MERCER CO., Ky: The Ky. R. divides M. Co. on its ne from Woodford Co. Dicks R. is se bound. with Garrard Co. Chaplin R. drains sw part of the co. which Salt R. drains the central part. Other key streams in the co: Thompson's Creek, Big Indian Creek, Brush Creek, Glen's Lick Creek, Shawnee Run, Cedar Run, Cheese Lick Creek; The Ky R. & its Dicks R. trib. forms Mercer's e bound. with Garrard Co. Salt R. heads in Boyle Co. and drains the central part of Mercer as it flows n, then w to the Ohio R. just above West Pt. Other streams: Shawnee Run, Harrods Run, Cane Run, Thompson, Lyons, and Rock Creeks 250 sq. mi (1980 Census);
MERCER COUNTY, Ky: 250 sq. mi. "Est. in 1785 from part of Lincoln Co., Mercer was one of the 9 co's. formed while Ky. was still a part of Va. It was named for Gen. Hugh Mercer (1725-1777), an officer in the Continental Army who was mortally wounded at the Battle of Princeton." (Book-P. 194); A well-drained agri. co. with rolling to hilly terrain. Far products incl: tob, hay, grains, livestock. Primarily agri. with some ind. dev. early by the Shakers and most recently in its 2 cities. with the manu. of clothing, metal products, bathroom fixtures, glass, refrigeration. Named for Gen. Hugh Mercer, a native of Scotland who was fatally wounded at the Battle of Princeton. The state's 6th co. in order of formation
The law creating Mercer Co. was enacted 12/15/1785. The co. assumed its present boundaries with the est. of Boyle Co. on 3/1/1842. Out of the s part of Merc Co. came Boyle Co. in 1842. Mercer was the 1st co. taken from Lincoln Co., one of the 3 orig. Ky. co's. A section of Casey Co. (formed in 1806) was added to Mercer in 12/1820; (now in Boyle Co.)
ALFORD (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 4/9/1887, Granville Alford; 9/23/1892, Sarah J. Alford; Disc. eff. 7/30/1904 (mail to Bondville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Granville Alford, 9/20/1887, the po was 4½ mi e of Hooppole po, 5 mi n of Tom po, 6½ mi w of the Salt R. and ¼ mi e of Cheslick Creek, 18 mi from Harrodsburg po. (SLR); Acc to 1860 Census, Granville Alford (16) was son of Peytor H. Alford (63), a farmer who lived in Duncansville' (Pron. Ahl/fard) (Conover);
BAC (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 11/18/1881, Matthew Cummins; 4/10/1883, John Divine; Disc. 2/16/1887 (P to Nevada); Re-est. 6/30/1890, Henry C. Mullins ... Disc. 7/20/1892; Re-est. 1/19/1893, Winfield Taylor... 12/27/1894, Matthew Cummins; Disc. 6/29/96 (mail to Nevada); Re-est. 8/9/1898, Charley Patterson 5/18/1899 Geo. W. Patterson; Disc. eff. 6/30/1905 (mail to Rosehill) (POR-NA); John Dix is listed in the 1820 Census for Mercer Co;
Edward Bascom Head was pm of Harrodsburg from 7/6/1869 to 3/31/1882 when he was succeeded by Thos. M. Cardwell. He (1844-1886) was the son of Edward Bascom, Sr. who was ne 1817. Sr. was a printer and was son of Rev. Jesse Head of Wash. Co. Sr. was also a minister & the presiding elder of the Ky. Meth. Conference ca. 1881-2. Acc. to 1896 Gaz., M. Cummins was pm & storekeeper;
BAC (Mercer Co., Ky): May have been named for a local stream, Bac Branch which is shown on a 1905 map but not on the 1873 or any current maps. Maybe a branch of Goose (formerly Battle) Creek, and nr. Boyle Co. Local families included Cummins and Pattersons. NW of Nevada & s of Rosehill. Name may have derived from Back. (Mrs. Rebecca Conover, Harrodsburg, Ky., interview, 4/21/1978); Named for E.B. Head. (Acc. to Daviess, P. 123) [Who was he? Was he a Harrodsb. pm?] Bac po is now Dixville; Acc. to Chinn (1985, P. 131), Dixville was so-called at least by 1873 when residents of this com. and nearby Nevada initiated a plan for a road betw. them
BAC (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to Henry Clay Mullins, 5/16/1889, this po was 3 mi W of Nevada po, 4 mi NE of Stewart PO, 1 mi SE of Chaplin R., 10 mi from Harrodst po. Not a vil. (see map) (Acc. to Charley Patterson, 3/1/1898, the po was 4½ mi NE of Stewart po, 4 mi SE of Rose Hill po, 4 mi NW of Nevada po, 1 mi SE of Chaplin R. and 3/4 mi S of Dry Fork. Vil. of 25. (SLR);
BESTONIA (Mercer Co., Ky): Now sometimes called the Hilltop Area. (Leon Keeling, "Past and Present" col. in the HARRODSBURG HERALD, 4/9/1987, P. bB:1-3); Acc. to 1896 gaz., J.W. Divine and M.D. Matherly had stores;
BESTONIA (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 12/29/1890, Patrick H. Best; 6/29/1892, Marvin D. Matherly...
4/28/1903, Wm. W. Lester; Disc. eff. 6/15/1905 (mail to Rose Hill) (POR-NA); Acc. to Patrick H. Best, 12/8 1890, the prop. po would be 20 yards w of Deep Creek, 1 mi w of Chaplin R., 3½ mi e of Jenkinsville, 5 mi w of Rose Hill, 5 mi e of Mackville. To serve a country store and a thickly settled ngbd. On the tpk. betw. Rose Hill and Jenkinsville & Macksville. Due s of Cornishville and w of Chaplin R. and ne of Stewart & nw of Bac and sw of Bohon and due n of Perryville. (SLR);
[Behs ltoyny e] (conover)
BOHON (Mercer Co.): pron. Boh/hahn. Mr. Bohon came 1794. Built brick house there which is now gone. Henry Bohon (whom I've met) is the only male Bohon left in H'burg area. cf to an article on the Harrodsburg Herald, 9/14/1972, P. 7 on the Bohon family in Mercer Co. (Acc. to Mrs. Anna Bohon of Harrodsburg, Ky., interview, 7/22/1977); Acc. to W.T. Sanford, 11/20/1915, the po was 2 mi w of Salt R., ½ mi e of Harden Creek, 6 mi nw of Harrodsburg PO, 6 mi e of Duncan PO. On 3/19/1917, Dennis E. Massie pet. for a site ch. to a pt. 2 mi nw of Salt R., ½ mi e of Haden Creek, 5½ mi se of Duncan, 6 mi nw of H'burg po, 5 mi e of Cornishv.po, and 2 mi sw of Lou. So. Ry. RR sta=Convoy. (SLR);
BOHON (Mercer Co.): ("Bə/h(ah)n") Inc. 12/2/1851 (Collins, Vol. 2, P. 603). Named for Walter Bohon, pioneer settler, who had a farm in that area. Locally referred to in the old days as Bohontown ("Bə/h(ah)n/town") but this was never an official name. The village grew up around Mrs. Conover's great grandfather's store (Jas. Wilson's) at the crossroads. The Threlkelds and Bohons were the pioneer families. The post office was in the store and Wilson had a cabinet shop upstairs where he made coffins. They called him "Jimmy" Wilson and he died in 1887, age 80. "The first land
deed under the name of Bohon was recorded for Walter Bohon in March, 1791. The land was located nw of H'burg. on a branch of the Salt R. The vil. that grew around Walter's old homestead is now known as Bohon. The vil. of Bohon was inc. or became a po the same day as McAfee. 12/2/51.

(From Mrs. Conover's article in the HERALD 2/1/1973.)...John Bohon= bro. of Walter. The (John) Threlkelds and the (Walter) Bohons came together from Va. They were both 1st at Ft. Harrod; then they bought land and moved on to it...Thus they
were the 1st settlers of that vic. Dan'l. Threlkeld was born c.1772 in Va. Died in Mercer Co....(Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
BOHON (Mercer Co.): p.o. est. 4/25/1854, Jas. Wilson... (NA); named for a large family in that area. (Mrs. Maria T. Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES, Harrodsb. Her., 1924 P. 123); Mrs. Daviess referred to the community as Bohontown (Ibid., P. 136); Named for Jackie Bohon who apparently preferred this vic to Harrodsburg. BOhon is 6 mi. nw of H'burg. He bought several hundred acres nr. crossroad. Vill. est. there after Jimmie Wilson & Billie Yates opened store at crossroads. Bohon was largest landowner so vill. named for him. He preferred this area over H'burg for wild pea, good cattle feed, grew there. Many springs, good timber & game.... (unident. article in series on bluegrass area places & names....)
BOHON (Mercer Co.): Benj. J., Walter, and John were the sons of Benj. Bohon, Sr. and were born in Orange Co., Va. Early settlers of Mercer Co., Ky. Benj., Sr. and Walter were at Harrodsburg by late 1784. John and Benj. to Ky. c1787. Walter ne 1762. His son, John Bohon ne 1/3/1785 in Harrodsb. "The first land deed under the name Bohon was recorded for Walter in 3/1791. This land was located nw of Harrodsb. on the Cane Run Br. of Salt River. The vil. that grew up around Walter's old homestead is now known as Bohon." Inc. 12/12/1851. Walter died 7/24/1825. John, his son, ne 1/3/1785 and died 5/13/1861.
BOHON (Mercer Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo on Ky 390, 4 (air) mi nw of Harrodsburg, was founded about 1851 around Jimmy Wilson's store. That and the po, which was est. there on 4/25/1854, with Wilson as pm, were named for the largest family of local landowners, descendants of Walter Bohon (1762-1825), a Virginian who had arrived sometime after 1791. Though officially known as Bohon, the comm. was locally referred to for much of the 19 cent. as Bohontown." (Book-P. 29); Walter Bohon of Mercer Co. owned 100 acres on Cane River (sic), a Salt R. trib. in 1797;
BOND (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to Rufus M. Johnson, 12/24/1888, the prop. name for this prop. po was Riverside and the office would be 4 mi n of McAfee po 4 mi s of Sidney po, 1½ mi w of Salvisa po, 200 yards e of Salt R., 200 yards n of Carnes Creek (?), 80 ft. from Salvisa Sta. and se of Alford PO. (Acc. to John M. Herps, 11/10/1915, the po name was changed to Bondville and was 300 yards e of Salt R. and 200 yds n o Bunnells Branch, 1 mi w of Salvisa po, 90 ft. w of So. Ry. tracks. Sta=Salvisa. 1½ (air) mi s of co. line. ) On 4/11/1939, Mrs. Mamie H. Crews, act. pm., pet. for a site ch. 550 ft. se to a pt. 3 air miles from the Anderson Co. line, 1 mi w of US 35, 550 ft. se of Salvisa Sta. on the So. Ry, 40 air ft. e of the
tracks, 1000 ft. ne of the Salt R., 400 ft. n of ? Creek, 1 mi w of Salvisa po., n of Vanarsdell po, se of Floyd PO, and due w of Salvisa po. (SLR); Acc. tc 1896 Gaz, it had a pop. of 25;
/BONDVILLE (Mercer Co.): po est. as Bond, 1/24/1889, Rufus M. Johnson; ch. to Bondville, 2/2/1889, Ibid. ...(NA); ("B(ah)nd/va1") Most of the Bonds now live in Anderson Co. Named for a pioneer family. On the road betw. US127 and the Bluegrass Pky. Mercer Co. Bonds lived at Kirkwood. (cf McKee-Bond Anderson Co. hist....) On the So. Ry....(Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/23/1978); For Bond family, see P. 59 of McKee-Bond book on Anderson Co.;
BRAXTON (Mercer Co.): Voting place and Braxton Baptist Church. West established name in use for many years. BGN decision to apply the name to that place; no other name in use. A USGS 1901 map (Harrodsb. 30 m. top.) used this name. (acc to rept. submitted to BGN by B.T. Morris, 2/59) Located down to/ the ferry. Little store there now. Used to have a country sch. DK why so named. One of the oldest communities in county. Nice homes. Used to be Braxton family(ies) in the county. Pron. Br(æ)x/ta/n. (Anna Bohon, interview, 7/22/77); po est. 5/6/1890, Lewis Crane…Disc. 5/31/1931 (mail to H’burg) (NA);
BRAXTON (Mercer Co.): ("Br(ae)x/tan") Spell ed "Broxton" on the 1975 highway map but probably an error....DK why so named. DK of any Braxton families in the county. In c. 4/1895, it had 2 gen. stores, blacksmith sho was a prosperous vil. Nearby Joseph Chapel which had earlier been called Johnson Mtg. House.... (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978); John Braxdel acquired 1000 acres on Harrods Creek & Salt R. in Lincoln Co. Surv. 12/17/1781 (could this have been named for him? Did he leave any area descendants?);
BRAXTON (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to Lewis Crane, 4/18/1890, the prop. name for this prop. po was Broxton and the po would be 5 mi e of McAfee PO, 6½ mi n of Harrodsburg PO, 2½ mi w of Ky R. and 1½ mi nw of Shawnee Run, on the e side of Lou. New Albany & Chi. RR tracks. Vill of 115. (SLR); (the prop. sp. of Broxton may have accounted for the name's sp. on some recent pub. maps); John Braxdale ne 1748-51 is mentioned in Collins' Hist. (II, P. 519) as a resi. of Harrodsb. on 3/11/1775. He was killed by Indians in 1778. He had a son John Basil Braxdale. Orig. name may have been Barksdale. Pron. Brax/dal and sometimes sp. this way. (Jas. A. Braxdale, "Braxdale

