

ADRIAN (McCracken Co, Mo); Po. est.

9/5/1899, I. Wm. Younker, 5/1/00, Jos. A.

AUER, 6/13/02, Albert S. Auer, Disc. 9/15/  
1904 (m. to Minta, Graves Co) (POL);

CAMELIA (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 4/14/1902,  
Nathaniel L. Miller; Disc. eff/ 6/30/1903 (mai:  
to Massack-sic) (NA); Named for the flower.  
(Hardy, LCJ, 12/4/1949); (pron. "Kə/mee/lyə")  
At the intersection of the Blandville Rd. & the  
Fisher Rd., c. 10 mi. sw of Paducah. (Mrs. Jet  
for the JPHS, 9/1977); "...named after the  
flower, recalls the name of George Joseph Camel  
(or Kamel), a Moravian Jesuit botanist, after  
whom Linnaeus named the oriental shrub, which  
Camel had described scientifically." (F. Frank-  
lin Murray, "Jesuit Place Names in the United  
States" NAMES, Vol. 16 (1), Mar. 1968, Pp. 6-12  
(10), citing E.P. Spillane, "Camel" CATH. ENCY.

1908, III, p. 216.

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CECIL (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 4/27/1901,  
Chauncy (?) C. Thompson; Disc. eff. 4/15/1905  
(mail to Paducah) (NA); At the intersection of  
the Noble Rd. and Ky. 305, c. 3 mi. w. of Pad.  
(Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 9/1977);

CHESTNUT STATION (McCracken Co, Ky) E

80-est. 9/20/1872, Andrew W. Chestnut,  
Disc. 1/8/74 (POR);

COLLIERSVILLE (McCracken Co, Ky):  
Po. est. 6/22/1874, Jas. D. Scott, 1/21/76,  
Rob't. Wilkins --- 5/4/81, Jas. Steele.  
Disc 2/23/82 (COR);

EPPERSON (McCracken Co, Ky): Po. est.

on 5/6/1884, Moses T. Hunt - 4/30/03  
John W. Troutman, disc 8/14/05 (m. to  
Paducah) (POR);

FLORENCE STATION (McWacken Co., Ky.)

po. est. as the Exchange 7/5/1839, Chail-  
ton (7.) B. Davidson, 3/23/43, Sally M.  
Davidson, 3/23/44, Kirby Jones, Disc.  
5/16/45. Re-est. 3/4/46, Edwin Adams,  
Disc 6/3/46, Re-est 6/2/49, C B. David-  
son, 6/27/49, Sam'l. M. Plumble. Disc  
4/3/51. Re-est. 8/12/52, Wm Howard,  
1/20/57. Sam'l. M. Plumble. Disc 9/20/

1859, re-est. 10/18/59, Wm. H. Kidd, w/d  
to Florence Station, 6/12/62, ibid. Disc  
9/29/63, Re-est. 6/19/65, Waddy T. Boyd  
7/8/72, Moses Rawlinson --- 5/13/74,  
Ibid. Disc. 7/6/74, Re-est. 8/11/74, wife,  
B. Quinn, Disc. 11/8/75, Re-est. 6/7/76,  
Joel W. Houser --- 5/5/05, Dora T. Walker  
Disc 12/31/15 (m. to Boaz, Queenes Co) (pur

✓ FOUR MILE CREEK (old name for Little Bayou Creek) (McCracken Co., Ky): (F361nw) Joins the Ohio R. some 12 mi. below Paducah and 4 mi. below Ft. Massac (now Metropolis, Ill) which may be the derivation of the name. The Four Mile designation was suggested by Tom Field in his 1794 map for Little Bayou Creek is so cross-referenced. The creek itself, tho', is more like 6 mi. long.

FREMONT (McCracken Co.): (pron. "free/m(ah)nt"  
1 On the Old Mayfield Rd., c. 8 or 10 mi. n. of  
the Graves Co. line. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS,  
c.1977); Freemont (sic): Earlier called  
Florence Station. Renamed. DK why either name.  
Freemont misspelled from Fremont by men who  
built the local school. They misspelled the  
name on the building. Error never corrected.  
When called Florence Sta. there was a fire and  
the school house burned. Rebuilt and renamed  
Fre(e)mont. Used to be a rr sta. named Florence  
Sta. Another Florence Sta. in Ky. so had to be  
renamed. (Acc: to M&M J.T. Spees, she is Mrs.  
Sue Nell Spees of Freemont, Ky. 11/1971 to  
Janis K. Daily, Mary Clarke's folklore student  
in her PN of McC. Co. material, on file, WKU

