PIKE COUNTY (Ky): Act of the Ky. GA establishing the county was approved 12/19/1821. The 1st court met on 3/4/1822. A Bill to create a new county out of the huge Floyd Co was drawn up by Spencer Adkins & Rep. James Stratton and intro. in the Leg. Enacted into law when signed by Gov. on 12/19/1821. The justices appointed by the gov. were directed by the act to meet at home of Spencer Adkins at The Forks, nr. the present Millard on the 1st Mon. in March 1822 to initiate the structure of the co. govt. 1st ct. met 3/4/1822. Adkins became co. ct. clerk. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 133-4);
Pike Co., Ky's easternmost Co. In the E. Ky. coalfields reg'n. 785 sq. mi. of land area. Largest co. in Ky. 1986 esti. pop. of 83,600
Pikeville, the seat, had a 1984 esti. pop. of 5613. 143 mi. se of Lex. E. City is 23 air miles se of Pikew. 1984 esti. pop. of 1568;
PIKE COUNTY (Ky.): Ky's largest county in area. Also its "largest underground bituminous coal-producing county, with one of the largest bituminous coal fields in the nation, most of it still untapped." (Art Ehrenstrom, "Pins Economic Hopes on River-Diversion Project" LCJ, 8/21/1974, Pp. 1,8, 8:3);
ABBY BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK (of Peter Creek)
(Pike Co., Ky): Said to have been named for the widow Abigail Coleman, generally known as Abby. This may have been the Abigail Coleman who acquired land grants for c. 100 acres in there in 1832. She may have had a daughter who was also called Abigail, for a younger Abigail Coleman, nee ca. 1821, was living there in 1850 with two children Mary J. & Tolbert. (Geraldine F. Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989)
Abel Tackett (sic) (7/27/1833 in Pike Co. to 11/30/1907), son of Wm. "Bucky" & Sarah (nee Caudill) Tackett. (cf Mr. Juble Tackett, C-4 Box 600', Pikeyv., Ky) (E.KY. Vol. 17 (3), Dec 1981, cover);

ABNER MT. (Floyd-Pike intercounty feature, Ky.): Along with Abner Fk. (Floyd Co.) named for Abner Caudill who lived there in 1850. (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, letter to me, 4/14/1989); DK who named for. Probably a local man, early. (Lawrence Newsom of Rob Crk., Ky. and C.E. Tackett, Wales, Ky., interviews, 7/29/1989); Abner Caudill was the son of Matthew Caudill and Sarah Webb, ne c. 1797 in S.C. To Floyd Co. before 12/1814 when he was marr. to Ellender (Nellie) Johnson. (Isaac Little geneal. P. 6); He acquired land on Left Fk. Beaver; Floyd Co. in the 1840s and 1850s. (Jillson, 1971, I)
ABNER MOUNTAIN (Floyd-Pike intercounty feat. Abner Caudill appointed surveyor of the road on Beaver Creek. (Floyd Co. Court Book 2, Aug. 18, 1817);
ABNERS FORK OF FERRELL CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
James D. Belcher acquired 130 acres here in
1870. (Book 79, P. 468 and book 80, P. 107)
(Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1023);
James Rowe acquired 57½ acres on Abner Fork
(1/6/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 105) and Chas. Rowe
acquired 100 acres on Abners Fk. of Ferrells
(1/7/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 392) (Jillson, 1971, Pp
1650-1); and Chas. acquired 100 acres on Abner
Fork of Road Creek (10/3/1870) (Bk. 79, P. 496
(Ibid., P. 1651); and Leonard B. Rowe acquired
52½ acres on Abners Fk. (4/7/1905) (Bk. 121, P
478) (Ibid);
No Abner Belchers listed in 1850-1870 Census-
ADAMS BRANCH of Elkhorn Creek (Pike Co., Ky c. 6 mi. up the creek. Early called Mack's Branch, on old deed books. Named for Marti Adams, 1st settler. (Source: Ralph Childers 73, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts) Named for local families. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
ADAMS HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): On Brushy Creek was named for Elgon Adams, a Confed. soldier, killed by 'bushwackers' on April 23, 1863... Adams and Robt. Jackson, and another man... on furlow, were on their way from Johns Creek back to the N. Va. Army, and were making their way up Brushy Creek. Jackson warned the other two to avoid going up the valley (Jackson taking the ridge between Brushy Creek and Wolf Creek). Ignoring the warning Adams and the other man went on up the val. Adams had pulled his shoes off, and was drinking from a spring, near the mouth of Adams Hol.... Walter Caines was plowing nearby, and heard the 'bushwackers'
shooting. Adams was killed, and the other man fled across the mt. into Martin Co. Adam was laid in an old house for three days, below the Adams Hol...." (R.B. Maynard, "His Notes" col. App. Express, date unknown-ch. c. 1978)

I cant locate not on any maps
ADD HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Hackney Branch of Dicks Fork (of Feds Creek) in the Hurley 15 min. top. map (1915);
Winston Adkins acquired 25 acres in 1859 on Adkins Br. of (Book 58, P. 94) (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 957)
AFLEX (Pike Co.): (Pron. "A/f1(eh)x") On the Tug River. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 3/16/1916, Walter P. Beale...10/10/1919, Wm. S. Leckie...(NA); Derived from the name of the pres. of a coal mining operation there, Mr. A.F. Leckie. (E.W. Mellekan, asst. pm, Aflex, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 9/21/1923); Leckie Collieries Co., Wm. Leckie=Superintendent. c1921; "This coal town extends along Ky. 292 and up Cutler Hol., on the Tug Fk., just above Williamson and 17 mi. ne of Pikev. The po was est. 3/16/1916 with Walter P. Beale, pm, and, like the town, was named for A.F. Leckie, pres. of the Leckie Collieries there." (Book-P. 2); which owned the coal mines.