John Braxdale (1870 Census)
and Allied Families" a genealogical study of the ancestors of Jas. A. Braxdale, 1989, Libr. of KHS, Pp. 34-5); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Braxton had pop. of 25. J.N. Dean and K.M. Jones had stores;
BROOKLYN (Mercer Co.): Acc. to a bank letter published by the 1st Nat'l. Bank of Wilmore, this landing on the Ky. R. was named for a canoe constructed from a linnwood tree by an early pioneer named Brooks and his 2 nephews. Brooks and his 2 nephews, Matt & Bill, came from Va. in 1800 to the headwaters of the Ky. R. and replaced their team & wagon with a large canoe hewed from a linnwood tree and came down the river to the Bluegrass. Other early settlers would borrow the canoe and it became known as Brooks' Linn and the place where it was docked on the river came to be known as Brooks Linn Landing. This became an
important landing for steamboats and other river boats, one of the (most-pre)businesse on the river. In later years, the landing was dropped and it was called Brooklinn and still later Brooklyn, "by process of derivation." .... (Unidentified and undate newsp. article....)
BROOKLYN (Mercer Co., Ky): This bridge preceded NYC's Brooklyn Bridge. Named for a Col Brook. Bridge was completed in 1871. 546 ft. in 3 spans of 182 ft. each. Iron bridge. Toll for many years, now free. Before it was built, people crossed the river on the old Cogar Ferry, 1845-1870. The B.B. collapsed in 1953 and was rebuilt the following year. Brooklyn was once a thriving vil. of 400-500 pop. with saw and grist mills, distillery, coal yards, warehouses, other industries. Nearly destroyed by fire and later (1885) by flood and nearly abandoned. (Rebecca Conover Harrodsburg, Ky., interview, 4/21/1978);
BROOKLYN (Mercer Co.): ("Brook/lan") The bridge there by this name preceded NYC's Brooklyn Bridge for it was completed in 1871. Named for a Col. Brook. On the Ky. R. 546 feet in 3 spans, each 182 ft. Built 1870. An iron bridge on the Lex. & Harrodsb. Tpk. A toll bridge for many years and then a free bridge. Before the bridge was built, the old Koger Ferry took people across the Ky. R. at that pt. from 1845-1870. The Boone Tunnel on the Jess. Co. side of the Ky. R. at Brooklyn Bridge was built in 1927 by Tunnel Smith. The BB collapsed in 1953 and the present hiway bridge was completed in '54. ("Thru 200 Yrs"
The bridge connected Jess. & Mercer Co. At one time, Brooklyn, 4 mi. below High Bridge was a thriving vil. of 400-500 pop. with a sawmill, gristmill, coal yard, distillery, storage warehouse, and other industries. When at peak as small industrial town, the rr built a line thru from Lex. to Wilmore, Devestating fire and, in 1895, a disastrous Ky. R. flood destroyed the rest of the town. It was nearly abandoned....(From Mrs. Conover's col. "Stories from the Early Days in HERALD....") (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
BURGIN (Mercer Co., Ky): Temple Burgim (1805-1884) is buried in Burgin Mem'l. Gardens; Acc to 1860 Census, Temple Burgen (sic) was a 54 yr. old farmer who lived with his wife Sophia (44). No Milton Crow lived anywhere in the co Temple Burgin was ne 10/20/1805 but no place of birth is listed. Several Burgans, Burgins are listed in Madison Co. Censuses 1790-1820. Inc. Jas., Chas., & Thos. in 1820. Perhaps descendants of Isaac Burgin whose will was probated 3/6/1794 in Mad. Co. Dennis Burgin is listed on the 1789 Mad. Co. tax list. So was Isaac. Wm. Burgin settled in Richmond,
Mad. Co. He came in with Dan'l. Boone in 1773 (?) Their ancestors were Swedish. Traced to late 16 cent. Dennis & Isaac were sons of Jas. Burgin ne 1774. The family sp. its name in several ways: Bergen, Burgam, Bergan, Bergin. No mention of Temple in any of these families. (Burgin family files, KHS
BURGIN (Mercer Co.): p.o. est. as Bergen, 7/24/1877, B. Frank Taylor...n.ch. to Burgin, 7/26/1886, Floyd Burks...(NA); At the jct. of Ky. 152/33, 4 mi. from H'burg, Dix R. Dam, & Shakertown. Attractive homes. Livestock & BurJ1e~ tob. Bank. Womens garment factory. On the main line of the So. Ry. betw. Chatt. & Cincy. In the 1870s "builders of the Southern & Harrodsburg could see eye-to-eye. To the accompaniment of mutual nose thumbing, the Southern bypassed Harrodsburg by four miles. So a spur line, call- ed the Southwestern, had to be built to connect Harrodsburg with the main line. The rail jct. was on land owned by Temple Burgin. A bustling little town started and grew near the jct., and so Burgin came into corporate existence April 1: 1878."....
BURGIN (Mercer Co.): Temple Burgin donated the right-of-way (11.45 acres) to the Cinci. So. Ry. "The sale was registered 6/25/1874 at the Mercer Co. Ct. Hse. Prior to this there was a crds in the vic. A sta. was built where the r: crossed the main rd. and the town grew up arou

Burgin for the family that had given the land. The town was laid out 1877 and inc. 1878 and also named Burgin....(Article compiled & writ-

BURGIN (Mercer Co.): Named for John Burgin, who owned a farm thru the center of which the rr came. They named the town for him. (Welby Burgin of Stanford, Ky., his great nephew, interview, 4/29/1978); "This 5th cl. commercial & mfg. city with (A)PO lies at the head of Cane Run (a branch of Dicks R.), on the site of the pion. Cane Run Settlement, 2½ (air) mi e of Harrodsburg. In 1874 Temple Burgin, landowner and stockdealer, deeded the right-of-way to the Cinci. So. (now Southern) Ry. and a sta. was est. which the rr co. named Burgin Sta. Around this the town of Burgin was laid out in 1877 and inc. in 1878. Its po was est. as Bergen on 7/24/1877, with Frank B. Taylor, pm, and the misspelling was not corrected until 1886." (Book-P. 41);
BURGIN (Mercer Co.): cf Burgin Cent. Ed. of the HARRODSBURG HER. 8/1978, P. Al4 for Curdsville (this is in KHS Vert. Files, Mercer Co)

Burgin businesses today include a dress factory, active po, a no. of retail stores and services, a thriving comm. Distillery. Inc. 3/14/1878. Area settled since 18th cent. Strategic xrds. Land on the site was owned by J.H. Huguey (on the n. side of the Cane Run Tpk) and Temple Burgin (on the s. side). So. Ry. sought right-of-way thru their land in 1874. Burgin was platted in 3/1877... (Mary J. Thompson, "Crossroad Settlement Becomes Burgir in 1878" in Burgin Centen. Ed. of HARRODSBURG