Folklore Archives); Had been a freight and pass. depot called Florence Sta. The rr co changed the name since there was another F.S. somewhere. Acc. to Silas Yarbrough who lived there since age 2 and was now a retired sch. tchr. age 82. Now the commu. is mostly farms and homes. Nearby Blizzard Bottoms for someone who had gotten lost ~~the~~ there and froze to death. (Ibid.);

FREEMONT (sic) (McCracken Co.): 6.50 mi. s. of Pad.  $36^{\circ}58'22''N$ ,  $88^{\circ}36'43''W$ . This spelling was recommended to BGN over Fremont by T.D. Boaz, Jr. In the Symsonia Quad. To est. spelling. This spelling is shown on USGS and county maps and 3 gazetteers but the other sp. is given in a commercial atlas. no p.o. (Docket 254, released by BGN, 4/10/1980 for consideration at the 5/8/1980 meeting.); Free mont approved 5/8/1980, ~~will be~~ published in Decision List No. 8002, 4-6/1980, p. 8)

FUTRELL (McCracken Co., Ky): Solomon D. Futrell, a Graves Co. farmer. Son of John Futrell who was ne N.C., 1780. To Trigg Co. in 1797 and was a farmer and tob. raiser. He died 1873. Solomon was born in Trigg Co. on 6/4/1820. In 1892 he moved to Graves Co. and purchased a farm 4 miles s. of Mayfield. .... (MEMORIAL RECORD OF WESTERN KY. Chi.& NY: Lewis Pub. Co., 1904, Pp. 169-70)

GRAHAMVILLE (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 5/18/1888, Zelotes C. Graham; Disc. 5/15/1909 (mail to Woodville) (NA); On the Ogden Landing Rd. nr. the jct. with Metropolis Lake Rd., c. 12 mi. w. of Paducah. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 9/1977); Zelotes Clinton Graham was born in Bloomington, Ind. 2/6/1847, son of Wm. & Margaret (Purdy) Graham. Wm. was the Indiana-born son of Robert Graham, born in Louisville who was son of John Graham, a native of Scotland. When Zelotes was age 12 (c.1859), he moved ~~with~~<sup>to</sup> Marshall Co., Ky. and in 1867 to McC. Co. In 1877 Zelotes opened a store at the present site of G'ville. He is considered the

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founder of the town that was named for him. Ran store & tob. warehouse for 20 years. In 1898 he moved to Paducah and ran a warehouse there. Still alive by 1904....(MEM. RECORD OF WESTERN KY. Chi. & NY: The Lewis Publ. Co., 1904, Pp. 597-9);

HARD MONEY (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 5/27/1880  
John H. Ballance...Disc. 2/13/1890; Re-est.  
4/25/1900, John E. Bales; Disc. eff. 12/31/1900  
(papers to Ballance); At the intersection of  
the Co. Line Rd. & Ky. 1684, nr. the Graves Co  
line. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 9/1977); Mr.  
Balance owned much of the land here. He was  
asked to name the new p.o. At the time he was  
asked he was mounting the 1st dollar he had  
ever earned and mentioned that it was the hard  
est money he'd ever earned and the PO official  
suggested they name it Hardmoney.(sic) Had:  
gro. blacksmith shop, etc. Now: Only one small  
store. A farm. commu. (Acc. to C.W. Bell, own-  
er of that gen. store, 11/1971 to Janis K.

HARDMONEY (McCracken Co.): "From the political slogan for 'hard money,' arising in the 1830's (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 197);

HEATH (McCracken Co.) p.o. est. 10/3/1898, Wm R. Hopson...Disc. 2/28/1911 (mail to Woodville (NA); Frank Kelly bought land at this cross-roads site and built a store. The p.o. he applied for was named for Sen. Heath who helped him secure it. A hi sch. there was opened 1910....(WPA); At the jct. of the Woodville Rd. & the Metropolis Lake Rd., c. 10 mi. w. of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPMS, 9/1977); (F305)

HENDRON (McCracken Co.): Named for a local family. A grandson in his 80s, Henry Yancy (sic), lives in Paducah. Nearby Hendron Hill. Rural commu. just outside of Paducah. (Acc. t Eliz. Hopkins, owner of small country store there, age ca. 80, 11/1971 to Janis K. Daily, for her P.N. of McC. Co. material for Mary Clarke, WKU Folklore Arch.);

HENDRON (McCracken Co.): (pron. "H(eh)n/drən")  
On the Old Mayfield Rd., c. 2 mi. s. of Pad.  
(Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, c1977);