AFLEX (Pike Co., Ky): Pet. 11/11/1915 by W.B. Beale. Prop. name was Beale (presumably for him) and this name was also to be applied to the rr sta. Mining town. (Site location reports); Not the same company as that which owned Leckieville, which was the Pond Creek Collieries, owned by the N&W RR. Aflex was owned by Bailey Fuel Co. but dk if before or after Leckie arrived. The two Leckies may have been brothers, but check. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
AIL BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): is spelling on published maps. Probably should be Ali ("el/lai") for Ali Farley. (Virginia Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 7/22/1989); Ali may have been the first Farley in there. Same pron. The branch was owned by the old Farleys. He pron. it Ail. (Herbert Farley, Blackberry Creek, interview, 7/22/1989); Aly, Thos. G., John P., and James H. Farley were the sons of Sam'l. Farley. The latter died in 1876. (Will Book B, P. 103); Where the Farleys live. Above Tobe Farley's home. Tobe was bro. of McGinnis and lived at the mouth of stream and had a sawmill there.
Pron. Ale so the sp. is correct. DK who named for. Never called Ali. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); Ali Farley lived on top of Blackberry Mt. and owned the land on Blackberry Fork of Pond. His bro., Lewis, moved to Blackberry Creek and owned the Ail Br., DK why called this or if it was named for Ali Farley. DK who Ali's father was. Ali was bro. of informant's grandmother, Nancy (nee Farley) who married Andy Scott. (Ibid.);
ALKA (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 7/29/1907, John Blanton, order rescinded 2/8/1908; 3/18/1908 James M. Coleman; 9/13/1910, Perry J. Adkins ... 4/9/1914, Thos. J. Robinson; Disc. 3/31/1921 (mail to Greasy Creek); Re-est. 5/6/1924, Fred Coleman; 12/6/1924, acting, Thos. H. Hall; 3/11/1926, James M. Coleman... (NA)
1.2 mi. up Greasy Creek (sw) from the Greasy Creek PO; disc. 10/15/1935 (mail to Greasy Creek); Pet. by Thos. J. Robinson 12/29/1914 for po 3 rd. mi. s. of Sutton & the C&O track at Ward on the Levisa Fk. and 44 ft., from Greasy Cr. On 12/7/1933 Kelsie Casebolt pet. for move to a pt. 2200 ft. ne of the present po, that is to a pt. 5 mi. se of the Levisa, on of Greasy Cr. 13/13 mi. sw of Green.
The Alka name was brought in by officials of McKinney Steel or Paragon-Elkhorn Coal Co. which est. the mines in there. (Albert Bartle; interview, 9/23/1989);
ALLEGHENY (Pike Co., Ky): coal camp whose po
was Manco. Extinct. Co. left and people moved
The mining op. there was first called Pike
Mines. Local people recall that it was early
owned by T.J. Mitchell and was called Mitchel
J.L. Morgan was Mitchell's superintendent.
Acc. to Lloyd Stanley (ne Hellier 1943, grand
son of Nelse Sanders who hauled supplies for
Allegheny), Kilgore Hol. or Staggerweed Hol.
were behind the clubhouse. (cf to him....)
("Allegheny--A Commu. that is no More" Pikev.
Allegheny Mine (Region 15 M. Top. 1915)
ALLEGHENY (Pike Co., Ky.) Probably named for the Allegheny Mts. (Lon B. Rogers, 2/27/89, letter); Alleghany is the spelling given in the SLR. Manco was selected instead. (Site Location Report); sp. Alleghany on 1952 st. highway map. ½ mi. w. of Greenough and 1.3 m. w of Hellier, at the forks. (Ibid.);

"I prefer the spelling Allegheny although most people spell it Alleghany." Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13 1989);
MANCO (Pike Co.): (pron. "M(ae)k'oh") It might refer to a manufacturing company, an artificial-sounding name. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 8/9/1920, Lenna G. Lyons... (NA) Manufacturers Coal & Coke Co. c1925; Disc. 8/15/1935 (mail to Hellier); Was c. 1 mi. below Allegheny, on Marrowbone, ¼ mi. above Greenough (Bob Sweeney, 12/15/1988); at MANCO c. 1929

On 2/14/1920 Lenna Lyons pet. for po to be named Alleghany to serve the coal camp called Alleghany, 25 ft. from the Alleghany RR Sta. and on the w side of the C&O tracks, 100 ft. w of Cassell Fk. of Marrowbone Cr., 1 mi. s. of Hellier. (Site Location Rept.).
