OLDHAM COUNTY (Ky): The 74th county formed by leg. act of Dec. 15, 1823. Assumed its present boundaries on 3/3/1856. Lost some terri. to the newly formed Trimble Co. in 1837. In Jan. 1833 the part of Oldham Co. east of Floyds Fork was returned to Shelby Co., thus making that stream the dividing line between these two counties; The most notable issue in early Oldham Co. hist. was the est. of the county's perm. seat. It took 14 yrs. (till 1838) to determine this. Until then the seat moved from Westport to LaGrange & back again. In the course of time, 3 sites were voted on and 2 ct. hs's. were authorized (and probably built). The 1st ct. met 2/16/1824 at home of Geo. Varble, and thenceforth in 1824,5. (KY. ANC. Vol. 13(1)
July 1977, P. 27); John Button was ne Va. and came early to Oldham Co., settling betw. Westport & LaG. Vet. of War of 1812. Died 1835 (sic) (Perrin, 6th ed. 1887, P. 796); His dates=1781-1851. and is buried in a pvt. cem. on US 42, east of Smith's Lane. (Acc. to county cem. records;
OLDHAM COUNTY: est. 1824' from parts of Jeff., Shelby, & Henry Co's. The 74th county to be est. in Ky. Named for Col. Wm. Oldham, a Virginian officer in the Rev. Killed in the Ind. campaign on the Wabash R, in 1791 when he commanded a reg't. of Ky. militia in Gen. St. Clair's outfit. (Highway marker at courthouse yard, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1251, P. 279); (pron. "(Oh)l/dəm") (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/78); 190 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1823 from parts of Jeff., Shelby, and Henry Co's. and named for Col. Wm. Oldham, Rev. War vet., who as the commander of a Ky. militia reg. was killed by Indians in the so-called Battle of St. Clair's Defeat in 1791." (Book-P. 219);
OLDHAM COUNTY, KY: Lucien V. Rule was the co's. historian in the early 20 cent and interpreter of co's. trad's. Ne 1871. Pastor of Goshen Pres. Chu. Biographer of Rob Morris, the father of the Eastern Star (1922). Recorded oral hist. from interviews. Several books and numerous news. articles on early co. hist. Ms. hist. of the co. incl. sect. on place names. Wrote several vols. of poetry. In the 1920s moved to Indiana to work to/ prisoner rehab. at the state prisor and wrote hist. of prisons in Ky. & Ind. Hist'c. sketche of O. Co. were serialized in the Oldham Era, the co's. weekly newsp. 3/1921 to 10/1922. (1996 hist. of O. Co. Pp. 147-8);
ALLAN GROVE (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 5/8/1839, Frederick B. Culver; Disc. 3/24/1840 (POR-NA);
BALLARDSVILLE (Oldham Co., Ky): Act to inc. this town was approved by the Ky. Gen'l. Ass. 1/27/1838. Trustees=Leonard Lyon, Wm. Shackelford, Bernard Green, James A. Eckles, and John Fible... (ACTS of the Ky. Gen'l. Ass., 1837/8, P. 98) "This hamlet with evo is centered at the jct. of Ky 22 and 53, 2½ (air) mi sse of LaGrange. The po was est. sometime before 1829 and named for a family of early settlers. It closed in 1903." (Book-P. 13); po est. 1825. (P&G); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this place was 1st settled 1800. Pop. 75. Dr. John Swain, PM & MD. C.E. Barrickman gen. store. Two wagonmakers and other businesses;
BALLARDSVILLE (Oldham Co., Ky): Thos., Addison, & Camder Ballard, sons of Jas. and Isabella (Montagu) Ballard, settled in Oldham Co. Thos. (1789-1865) was appointed among the county's 1st J.P.'s. Addison (1799-1879). Camden (1802-1853) represented the co. in the Ky. Hse. (1838) and Sen. (1843-51). All were native to Spottsylvania Co. Va. (Margaret Morris Bridwell, "Notes on One of the Early Ballard Families of Ky., Incl. the Ballard Massacre" Filson Club Hist. Q. Vol. 13 (1), Jan. 1939, Pp. 1-13, 6); PO est. 1825 with Jas. Goslee, 1st pm. (POR)
BALLARDSVILLE (Jeff. Co.): Old vil. named for the Ballard family of Oldham Co. who had settled in this vic. in the early 19th cent. (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Villages of Oldham Co.", ch. 27, of third part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); (Pron. "B(ae)lardz/v(ih)l") (Theo. Klein, 4/7/78); Est. 1/27/1838 (ACTS, 1837/8, P. 98); in Oldham Co. (Trustees listed...
BALLARDSVILLE (Oldham Co., KY): (See "Notes on one of the Early Ballard Families of Ky. ..." FILSON CLUB HIST. Q. Vol. 13 (1), Jan. 1939, Pp. 1-20, 6) (on file: Shelby-Oldham Co., Ky. Place Names). Acc. to John Swain, 11/1885, this po was one mi w of Floyds Fork, 4 mi s of LaGrange po, 4 mi e of Smithfield po. (SLR); Ballardsville was mentioned by name in an official court action 5/29/1828. (KY. ANC. Vol. 16 (2), Oct. 1980, P. 79);
BELLE ROSE (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 3/19/1866, Thos. M. Hicks, Jr., Disc. 4/30/1868 (POR-NA); Acc. to Thos. M. Hicks, Jr., 3/5/1866, this prop. po would be 4 mi n of LaGrange po, 4 mi s of West Port po (sic), 7 mi e of Oldensburg (sic) po, ¾ mi n of Harrods Creek, 7 mi from Sligo po. (SLR); "Behl Rohz", a school in the vic. of Eighteen Mile Chu. (Thos. Klein, 4/7/1978);
BROWNSBORO (Oldham Co.): ("K(eye)k/n/d(ah)1: Sta/shan") \( \frac{1}{4}=\frac{1}{2} \) mi. nw. of Brownsboro. "There's an old story... that some fellow was traveling with his caravan through the country and he broke down in the Brownsboro area and couldn't get any further and his name was Brown and he settled there. Now that's legend; whether there's truth in that, I d.k." Nothing at the site of the fort now. No one knows the exact site of the fort. Now at B'boro site: a large store, recently built electrical supply house, feed store, 20-25 homes, commu. ctr. & mtg. place. 3 churches. Nearby 2 large quarries are still in operation. (Theo. Klein, 4/7/78);
BROWNSBORO (Oldham Co.): A very old commu. Had a trading post & fort when Geo. R. Clark was commanding the fort at Louisv. The 1st settlement at what became Brownsboro was Kuykendall Sta. which was est. on the banks of Harrod's Creek in 1782. But the site of this fort was "some distance" from present vil. The fort was the 1st settlement in what was to become O. Co. Named for John Brown of Va. who arr. Ky. 1783. He was "a contemporary of" Capt. Wm. Harrod, who commanded the company from the garrison of Louisv. sent out by Gen. Clark in 1782 to est. the fort or 'Station' on Harrod's Creek." Browr was a Ky. Legislator and Mem. of US Cong. He was son of Pres. minister and his wife started the
1st log cabin Sun. Sch. w. of the Alleghenies. Vil. was named years after the fort was est. (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); Acc. to Theophilus Basler, 12/27/1898, the Brownsboro po was 2 mi w of Peru po, 3 mi n of Beards po. (SLR); The Brownsborough po was est in 1824. (P&G); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz. Brownsborough had a pop. of 350 and many businesses;
BROWNSBORO (Oldham Co., Ky): Was called Brownsville in several court actions in 1824-6. (KY. ANC., Vol. Vol. 13 (3), Jan. 1978, P. 122); The act of 1/11/1830 inc. the town of Brownsborough (sic) was repealed by act of 2/7/1840. (Chap. 220, ACTS of GA. 1839/40, P. 137);
BROWNSBORO (Oldham Co.): (pron. "Brownz/ b(uh)r/ə"). Moses Kuykendall, a member of Capt Wm. Harrod's party at the Falls of the Ohio, built a fort nr. Harrods Creek in 1782. One of several forts "forming a ring around the falls.... By 1788, several homes had been est. about the fort." Kuyk. died 1807. He was succeeded as the station's leader by Rev. Wm. Kellar, the Bapt. preacher. "As fear of Indian raids subsided, a trading ctr. began to grow up nearby at a pt. where 2 main roads met, and this became the vil. of Brownsboro. The name (possibly honoring John Brown, Virginia-born statesman & legislator who came to Ky. in 1783) was applied when a po was set up
here in 1827. When a question of relocating the Co. seat (which had been at Westport when Oldham Co. was formed in 1823) came up, the people of Brownsboro vied with Westport & LaGrange in offering 50 acres for a Court site, but they lost out to LaGrange in an election on the issue in 1838. That and being left off a railroad line...in the mid-1850s, were blows which kept B. from progressing as a town. In that period it was a thriving community, with an assortment of commercial & manufacturing enterprises...." Now: community has but one store...po est. 3/26/1827, Jacob Oglesby; succeeded by Willis Oglesby....

