa. Died ca. 1857 (age 105) on Bad Ck. (Dickey's interv. with John S. Milton of Hyden, Ky. 4/23/98, acc. to KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (9), Mar. 1998, P. 90); Acc. to Jillson II, P. 1751, Wm. Templeton acquired 200 acres on Bad Ck. that were surveyed 1/25/89. And Marion Templeton acquired 100 acres on same (1/25/89), 50 acres on Big Br. (9/11/90) and 50 on lower Bad Ck. (9/11/90);
TEMPLETON (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. 1900 Census, Marion (1/1877) and wife Becca (2/78) lived nr families of Pennington, Helton, and Lewis, etc; James Templeton had a farm on Greasy Ck. (ca. 1840); Acc. to 1910 Census, Hiram Hensley (26) boarded with Marion Templeton (40) & wife Rebecca J. (39) and their children Emanuel (18), Hobart (13), Laughton (10). Hiram lived with his wife Allie (17); Marion Templeton (ne 1867) mar. Rebecca (nee 1868. (Stidham, 1986, P. 493);
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Polly Osborne, the first name prop'd for the new Gad po was Bull Creek and it would be on the s. side of Bull Ck, 8 mi w of Middle Fk. R., and 5 mi nw of Hyden po. Acc. to Golden Osborne, the po of Thousandsticks was 5 mi nw of Hyden po, 4 mi e of Dryhill po, 3 mi n of Kaliopio po. (SLR); Hyden's weekly newsp. and the only one in the co. in the mid 1930s was owned and operated by J.M. Muncy who began it in 1898 and named it for the co's highest hill. (sic) Muncy was also a lawyer, sch. super., and co. judge. (Viola Bowling, WPA ms, 9/19/1936); APO (ca. 2000);
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): "The mountaineer from the earliest times applied the term (sticks) to the trunks of his great trees. Settlers on a stream in what is now Leslie County found hundreds of ancient trees which had died of old age. There were so many of them that it was called the 'Thousand Sticks Creek,' by which name it is still known to this day." (Harry M. Caudill, NIGHT COMES TO THE CUMBERLAND, 196 P. 37); Thousandsticks Br. of Bull Creek
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): 1st called Gad. "In early days some missionaries came to the area and were gathering sticks, tying them into bundles of a thousand, to be used in craft work. They began to call the place Thousandsticks and the name remains to this day." (Acc. to Mary Begley, age 88, in Mary T. Brewer, RUGGED TRAIL TO APPALACHIA, (Hist of Leslie Co., Ky. and its People), 1978, P. 28);
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): The creek was named by "early hunters who killed and dressed out deer on that creek. The men used many small sticks in getting the deer dressed and ready to take down the river to market. There is also another story of how the creek got its name. Two men were riding over the mt. trying to locate a place for a p.o. As they rode alone, all they could see was the charred trees (sic) where forest fires had burned. One man said, 'this looks like a thousand sticks.' The other man replied, 'That is a good name for the p.o.'...." (Harry-Mr-Gaudill)
(Sadie Wells Stidham, A FOLK HIST. OF FACTS AND FICTION: LESLIE CO., KY. 1878-1978, c. 1978, and privately printed, P. 46);
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): ("Th(ow)z/st(ih)x") po is now c. 100 yrsds from its orig. site, which is at the confl. of the Thousandsticks Creek and Bull Creek. The latter is a branch of the Middle Fk. R. DK where it got its name. A Hyden weekly newsp was named for this po. Gad to T'sticks was a n.ch. DK why lst called Gad. Nothing at the site before the po was est. in 1905. Still nothing there but the po. It's now at the intersection of the Hyden access rd. to the Dan'l. Boone Pky., at the tollgate. No store but there is a nearby serv. sta. The hill that you go up leaving the toll rd. to,