MANCO (Pike Co., Ky): This name was also applied to the station on the Marrowbone Subdiv. of the Big Sandy Div. of the C&O RR. This was the sta. for the Allegheny coal mine & camp. (C&O sta. guide, 1930); In 1920 the Manufacturers Coal & Coke Co. operated a mine called Allegheny at Allegheny Sta, 1.8 mi. above Greenough and used the Hellier PO. (1921 C&O stat. guide); The Manco PO was in the Allegheny store where the rr train stopped. Never heard of Beddow. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
ALLEN BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek): (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Wm. & Mary Allen who settled on the upper Left Fk. in the 1850s aka sometimes as Bill Allen Hollow. Some descendants still live in Paw Paw & Knox Creek area. (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27 1989);
ALLEY BRANCH OF ROAD FORK (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Paul Alley Br. on the Williamson 15 min. top. map (1915); Acc. to 1850 Census Paul Alley (51), Va-born minister lived with wife Rebecca and son Peter (etc) (24) in the midst of John Burgett, Orison Lowe & John Stepp on Big Cr. and John Williamson (28) & Benj. Williamson (70), and near Thos. Chapman (69) and Wm. Slater (35) and Clay Ferrell (29); and Benjamin Alley (21) and wife Eliz. (22) lived next to Allen Tailor and nr. John & Absolem Young & Hiram Blankenship (also 1850 Census); Paul Alley was age 62 in the 1860 Census;
Paul Alley was born 1798 on Clinch R., Va. and died 1865 on Middle Fk. of Rockcastle Creek in Martin Co. He married Rebecca, daughter of Benj. Williamson and Lucretia Scott Williamson. Rebecca (1805-1863) was born on Rock House Fk. of Big Creek. The Williamsons lived at the mouth of Rock House. (On a section of Benjamin's farm.) Paul & Rebecca settled a little way up Rock House on a sect. of Benj. farm. There Peter, their son, was born in 1826.Shortly afterwards, the Alleys bought a farm on the Ky. side of the Tug, 5 mi. below the future Williamson, W. Va. and they came to own all of Hurricane Creek. Paul was a
preacher: Bapt. then Chu. of Christ. Rebecca died 1863 and was buried at Point Truth, just below the mouth of Hurricane. DK why that was so named. There maybe a family story there. During the CW, the Alleys moved to Martin Co. Peter & his bros. returned to Hurricane after the war. Peter (1826-1909) Peter & his family (wife was Sarah Stanley) lived at the mouth c Hurricane, 5 mi. below Williamson. (Data from Jos. Alley, in Virginia Miller Carey & Garnet Alley Hampton, ALLEY HIGHLIGHTS: YESTERDAY FOR TOMORROW, 1983, Pp. 29-30, 45.) (In Ky. Geneal. Soc. Arch., Frankfort)
Paul Alley lived and had a store on the east side of Brushy Fork, just above the site of the future Piso PO and below Fluty Branch. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989);
ADAMS BRANCH (Am's Branch) (of Left Fork)
(Given as Ams Branch on a state highway map)
(Pike Co.) (F735) 37°16'15"(lat), 82°39'45" (Long); This is mistakenly given as Adam's Branch. It was named for Ammerson Mullins, early settler. (Acc. to Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974, from Leonard Roberts); From F. S. in a letter to me, 3/4/89; Adams family, in KY.
Maybe a mapper misunderstood the name that was told him. Definitely an error. Adamses have lived on Pettys (or Riddles) Fk. and Bucklick (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky.; interview, 4/8/1989);
ANDERSON BRANCH (Of Elkhorn Creek) (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°13'30" (Lat), 82°33' (Long); Settled by Tom Anderson, a migrant from N.C., c. 1800. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Robert c. ½ mi. long, extends SE into Elkhorn Creek at the Upper Elkhorn Creek School, 1 mi. NE of Shelby Gap PO. Acc. to Alvin Anderson, a long term resi. of the branch, the Andersons lived in the val. His father told him that, in his time, there was a large blacksmith shop at its mouth which may have given it the alternative name of Shop Branch but that for the past 40 yrs. it's been called Anderson Branch. He is a farmer whose po address is now Shelby Gap.