One of the biggest livestock shipping pts. on the So. Ry. betw. Cinci. and Chattanooga (by Mary Cecil Thompson, "City Once a Shipping Pt." Ibid., P. F2:1-2); Acc. to Floyd Burks, 7/14/1886, the po was to be called Burgin to correct the error of Bergen and it was serving the com of Burgin. It was 6 mi s of the Ky R and at the head of Cane Run, 300 ft. w of the Burgin Sta. of the Cinci So. Ry, 4½ mi e of Harrodsburg PO. Acc. to Ibid., 9/15/1886, the Burgin PO (late Bergen) was 3½ mi n of Bishoptown po. Acc. to J.C. Rose, 5/16/1906, the po was 100 yd. e of CNO&TP RR, 4 mi w of Dix R., ½ mi o Cane Run, 4½ mi e of Harrodsb. po, 3 mi n of Faulconer.
Acc. to J.C. Rose, 2/8/1909, the po was 3 mi w of Dix R., ¼ mi w of Cane Run, 4½ mi e of Harrodsb. po, 135 ft. e of the CNO&TP RR. Acc. to Mrs. Lela D. Sanders, 9/26/1939, the po was 750-ft. e of the rr sta. & tracks and 4 mi e of Harrodsb. po. On 12/1/1949, Pearl Marie Caddell, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 528 ft. w to a pt. 10 ft. s of Ky 152, 150 ft. nw of the rr sta., 3 mi e of Harrodsb. po.
BURGIN (Mercer Co.): ("Bir/gh-ən") Inc. 4/11/1878. Est. as a jct. for the rr. Temple Burgin owned the land on the so. side of the Main St. and Hughley owned the land on the N side. Named for Temple Burgin who either gave or sold the land for the rr sta. It was a jct of 2 lines. That vic. from pioneer days was called the Cane Run Settlement ("Kān R(uh)n") Dicks R. is just 2 mi. e. of the present Burgin. The name Curdsville ("Kirdz/v(ih)l") was applied to the vic. betw. Dicks R. & the Burgin site in early days. A no. of mills on the river. Burgin is on Cane Run. Shawnee
Run is on the n. end of town... Most of the pioneer settlers of the vic. were on the Can Run, the s. side of the present Burgin. Burgin was also an early crossroads from Danville to the mouth of Dicks R. and the rd betw. H'burg and the mouth of Cane Run (at Dicks R., Bowmans Sta.) One of Harrods' men had his claim to this site on Cane Run in 1774. A huge spring, at the present site of the Burgin Sch., has been called "The Big Spring"... Several huge springs in the vic... The rr was start of the vil. of Burgin. **Burgin**=the proper spelling of Temple's name.
He came from Madison Co., Ky. in 1852 & bought land from one of the pioneers or his heirs. He was a big landowner, stockdealer. Mrs. Conover thinks that Temple sold the land to the rr. It was called Burgin's Sta. before it was inc. as a town acc. to the rr co. records. The Big Spring was aka Harlan's Spring, named for Silas Harlan. Acc. to a newsp. article in 3/1895, Burgin then had a pop. of 700-1000. ...(Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/78)
BURGIN (Mercer Co., Ky): Inc. 4/11/1878. Nr. site of pion. Harlan Spring around which a small stockade had been built in late 18 cent. Nr. site of pion. Cane Run Chu. The rr named it Burgin and the sta. became key shipping pt for hemp, livestock, grain for large interco. area, as well as products of local Moore and Huguely distilleries. Pop. (1898) was ca. 1000. The Great Southwestern Ry was completed betw. Burgin & Harrodsb. in winter of 1876/7. (Chinn, 1985, P. 129);
BURGIN (Mercer Co.): Once prosperous town but declined after the removal of rr shops. Route connecting 8 nearby fortified stations converged here 1779-80. Called "crossroads for pioneer defense"...(highway marker in the local schoolyard, Ky. 33, 152, acc. to GUIDE, No. 926 P. 159); 4 mi. e. of Harrodsburg; On the site of Harlan's Spring (for James Harlan, grandfather of John M. Harlan, Sup. Ct. Just, for the spring & 1000 acres of surrounding land had been claimed by Harlan). 1778 a stockade built there on land purchased from Harlan by Alex'r. Robertson and he built his cabin here and raised his family. It's been said that the 1st frame house in Ky. was built here. Burgin is where.
the old Cinci., N.O. & Texas Pac. RR crossed the Cane Run & Dix R. Tke. Est. when the Southern Road to Danville was completed in 1877. The sta. was named for Temple Burgin by the Cinci. Southern Ry. Co. for having donated the right-of-way thru his farm. A shipping pt. for hemp, grain, & livestock in 19th. cent. Two cooperages by c1880. Distilleries....(Mrs. Maria Thompson Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES, Harrodsb. Her., 1924, Pp. 138-40)
BURGIN (Mercer Co.): Harrodsburg city council refused to grant franchise to railroad between Cincy. and New Orleans because residents objected to noise & dirt. According to tradition, the RR company president said he would lay his tracks near enough to Harrodsburg so that residents could hear the train whistle and forever sorrow at lost opp. In the late 1870s, the railroad was built. Station and town grew up at the site, 4 mi. from Harrodsburg. Land at site was part of farms of Add Thompson & Temple Burgin. Town named for the Burgin family. Settlement there first called The Crossroads (The Harrodsburg-Buena Vista and the Shakertown-Danville Pikes) at the edge of present townsite. The historic Cane Run Church is there. This was one of the oldest in the state. (check) (one of series of unid. articles on bluegrass com. in an area paper....)
CANE RUN (Mercer Co., Ky): Named for the cane growing along its banks as seen by the McAfee bros; Named for the "vast stretches of cane that flourished in its vic." (Chinn P. 61); The Cane Run Pres. Chu. was 3 mi e of H'burg, just s of the present road to Burgin, nr the stream;
CANE RUN (Mercer Co., Ky): PO est: 7/27/1853, Peter C. Depauw; 6/12/1858, Milton C. Crow; Disc. 1/13/1859 (POR-NA); Was this po in the vic. of the Cane Run Mtg. Hse on the rd. betw. Harrodsb. & The Crossroads (that later became Burgin)?; The Cane Run (Pres.) Chu. 1st a log cabin built in 1784 on property deeded by Capt. Idur Haggin (check) and named for the nearby stream. ca. 3 mi e of Harrodsb. In 1786 the orig. log structure was replaced by a frame bldg. In 1816 the chu. was moved into town. (Daviess, P. 154);
Chaplin Fk. of Salt R. was earliest called West Fork. Chaplin Spring was on land owned by Wm. Stewart. The spring was on Chaplin Fk;
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co.): (Pron. "K(aw)r/n(ih)sh/v(ih)l") Named for the Cornish family. The family's head was a noted covered bridge builder. c. 9 mi. nw of H'burg. Chaplin R. cuts right thru the vil. "In 1811 Geo. Doggett Cornish built the 1st house there. Betw. 1811-15, the 2nd hse. was built across the Chaplin R. Just below the bridge a man named Carrier built a dam & a corn mil of logs between 1815-20. By 1820 there were 5 houses and Carrier's mill in the vil." Inc by the Ky. G.A. on 2/20/1847 as Cornishville...Originally on the e. bank of the river...
Pop. (1870) = 151. (check: is the above from Collins?...) Mrs. Conover disagrees with it. She doesn't think Cornish was there that early for she can't find any record of his presence then. But she agrees the town was definitely named for him. But Carrier & his mill were there by 1820. Acc. to "Thru 200 Yrs." describing the place in 1905: It's in the Chaplin R. valley, 10 mi. NE of H'burg. That stream ("Ch(ae)p/lan") was named for Abraham Chaplin who discovered it in 1774. C'ville was several stores, a large flour mill, bank, several shops. Pop. (1905) = c. 800
Iron bridge across the river joins two sections of the vil. It replaced the old covered bridge. The iron bridge was later replaced by a new concrete bridge. Had school, mill...Abraham Chaplin was one of Jas. Harrod's company. He discovered Chaplins Fork (of Salt R.) (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): G.D. Cornish is listed in the 1860 Census as a 32 yr. old Ky. born millwright in Cornishville. Ludwell C. is listed as his 9 mo old son. G.D.'s wife is Margrett P.; Ludwell C. Cornish is the only Mercer Cornish listed in the 1840 Cens.
Mary Lee Cornish was the daughter of Ludwell and Jane Cornish. She was nee 1/6/1811 and died 9/5/1859 and is buried in Mt. Hebron Cem (Was this a different Ludwell C? Were there Cems) at least two of that name?)
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co.): Mrs. Conover think the commu. is aka Chaplin. Acc. to Collins, (Vol. 2, P. 603) Chaplin was inc. 12/2/1851. But acc. to Collins, C'ville was inc. 2/20/1847. On Salt R. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978); Est. 2/23/1847 (ACTS 1846/7, P. 211) Probably named for its site, at L.C. Cornish's springs (Clift, KY. VIL....P. 12); Lud C. Cornish served Mercer Co. in the Leg. 1838-42;
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): The only Cornish listed in 1810 Census was Geo. D. in Woodford Co. And his name was sp. Doggitt. No Cornishes at all mentioned for Mercer Co. in 1810, 1820, 1830 Censuses; Ludwell Carter Cornish ne 4/30/1807 and wife Mary. His two sons were Geo. Dogged Cornish ne 7/13/1828 and Sam'l. Cornish ne 9/30/1838. Lud'l. died 9/27/1857
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): Was named for Ludwell Carter Cornish. His son, Geo. Doggett built many of Ky's. covered bridges including the one over the Chaplin R. at the edge of this town. Latter grew up around Ludwell's grist & saw mill built in the early 1820s. Later inc. Several mills occupied site after the orig. mill was destroyed by fire in 1836. (Ruth Sandusky (Mrs. David) Beall, "A Brief Hist. of Old Mills and Mill Sites" ms. in the Mercer Co. P.L., Aug 1968, P. 10);
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to M.E. Moore, 12/27/1898, the po was 200 yards e of Chaplin R. and w (sic) of Three Lick Creek, 4 mi se of Cardwell PO, 5 mi s of Duncan PO, and 1 air mi from the co. line. Acc. to S.P. DeBaun, 11/1911, the po was 150 yards e of Chaplin R., 2 mi e (sic) of Three Lick Creek, 10 mi from the Harrodsburg po. A site ch. (but with no date or signature) to a pt. 250 ft. e of Chaplin R. & 3/4 mi w of Haydons Creek, 5 mi s of Duncan PO, and 1 air mi e of the co. line. Acc. to Louis H. Belle Caum (?), 7/24/1939, the po was ½ air and 1 rd mi fro the Wash. Co. line, 200 ft. from Chaplin R., 5 mi se of Duncan PO. On 2/20/1946, Christine R. Young pet. for a site ch. 120 ft. e to a pt. 0.8 air mi & 1 rd. mi from Wash. Co. line, 300 ft. e of Chaplin R, 4 mi s of Duncan. (SLR):
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): Founded in 181 and (probably) named for George Doggitt Cornish who had built his home here, in the Chaplin River valley, c. 9 mi. se of Harrodsburg. Covered bridge was built here.... (Geo. M. Chinn, THE HIST. OF HARRODSBURG AND "THE GREAT. SETTLEMENT AREA" OF KENTUCKY, 1774-1900, Pvt. printed 1985, P. 87); Geo. Doggitt Cornish built house & mill betw. 1815-1820 on the Chaplin R, 9 mi n of Harrodsb. The vil. was founded when covered bridge was built across the river. (Helen C. Powell HIST'IC SITES OF HARRODSBURG AND MERCER CO., KY., pub. by the H-M. Co. Landmark Ass'n., 10/1988, P 22).
CORNISHVILLE (Mercer Co.): p.o. est. 10/9/1846

Garland Symmes ...(NA); named for a prominent citizen of that vic. (Mrs. Maria Thompson Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES; Harrodsburg, Her., 1924, P. 123.); Named for the family of Cornish that had settled there. West of Harrodsburg, beyond Bohon. (Anna Bohon, interview, 7/22/1977); On Chaplin R. Named in the 1830s or earlier for Col. Sam'l. Cornish who had built water mill at spring nr river bank a site of com. He is said to have built many of Ky's covered bridges. He built one at the edge of this com. on which it's said many murders were committed. For yrs. had reput. of being place of more murders than any other com. its size in US. Destroyed in a 3/99 cyclone along
with much of the town...rebuilt the town, and it became a prosperous village...(From one of series of unid. articles on bluegrass area communities in an area newsp.....)