1860's: 3 stores.
BROWNSBORO (Oldham Co.): At one time nearly every kind of wearing apparel was made there, incl. hats and shoes and boots. Local carding machine. Saddle shop. Farm implements also made there. The last factory (hats) torn down in the fall of 1921. Vil. declined when the L&N RR bypassed it. Also had a large hotel. Pop. stopping pt. for travelers betw. Louisv. & Cinci. called Callahan's Tavern. (OLDHAM ERA, qtd. by LOUISVILLE TIMES, 3/3/1922); po-est. 10/21/1828, Willis (or Oglesby (or earlier)) ...(by mid 19th cent. it was being spelled Brownsborough... Disc. eff. 1/15/1906 (mail to Beard) (NA);
BROWNSBORO (Oldham Co.): Est. 1/11/1830 (ACT 1830, P. 42), repealed 2/7/1840 (ACTS, 1839/40, P. 137); "Now but a xrds. hamlet ½ mi n of I-7 and 6 (air) mi sw of LaGrange, this was once the co's principal ind. and commercial town. It developed around a trading post and Callahan's Tavern, a stage stop at the jct. of 2 pion. roads. The name, possibly honoring Ky's. first senator, John Brown (1757-1837) was first applied to the po est. on 3/26/1827 with Jacob Oglesby, pm, and was bestowed on the town when it was chartered by the Ky. leg. in 1830. The po was disc. in 1908." (Book-P. 38);
BUCKNER (Oldham Co., Ky): "This vil. with po extends over a mi. along the L&N RR and Ky 146 west from a pt. 1½ mi wsw of LaGrange. It was founded as Buckner's Station on the old Lou. and Frankf. (now L&N) RR sometime before Jan. 1867 when the po of Buckner's Station was est. with Wm. A. Campbell, pm. This became Buckner in 1880. The Buckners were a family of early settlers. (Book-Pp. 39-40); Acc. to W.A. Campbell, 6/14/76, the Buckner po was 3/4 mi n of Curry Fk, 2½ mi ne of Brownsboro Sta. or Peru po, 4 mi sw of LaGrange po, 4 mi e of Brownsb. po, on n side of L&N || Acc. to Ibid., 1/14/81 the local name of this place was Buckners Station and it was 3 mi from Peru po.|| On 8/30/1919, W.S. Leet pet for a site ch. 100 air ft. se. (SLR);
BUCKNER (Oldham Co.): Buckner Sta. was named for a family of Buckners, early settlers of that area. Prominent family. (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); po est. as Buckner's Sta., 1/3/1867, Wm. A. Campbell; ch. to Buckner, 12/13/1880, ibid. . . . (NA); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., its pop. was 100. W. S. Leet was pm, storekeeper, and livestock producer. Another store was owned by W. A. Campbell. Wm. Demply had a sawmill. M. F. Johnson ran hotel. Other businesses incl. a distillery;
BUCKNER (Oldham Co., Ky): Coleman Buckner (1797-1852), John Buckner (1832-1893) and his wife Susan M. are bur. at the cem. at Buckner; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this place had a pop. of 250. Wm. James was pm and storekeeper. Benjamin Callahan had a dist. M.F. Johnson ran hotel. John Russell had a grain and livestock business. John M. Shake was a wagonmaker. Jas. N. Wilhite had another dist. Also a steam-powered sawmill, etc. Name has been changed from Buckner's Station; Nicholas and Thomas Buckner were appointed Jeff. Co. Justices of the Peace 3/1811 and 8/1811, resp., and Haley Buckner, J.P., by Jan. 1808; For Richard A. Buckner see Collins II (Annals, 1829, 1832, 1841); Ballard
Buckner died 1828. (KY. ANC. Vol. 16 (2), Oct. 1980, P. 79);
BUCKNER (Oldham Co.): (Pron. "B(uh)k/ner") The County H.S. is located there. Also 2 lumber co's. started recently. Most of the property there is industrial. Named for Gen. (Coleman?) Buckner; he's buried in the local cem. Buckner's Sta. is on the L&N RR. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978); 460 lot Buckingham Est's is being developed nr. here. (Sheldon Shafer, "Area Growth Adds to Need for Planning" Spec. Oldham Co. Issue of LCJ, 7/17/1978, P. B3:1-62); Rich'd. A. Buckner barely lost to John Breathitt in race for Ky. gov. (Collins II, Annals, 1832);
CAMDEN (Oldham Co., Ky): Hiram Rowe Hays (sic) is buried at the Harrods Creek Cem. at Brownsboro, on Ky. 329. With him are Mary Clore, Hiram Foree, and Hester Allen Hays. But no Wm. Camden. No listing of a Wm. Camden Hays in the county's burial records. Hiram's dates=1832-1910;
CAMDEN (Oldham Co.): Rollington was a very old community, even older than Pewee Valley. (Pron. "R(oh)l/(ih)y/tən"). Not the same as Camden. ("K(ae)m/dæn"). Theo. Klein's home is in the Camden vic. There never was much of a comm. at Camden; just a store & po and some homes. The po bldg. is extant but has been moved back from the road where it had been located and is now a home. Acc. to one acct., it was named for Wm. Camden Hays who was instrumental in founding (or naming) it. Hiram R. Hays was his father. DK of another name for this place. Over 3½ mi. from Rollington, whic is spelled correctly. DK why Rollington was named. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978);
CAMDEN (Oldham Co.): 1st called Rollington. DK how or when the name was given. (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20 1922); po est. as Rollington, 1/21/1831, Edwar Smith (or earlier). Disc. 7/28/1835, Camden po / est. 3/28/1879, Hiram R. Hays...Disc. 4/4/1898 (papers to Beard) (NA); Acc. to Hiram R. Hays, 3/1/1879, this prop. po would be 1 1/2 mi of Beards Sta. po, 1 1/2 mi n of Peru po, 3 mi e of Brownsboro po, 1/2 mi w. of Curry's Fork, on the w side of L&N sta which was called Camden. (SLR);
CEN TREBURG (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 11/7/1839, Thos. Dunaway; 3/31/1840, James Green..Disc. 12/29/1845 (POR-NA); Given as Centerburg in P&G;
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co., Ky): Beard's Station was named for Joe Beard. Acc. to an article in the Oldham Era Beard had come from Fay. Co. in 1839 and settled on 239 acres on Floyds Fk. He called his home on Ky 22, Woodland Cottage. In Oct. 1850 he acquired 2 acres at jct. of Ky 239 and the prop. rr tracks. A warehouse he built there became the local depot. The town was officially est. in 1857. The L&N, which acquired the rr in 1881, built a new depot. Acc. to local resi., Milton Carl Stoess, Sr., 75, the name is apt. The town is on the "crest of a ridge", the dividing ridge between Floyds Fk. & Harrods Creek, and it was then wooded. Inc. as a city in 1970. (Kim Chappell "Crestwoods", LCJ & repro. in A Place in Time, LCJ, 1989, Pp. 144-5);
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co.): 1st called Beard Station for a prominent local family of Beards. "It is said that the brakemen on the Louisv. & Nash. RR trains always sang out 'Whiskers' whenever the next stop was Beard Sta. The story goes that the local population stood this very well, having a keen sense of humor. But when city people began to make this point their summer residence and give to it a greater dignity, they lost relish for the joke and demanded a change. So Beard trimmed its whiskers for good and blossomed out as Crestwood.... Crestwood is hardly at the crest of the gradual ascent of the wooded country round
about. But it is a live and growing village and station." (Lucien W. Rule, "The Towns & Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); Acc. to 1850 Census, Jos. M. Beard (47) lived with his wife Sarah F Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Beard had a pop. of 150. Warren Dennis was pm, storekeeper, rr & expr. agent. Many businesses;
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co.): "Probably the most unusual grounds for changing the name of a town were the reasons that prompted the residents of what is now Crestwood. For many years the incorporated area went by the name of Beards, which in time was corrupted to Whiskers, and that riled the townspeople who in desperation sought relief from the constant taunts by invoking the legislature to change the name of the place to Crestwood." (LCJ, 6/27/1930); post. as Beard's Sta. 7/2/1857, Owen Dorsey. Disc. 11/2/61; Re-est. 2/18/62, Benj. P. Rowe. 1/18/71, Jos. M. Beard...ch. to Beard, 12/13/80 Chancellor M. Crum (who had been pm at B. Sta.) ...n.ch. to Crestwood, 12/9/1909, Wm. A. Runyor. ...(NA); A PO
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co.): Named 1st for the Beard family that owned property in that vic then. One theory of n.ch. is that there was another Beard po in Ky. DK why renamed Crestwood. There's no hist. of the town but it's believed to be fairly old. DK how far back it goes...Chan(cellor) Crum owned quite a lot of property around Camden & betw. C. and Crestwood at one time..DK if the local Beards are descendants of the Beard Sta. namesakes. The Beards owned the store in Pewee Val. and some Beards lived in Floydsb. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978);