Anderson


* Also in 1840
The Andersons on Elkhorn Creek were descended from Charles Anderson, Sr., ne the 1780s in SC. To Pike Co., Ky. before 1820. (Dorcas Hobbs, "App. Ancestors" App. Xpress, 12/10/78, P. Bl:1); Had heard it called Shop Br., acc. to Morgan Anderson; now called Anderson for a local family that has been there for years. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/1989); Chas. Anderson acquired 50 acres (Sycamore Creek in 1844. (Book 18, P. 42) (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 973);
ANDERSON CEM. (Pike Co., Ky): at the mouth of Jimmy's Creek, nr. Regina PO. A family cem. The earliest and oldest was Sidney John Anderson (1/15/1858-3/24/1924) (PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1983 HIST'L. PAPERS #5, P. 49);
ARNOLD FORK (of Indian Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189s #98-027) 37°20'30" (Lat), 82°37' (Long); Though given as Arnold on the map, local people call it Anderson Fork. No apparent reason. (Leonard Roberts); Why Arnold, Anderson? Should be Anderson Fork, the home of Hiriam Anderson (sic) who purchased this land for a gun and a dog. (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, Ky., letter, 4/14/1989); Given as Hiram in 1860 Census, age 35. No known relative named Arnold; Named for a large family that lived there, maybe Hiram Anderson's. DK why it has been given as Arnold on maps. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/89);
Named for Will or Hiram Anderson families over 150 years ago. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
ANDREWS BR. OF BIG BRANCH (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): aka Fleming Maynard Branch for Fleming Maynard who lived at its mouth some 50 yrs. ago. Unin. now. His father, Jordan Maynard, lived above it, at the mouth of Fletcher Br. DK why called Andrews. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); Above confirmed by Crit Blackburn (interview, 8/8/89); (Pron. "Djer/dʒən") Jordan was drowned in Big Branch. Flem. Maynard owned the branch. Kenny Maynard was his son and Flem's daddy was Jordan. The cem. there is the Flem Maynard Cem or the Jordan Maynard Cem. DK why called Andrews. (Ibid.);
Flem Maynard (6/15/1870-7/17/1945), son of Jordon & Vina Nichols Maynard, lived on Big Branch of Brushy Fk. with his wife Victoria Belle (James) Maynard. Then they moved to nr. the mouth of Brushy where they lived until they died. (Maynard book, P. 206). Flem had a son named Kennie Maynard who was ne 4/9/1899. (Ibid., P. 207); No Andrew(s) in their family (Acc. to Ibid.);
ANDY AKERS BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co)

1/4 mi. above Caledonia Kinney Br., a n. side branch. Named for an old resident. 1/2 mi. below Will Newsom Branch. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); 1/2 mi. below Newsom (Phenia) Br. (Ibid.);

No listing of an Andy Akers in the area, in 1880-1910 Censuses;
ANDY BRANCH OF GRAPEMINE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Andy Reynolds, Alex's brother. (check on this)....
PIKE GOLF COURSE (Pike Co.) (F466c) (#98-971)
37°26' Lat, 82°29' Long, Bought and converted to a cemetery, now the Anna O. Young Cem. (Leonard Roberts);

Rest Haven Cem. (F466c) (#121-052), 37°25'15" (Lat), 82°29' (Long); Re-named Anna O. Young Cem. (Ibid.); 2 Separate Cem.'s.
ANTIC' BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): Philip Hopkins acquired 32 acres here which were surveyed 11/4/1880 (Book 99, P. 433) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1355); DK of it. (Law. Newsom & Oma/Robt. Branham, interview, 7/29/1989);
APPLE ORCHARD BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): named for a large apple orchard. The bottom is on Brushy Fk., above Spankum Br. In 1815 this bottom was cleared by Jas. Maynard (the NC-born pioneer settler of area) who built his home there. The James Montraville Lowe place was 4 mi. below the forks of Brushy and is now called the Arthur Maynard farm. (R.B. Maynard, The Maynards of E.Ky., P. 4);
APPLE ORCHARD BR. OF BRUSHY CREEK Named for a large apple orchard there. APPLE ORCHARD CHU. ("The Maynards of E. Ky." by R.B. Maynard, etal., Pike Co. Hist. Soc. 1979, p. 4); Apple Orchard Chu. of Reg'l. Baptists was org. in 1868 in James Maynard's 2 story log house on Brushy. (R.B. Maynard "Hist'l. Notes' col. in the App. Exp. date-?) Later he said it was org. in 1858 and this is correct; ½ mi. below (NE of) the Heenan Po. site. on Spankum Br. of Brushy. Until 1906, a log bldg. in the Brushy bottom just above Spankum and across the rd. from the present A.O. Chu. (Maynard, "App. Notes" APP. XPR. 3/28/79, B3: 1-6); Hist'1.
