Part of NICHOLAS' CO. was taken for Robertson Co. in 1867. Drained by Licking R. that extends thru the co. in nw direction. "Forms part" of ne border. Other streams: Hinkston, (s. boundary), Somerset, Cassidy, Beaver, & Flat Creeks and Brushy Fork. In the Outer Bluegrass. 197 sq. mi. Buffalo Trace became Smith's Wagon Rd. (betw. Limestone & Lex.) now US 68. The co.'s 1st known settlement was at Lower Blue Licks ca. 1784 by David Tanner. The 1st session of the co. ct. was at LBL 1800. Moved to Ellisv. in 1805. The Lex. & Maysv. (L&N) RR reached Carl. in 1871. Since 1990 this has been a part of the Trans Ky. Terminal RR Systems (a short line). Pop. (1990)=6725. (Joan Conley on N. Co. in KY. ENCY. 1992, Pp. 681-2);
NICHOLAS Co. (Ky.): Named for Geo. Nicholas, ne James City Co., Va. c. 1743. Died Lex., Ky. 7/1799. Rev. War vet. To Mercer Co., Ky. 1788 1st atty. gen. of Ky. (Margaret Hartman's tour guide to N. Ky. P. 46); 197 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1799 from parts of Bourbon & Mason Co' and named for Geo. Nicholas (1743-99)-sic, -Rev. War officer and Ky's 1st atty. gen., who is considered the 'Father of the Ky. Const.' for his role in its draft-ing." (Book-P. 214);
NICHOLAS CO., KY: The three Somerset Creeks come together as Main Somerset Creek. Hinkston Creek forms the county's s. boundary with Bourbon. The co. is drained by the Licking R. and several of its branches. Its so. & se sections are "gently rolling & undulating". The rest is "rough, broken, and hilly." (Perrin, P. 333); The co. is in the Outer Bluegrass region. "Terrain is rolling to hilly." The Lick. R. is the co's n boundary with Fleming & Rob. Co's. (McGrain & Currens, P. 59); The 42nd co. in order of formation, it assumed its present boundaries with the creation, on 8/1/1867, of Robertson Co., the only co. derived from its orig. territory; The 1st known settlement in what became Nich. Co. may have
been a sta. est. in 1789 by a Mr. Lyons who had a salt works there and may have accommodated travelers on the rd. betw. Limestone & Lex. (Perrin, P. 329); Stoney (Stony) Creek heads nr Carl. and joins Lick. R. nr. the Blue Lick Springs. Buchanan Creek joins Licking R. nr Pleasant Val. (Perrin, P. 423); US 68 roughly divides the co. into its western sect. (in the Outer Bluegrass) and the hilly eastern sect. (Ibid., P. 353);
Nicholas Co's. 1st seat was in the bend of the main Licking R. below the mouth of Stony Creek, across frc Maj. (Geo. M.) Bedinger Mills. He was the co's. 1st surveyor. On land owned by Henry Clay, Jr. who agreed to the platting of his land for the seat. He and Bedinger agreed to set aside part of their land for town sites. But a ct. house may never actually have been built there. (Perrin, P. 333). But by leg. act in 1804 the seat was moved to James Ellis' farm. In 2/1805 the latter site was laid off for this purpose. Deeded to the co. by Ellis in 1805. Log ct. hse. was built here. In 5/1816 the co. ct. accepted John Kincart's offer of 50 acres for a new co. seat. The new site was surveyed & laid off by Jas. Thompsor and was named Carlisle. (Perrin, P. 334);
ABNERS MILL (Nicholas Co., Ky): (aeb/nærz mihl) Est. at the very site of the old Bedingers Mill. (behd/ændj/ørz) (Roy Shannon, 1/18/1979); Called Abners Mill Rd. (c1981); See the map on P. 129 of the 1976 co. hist. for the site of Abner's Mill; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., C.M. Kegley had the gen. store;
ABNER (Nicholas Co, Ky): Acc. to John W. Gill, 5/2/1888, this prop. po would be 6 mi n of Pleasant Val. Mills PO, 2½ mi e of Blue Lick Springs PO, 5 mi sw of Oke Wood (sic) PO, 100 yrd. e of Licking R. and 100 n of Elk Creek. A vil. of 17 inhabitants and 2 mills. (SLR); Lincoln Abnee, a miller and millwright, c1882 his po address was Blue Licks. Ne Clay Co., Ky. 1826.. Was a magistrate of Lower Blue Licks Prec. Built & ran mill on Licking R. He & his sons ran a store too. (Perrin, 1882 P. 772); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place was 10 mi from Carl., 5 mi from Pleasant Val. Mills C.M. Kegley had a store;
ABNER (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 6/14/1888, John W. Gill; 8/16/1890, Lincoln Abnee (sic). . . . 1/25/1901, Jas S. Swartz; Disc. eff. 9/30/1903 (papers to Ewing, Fleming Co.) (POR-NA); Commu. was called Abners Mill presumably for Lincoln Abnee (Abner)'s water-powered grist & saw mill on Elk Creek. Two other mills, dist., tob. prizing house, sch., Chas. Kegley's store, 14 homes. Once fairly prosperous hamlet ca. 2 mi ne of Blue Lick Springs, on the Licking R. & Elk Creek. Just across the r. from the co's 1st seat. Lincoln Abnee was 2nd pm. (Abner probably corrupted from Abnee.) (June Hughes Rose, 1976 book, p. 47) now extinct.
BAREFOOT (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to Stephen J. Epperson, 5/9/1881, the name proposed for this new po was Camden but he was told by the POD to pick another name since there was already a Camden in Ky. The name the prop. po would be was Barefoot and the po would be 3 mi sw of Morning Glory, 4 mi se of Sylvan Dell, 5 mi due s of Chapel po, 3 mi s of Licking R, on the e bank of Crooked Creek. A vil. of 62. (on 3/1/1902, S.J. Fryman, asst. pm, for Ulysses Bell, pm, pet. for a site ch. 100 yards n to a pt. 2½ mi s of Licking R. and on the w bank of Crooked Creek, ca. 4 mi nw of Saltwell po, 5½ mi from Crayton po, 4 mi e o Sylvandell po, 3/4 air mi from the co. line.) Acc. to
S.J. Fryman, 7/21/1917, the po was 2 1/2 mi s of Lick. F 100 yds. nw of Crooked Creek, 300 yards nw of the colline, 4 1/2 mi from Morningglory po. (SLR); Acc. to Ky. St. Gaz. for 1883/4, Argoe & Epperson had flour mill (steam-powered), S.J. Epperson was pm, 2 churches;
BAREFOOT (Nicholas Co., Ky): p.o. est. 5/23/1881. Stephen T. Epperson...(NA); Disc. 12/3/1936 (m. to Barterville) Located at the foot of Polk Wagoner Hill, on the south side, and nr. Crooked Creek. Sch. was across the rd. from the p.o. "There was a large spring used by several people. On one occasion a large animal track was seen, which was thought to be made by a bear. Nobody ever saw the bear, but somebody suggested that they call their little community Barefoot.... The post office (sic) accepted the spelling of the name...." (.....) (Truman Richey in HIST. OF NICH. CO. 1976, P.121)
BAREFOOT (Nicholas Co.): ("Bēr/foot") Now: abandoned sch. That's about all there ever was. No store. Had heard it was named for observed bear tracks there in the early days. Not named for a local family. People said they used to see bear tracks there. Not worthy mentioning. DK who settled there. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979); Richey's location of the po was where Sherman J. Fryman (the last pm) had it in his store. He ran the po from 3/26/1904 till it closed. He also taught sch. in vic. (P. 121 of 1976 hist.).
1879, Winfield S. Feeback... (NA); Store, po, cem. & disc. sch. At the intersection of 5 rds, Barterville, Saltwell, Rose Hill, Bald Hill, & Mt. Moriah, like the hub of a wheel. A trading or bartering center accounted for its name. Is called Helena. Had to ch. name since already a Helena in Mason Co. Disagreement as to who suggested the B'ville name: either Tommy Snapp or Frank Feeback. 8 mi. nw of Carlisle. (Emily Asbury in Nich. Co. Star, c1951, acc. to Betty Moss in HIST. OF NICHOLAS CO. Compiled & edit. by Joan W. Conley, 1976, P. 51... 1st settled by Jacob Myers, 1820. Isaac Feeback=1st pm. PO disc. 1973, Geneva (Snapp) Taylor was last pm. ...(P. 52... M&M Reynolds Price own the present...
BARTESVILLE (sic) (Nicholas Co.): ("Bahr/təz/vihl") Still an active place. May have been named by Mr. Myers. cf book. Now: po was closed c. 2-3 yrs. ago. Still has a small gro Farming commu. Pop. = c. 50-60. Never heard it to have another name. Helena ("Hə/leen/ə") is a rr sta. in Mason Co.... (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979); Acc. to 1883/4 Ky. St. Gaz., this place then had a pop. of 40. John A Porter was pm & storekeeper, W.S. Kennedy had another store; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., the place had pop. of 100, Eliz. M. Kennedy was pm. Barlow & Co. had a gen. store. So did B. D. Kennedy;
BARTERVILLE (Nicholas Co., Ky): "This hamlet, at the jct. of 5 rds. at the head of Crooked Creek, 4 (near) min of Carl., is said to have been first settled in 1820 by Jacob Meyers. Its early hist. as a trade or bartering ctr. probably accounts for its name. The local po was in operation from 1879 to 1973. Acc. to trad., its founders preferred the name Helena, but found another po in Mason Co. with this name." (Book-P. 15); Bartersville had 2 stores, tob. warehouse, ½ doz. homes, shop, po. 1st settled in 1820 by Jacob Myers. (Perrin, P. 426);
BARTERVILLE (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to Winfield Scott Feeback, 3/8/1879, this prop. po would be 4 mi w of Oakland Mills po, 7 mi sw of Blue Licks po, 3 mi e of Salt Well po, ½ mi s of Log Lick Creek. A vil. of 30. On 2/26/1900, B.T. Barlow pet. for a site ch. 100 yds. s to a pt. 1 mi e of Beaver Creek, 3 mi e of Salt Well po, 6 mi nw of Carl. po, 4 mi ne of Headquarters. Acc. to J.T. Earlywine, 8/2/1917, the po was at the jct. of Log Lick Creek & Brushy Fk., 6 mi e of Barefoot PO, and 5½ mi nw of Carl. po, 3 mi e of the co. line. Acc. to Spencer Taylor, 7/26/39 the po was 6 mi nw of Carl. po, 4 mi n of Brushy Fk. Creek. On 5/15/1949, W.H. Verkamp pet. for a site ch. 290 ft n to a pt. 6 mi w of Carl. po. (SLR);
BLACK HAWK (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to James N. Parks 1/12/1871, the po was 5½ mi ne of Carl. po, 3 mi n of Weston po, 3 mi s of Pleasant Valley Mills, 1 mi s of Licking R., on the east bank of Cassidy Creek. To serve a store, blacksmith shop, and 2 homes. (SLR); yl'Black'Hawk=MyerS Station on the Maysville & Lexington RR. Saw and planing mill, chu., and sch. J. Steele Parks, pm, express agent, and gen. storekeeper. (Polk Ky. State Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7); The Blackhawk po in 1882 was at Myers Station. (Perrin, P. 438); Acc. to 1879/80 Ky. State Gaz. & Busi. Dir., the Myers po served Black Hawk. H.B. Myers was blacksmith, G.W. Carter was pm & storekeeper, L.T. Blake had another store. The place had a pop. of 15;
BLACK HAWK ("BLAek/hawk") Named for an Ind. chief down on Hairston (?) Creek. This name preceded Myers ("Mahrze"). It's called Myers today but in 1873, when the rr went thru there, from Paris to Maysville, Jim Myers was appointed the ticket agent and telegraph op. and his family had lived around Myers Sta. for many years. So they named it Myers Sta. ("Mahrz Sta/shan"). But now they simply call it Myers. B.H. = Myers (Sta.) = Maysville. Now dpo, no rr sta. anymore. Small gro. & small chu. Sch. is gone. Many oldtimers still refer to it as Myers Sta. The 2 names are used interchangeably. The rr sta. was built
there in 1873. The Ky. Cent. RR from Paris to Millersburg to Carlisle to Maysville. Passenger service was discontinued 6/1943. Freight service still runs c. 3x week, 1 or 2 box cars. Petition in now to discontinue it. Blackhawk name is not remembered anymore. Chief Blackhawk and Col. Michael Cassiday (sic) (who had a sta. in Fleming Co.) Col. C. was an Indian fighter and hunter and hunted on what was later called Cassiday Creek. Col. Cassiday had several fights with Chief Blackhawk. He was a Shawnee chief... He was one of the Chilicoth Shawnees. (Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18 1979); probably Red Hawk
BLUE LICK SPRINGS (Nicholas Co.): p.o. est. as Lower Blue Lick sometime before 1833; check n.ch. to Blue Lick Springs, 1/22/1850, Lewis P. Holliday (or Holladay)....Disc. 5/31 1919 (mail to Carlisle) (NA) LBL=site of the last battle of the Am.Rev. Orig. battlefield across the line in Robertson Co. Site of old hotel & springs is in Nich. Co. Once a famed summer resort that attracted vacationer from all over the south. Springs failed c. 1900. Battle fought 8/19/1782. The BLSP is on co. line. Ky. Leg. 1926 enacted bill intro. by Rep. W.J. Curtis to approp. $10,000 to erect memorial for Ky. slain in
the battle. 32 acres of the battlefield were purchased by donations and incorp. into the park. (...) (Nora Hickey, WPA).