"This vil. with po lies at the jct. of Ky 1989 and the Chaplin R., 7 (air) mi wnw of Harrodsburg. The po was est. in the vic. of a grist mill on 10/9/1846 with Garland Symmes, pm. It may have been named for Geo. Doggett Cornish, member of a prominent pion. family there which produced Samuel Cornish, the builder of many of Ky's early covered bridges."
(Book-Pp. 68-9);
COUNTER (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 1/5/1904, John D. Royalty; Disc. eff. 5/14/1904 (mail to Harrodsburg) (POR-NA); Acc. to John I. Royalty, 12/14/1903, the name prop. for this po was Poteet and it would be located 3 mi s of Bohon PO, 4 mi n of Rose Hill, 4½ mi w of Harrodsburg PO, 2½ mi w of the Salt R. and ½ mi w of Kirbys Branch. (SLR);
DICKSVILLE (DIXVILLE) (Mercer Co., Ky): At one time called Bac. Now: gro., 2 gas pumps, several homes. On a hill at the end of the rd (nearby) is the Benton Bap. Chu. Down the hill and behind the chu. is Patterson Family Cem. named for the Armstead Patterson family that's buried there. (Joel Dalton Bailey, 527 Scenic Hill Estate, Harrodsburg, Ky. BURY ME AT DIXVILLE (A geneal. research of the descendants of Armstead Patterson (etal) c.1985, at the KHS Libr.);
DIX RIVER (Mercer Co., Ky): PO est. 2/9/1869, Geo. O. Stone; Disc. 7/15/1869 (POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. O. Stone, 2/1/1869, this prop. po would be 8 mi e of Harrodsburg PO, \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi w of the Dix R., 1 mi e of Cane Run Creek. Not a vil. (SLR);
DUGANVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): No Dugans are listed in the 1860 Census; Acc. to 1860 Census, Wm. H. Edwards (18) is listed as a clerk for Woodford Voorhies in Salvisa, Ky. Voorhies was a Merchant; The Dugan family didn't acquire land in M. Co. until 1871. In that yr., Daniel Duggins, Sr. acquired land on Trace Creek of Chaplin R. (Deed Book 41, P. 165). Daniel, Sr (10/7/1797-2/17/1886) was buried in the Kays-Duggins graveyard in Wash. Co. e of Battle and nr. the M. Co. line. Also his son Dan'l., Jr. (1803-1873); Buried in Berea Cem. on Mackville Rd. in M. Co. were Geo. W. Dugan (1853-1913) and wife Laura (1862-1944) & their family, incl. Duggins. Dugansville is nr. the Wash. Co. line; Dan'l. Duggins (1839-1908) also buried in Berea Xian Chu. Cem;
DUGANSVILLE (Mercer Co.): p.o. est. 4/18/1867, James L. Wickersham... (NA); named for a prominent citizen of that vic. (Mrs. Maria Thompson Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYD COUNTIES, Harrodsb Har., 1924, P. 123.); This po was dis 4/25/1876; A p.o. called Tom was est. 5/8/84, Wm. H. Edwards, 3/15/1890, Emett K. Mullins; ch. to Duganville (sic), 5/28/1892, ibid. ... Disc. eff. 5/31/1908 (mail to Bondville) (NA); ("Dū/ghənz/ˈv(ih)l") There were some Dugans in the early 19th cent. in Wash. Co. and a Duggin family in Mercer Co. She dk where Tom po was or who named for. Inc. 12/2/1851 acc. to Collins, Vol. 2, P. 603... (Rebecca Conover, 4/21/1978);
DUGANVILLE (Mercer Co., Ky): Formerly Tom PO. Acc to S.P. Robinson, 12/30/1898, this po was 4 mi n of Chaplin R., ½ mi s of Brush Creek, 4 mi w of Mayo PC 2 mi ne of Tablow PO. (SLR); Acc. to W.H. Edwards, 3/5/1884, the prop. name for this po was Boss and Boss Tom and it would serve a community called Dugansville but was called Tom instead. It would be ca. 4 mi se of Seaville, 4 mi nw of Duncan po, 1½ mi n of Chaplin R., on the n side of Thompson Creek, 14 mi from the rr sta. at Harrodsb. Vil. of 33 pop. (SLR);
DUNCAN (Mercer Co., Ky): John Ray Duncan (10/5/1828-1/26/1895), a CW officer (19th Ky Inf.) is buried in Grapevine Xian Chu. Cem);
DUNCAN (Mercer Co.): ("D(uh)n/2n") Named for the Duncan family. Acc. to Wyatt Shely, (Anderson NEWS, 3/27/1969 from his "Our Heritage" col. on Duncan), this was a large family descended from Gen. Jas. Ray, pioneer settler.//John Ray Duncan, grandson of Gen. Jas. Ray, lived in the w. end of Mercer Co. and was prominent in its affairs. Duncansv. was named for him....John Ray was asst. co. clerk, son of Martin and Mary(Ray) Duncan who are buried in the Grapevine Xian Chu. Cem. nr. Duncan. John Ray is also buried there. Acc. to Collins (Vol. 2, P. 603), it
was inc. as **Duncansville** 12/2/1851. Now: store, churches, still locally referred to as **Duncan**. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/2/1978); Acc. to 1860 Census, John R. Duncan (31) lived in Duncansville; J.M. Duncan served Mercer Co. in the Ky. Leg. 1879-83; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., pop of 75. John Saunders & Sims & Som. had gen. stores; Acc. to Ky. Busi. Dir. (1870), Duncan & Edwards had a gen. store and so did J.C. Alfred;

Disc 1950
DUNCANSVILLE (Washington-Mercer Co., Ky): Act to est. the town of Duncansville on lands of Abraham B. Voris, et al. at the jct. of rds betw. Harrodsburg & Bloomfield and Salvisa & Springsfield. Among the trustees were Matthew & John R. Duncan. Also A.B. Voris. (ACTS of the GA of Ky, 1851-1852 (1852), Pp. 4-5-6); Gen. Jas. Ray's daughter Mary (Polly) marr'd. Martin Duncan on 9/15/1806 in Mercer Co. The vil. of Duncan was named for the family. (Rebecca Conover, "Gen. Jas. Ray & Stepfather Col. Hugh McGary" M. HERALD, 8/3/1972, P.5);
DUNCANSVILLE (Mercer Co.): Est. 12/2/1851 (ACTS 1851/2, P. 405) Probably named for Matthew T. Duncan, orig. trustee (Clift, KY. VIL....P. 14); Acc. to John E. Sims, 11/11/1896, this po was serving a commu. called Duncansville and was 1 mi e of Chaplin R., 3/4 mi w of Thompson Creek, 1 1/2 mi se of Tablow PO, 5 mi nw of Bohon PO, 4 mi s of Dugansville po (sic), 3/4 air mi from the co. line.\ Acc. to Jas. B. Sims, 10/23/1915, the po was 1 mi s of Chaplin R., 1 mi n of Thompson Creek.\ Acc. to Mrs. Jas. B. Sims, act. pm, 7/24/1939, the po was 3 1/4 air & rd mi from Wash. Co. line, 1 1/2 mi n of Chaplin R., 3/4 mi s of Thompson Creek, 5 mi n of Cornishville po and 5 mi w of Mayo po.\ On 1/4/1947, Delma Sims pet. for a site ch 75 ft ne to a pt. 1 rd & air mi from Wash. Co.
line, 1 mi n of Chaplin R., 1 mi s of Thompson Creek, 5 mi n of Cornishville po, and 5 mi w of Mayo po. (SLR); "This xrds hamlet with epo is on Ky 390, 8½ (air) mi nw of Harrodsburg. The po, est. on 2/23/1847, with Abraham B. Voorhies, pm, was probably named for John Ray Duncan, prominent in early Mercer Co. affairs and the grandson of pion. Ft. Harrod settler Gen. James B. Ray. It was inc. as Duncansville in 1851." (Book-P. 86);
EBENEZER (Mercer Co., Ky): The Ebenezer Chu. of Christ (with adjacent cem) here. The chu. was org. in 1836 by 5 families: David Jones, the Roach (es), the Clevelands, the Burkes, and the James(es). Incl. with the Roaches were the Buntons. Many Buntons were buried in the local cem. Also Sallees. (Rebecca Conover, interv., 4/21/1978); Acc. to M. Ladd, WPA, 4/1941, this was named for an early pion. named Ebenezer. DK when settled; Ebenezer Price Bunton ne 2/18/1822. Marr. Albertine Roach. Their children incl. John M., Will H., Sam'l F., Mollie, Lena. DK how or if related to Edward P. Bunton; possibility it was named for him can't be overlooked.
EBENEZER (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 7/31/1897, Edward P. Bunton; 4/23/1898, Walter S. Salle (sic); Disc. 11/17/1898; Re-est. 5/29/1900, Walter S. Salle...11/2 1904, Orville A. Burr; Disc. eff. 7/31/1905 (mail to Salvisa) (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. R. Lapsley, the name proposed for this po was Wilton and it would be ½ mi e of Landing Creek and 3 mi w of the Ky. R., 3½ mi ne of McAfee PO, 6 mi se of Salvisa PO, not a vil. (see map) \(\text{Acc. to Walter S. Salle, 5/14/1900, the po was 4 mi ne of McAfee PO, 5 mi sw of Nonesuch po, 6 mi se of Salvisa, 2 3/4 mi w of Ky R. (SLR);} \)

\[x_{12/30/1896}\]
FLoyD (Mercer Co., Ky): May have been named for one of the Floyd Grittons. For the past 4 generations that family has had a Floyd. They lived betw. Mayo & Salvisa. Otherwise knows nothing of the name. (Mrs. Rebecca Conover, Harrodsburg, Ky., interviewed, 4/21/1978); ca. 2 mi n of Lucto was the xrds com. of Floyd. Served Lucto & vic. Floyd Gritton heired his father-in-law, Hugh Evans' home betw. Floyd & Lucto. In 1909 he sold the home to Matt Royalty whose descendants still live there. (Grace James Champion, "Hist. of Salvisa and North Mercer" HARRODS. HERALD, 8/11/1988, Pp. 1C-8C); Floyd Gritton's home, built 1865 on the w bank of Salt R., nr Bondville, is extant. (Hist'c. Sites of H & M Co, Ky, 1988)
FLOYD (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 4/23/1909, Lige D. Gritton; 3/28/1914, Edgar Mayes; Disc. 1/31/1918 (mail to Bondville) (POR-NA); Acc. to L.D. Gritton, 2/1909, this prop. po would be 500 yards w of Salt R., 2 3/4 mi nw of Salvisa PO, 2 3/4 mi nw of Bondville, 2½ mi sw of Nevins PO (Anderson Co.), ½ mi s of Buckannon Creek. (Acc. to Edgar Mayes, 11/20/1915, the po was 1/8 mi w of Salt R., ¼ mi e of Buchhannon Creek, 2½ mi sw of Bondville Po, 1 mi from the co. line. (SLR);
FOUNTAINBLEAU (or Fountain Blue) a large spring 3 miles below Harrods Sta. in the present Mercer Co., Ky. Attacked by Indians on 7/8/1774. (Bess L. Hawthorne, "The Famous Falls of the Ohio Trip" REG. of the KHS, Vol. 36, Oct. 1938, Pp. 365-75, 373);
HARRIORDSBURG (Mercer Co., Ky.) was the 2nd p.o. est. in Ky. on 6/11/1794 with the help of Thomas Barbee, the first and then post-master of nearby Danville P.O.; A reasonably authentic reproduction of the (first) fort built by Jas. Harrod & named for him. Was created on its orig. site in Pioneer Mem. State Park. With pioneer cem.; Harrodstown was renamed Harrodsburg 1785 when chartered by Va. Old fort by then was probably deserted. (W.O. McIntyre, letter to editor, LCJ, 3/3/1931; H'burg was in by Act of Ky. G.A. 1838. (Ibid., 6/1/1930);
HARRODSBURG (Mercer Co.): (Pron. "H(æ)ˈrədʒərˈberk") (Rebecca Conover, 4/21/1978);
HARRODSBURG (Mercer Co., Ky): The state's first settlement was at Harrodstown by Pennsylvanian Jas. Harrod and a party of 33 who arr. at the head of Salt River. Their fort was abandoned soon after its establishment and not reoccupied till mid March 1775. This was Ky's oldest permanent settlement and the 1st w of the Alleghenies. It was chartered by the Va. leg. in 1785 and inc. 3/1/1836. The seat of Ky. Co. was created 12/1776. Farm trade market forthe surrounding area. Lou. & So. Ry. reached H'burg. in 1888. 1st called Harrodstown, then simply Oldtown, finally Harrodsburg (Collins, 1847, P. 452);
HARRODSBURG (Mercer Co., Ky): "This 4th cl. city and seat of M. Co. is on US 68 and 127, 55 mi se of downtown Louisv. Laid off as Harrodstown by James Harrod on 6/16/1774, it is said to be Ky's oldest town. It was named the co seat when Kentucky Co. was est. by the Va. leg. in 1776, then became the seat of Lincoln Co., Va. in 1780, and finally of the newly formed Mercer Co., Va. in 1785. In that yr. it was officially renamed Harrodsburg when chartered as a city by the Va. leg., tho' it had also been referred to by this name since its settlement. The po was est. on 6/11/1794 with Philip Bush, pm. H'burg was re-inc. by the Ky G.A. in 1838." (Book-Pp. 132-3);
"Stockade Stimulus: Harrodsburg's Old Fort Gets New Life" CJ&T, 9/9/1973, B-2:1-6 (on file with: "A Store in Tune with Its Town" (on the Begley Store in Blackey, Letcher Co., Ky.)......); Harrod, et al. laid off town 6/16/74 assisted by Boone. (Collins, P. 517); 1st called Old Town, then Harrodstown, then H'burg The 1st homes were "clustered on the Old Fort Hill. pop. (1777)=200. (P. 113)... (Marie T. Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES, Harrodsb. Her. 1924); p.o. est. 1/1/1795, Phil Bush... (NA); po est. as Harrodsburgh, 6/11/1796, Philip Bush; 10/1/1797, Henry Palmer... Harrodsburgh → Harrodsburg 6/16/1897, L.C. H. Turner to H'burg
KIRKWOOD (Mercer Co., Ky): Chas. K. Kirkland was ne 10/24/1829; Kirkland families incl: Abraham (c.1817), Alexander (c. 1827), Isaac (1818), Jacob (1822), John (1816), Joseph (1817); Acc. to 1896 Gaz, W.P. Smith was pm. Store of J.T. Royalty & Co. Other businesses;
KIRKWOOD (Mercer Co.): po. est. 2/18/1889, John J.G. Bond...Disc. eff. 10/15/1906 (mail to Bondville). (NA);

TATTLETOWN was an officially recognized name acc. to ACTS of Ky. Gen'l. Ass. c.1882.