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co.): 1st called Beards Sta. for Jos. Beard who gave the land for the sta. Acc. to Miss Adelaide Scott Beard, his gt. granddaughter, at a talk at the Shelby Co. (Hist.-See Ct. Hse., 3/13/1926 (sic), (LOU. HER-POST, 3/7/1926, sic); Acc. to Wm. Campton, 6/14/1876, this po as Beard's Station was serving a commu. known as Beard and was 1½ mi n of Currie's Fk. (sic), 2 mi e of Pewee Val. po, 2½ mi w of Brownsboro Sta. on the rr. 7 Acc. to R.C. Scrimmy (?), 12/1898, this po as Beard was 2½ mi w of Peru po, 50 ft. n of L&N, 2½ mi from co. line. (SLR);
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co., Ky): On 6/8/1914, W.E. Ryan petitioned for a sitecharted 170 air ft. n to a pt. 1 mi w of Curry's Fk., 2 mi n of Pewee Val. po, 2½ mi sw of Glenarm po, 105 ft. n of L&N Sta. called Crestwood, 3 mi e of the co. line. Acc. to C.W. Hardin, 7/22/1939, this po was 2 road and 1 3/4 air mi from the Jeff. Co. line, 50 ft. from Ky 22, 50 ft. from the L&R tracks and 125 ft. from the depot, 1 mi w of Floyds Fork. (SLR);
CRESTWOOD (Oldham Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city with pc is on Ky 22 and 146, contiguous on the sw to the city of Pewee Valley, and 6 (air) mi sw of LaGrange. The po was est. on 7/2/1857 as Beard's Station for Joseph Beard who had donated the land for the local Louisville and Frankfort (now L&N) RR station. After the name was shortened to Beard in 1880, railroad men got to calling the sta. 'Whiskers.' and while old-line residents good-naturedly accepted this, newcomers from Lou. would not. Fearing ridicule, they succeeded in getting the name of the po, sta., and community changed to Crestwood in 1909. No one knows why this inapt name was chosen, for the place is'nardly at the crest of the gradual ascent of the wooded country round about.'" (Book-P. 72);
DEMPLYTOWN (Oldham Co.): Named for a family named Demply. (B.T. Morris in his Report on Controversial Names, submitted to BGN, 3/1961) (Pron. "D(eh)mp/lee/town") A small commu. betw Brownsboro & Buckner. Depressed area of white families now. Maybe a dozen shacks plus a few of the orig. frame houses that are in fairly good shape. Laboring class people. On a blacktopped road. No store. DK when/why so named. Not too old a community: only since WWII. A family of Demplys lived there, incl. Matt Demply and his forebears. They ran a thrashing machine to service area farmers. No other name that he knows of. (Theo. Klein, 4/7/78);
EIGHTEENMILE CREEK (Oldham Co., Ky): Given as two words. The town of Westport is located where it joins the Ohio R. c. 20 mi. from Lou. Town est. c1800. (Helen Fairleigh Giltner, Westport, Lou., 1947, P. 3); joins the Ohio R. just below Westport. Thus probabl c. 18 mi. from Lou. The creek is only 8 mi. long. It joins the Ohio R. 1 mi. above 18mi. I. 18mi. Cr. N. is along the stream, e. of Westport. 18mi. Chu. is 2½ mi. s. of the creek c. 0.4 mi. e. of the jct. of Ky. 53 & US42.
EIGHTEEN-MILE ISLAND (Oldham Co., Ky): (F379
Named for its being 18 miles from Corn Is.
and the center of downtown Louisv. Privatel
owned. A very narrow channel separates it
from the Ky. shore. ("What's Six-Mile Island
Fate?" by John Finley, LCJ, date-?)
FISHER'S TAN YARD (Oldham Co., Ky): po operated from 1826 to 1826. (P&G);
FLOYDSBURG (Oldham Co.): Nr. Crestwood, Ky. A prosperous vill. until the coming of the rr which bypassed it. In 19th.cent., had a pop. of 125, a hotel, meth. chur., 2 MDs, a stores, etc. Flourished 1830-87. More than likely named for John Floyd, the Indian fighter who was killed by the Indians in 1783. Town on or very close to site of Floyd's Ford Sta. which had been named for him. (Chas. F. Hinds, col. "The Human Side of the Library" in ANDERSON NEWS, 1/31/1974, P. 3:1-2). (....)

Cf. Milton Thompson, Sr. of Lexington, descendant of one of the town's founders. 5/12/1822, Eliza Yager...
FLOYDSBURG (Oldham Co.): Named for John Floyd sent by Patrick Henry, etc. in 1774 to search for good land in that area. (KY. A GUIDE TO THE BLUEGRASS STATE, Fed. Writers Proj. of WPA, Ky. c. 1939, U.Ky. reprinted NY: Hastings Hse., 1954, Pp. 347-8); Est. 1/11/1830 (ACTS, 1830, P. 42); po was est. 5/12/1822 with Elijah Yager, 1st pm. (POR-NA);
FLOYDSBURG (Oldham Co.): Once thriving trade ctr. with a pop. of some 150 (in the early 19th cent.) and a tannery, blacksmith shop, shoemakers shop, marble shop, several hotels, stores, MD's & lawyers, p.o. On the main rd. betw. Lou. & Frankf. Named for Col. John Floyd who was killed by Indians in 1783. He is said to have "originated the town by erecting a stockade there sometime around 1780 nr. a large spring that still flows.... In 1774 Floyd had surveyed land in the vic. for Patrick Henry & other prominent Virginians." Decline in pop. result of "decline in
importance of the road that ran thru it, and from being bypassed by the Low-Cin. RR, built a mile away thru what became Crestwood." (.....) Lee Heiman, "The Town and the Chapel" LCJM, 8/15/1958); "This is now a hamle with epo on Ky 1408, 7 (air) mi sw of LaGrange. The po in operation from 1822 to 1861, was named for its location at or near Col. John Floyd's Station. Va-born Floyd (1750-83) was a surveyor and Indian fighter. The town of Floydsburg was chartered by the Ky. leg. in 1830." (Book-P. 104);
FLOYDSBURG (Oldham Co.): Named for Col. John Floyd, an Indian fighter contemporary of Dan'l. Boone. (Lucien V. "The Towns & Villages of Oldham Co." chap. 27 of the 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HIST., a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1933); ("Floydz/berg") Named for Col. John Floyd. Disagreement on the site of his fort. One person asserts that it was ½ mi. from the town-site, others that is right there, at the site of a big spring. Quite a bit of industry there at one time: tannery, etc...Now: only a TV repair shop. The store is gone only this past y: No other businesses. Cem. & chu. DK of any other name. (Theo. Klein, 4/7/1938)
FRAZIERTOWN (Oldham Co.): (Pron. "Fraɪ/ʃər/town") = a colored settlement back of Rollingtown. Now: no stores; just a colored church. DK the origin of the name. It's always been known by this name. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978)
GLENARM (Oldham Co.): Aka Peru at one time and as Brownsboro Sta. ("Gl(eh)n(ah)rm" and "Pa/ru" and "Brownz/b(uh)r/ə Sta/shən") All at the same site. DK why name changes. Glenarm was probably named for a town in Ireland. Telford or his forebears came from Ireland or he named it. cf hist. of the commu. in the Kleins' possession but they couldn't find it at the time of my visit. Brownsb. Sta. where the mail was unloaded for Browns. On the L&N. Brownsboro itself=2 mi. to the west. Now: pallot (ch) factory & 20 or so homes. Store bldg. still standing but the store has been out of business for the past 15-20 yrs. Locally still called Glenarm. (Theo. Klein, 4/7/78)
GLENARM (Oldham Co.): 1st called Brownsboro Sta. n.ch. to Peru when po was est. A local resident, the husband of a Canadian school teacher, had the name changed to Glenarm "for its more picturesque character." (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns & Villages of Oldham Co." chap. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HIST. a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/2/1922); po est. as Brownsboro Sta. 2/26/1862, James Campbell; ch. to Peru, 5/8/62, ibid. ch. to Hazeldell, 4/9/1902, ibid., order rescinded 6/17/02; ch. to Glenarm, 4/27/06, ibid. ... Disc. 11/30/1920 (mail to Crestwood) (NA);
GLENARM (Oldham Co., Ky): Acc. to James Campbell, 6/6/1906, this po was on the s side of Floyds Fk, 2½ mi n of Beard po, 3 mi w of Buckner po, 3 mi s of Brownsboro po, 15 ft. s of L&N, 4 air mi from the co. line. (SLR); Acc to Jas. Campbell, 2/2/1904, this po as Peru was 1 mi s of Currys Fk., 2 mi e of Brownsboro po. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it had a pop. of 25. Jas. Campbell was pm & drgoods storekeeper. Then known as peru;
GLENARM (Oldham Co., Ky): "This settlement with an L&N RR sta. lies at the jct. of the present Ky 146 and Glenarm Rd., \frac{1}{2}\text{ mi} \text{s of I-71 and } 5 \text{ (air)} \text{ mi sw of LaGrange. The po was est. as Brownsboro Station on 2/26/1862 with James Campbell, pm, for the sta. on the old Lou. & Frank RR designed to serve the town of Brownsboro, 2 \text{ mi w. Within 10 weeks, for reasons unknown, the name had been changed to Peru though the station continued to be known as Brownsboro Station. In 1906 both sta. and po adopt the name Glenarm, said to be the suggestion of a Mr. Telford, he or family having come from Glenarm in Co. Antrim, Ireland. The po closed in 1920.}" (Book-P. 116).