KREBS (McCracken Co.): (Pron. "Kr(eh)bz")  
On the Krebs Sta. Rd. (Ky. 999) betw. the Old  
Mayfield Rd. and the Oaks Rd. (Mrs. Jett for  
the JPMS, c.1977);

LAMONT (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 5/10/1893,  
Wm. N. Bryan; Disc. 11/3/1914 (mail to Pad.)  
(NA); (pron. "lɑ/m(ah)nt") At the jct. of the  
Old Cairo Rd. (now called the Hinkleville Rd)  
and Ky. 996, c. 12 mi. w. of Pad. (Mrs. Jett  
for the JPHS, ~~5~~/1977);

LINNVILLE (McCracken Co., Ky): Po. est.  
2/9/1848, Jas. Patterson, D; DC 8/22/48  
(POR);

LONE OAK (McCracken Co.): Named for large oak tree at the V in the rd. It was cut down when Smithson's Store was built. Landmark. Everyone referred to it as the "Lonesome oak" or "lone oak." (Learned in 1942 by Ruth D. Thomas who told it to Violetta Maloney Halpert, Fall, '54 and it appeared in Halpert's "Place Name Stories about W.Ky. Towns" KFR, Vol. 7 (3), 7-9/61, Pp. 109-10); Named for a huge oak tree stood alone in a large cornfield where the hi sch. was later located. The largest tree in the area. The sch. needed an apt. name when est. in late 19th cent. At the time the comm. was known as Pottsville for a local physician. Comm. to select a new name since citizens didr

care for the old one. One of the comm. is said to have observed: "That tree holds the life, strength, and courage that the school should possess. Let's name it after the oak tree and call it 'Lone Oak.' Agreed and applied. This is the story told to youngsters. Tree is since gone. (Learned by Barbara Jean Puckett from her mother, Mrs. Elsie Puckett, c1940, and given to Mrs. Halpert, summer, 1955, in Ibid. P. 110).

LONE OAK (sic) (McCracken Co.): On this site in 1873 a Dr. Pepper built a flour mill. Ran it for yrs. then sold it to someone who converted it to tob. factory. Destroyed by cyclone. By then the settlement was known as Pepper's Mill. D.M. Potts est. grocery at the site of the factory and petitioned for a p.o. Submitted 2 names to POD: Fairview and Lone Oak. He preferred L.O. for a large single oak tree that stood at the intersection across from his store. The p.o. was est. and name approved 189.... Potts=the 1st pm. Shortly thereafter, the tree died, and was consumed in a large ceremonial bonfire, acc. to local trad.... (WPA)

Mr.  
acc. to Thell Futrell

LONE OAK (McCracken Co.): the spelling long preferred by local people. Named for an oak tree in the vic. Spelled as one word on many mid 20th cent. maps. Suburban Paducah. Site of the largest beehive factory in US. (Lee Heiman, "Maybe They Should Call it Single Tree, Genus Quercus", LCJ, 1/18/1952); p.o. est. as Lone Oak 3/14/1892, Robert C. Potter given as Loneoak by 1898...Disc. eff. 9/15/1900 (mail to Paducah) (NA); (pron. "L(oh)n (oh)k") two words (Mrs. Olive Eldred, interview at her Princeton, Ky. home, 10/1/1977); On Rt. 45, c. 3 mi. s. of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 5/1977);

LONE OAK (McCracken Co., Ky): The longtime vil. was inc. as a 6<sup>th</sup> cl. city in 6/1979. Earlier attempts to inc. failed. Part of the Lone Oak area was inc. into nearby Pad in the late 1970's. (Bill Powell in LCJ 5/30/1979, p. B421-3);

LONE OAK (McCracken Co.): "...describes a feature standing in isolation. It occurs with features which may be generally expected to stand in groups...but not with features which are ordinarily seen one at a time...In combinations before a vowel there is likely to be a simplification of spelling as in Lonoak and Lonoke, both from Lone Oak...." (George R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 263);

or + 149 STOP VIA THE RR

MASSAC (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. as Massack,  
6/30/1851, Thos. B. Hines...Disc. 3/30/63;  
Re-est. 3/6/67, David R. Wilson...Disc. 11/15,  
1908 (papers to Paducah) (NA); vill. c. 8 mi.  
sw of Paducah. Had been spelled both Massack  
and Massac on maps but the [in] 1930s, the BGN  
learned that local usage favored the latter  
spelling. c. 1 mi. ne of Maxon & 1 mi. sw of  
High Pt. On the Pad. & Ill. RR. Acc. to "Rept  
on Controversial Names" 1/20/1958, there was  
no longer any rr sta. and the name hadnt been  
in use since the late 1920s. The place was no  
longer in existence; BGN decision affirms  
acc. to Dec List # 5904, (9/59 - 12/59, 4/60,  
p. 17)