Hyden is called the Thousandsticks Hill. DK when/who 1st settled that site or est. the commu. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27 1978);
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): po est. as Gad, 3/1/1905, Polly Osborne. 5/27/11, Ibid. m.ch. to Thousandsticks, 5/31/1924, ibid. ...(NA); Named for the Biblical prophet who counseled King David. DK why n.ch. No one in the co. knows why T'sticks. Until the Dan'l. Boone Pky. was cut thru the vil. it was a "remote" rural place in a valley at the forks of Bull Creek. Inaccessible and self-contained. At one time, 3 stores, chur., sch., po, at least 1 doz. homes. Residents lived by trapping, logging, digging ginseng, farming creek bottoms. By 1968, pop. = fewer than 40....(Nevyle Shackelford, "Parkway to End Isolation of Thousandsticks Vil." SENTINEL ECHO, 2/13/69
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co., Ky): "This po is now at the jct of Ky 118 and the Dan'l. Boone Pky, 100 yds from its earlier site at the mouth of Thousandsticks Ck, a br. of Bull Ck, 2½ (air) mi nw of Hyden. The po was est as Gad on 3/1/05 at the mouth of Osborne Fk. of Bull, ½ mi w of the present site, and named for 1 of the 12 tribes of Israel or for the prophet who counseled King David. It was moved in 1924 to the mouth of the ck. whose name it then assumed. Two accts. have been offered for the name which has identified stream, mt, po, sch, chu, and even a newsp. pub. in Hyden. Acc. to Harry Caudill, 'the mountaineer from the
earliest time applied the term [sticks] to the trunks of his great trees. Settlers on [this] stream...found hundreds of ancient trees which had died of old age. There were so many of them that it was called the "Thousand Sticks Creek". Others recall the tale of the early travelers who came upon the remains of a forest fire--the 'straight, charred stumps of trees' which resembled nothing less than a thousand sticks." (Book-P. 293);
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): Supposedly the highest hill in the co. is called Thousandsticks. Across the mt. from Hyden is the town with its po. Has a commu. sch. on Thousandsticks Creek. To the Commu. Sch. came a Miss Logerveld to work with the Mt. people (with a Miss Blackburn), missionaries for the Pres. Chur. (Viola Bowling in her "Folk Customs" ms. for the WPA, c1936); Commu. & creek were named for the mt. on which early settlers noted "thousands of sticks used by the Indians in roasting their meats over the open fires."
(The Moyers, THE ORIGINS OF UNUSUAL PLACE-NAMES, 1958, P. 130. No source given)
THOUSANDSTICKS (Leslie Co.): "The best story I have been told of the naming of Thousandsticks goes as follows: Two men were riding over the mt. to est. a new po. As they rode down to the creek all they could see were straight, charred stumps of trees--the result of a forest fire. One man said to the other, 'It looks like a thousandsticks'; the other man replied, 'That's a good name for the po'. The mt., the branch, the po, the sch., the chu. and our weekly newsp. all bear that name." (Ruth Huston, OBSERVATIONS OF GOD'S TIMING IN THE KY. MTS, Salisbury, NC: Rowan Printing Co. 1962, P. 53);
TOULOUSE (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Harlan McGuire, 6/26/1939, this proposed po would serve a locality called Grassy, 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) mi ne of Middle Fk, 150 ft ne of Grassy Br, 1\(\frac{1}{4}\) mi from the co. line, 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) mi se of Confl. po, 4 mi ne of Dryhill po// On 3/5/45, Morris Baker pet. for a site ch. 600 air yds ne to a pt. 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi n of Middle Fk, 50 yds n of Grassy Br, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi e of Confl. po, 1 mi from the co. line. Reason: present bldg. sold. Eff asap. (SLR); On Grassy Branch, the site of the 2 rm. Grassy Br. Sch. and Chu. of Christ. The Front. Nurs. Serv. had a clinic in vic. (KY EXPL. Vol. 15 (6), Nov. 1900, P. 102);