GOSHEN (Oldham Co.)—The land which the Israelites inhabited in Egypt is described in the Bible chiefly as a country for sheep, though other products are also implied. On this scanty evidence, early Americans began to apply the name for commendatory reasons to places which they believed to have rich soil, or so wished others to believe..." Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 184); Saltillo for the Mex. city occupied by Americans during the Mex. War. Several Am. towns given this name soon afterwards. (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 421);
GOSHEN (Oldham Co., Ky): Acc. to B.F. Magruder, 12/23, 1898, this po was 1½ mi s of Ohio R., 1½ mi n of Harrods Creek, 4 mi e of Prospect po, 4½ mi s of Sky-light po. Acc. to A.T. Wilhoyte, 7/26/1939, this po was 150 ft. n of US 42, 14 rail mi sw of LaGrange, 3 mi e of the Ohio R., 1½ mi w of Harrods Creek. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., its pop. was 45. B.F. Magruder was pm and gen. storekeeper. Mrs. Samuel Snowden had a flour mill. R. Taylor was wagonmaker. Other businesses; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., its pop. was 40. M.A. Shrader was pm and gen. storekeeper. This was then an inc. city. Other businesses;
GOSHEN (Oldham Co.): Saltillo was est. in 1849 and named for the Battle of Buena Vista in the Mex. War. Col. Wm. Duerson commanded a regiment of Harmony Landing militia in Zachary Taylor's army. "The move of the post was caused by the building of the plank road from Louisv. to Skylight. However mail was sent to Harmony Landing by boat then to Saltillo by courier until the railroad was built to Sandhill, now Prospect in 1876." (Wallace T. Hood, letter to me, 7/8/1980);
GOSHEN: (Oldham Co.): Goshen PO is on site of old sta. built c.1798, nr. the 1st site of the Goshen Pres. Chu. This site became po during the Mex. War "when po was moved from Harmony Landing." (SOUVENIR PROG. GOSHEN-SKY-LIGHT DAY, Goshen, Ky. 5/21/1966, sponsored by Oldham Co. Hist. Soc.); Harm. Indg. at least by 1795 or '6. (Ibid.); Many river side residents moved inland in the 1830s+ due to controversy over land titles and to escape river-front lawlessness. Resettled at the crossroads on the route betw. Brownsboro & the landing... (Ibid.);
GOSHEN (Oldham Co.): Commu. est. around a Pres. Church in the woods in 1825. Nearest po was, for years, 3 mi. away on the Ohio R. at Harmony Landing. Several homes and a blacksmith shop were built around the church and when the po was moved from Harmony Landing to Goshen it was renamed Saltillo for the popular name Saltillo at the time of the Mex. War. Later n.ch. again to Goshen; both po and vill. adopted the name of the church. (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns & Vil. of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922);
GOSHEN (Oldham Co.): (pron. "Gh(oh)/shən" and "S(əh)l/t(əh)l/oh"). DK why the church was so named. Harmony Landing was a boat landing on the Ohio R. but is now the site of a country club. DK how close to the landing site the CC is. DK why the po was moved from H.L. site to Goshen. DK if Saltillo & Goshen sites were the same. Now: store, po, chur., a no. of homes. Wm. Belknap, a very wealthy man with much land in the Goshen vic., named his farm "Land'o' Goshen". He owned several thousand acres at one time....(Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/78);
GOSHEN (Oldham Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po on US 42 9½ (air) mi w of LaGrange, grew up around and was namec for a Pres. chu. est. there in 1825 by the Rev. Gideon Blackburn. The commu. was founded in 1849 and first called Saltillo for the city in n. Mexico near which the Mex. War battle of Buena Vista was fought in 1847. The po est. in 1833 at Harmony Landing 2½ mi e on the Ohio R., was relocated here in 1851 as Goshen. George R. Stewart has written of the Biblical antecedent: 'The land which the Israelites inhabited in Egypt is described in the Bible chiefly as a country for sheep though other products are also implied. On this scanty evidence, early Americans began to apply the name for commenadatory reasons to places which they believed to have rich soil, or so wished others to believe...!" (Book-P. 120):
HARMONY LANDING (Oldham Co.): Was named by Capt. Thos. Trigg and his bro. Dan'l. Trigg & his bro.-in-law Jas. Duerson, c1790. They were ancestors of informant. H.L. is on the Ohio R., 14 mi. above the Falls. The Triggs & Duersons left their home in Spottsylvania Co., Va. in 1789, traveled to the Mongahalia River, built flatboats, loaded them with household articles, domestic animals & slaves for the long journey down the 2 rivers. Below Marrietta (sic) they were met by marauding bands of Indians until they reached the small settlement of Westport, Ky. The rest of the journey was quite harmonious;
hence the name Harmony Landing. H.L. is located on land purchased by Wm. Trigg, father of Thos. & Dan'l. Trigg and Mary Trigg Duerson from the heirs of Hugh Merce. It contained 1050 acres. The writer, a 3 times great (grand) son of Wm. Trigg still owns 167 acres of the orig. track (sic). H. Landing made a rapid groth (sic), by 181 it contained a store, 2 warehouses, blacksmith shop, cobblershop, some 40 inhabitan -a thriving river port. Decline set in the 1840(s). (sic) The po was moved 2½ mi. inland to Saltillo in 1849. Leading landowne
were Triggs, Duertons, Col. Francis Snowden, Thos. Crutchfield, J.S. Crutchfield, Gabriel Barbour, Andrew Steele, Jas. Barrac. Harmony continued as a river port into the 1920s then lapsed into oblivion until 1964 when it experienced a revival. Now it boasts 4 commercial enterprises—2 boat buildings and repairing yard and shops. Goshen Utilities—water, propane gas, Martin—Marietta plant, sand & gravel mining & processing operation. Harmony Village is a real estate dev. (on the river) below H.L. There are about 160 homes. Harmony Landing.