(The hamlet of Kirkwood "lies at the jct. of Ky 1987 & the Kirkwood & Gash Rds., 10 (air) mi nnw of Harrodsb. The name denotes "a chu. in the woods;' the hamlet was named for the local Pres. chu. ½ mi s, set amid giant oaks, poplars, and elms. The po was est. on 2/18/1889 with John J.G. Bond, pm, and closed in 1906. This vic. is now popularly called Tattletown, which is said to have characterized the gossiping that was carried on at the local blacksmith shop." (Book-P. 161);
KIRKWOOD (Mercer Co.): (Pron. "Kirk/wood")
Named for a local Pres. chu. The vill. was one mi. from the church, at the fork of the road. The commu. is "sometimes called Kirkwood after the church, but usually more appropriately known as Tattletown." ("T(ae)t/ town") ("Kirkwood History" ms. by J.B. Shely, in possession of Mrs. Rebecca Conover)
John J.G. Bond, pm and just. of peace, was called "Squire". Literally "church in the woods", acc. to Shely. The Pres. chu. was located amid the giant oaks, poplars, & elms, so the name was apt....Schoolhouse was built by the side of the chu. Vil. = 1 mi. from the
chu., at the forks of the rd. Sometimes called Kirkwood for the church but usually known as Tattle Town (two words)....The blacksmith shop was the gathering place for the community....(Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978); Acc. to John J.C. Bond, 2/6/1885 this prop. po would serve a commu. called Tattletown and would be 3 mi e of Alford, 4 mi s of Salvisa, 4 mi sw of Bond PO, 3 mi w of Salt R. and 1 mi n of Lyons Run. A vil. of 50. (SLR);
KIRKWOOD (Mercer Co., Ky): Early settlers included Lyens, Buntons, etc. The local blacksmith shop was the place where the local men would gather to pitch horseshoes, play cards, discuss relig. & politics. The orig. Pres. Chu. was replaced before 1900 by a modern bldg. for another denomination which continued the use of the Kirkwood name. (The above and most of Ms. Conover's acct. came from J.B. Shely's KIRKWOOD, a pamphlet, published ca. 1910. but n.d. and n.p.;
Lyen seems to be an old spelling for Lyon, the family's name. Lyons Run may have been named for David Lyens. In June 1801 he deeded land on this stream to Geo. McAfee;
McAFEE (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to W.W. 'Davis, 7/7/1881, this po was serving a commu. locally called El Dorado and was 1700 yards e of the Lou. So. Ry. tracks, 1½ mi e of Salt R., 4½ mi s of Salvisa PO, 6¼ mi n of Harrodsburg po, 4 3/4 mi e of Mayo PO. On 11/1/190, Wm. R. Lapsey (sic) pet. for a site ch. 50 yards n to a pt. 2 mi e of Salt R. and one mi e of the tracks. Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/1939, the po was 60 ft. e of US 35, 1 mi e of Talmage (rr sta.) on the Lou. So. Ry., 1 3/4 mi e of Salt R., 4 mi e of Mayo PO, 4 mi s of Salvisa PO, and 6 mi n of Harrodsb. PO. (SLR);
MCAFEE (Mercer Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo is centered at the jct. of US 127 and Ky 1160, 4½ mi n of Harrodsburg. It is a part of the 1400 acre McAfee Bros. pre-emption, which they surveyed in 1773. One brother, Robert McAfee, wrote in his journal of having reached 'Eldorado' when he arrived in this vic., and the town of McAfee, est. in 1851, was sometimes referred to as Eldorado. In fact, on June 8, 1849, the McAfee po, which had been est. 4 mos. before with Jas. M. Thompson, pm, adopted the Eldorado name on the suggestion of Peter Dunn, the area's wealthiest landowner. Since most of his neighbors preferred McAfee, however, that name was re-instated on 1/9/1850." (Book-P. 182);
McAfee (Mercer Co.): Formerly called McAfee's Sta. and Eldorado, 6 mi. from H'burg. on land 1st surveyed 7/1773 by the McAfees who came from Va. Three McAfee bros., Jas., Geo, & Robt and & several other persons arr. at site 7/6/1773. Returned to Va. Then back to site 3/11/75 when they built their sta., on Salt R., ½ mi. from present site. Called McAfee Sta. for them. The 3 bros. returned with 2 more bros. & their mother. Robt. McAfee kept a journal in which he once wrote of having reached Eldorado (qv) and the place was sometimes referred to by this name. This name was given to the po when est. Peter Dunn, then the richest man in the vic. wanted the Eldorado name but most of citizens preferred McAfee. When he died the
name was changed to McAfee. This was the 1st surveyed town in that part of the country. The 1st theological seminary was there. Reflecting the cultural, educational, and religious concerns of the McAfees... 

(One of a series of unid. articles on bluegrass area communities in an area newspaper....)

"McAfee Life" (Anna Bohon, 7/22/77.)
McAFEE (Mercer Co.): Inc. 5/1/1888 (ACTS, 1887/8, Vol. 3, P. 692); Acc. to Gaz. for 1896, pop. 120, W.A. McFatridge was pm, J.S. Britton was rr & express agent, McFatridge & Lapsley ran gen. store. Other businesses; Acc. to 1840 Census, Peter Dunn lived in Mercer Co. but not in 1850; Acc. to 1860 Census, Peter R. Dunn (65), ne in Maryland, was Pres. of Commercial Bank of Ky and lived in the vic. of McAfee PO. Next door to Jas. J. McAfee (36), a farmer with mother (prob. Dicy), age 74;
McAFEE (Mercer Co.): ("M(ae)k/ə/fee") Inc. 12/2/1851 as McAfee (acc. to Collins, Vol. 2 P. 603) It's a part of Jas. McAfee's station site of 1400 acres. DK why n.ch. of po. It was a n.ch. at the same site...Xrds. commu. ("(Eh)l/d(oh)/r(ah)d/(oh)" Now: US127 goes thru it. Used to be some stores and a garage....Still referred to as McAfee. Lots of old restored homes in that area...Vil. has little significance except historically...Part of the 1400 acre McAfee bros. pre-emption. On the site of McAfee Sta. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);

PO - disc 1959
MAAFEE STATION (Mercer): Early pioneer settlement ¼ mi. from the site of Providence Chur. Settled by the McAfee Bros. (WPA); p.o. est. as McAfee, 2/26/1849, Jas. M. Thompson; ch. to Eldorado, 6/8/49, ibid. ch. to McAfee, 1/9/50; ibid. Disc. 1/29/52; Re-est. 8/31/52, John J. Jones... (NA); McAfee Sta. at McAfee, US127, = site of stockade built 1779 by the McAfees & other families, 1½ mi. west of US127 on the Salt R. on land owned by Jas. McAfee. He and bros. Wm., Robt., Geo., & Sam'l. arr. 1773... (Highway marker on US127, acc. to GUIDE, P.160 No. 928). McAfee, the village, was named for the pioneer family. (Marie T. Davies, Hist. of Mercer & Boyle Co's., 1924, p.39.) AKA El Dorado (ibid. p.155).
frame bldg. was replaced by a larger brick one. Cem. since 1868. 2 schools at one time: black & 1 rm white. (Susanne Britt Craddock, "Mayo: More than a Wide Place in the Road" HARRISBURG HERALD, 8/15/1885, P. Blff);
MAYO (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. F. Rynerson (sic) 12/29/1887, this po was 4 3/4 mi w of McAfee po, 3 1/2 mi w of Salt R. and at the head of Thompson Creek, 3 3/4 mi w of the rr tracks. Acc. to Wm. J. Roark, 5/4/1895, this po was 2 mi w of Salt R., 5 mi e of Thompson Creek, 2 1/2 mi w of Talmage po, 4 mi e of Dugansville (sic) po, 3 mi sw of Vanarsdell PO. In Jan. 1910, Van Buren Carter pet. for a site ch. 300 yds. se to a pt. 4 mi w of Talmage, 5 mi sw of Vanarsdell, 3 mi w of Salt R. A vil. of 35. Acc. to ?, 10/1915, the po was 3 mi w of Salt R. and 4 mi n of Thompson Creek. Acc. to A.R. Brown, 7/26/1939, this po was 3 1/2 mi w of Talmage (rr) sta., 2 1/2 mi w of Salt R., 5 mi ne of Duncan PO, 4 1/2 mi w of McAfee po. (SLR);
MAYO (Mercer Co.): po est. 8/24/1883, John T. Voorhies; Disc. 1/31/1884 (papers to McAfee); Re-est. 1/14/1888, Wm. T. Rynierson...Disc. 1/16/94; Re-est. 4/26/94, Leonard H. Sea...(NA (\"Ma/(oh)\") DK origin of the name or of any Mayo families in the county. Now: xrds store. w. of McAfee and nw of H'burg. Mayo Xian Chu. Still locally called Mayo...c.1900, had a gro., drygoods store, mills, 2 blacksmith shop woodwork shop, churches, IVC Gas Co plant. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978); No Mayo: are buried in the above chu. No Mayos listed in the 1861 Census; po. disc. 1948
NEVADA (Mercer Co.): p.o., est. 1/21/1854, Chas. H. May; disc. 11/5/61; Re-est. 1/19/66, James H. Faircloth... (NA); pron. Na/vah/da, on the old tollroad to Perryville. DK why so called. An old Pres. church there. An old community. (Anna Bohon, 7/22/77); The re-established p.o. was disc. eff. 9/15/1906 (mail to H'burg) (NA) ("Na/va/də") Inc. 12/2/1851, acc. to Collins, Vol. 2, p. 603. In late 19th cent. it was a prosperous vil. Pop. 1870 = 14... On the Boyle line. In the early records it's referred to only as (the) Dry Fork (commu.) for its location on the Dry Fk. of Salt R. Still locally referred to as Nevada and identified as such or
highway signs. Active commu. The fork is aptly named; it's a wet weather stream...
Now: store & 4 homes on the highway close to the store and this side of the co. line.
(check: if not inc. or re-inc. in 1879)... (Rebecca Conover, 4/21/1978); Acc. to Ky. Busi. Dir. (1870), stores here were operated by J.H. Faircloth & G.M. Moss;
NEVADA (Mercer Co.): Inc. 4/22/1880 (ACTS, 1879, Vol. 2, P. 558); Acc. to S.H. Graves, 12/27 1898, this po was ½ mi w of Salt R. and 1 mi e of Dry Fk., 4 mi ne of Perryville PO, 6 mi sw of Harrodsb.PO, 4 mi e of Bac PO, ½ mi from co. line. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., pop. of 250, Simon C. S. Van Arsdaile was pm & storekeeper. May & Vanfleet had another store. Other businesses;
NEW MARKET (Mercer Co.): Laid out c.1786. Across from the mouth of Dick's R. A ferry was est. between the 2. Town never grew. (Forrest Calico, HIST. OF GARRARD CO., KY. AND ITS CHURCHES, NY: Hobson Book Press, 1947, Pp. 180-81);
NEW MARKET (Mercer Co., Ky): A prop. town "that never materialized". Its site was across the Ky. R. from Curds Landing (at the mouth of Dicks R.) (Calico, P. 64); (Across the Ky. R. from Curds Lng. at the mouth of Dicks R. was the site of New Market, a prop. town "that never materialized.");
NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH (Mercer Co., Ky): (F298n) On Salt R. Org. 1785 by Rev. David Rice and named by Geo. Buchanon "on acct. of the many providential occurrences (sic) that displayed themselves in favor of the inhabitants". ... Pres. chu. (Robert B. McAfee, "The Hist. of the Rise & Progress of the First Settlement on Salt River and Establishment of the New Providence Church" REG. of the KHS, Vol. 29, Jan. 1931, Pp. 1-17, 4)
OAK HILL (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 4/7/1873, Harrison M. Demaree; Disc. 7/23/1877 (POR-NA); Acc. to Harrison M. Demaree, 1/27/1873, this prop. po would be 3½ mi s of Bohon PO, 4 mi w of Harrodsb, PO, 2 mi w of Salt R., 1 mi n of Glenslick Creek. Only a country store, not a vil. Due n of Perryville and due w of Harrodsburg. \ Acc. to H.M. Demaree, 6/22/76, the po was 4 mi w of Harrodsburg po, on the rd. to Cornishville, 2 mi w of Salt R., 1 mi n of Glens Lick Creek, 2½ mi s of Bohon PO, 4 mi n of Rose Hill PO. Harrison M. Demaree (1819-1877), his children were born in Duncansv. Wife was Hannah Ransdell;
Harrison M. Demaree (1819-1877) is buried in the Oakland Meth. Chu. Cem. on Oakland Lane, off Ky 162. The chu. burned; Acc. to Ky. St. Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7, the Oak Hill pc was 4 mi from H'burg. H.M. Demoree (sic) was pm & storekeeper;
Oregon (Mercer Co., Ky): Not on the orig. old Warwick site. The latter aka Harrods Landing. But they're so close together that they're considered inseparable. Distillery was built 1910 by informant's father and this has been Oregon's main econ. base. It's been owned by the Devon family. DK origin of Oregon's name. Warwick goes back to 1774-5 records. Hogs shipped from there. (Rebecca Conover, interv., 4/21/1978)