TOULOUSE (Leslie Co.): ("Tǔ/lūs") Named for a town in France by a local pm, the late Mac McGuire, who was there in WWI. He thinks this was renamed from Grassy Branch but not sure of this. ("Gr(ae)s/ee Br(ae)nch") Now: 2 gen. stores in the gen'l. vic. and dpo (m. to Busy), 30-40 homes in a 300-400 yard area (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978); PO in operation from 1939 to 1972 (P&G);
TRACEFORK (sic) (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 11/1/1897, Alford P. Shepherd; 3/24/00, David T. Lewis...1/27/07, Felix Lewis; Disc. 9/30/1912 (mail to Cutshin); Re-est. 6/18/1915, Wm. H. Caudill, rescinded; Acc. to P&G it closed in 1912; Acc. to Alfred P. Shepherd, 10/11/97, this proposed po would be on the n side of Cutshin Ck, 15 mi e of Middle Fk, 6 mi se of Cutshin po, serving a thickly settled neighborhood// Ca. 1/10/98, it was at the mouth of Trace Fk (at the site of the future Yeaddis po// Acc. to no sign, 3/1907, it moved 3/4 mi w to (unclear) on Cutshin Ck. (map) (SLR);
TWELVEMILE (Leslie Co., Ky); po est. 8/13/1910, Irvin V. Hensley; Disc. 7/11/1911 (m. to Brutus) (NA); Acc. to Irvin V. Hensley, 7/1910 this proposed po would serve the vil. of Newville with a pop. of 250, 5½ mi sw of the Middle Fk. R, the nearest ck. was Bullskin, 4 mi nw of Obed po. By now the locality was also called Twelvemile, and the po was on Bullskin Ck, 6 mi nw (?) of Brutus po (acc. to Ibid., 10/18/1910 (SLR);
WARBRANCH (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to Nancy Slusher, 4/26 1901, this proposed po would be on Middle Fk, 7 mi nw of Sandy Fk. po, 6 mi s of Asher po, 6-7 mi w of Helton po// In Sept. 1938, Taylor Sizemore pet. for a site ch. 1 mi n to a pt. 50 ft w of Middle Fk, 400 yds n of the mouth of Upper Bad Creek, 3 mi s of Asher po, 3 mi w of Mozelle po. Eff. now// On 9/10/47 or 9/10/49, Bob Asher pet. for a site ch. 1.6 mi s to a pt 100 yds e of Middl Fk, 4 mi s of Asher po, 7 mi w of Mozelle po. (SLR);
WARBRANCH (sic) (Leslie Co.): po est. 5/31/1901, Nancy Slusher....(NA); "W(aw)r Br(ae)nch" on Middle Fork R. It's c. 5 mi. from the Asher PO. Spelled 1 word. DK origin of the name. Several of the Ashers still live in the vic., incl. a grandson of Dillon Asher, Sr., the 1st Asher in the county. The grandson still has a store there. Quite a few Slushers in that ngbrd. The creek is Sams Branch. Now: gen. store and serv. sta. and 8-10 homes. (RB Campbell, interview, 5/27/1978);
WARNER (Leslie Co., Ky): PO est. 11/18/1901 with Parker W. Robertson.... (POR-NA); Not listed in P&G; No entry in SLR; No Warner families listed in 1880, 1900, or 1910 Censuses; No Parker Robertson in 1900 or 1910 Censuses;
WENDOVER (Leslie Co., Ky): "The headquarters of the Frontier Nursing Service with post lies on the Middle Fork of the Ky. R, below the mouth of Hurricane Ck; 2 (air) mi s of H. Mary Breckinridge, who arr. there in 1925 to found the famed health care service for rural mothers & children, is said to have named the place in the summer of 1926. She relates that her aunt Jane had been asked to suggest a 'good old Brit. name to match the mt. people with their Brit. heritage. After some travelers have made the trip across the mts, they insist it should be called Scrambleover (sic)....Suddenly Aunt Jane's eyes lighted up. "I have it, Wendover....there's the name for you."' The po was thus named Wendover when est. on 11/15/26 with Martha R.E. Pruitt, pm."