Country Club is on the table land above the Landing. Harmony Lake is a subdivision 2 mi. from the Landing with some 200 homes." (Wallace T. Hood, Prospect, Ky., in a letter to me, 7/8/1980);
HARMONY VILLAGE (Oldham Co.): A subdivision now. ("H(ah)r/mən/ee V(ih)l/ədʒ") Nr. the Country Club. Name derived from that of Harmony Landing but dk why the latter was so named. The latter was a landing on the Ohio R. cf Wallace Hood. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978);
HINKLESBURG (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 1/9/1851, Richard Clove; n. ch. to Cloves Depot 10/13/1851, Ibid., 12/9/1852, J.H. Young; 7/21/1853, Richard Clove; Disc. 12/31/1853 (POR-NA); Could Clove's Depot have been Clore's Depot? Richard Clore (1815-?) is bur. on Zaring Rd. in Brownsboro; Acc. to 1850 Census, Richard C. Clore (35) lived with wife Narcissa (27). He was a farmer; The Clores were a large and prominent family centered on Brownsboro. They are descendants of 6 Clore bros. who came from Va. and first settled at the Falls. Then moved to the Brownsboro area. (Rule, Chap. 27 of Part III); Abraham Clore died 1826. (KY. ANC. Vol 15 (4), April 1980, P. 212);
\[\checkmark \text{KELLY'S LANDING (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 3/2/1852, John Kelly; Disc. 2/23/1853 (POR-NA);}\]
LAFAYETTEVILLE (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 2/3/1827, M.R. Overstreet; Disc. 1829. (POR-NA);
LAGRANGE (Oldham Co., Ky): "This fourth class city & seat of Oldham Co. is on I-71, Ky. 53 and 146, and the L&N RR, 20 mi ene of downtown Lou. In 1827 Maj. Wm. Berry Taylor's offer of this xrds. site for the relocation of the co's. seat from Westport was accepted. A town was then created and named by Taylor for the country estate in France of Gen. LaFayette with whom he had been impressed on the Frenchman's visit to the area in 1824. In March 1828, for some reason, the seat was returned to Westport where it remained until 1838 when LaGrange was again, this time permanently, made the co's. seat. The LaGrange po was est. on 12/1, 1828, with Thos. Berry, pm."") (Book-P. 164);
LaGRANGE (Oldham Co., Ky): was named by Maj. Wm. Berry Taylor for LaFayette's estate in France. Was founded on his land. He donated the site for the court house. (Alice Elizabeth Taylor, "'Spring Hill," Oldham Co., Ky. REG. of the KHS, Vol. 18, May 1920, Pp. 23ff (24)....);
LAGRANGE (Oldham Co.): (pron. "La/ghrand.j")

Was founded by Col. Wm. Taylor, big landown­er at that site. Before the co. seat was est. there, it was a xrds settlement. Named for the estate of LaFayette who visited his friend Taylor in 1824 (ch. date). DK who the 1st settlers were of that vic. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978);
LAGRANGE (Oldham Co., Ky): Centered at the jct. of Ky 53 and 146, just nw of I-71. Orig. xrds. site was owne by Maj. Wm. Berry Taylor which he "offered" to bring the co's. seat from Westport "to a more central location." The town was founded and named by him for LaFayette's country estate. Inc. 1840. Some recent commu. dev't. came with the completion of I-71 just s of town. Nr. several Ky. correctional facilities. 4th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 3850. (Ron Bryant, Ky. Ency. 1992, P. 530);
LaGRANGE (Oldham Co.): Named for the country residence of Gen. LaFayette in 1824 during his visit to the county. It replaced Westport as the county seat following the election of 6/1827. The town was founded by Col. Wm. Taylor, (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HISTORY, a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); po est. 12/8/1828, Thos. Berry (or earlier)...(NA); Inc. 1/23/1840 (ACTS, 1839/40, P. 90); 1827 (APO)
LAGRANGE (Oldham Co.): 1st referred to simply as THE CROSS ROADS, the jct. of the Louisv.-New Castle and the Westport-Shelbyv. Rds. Maj. Wm. Berry Taylor offered land for the co's seat there in 1827 and town was est. at that time. From 1823 the seat had been at Westport. In an election Taylor's land was chosen for its more central location. Named for the estate of Gen. LaFayette who visited his friend, Maj. Taylor in 1824. (sic) Inc. as city in 1840. Maj. Taylor settled in vic. in 1796. Was the home of Rob Morris, the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star. The DeHaven Mem. Bapt. Chu. est. there in 1802. ...(Hist'l. brochure put out by the Oldham Co. His. Soc. for "LaGrange Day" a souvenir prog. 10/19/1963):
LAGRANGE (Oldham Co., Ky.): Est. c. 1824 about the time Lafayette made his last visit to US. "Wherever he went he was accompanied by a guard of honor composed of prominent citizens of the community. On the journey from Louisville to Frankfort through Shelby County, one of the Shelby Co. men composing the guard was William Denby Taylor, of Spring Hill, now known as Ballardsville. Mr. Taylor subsequently attended a ball in honor of the distinguished visitor and was so impressed with him that when Oldham County was established he gave the land for the present Court House Square, which was then the junction of the Shelbyville, Westport, Louisville, and New Castle Pikes. Mr. Taylor was
later asked to name the new county seat, whereupon he suggested 'Lagrange' in honor of the general's country estate in France."

LYNCHBURG (Oldham Co., Ky): po. in operation from 1824 to 1826. (P&G); [Check if this is in present Oldham Co.]

This was a controversial place. Many claim this town never existed. But it was recorded in old co. ct. minutes that a place with this name was designated the 1st seat of Oldham Co. But opposition arose. John Button had deeded land there to the co. for its seat and this was accepted by the co. trustees. When opposition was voiced the seat was moved to Westport, and tho' the town was never built its name was placed on the mail route. Since no court proceedings were ever held there, one might not be able to claim that it was actually the co's. 1st seat. They were held in Geo. Varble's home nearby. Site: close to US 42 and not far from 18 Mi. Chu. Nothing at site now but John Button's grave. DK why so named. (Theo. Klein, 4/7/78)
LYNCHBURG (Oldham Co., Ky): So known at least by Dec. 1824 when Thomas Elley (sic) submitted his resignation to the co. court as a trustee of that town. (KY. ANC. Vol. 14 (2), Oct. 1978, P. 79); On 6/1/24 commissioners (listed) who had been appointed by act of leg. (12/15/1823) to locate "the most convenient and suitable place for the permanent seat of justice ...recommended that a town be called Lynchburg be est on fifty acres of John Button's farm adjoining George Varble." Trustees of this town were thence appointed. These were: Rich'd. Oglesby, Rich'd. Barbour, Thos. T. Barbour, Thos. Elley, and Smith Felps. (Ibid., Vol. 13 (3), Jan. 1978, P. 122);
MAGNESIA SPRINGS (Oldham Co.): ("M(ae)g/nee/\nSpr(ih)gz") At one time a resort with hote
but it burned shortly after the turn of the
Buckner and LaGrange on the e. side of the rr
Big hotel. Watering place. Mineral water.
Didnt operate very long; in existence only a
short while and then burned and that was the
end of it. Now: big greenhouse est. nr. Anita
Springs but not the same. A.S. is current.