MASSAC (McCracken Co.): Across the Ohio R. from McCracken Co. was Old Fort Massac, Ill. Acc. to John Reynolds in his LIFE AND TIMES, this was probably named Fort Massacre and est. by the French in 1711. (...) (Purch. Edit. of the Mayfield Mess., 12/27/1969, P. C4:5). (pron. "M(ae)s/(ae)k") (Olive S. Eldred of Princeton, Ky., interview, 10/1/1977); (pron. "M(ae)s/(ae)k") At the jct. of the Old Lovelaceville Rd. & the Mayfield & Metropolis Rd. c. 10 mi. sw of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 8/1977); (pron. "M(ae)s/(ae)k" no terminal 'k' in sp.) Thinks it does have some relation with the old fort in Illinois. (Lon Carter Barton, interview, 8/5/77);

MASSAC (McCracken Co.): Named for Massac, Ill. on Massac Creek. Had a feed mill, sch., po, chu. Early settlers=Prices and Grahams, Rev. Cap Owens, Bumpous. (Acc. to Mrs. Pitman, age c. 30, local chu. historian, Massac Bapt. Chu. 11/1971, to Janis K. Daily for her folklore collection on the P.N. of McC. Co. for Mary Clarke, in the WKU Folklore Arch.); This is a small rural commu. (ibid.); Massac Ill. was originally Ft. Massiac and named for the French Minister of Marine during the 7 Yrs. War. (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 283);

MASSAC (McCracken Co.): Ft. Massac was formerly called Ft. Massacre and was est. by the French in 1711. Nr. the site of the present town of Metrop<sup>o</sup>lis. A missionary station till 1756. "It was here the (Roman Catholics) instructed the southern Indians in the Gospel.. and it was here also that French soldiers made a resolute stand against the enemy. In 1800 it was the only white settlement between the mouth of the Wabash and the Mississippi." (WPA, c1941).

MAXON (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. as Maxon's Mills, 11/3/1870, Morris Maxon..Disc. 10/20/1874; Re-est. 7/1/75, Thos.C. Ware...N.ch. to Maxonmill 5/6/95, James C. Rives...n.ch. to West Paducah, eff. 1/16/1925, Mrs. Flora Carroll.... (NA); c. 6 air mi. w. of Paducah on Ky. 305, c. 1/2 mi. sw of Ky. 358 and c. 1/2 mi. ne of West Paducah. c. 1958, the name was in local use and report was issued to BGN 1/20/58 indicating preference for Maxon over Temple Mill. Highway map and Paducah West 7 1/2 m. top. map used Maxon name. The crossroads commu. wa never known as Temple Mill. Was always called Maxon Mills until the rr came and West Paducah and Maxon Sta. were est. Then it became known simply as Maxon. Confirmed acc to decision by-

MAXON (McCracken Co.): Morris Maxon, born Pittsburgh, Pa. 4/15/1831, son of Jesse Maxon a native of Penna. Jesse ran a grist mill in Pittsb. In 1850 Jesse moved to Metropolis, Ill. where he farmed till he died in 1854. Morris and Brown, under the firm name of Brown and Maxon, ran the Metropolitan Mills (sic) in Metropolis, Ill. He then moved to McC. Co., Ky. and opened a mill called Maxon's Mill. It's on 300 acres....(Perrin, 6th ed. McC. Co., P. 198); The names Maxon, Maxon St and W. Pad. refer to the same place and are used interchangeably. The station is not active. The po is at jct. of Ky 305 & Wilmington Rd. Maxon built his Relief Mill on KY 305.

? Only one mill, a grist mill. DK when the mill was built. The mill did not precede the est. of the Maxon po in 1870. The rr sta. was built in 1930, 2 yrs. after the rr. was built thru. DK where it was located. The po was never moved. DK why the po was renamed W. Paducah. No Maxons still living in the vicinity. (letter from pm, W. Pad., Ky., to me, 8/5/1980);

MAXON (McCracken Co.): Morris Maxon, son of Jesse (sic) Maxon. Reared in Pa. Ran a mill there. Moved to Metropolis, Ill. and ran a mill there under the name of Maxon & Brown. Then moved to McC. Co. and est. Relief Mills on Massac Creek at the jct. of Cairo & Metropolis Rds. c. 7 mi. from Pad. His customers asked him to receive mail for them at the mill. He provided box. Soon mail for the vic came addressed to Maxon's Mill and then the po. was est. Hamlet grew up around the mill & po. ICRR came thru with branch betw. Pad. & Cairo. They called the station Maxon. 1/16/1925, the po was renamed West Paducah. (Acc.