The name Oregon was applied to this site before 1847 for the new commu. mentioned in Collins (1847, P. 451). "At the head of slack water navigation." (Ibid)
OREGON (Mercer Co., Ky): On the Ky. R. where Jas. Harrod and his party landed in 1774 before they settled Harrodsb. It was first called Harrods Landing. Site was a rendezvous pt. for militia troops in 1780. Warwick, which became a flatboat shipping pt. on the river, was est. here in 1787. This later became a steamboat port with the name of Oregon for trade with NO. At the head of slackwater navigation. The creek that empties into the river at this pt. has aptly been called Landing Run. (KHS Highway Marker, ½ mi. s. of Salvisa on US127. (Acc. to BULL. OF KHS, 6/1985, Vol. 11 (3), P. 8)
PLEASANT HILL (Mercer Co.): At one time bisected by the Lex. Tpk. A side rd. led to Shaker Landing, across the river and up to High Bridge where the Shaker products entrained to outside markets. Shaker bldgs. on both sides of tpk. Already something of a tourist attraction by the early 1880s. (Mrs. Maria Thompson Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES, Harrodsb. Her., 1924, P. 134.). the Pleasant Hill P.O. was disc. eff. 5/14/1904 (mail to H'burb) (NA) ("Pl(eh)z/ant H(ih)l") (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
PLEASANT HILL (Mercer Co.): Colony was formally disbanded 1910. The village is now a Nat'l. Hist. Landmark. Central part of village now completely restored. By 1820, the village incl. sawmill, grist mill, wagon and other craft shops. Village est. 1805. 500 pop. self-supporting by 1820. Before restoration, which began 1961, it was a small village of privately owned businesses and homes. The Shakers called themselves the United Soc. of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing but were referred to by others as Shakers for their body movements during relig. worship. From a small handful of members in 1805 they grew to a comm. of over 500 by 1820. Self-sufficient. Prosperous. Fine craftsmanship reached a wide market by Ky. R. steamboats
which stopped at (the) **Shaker Landing**, a short distance from the vill. Shaker products shipped throughout the midwest and south. Before the C.W. (*...*) (Patricia Brooks, "A Night at Shakertown, Ky. is a Journey into the Past" NYT, 5/11/1969, X-16:1-5).
PLEASANT HILL (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to Benjamin B. Dunlavy, 11/5/1885, this po was 1 1/3 mi w of Ky R., mi n of Cedar Run and 1 1/4 mi e of Shawnee Run, 3 mi w of North Tower PO, 7 1/2 mi n e of Harrodsburg PO, 2 1/2 mi from High Bridge Sta. on the Cinci. So. Ry. Commu. is sometimes called Shakertown. Acc. to F. M. Pennebaker, 12/27/1898, the po was 1 mi w of Ky. R. and 1 1/4 mi n of Shawnee Run, 1 1/2 mi w of High Bridge PO, 1 mi w of the Queen & Crescent RR tracks, 1 air mi from the co. line. On 5/12/1903, Geo. E. Champion pet. for a site ch. 1 1/2 mi e of the vil. of Pleasant Hill to a pt. 2 1/2 mi w of Ky R., 2 1/2 mi e of Shawnee Run (sic), 3 1/2 mi nw (sic) of High Bridge po. (SLR);
PLEASANT HILL (Shakertown) (Mercer Co.): p.o. est. as Shawnee Run, 1/22/1834, John R. Bryant (or earlier), ch. to Pleasant Hill, 11/11/1851, ibid... (NA); 7 mi. e. of Harrodsburg Est. 1806 on 140 acre farm on Shawnee Run donated by Elisha Thomas. 1808 the site of the present villa was obtained and laid out....By 1820, 500 members had achieved prosperity and self sufficiency. Eventually 4000 acres. Declined after 1850s...Ended 9/12/1910; 7 mi. ne of H'burg. Restored Shaker colony. Founded 180 on 140 acre farm on Shawnee Run. The P.H. of today has c. 2500 acres and 21 bldgs. incl. lodging rooms. 9 orig. bldgs. were restored. Villa locally known as Shakertown. On US68, 25 mi. sw of Lex.
PLEASANT HILL (Mercer Co.): Grew to vill. of 500 believers by 1820. The last dozen members sold the land in 1910 "in return for care during their lifetimes." ("Kentuckians Restore Shaker Community" HIST. NEWS, ASSSH, Vol. 19 (7/1964, P. 141); The believers called their settlement the "Pleasant Hill Colony." Prop. deeded 9/12/1910. Colony founded 1805 on 140 acre farm given them by convert Elisha Thomas. Built large bldgs. primarily of homebaked brick and stone quarried from Ky. R. cliffs nearby. 1910 deeded 1800 acres to Geo. Bohon of Harrods in return for his caring for them there for the rest of their lives. Though at first representing the nickname Shakers, they after while came to accept it and even referred to their colony as Shakers.
Pleasant Hill (Mercer Co., Ky): aka Shakertown. "This is a restored religious commu. at the jct. of old US 68 and Ky 29 and 33, ¼ mi n of new US 68, and 6 (air) mi ne of Harrodsbg. From a colony est. in 1805 on a 140 acre farm on nearby Shawnee Run, the Shakers soon moved to the Pleasant Hill site, laid out their vil. and eventually expanded their farm holdings to some 4500 acres. Shaker Landing, a Ky. R. steamboat landing, was l mi e. A shortlived Pleasant Hill po' was est. on 3/12/1818 with Francis Varis, pm, re-est. as Shawnee Run on 1/22/1834, and renamed Pleasant Hill in 1851. The po closed in 1904 and the colony was formally disbanded in 1910. From then until the restoration of the Shaker colony...
began in 1961, Pleasant Hill was a small vil. of privately owned homes and businesses. The several names associated with this religious group and its colony have long confused the uninitiated. Referrin to themselves as the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing and to their settlement as the Pleasant Hill Colony, they were almost univer­sally known to others as Shakers. At first they re­sented this label but soon came to accept it and even to refer to their colony as Shakertown, a name still popularly applied to the commu. as evidenced by the name it bears on top. maps. State highway maps, however, continue to identify the place as Pleasant Hill." (Book-P. 237);
Capt. John McMurtry was the 1st owner & settler of the site of the later Shakertown (Mercer Co., Ky). (Carrie W. VanArsdell, "Capt. Lewis Rose" REG. OF KHS, Vol. 20, 9/22, Pp. 286-8, 287);
ROSE HILL (Mercer Co., Ky): "This hamlet with eponym is on Ky 152, 3 mi w of Harrodsb. Its post office was established on Aug. 29, 1870 with Wm. Jackson, postmaster, and closed in 1972. It was named for its hilly location and its abundance of wild roses." (Book-Pp. 255-56); According to Chas. A. Leonard, 10/22/1915, this post office was 3½ mi w of Salt R., 4 mi e of Carmichel Creek (?), 4 mi w of Harrodsburg PO. (According to Ibid., 7/25/1939, the post office was 50 yards s of Ky 152, 4 mi from Harrodsburg (railroad station & post office), 3 mi e of Chaplin R. and 3 mi w of Salt R. (SLR); Rose & Co. saw & grist mill. Wm. Jackson was postmaster. Community settled 1850. Population 50 with school & 2 churches. (Ky. St. Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7);
ROSE HILL (Mercer Co.): p.o. est. 8/29/1870, Wm. Jackson...(NA); Named for the abundance of wild roses in that vic. (Mrs. Maria Thompson Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES, Harrodsb. Her. 1924, P. 123); ("Rohz/H(ih)l") On Ky. 152. Used to have a big sch. there. PO was in the store at the jct. Named for the wild rose bushes there. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978); Real hilly so it was aptly named. The old sch. was converted into a recreational ctr. DK if the store is still in use. (Ibid.) PO closed 5/31/1972. Last pm=Mrs. Ruby Matherly, 6/17/1955-5/31/1972. Now=Rt. 6, Harrodsb.