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park midway betw. Maysv. and Paris where US68 crosses the Middle Fk. of Licking R. The site of the last battle betw. the Indians and "Am. settlers in the region." 8/19/1782. US68 follows the ancient buffalo trail followed by Indians and pioneers that led to the salt springs at B.L. Summer resort where people came to drink the mineral waters and picnic. When springs failed, resort died. Futile excavations for replenishments led to discovery of "Ma Stodon bones." (...) Clorine L. Butler, "Hailing Ky.
BLUE LICK SPRINGS (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to J.H. Hunter, 1/2/1899, the po was 1/8 mi e of Licking R. and 1 mi n of Stony Creek, 2 mi ne of Ellisville po, 5 mi sw of Oakwoods po, 1½ mi w of Abner po, ¼ mi from the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to Polk's Ky. State Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7, pop. was 50, W.T. Overbe was pm & gen. storekeeper. Had another store and a hotel;
BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co.): ("Blū Lihx") Still is a commu. there. Major John Finley with a group of explorers and surveyors came out from Pa. prior to the Rev. (1773) and they discovered the Licks, at Upper Blue Licks, and they called it The Licks, where the buffalo would come to drink the water and lick the salt. They discovered the large river which they called The Great Creek (that's what the Indians called it). But after they discovered the Upper and Lower Blue Licks, the renamed it The Licking River. Four days later, Finley and party went down the river and discovered what they then called the Lower Blue Licks (sic) The LBL are still quite a bit more
important than the UBL. At the latter now are only a few homes. At LBL is the state park which is mostly in Robertson Co. and runs over into Nich. Co. and a museum and battle grounds, and 1 store, a tire repair place, and homes. Pop.=c100. Nothing like it used to have. cf Collins Hist. Local people now call the LBL community as "down at the Licks". Also as Blue Licks Springs and even still as Lower Blue Licks (sic), etc. No spring there anymore; all dried up. Proper name=LBL. Was a sch. there. Started a lumber mill at the UBL in 1862 for lumbe:
brought down the river. That commu. adjoin ing the UBL was called Milltown. ("Mihl/town") (q.v.) (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co., Ky): "This settlement with epo is on the Licking R., just w of US 68, and 7 (air) mi n of Carl. In 1773 Maj. John Finley and a party of Pa. surveyors discovered the salt licks at what has since been called the Upper Blue Licks near the present community of Milltown. Several days later the party went down the river and discovered what they then called the Lower Blue Licks for the salt springs and licks on the low fossiliferous beds of blue-gray limestone. Here the buffalo would come to drink and lick the salt and it was in this vic. that the last battle of the Am. Rev., known as the Battle of Blue Licks, was
fought on 8/19/1782. The first settlement in what became Nich. Co. was made here by David Tanner, who arr. before 1784 to develop the salt works that attracted pion. settlers from miles around. The county's 1st po was est. here before 1805 as Lower Blue Licks tho' it bore the name Blue Lick Springs from 1850 until it closed in 1919. Sometime before 1850 the medicinal properties of the springs were discovered, and from 1860 to around 1900 an important health resort was located here. Local people have variously referred to this vic. as Down at the Licks, Blue Licks, The Spring, the
Salt Works, the Lower Blue Lick Springs, and Lower Blue Licks." (Book-Pp. 27-8);
BRAMBLETT (Nich. Co., Ky): Acc. to 1896 Gaz, this place had a pop. of 20, John W. Routt was pm & storekeeper, G.W. Bramblett was tob. & livestock dealer, Richard Gelving had flour mill, Kokendoffer & Price ran sawmill. Reed & Pickrell had a gen. store. Ther were several other tob. & livestock dealers there;
BRAMBLETT (Nicholas Co., Ky): Prop. name=East Union. Acc. to J. Orrin Pickrell, 4/1889, the prop. po would be 3½ mi sw of Moorefield po, ¼ mi ne of Somerset Creek, 6 mi from Carlisle Sta. on the Ky. Cent. RR. A vil. of 30. On a daily stage rte. betw. Carl. & Sharpsburg (in Bath Co.). In a pet. to the POD signer, G.R. Keller that accompanied the SLR, above, was the following: "The name East Union is so well known that it would be most inconvenient to change it, and if the office is est'd. it is asked to be retained." (SLR);
Bramletts (sic) are buried in the E. Union Graveyard: Henry Bramlett (1811-1888) and another Henry (1783-1867) & Mary (1791-1871) Beverly (1815-1888-?) and Ann E. (1817-1888) Also Carter McVey (1810-1900);
BUFFALO TRACE (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 10/20/1873, Isaac Feeback; Disc. but dk when) (POR-NA); Acc. to Isaac Feeback, 10/13/1873, this prop. po would be in the Headquarters Prec., 5½ mi w of Carl. po, 3 mi n of Head Quarters po, 3 mi w of Oakland Mills po, ½ mi n of Brushy Fork. (SLR);
BUZZARD ROOST (Nicholas Co.): "The name originated in the following manner: When the little village, which bears the name, was founded, whiskey was sold out by the gallon, and that quantity being more than any single individual generally required, several parties would club together, procure that amount, retire to a log on one of the neighboring hills, and proceed to dispose of it by drinking it up. Upon a certain occasion this 'happy family' had procured their accustomed quota, and were seated as usual upon their log enjoying themselves hugely, when a traveler—a stranger—happening along, asked the name of the place, and was told that it had no special name."
Surveying the group of half-drunken men perched upon the log for a moment, he replied, "Then I will name it Buzzard Roost," and it has borne the name ever since." (Perrin, 1882, P. 432.); The 1st settler at what became the commu. of Buzzard Roost was a Mr. Hawkins who ran the local tavern which probably gave the place its sordid reput. (Perrin, P. 431); This vil. was at the site where the rd. from UBL crossed Cassidy Creek. The road passed Moorefield and into Bourbon Co. (Perrin, P. 352); Among the Dunkard settlers of E. Union were the Shroughts (sic) incl. an early preacher, Abraham Shrought. (Jim Thomas "Ky. Pioneers" ms. cited by David Barry Eller THE BRETHREN SETTLEMENT ALONG HINK-
STON CREEK AND THE MINISTRY OF PATER HON: A STUDY IN KY. CHURCH HIST. ma thesis in theol, Bethany Theol. Sem. of Oak Brook, Ill. 1971, Pp. 7-8);
CARLISLE (Nicholas Co.): On the Maysville & Lex. RR, 33 mi. sw of Maysville and 34 mi. ne of Lex. (Collins) (P. 151) 1810, Sam'l. Kincart built a large brick home on 200 acre farm on the site of the later Carlisle. He died 1811 and was buried in the site just behind the ct. hse. The co. seat was relocated in 1816 from its 1st site on dissatisfaction of local residents. In 1814-5 the Leg. authorized the shift to a more central location. Commissioners were appointed to find a suitable place and eventually narrowed several choices to 2, one was what later became known as Forest Retreat on the Maysv-Lex. Rd. and the other was Kincart's farm. The latter was
chosen and named Carlisle probably for the town in Pa. because some early residents came from there. (P. 152, and taken from "Early Hist. & Reminiscences of the Town of Carlisle, 1877-79" in CARLISLE MERCURY from which Perrin took his hist. of Carl. in 1882. John Kincart deeded the property to trustees. Laid out 6/1816. John is considered the founder of the town. He had inherited his father's farm. (P. 443) Pop = c.1643. (P. 172) (HIST. OF NICH. CO., 1976 by Jan Thompson)
CARLISLE (Nicholas Co., Ky): Eliz. (nee Caldwell), the wife of pion. James Stephenson of Westmoreland Co., Pa. came to Paris, Ky. in 1788 and shortly thereafter came to Nich. Co., settling on a farm 4 mi from Carl. nr. Somerset Creek. She was born in Carlisle, Pa. in 1761. (Perrin, P. 351); Sam'l. Kincart had nearly 200 acres on Brushy Fk. He died 1811. John was his son and heir. Pressure to more centrally locate the co. seat succeeded in getting leg. approval of bill to find a more centrally located site. Commission narrowed choices to 2: what became Forest Retreat & John Kincart's farm. The latter was chosen and the site was laid off for a town on Kincart's 50
acres and probably named for Carl., Pa. since early settlers came from that vic. (Perrin, P. 353); Jesse Boulden (sic), a hatter, had his shop on Main St. c. 1816. In 1819 he moved his business to Millersburg. (Ibid., P. 358);
CARLISLE (Nicholas Co., Ky.)
Generally accepted that it was named for Carlisle, Pa. whence many of its early settlers had come. (RR South, "Our Station Names" L&N MAG., 12/1949, P. 16). Est. 1/30/1818 (ACTS, 1818, P. 432); Inc. as a city 5/5/1880 (ACTS, 1879, Vol. 2, P. 1098); ("Kahr lah ol")=2 1/2 sy
Named for Carlisle, Pa. by John Kincart, the landowner in 1816 when the town was est. He was born and raised in the vic. of Carlisle, Ky. but his family, of Irish descent, were originally from Pa. His daddy, Samuel (died 1813) was from Cumb. Co., Pa. (Check if Carl.
was then in Cumb. Co. It's now in Franklin Co.
Pa...Complaints from citizens in e. part of
the county to the location of the co. seat at Ellisville so the gov. appointed another comm'n. to select another site and they selected Kincart's 50 acre farm, at the site of the present Carlisle. They moved the old log court house to Carl., to the site of the present court house... Gov. Metcalfe built brick house at its present site in what was then Kincart orchard...(Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
CARLISLE (Nicholas Co.) Leg. authorization to remove seat to a more central location in the county. A commission selected an apt. site and called it Carlisle probably for a place of that name in Pa. DK why that name was chosen but supposedly because some of the early settlers came from that vic. (WPA, 1941) (cf. Perrin).... ("K(ah)r/l(ah)l<->(eye)l") (Lucien Robinson, 4/15/1978);
CARLISLE (Nicholas Co., Ky.) "In 1810, Ellisville was the county seat. In 1814-15 session the legislature authorized the removal of county seat to a more central point. It is thought it was named for Carlisle, Penn., because its early settlers were from that city." (Grubbs, P. 233).