WENDOVER (Tooele Co., Utah): Station on the Western Pac. RR "around which a stopover point on Highway 40 has developed; station is on the edge of the Great Salt Desert on the Utah-Nevada line. The name is a modern (one), a compounding of the verb wend and the adverb over--suggestive to betake one's self over the flat, broad Salt Desert." (Armond & Winifred Meyer, comps. THE ORIGIN OF UNUSUAL PLACE NAMES, 1958, P. 107. No source given) (Rufus Wood Leigh, FIVE HUNDRED UTAH PLACE NAMES: Their Origin and Significance, Salt Lake City, 1961, P. 107)
WENDOVER (Tooele Co., Utah): Name taken from the old Anglo-Saxon word "wenden" meaning to go or to wind. Selected because here the Western Pacific RR starts winding west to the Sierra Nevada Mts. (Hugh F. O'Neil of Ogden, U., contributed to Tracy M. Scott, compiler, "Desert Place Names" series in THE DESERT MAG. Vol. 3, 1/1940, P. 40); Acc. to Martha R.E. Prewitt, 3/5/26, this prop. po would be on the n side of Middle Fk, 1/8 mi nw of Hurricane Cl 4 mi se of Hyden po, 5 mi from Stinnett po// Acc. to Mary Breckinridge, 7/27/39, it was Mid. Fk, 5 mi se of Hyden po, 7 mi nw of Stinnett po. (SLR);
WENDOVER (Leslie Co.): po est. 11/15/1926, Martha R.E. Pruitt... (NA); ("W(ie)n(d/(oh)/ver Still po for the Frontier Nurs. Serv. and its hdqtrs. site. PO on their prop. Very sparsely populated area but the residences are concentrated around the FNS complex. No store. Mary Breckinridge named it. cf her bios. She arr. there in 1925. (R.B. Campbell, interview, 5/27 1978); Camp Creek Bible Chu. with Rev. Billy Meek, pastor. Nr. the site of the 12/30/1970 Hurricane Creek mine disaster at the Finlay Co. mine. (Frank Ashley, "A Yr. After Mine Disaste: Leslie Co. is Booming" LCJ. 12/26/1971, A:16: 1-6);
WENDOVER (Leslie Co.): Acc. to FRONTIER NURSE: MARY BRECKINRIDGE by Katharine E. Wilkie and Eliz. R. Moseley, NY: Julian Messner, 1969, Mary B. was nee 2/16/1881 and died 5/16/1965. Founder of FNS. On the naming of Wendover, Mary said... "I've been hoping you'd find a name for the place—a good old British name to match the mt. peopl with their British heritage. After some travelers have made the trip across the mts. they insist it should be called Scramble-Over. '/"Scramble-over--Scramble-over.' Suddenly Aunt Jane's eyes lighted up. 'I have it. Wend-over--Wendover--Wendover, Mary
There's a name for you." (P. 122) Aunt Jane was Mary's paternal aunt and this was in the summer of 1926.

The FNS was org. in 1925.

**Acc. to Mary Breckinridge's WIDE NEIGHBORHOODS: A Story of the Frontier Nursing Ser.** Harper & Row, 1952, "It was my Aunt Jane who gave Wendover its name. Even before I started to build, I asked her to choose a name for my place that would be Anglo-Saxon and restful. After her trip in she probably felt like other arrivals who said the place ought to have been named 'Scrambleover!"..." (P. 190);
WHITE (Leslie Co., Ky): po est. 9/21/1908, John D. Wilson; 10/19/12, J.C. Wilson; Disc. 2/28/1914 (mail to War­branch) (POR-NA); Acc. to John D. Wilson, 1908, this proposed po would be 100 yds sw of Middle Fk, 3 mi ne of Straight Ck, 2 mi n of Salts po, 4 mi se of Sandy Fk. pc Not a vil// In Jan. 1913, J.C. Wilson reported that it would move (but too light) to a pt 5 mi e of Helton po. (SLR); Acc. to 1910 Census, John D. Wilson (27) & wife Sallie (28) lived in Marrowbone E.D. but no Whites in that E.D.;