ROSE HILL (Mercer Co., Ky): There in 1989; Lewis' gro. owned by Mr. Pagie Lewis. The Rose Hill Schoolhouse is now an apt. bldg. New water tower. Another store used to be down the road. (Dottie Bean "Some Less-Populated Towns in State Might Lose Their Place" LEX. HER-LEAD. 9/25/1989, Pp. Al-A9); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., pop. of 200, W.H. Sutherland was pm, Dr. M.H. Sutherland ran a gen. store as did I.O. Vanarsdall. Other businesses;
Can we rule out the possibility that Rose Hill was named for the Rose family of Mercer Co? Its progenitor was Capt. Lewis Rose (1749-1829), born 10/11/1749 in the German Palatinate and came with parents to Am. in 1764. From Va to Bedford Co., Pa. and in spring of 1779 to Harrodsburg. Indian fighter. Survived Blue Licks and Brit. imprisonment. Died 2/20/1829. (Carrie W. VanArsdell, "Capt. Lewis Rose" in REG. of KHS, Vol. 20, Sept. 1922, Pp. 287-9);
ROSE HILL (Mercer Co., Ky): Several Rose families in Mercer Co. (1860 Census); Mercer Co's Rose families descend from Mary & Chas. S. Rose. He was ne Bedford, Pa. 10/6/1778 and died 2/28/1845 in M. Co. Family members moved to Grant Co., Ky. and Cooper Co Mo.; Capt. Lewis Rose was a Rev. War vet. Ne 1749 in Bingen, Ger, and died 1829 in Harrodsburg. Buried on the old Rose Farm, 3 mi from town. To Amer. in 1764. Survived Blue Licks battle. Mary McMurtry was the wife of his son, Lewis, Jr. She was nee Mercer Co. in 1779 and died there in 1854. Lived at the site of Shakertown. Lewis' son Charles Rose (1778-1845); Buried at the Berea Xian Chu. Cem. were Thos. Rose (1819-1904), John Rose (1834-1915), other Roses....;
SALVISA (Mercer Co., Ky): "This vil. with po is just e of US 127 and 9 (air) mi n of Harrodsburg. Laid out in 1816 by Robt. B. McAfee and inc. in 1828, it was most likely named for the 2 nearby streams, the Salt R. and the Ky. R., the latter said to have once been called the Levisa. Another acct. is that the name was coined from sal (salt) and visa (Latin for 'I see'). An obvious fabricatio is the local legend that the name combined those of 2 elderly maiden sisters, Sally and Visa Britton, who allegedly lived there. The po was est. on 3/25/1828 with Richard Holman, pm." (Book-P. 263);
SALVISA (Mercer Co.): Vill. whose name is a combo. of the names of the 2 nearby streams: Sal for Salt and Visa for Levisa; the orig. name for the Ky. R. The name is said to have been suggested by a Dr. Cleland. On the Frank. Tpk. PO, mill, distillery, stores, etc. in late 19th. cent. (Mrs. Maria Thompson Daviess, HIST. OF MERCER & BOYLE COUNTIES, Harrodsbr. Her., 1924, P.135); p.o. est. 3/25/1828, Richard Holman (or earlier)....(NA); pron. s(ae)l/vevə/sə on the Mercer-Anderson line. DK why so named. (Anna Bohon, interview, 7/22/1977;
SALVISA (Mercer Co.): (Pron. "S(ae)l/y(eye)"

Three accts. of naming. One is given in the Daviess book (which is the most accepted one). Another: Levisa was the name given to the Ky. R. and "Sal" for Salt R. Another acct named for 2 old maids who lived there--Sally & Visa Britton. Doesn't think it ever had another name. In pioneer days, it was a part of the McAfee pre-emption....Many of the county' villages didn't get their names until the rr came thru and attracted more pop. to the xrds sites.....Now: store, churches, homes, po.

Once a thriving place. Off US127, 11 mi. n. of H'burg. Laid out by Gen. R.D. McAfee (son of
Robt. McAfee, one of the 5 pioneer bros.) in 1816. In 1905 had a pop. of 500 and 4 churches, bank, acad., stores. Now US127 bypasses Salvisa. But the old rt. 127 used to go right thru. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978); Town is 9 mi n of Harrodsb. Was laid out in 1816 on land of Robert McCoun and Sam'l. McAfee. Inc. in 1828. Named for the Ky & Salt Rivers. The Ky. R. had early been called the Levisa. (Helen C. Powell, HISTORIC SITES OF HARRODSBURG AND MERCER CO., KY, Pub. by the H-M Co. Landmark Ass'n., Oct. 1988, P. 120);
SALVISA (Mercer Co., Ky): Named for its site midway between Salt and Kentucky R's. The latter had been called Levisa by early explorers. On the property of early settlers, John McCoun and Samuel McAfee. Laid out in 1818 by Robert B. McAfee. Inc. by the Ky. Leg. in 1828. (George M. Chinn, THE HIST. OF HARRODSBURG AND "THE GREAT SETTLEMENT AREA" OF KENTUCKY, 1774-1900, Privately printed, 1985, P. 87)
(Mercer Co.) SALVISA: Named for 2 nearby rivers: Salt and Levisa (orig. name of Ky.-River). Laid out 1816 by Robert B. McAfee, and inc. 1828. 11 mi. n. of Harrodsburg on Ky. 35. (M. Ladd, WPA, 4/1941); Laid out by Gen. Robt. B. McAfee 1816. Several accts. of naming (1) legend that land on which located was owned by 2 spinster sisters, Sallie & Visa and name was a combo. of theirs. No knowl. of surname and no records confirm. (2) Mrs. Daviess' acct... (3) "As the town was growing and a new rd. to Louisville had been built, the citizens wanted a po, but could not decide upon a name. A school tchr., wishing to air his knowledge of Latin, coined the word Salvisa--Sal from salt,
the river nearby, and Visa, 'I see'.' At one time a more thriving busi. town than H'burg. (From one of a ser. of unid. articles on bluegrass area communities in an area newspaper....).
SALVISA (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to C.E. Cunningham, 7/3/1888, the po was 2 mi w of Ky. R. and 1 mi e of Salt R., 4½ mi n of McAfee PO, 7 mi se of Alford PO, 3/4 mi e of the Lou. & So. Ry. tracks. (Acc. to Wm. N. Lyen, 11/4/1915, the po was 1 mi e of Salt R., 450 ft n of Town Branch, 1.13 mi se of Bondville po, 7/8/ mi e of So. Ry., Salvisa Sta., 2 mi s of the co line. On 12/21/1916 Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 240 ft. se to a pt. ½ mi e of Salt R., 30 ft. n of Goose Creek, 6206 ft. se of Bondville po, 2 mi ne of Vanarsdell PO, 1 mi e of So. Ry., 2½ mi s of the co line. Move was effective on or before 1/1917. Reason for move: old site had an ownership ch. and was no longer available. On 8/21/1917, Ibid. pet. for a
site ch. to a pt. 1 mi e of Salt R., 300 ft. n of Goose Creek, 1 1/16 mi e of Bondville po, 4 3/4 mi n of McAfee po, 2 1/4 mi ne of Vanarsdell PO, 1 mi e of the rr, 2 mi s of co. line.¹ Acc. to Nora M. Ransdel: 7/25/1939, the po was 1 3/4 (air & rd) mi from the Anderson Co. line, 15 ft. w of Ky 35, 0.8 air mi from rr tracks, 1.13 mi se of So. Ry. station called Salvisa, 1 mi e of Salt R., 1 mi se of Bondville po, 5 mi n of McAfee PO. (SLR);
SALVISA (Mercer Co.): Est. 2/9/1828. Original plat made by Robt. S. McAfee, 6/16/1818 (ACTS, 1828, P. 116); Laid out as vil. by Gen. Robt. B. McAfee, 1816. Legend that the site was originally owned by two elderly maiden sisters Sallie and Visa and the town's name was a combination of theirs. Their family name is unknown and this story has never been verified....("Naming a Village" HARRORSB. HERALD repro. in LOU. POST, 10/10/1925); (Aeer-te-an-old-map-found) On P. 444 of Book 27 in the Co. Clerk's office appears an old map, drawn 7/1818 by Gen. Robt. B. McAfee. In the early days, as the main shipping pt. on the Ky. R.
for area goods, it was Harrodsburg's chief economic competitor. Lost out when roads and rr were built thru.. (From Harrodsb. Her repro. in "Mills Pt. to Big Sandy" col. of LOU. TIMES, 2/20/1935);
Shakertown (Mercer Co. Ky.): "Near where the gentle little Shawnee Run Creek flows from the bluegrass savanna (sic) through a heavily wooded ravine to the Ky. R., was located the 140-acre farm of Elisha Thomas. He gave this farm to the disciple of the holy Mother Ann as a communal beginning in Ky. It was here that a small band of converts, subscribing to the true principles of almsgiving...the order increased rapidly in numbers, and in material wellbeing. Soon there were 3000 acres of fertile land where there had been only the small Thomas farm. As the order
grew in both communicants and riches, it was moved up the riverbank to the promontory loverlooking (the) gently rolling Bluegrass country... "(Thomas D. Clark, THE KENTUCKY, Lex: Henry Clay Press, 1969, Pp. 177-8) Pleasant Hill was aptly named for its site on a hill 1 mi w of the Ky. R;
(The) SHAWNEE SPRINGS on SHAWNEE RUN (Mercer Co., Ky) "at the head of which Major Hugh McGary made an 'improvement' in 1776, and around which he secured a settlement and pre-emption right in Oct. 1779. On 'Shawnee Run' also was established McAfee's Upper Station." (Sam'l. M. Wilson, "Shawnee Warriors at the Blue Licks" REG. of KHS, Vol. 32, 4/1934, Pp. 160-68, 162);
STEWART (Mercer Co.): po est. 9/2/1875, Geo. S. Goode; 7/2/1877, Jordan T. Stewart...Disc. eff. 9/30/1907 (mail to Rosehill) (NA); ("Stewart") in the sw corner of the co. A few hundred yards e. of the Boyle Co. line, nr. th Oakland Chu. and close to the Wash. Co. line. Assumes it was named for the family. Now: 2 churches & cemts. DK what else. Will check co. records for more info. on the place. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
STEWART (Mercer Co, Ky): Wm. Stewart acquire 1700 acres on Chaplin Fork (Lincoln Co.) which were surveyed in Apr. and Aug. 1781 & 1200 acres on Doctors Fk. surv. in 1781; Acc. to 1896 Gaz.; pop. of 40, G.C. Martin & was pm, Cary Fennimore ran saw & grist mill, C.C. Martin & J.T. Stewart had stores. Other businesses;
STEWART (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to G.S. Goode, 8/26/1876, the prop. name for this po was Stewarts Store and it was 1 mi nw of Doctors Fork and 5 mi ne of Chaplin R. (Acc. to Ibid., 11/24/1875, the po was Stewart and was serving a commu. locally called Stewartsville. It was 2 mi w of Chaplin R., 1 1/2 mi ne of Deep Creek, 4 1/2 mi w of Perryville, 6 mi e of Mackville, 1 mi w of Wilson Creek, in the sw corner of M. Co., nr the Boyle, Mercer, & Wash. Co. lines. (SLR);
STEWART (Mercer Co., Ky): This community was on the Mackville Rd. Antioch U. Meth. Chu (1858-1878) was on the site donated by M&M J.A. Stewart. The bldg. was used by several denominations at different times. Deeded to trustees of Meth. Epi. Chu. S. by J.A. Stewart in 5/1878. Chu. still stands on a hillside ca. 3 mi from Mackv. Active. (Harrodsburg HERALD, 11/1/1984); Acc. to 1860 Censuses, J.A. Steward (sic a 40 yr. old farmer lived with his wife Emeline (39) lived next to Delphia Steward (65) in the Nevada Prec. Emeline was nee Va. No J.A. Jordan listed; Acc. to 1870 Censuses, Z.A. Stewart is listed in Nevada Prec. #1. No J.A., Jordan, Johnson are listed. Also Thomas Stewart in Nevada Prec.
STRINGTOWN' (Mercer Co., Ky): Homes & businesses strung out along US 68, 1 min of H'burg. Two garages, Grace Bapt. Chu., furn. & crafts stores. Store is closed, so is serv. sta. The one rm Moore's Sch. bldg. burned. Once had a brick yard. Commu. grew up around a 19th cent toll house. "Mercer County's Stringtown" KY. ADVOCATE, 10/20/1991, P. C1&3);
STRINGTOWN (Mercer Co.): Mrs. Conover thinks this was the Counter PO, but she can't prove it. It was allegedly so-named because the pos was merely a counter in the store. John D. Royalty had a store in that vic. c.1904. The Stringtown name was applied much later... Always a store here. No families named Counter. Now: store (but it maybe gone now), pottery shop, garage, suburban H'burg, beyor the city limits. Locally referred to as Stringtown; the garage is called Stringtown Garage... (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
/TABLOW (Mercer Co.): po est. 6/27/1890, China Demaree. Disc. 4/30/1914 (mail to Duncan) (NA ("T(ae)b/1(oh)")) Acc. to article 8/28/1890 describing new Mercer Co. post offices est. in the Cutoff from Wash. Co. DK origin of the name. Mrs. Conover guesses it was a tab of land below the Mercer Co. line that was once in Wash. Co. Bethel Chur. organized in the 170s. ...Early families: Demarees, Fosters, Grahams. Now: chu. store (po was in the store). Big brick chu. was built on the site of the old chu. Never had another name. The Tablow name was not applied to the place before the cutoff. (Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
TABLOW (Wash. Co.): (Pron. "T(ae)b/loh"). DK where it is, was, or anything about it. (Mary D. Kelly, interview, 8/10/1977); Com. on Mercer Co. line at jct. of Ky 390 & the Cardwell Rd. This may have been what was called Brownsburg founded in 1850 and owned by a Mr. Driskell that was on the Mercer Co. line. Town trustees included Thos. Brown & Thos. Royalty. Royalty lived nr. the Bethel Bapt. Chu. The chu. had been built on the river and then moved. The 2nd bldg. burned ca. 1929/30 and the current structure was built soon after. Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it had a pop. of 50. T.B. Demaree had store, C. Demaree was pm, Jas. I. Royalty had another store. Other businesses.... (Linda Anderson, Bicent. his 1991, P. 128);
Moshiem Tabler's home was at 504 Beaumont Ave, Harrodsburg. He bought lot in 1883. Sold house & lot in 1887 to W.P. Harvey. Extant. (Hist'C. Sites of H & M Co., Ky, 1988, P. 156); M. Tabler (MD). Under the name Tabler & Rosser he contracted to build the 4 mi of rr tracks betw. H'burg & Burgir before the So. Ry arr. in H'burg. He was a leading citizen of H'burg. but not a native. Died & is buried there. Acc. to a paper on street names (c1935) in town. (Chas. L. Tabler, RR 1, Willisburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. Fitzgerald, KHS, 9/17/1966 and on file in KHS Libr. He was Dir. ofKy. Chap. of Tabler Cousins);
TABLOW (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to China Demaree, 5/31 1890, this prop. po would be 2 mi w of Duncan PO, 2½ mi e of Seaville PO, 2 mi s of Tom PO, 1½ mi ne of Chaplin R., 1 mi s of Thompson's Creek. Vil. of 40.\n
Acc. to H.C. Moore, 2/9/1909, the po was 1 mi n of Chaplin R., 1 mi s of Thompson Creek, 14 mi from Harrodsburg po, 2 mi w of Duncan po, 2 mi s of Dugansville po, 60 ft. from CO line. (SLR); Dr. M. Tabler of Harrodsburg whose wife, Fanny B. died 9/9/1884. Her dates (7/31/1846-9/7/1884) and she is buried in the Spring Hill Cem;
Dr. M. Tabler bought the rights to the Great Southern RR which joined the Cinci. Southern on Temple Burgin's land nr the future Burgin. (Chinn, 1985, P. 129); 'Acc. to 1896 Gaz, pop. 50, C. Demaree was pm, T.B. Demaree had gen. store as did Jas. I Royalty; The com. is on Wash. Co. line & Ky 390 overlooking Thompson Creek & Chaplin R. The Bethel Bap. Chu. is at jct. of 390 & 926. Also there is the Tablow Gro. (Harrodsb. HERALD, 1/14/1982);
TALMAGE (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 3/15/1890, James M. Hammond; 1/31/1891, Walker Sims.... (POR-NA); Acc. to John M. Hammond, the name prop. for this po was Old Fort and it would be 5 mi s of Bondville po, 7 mi n of Harrodsb. po, 1 mi w of McAfee. At the Lou. So. Ry. sta. called McAfee Sta. || Acc. to J.A. Brown, 2/9/09, the po was ½ mi e of Salt R., 1 mi w of McAfee po, 3 mi e of Mayo po, 3 mi s of Vanarsdell po, 411 ft. w of the So. Ry. tracks. || On 5/23/1913, Mrs. Clara Van Fleet pet. for a site ch. 137 ft. w to a pt. one mi w of McAfee po, 3/4 mi se of Norton Creek, 1 mi w 3/4 mi e of Salt R, 5 mi s of Vanarsdell PO, 315 ft. of So. Ry. sta. of Talmage. (SLR);
TALMAGE (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to 1896 Gaz., J.S. Britton was pm, rr & express agent. Britton & Brown ran store. Other businesses; Could it have been named for T. DeWitt Talmage, (1832-1902), New Jersey-born Pres. Clergyman. Dynamic preacher, author of sermons, Edit. of Xian Herald, other publications. Pastor in Brooklyn, NY 1869-1894 when he moved to Wash., DC where he remained till his death. (Bio. directories incl. Who Was Who);
TERRAPIN (Mercer Co.): ("T(eh)r/ə/p(ih)n")