p.o. est. 1/28/1817, Jesse Bouldin... (NA) (Pron. K(ah)r/l(eye)/əl") (Martha Royse, interview, 9/26/1977);
CARLISLE (Nicholas Co., Ky): "This 4th cl. city and seat of Nich. Co. is on Ky 32 and 36, 87 mi e of downtown Lou. It was founded in 1816 on land donated by John Kincart for the relocation of the county's seat from Ellisville, 5 mi n, and probably named by him for his late father's Samuel's hometown, Carlisle, Pa. The po was est. on Jan. 28, 1817 with Jesse Bouldin, pm." (Book-P. 50); The town was named for Carlisle, Pa. whence John's father, Samuel, had come. It was founded in 1816 on John Kincart's peach orch. The Ky. Cent. RR reached town in 1871. It became a tob. market ctr. by 1900 (till depression). The city main ind. is Jockey Int'l. which makes men's underwear. 4th cl. city with 1990 pop. of 1639. (Joan Conley in KY. ENCY. 1992, P. 163);
CARTER'S STORE (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 7/23/1828, Peter Shulse; 10/24/1829, John C. Shulse; 10/8/1831, Jonathan Nelson. (POR-NA); Acc. to 1810 Census, John Carter, Abraham & Henry Shulse; Acc. to 1820 Census, Peter & Mark Shultz, Abraham Shultz, and John Carter, Jr lived nr each other; The Carter-Ratliff House & store was built c. 1835 by John Carter. This was a 2 story brick bldg. (Acc. to Camille Wells, Arch'l. Historian for Survey of Hist'c. Sites in Ky. Vol.5 (2), 2-4/1980; John & Thos. Carter were listed as family heads in the 1830 Census;
CARTER'S STORE (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 1828, Peter Shulse; 10/8/1831; Jonathan Nelson. 5/27/1837, John Carter; Disc. 7/21/1857 (POR-NA); ("kahr/tarz stawr") No one could tell him where this place was located. DPO. Nothing there now. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, Lex, Ky, interv., 1/18/1979); Acc. to old postal map (c1852) it was on the old rd betw. Sharpsb. & Moorefield, w of the present Ky 32, nw of Sharps. & sw of Mooref. Probably nr but not at E. Union for both po's were in op. at the same time (betw. 1854-67);
CASSEDY'S CREEK PO (Nicholas Co., Ky): (1812-1812) (P&G); Cassidy Creek joins the Licking R. at Parks' Ferry. It heads in the s. part of the Upper Blue Licks Prec; The Cassidy Creek Mill was built by Jas. Parks ½ mi from the creek's mouth, betw. ca. 1816-1819. A grist mill. (Perrin, P. 436); Cassidy Creek was named for Col. Michael Cassiday who est. Cassiday Sta. in the present Fleming Co. His name is spelled with an "a" in Collins and several land deeds; The Cassedys Creek po (sic) was est. 6/22, 1812 with Jas. W. Gillasfris (?), pm. (POR-NA pre-1830 records);
Daniel Cassidy was one of the pioneer settlers of the southern part ofNich. Co. Probably in the 1790s, near East Union. (Perrin, P. 431); Along Cassidy Creek ran the road between Flemingsburg & Carlisle; Acc. to 1810 Census, Jas. Gillaspy;
/ \CHAPEL (Nicholas Co., Ky): PO est. 2/25/1874, Thos. Kenton; 7/16/1875, Richard Beurden (?)...7/19/1880, John M. Honican (?); Disc. 12/9/1881 (POR-NA); Acc. to Thos. Kenton, 2/16/1874, the prop. po would be in the Headq. Prec., 6 mi w of Blue'Lick Springs po, ½ mi s of Licking R, ¼ mi w of Panther Creek, serving a vil. of at least 75 people. Acc. to Elias Westfall, 7/7/1876, the local name of the com. was Kneadmore (sic) and the po was ½ mi s of the Licking R., 1 mi e of Crooked Creek, 6 mi from the Lower Blue Licks po, ca. 5-6 mi nnw of Crayton po. (SLR); As Chappel (sic) this was a small settlement with a pop. of 50 on the Licking R. Elias Westfall was pm & gen'l. storekeeper. (Polk's KY. St. Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7);
Acc. to 1860 Census, these families came from Carlisle PO area: Jas. A. Chappell, Mollie Chappel, J.F. Chappell, John Chappell, Mary C. Chappell; Acc. to Ky. St. Gaz. & Buzi. Dir. for 1879/80 (Polk), this was a settlement of 12 families, 10 mi from Carl. Had 2 steam mills, 2 chu's., sch. Elias Westfall was pm, Scott Feeback had a dry goods store & Elias Westfall had a gen. store;
CRAYTON (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to John C. Taylor, 2/4/1882, the prop. po would be on the n side of Panther Creek.|| Acc. to T.B. Kenton, 12/21/1908, the po was 1 mi s of Licking R., 30 yards w. of Panther Creek, 6 mi e of Barefoot, 3 mi s of Piqua, 1 air mi from the co. line.|| Acc. to T.B. Kenton, 7/1917, the po was 1 mi s of Licking R., 10 yds. w. of Paynther Cr (sic), 7 mi n of Barterville po, 7 mi e of Barefoot po, 3 mi s of Piqua, 1 mi from co. line.|| On 4/17/1920 C.C. Congers pet. for a site ch. to a pt. 10 yds. n of S. Panther Creek, 5 mi ne of Barefoot, 5 mi n of Barterville, 2½ mi s of Piqua.|| On 4/8/1922, M.G. Fryman pet. for a site ch. 1 mi s to a pt. 2 mi s of
Licking River, 40 ft. n of Panther Creek, 5 mi n of Barterville, 9 mi w of Carl. po, 2 mi s of the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to land records, Eli Cracraft (sic) acquired land in Nich. Co. in 1833 and Zadock Cracraft acquired land in 1832; Acc. to 1883/4 Ky. St. Gaz., the place had a pop. of 40, J.C. Taylor was pm, store-keeper & grain dealer. J.M. Honican had another store. Also there: distillery, 2 chu's. & a sch. No Craycrafts listed.
CRAYTON (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 3/20/1882, John C. Taylor; 10/12/1888, John M. Honican; 5/8/1890, Phillip Westfall...3/20/1922, Morton G. Fryman; Disc. eff. 1/15/1924 (mail to Barefoot) (POR-NA); 1 mi up Panther Creek from Licking R. at Plummers Landing (or Day's Ferry); Just n of the jct. of the Crayton Creek & Sugar Creek Rds. was 1st po site. John C. Taylor had a small store here. Geo. Broderick, pm, moved the po 1/10 mi n to his store. Latter is still standing. Further up the rd. was the Crayton Sch. For 18 yrs., while Bruce Kenton was pm, the po was in his store ca. 0.2 mi ne of the sch. Some 300 feet away was C.C. Conyers' store where he ran the po for a yr. till he moved to Ohio. But the po remained here with Eldred Cain Martin as pm. The last pm, Morton G.
Fryman moved the po back to the old Geo. Broderick store which he ran with Russell Ritchie. Thus at least 4 (maybe more) sites of po. (Truman Richey in 1976 co. hist., Pp. 119-20); Nothing said in Ibid. about its name. No Crayton families mentioned; (cra/tan) (Roy Shannon, 1/18/1979); Acc. to 1860 Census, Z.A. Craycraft, Thos. Craycraft, & Isabella Craycraft had families in the Weston po area; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place had a pop. of 50. Geo. F. Brodrick was pm & storekeeper;
DAVIDSON (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 6/15/1881, Wm. R. Davidson; 3/2/1891, Marshall Biddle...4/17/1906, Chas. R. McVey; Disc. eff. 8/31/1907 (mail to Moorefield) (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. R. Davidson, 5/30/1881, the name proposed for this new po were Upper Blue Lick and Clayslick. The po would be 7 mi n of Moorefield po, on the s side of the Licking R., 2 mi n of Battle Run. (SLR); (dav/əs/ən) Is not near Upper Blue Licks but is 2 mi from Sprout. Davidson had po in his store. Acc. the road was an ice station to cool beer hauled up from Myers Sta. Got the ice from the creek itself in the winter. (Roy L. Shannon, Lexington, Ky., inter·view, 1/18/1979);
DAVIDSON (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place was 8 mi from Myers, had a pop. of 268. Wm. E. Davidson was pm. He & his son ran a gen. store. Jas. Mitchell & Co. had sawmill; Acc. to 1883/4 Ky. St. Gaz., the place had a pop. of 113, Wm. R. Davidson was pm & storekeeper, Theodore Maren was ferryman, Mitchell, Vaughn & Co. had a saw & corn mill;
EAST UNION (Nicholas Co.): ("Eest Ŷn/yən")
Named by the Dunkards, a German religious group from East Union, SC, c1792. Not named for its location e. of the union of 2 creeks. A prominent Bramblett (sic) family lived here for many yrs. Will Bramblett applied for the po under his name in his gen'l. store there and it was called Bramblett (PO) tho' the vil was called East Union. Now: store & sch. are closed, a Xian chu. Small cem. Locally still called East Union. The Bramblett name is no longer used; only the po name was so identified when it was active. DK of any Brambletts still around. Henry Bramblett (sic), c.80 yrs
old and the last of the local Brambletts, now lives in Carlisle (on Sycamore St.) His dadddy was the one that started the po...Pop now about 100. From time to time the little store would reopen. Unpredictable. Closed now. People shop at Carlisle, Sharpsburg, Moorefield, Mt. Sterling, Owingsville. (Co: Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
EAST UNION (Nicholas Co.): p.o. est. 3/25/1854, John G. Gardner; Disc. 8/25/1857 (NA); Located on the Moorefield and E. Union Pike. (Perrin, 1882, P. 432.) By c.1880, had a store, blacksmith shop, school, church, masonic lodge, some homes...(Ibid.); Named for its location at the jct. of the 3 forks of Somerset Creek...(P. 69) (Stanley W. Kern, Jr. in HIST. OF NICH. CO. compiled & edit. by Joan W. Conley, 1976, P. 70). (check was/is this aka Bramblett.) The Bramblett p.o. was est. 6/3/1889, Jas. Orrin Pickrell...disc. eff. 5/14/04 (mail to Sharpsburg) (NA); Henry Bramblett & others were early storekeepers... (Kern...P. 70);
EAST UNION (Nicholas Co., Ky): "This settlement on Ky 57, 5 (air) mi sse of Carl., was founded around 1800 and named by a congregation of Dunkards or Germ. Baptists from Rowan Co., NC, possibly for its site just e of the union of the forks of Somerset Creek, a trib. of Hinkston Creek. An East Union po was in operation from 1854 to 1857. In 1889 Will Bramblett secured another po in his store there and it was called Bramblett though the vil. has remained East Union. The Bramblett po closed in 1904." (Book-P.88)

Buried at the East Union Cem. were: Beverly R. Bramblett (1815-1881), Henry Bramlette (1785-1867) and Henry's wife Mary (1791-1871). Also Carter McVey (1810-1900);
EAST UNION (Nicholas Co., Ky): Betw. 1790-1800 several families from Va. & NC, members of the Germar Bapt. Chu. called Dunkards settled in the s. part of N. Co. They built a chu. at the forks of Somerset Creek and called it East Union. (Jim Thomas "Ky. Pioneers" ms. as cited by David Barry Eller THE BRETHREN SETTLEMENT ALONG HINKSTON CREEK AND THE MINISTRY OF PETER HON: A STUDY IN KY. CHURCH HIST. MA thesis in theology, Bethany Theol. Sem., Oak Brook, Ill., 1971, Pp. 7-8);
ELLISVILLE (Nicholas Co.): PO est. as Ellisville (or Lower Blue Licks) 10/1/1809, Wm. Williams....(KY. POST OFFICES, 1794-1819, submitted to KHS by Thelma M. Murphy, Indianapolis, Ind., n.d); Acc. to Solomon Robertson, 4/3/1879, this po was serving the com. of Longview, 2½ mi n of Oakland Mills po, 2½ mi s of Lower Blue Lick Springs po, 1 mi e of Stony Creek, a county store. On 12/9/1901, Dan'l. P. Vaughn pet. for a site ch. 1 mi s to a pt. 100 yrds. from Stony Creek, 3/4 mi n of Oakland Mills, 3 mi s of Blue Lick Springs po, 3 mi w of Flora po. (SLR);
ELLISVILLE (Nicholas Co., Ky): Incl. mills, distill. (mid 19 cent.), Green Cheatham's flour mill. (1879). Stores. (Co. hist., 1976, P. 71); po est. as Ellville on 10/1/1809 with Wm. Williams, 1st pm; 11/1/1811, Jos. Ellerback; 8/29/1812, Wm. McClanahan; 2/1/1815, Henry L. Mallory; 7/1/1815, Richard Ellis (act. 9/12/1817, Bennett H. Evans; 2/1/1820, Zedekiah Moore; etc... (aka Lower Blue Lick); Ellisville is on the bluffs overlooking the Licking R. Great promis for its development ended when the co. seat was movec to Carl. in 1816. (Perrin, P. 429);
ELLISVILLE (Nicholas Co.): Was co. seat 1805. The ct. hse. (1806-1816) was across the rd. from Ellis' Old Stone Tavern at Ellis Sta. Boone stopped at the tavern on his way to the Battle of Blue Licks. Tavern built in 1807 by Jas. Ellis, Rev. War vet. Important stop on Smiths Wagon Rd. betw. Ohio and Ala. (Highway marker, 2 mi. s. of Blue Licks on US68, acc. to BULL. of the KHS, 12/1977, Vol. 3 (6), P. A couple from Cinci. recently bought the old Ellis Tavern and are now restoring it. (Lucie Robinson, interview, 4/16/1978);
ELLISSVILLE (Nicholas Co.): PO est. 10/1/1805 with Wm. Williams, pm... sometime after 1820 it was disc. but d.k. when... (NA); "This settlement with epo is on US 68 and Stony Creek, a trib. of the Licking R., 5 (air) mi n of Carl. Some time before 1782, Jas. Ellis, a Rev. War vet., est. Ellis's Station on this site and built a log stagecoach sta. and tavern. The town was laid out in 180 for the co. seat and named Ellisville for James' station, but in 1816 the seat was moved to Carl. to be more accessible to the co's. pop. at that time. An Ellisville po was in operation from 1809 to sometime after 1820 and again from 1879 to 1906." (Book-P. 92).
Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place then had a pop. of 40. Robt. Overby was pm & storekeeper. There were several leaf tob. dealers, a wagon maker, and 2 blacksmiths there;
ELLISVILLE (Nicholas Co.): ("Ehl/əs/viəhl"). Est. 1773 on Smith's wagon Rd. betw. Lex. & Limestone, 7 mi. this side of Lower Blue Licks by Jas. Ellis and his bro. They est. a log cabin on the road. It was called Ellis's Sta. He had a land grant there. The 1st county seat, 1800, was at Benninger's Mill on Licking R. at Elk Creek. In 1805 it was moved to Ellisv. and in 1816 to Carlisle. Moved to Ellisv. after people complained that the seat was too far away from them and hard to get to. So gov. appointed a comm. to select a new coun seat. They almost chose Forest Retreat ("Fawr/ʃt Ree/treet") but selected Ellis' farm in stead. Ellis sold lots..built a log ct. hse.
and jail and it became a little town. Still complaints from the e. part of the co. so the gov. appointed another comm. to select another site and they selected the site of the present Carlisle...Ellis built the stone house (that's still standing) in 1807 after he tore down his old log stage coach sta. & tavern. (cf Coleman's stage coach sta's. in bluegrass). (q.v. Shakerag)....) Old Stone Tavern was built by Ellis in 1807. A 2 stor; stone bldg. on hillside on the Lex-Maysv. Pike (US68), c. 5 mi. from Carl. Jas. Ellis was a Rev. War vet. Once was a waystation & tavern for stage travelers....Now bldg. is
home... Across the road was the site of the county's 1st ct. hse, a log bldg. in service from 1806-1816. Stone Tavern is now owned & occupied by M&M J.E. Soaper (sic). (The above acc. to J. Winston Coleman in one of his series of picture stories that were published in the LEX. LEADER) (Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
ELLISVILLE (Nicholas Co., Ky.): p.o. est. 4/11/1879, Solomon Robertson...Disc. eff. 7/31/1906 (mail to Carlisle) (NA) Ellis Sta. was the site of the county's 2nd court hse. Ky. Leg. in 1804 authorized the removal of the court to the James Ellis farm. Court hse. and jail built. Ellis built a hotel there in 1807 and named his commu. Ellisville.' (Nora Hickey, WPA). Ellisville once known as Shakerag. Before the advent of the dinner bell, the wife of a local blacksmith would call her husband into dinner by tying a rag to a pole and shaking it up and down. (Ralph Shearer, interview, 4/22/1972).
ELLISVILLE (Nicholas Co.): Commu. on the bluffs of the Licking R. Named for James Ellis, noted Carlisle atty. Co. seat moved to Carlisle in 1816. On the Maysville-Lex. Pike then called the Buffalo Trace. (Perrin, P. 430); 17 mi. from Carl. on US68. Very early settlement. Before 1782, Jas. Ellis est. Ellis Sta. here to protect early settlers from Ind. Co. seat of Nich. from 1806-16. Ellis deeded land on his farm to county 1804. Town laid out in 1805 and named for him. Seat moved to Carl. 1816 and spelled the end of ambitious plans of Ellisv. (P. 71) Ellis's Old Stone Tavern was built 1807 and still stands...(P. 73) (Helen Davis Hamm in HIST. OF NICH. CO. compiled & edit. by Joan W. Conley, 1976)
FLORA (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 3/1/1892, Thos. J. Flora; 3/14/1904, Arthur Mullikin...5/1/1928, Okie F. Green; Disc. eff. 8/31/1928 (mail to Myers) (POR-NA); PO on Goose Creek. Named for Thos. J. Flora, 1st pm. PO in gen. store. Closed 8/31/1928. Nearby Goose Creek com. was named for the creek. (Joan Conley in 1976 hist. of co., P. 132); Acc. to Thos. J. Flora, 2/17/1892, this prop. po would be 4 mi due n of Myers po, 4 mi due s of Blue Lick Spring po, 6 mi w of Licking po, 2 mi due w of the Licking River, ½ mi s of Goose Creek, due e of Carl. po. (SLR); See map on P. 129 of 1976 hist. for site of this po;
This place was 9 mi from Carl., 4 mi from Myers. T.J. Flora was pm & storekeeper;
FOREST RETREAT (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 12/15/1832
John Preston Campbell; 8/23/1842, Wm. Holladay...1/27,
1857, Jas. Moore; Disc. 4/16/1857; Re-est. 3/12/1858,
Wm. G. Smith; 10/19/1859, Caleb T. Hill; Disc. 7/27/
1861 (POR-NA); 4 mi nw of Carl. Built in
1820 by Thos. Metcalfe (1780-1855), a stome-
mason & Ky. gov. who is buried there. He rep.
the area in US Cong. 1819-1828, Gov. of Ky.
(Highway marker, #660);
FOREST RETREAT (Nicholas Co., Ky): The F.R. Tavern was first called Mareen Duvall's Tavern. It was a pop. stage stop on the Maysv. Rd. The F.R. Home was the 3rd fully restored hist'c. bldg. in Ky. Restoration was dedicated on 10/3/1976. It is opp. the rd. to Carl. The F.R. Farm, Inc. is now a horse farm. (c1977) The road that became Ky 36 was built from Carl. to F.R. in 1845. It is 3 mi. long; Acc. to Hodgman & Co. 1865/6 Gaz. the Forest Retreat po was on the Maysv. & Lex. Rd; Metcalfe was Ky's 10th gov. from 1829-33;
FOREST RETREAT (Nicholas Co.): ("Fawr/ast Reet/treet"). On US68 betw. Lower Blue Licks & Millersburg. Mansion built there 1814-6 by Gov. Metcalfe. The gov. lived there. Clay would often stop to visit on the way to/from Wash. On one visit, Clay admired the place and suggested that since it was located at the edge of the forest, it be named Forest Retreat. So Gov. Metcalfe did so, in 1816. Across the road from the mansion was the old postal distribution station in the old tavern. This has since been restored....Now Forest Retreat is owned by Dr. Elsey Asbury (ch. spilling), a famous Cinci. surgeon. (cf KY. ANCESTORS, 1/1979, P. 131f re- F.R.)....
Acc. to ibid., P. 132, "F.R" was named by Henry Clay. When he saw the new house built in the woods he said to the future gov. 'You have here a veritable forest retreat.' 'That shall be its name,' replied Metcalfe. The only thing there now is the restored tavern at the Postal Distr. Sta. where the stage coaches used to stop. The tavern was restored in 1952, not in 1944. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
HEADQUARTERS (Nicholas Co.): x.p.o. est. as Head Quarters, 6/12/1848, A.G. Stitt...Disc. eff. 4/30/1906 (papers to Cynthiana) (NA)

Nobody in that vic. seems to know for sure how it acquired its name. There is no indu. or 'govt. enterprise' headquartered there.

"I've always heard that this was a Union headquarters during the Civil War while John Hunt Morgan was across the river in Cynthiana," offered one man who declined to identify himself." A 2nd theory was offered by Ronald McDonald, a refrig. repairman: "I think it got its name because there are four roads coming in here, and the town was a..."
trading headquarters,' he said. "Roger Womack doesn't think either theory can be proved. (Stephen Ford, "The Headquarters Name Still Untraced" LCJ, 5/30/1973, P. A-6:4-5). Acc. to Polk's Ky. State Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7, this place was settled in 1845. Had ca. 60 pop. W.H. Phillips was pm and local physician. John S. Earlywine and W.J. Kennedy had gen. stores, Amos Feeback was a wagonmaker. Newton Acad. Other businesses and services; Acc. to 1976 co. hist., this place had a grist mill, tob. prizing house, and stores. (P. 77);
HEADQUARTERS (Nicholas Co.): ("Hehd/kawr/tz")
No one has ever figured out just what this applies to. He thinks that the Indians (i.e. the 3 main Indian tribes who hunted in Ky. in the 18th cent.) got to calling it Headquarter in their lang. when they met the white traders there in the 1780s. Not a corruption of "Headwaters" for there are no waters around there to amount to anything. It's high land. The word had the meaning it has in military parlance. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
HEADQUARTERS (Nicholas Co.): (founded 1840 by W.J. Stitt who had a store there. (WPA) On the headquarters of Steele's Run Pike for which it was named. (Grubb, P. 240). Orig. called Headwaters in late 18th. cent. Used as mtg. place by Indians from So. Ohio after hunting trips. Earlier a gathering place for buffalo. First white settlers there 1780, James Burden there by 1785...By 1810, vill. there with sch. (1802), churches, businesses...(P. 75) Store= focal pt. of town. h.ch. to Headquarters in early 19th cent. Focal pt=jct. of Headquarters & Steel's Run Pike...4 distilleries in 1880... (P. 76) McDonald's Gro. today run by Stander McDonald. It's the only busi. left in commu. (Elaine Riggs, in HIST. OF NICH. CO. 1976)
HEADQUARTERS (Nicholas Co.): Two famous early residents: Thomas Harris Barlow, the inventor of the 1st locomotive in US "put into operation in 3/1832 in Lex. and used in the Lex & Frank. Ry. Co. when line opened 2 yrs. later." (P. 77) and Leason T. Barlow who invented the Barlow Knife. (P. 78) Four roads led to Headquarters in the early days, incl. Ky. 32/36 from US68... Headquarters is at the head of Wilmore's Run... (pp. 78-9) (Elaine Riggs, HIST. OF NICH. CO., comp. & edit. by Jaon W. Conley, 1976).