WHITING (Leslie Co., Ky): po in operation from 1941 to 1944 (P&G); Acc. to Harvey Pennington, 2/19/1941, this proposed po would be 100 ft s of White Oak Ck, 4 mi e of Greasy Ck, 8 mi e of Chappell po. (SLR);
WOLFE PEN GAP (sic) (Leslie Co., Ky): where an early settler had killed a white wolf. (Brewer, *Of Bolder Men*, 1972, P. 39);
WOOTON (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to H.C. Lewis, 8/3/1906, this po was 300 ft w of Cutshin Ck, 5 mi e of Middle Fk, 4 mi from the co. line, 5 mi ne of Hyden po, 6 mi nw of Frew po// In Sept. 1916, Ibid. pet. for a move 3/4 mi s to a pt 200 ft w of Cutshin Ck, 4 air mi from the co. line, 5½ mi ne of Middle Fk, 6 mi ne of Hyden po, 8 mi ne of Daley po, 6 mi sw of Avawam (Perry Co)/ Acc. to Jessie Hyden, 7/27/39, it was on Ky 80, 6 mi se of Little Wooton Ck, 6 mi e of Hyden po, 8 mi sw of Avawam po// On 2/19/48, Jessie H. Blue pet. for a move 510 (ft or yds-?) ne to a pt on Ky 80, 1/8 mi e of Wooton's Ck, 6 mi e of Hyden po, 6 mi sw of Avawam po, 4 mi w of Frew po, 3½ mi n of Smilax po// On 9/14/49,
Miss Eva Melton, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 400 ft s to a pt. on the s side of Ky 80, 3 rd mi (by Ky 80) from the Perry Co. line, 400 ft n of Wootons Ck, 4 mi nw of Smilax po, 6 mi n of Hyden po, 8 mi sw of Frew po, 8 mi sw of Avawam po. (SLR);
WOOTON (Leslie Co., Ky): Hiram Wooton to Ky. 1807, settling at site of present W. He was son of Chas. & Sarah (nee Davis) and was ne Ashe Co, NC. To Ky. with parents at age 7. In 1850 he marr. Liza Fields, d. of Stephen Fields. Hiram was ne 3/1/1800 and died in 1870. Acc. to Hiram's son Chas. Wooton, ne 1860, in a letter to a local newsp. 1946. in Ky. Expl. Vol. 12 (3), Aug. 1997, Pp. 48-9); The family's prog. was Charles from NC who settled at the m. of W. Ck. Children incl. Hiram, Hardin, Emmanuel, Davis, and Chas. Wm. Hiram lived & died on Cutshin. His sons: John Hyden, Chas. (a lawyer in Hazard), and Wilson on Cutshin. Hardin & Emmanuel moved to Ind. Davis died at the m of W. Chas. II had a son named Irving who had 4 sons: Adam, Bangor Wm, Jack-
WOOTON ("Wūt/ən") The 1st settlers were the Wooton bros. Informant recalled only 2 of them by name, Bill & John. John died c. 4 yrs ago, at age 105. Very active until well over his 100th birthday....Named for the 4 bros., the family, rather than any indi. They arr. as young men. Acc. to John's testimony to Mr Campbell, Don't recall if Chas. was anothe: bro. or where they came from; thinks it was one of the Carolinas. Judge Wooton: was a nephew. His dad, Curt, lived to be age 97-8. Now: po, several stores and several filling sta's., consol. sch., quite a few homes. Nothing there before the bros. came, acc. to John; they were the orig. settlers, just be- before the turn of the cent. (RB Campbell, s/20
V' WOOTON (Leslie Co.): Named for Chas. Wooton son of Wm., one of 3 bros. who came to NC in c.1770 from Germany. Chas. was ne Ashe Co NC nr. the beginning of the Rev. War. He brought his family to Wootons Creek in 1807....(Mary T. Brewer, OF BOLDER MEN (A Hist. of Leslie Co.) c1972, Pp. 217-8);

Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, Wooten (sic) was 5 mi from Hyden. H.C. Lewis was pm, W.H. Wooton was constable. Sam'l. Cruch (sic) had a gristmill. R.E. Young had a gen'l store; APO (ca. 2000) PO was on s. side of Ky 80 (Jan 1996).