Can't confirm this but it was just a place on the road which, at certain times of the year, would be covered with harbacked terrapins that would come in from the fields. On current highway maps it's located betw. Dugansville, Mayo, and Kirkwood. One house in the vic. A crossroads (Ky. 1116/1987) with a store. Still locally referred to by this name.

(Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
TOM (Mercer Co., Ky): PO named for Thos. Cardwell, then pm at Harrodsburg. c1880s. (Daviess, P. 123); Thos. M. Cardwell was pm of Harrodsburgh from 3/31/1882 to 4/14/1886; Acc. to 1896 Gazetteer, Duganville had a pop. of 45, S.P. Robinson was pm, Robinson & Brown gen. store, other businesses;
VANARSDELL (Mercer Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. L. Robinson, 8/28/1889, this prop. po would be 3 mi s of Bond (Bondville), 4½ mi nw of McAfee po, 3 mi sw of Salvisa po, 200 yards from Salt R. at a sta. of the Lou. So. Ry. The sta. was Vanarsdell. Not a vil.

Acc. to unsigned, 2/1909, the po was 2½ mi w of the Ky. R. and ½ mi e of Salt R., 100 ft w of the rr.

On 3/8/1926, Eliz. Purvis pet. for a site ch. 35 ft. sw to a pt ½ mi e of Salt R., ½ mi n of Moores Creek 4½ mi e of Mayo PO, 5 mi nw of McAfee po, 2½ mi sw o Salvisa po, 116 ft. w of rr tracks, 4 mi s of co. line.

On 12/5/1933, Bruce Edwards pet. for a site ch. 97 ft. e to a pt. 450 yards nw of Salt R. and 1 mi n of Lyons Run, 5 mi ne of Mayo, 6 mi nw of McAfe
3 mi. w of Salvia, 108 ft. w of the rr tracks.
(SLR); At Van Arsdell (sic): A.M. Vanarsdell est. in 1866 a distill. Run by J.J. Van Dyke 'till it burned in 1875. The property was bought in 1875 by Jackson Van Arsdell. Rebuilt the distill. Bought by D.L. Moore in 1896; One of the low Dutch families whose Am, prog., Isaac VanArsdale, arr. in this country from Holland in 1645. (Akers); (Vincent Akers: "The Low Dutch Co: A Hist. of the Holland Dutch Settlements of the Ky Frontier de Halve Maen, LV (2), sum. 1980, P. 1);
VANARSDELL (Mercer Co.): po est. 11/2/1889, Geo. W. Robinson...8/7/1905, Hugh Vanarsdall followed by other Vanarsdalls....(NA);
("Və/n(ah)rəz/dal") Used to be called Vanarsde Sta. on the rr. Distillery there was est. in 1866 by A.M. VanArsdall (sic) at Vanarsdell, Ky....("Thru 200 Yrs., P. 184) Jackson Vanarsdell, ne 1831, son of C.C. Vanarsdell, ne NJ....The station was named for Jackson.
Variant spellings. But now spelled Van Arsdal (the family name, that is). In early records it was spelled Vanarsdale. In 1875, Jackson Vanarsdall had rebuilt the plant after it burned down and owned it till 1896. (Ibid.);
Jackson owned a farm as well as the distill. Doesn't think there was anything at the site before the rr came....Eight Vanarsdalls were contemporaries in the co. in the 19th cent. They were definitely here by 1790. One of them bought land on the Dry Branch Rd. in 1793. Members of the Mud Mtg. Hse., the pioneer Dutch Reform Chu....Now: homes, cemetery, the road retains the Vanarsdall name....(Rebecca Conover, interview, 4/21/1978);
WARWICK (Mercer Co., Ky): po est. 7/15/1889, Gabriel M. Slaughter; Disc. 12/23/1891 (mail to Slaughter)-? (POR-NA); Acc. to G.M. Slaughter, 3/1889, this prop. po would be serving the community of Oregon. Oregon was unacceptable as name for this po. The petitioner was told by the POD that "it is not deemed advisable to use the names of states and territories as po names." The po would be 3 mi e of Salvisa on the Ky. R. and on the n side of Landing Run. Vil. of 85. (SLR); Warwick was first called Harrods Landing, at the mouth of Landing Creek, where Jas. Harrod's party left the Ky R to head to/ the future Harrodsb. It was their pt. of entre,
site by Gabriel M. Slaughter on 7/15/1889. Closed at the end of Dec. 1891. Re-est. across the r., in Woodf. Co. on 6/11/1902, with Jos. W. Searcy, pm, and closed for good in Sept. 1912. DK why called Warwick Perhaps a family name but no known Mercer Co. families of that name in the late 18th cent. This site was orig. called Harrods Landing for its being the Ky. R. entre to H'burg. In pion. times it was the river's farthest extent of navigation for flatboat and similar craft. (Source: RMR "PO's of the Bluegrass, 1993)
"the pt. of entry into the proposed area of settlement." (Chinn-P. 56); This was one of the earliest named settlements in Ky—as Warwick. That name was applied, perhaps as early as 1774/5 to a large bottom (Ky. R) just below the mouth of Landing Run. At this site the Va. leg., on 11/1/1787, authorized the est. of a town to be called Warwick on 50 acres deeded by Walter Beall and soon became a maj. r. port for the shipment of area farm products for so. markets. But little survived the turn of that cent. It didnt have a po till the est. of Warwick on the
Thomas and Matthew St. & Jr. Mathew Yocom (Washington Co., Ky): post before 1833 with Thos. C. Yocom, pm; 10/29/1833, Mathew Yocom; Disc. 9/9/1835 (POR-NA); PO operated from 1826 to 1835. As Yocom (PG). Acc. to 1830 Census, all Wash. Co. Yocom's sp. name this way. Listed were Yocom, dist. 9/9/1835 (POR-NA); PO operated from with Thos. C. Yocom, pm; 10/29/1833, Mathew (sic) Yocom (Washington Co., Ky): go est. before 1833
Mercer County contacts: (1) Col. Chinn of the Ky. State Hist. Soc. who's doing a history of the county; (2) Joan Brookes-Smith of ibid. who's doing a book on Shakertown; (3) Mrs. Condit B. Van Arsdall, Jr. of Beaumont Ave. is very cooperative. She's spokesman for the co. hist. soc. Anna Armstrong will contact him for the survey; (4) Mrs. Rebecca Conover of Beaumont Ave. is a researcher for Col. Chinn and enjoys it; (5) The Mercer-Boyle Co. hist. is pretty accurate. Has been reprinted and is currently for sale in H'burg.
Mrs. V. A. is an organizer and a committee-type person. Both she and Conover are very thorough researchers. Co. Hist. Soc. has its own library and the town has a library.
1515. Rue, A. B. Historical Sketch of Mercer County, Ky. 15.5 x 24 cm. 172 pp portraits, illustrations, printed wrappers. A. B. Rue, publisher. Harrodsburg, Ky.: 1904.

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James Thomas, Curator, Shakertown, Pleasant Hill, Ky.