The chu. was first called the Brushy Fork Church. No Apple Orchard Branch as such: this was Spankum Br. (R.B. Maynard, Brushy Fork, Pike Co., interview, 7/15/1989); Never heard of an Apple Orchard Branch. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
ARGO (Pike Co.): Acc. to 1952 Pike Co. highway map, it is 1.9 mi. NW of Bill Sta., on the rr. At that time, Fishtrap po was on US 460, at the mouth of Jonican Branch; PO when est. 1906 was located at the mouth of Middle Elk Creek of Knox Creek. This was then also known as Middle Elk Sta. of the Big Sandy & Cumb. RR. This sta. is now known as Bill Siding. The N&W RR built a new rr siding at Middle Elk. Named for Argo Starch. The Shepherd Mem. (Pres.) Chu. built in 1896 was ½ mi. ____? Middle Elk ____? (illeg.) The Argo po was moved to its present site in
1936. Reason: discontinued and re-est. Argo commu. is coal mining--deep mining and truck mining. Some farming, (PM, Argo, Ky., in a letter to me, 12/1/1980); Disc. 6/30/1986
ARGO (Pike Co.) (F338) 37°28'45" (Lat), 82°24' (Long). DPO named for Argo Starch, c1907. (Acc. to Bob Sweeney, 11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); (pron. "(ah)r/goh") nr. McCarr. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 7/13/1906, Eli Hurley...(NA): On Knox Creek, 7 mi. from Phelps. Shepherd Mem. (Pres.) Church was built there in 1896. A mission and day school served the area....("The Phelps Matthew T. Scott Acad" by Anna Dotson Pinson, in 150 YEARS OF PIKE CO. KY., 1822-1972, Sesquicent. Issue, Pike Co. His Soc., Vol. 1, 1972, Pp. 33-5.)
ARGO (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with post is on Ky. 194 and Knox Creek, at the mouth of Camp Creek, 23 mi. e. of Pikev. The post est. 7/13/1906 with Eli Hurley, pm, is said to have been named for Argo starch. It was first located 1 1/2 mi. down Knox Cr., a trib. of the Tug Fk., at the mouth of Middle Elk Cr., at what was then called Middle Elk Sta. of the Big Sandy & Cumb. (now N&W) RR. This sta. is now called Big Siding. The po was moved to its present site in 1936."

(source: PM, Argo, 1980) (Book, P. 7)
ARROW (Pike Co., Ky): coal camp(?) probably on Barrenshe Cr., 2½ mi. s of Freeburn and just ne of Phelps. Shown only on Rand McN. 1970 map and no others; The Turkey Gap Coal & Coke Co. camp and store was at Arrow, 1914-1917;
ASHCAMP (Pike Co.): Allegedly Indians had camped there to make sugar. It was named for the ashes left by their camp, c10 mi. up Elk­horn Creek. (Source: Ralph Childers, 73, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts, Pikevill Coll.); "This hamlet with po is centered at the jct. of Ky. 195 and 197, at the mouth of Ashcamp Br. of Elkhorn Cr., 14½ mi. sse of Pikev. The stream and the po, est. as Ash Camp on 9/13/1870 with Geo. Barclay, pm, were probably named for the ashes found there by early settlers who attributed them to an old Indian campsite, or possibly to a pioneer potash-producing operation at the site or to
the many local ash trees which, before the turn of the cent., gave rise to a fairly large-scale logging operation there." (Book P. 8);
ASHCAMP (Pike Co., Ky.) Geo. Barclay was pm when po est. 9/13/1870. Noah Sykes was pm 7/11/1872. (Acc. to the National Archives); (Pron."(Ae)sh/k(ae)mp") There are a lot of ashtrees in the area and barrel staves to be used in whiskey barrels were made from these. This site was the gathering place for persons loading these staves for shipment by wagon. dk when. The Ritter Lumber Co. was operated by H.D. McElintock who was a grad. of Center Coll. He was probably responsible for producing those barrel staves c. the 1st ten yrs. or so of the 20 cent. of the Ritter Co. in the book, MEET VIRGINIA'S
BABY by Sutherland (a hist. of Buchanan Co., Va. which Mrs. Powell has a copy of) fmrm (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);

ride war the wagon shipping pt. for stoves
ASHCAMP (Pike Co, Ky.) 7 mi's. on Elkhorn Cr. at the mouth of Ashcamp Creek and up that cr. There used to be a logging company there and a store at the mouth of the creek. A huge ash tree was located at the logging camp. This was in the 1880s or '90s. Acc. to PCC student, John S. O' Quinn of Ashcamp whose great grandfather, P.H. Wood, built the store early in the 20th century. (check—was he the first pm? John doesn't know) He was postmaster, tho, for 40 yrs. He was succeeded by John's grandfather, Elster Smith who lived there since 1920. Smith had married Wood's daughter. The above had been told to John by his late great-grandmother who died about 6 years ago and would have been in...
her 90s by now. She remembered the ashtree and logging camp as a child. Today: still a p.o. in the store, a garage, about 40 homes for 75 pop. mostly retired coal miners who used to work at the Henry Clay for the Blue Diamond Mine Co. The present pm is John's grandfather, age 65. People go to Elkhorn City, Pikeville, and Pound for shopping. Future: better homes being built on Elkhorn Creek and at the mouth of Ashcamp Cr. So it has a future. New mine on Elkhorn Cr. est. by Bethlehem Steel. Most of the people living at that section of Elkhorn Creek work there. (Interview with student, who now lives in P'burg while attending school, at office 3/8/71.)