HEADQUARTERS (Nicholas Co., Ky): The po was named by W.J. Stitt (sic), the 1st settler at the site and the 1st pm. He opened a store there in 1840. By 1882 there was one store, tob. warehouse, chu., sch., several shops, 15 homes. (Perrin, P. 426); Acc. to 1850 Census, a merchant named Alford G. Stitt (31) lived with his wife Mary E. (nee Foster) Stitt in Nich. Co. No listing for a W.J. Stitt;
HEADQUARTERS (Nich. Co., Ky): Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it was sp. 2 words. Had pop. of 90. C.F. Barlow was pm. S. T. Barlow & Co. had a gen'l. store;
HEADQUARTERS (Nicholas Co., Ky): "Now but a hamlet with epo, this former trade & distillery center is on Ky 32/36, 4 (air) mi nw of Carl. Nobody really knows how it got its name though a number of theories have been offered. The name may refer to its role as an early trade center, or may be a translation of whatever the Indians called it. It is said to have been used as a meeting place by Indians from s. Ohio after their hunting trips into Ky., and earlier was a gathering place for buffalo. The name may also refer to its location at the head of Wilbur Run, a branch of Brushy Creek, and thus be a corruption of 'headwaters.' A vil. was located there by
1810. It was Headquarters when the po was est. on 6/12/1848 with A.G. Stitt, pm, tho' it was spelled as 2 words in early postal records. The po closed in 1906." (Book-P. 135); Acc. to W.H. Phillips, 6/2/1876, this po was 4½ mi n of Millersburg po, 5 mi s of Morning Glory, 7 mi w of Carl. po. At this time the po was sp. Head Quarters. Acc. to Carrie L. Hopper, 1/2/1899, the po of Headquarters was on the e side and at the head of Steeles Run, 2 mi e of Hooktown, 3 mi s of Salt Well, 3 air mi from the co. line. (SLR);
HENRYVILLE (Nicholas Co.): On the northern outskirts of Carlisle. A black community est. sometime after 1799. DK why named... (HIST. OF NICH. CO. comp. & edit. by Joan W. Conley, 1976, P. 79); ("Hehn/ree/vihl") Now in the Carlisle city limits. Named for a local family that owned the land once adjoining Carlisle. Was taken in by the city 2 yrs. ago. It started developing as a commu. right after the CW for freed slaves to be close to the townsfolk they continued to serve. It remained a pretty good sized town as long as the colored people continued to live there. It wasn't deliberately est. as a colored commu. but just grew up after the started selling lots to whites for them to
build little homes for their servants. When the employers died, they'd will the homes to the occupants. The streets were just rows betw. houses. No utilities. Not many persons live there now; a lot of vaca houses. HUD, etc. are trying to build it up, building new homes for colored pop. Colored cem. Still goes by this name. cf Perrin (1882) for reference to the 1st Henry, a cabinet maker. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
HINKSTON (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 8/22/1854, John McConnaughy; Disc. 1/29/1857; Re-est. 9/15/1902, Eugene P. Harney; Disc. eff. 3/31/1904 (mail to Carlisle) (POR-NA); Acc. to Eugene P. Harney, 7/21/1902, the po was 4½ mi w of Jackstown, 6 mi sw of Carl. po, 1/20 mi w of Hinkston Creek. Not a vil. (SLR);
HOG JAWS (Nicholas Co.): is a little town in Nich. Co. where Johnson and Barfoot Rds. cross just a voting booth is left there now. Another extinct town, Barefoot, is nearby. Robert Johnson, of the defenders of Bryans Sta. and the father of Richard M. Johnson, may have been the namesake of Johnson Creek & Johnson Rd. Hard land grant nr. Headquarters. (Lucien Robinson Piqua, Ky., interview, 4/22/1972);
HOOKTOWN (Nicholas Co., Ky): Centerville is 3 mi w of Headquarters. With store, shop, several homes. The first home was built by Martin B. Cook in 1812. Richard Cheatham opened the 1st store in 1860. The 1st po was est. 1845 by W.A. Griffith in his home. J.W. Sharp was pm. It closed in 1851. Centerville was 1st called Hooftown. Named for a robbery that occurred there ca. 1860. (Perrin, P. 426); Acc. to 1810 Census, Wm. Hook lived in the Carl. Pre. Acc. to 1850 Census, Jas. Hook & Wm. Hook & Wm. A. Griffith. Acc. to 1860 Census, Susan Hook lived nr Headquarters po, and Sharlotta Hook lived nr Blue Licks po.
HOOKTOWN (Nicholas Co., Ky): There was always the possibility it was named for a family of Hooks. Wm. Hook was ne Nich. Co. in 1800. He was a farmer & blacksmith. Died 1869. Son of Thos. Hook, a Marylander, who came to Nich. Co. as a pioneer. Wm. marr. Susan Ellis, d. of Jas. Ellis, founder of Ellisville. (Perrin 1882, P. 628); A Hooks lived in Nich. Co. & the Millersb. area of Bourbon Co. before 1830. (Acc. to KY. ANC. Vol. 21 (3), winter 1986, P. 179); Several Hooks(es) are buried in the Standiford Graveyard on Abner's Mill Rd. (Ibid., Vol. 17 (2), 10/1981, Pp. 107-8);
HOOKTOWN (Nicholas Co.): p.o. est. 2/26/1867, Thomas J. Jones. Disc. 9/17/1874; Re-est. 7/3/1888, Robert H. Collier; Disc. 9/1895; Re-est. 1/21/96, David E. Wilson. Disc. eff. 6/15/1904 (mail to Cynthiana) (NA); 1st settled by Marti B. Cook, 1842. 1st store in 1860, Richard Cheatham. PO est. 1845 in home of W.A. Griffith with J.W. Sharp as pm. 1st called Hooktown for a robbery a short while after the store opened. Store is now a home & there are no businesses in H'town anymore. aka Centerville. (Elaine Riggs, HIST. OF NICH. CO., 1976, P.77); (check-is it aka Centerville?...) Acc. to POR, there was a Griffiths P.O. est. 9/8/1843, Wm. A. Griffith; Disc. 7/11/1854 (NA);
HOOKTOWN (Nicholas Co.): ("Hook/town") "Not worth mentioning." Nothing there now but 1-2 homes on the road. Couldn't find out much about it. Everyone says it's a nickname. Was called Centerville at one time. Now called Centerville ("Sehn/ˈtɛrnvɪl") DK why. DK about Griffith PO. Never hears the Hooktown name mentioned... (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979); Acc. to R.H. Collier, 6/20/1888, this po was 2 1/2 mi w of Headquarters po, 4 mi n of Millersburg po, serving a vil. of 50. || Acc. to David E. Wilson, 1/13/1896, the po was 2 1/2 mi w of Headquarters po. (SLR)
IRVINESVILLE (Nicholas Co.): a p.o. by this name was est. 7/9/1851, John B. Taylor...Disc. 12/15/1863 (NA); (check on this with B.L. Harney...) Irvingsville was nr the Harrison Co. line. Had: Bapt. chu., sch., shop, sawmill, ca. 12 homes. Early settlers incl. Elias Scott, Joab Yates, Joshua Irvin. The latter was the name source. Local po was est. 1847 as Morning Glory. with Tom Raymond, the 1st pm. Forest Peterson was pm in 1882. Raymond opened the 1st local store in 1847. He later sold it to N. Rankin. (Perrin P. 426); Acc. to 1879/80 Ky.St. Gaz. & Busi.Dir., F. Peterson had saw & flour mills at Morning Glory.
LICKING (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 7/10/1888, Lewis C. Sims; 8/27/1896, Wm. G. Dayton; 3/29/1900, Wm. Jolly Disc. eff. 7/15/1904 (mail to Ewing, Fleming Co.) (POR-NA); Acc. to Lewis C. Sims, 4/30/1888, this prop po would be 3½ mi nw of Pleasant Val. Mills po, 1 mi n of Licking R., ½ mi w of Buchanan Creek, ca. 40 inhab. to serve a thickly settled area. (SLR); A Nich Co. nghbd. aka The Bend of Licking. Took in the area betw. US 68 & Mexico and from the co. line to the r. Thickly populated. Mag. Dist. #2. Focused on the jct. of Mt. Tabor Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd., and Abner's Mill-Buchanan Rd. Simms Store Prec. (sic). Hamlet at xrds. with gen. store, po, carpet shop, several homes. The first store included the po. Another store was owned by Simeon Caywood later. Wm. Jolly later ran
Lewis Simms' (sic) store. Simms and Dayton ran the carpet shop nearby. Carpets were woven on looms. Shops. Neaby was Hildreth School. (Thelma Sampson Standiford on Licking in the 1976 hist. book, Pp. 89-91); The river was 1st called the Great Creek but with the discovery of the Blue Licks it was renamed The Licking River; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this po was 9 mi ne of Carl., 3 mi from Pleasant Val. Mills, had a pop. of 25, J.H. Milliken had gen. store;
LOWER BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co.):
"Famous salt lick. Bones of large prehistoric animal...recovered here. In Feb. 1778, Daniel Boone and 30 companions, while making salt at this lick, were captured by Indians." (Highway marker n. of Licking R. on US68, acc. to GUIDE P. 26, No. 162).; On the naming of Upper and Lower Blue Licks, (see R. S. Cotterill, "The Thompson Expedition of 1773" THE FILSON CLUB HIST. Q. Vol. 20 (3), July 1946, Pp. 179-206, 181, 190).
LOWER BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co., Ky): The co's 1st known settlement was here ca. 1784 by David Tanner. This was named for the "blue-gray deposit left by min water betw. the orig. spring and the Licking R." The 1st session of the new co's. ct. was at LBL 1800. Moved to Ellisv. in 1805. Blue Lick Springs was developed as a resort & spa to take adv. of mineral springs there. Home to a mil. sch. c1848. (Joan Conley in KY. ENCY. 1992, Pp. 681-2); The Blue Lick Springs was a very pop. source of mineral water till c.1910. Famed mid 19 cent. health resort. "The saline water from the springs" was 1st used (in the late 1780s) for salt making. But lost out in competition to larger & more productive enterprises s of Lou. Wm.
Bartlett bottled the mineral water and sold it and developed the BLS resort. Several owners. By 1900 the springs water flow had all but ceased and the resort soon closed. (KY. ENCY. 1992, P. 93-4); The water from the Blue Lick Springs had high medicinal component—as a stimulant and diuretic and gave rise to resort for health and rec. (Perrin, P. 330); The 1st store here was built 1816 by Maj. Geo. M. Bedinger. A Mr. Biddemore was the 1st pm. He built a hotel here in 1824. Jos. Bedinger's (saw) mill, the 1st in the area, was acquired in 1869 by L. Abner (sic) who rebuilt it in 1875. (Perrin, P. 424);
LOWER BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co.). This vicinity has been called The Spring, the Salt Licks, the Lower Blue Lick Springs, the Blue Lick Springs, and now Blue Licks. 1st settlement in the co. was made here. Named for "the blue-gray deposit left by the mineral water betw. the orig. spring and the Licking River. 'The water in the spring bubbled and sparkled at night like diamonds in the moonlight' as it drained to the river. The drain created a quagmire that trapped thirsty animals attracted there to obtain life giving salt." (P. 59). The Buffalo Trace=now more or less the route way of US68 betw. Maysv. & BLS. The trace was 60 ft. wide; the route buffaloes took to the salt spring.
David Tanner was the 1st settler who built fort, log cabins, & made salt, before 1784... (P. 59). It was to BLS that pioneers came for their salt. In 1789, the only sta. betw. Mays. & Lex. was here, run by Mr. Lyon...White settlers graveyard...(P. 60). Founder of commu. there=Maj. Geo. Michaël Bedinger of Boonesboro who came there as surveyor in 1779. After the Battle of B.L. he returned there to settle. Ran a mill on the Licking R. & a sawmill, tob. warehouse, blacksmith shop. In 1801 he est. a ferry across the Licking below his mill and [just below the mouth of Elk Creek]...also a 30 room 3 story hotel...Another early settler was
Wm. Bartlett, a Rev. War vet. who, in 1817 es a town called Bartlettsburg there on Licking adjacent to Bedinger's land and land owned then by Henry Clay (Acc. to County Book C, P. 412). (P. 61) Platted then. When he died, 1820, plans never "materialized." The county's 1st po was here. Wm. Williams was 1st pm before 1809...mch. to Blue Lick Springs 1/22/1850...West. Mil. Acad. there 1847 for a few yrs. before moving to Drennon Springs. Jas. C. Blaine, later pres. cand., taught math & mil. sci. there. (P. 62). Before 1850 medicinal property of water discovered. Water bottled there and shipped all over the country...(pp. 62-3.) By the 1860s, had become import. heal...
resort...(P. 64) Springs failed by turn of cent...(P. 64-5) Big Bone Depository discovered c1896 by Thos. Wilson Hunter...(P. 65)...