to John T. Donovan, The Catholic Chu. in  
Pad., Ky. cited by Janis K. Daily, student,  
WKU in her folklore collection on McCracken  
Co. PN for Mary Clarke, spring, 1971, on  
file, WKU Folklore Archives)

MAXON (McCracken Co.): aka West Paducah. At the jct. of the Mayfield & Metropolis Rd. (actually on the Old Cairo Rd.) and the Woodville Rd., c. 8 mi. w. of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 9/1977); Morse (sic) I. Maxon, ne Pittsburg, Pa. 1832, son of Jesse and Jane Mangle Maxon. Jesse, a miller, to Metropolis, Ill. where he farmed and taught till his death in 1854 at age 65. Morse to Ill. in 1850. His sons were Wm., Orville, and Stephen Wayne Maxon. After 1852 he milled in Pad., Ky. Moved to Metropolis and built mills under the firm name of Brown & Maxon. Returned to McCracken Co. where, in 1871, he built & org. Relief Mills at Maxon, Ky. Retired in 1895 to take

up farming & stockraising. Died 7/21/1903...  
(MEMORIAL RECORD OF WESTERN KY. Chi. & NY:  
Lewis Publ. Co., 1904, Pp. 304-6);

MELBER. (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 4/17/1882,  
Lewis H. Helfer... (NA); On the County Line Rd  
and Ky. 786, nr. the Graves Co. line. (Mrs.  
Jett for the JPHS, 9/1977); The commu. was  
1st called Lewisburg for several years before  
the po was est. Another Lewisb. in Ky. made it  
necessary that it be given another name so it  
was called Melber for a local family that had  
come from Owensboro, Ky. and whose descendants  
still live in McC. Co. Still called Burg by  
oldtimers. The po is located c. 10 feet in-  
side McC. Co. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the town is in each  
county. The old hi.sch. was in Graves Co. Pop  
is c. 500. The po serves c. 400 families and  
goes into the edge of Carlisle Co. for a few

MELBER (Graves Co.): On the McCracken Co. line c. 17 mi. nw of Mayfield. (Pron. "M(eh)lber") DK the origin of name. More assoc. with McC. Co. than with Graves Co. though definitely a part of Graves. Still some business places on the Graves Co. side. (Interview with Lon Carter Barton, 8/5/77); Given as Louisber in the 1880 D.J. Lake & Co. atlas of Graves C Herein it's shown as being nearly altogether in McCracken Co. but L.H. Helfer's property is shown as c. 1 mi. se, in Graves Co. No Lewis or Melbers are shown;

MELBER (McCracken-Graves intercounty feat.):  
Lewisburg for Lewis Helfer, owner-operator of  
a watermill on Mayfield Creek. Another Lewis-  
burg. The po was est. and named for Mr.  
Melber, a local man who brought the mail once  
a week from Kansas P.O. (Rebecca S. Courtney,  
pm, in letter to Delphine Haley, 6/25/1975);

MILAN (McCracken Co, Ky): po. est. 2/11/

1888, Marcus L. Jones, 1/12/91, W.M.E.

Roark. Disc 1892 (POR); (F305)

MORTON'S BLUFF (McCracken Co., Ky):  
Po-est. 5/16/1870, Wm H. Yancy-Dise,  
4/15/75 (PDR);

OAKDALE (McCracken Co.): on the Hovekamp Rd  
nr. the Oaks Rd., c. 2 mi. s. of Paducah.  
(Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, c1977);

OAKS (McCracken Co.): On the Oaks Rd. c. 3 mi n. of the Graves Co. line. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, c1977); Named for the many oak trees in the area. A rural commu. Gro. owned by a Mr. Harrs. (Janis K. Daily, PN of McC. Co., Ky. material for Mary Clarke, (springg) Fall, 1971, in Folklore Arch., WKU);

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): At the confluence of the Ohio & Tenn. R. 47 mi. above the mouth of the Ohio R. Named for Chief Paduke of a sub-tribe of Chickasaw Indians of that area known as the Paducahs. At least this is the commonly accepted acct. Both names are believed to be corruptions of the same word in the Chickasaw tongue. It is believed that Col. Wm. Clark, the city's founder and half of the Lewis & Clark exploration team adopted the (same) spelling and pron. of the name by which the Commanche Indians referred to themselves, Paducah. Acc. to Irvin S. Cobb, the name of the chief and the sub-tribe "were derived from

a compound word in the Chickasaw tongue meaning 'wild grapes hanging' or, more properly, 'place where the grapes hang down'. This word is spelled by the whites...Pakutukah or Pak'tuka...." Cobb believed that the site (~~is-located-on-the-site~~) of the later city was called Pakutukah or Pak'tuka for the wild grape vines there or that the chief was called some form of that word meaning "wild grape." Clark.. "followed the spelling of the similarly sounding word of the Comanche lang. with which he was acquainted." (Fred G. Neuman, THE STORY OF PADUCAH, Paducah:1927, Pp. 17-9.)