ASHCAMP (Pike Co.): po est. as Ash Camp (sic) 9/13/1870, Geo. Barclay...Disc. eff. 8/15/1922 (mail to Hellier); Re-est. 8/16/23, Alvin Sanders...(NA); Elster Smith was acting pm, 5/7/1926; 8/31/1926, Pleas Wood...(NA). May have been named for "the ash produced by the early industry of burning trees for potash." (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 24); Named for the ashes found there allegedly from an old Indian camp site. (Source: Victoria Anderson; 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts);
ASH CAMP BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co.): Silas Ratliff, Jr. acquired 50 acres on it, surveyed 2/15/1844 (Bk. 14 P. 217) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1620); Identified as Ash Camp Creek 5/5/1825 (Jillson, P. 223);
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ASHCAMP REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH' (Pike Co., Ky)
Org. 6/20/1914 as Ash Camp Chu. at Ash Camp.
Alex Ratliff gave the land. Named by Bro.
Harrison Ratliff, Deacon. Until it was est.
the commu. had been served by the Pine Grove
Chu. of Jesus Christ Reg. Bapt. Chu. at Look-
Chu." in Pike Co. 1822-1977 Hist'l. Papers
#3, 1977, Pp. 62-73);
ATKINS BRANCH OF Pond Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Now known as Runyon Branch. aka Ad's Branch of Pond Creek (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Doesn't recall the Atkins man's name; he lived there. Used to be called Pinson Fk. Hol. (?) (Ibid.); No Adkins families were living on Pond Cr. 1850-1870 Censuses;
ATKINS BR. OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Probably named for a local family. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989);
RUNYON BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Tho' shown on published maps as Adkins Branch (probably for a family), which was apparently its orig. name, it is now locally referred to as Runyon for the several Runyons who have lived on it for many years. Notably "Big John" Runyon who lived at its mouth and on the lower side of the branch, just above the site of the present Runyon Ele. Sch. He was son of Asa Harmon Runyon who moved to Boyd Co. c. 1883. (Clyde Runyon, letter, 2/23/1989); Asa A. Runyan (sic) acquired 50 acres on a fork of Adkins Fk. (3/25/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 220) (Jillson, 197: P. 1653); Lewis G. Runyan acquired 250 acres
on Runyans Branch (sic) (11/20/1865) (Bk. 71, P. 36) (Ibid., P. 1653); DK who Adkins was. Runyons Br. name derived from Big John (Runyon) and his family who lived at its mouth. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
B.F. JOHNSON SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F735)
37°15'45" (Lat), 82°39'30" (Long); Est. 1915.
1 rm. frame bldg. on property of B.F. Johnson.
Disc. 1967. Bldg. then used for 2 yrs. for a
kindergarten. Torn down 1970 and property was
reverted back to heirs of B.F.'s son, G.F.
Johnson. (From Opal Mullins, last tchr. of
school, 10/16/1974, acc. to Leonard Roberts);
BAD FORK OF ROCKHOUSE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Aptly named. Until 1955 when Jas. L. Ratliff and Mumaw Coleman put a mine in there and upgraded the road, one couldn't drive in there safely. Never called Plymel Br. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
BAILEY BRANCH (of Right Fork of Long Fork...)
(Pike Co.) (F735) 37°16'45" (lat), 82°42' (Long
Named for Bailey Johnson, early settler. He
was from the "Short Johnson Set". This branch
formally known as Sebastin (sic-ch.) Branch, some 76-100 yrs. ago) Sebastin (sic) Johnson
was 1st settler on the branch and at that time
it was named for him. After his death, his son
Bailey inherited the property at the mouth of
the branch and lived there. It then became
known as Bailey Branch. (From Arlin Johnson, a
relative of Bailey & Sebastin Johnson, 10/16/
1974, acc. to Leonard Roberts);
Sebastian Johnson (33) and his wife Mary had a 3 yr. old son Bailey. (1880 Census);
BAILEY BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): aka Sebastians Br. of Right Fk. for Sebastian Johnson, a resident. It may have been named for Bailey Johnson, son of Wm. Johnson, Sr. (Frances Sowards and Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Bailey Johnson, 49, and Sebastian Johnson, 23, in Rob. Creek En.Dist. 1870 Census; Baley Johnson (sic) acquired 230 acres on the right hand fork of Long Fork which were surveyed 12/12/1860 (Bk. 62, P. 299) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1396) and 462 acres on Long Fork itself (10/11/1866) (Bk. 71, P. 31) (Ibid.); Wm. Hylton, a carpenter, age 41, was living on Feds Creek (1850 Census) in vic of the Griffey's, John Keen, & John Mutter;
BAKER HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°13'15" (Lat), 82°31'45" (Long); Named for Jesse Baker, 1st settler who then owned all the land in it. (Edgar Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Never heard of it. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap interview, 4/1/1989); dk why so named. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, Upper Pigeon, interview, 4/1/1989); Named for a family that lived at its mouth. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/89);
BALL FORK OF MAY FORK OF POND CREEK (Pike Co)

May Fk. joins Pond Creek c. 1 mi. above McAndrews. Ball Fk. is 1 1/2 mi. long and extends w, then nw to May Fk. May have been named for the family of Moses Ball who died in c. 1866; Called Ball Fork when it joins Pond Creek. May Fk. joins it from the s. May Fork was named for a local family whose prog. was James May. Moses Ball of Va. married Eliz. the daughter of Moses Maynard. Moses lived here before the 1850s. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/89)

owned much Pond Creek land, incl. land on Rough Fk. and Hurricane Fk. (of Pond) (Br. B, p. 59 - he died 1866.)