(Thelma Sampson Standiford in HIST OF NICH. CO. comp. & edited by Joan W. Conley, 1976);
MARENGO (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 2/18/1862, James R. McCullogh; Disc. 3/25/1865; Re-est. 12/9/1875, Walter B. Hedrick; 4/27/1876, Benjamin F. West; Disc. 7/5/1876 (POR-NA); Acc. to Walter B. Hedrick, 11/24/1875, the po was 3 mi e of Black Hawk po, 2 mi s of Licking R. and on the n bank of Cassidy Creek, 3 mi e of Myers Sta. Acc. to Ibid., 1/27/1876, the po was in the Buzzard Roost Prec., 2 mi s of Licking R., on the n side of Cassidy Creek, 3 mi e of Blackhawk po. (SLR); (mə/riehng/oh) Didnt know it. (Roy L. Shannon Lexington, Ky., interv., 1/18/1979);
MILLERS' STATION (Nicholas Co.): ("Mihl/ə z Sta/shən") Still locally called this and not Miller. Never heard anyone call it just Miller. Nothing there now. Est. by Capt. John Miller, pioneer hunter in c. 1778. It was the only station between Little Mountain and Limestone. There used to be a road between L.M. (Mt. Sterling) and his station to Limestone or Maysv. His son, Major John, laid out and named Millersburg in 1782. Now: 4-5 homes only. Used to have sch. Still locally called Millers Sta. In 1873 the rr went right by Miller's cabin. They had a stop there and also called it Miller's Sta. But it was Miller's Station long before the rr came thru. (Roy L. Shannon, 1/18/1979);
MILLTOWN (Nicholas Co.): A lumber mill was est. at the Upper Blue Licks in 1862 for the timber brought down the Licking River. The commu. adjoining the UBL was called Milltown ("Mih/town") Just this side of UBL, c. 2 mi below UBL. It was named for a big lumber mill there at one time and a lot of homes. Est. 1862. Now: just homes. DPO. Store gone. No one now refers to it as Milltown. They just say "up at the Licks." Oldtimers only would at least recognize the name. (Roy L. Shannon interview, 1/18/1979);
MILLTOWN (Nicholas Co.): Upper Blue Licks Mill was built c1862: a saw and grist mill. Built by Richard Spencer. In 1880 it was bought by Willis Vaughn & Geo. Mitchell and moved upstream and enlarged. The Milltown commu. was est. at the site of the large lumber mill. At peak=20 houses, 2 stores, blacksmith shop, etc. Under the direction of Jas. Mitchell, son of Geo. Mitchell. Fire destroyed the mill in 1904. Rebuilt on a smaller scale by John Clark and operated till 1917. (P. 145) Nothing left there now but 2 farm houses. (P. 146) (HIST. OF NICH. CO., 1976); Town nearly destroyed by another fire in 1908 (ibid.); town rebuilt.
MIRANDA (Nicholas Co., Ky): Another name prop. for this po but it was covered over. Acc. to Wm. Thos. Roberts, 1/24/1891, this prop. po would be 3 mi. N of Carl. po, 3 mi SW of Moorefield po, 5 mi SE of Myers po, 1 1/2 mi N of Brushy Fk. Serving a vil. of 40. (SLR)

WESTON: Acc. to M.B. Smedley, 12/31/1852, this po was 3 1/2 mi W of Moorefield po, 4 mi E of Carl. po, 6 mi SW of Buzzard Roost po, 5 mi S of Licking River, 4 families in the immediate vic. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., D.W. Myers was pm & blacksmith; The place was 4 mi from Carl; Acc. to 1830 Census, Francis, Geo., & Robt. Berry had households; Francis Berry's wife was Phebe
and he died in 1848. Robt. Berry's wife was Mary and he died in 1845. Geo. Berry's wife was Eliz. and he died in 1846;
MIRANDA (Nicholas Co., Ky): Miranda J. Herndon, the wife of Dr. Thos. Collins Herndon, was the daughter of Zadock and Annie Hendricks Craycraft. Miranda & Thos. were married 11/19/1846. She died 3/27/1860. Thos. remarried later. (Perrin, 1882, P. 748); J.D. Craycraft started store here in 1895. PO was in that store. He became pm 12/30/1895 to 4/12/1900. (Rachel Clay Mastin in Co. hist., 1976, P. 94); Acc. to Polk' Ky. State Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7, at Weston was a po and Thornton Blake's gen. store;
MIRANDA (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 2/19/1891, Wm. T. Roberts; 6/16/1893, L. Thornton Blake...12/4/1902, Jefferson D. Craycraft; Disc. eff. 6/14/1906 (mail to Myers) (POR-NA); Small vil. 3½ mi e of Carl. on the rd. to Sharpsb. Named for Mrs. Miranda Herndon by her husband, a local physician. Nicknamed "Frogtown" by a salesman passing through stopping to talk with some men on the porch of the local store, the salesman asked if the town has (sic) been named. Laughing he said he was naming it Frogtown because of the noise of frogs croaking beside the large pond on the farm of Dr. Herndon that is now owned by Joe B. Delaney." 2 stores, dist. PO est. 1/20/1853 with B. Smedley, pm. Disc. 10/10/1865. Re-est.... Weston was the name of local sch. prec. One rm. sch. (Rachel Clay Mastin in
MOOREFIELD (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to W.H. Howe, 10/15/1885, this po was ½ mi n of Summersett Creek (sic), 3 mi s of Sprout po, 7 mi s of Davidson po, 6 mi e of Carl. po. In 4/1909, Benj. C. Hopper pet. for a site ch. 200 yrds. s to a pt. 6 mi se of Carl. po. Acc. to no sign., 7/1917, the po was ½ mi e of Summerset Creek, 7 mi se of Carl. po, 2 mi from the co. line. Acc. to Leetha M. Blount, 7/25/1939, the po was 1 3/4 mi (air) & 2½ mi (road) from the Bath Co line, on the s side of Ky 32, ½ mi ne of Summerset Creek. (SLR);
MOOREFIELD (Nicholas Co., Ky): Wm. Harvey Howe ran local hardware & gro. store and was a buyer of tob, grain, & wool. A native. His father, Dunlap Howe (the 3rd pm) had the store there before him. Dunlap Jerry Hall opened store there in 1825. (Roy Lee Shannon "Moorefield, Ky. 1796-1976" booklet, 1976, Pp. 2-3);
MOOREFIELD (Nicholas Co.): ("Mawr/feeld")
Named by the Hall family. Now: not as large
as it used to be. Pop. = c. 300. 1 store, po,
bank branch. The acct. of this place in the
book is uptodate. (Roy L. Shannon, interview,
1/18/1979); "This hamlet with po extends for almost
a mi along Ky 57 nr its jct. with Ky 36, 5 (air) mi se
of Carl. The po was est. on 1/29/1818 in Alexander
Blair's store and named by Mrs. Benjamin Hall for
Moorefield, Va. (now WVa) whence she and her family
had come in 1796." (Book-P. 202);
MOOREFIELD (Nicholas Co.): 6 mi. from Carlisle. Never inc. Among the 1st settlers of the vic. were Benj. Hall & family, 1796. Natives of Moorefield, Va. (now Hardy Co. W.Va.'s seat). He was a Rev. War vet. Commu was on the old Buffalo Trace. Vil. named Moorefield when po was est. in 1818 on the suggestion of Mrs. Hall. The po was est. in Alex'r. Blair's store, the 1st in the vic. Clark was a clerk in the store. Moorefield, Va. was est. as such in 1777 on land owned by Conrad Moore. PO is now in Frank Weaver' gro. and pm is Mrs. Violet Weaver, appoint- ed 4/26/1973.... (MOOREFIELD, KY. 1796-1976 by Roy Lee Shannon, c1976);
MORNING GLORY (Harrison Co., Ky): Acc. to John M. Rankin, 6/19/1872 this po was 3 mi e of Shady Nook, 9 mi e of Cynth. po, on Beaver Creek. (Moved to Nich. Co.):(SLR); Jeston Irvin (1799-1884) is buried in the Locust Grove Cem. on the Locust Grove Rd. at the Locust Grove Chu. Also there: Zadock Craycraft (1792-1859) and other Craycrafts. And Mary Irvin (Jeston's wife) (1802-1876) and Charlie McVey (1835-1906);
MORNINGGLORY (sic) (Nicholas Co.)
p.o. est. as **Morning Glory**, 6/22/1875 in Harrison Co., Johnette Rankin; sometime betw. 7/1875 and 1/77, it was transferred to Nich. Co. ... n. ch. to **Morningglory**, 10/11/1895, Robert W. Rankin... Disc. 12/31/1921, (mail to Shady Nook) (NA); Near the Harrison Co. line. An early settler was Joshua Irving for whom vill. of Irvington was named. In early days vill had a chur., sch., store, sawmill, dozen homes. Now only chur. & homes. po est. 1847 as Morning Glory with Tom Raymond as pm... Disc. 12/3/21. Comm. still called Morning Glory. Raymond built the 1st store there... *(HIST. OF NICH. CO., com. & edit. by Joan W. Conley, 1976, P. 99)."
MORNINGGLORY (Nicholas Co.): ("Mawr/nih/ glaw/ree") one word. Several accts. offered for the name. Doesn't think it's worth even mentioning since he doesn't hear the name anymore. Now: no businesses. Just some homes in the immediate vic. Only natives still call it that. Had a country store there but it's been gone for years. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
MORNING GLORY (Nicholas Co., Ky): Local name: Irvinsville. On the w side of Beaver Creek, 6 (sic) mi s of Licking R., 4 mi e of Shady Nook po, 5 mi nw of Sylvan Dell, 5 mi nw of Headquarters. (Acc. to Oscar R. Rankin, 8/9/1875). Acc. to R.M. Rankin, 12/28/1895, the po was now Morningglory and the local name was Irvinsville and the po was on the e bank of Beaver Creek, 10 mi s of Licking R., 3 mi e of Shadynook, 5 mi sw of Sylvandell, 3 mi w of Saltwell po, 5 mi from Barefoot and 5 mi from Headq. (SLR);
MYERS (Nicholas Co.): p.o. est. as Black Hawk, 3/25/1854, Henry V. Myers; Disc. 5/20/56; Re­est. 6/13/72, James N. Parks...9/7/74, Henry B. Myers... 2/17/80, Michael J. Myers; change to Myers, 5/30/82, Michael J. Myers...(NA)
Named for fam. that settled there c.1790. Geo. Myers was given Rev. War land grant there. His son, Benj. had store, tavern, maybe 1st rr sta


MYERS: Disc., 1961, mon. or rec = 1961-1972
Myers peak as business center from c.1900-1940. Now merely church and store. (Betty Kimes Goebel, HIST. OF NICH. CO. ed. & comp. by Joan W. Conley, 1976.)