WOOTON (Leslie Co., Ky): Charles Wooton, son of Wm., ne N.C. in the 1770s and died in the 1840s. Marr. Sarah Davis. Brought his family to Ky in 1800 and to the site of Wooton in 1807. His bros. Frederick & John may have accompanied him. (Stidham, 1986, P. 535); Wm. Wooton (ne 1849) and Russell Wooton (ne 1858) were sons of Irvin (ne 1816) and Nancy F. (Feltner) Wooton. Irvin was the son of Wm. & Polly (Cornett) Wooton and grandson of Charles I. (Ibid., P. 540); No mention of Maddog
WOOTON (Leslie Co.): po est. as Wooton Creek, 5/14/1891, Harrison Napier...ch. to Wooton, 4/24/1894, Wm. Dixon...(NA); By the mid-1930s it had c. 25 homes, 2 gen. stores, 2 fill. stations, po, 2 rest. The Wooton Presbyterian Commu. Sch. c. 6 mi. e. of Hyden on Ky. 80, c. 3 mi. w. of Perry Co. line. The vic. lst settled shortly after the W. of 1812 by the 4 Wooton bros., Bill, Hiram, Chas., and Davis. From NC. The commu. was named for them or specifically for Bill (grandfather of Bangor Bill Wooton who was co. judge c.1900). (Viola Bowling, ms. on Wooton for WPA, 11/18/1936);
YEADDIS (Leslie/Co.): po est. 8/24/1923, Willie P. Baker... (NA); ("Yeëd/əs") A lot of the local people call it "W(eye)/ee/dəs") but most everyone else in the county would pron. it as above. Near the head of Cutshin, nr. the Perry Co. line. Mr. Hendrix=present pm. He succeeded his uncle, Dewey Lewis, probably the 2nd pm. Two or 3 large creeks run into Cutshin at or nr. the po. Now: 2 story store bldg. Many of the residents work across the hill in the Big Leatherwood mines. Nice homes in the vic. DK origin of the name. No families by this name. The Lewises have been the prominent family there. (RB Campbell interview, 5/27/1978);
YEADDRIS (Leslie Co., Ky): Acc. to W.P. Baker, 4/16/23, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Tracefork and it would be serving a locality of this name, 250 ft n of Cutshin Ck. Acc. to Mrs. Mallie Lewis, 7/29/1939, it was 1½ air and 3 rd mi from Perry Co, on Cutshin Ck, 3½ mi nw of Big Rock po, 3 mi e of Cutshin po (SLR);
YEADDISS (Leslie Co.): "In the early days missionaries came to work in the Cutshin and Wooton area. One day they came to a spot they liked, and one said, 'Yea, this is it.' Gradually the place began to be called 'Yea-this,' and today appears as Yeaddiss."

Mary T. Brewer, RUGGED TRAIL TO APPALACHIA (Hist. of Leslie Co., Ky. and its People), 1978, P. 28; Dewey Lewis had a store here. (Acc. to Huston, P. 95); No families of this name in 1900 & 1910 Censuses; APO (2000); On Ky 699 (ca. Jan. 1996);
A stage manager later gave her a white souvenir guitar pick, presumably from Springsteen.

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It's all downhill from here . . .

In Leslie County, a country church sits on a hill overlooking a winding stream.

The name of the church: Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel.

The name of the stream: Hell-Fer-Certain Creek.
I'm not certain/sartin

My recent column about Leslie County's Judge George Wooton and the fact he really is from Hell-for-Certain brought in a rash of letters wondering if, correctly put, the name of that mountain community isn't Hell-for-Sartin. It's referred to on maps and in books both ways—and also as Hell-fur-Certain, Hell-fur-Sartin, Hell-fer-Certain, Hell-fer-Sartin and various other combinations.

The truth is, no one seems certain. Or sartin.
HYDEN — Ray D. Couch, 84, of Bare Branch, a retired coal miner, husband of Mollie K. Couch, died Thursday at his home. Services 1 p.m. today at Couch's Fork Church of God, Bare Branch. Visitation anytime before services at the church. Dwayne Walker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.