A few homes in the M.S. area. Never a po. Loc
people now probably wouldnt refer to their ho
by this name. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/78
MOUNT TABOR CEMETERY (Oldham Co.): Buried here are famed film director, D.W. Griffith and his father, Col. Jacob Griffith. In front of the Mount Tabor Methodist Church, at Centerfield, is a bronze commemorative plaque honoring the director. (Jos. Oglesby, 416 Belgravia Ct., Louisville, Ky., in a letter to the editor of the LCJ, 11/25/1979, P. D2:2-3)
OLDHAM (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 3/30/1880, Wm. G. Foree; 10/11/1880, Richard C. Varble....Disc. 1939 (POR NA); Acc. to Wm. R. Callis, 2/2/1904, this po was on the Ohio R., ¼ mi sw of Pattons Creek. In Jan. 1907, Russaw L. Miller pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi s to a pt. n of LaGrange, 3 mi sw of Jennings po, 1½ mi s of Ohio R. on Eighteenmile Creek. No vil. (SLR); A landing on the Ohio R. above Westport. (Rule, chap. 27 of Part III);
OLDHAMBURGH (Oldham Co., Ky): Acc. to Philip Tyler, 5/15/1868, this po was 1½ mi s of Ohio R., 2½ mi n of Harrods Creek. (SLR); Acc. to John Willis Barrackman, 2/7/1887, the po as Skylight would serve the Oldhamburgh commu. The lst name prop. for it was Ruby and it would be 4 mi w of Westport po, 4 mi e of Goshen po, 1¼ mi s of Ohio R., 2 mi n of Harrods Creek, vil. of 100. (SLR) Acc. to 1896 Gaz., it had a pop. of 50. Dr. W.J.M. Smyser was pm and gen. storekeeper. Kerlin Bros. gen. store. Weyler and Thirwell had flour mill. R.M. Davis was wagonmaker. Commu. then called Skylight;
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co.): inc. 3/14/1870 (AC 1869/70, Vol. 2, P. 327); Which Smith founded the town has long been a matter of debate. Thos. Smith, a Lex. newsp. publisher who is said to have moved to Oldham Co. in the early 1850s has long been given credit, incl. that in a hiway marker put up by KHS in 1956. But, acc. to Katie Smith of Pewee Val., there are no records in the co. ct. hse. that any Thos. Smith owned land in the vic. at the time the town was founded. But his wife, Annette did, and they both probably lived there. Rather she credits Henry S. Smith with the town's establishment. Henry arr. in Oldham Co. 1805 with his father Michael and other family members
They settled in the P.V. vic. and Michael eventually became one of the area's major landowners. By 1836, Henry had acquired most of his land. In 1856 Henry laid out the town on his land....By 1870 town had po, rr sta., sch. and 5 chu's. Inc. 1870. Henry's dates=1802-1883. In 1976 the KHS revised it marker to credit the town's founding to Henry. (The Pewee Valley name was applied to the PO in 1856) At that time the rr sta. was called Smith's Sta. for Charles Franklin Smith, the town's 1st pm. Katie Smith recalls the legend of the naming of P.V. When a group of men were trying to decide on a
name for the town, someone suggested that they name it for the wood pewees "so common to the area" but she dk why the "valley" part of the name was applied since it's not in a valley..... ("Early Days of Pewee Valley" THE OLDHAM ERA, by Paul Gottbrath, 10/14/1976, P. 2c:1-8);
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co.): (Pron. "Pee/wee\nV(ae)l/ee"). Name is a misnomer; there's no valley here. Controversy as to which Smith it was named for. There are 2 Smith families, th families of Harry and Tom. The descendants of one claimed it was her people who had founded the town; the other faction said it was there Klein dk. The state had put up a marker there crediting one of these Smiths and then had to change it to credit the other: "The story goes that they were looking (for a name)---they wanted to change it from Smith Sta. ("Sm(ihn)th Stä/shan") and they were looking for a name. And they heard this little bird---pewee--hollerin' and they called it Pewee.
Valley. They just added the valley to it to make it sound good, I guess, for there's no valley there...." (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978); Harrl's was the more well-to-do family; did much land developing so it seems more logical that it was named for him. DK which Smith called the meeting or when. DK Chas. Smith, the 1st pm. PV was a high class resort area at one time with a college, a bi hotel which later became the old Confederate Home which burned. After most of the old soldiers died, it was abandoned as a home... Most of the college had burned too... Actually there were 2 colleges at P.V. The other was on the other side of town. (Ibid.)
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., it had a pop. of 550. H.M. Woodruff was pm and storekeeper. Inc. city. Other businesses; A new depot was built in 1867 and housed the store and po and was an early commu. ctr. Henry Smith, in 1866, acquired 220 acres e. of the tracks and laid out the town there. It was inc. as P.V. Earliest residents were wealthy Louisvillians on country estates. (Angela Struck, "Pewee Valley" LCJ and repro. in A Place in Times (The Story of Louisville's Neighborhoods), LCJ, 1989, Pp. 152-F. Smith died 2/28/1887, age 59, and is buried with his father Henry (1802-1883) in the P.V. Cem;
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co.): Founded in 1852 by Tom Smith. Until post C.W. was called Smith's Sta. for Smith who owned gen. store & was sta. agent for the L&N. His relative, Harry Smith influential in having rr built thru and he also laid out town. In 1875, wealthy families from Louisv. began to move in and build fashionable homes. Became a "socially restricted" ngbrd. They considered the S.S. name undesirable. "A group of the trustees of the town one day was trying to decide upon a proper name for the town. During their indecision a tiny brown bird perched itself upon the outside of the window and chipped, 'pewee, pewee.' 'There is the
name for the town,' spoke one of the trustees. Whereupon, the name of the bird was accepted and adopted. At this time the neighborhood abounded with pewee birds. Pewee Valley was chosen for the name in spite of the fact that the locality is 600 feet higher than the leve of Louisv. All the older residents agree upon the bird story as having been the origin of the name of the town." The home of Mrs. Anni Fellows Johnston, the author of children's stores. (....) ("Live Towns Around Louisville" LOUISV. HERALD, 8/13/1922-? in LFPL, clipping file box "Cities":A/917.69ci, Anchorage 2);
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co.): PO est. 2/8/1856, Chas. F. Smith...11/23/58, Thos. Smith; Disc. 2/15/61; Re-est. 3/1/61, Thos. Smith...Disc. 11/2/61; Re-est. 11/26/61, Luther Howard... (NA); Named for the singing pewee bird. "There is a story to the effect that when the people were discussing what name to give their vill., this little bird flew over them and they adopted the name....We have an impression that John J. Audubon, the naturalist, made many researches around this section of the forest long ago and wrote about this little bird species that gave the name to Pewee Vall." (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HIST. A COPY OF WHICH WAS SENT TO Wm. G. Steel, 5/21
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co.): 1st pm=Charles Franklin Smith who was also then station agent for the L&F RR. His dates=died 2/28/1887, age 59. He was the son of Henry S. Smith (12/4/1802-3/18/1883). (Katie S. (Mrs. John S., Jr.) Smith, THE LAND OF THE LITTLE COLONEL: PEWEE VALLEY, 1975, in KHS); Acc. to a ms. bio. of Henry S. Smith by Mrs. Smith, in 1856 he sold 1 acre to the L&F RR for a section house. Ten yrs. later he bought 220 acres on the s. side of the track and laid out section of town. P.V. was inc. by the Ky. G.A. 3/1870. Henry was appointed a trustee....Henry was probably born in Mad. Co., Va. & came to Jeff. Co., Ky. with his parents & a child (child).
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co., Ky.) "...the scene of Anna Fellows Johnson's immortal 'Little Colonel' stories, was originally called Smith Station. After all the Smith family died, except the great educator, Noble Butler Smith, the story goes that he called a town meeting for the purpose of giving the community a new name. The meeting resulted in a considerable difference of opinion and there was much heated argument. At the height of the dispute a flock of 'pewee' birds alighted just outside the windows and began to chatter noisily. The resemblance of the din to that of the meeting itself struck several of those present, good humor was restored and the name Pewee Valley was adopted." (RRSouth, L&NMAG, 7/49, P. 20)
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co.): c. 17 mi. from Louisv. on the road to LaGrange. The home of the fictitious Little Col., character of childrens book by Annie Fellows Johnston. Founded & named 3/1870. Town fathers met at Tuliphurst, house still standing. "Just as the name for the newborn town was being discussed a little gray pewee bird sounded its plaintiff call and everybody agreed that it had christened the settlement." Before this, the site was known as Smith's Sta. (P. 25) The "Valley" ending is curious since the town is on a high ridge. (Pp. 25-6). Smith was Col. Thos. Smith, Vet. of Battle of River Raisin, a Virginian who traded in cotton, sugar, & coffee in N.O. (....)(P. 26). ("Pewee Comes of Age" by Cary
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co., Ky.)

"In the days of the woodburning locomotive, Pewee Valley was known by the prosaic name of Smith's Station, and as the town expanded, there was much argument relative to changing its name. Finally, acc. to trad., a chipper little pewee settled the matter by sticking out his bill while the argument was going on, and shrilly and insistently repeating—'pewee' Pewee,' so often that the startled gentlemen who were arguing under the tree in which he was perched said, 'That settles it, Pewee Valley it will be.'" (Helen Randolph "Pioneers Put Drama into Kentucky Names" LCJ (date=?)"