Myersville p.o. est. 12/11/1871, Allen C. Hamilton; Disc. 1/15/73 (NA) (where was this located with reference to B.H. check ...); Acc. to Allen C. Hamilton, 12/7/1871, this prop. po would serve Myers Station and would be called Myersville and would be 3½ mi n of Weston po, 3½ mi s of Pleasant Val. Mills po, 1½ mi s of Lick. R. and on the s bank of Cassidy Creek. Not a vil. (SLR);
MYERS (Nicholas Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo on Ky 32, 4 (air) mi ne of Carl., was named for the Myers family that settled there around 1790 on Geo. Myers' Rev. War grant. The po was est. as Black Hawk for reasons unknown, on 3/25/1854, with Henry V. Myers, pm. It was disc. in 1856 and re-est. in 1872. In 1873 Myers Station was built by the Ky. Cent. (now L&N) RR for its Paris-Maysville line and the po was renamed Myers in 1882 with Michael J. Myers, pm. From Dec. 11, 1871 to Jan. 15, 1873 a Myersville po was in operation somewhere in this vic." (Book-P. 208);
MYERS (Nicholas Co., Ky): In Jan. 1913, Mrs. Jesse F. Dale pet. for a site ch. from previous location 420 ft. sw to a pt. 380 ft. s of the L&N tracks and 420 ft. ne of Myers Station, 2 mi s of Pleasant Val. po. (sic), 6 mi n of Carl. po, 1 mi s of Licking R., 100 ft. e of Scrub Grass Creek. // Acc. to Jessie F. Dale, 3/19/1913, the po was 1 1/4 mi s of the Licking R, 1/4 mi s of Cassidy Creek, 6 mi e of Carl. po, 420 ft. e of the rr, 3 air mi from the co. line. \| On 4/9/20, Lacy Barnett pet. for a site ch. to a pt. 1 mi sw of Lick. R., 150 ft. w of Scrub Grass Creek, 60 ft. e of rr. \|\ Acc. to Lacy Barnett, 10/4/1926, the po was 1 mi w of Lick. R., 100 ft. e of Scrub Grass Creek, 3
3 3/4 mi se of Flora po, 5 mi n of Carl. po, 300 ft. e of the L&N. (Acc. to Geo. N. Dale, 7/22/1939, the po was 15 ft se of Ky. 32, 175 ft. s of rr and 250 ft. s of Myers Sta. (the depot), 1.2 mi s of Lick R., 100 ft. e of Scrubgrass Creek, 5.6 mi ne of Carl. po, 3 mi s of Pleasant Val. po. (SLR); Buried in the Myers Cem. are George Myers (1758-1808) and Benj. Myers (1798-1875); Henry Myers (1804-1878) is buried at Parrish Chapel Meth. Chu. Graveyard. Also there: Jas. L. Myers (1832-1899) and John T. Craycraft (1823-1890);
OAKLAND MILLS (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to A.S. Lewis the local name of this place was Forest Retreat and was in the Ellisville Prec. at the head of Brushy Fk 4½ mi ne of Carl. po, 5½ mi w of Blue Lick Springs po, 6 mi se of Headquarters po. Acc. to R.T. Endicott, 9/29/1885, this po was 4½ mi sw of Lick. R. and 2 mi sw of Stony Creek, 2½ mi sw of Ellisv. po, 5½ mi nw of Carl. po, 3½ mi e of Barterville po. (SLR); (ohk/lon[d] mihlz) Used to be quite a place but nothing there now but a little chu. sitting on the road. Had 2 grain mills and several homes. DPO. (Roy Shannon, 1/18/1979);
OAKLAND MILLS (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 6/14/1860, Henry Cook; 4/9/1861, Alexander H. Darnell; Disc. 10/3/1861; Re-est. 10/12/1861, Jas. W. Ingles; Disc. 9/15/1863; Re-est. 2/3/1864, Jas. H. Barnett; 10/12/1865, Wm. L. Tune...1/20/1882, Reizin T. Endicott; Disc. eff. 8/15/1906 (mail to Carlisle) (POR-NA);
Small vill. on N. Fk. of Stoney Creek, on US 68 nr. Ellisv. Saw mills, sugar & molasses from local maple trees. Dist. there just before the CW. Large tob. warehouse. Today: 1 gen. store run by Yancey Allison. (Helen Davis Hamm in 1976 co. hist. P. 74); Acc. to Polk's Ky. State Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1876-7, Cheatham & Green ran local store and were distillers, W.H. Endicott & Co. had the other gen. store;
OAKLAND MILLS (Nicholas Co., Ky): May have been named for oak trees in abundance. Had: 10 homes, shop, R.T. Endicott's store and po. He was the pm. Ingle Bros. had tob. warehouse. (Perrin, P. 430); Forest Retreat was 3 mi from Carl. It was on the Maysv.-Paris Rd. (that became US 68). (Perrin, P. 340); Oakland Mills originated as a cotton factory built on the Mayv. Pike by Nathaniel P. Robinson ca. 1834. (Ibid., P. 352); The tavern at Forest Retreat, once a stage stop, has been restored. (Conley on E. in KY. ENCY. 1992, P. 163)
Acc. to Polk's 1879/80 Ky. St. Gaz. & Busi. Dir., this place had a pop. of 50, A.S. Lewis was pm, R.T. Endicott & Sol Robinson had gen. stores, John Porter ran sawmill. There was a wagon maker, leaf tob., & other businesses there;
PAYNTER (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 11/16/1893, Jos. Plummer; Disc. 2/6/1899 (papers to Crayton) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jos. Plummer, 9/30/1893, this prop. po would be 2 mi n of Crayton po, 2 mi s of Piqua, 5 mi w of Burika, on the s bank of Lick R., on the e bank of Panther Creek. (SLR); Wm. Painter & family are listed in the Harrison Co. Censuses for 1820-1840 but not later. Acc. to 1840 Census, he was age 45. His wife was Alse (nee Beckett), age 43, and their children included John (19), Thos., Joseph, Francis, Benj. (1) etc. (KY. ANC. Vol. 20 (2), Autumn 1984, P. 116); Wm. and Alsy Painter were listed in 1830-1850 Censuses of Harrison Co. but not in 1860. (Ibid., Vol. 21 (4), Spring 1986, P. 224);
No Painters/Paynters lived in Nich. Co. in 1860, acc. to 1860 Census; Acc. to 1896 Gaz, this po was 2 mi beyond Crayton, 12 mi from Carl., Jos. Plummer was pm & storekeeper. John Johnes was blacksmith.
PLEASANT VALLEY MILLS (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 2/3, 1848, Jesse H. Talbott; 5/2/1849, Milford Davidson; 6/17/1856, Jas. T. McCabe; Disc. 11/2/1861; Re-est. 4/11/1873, Thos. J. Pillow; Disc. 4/7/1874; Re-est. 11/21/1876, Benjamin F. Summers; 5/31/1877, Wm. Garey ... 9/10/1892, Wm. R. Davidson; changed to Pleasant-Valley 3/14/1895, John F. Jolly; 10/24/1903, Jos. H. Flora....(POR-NA); (plehz/ant vael/ee) Just several homes scattered around a valley. Just a pleasant place to live. Now strictly farmsteads. Still called this. Had a rr sta. called Pleasant Valley Station. (Roy L. Shannon, 1/18/1979);
PLEASANT VALLEY MILLS (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to Benj. F. Summer, 11/1871, this po was 2 3/4 mi n of Black Hawk po, 3 1/2 mi s of Cowan Sta. po, 1 1/2 mi n of Lick. R. and on the w side of Fleming Creek. A vil. of 100. po would be in depot of Fants Sta. (?) Acc. to John F. Jolly, 2/2/1896, the po late Pleasant Val. Mills was now Pleasant Valley and was 1 mi from Lick. R, 1/4 mi e of Fleming Creek, 3 mi e of Licking po, 5 1/2 mi e of Abner po, 20 ft: w of the rr' tracks, 3 mi from Cowen po and 3 mi from Myers. Acc. to Jos. H. Flora, 1/1/1909, the po was Pleasant Valley and was 1 mi n of Lick. R, 100 yards w of Fleming Creek, 30 ft. w of L&N, 1 air mi from co. line. Acc. to Clay Dayton, 7/25/1939, the po as Pleasant Valley, was 1/2 ai
mi from Fleming Co. line, 3/4 rd. mi. from same. 1/4 mi e of Ky 32, 10 ft. e of L&N and in the train depot, 150 ft. W of Fleming Creek, 1 mi ne of Lick R., 2 1/2 mi s of Cowan po, 2 mi n pf Myers po. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Census, Pleasantvalley was 7 1/2 mi from Carl., had a pop. of 50. W.R. Davidson & son had gen. store. W.S. Fant had a flour mill. J.E. McIlvaine & Co. had a gen. store;
PLEASANT VALLEY (Nicholas Co., Ky): The pleasant view accounts for the name. From the hill on the e side of the Licking R. one can look at this pleasant view. In the horseshoe bend of the river. Several area mills. Ky. Cent. (L&N) RR sta. The po was est. to serve the rr sta. & Thos. McIlvaine's store. Gone: mills, chu., sch., store. The depot is now a home. Only a doz. families lived in that val. (Marie Flora & Hazel Swartz in the 1976 hist. Pp. 113-5); Pleasant Valley is a sect. with ca. ½ doz. farms on the n side of the river. Very fertile Vil. of Pleasant Valley had one flour mill owned by W.S. Tant, shop, chu., Masonic lodge, dozen homes. (Perrin, P. 438);
SALTWELL (Nicholas Co., Ky): "This extinct hamlet & po were on Beaver Creek, 6 (air) mi nw of Carl. The po, est. as Salt Well on 6/28/1878, with John A. Taylor, pm, was named for one or more early local salt wells. Disc. in 1879, it was re-est. as Saltwell in 1886 but closed again in 1906." (Book-Pp. 262-63); Acc. to Polk's Ky. St. Gaz. & Busi. Dir. for 1879/80, J.W. Snapp had flour mill;
SALTWELL (Nicholas Co.): p.o. est. as Salt Well (2 words) 6/28/1878, John A. Taylor; Disc. 9/3/1879; Re-est. as Saltwell, 5/21/86, Jos. W. Taylor... Disc. eff. 4/30/06 (mail to Carlisle) (NA); In NW part of co. In the old days had a chu., a sch. 2 stores, 18 homes, blacksmith, sawmill; one of the stores had the po. Named for an old saltwell on the former Isaac Allison farm so. of the church. As early as 1775 salt supposed to have been obtained by boiling water in kettles from the old saltwell. (P. 122)... (Fleet Allison in HIST. OF NICH. CO. comp. & ed. by Joan W. Conley, 1976)
SALTWELL (Nicholas Co.): ("Sawlt/wehl") Another spring where the buffalo used to come to get salt water. Hence name. Didn't amount to much. You never hear anyone anymore say he lives at Saltwell. They'd refer to Bartersville. They are only c. 2 mi. apart and separate commu's. No activities around here anymore. Had been salt wells there in the early days. Went dry. The oldtimers only would still refer to the immediate vic. as Saltwell but he never hears anyone mention it by this name anymore. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
SALT WELL (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to J.A. Taylor, 6/19/1878, this prop. po would be 3 mi n of Headquarters, 6 mi sw of Needmore po*(sic), on the n bank of Beaver Creek, only a store. Acc. to Jos. WarburtonTaylor, 4/24/1886, this po as Saltwell was 2 1/8 mi w of Barterville po, 3 1/8 mi w of Headquarters, 3 1/8 mi se of Morningglory po, 50 yds. n of Beaver Creek, vil. of 40. Acc. to M.G. Cook, 1/21/1899, this po was on the n side of Beaver Creek, 3 mi w of Barterville po, 3 1/16 mi se of Barefoot, 3 1/8 mi n of Headquarters. (SLR);
SHAKE RAG (Nicholas Co.): originally a part of Ellisville but in 1878, its residents emphatically denounced any identity with E'veille and called this little suburban community Shake Rag. Named by Wm. C. Craig. "One explanation...was that a housekeeper of the community did not wish to call her husband to the noon-day meal by ringing a bell for fear that all the workmen would come, so she would get on a little knoll in the backyard and shake a white rag in the air to notify him that his meal was prepared." Combo sch-chur. built 1874. Mill there built 1879 by Dan'l T. Morris. (P. 73) By 1882, it had 16 homes, blacksmith shop, 2 stores, wagonshop, cooperage... (P. 74) (Helen Davis Hamm in HIST. OF NICH. CO. 1976).