BALL FK. OF POND CR. and MAY FK. OF BALL FK. Named for local families. All residents of Ball but one family of Blackburns were Balls. Ball Cem. is up there, close to the home of the late Bob Ball. Preacher Jeff May lived at the head of May Fk. DK if it was named for him though. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12 1989);
BALL HOLLOW (on Road Fork of Burning Fork of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Jesse Ball, a Meth. minister who settled there before 1850. He was a son of Moses & Eliz. (Maynard) Ball. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky, letter to me, 5/16/1989);
BANYAN SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named (Troy T. Lowe, Gulinare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
BARN BRANCH OF CANEY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Bacon Branch in the Harold 15 min. top. map (1915)
BARNEY HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Less than ½ mi. Joins Pond Cr. from the east just below Pinson. May be site of Damrontown where a Mr. Bailey had a store. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Should be Barn. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); Should be Barn Hollow. Stables for coal co. work animals. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Didnt know of such a named place and dk if should be Barn. It could have been corrupted from Varney. Varneys lived in that section of the val. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/89);
BARRENSHEE BR. OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Mike (Michael-?) and Jackson Mounts acquired 50 acres on Bearanshee Br. (surv. 2/16/1852) (Bk. 37, P. 506) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1524); (Pron. "Bahr/ən/shee") (TC Stanley, Williamson WVa., interview, 9/2/1989 but he dka why it was called this);
BARTLEY CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): at Lookout. Named for the family of Isaac & Tabitha Bartley. Isaac was born c. 1780 in Orange Co., NC, to Russell Co., Va. and then to Pike Co. c. 1857. He probably died in the Lookout area in the early 1860s and he and wife may be buried here. (Dorcas Hobbs, "Appal. Ancestors" col. in the Pikeville NEWS-EXPRESS, 3/7/1981, II, P. 1:5-6);
BRATTEN HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Always called Bartley Hollow. DK why it's Bratten on the maps. Local family of Kenis Bartley and other early 20th cent. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Acc. to the 1900 Census, Kenis was ne 3/1894 and was son of Emerson & Eliz. Bartley. His name was sp. Keenas. They lived nr. Damrons, Ratliffs, Branhams, Roberts, Newsoms, and Littles in the Rob. Creek. Enu. Dist.; Keenas Bartley ne 3/1894 son of Emerson (10/67) & Eliz. (7/73). They lived next to Wm. Bartley (2/75) who lived next to Charley Bartley (11/43) and (Mr.) Casander Bartley (3/73). Charley was ne
Va. and was probably father to Emerson & Wm. Charley's wife was Victory (nee 1/50). The latter lived with their grandson Noah Bartley (5/1889) (1900 Census); Bratten Hol should be Bartley Hol. for families whose prog. came from Maryland. Not kin to the Marrowbone Bartleys whose ancestors came from Norfolk, Va. (Albert Bartley of latter family, interview, 9/23/1989);
Most Pike Co. Bartleys descended from Isaac Bartley ne c. 1780 in Orange Co., NC. Later moved his family to Russell Co., Va. and to Pike Co. in 1857. Wife was Tabitha (1788-185 also nee in Orange Co.) Isaac probably died in early 1860s in Pike Co. They may be buried in the Bartley Cem. at Lookout. Their sons incl. Isaac, Jr., Jesse, Wm., Pleasant, Revel, John, all NC born. Other Bartley descendants and dates listed....(Dorcas Hobbs, "AA" Xpr. 3/7/81, II, P. 1:3; 3/28/81, II, 2:1);
**BASS** (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 9/10/1891, John N. Hamilton; Disc. 1/22/1895 (mail to Millard (NA); On the n. bank of Levisa Fk., probably across the river from the later Sutton PO, across from the mouth of Greasy Creek (1893 PO map); Could this have been named for the fish? (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/1988); It was on the n. side of the river, betw. the mouth of Shelby Creek and the mouth of Upper Chloe. (Ibid.); It probably preceded the Shelbiana po.; Acc. to Site Location Reports, it was on the n. side of the Levisa & above the mouth of Shelby Cr. Pet. John N. Hamilton (7/31/1891) prop. first Hamilton as po name; then Bat.