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham County, Ky.) (F152s)
"Originally called Smith's Station in 1852, the name was changed to honor the many phoebes or pewees in the area. The pewee or phoebe is a small American flycatcher." (Quimby, SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 257.); "Setting of famous 'Little Colonel' and other stories by Annie Fellows Johnston who lived at 'The Beeches,' ½ m. nw. from 1912 to her death in 1931. Pewee Valley founded as summer suburban-Louisville commu. in 1852 by Col. Thomas Smith." (Highway marker at the old L&N Depot there, acc. to GUIDE, No. 208 P. 34);
PEWEE VALLEY (Oldham Co., Ky): "This 5th cl. city with po lies just short of the Jeff. Co. line and 7½ mi sw of LaGrange. Which Smith is to be credited with founding the town in 1852 and giving his name to Smith's Sta on the Lou. & Frankf. (now L&N) RR. by which the place was first known, has long been a matter of debate. It may have been Thos. Smith, a Va-born vet. of the War of 1812, who was a local storekeeper and sta. agent, or it may have been Henry S. Smith (1802-83), the son of a pion. settler, who is said to have laid out the town in 1856 on land he had earlier acquired from his father. The po was est. as Pewee Valley on 2/8/1856, with Henry's son Charles Franklin Smith as pm. The
story goes that when the town fathers were considering a name for this po, the distinctive call of a wood pewee (or phoebe), a bird common to the area, was heard and everyone agreed that this would make a dandy name. Yet no one has since been able to explain the 'Valley' part of the name since the town lies on a ridge. In a more romantic vein, it may be recounted that, at the height of a rather spirited debate over the name, 'a flock of pewee birds alighted just outside the windows and began to chatter noisily. The resemblance of the din to that of the meeting itself struck several of those present. Good humor was restored and the name was adopted.' The town was inc. in 1870." (Book-P. 231);
ROLLINGTON (Oldham Co.): Now at that site: just a few homes, maybe 8-10 of them and not in good shape. Nothing at Camden except a few homes. No store. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978); Could Camden have been named for Camden Ballard (1802-1853), ne Spottsylvania Co., Va. who rep. Gal. Co in Ky. Hse. (1838) and Ky. Sen. (1843-51)? Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Camden had a pop. of 40. R. Close had gen. store. H. R. Hays had gen. store. A. C. McMakin had flour mill; No Rolling or Rowling families are listed in co. cem. records; po est. as Bowlington and given in this order in pre-1830 POR. Est. 7/21/1831 with Edward Smith 1st pm. Disc. 1835;
ROLLINGTON (Oldham Co., Ky): "Small settlement centered on the present Rollington Rd." Michael Smith, ca. 1810, had a farm here and was among the first settlers. This settlement is shown on G.T. Bergmann's 1858 map of Jeff. Co. with ca. doz. bldgs. incl. tavern, sawmill, sch. & chu. 1½ mi. from Smith's Sta. (Angela Struck "Pewee Valley" LCJ and repro. in A Place in Time LCJ, 1989, P. 152);
ROWLINGTON (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 1/21/1831, Edward Smith; 2/5/1834, John P. Douthit; Disc. 7/28/1835 (POR-NA);
SALTILLO (Oldham Co.): is on road betw. Transylvania and Tippecanoe and is ese of Harmony. It's about the head of Pond Creek about due w of LaGrange. All these places so identified on the 1863 military map of Ky. & Tenn. in the KHS Map Coll'n. Dr. 36.
SKYLIGHT (Oldham Co.): po est. 4/6/1888, John W. Barrackman...disc. eff. 5/15/1925 (mail to Prospect); 1st called Tippecanoe to honor Wm. Henry Harrison in his pres. campaign of 1840. Later it was called Oldenburg. Renamed by the POD...(Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns' and Villages of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HIST. a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); Oldenburg p.o. est. 2/7/1854, Wm. Ladd, Jr. ...Disc. 11/8/1865; Re-est. 1/19/66, Philip R. Taylor...Disc. 8/29/1870 (NA); John Willis Barrickman (sic) did not have a wife, mother, or child named Ruby;
SKYLIGHT (Oldham Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo on US 42, 7 (air) mi wnw of LaGrange, is believed to have been first called Tippecanoe by early residents who had served with Wm. Henry Harrison in his Indian campaigns. On Feb. 7, 1854, the po was est. as Oldhamburg, probably for the county, with Wm. Ladd, Jr., pm. This was disc. in 1870, but when another po was opened to serve the commu. in 1888, it was given the name Skylight. No one seems to know why this name was selected, but a story is told of how 'a group of residents were meeting on a very stormy day when a lady, looking out the window, observed "how light the sky seems to be getting."' The Skylight po closed in 1925 (Book-Pp. 272-73);"
SKYLIGHT (Oldham Co.): 1st settlement in area was Hall's Landing in 1792 on Ohio R., c 1 mi. from Skylight; it was a trad. post & ferry. Tippecanoe appeared c. 1812 because the river began losing its importance and several of the then residents had served with Gen. Harrison in the Battle of T. Several immis. of the German state of Oldhamburg settled in this area c. or before 1842. The commu. might have been named by them for their home state or for the county. No one knows. N.ch. to Skylight in 1885. No one knows why. "A group of residents were meeting on a very stormy day when a lady in the group looked out of the window and said how Skylight
is. (sic)." First settlers: Madison Adams, Wm. Barrackman (sic), C.L. Hall, Capt. Has. B. Talifferro (sic), H.L. Geuignne (?), Commodore Rich'd. Taylor, M.C. Bondurant. Present boundaries: on th w. by Shiloh & Guytons Mill Rd., on the e. by Harrods Creek, on the n. by Greenhaven Lane, Wilborne Lane. Now at Skylight: sch. antique shop, agri-business store, Bapt. & Meth. chu's., PO closed c.1928. (Wallace T. Hood, Prospect po, letter to me, 7/8/1980);
SKYLIGHT (Oldham Co.): (Pron: "Sk(ah)\textcircled{ eye} / l(ah)\textcircled{ eye} t") aka Oldhamburg ("(Oh)ld/ \textcircled{ em}/berg") at one time. DK if Tippecanoe name was ever applied to this place. DK why name changes. cf Wallace Hood, a local farme: and one of the oldest residents in the co. He can tell me a lot about this area and the boat landings and mills on the Ohio R. In his late 70s. Address: Mayo Lane, Prospect, Ky. (off US42) He can tell me more about the than anyone else in the county. (Theo. Klein interview, 4/7/1978);
WESTPORT (Oldham Co.): At the confluence of Eighteen Mile Creek & the Ohio R. 300 acres granted to Elijah Craig on a Treasury Warrant on 5/22/1780. A notice in the Ky. Gazette, 9/1796 by Jos. Dupuy (sic) & Hémon Bowman re-their intent to est. town at site & soliciting interest in purchase of lots to be created there. They then purchased the land from Craig (P.3) On 11/26/96, another ad in Gaz. indicating the sale by auction of lots in the town of Liberty. It's believed the sale was deferr-ed till 4/6/97. Another ad 6/7/97 gave the nam as Westport. DK why n.ch. "Acc. to W.C. Barrickman, "the latter name was probably
chosen because of the road 'to be continued on to the Illinois country' (a public road from Shelbyville to Westport site). It was literally a port to the northwest. Mr. Barrickman also writes that in 1800 a ferry was operated from Westport across the Ohio R. by Levi Boyer." The 300 acre tract was purchased by D. & B. in 6/1797 (acc. to record of deed in Shelby Co. Deed Book C, P. 29) Public Landing, warehouse built in 1800. Shipping pt. for area farm products to N.O. ...(P.4) Settlement and early growth slow till the coming of steamboat to increase river traffic...(P.5) PO est. 1815 with Hugh
Lucky (or Luckie) as pm. (P.5),...Westport chosen as co. seat of new co. 12/1823 by Act of G.A....(P.6) Election 4/1827 to choose perm. seat. Majority voted for relocation to crossroads nr. Edward M. Taylor's home on land owned by Wm. Taylor. Commu. would be known as Legrange (sic) (acc. to Order Book I, P. 278) Ct. held there 7/27 to 3/28. Then for some reason returned to W. where continued to meet until 1838 when by a 2nd elect. mandate (on 6/23/38) it was again moved to LaGrange (sic) in 7/38...(P.8) Peak of prosperity in the 1830s and '40s. Decline after
rr thru LaG. with decline in river traffic...