SHAKERAG (Nicholas Co.): ("Shāk/raegh"), a wide place on the road, 2-3 miles this side of Ellisville. Woman when she wanted her husband to come home from the blacksmith shop, she'd wave a rag from her front door and he'd know it was time for lunch. Not a nickname for Ellisv. Now at the Shakerag site: 1 or 2 homes. Locally referred to by oldtimers as Shakerag--at least those who live in the immediate vic.--but not by younger residents.

...(Col. Roy L. Shannon, 1/18/1979);
SPROUT (Nicholas Co.): On the early Buffalo Trace, at the jct. of the present Myers, Bethe Moorefield, & Milltown Rds. The 1st settler was a Mr. Hawkins who ran a "whiskey shop.

Perrin lists other early settlers... "Viewing a number of sickened drunks and inquiring the name of the place, a stranger of an early date is said to have stated that it looked like a buzzard roost to him. Having not been called by any name before, the name Buzzard Roost was given. Upon applying for a p.o. in 1852, the postmaster to be Andrew W. Shrout, the name Shrout was chosen. (sic) Due to a clerical error, it became Sprout, Ky." .... (HIST. OF NICH. CO., 1976, P. 147); The vice at the Burgesses ran 2 local stores by
SPROUT (Nicholas Co.): p.o. est. as Buzzard Roost, 3/12/1852, Andrew W. Sprout; Disc. 11/2/1861; Re-est. as Sprout, 7/7/82, Millard F. Fuller...Disc. eff. 8/15/1907 (mail to Myers) (NA)  Acc. to legend, local men would congregate at that spot, sitting on a fence. One of their wives would come by and remark to a friend, "Doesn't that look like a bunch of buzzards to you?" a setting there on the fence, passing the jug along. The store there is now called Sprout. (Ralph Shearer, interview, 4/22/1972).
Andrew W. Shrout ne Bourbon Co. 1814 and died in 1907. Wed 1836 to Sarah Ann Highlander. He was the son of Abraham & Sarah Shrout. Abraham (1792-1856) was ne Va. and died in Bourbon Co;
SPROUT (Nicholas Co.): ("Spōwt") or Buzzard Roost ("Buhz/ərd Rūst"). Sprout was named by Jas. Shrout. He petitioned the POD for a PO. The name on the application was misinterpreted as Sprout instead of Shrout. When he noticed this on the cancellation stamp he sent it back and was told to just keep it; they wouldn't change it...Andrew W. was James' bro. Buzzard R. was just a nickname. "The story goes, and I guess it's true, when they used to have traveling drummers going all over the country in a horse and buggy, they'd go from one little town to the other (sic). One day,
there was a drummer come thru there and he noticed a bunch of men sitting on that wood fence that's not there anymore--I remember a plain fence--all lined up, you know, and at that period, several yrs. ago, in the late 1800s--most men wore blue suits or black suits and black hats, black shoes, you know. And he stopped and--there were 5 or 6 of them out there, maybe more, sitting on that wood fence. He asked them what the name of this town was and they told him it didn't have no name--just a vil. with on store and blacksmith shop, and he couldn't get anything out of them. They appeared to
all be drunk (sic)—they used to do a lot of bootlegging there, moonshining—so he looked them over and then saw that the fence was whitewashed, and all of them sitting up there, and he went on down to Myers Sta. next door... they asked him where he'd been. He said 'Well, I come through some place up here; (I) never did find out the name of it. A bunch of people sitting out there on the fence looking like... a bunch buzzards... and that's how Buzzard Roost actually got started. And oldtimers say that(...) I never could find out what the salesman's name was. He was
just passing through...." Informant claims that the po was never called Buzzard Roost only Sprout. Now they call it "over to Roost" for short. Local people do. Or "I'm goin' up (to) the Roost." No store or po left, just a few homes. Used to be 2 count stores there, blacksmith shop, po. PO close in 1912...The Shroult name still identifies the family. Sprout name still applies to the commu. officially and Shroult never in use. Local people know it officially as Sprout, but when asked to identify the
place, they would say "Buzzard Roost". This is the official name as far as they are concerned. A Farming community. (Col. Roy L. Shannon, interview, 1/18/1979);
SPROUT (Nicholas Co., Ky): "Almost nothing remains of this xrsd hamlet with a po on Cassidy Creek & Ky 57, 7 (air) mi e of Carl. Although the name is still officially Sprout, local people have always identified it as Buzzard Roost or simply (The) Roost. The po was est. as Buzzard Roost on 3/12/1852 with Andrew W. Shrout, pm, and disc. in 1861. Acc. to trad., a drummer passing through one day observed some of the local men sitting in a line on a whitewashed fence, all dressed up in the dark sui and hats, passing a jug. When he arrived at the next town he described what he had seen, and said he never did learn what the place was called but
there were these fellers looking like a bunch of buzzards a-roosting on a fence. On July 7, 1882, the po was re-est. as Sprout with Millard F. Fuller as pm. Shrout was the name that Andrew's brother, James had placed on his pet. for a new po but this had been misread as Sprout and the postal officials refused to change it. This po was disc. in 1907. The name Shrout was never used for the community." (Book-P. 280); Acc. to 1850 Census, Andrew Shrout lived in Nieh. Co. and other Shrout families were in Bath Co;
SPROUT (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to Millard F. Fuller 6/26/1882, this prop. po would serve a commu. of Buzzard Roost. Prop. name was McVey. They were asked to select another name. The office would be 3 mi sw of Davidson po, 3 ¼ mi ne of Moorefield po, 5 ¼ mi s of Myers po, 3 mi s of Licking R, and on the e side of Cassidy Creek. (SLR); Perrin said there were Shrout families in N. Co; J.R. McVey, a farmer & trader, had a Moorefield po. address c1882. He was ne Nich. Co. ir 1829. He was son of John McVey, Va-born and to N. Co. as a youth. John marr. Sallie Perrin. John's bro., James fought in the War of 1812 and moved to Indianapolis. JR and family were members of the Xian chu. at Mt. Zion. John too was a trader. (Perrin, 1882, P. 799);
These McVeys lived in Nich. Co., acc. to the 1860 Census: Robert & Susan had separate households in the Moorefield po area, Perine, Wm. ( chỉnh) in Buzzards Roost po area, and Chas in Pleasant Val. Mills po area.
UPPER BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co., Ky): The saw & grist mill here was built in 1862 by Richard Spencer. In 1880 new owners moved it ½ mi up river. (Perrin, P. 436); The vil. of Upper Blue Licks was at the Upper Blue Licks Springs. Had 1 store & po. The po was called Davidson, named for its 1st pm, W.R. Davidson. Several homes and a cooperage. (Ibid., Pp. 437-8); The Upper Blue Licks po was est. 10/1/1805 with John Finley, pm; 2/26/1814, Fielding Belt.... (POR-NA, pre-1930); The Upper Blue Licks Salt Works were est. 1805 at the Upper Spring. "Bottling and barrelling of the water" as a tonic for a no. of disorders in a large bldg. 100 yards from this spring. Shipped to markets all over the country. Sam Clay owned the
springs in the late 19 cent. Flow had weakened to the pt. where, by the 1st WW, it was no longer feasible to exploit it. The Upper Blue Licks were discovered by a party led by Maj. John Finley in July 1773. By lot he acquired the U.B.L. tract and settled there later. Bill Davidson ran the local store. Nothing remains at the site. (Harold Mitchell in 1976 hist. Pp. 141-5); Other postmasters after Belt.... 3/3/1829, David L. Finley; Disc. 6/13/1835; Re-est. 2/5/1866, Abraham L. Shrout; 3/11/1872, A.M. Ryan; 4/21/1873, John Templeman; Disc. 6/30/1873 (NA) Acc. to Mitchell in the 1976 hist., the UBL po had these pm too: John F. Clark in 1864 and A.G. Shrout i 1866. (P. 144);
UPPER BLUE LICKS (DAVIDSON) (Nicholas Co.): UBL discovered 7/1773 by Maj. John Finley, Co Jas. Perry, James Hamilton & Joshua Archer. Finley acquired tract by lot and later moved there and raised his family. He's buried a few hundred yards from the spring... (P. 141) The Upper and Lower BLS produced very pop. mineral water till c.1910. The Upper Blue Licks Salt Works began 1805 and led to a profitable bottling and barrelling of mineral waters by the Natural Blue Lick Water Co. "Flow...began to weaken about 1909..." (Pp. 142-143) Upper Blue Lick's industries: Blue Licks Works (above), gen'l. store, blacksmith shop,
ice house, homes, UBL po. / n.ch. to Davidson po. with W.R. Davidson as pm, 1881...
(P. 144) No bldgs. remain at the UBL site.
(P. 145) (HIST. OF NICH. CO., 1976);

est. 10/1/1805, John Finley; 2/26/14, Fielding Belt; (--)
The UPPER and LOWER BLUE LICKS (Nicholas Co. were named for the salt springs and licks "on the low fossiliferous beds of blue limestone along the Licking River." Discovered in 1773 by Major John Finley & party of surveyors from Pa. Licks are 2 mi. apart. (Ladd, WPA, 1941); Blue Licks (com) is on the Nich-Roberts. Co. line. Old bridge. Sch. & hotel were on the left hand side of the river (sic) Named in pioneer days for the color of the water. DK who named it, maybe the Indian. Blue Lick Park est. 1929 ...(Lucien Roberts interview, 4/16/1978);
WESTON (wehs/tən) and MIRANDA (mə/raen/dee) (Nicholas Co., Ky): Frogtown (frawgh/town), a nick name. "An old doctor there had a farm at Miranda. And in back of his barn he had a big pond and it was always full of frogs and you could hear 'em hollering all the time, day and night. And people got to calling it Frogtown." Miranda was his wife's name and when he applied for a po there he called it Miranda. He couldn't recall the doctor's name. His wife was the 1st pm. Their home is still standing. School has since been torn down. There were also country store, tob. scales, and several homes. The community extended for a mile down the rd. to Weston which was located down at the corner of
Locust Grove and Moorefield Rds, 1/2 mi from Miranda. At Weston was a po, store, and blacksmith shop. Couldn't learn the origin of the Weston name. Now at Weston: only a little gro. and 10 homes at that jct. Hasn't been called Weston in years. Not called anything now but Vices Grocery (vd:s) Few persons even recall the Weston name. Informant's grandfather lived at Weston ca. 1850. (Roy L. Shannon, Lexington, Ky., interview, 1/8/1979);
WESTON (Nicholas Co., Ky): po est. 1/20/1853, Martin B. Smedley; Disc. 10/10/1865; Re-est. 11/9/1865, Jas. E. Quiett; 1/4/1866, Wm. H. Stuart... 12/24/1867, Martin B. Smedley; Disc. 4/4/1863; Re-est. 4/28/1873, Lewis T. Blake; Disc. 9/28/1875 (POR-NA);
Acc. to M.B. Smedley, 12/31/1852, this prop. po would be 3 1/2 mi w of Moorefield, 4 mi e of Carl. po, 6 mi sw of Buzzard Roost po, 5 mi s of Licking R., 4 families in the immediate vic. (SLR); Acc. to 1860 po, Martin B. Smedley had a Weston po address.
Acc. to 1850 Census, Martin B. Smedley was a wagon maker;
WESTON (Nicholas Co., Ky): Acc. to Hodgman's Ky. St. Dir. for 1870-71, here were gen. stores: (1) Berry & Murray, (2) A.B. Brightman, (3) R.L. Moore, and (4) Murray & Co.; Miranda (Frogtown): An effort in the 1830s to make this place a city to be called Berryville. The town was actually laid out and lots were sold but fell victim to the Panic of 1837. (1976 co. hist. P. 33); Acc. to 1850 Census, a Jos. Weston lived in Mason Co. Acc. to 1860 Cens. Thos. Weston lived in Nich. Co. and his mailing address was Blue Licks po;