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): Gen. Wm. Clark platted town 1827. Inc. as town 1830. Pekin was orig. name of town. Changed by Clark to honor Chief Paduke. (Highway marker at 4th & B'wy, Pad. acc. to GUIDE, No. 865, P. 142); Chief Paducah died c. 1819 and was buried at the site of the town that later bore his name. (Ibid. on S. 3rd St., acc. to GUIDE, No. 967, P. 172) The 1st home in what was later to become Pad. was built by Jas. & Wm. Pore in 4/1821. By 1826 a no. of other settlers had arrived. Town first named Pekin. Town platted by Wm. Clark 5/26/1827.. (Ibid. 1st & B'wy. acc. to GUIDE, No. 1052, P. 204).

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): retail trading ctr. for 25 co. area within 60 mi. radius of the city. Pad. located just below the mouth of the Tenn. R. Import. 19th cent. rr center & river port. Laid out 1827 by Wm. Clark and named for Indian chief Paducah. Inc. as town 1/11/1830 and as a city 3/10/1856. McCracken Co. est. 1824. Named for Capt. Virgil McCracken. Org. 1/17/1825. 237 sq. mi. ("McCr. Co. Est. 1824 from Part of Hickman Co." Purch. Edit. of the MAYFIELD MESS. 12/27/1969, P.

C4:1-9(2). Capt. Virgil McCracken, ne Woodford Co., Ky., the son of Cyrus McCracken,

(Ibid. p. C4:9)

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 2/25/1828  
(maybe earlier-check...), Francis A. Harrison  
...(NA); McCracken represented Woodford Co.  
in the Ky. House, 1810-11) Article states that  
Wm. Clark's naming it for Chief Paduke is un-  
verified legend. But authorities on the Chick-  
saw say never a word in their lang. like that  
nor a subtribe or chief with that name or any-  
thing like it. Acc. to legend, the chief died  
1819 and buried at site of later town. But his  
name doesn't appear on the Jackson Purch.  
Treaty of 1818....("Gen'l. Wm. Clark Founded  
City of Paducah on May 26, 1827" Purch. Edit.  
of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. J6:5-9).

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): founded 5/26/1827 by Wm. Clark of Lewis & Clark expl. team on land once belonging to Geo. Rogers Clark...Wm. laid out town 1827. "Plat not registered till 6/18/1830, 6 mos. after the town was inc." Before Clark arr. on scene, there was already a settlement there called Pekin and Clark ch. name to Paducah. DK why called Pekin or how/by whom settled. "'Gen'l. Wm. Clark Founded City of Paducah on May 26, 1827" Purch. Edit. of the Mayfield Messenger, 12/27/1969, P. J6:5-9) (pron. "P<sub>ə</sub>/du/kə") (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 8/1977);

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): Chief Paducah lived & hunted in this area until the Jackson Purchase of 1818. At that time, the land was owned by Gen. Wm. Clark, the founder of the town of Paducah. He named it for the friendly chief. (Highway marker, 19th & Jeff. St. Paducah, acc to GUIDE, No. 793, P. 119) Pad. was home of V-P Barkley and birthplace of Irvin S. Cobb. Major atomic energy plant nearby. The county was org. 1824. 237 sq. mi. 1st seat at Wilmington, 1825. Moved to Pad. 1832. (Ibid. at a no. of sites in city, acc. to GUIDE, #840, P. 132)

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): Where the Tenn. joins the Ohio R. Diversified indust. and rr repair shops. strategic trans-shipment pt. due to prox. to 4 large navigable streams and later its location about midway betw. N.O & Chi. This fact influenced its major ind<sup>s</sup> for many years: boat bldg. and boat repairing and rr repairing. The site of the I.C.'s loco. rebuilding & repair shops.

? In 1821, Wm. Clark ch<sup>d</sup> name of small vill.<sup>e</sup> of Pekin to Paducah.

PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): Site was 1st called Pekin in the 1820s while its ownership was in dispute. The 1st deed recorded in the county was for a lot in Pekin, 6/18/1825 (Deed Book A). Several families living at the site before 1827. On 5/26/1827 it was surveyed for Wm. Clark. Plat recorded by his agent Robert Fletcher, 6/18/1830. (John E.L. Robertson, "Paducah: Origins to Second Class REG. OF THE KHS, Vol. 66 (2), 4/1968, Pp. 108-36, 109);

PADUCAH (McCracken Co., Ky.) Siouan tribes referred to the Commanches as the Paduca. (Barbara A. Leitch, A CONCISE DICTIONARY OF INDIAN TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICA, Algonac, Mi. Reference Publications, Inc., 1979, P. 123)

(F 21)  
RAGLAND (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 5/18/1888,  
Wm. N. Ragland...Disd. eff. 10/15/1908 (mail t  
Woodville) (NA); (pron. "R(ae)gh/lən[d]") (Mrs  
Olive S. Eldred of Princeton, interview, 10/1/  
1977); At the jct. of the Ogden Landing Rd. &  
the Crawford Lake Rd., c. 25 mi. nw of Pad.(ch  
(Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, 9/1977);

RAMSEY (McCracken Co, Ky): P.O. est.  
5/26/1898, Arthur C. Shelton, order  
rescinded 4/9/00 (POR);

REIDLAND: (McCracken Co.): Named for John Barton Reid who arrived from Charlotte, N.C. 1855 with family. Bought 640 acres on site. Named for Reid and his family who donated land for school & church. (Acc. to Mrs. Bettie Reid, John Barton's d-in-law, for WPA); Om Rts. 62/68, c. 6 mi. se of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, c1977); John B. Reid, to Ky. 1853 and started Reidland Farm in McC. Co., 6 mi. se of Paducah. Died 1860....(Perrin, 6th ed. P. 206);

RENO (McCracken Co, WY) 2 P.V. est. 11/28/1891;  
John K. Mills, 5/9/94, Pleasant A. Bagwell,  
4/27/96, B. H. Pryor, declined. Disc. 5/12/  
1896 (m. to sharp) (POR);

RIVERVIEW (McCracken Co.): On Rt. 62/68, nr.  
the Tenn. R., c. 3 mi. se of Paducah. (Mrs.  
Jett for the JPHS, c1977);

ROSSINGTON (McCracken Co.): Abraham W. Rossington was born 4/22/1842 in Queenstown, Ireland, son of Wm. W. and Sarah (Trevers) Rossington, also natives of Ireland. William was a music prof. and to US in 1844. Was a music prof. in a coll. in NY. Then to St. Louis, Mo. Then to Hopkinsv., Ky. Finally to Paducah, Ky. where he died. Abraham to US with his mother in 1846. In 1856 he left Hop. to return to the Brit. Isles for a formal ed. Grad. from Fraziers College, Taunton, Engl. in 1860. To Amer. in 1861. A farmer in Hop. To McCracken Co. in 1866. Farmed some 500 acres....(Perrin 6th ed. P. 209);

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ROSSINGTON (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. 4/6/1888  
James C. Martin..Disc. 8/27/1891; Re-est. 12/  
30/1895, Wm. M. Boldry..Disc. 4/30/1911 (NA)  
(pron. "R(ah)z/(ih)ŋ/tən") At the jct. of the  
Bethel Chur Rd. and the Ogden Landing Rd., c.  
20 mi. nw of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS,  
c1977);

R4E (McCracken Co, KY) : PO. est. 11/25/1893  
Moses T. Hunt - Disc. 4/2/95 (m. to Epperson  
(POR);

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY (McCracken Co.): An old German settlement 10 mi. from Pad. on US45. First settlers were primarily gardeners and truck farmers. Focused around St. John's Chur est. c.1832 in an old log structure...Also an ele. sch. there and one of the oldest cem's. in the county.... (Acc. to Father Barrett, Pastor of St. J. Chur. to Mary K. Walkhu (sic ?) of Paducah, for WPA); At the jct. of (~~the~~) Rt. 45 & the Contest Rd., c. 3 mi. n. of the Graves Co. line. (Mrs. Jett for the JPMS, c. 1977);

SHADY GROVE (McCracken Co.): On the Said Rd.,  
c. 8 mi. se of Paducah. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS  
c.1977);

SPRING BAYOU (McCracken Co., Ky): P.O.  
est. 6/7/1847, Reuben Sanders, Disc 5/23/  
1849 (POR);

Stiles (McCracken Co., Ky) = Po. est. 7/16/1894, Geo. B. Smith, Disc. 8/31/01 (P. to Epperson) (POR); (F535)

THYRA (McCracken Co, KY) : Po est: 2 (10/  
1892, Frank G. Lovelace, Disc 5/1/93, (P.  
to MARRACK) (PUR);