(P. 13. c. 20 mi. from Lou. (P. 14) .... (WESTPORT, by Helen Fairleigh Giltner, Lou, 1947, 16 pp.);
WESTPORT (Oldham Co.): 1st called Liberty.

"In 9/1796, Jos. Daping & Harmon Bowman, both of whom owned land at the mouth of Eighteen Mi. (Creek). advertised in the Ky. Gazette...their purpose to lay off the town of Liberty, at the mouth of Eighteen-Mile Creek on the Ohio River,..." (W.C. Barrickman in (La Grange) Oldham Era, date unkn. repro. in LOU. TIMES, 2/12/1942);

Steamboat landing and river port. Once county seat. Busy place with 8 stores, flour mill, slaughterhouse during 19 cent. peak. With the coming of the rr, riverboating declined. RR cam thru LaGrange. Co. seat moved to LaG. Old ct. hse. was converted to chur. for all faiths, ultimately only the Meth. ("The Forgotten Towns by F.W. Woolsey, CJ&T MAG. 10/6/1968; Pp. 28, 32
WESTPORT (Oldham Co.): It was recorded in the old Co. Ct. minutes that a town to be called Lynchburg was designated as the 1st seat of newly est. Oldham Co. John Button had deeded land to the co. for this purpose. Was accepted by the Trustees. When opposition was voiced, the seat was moved to Westport. Many claim that Lynchburg never actually existed as a town, that it was never built. However, it was recorded on the mail route. There's been quite a dispute whether one could claim that it was actually the 1st seat or not because no ct. proceedings were ever held there. Rather they were held in Geo. Varble's house
close to the Lynchb. site. The site is close to US42, not far from Eighteen Mile Chu. There's nothing at the site now. John Button's grave is there. DK why it was named Lynchb.

Westport: (pron. "W(eh)st/p(aw)rt"). 1st called Liberty. The seat was switched back & forth betw. W. and LaGrange several times. "When the rr came thru LaG. that pretty well clinched it." DK when or why the name was changed. Two opposing political factions were responsible for moving the co. seat twice. Now: 1 store, po, boat landing, 15-20 homes. No industry. A boat builder there at one time but no longer in operation. At one time it
was quite an industrial town with factories and mills in the midst of a good farming area. (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/1978);
WESTPORT (Oldham Co.): 1st called Liberty. On 1780 grant to Elijah Craig. Levi Boyer ran a ferry there c.1800. Named for the fact that it served as a port to the west, especially Ill. Terr. Thriving port in the steamboat era for farm products. The 1st seat of Oldham Co., 1828-1838 but for 9 mos. in 1827. (Highway marker at jct. Ky. 53/524, acc. to GUIDE, P. 154, No. 509 po est. as West Port, 4/1/1816, Hugh F. Luckee ....by mid 19th cent. was spelled as one word ....(NA); One of the oldest river towns on the Ohio. Early a "promising rival of Louisv." 1st seat of Oldham Co., 1823. Declined in import. when rr "drew travel and traffic away from the river." (Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns & Vill. of Oldham Co." ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM
WESTPORT (Oldham Co.): c. 85 families, on the Ohio R. The only busi.=Jim Chambers gen. store which houses the po and also serves gas. He is the pm too. "Once the center of a thriving river trade...Then it was swept away in an Ohio R. flood nearly a cent. ago." (Bob Johnson, "Subdivided--Oldham Struggles with Rapid Growth" LCJ, 7/17/1978, Pp. Al:1-6 and 6:1-6); inc. 2/19/64 (Acts 1863/4, P 353). See Littells Laws of Ky. Vol. 2, P. 408 for the Act of 2/17/1800 for Westport....
WESTPORT (Oldham Co., Ky): "This is now a hamlet with po on the Ohio R., 6½ (air) mi nw of LaGrange. The town is said to have been founded in 1797 by Joseph Dupuy and Harmon Bowman and may first have been called Liberty. It was known as Westport by June 1797, a reference to its earliest aspirations as a port to the west, i.e. the then Northwest Territory. The po was est. on 4/1/1816 with Hugh Luckie, pm (sic). Westport was chosen as the seat of the new county in 1823. In July 1827 the seat was temporarily relocated at what became LaGrange but by March 1828 it had returned to Westport where it remained until 1838 when it was finally removed to LaGrange." (Book-P. 314);
WESTPORT (Oldham Co., Ky): Acc. to Hellen (?) E.S. Jennings, 2/2/1904, this po was 1/8 mi e of Ohio R., 1/2 mi e of Eighteenmile Creek, 8 mi w of LaGrange po. On 2/3/1930, Sarah E. Ashbrook pet. for a site ch. 150 air yds. s to a pt. 9 mi nw of LaGrange po, eff. 11/14/1929. (SLR); West Port and West Port (C.H.) po was est. 1815. Given as Westport in 3rd book. (P&G); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., its pop. was 200. Three stores, flour mill, hotel, wagonmaker, etc; On 12/12/1799 the Ky. G.A. authorized the inspection of tobacco, hemp, and flour on the lands of Jos. Dupuy at Westport, to be called Westport; References to the ct. hse. at Westport and also one at LaGrange (2/20/26) (see Ct. Order Book #1, Pp. 176, 293, 372, 379, 383) (Acc.
WHEELER'S STORE (Oldham Co., Ky): po est. 1/3/1833, John Wheeler; Disc. 3/15/1834 (POR-NA);
WORTH (Oldham County, Ky): Allen W. Brown, Worth storekeeper, was ne 2/8/1850, son of Jackson J. (an Oldham Co. native) and Elmira (Sharp) (nee Tenn.) Brown. [Jackson was the 3rd pm. of Centreburg.] His father was ne NC and came to Ky in 1802, settling 1/2 mi. w of Worth and was a farmer and distiller. From 1868 to 1872 AWB worked in a flour/saw mill nr. Brownsboro. He opened a store in Worth in 1872. (Perrin, 6th ed., 1887, P. 767); No Worths are listed in Oldham Co. cem. records;
WORTH (Oldham Co.): po est. as Centrefield, 2/18/1850, Martin Demoss. Disc. 9/18/71; Re-est. as Worth, 3/16/1883(?), Allen W. Brown... (NA); Originally called Centrefield. DK how old it is. Mt. Tabor Meth. Chur. is there.

(Lucien V. Rule, "The Towns and Vill. of O. Co' ch. 27 of 3rd part of his OLDHAM CO. HIST. a copy of which was sent to Wm. G. Steel, 5/20/1922); Disc. 1903 (P+9); David W. Griffith, who died in 1948, is "buried in family(cem.)...at Centerfield" where he grew up. (Heiman); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., W.E. Lan was pm and storekeeper. Neal and Brown had another gen. store; A.W. Brown (1850-1889) is bur. in Mt. Tabor Meth Chu. Cem. at Centerfield;
WORTH (Oldham Co., Ky): Acc. to Martin Demoss, 5/23/1868, the Centrefield po was ½ mi s of Curry's Fork, 4 mi w of Ballardsv. po, 4 mi from Peru po. (SLR); Acc. to Allen Worth Brown, 3/8/1883, Centrefield was crossec out and Worth was approved as the po. It was 4 mi w of Beards po, 4 mi w of Ballardsv. po, ½ mi s of Currys Fk. Vil. of 50. Acc. to A.W. Brown, 11/1883, the local name was Centrefield and the po was ½ mi s of Currys Fk, 4½ mi e of Buckner, 5 mi s of LaGrange, 4 mi from Beard and Ballardsv. po's. Acc. to Marshall Neal, 12/29/1898, the local name was Centerfield (sic) and it was ½ mi s of Currys Fork. No move. (SLR);
WORTH (Oldham Co.): Once called Centerfield. (Pron. "Werth" and "S(eh)nt/er/feeld"). A nc only, not a ch. in site. DK why 1st called Centerfield nor when/by whom 1st settled nor why called Worth. No connection with nearby Worthington in Jeff. Co. Now: Convenient Food Market & other stores, a no. of homes, quite a large settlement. . . . Surrounding area has been built up in new subdivisions with hundreds of homes. Now called Centerfield locally rather than Worth. The name was re-changed in the 20th cent. cf book by Preacher Allen, just after the CW, for he refers to the commu. . . . (Theo. Klein, interview, 4/7/78)
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