TYLER (McCracken Co, Ky) = po. est. 2/28/  
1899, Thos. W. Hawley, 9/25/00, Al Fred N  
Sears, 12/18/01, Landon G. Sears. Disc  
10/15/09 (m to Paducah) (POR); (F535)

WEST PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): 1st called Wilmington and was the seat of McC. Co. 1/27 thru 12/32. c. 1851, Morris Maxon built large flour mill on Massac Creek at jct. of the Cairo & Metropolis Rds., c. 7 mi. from Pad. His customers requested that Maxon hold mail for them at his mill. Provided a box for the mail. Mail coming into the commu. thus was addressed to Maxon's Mill which was then est as the official p.o. Maxon died 1903 and the mill was bought by Adam Temple & Son at which time they dropped the Mill from the name it became just Maxon. PO moved to a small vil. that was developing nearby. 1/16/

1925 the po was renamed from Maxon to West  
Paducah... (Compiled by Mrs. Mary Belle  
Snyder of 2602 Wilmington Rd., W. Pad., Ky.  
and sent by Fred Wood, pm, W. Pad., Ky. to  
Delphine Haley, 7/7/1975);

WILMINGTON (McCracken Co.): The first seat of McCracken Co. 8 mi. w. of Paducah and 3 mi. s. of the Ohio R. ("McCracken Co. Est. 1824 from Part of Hickman Co." Purchase Edit. of the Mayfield Messenger, 12/27/1969, P. C4:1-9(2).

p.o. est. 4/6/1831 (if not earlier), Luke Sweatman; Disc. 1/29/1834; Re-est. 1/22/38, Richard A. Bacon..Disc. 3/23/1846 (NA);

Site of 1st co. seat=c.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. s. of Ky. 358. Est. 1827 on 102 acres; only 8 bldgs. Court-house finished 1830. Co. seat removed to Pad. in 1832 to avoid floods. (Highway marker, of Ky. 358 w. of Pad. acc. to GUIDE, #970, P. 173)

10/17/1825, Jonathan D. Martin; ch.  
to wilmingon 1/20/1827

WILMINGTON (McCracken Co.): In Jan. 1825, commissioners chose Wilmington as co. seat. It was 6 mi. w. of Pad. Town laid out 1/27 on 102 acres. Courthouse completed 3/1830. Co. seat moved to Pad. to escape flooding waters in nearby Massac Creek's backup. Town never developed for this reason. Only 10 houses ever built. By Act of G.A. 12/10/1831, the co. was ordered to move its seat to Pad. A co. park now on the site of Wilmington.... ("Gen'l. Wm. Clark Founded City of Paducah on May 26, 1827" Purch. Edit. of Mayfield Mess. 12/27/1969, P. J6:5-9,6)

WEST PADUCAH (McCracken Co.): Not clear on  
1978 highway map where the po is now located.  
Nor does it show where Wilmington Rd. joins  
KY 305;

WILMINGTON (McCracken Co.): (pron. "W(ih)l/  
m(in)ŋ/tən") (Mrs. Olive S. Eldred of Prince-  
ton, Ky., interview, 10/1/1977);

WOODLAWN (McCracken Co.): On the Benton Rd. c.  
2 mi. se of Paducah. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS,  
c1977);

WOODVILLE (McCracken Co.): p.o. est. as ~~New~~  
Newton Creek (in Ballard Co.) 12/17/1853,  
Edmund Ragland...into McC. Co. betw. 1856-7..  
n.ch. to Woodville 3/21/1858 or 3/23/58,  
Reuben M. Beck..Disc. 7/12/59; Re-est. 10/20,  
64, Geo. W. Shivell; Disc. 7/16/65; Re-est.  
7/17/67, ibid....into Ballard Co. 8/5/1903,  
Wade Brown, and soon returned to McC. Co. ...  
Disc. 4/30/1911 (mail to Kevil) (NA); (pron.  
"Wood/v(ih)l") (Mrs. Olive Eldred, Princeton  
Ky. 10/1/1977); at the jct. of the Woodville  
Rd. & the New Liberty Chur. Rd., c. 20 mi.  
w. of Pad. (Mrs. Jett for the JPHS, c1977);

WOODVILLE (McCracken Co.): Thinks it was named for a Dr. Woodson. 1st called James town. 1st settler=R.M. Beck who arr. c. 1859 by boat to Pad. He came from Va. (acc. to W.C. and Alma Beck Jenkins of Woodville, Ky. age in their 80s. He's a retired farmer. 10/1971 to Janis K. Daily, folklore student of Mary Clarke, WKU, for her PN of McC. Co. collection, at Folklore Arch., WKU);

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