John N. Hamilton was a son of Nelson and Almedia Hamilton. DK of significance of Bat. DK derivation of Bass PO. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
BEAR BR. OF RIGHT FORK (of Peter Creek): (Pike Co., Ky): Local people dk the derivation of the name tho' they guess it has something to do with bears. (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
BEAR FORK OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Booker Mullins acquired 50 acres here which was surveyed on 2/18/1847 (Acc. to Book 24, P. 406) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1524);
BEAR FORK OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Assumes it was named for the animal. Maybe someone shot a bear here. Don't really know why it was named. W.M. Ritter Lumber Mill here in the late 1940-early 1950s. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); The widow May owned land in here on which coal was discovered in late 19th cent. (C.J. Norwood, Rept. of Insp. of Mines of St. of Ky. for 1901-1902, 1903, P. 409); Named for the bears seen and killed there many years ago. And for the growling of bears heard often in the hills. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., letter to me, 8/29/1989);
BEAR HOLLOW (on Feds Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Not on any published map so dk its location; John Keen acquired 50 acres on it (surv. 1/28, 1853) (Bk. 41, P. 90) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1417) It may be near Pedlars Fk. where he secured land in Dec. 1853; Acc. to 1850 Census, John Keen, age 22, was ne Va. & lived on Feds Cr. next to the Griffleys and nr. Wm. Hylton & John Mutter;
BEAR HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Bear Fl of Left Fk. (of Beaver Creek), 1 mi. above the mouth of Left Fk. (Acc. to Ralph W. Stone "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in KY & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908, Pp. 48-9);
BEAR HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Somewhere in vic. of Jonican and Upper Pompey. Absalom Thacker acquired 100 acres here (11/12/1858) (Bk. 58, P. 154) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1748);
BEARWATER HOLLOW (on Powell Creek) (Pike Co): G.M. Coleman acquired 60 acres on Bear Wallow of Powell's Creek. Surv. 8/25/1921. (Bk. 125, P. 375) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1136); Geo. Powell acquired 100 acres on Bear Wallow Hollows (sic) (sur. 2/1/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 377) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1612);
BEATRICE (Pike County, Ky.) /Formerly/ Beofeide
(but check: ... ) p.o. est. 9/28/1892 with Wm.
H.C. Johnson as the 1st pm. To Beatrice on
that date. Dis. 8/31/1910 with mail to Virgie.
(Acc. to the National Archives); po est. as
Beefhide, 5/18/1881; Wm. H.C. Johnson; ch. to
Beatrice, 9/28/92, Ibid. ... Disc. 8/31/1910
(mail to Virgie) (NA); Beatrice married Hibb-
ard Burke and died young. (Frances Sowards,
Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); 12/30/1907 Wm
J. Roberts pet. to move po to site 1 1/2 mi. ne o
1883 site, 2 1/4 rd. mi. s. of Virgie, 4 mi. ne o
Myra, on bank of Shelby Cr. As Beatrice. 6/14/
1909, Benj. Hall pet. to move po 4 rods (650 f
w. of creek, 2 3/4 mi. nw of Myra & 3 mi. se o
Virgie. (SLR)
BEATRICE (Pike Co., Ky): Dr. W.H.C. Johnson (1849-1942). He was born on Long Fork o: Shelby Creek. As a young man, he moved to main Shelby Creek. Became postmaster and named the po Beatrice for a daughter. Later the po moved to Elwood and was renamed Jonancy by Mr. Wagner, the coal company superintendent. (check....) Dr. J. was a farmer, teacher, pm, storekeeper, and MD. ("Some Records of Dr. W.H.C. Johnson" by R.T. Johnson, to Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc. mtg. 2/13/1967, in PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1983, Hist' Papers Number 5, P. 30.) No listing for a Hibbard, Burke (1880, 1900) nor for Beatrice Johnson, Burke (1880-1910).
In 1910 Census: Hibbard Burk (14), stepson of Melvin & Margaret Addington in the Fords Br. Prec. No listing of a Beatrice in the household or family of Wm. H.C. Johnson that yr; Named for Dr. Bill Johnson's daughter. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., letter to me, 8/29/89) Hibbard Burke (ne 11/1873), son of Green Burk (1/38). They lived together (1900) and next to M.D. Laf Greer (12/59) and other Burkes, Johnsons, Enos Tackett, etc. Hibbard was not living with Green Burke in 1910; No reference in 1900 Census to Margaret Burk's husband or if they had a son Hibbard ne 1896; No reference in 1870 Census to a Beatrice as daughter of Wm. H.C. Johnson;
BEAVER BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): at the mouth of Beaver Creek, a trib. of Russell Fk. of the Levisa. A number of homes here. (J. Elswick, letter, 2/13/1989); betw. the highway and the Fork, opp. Federal Hill. This may be the Cedarville inc. commu. (check....);
CEDARVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): inc. 1963; Acc. to Thurman Elswick, Beaver Bottom, he and others had petitioned for the inc. of Cedarville and named it for a cedar tree at the edge of the river. No longer inc. People just lost interest in it. (interview, 2/22/1989); Some of the Beaver Bottom residents had never heard of Cedarville or knew that they lived at one time in an inc. city. All still refer to their community as Beaver Bottom for the bottom at the mouth of Beaver Creek. (2/22/1989);
BEAVER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Ramey acquired 50 acres here, surv. 1/20/1842, (Bk. 9, P. 342) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1618);
BEAVER FK. OF RIGHT FORK (of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): One of the head forks of Right Fork. Aptly named. (France: Sowards & Fan. Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
BEAVER KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): On Beaver Ridge, at the head of the Right Fk. of Beaver Creek, some 7 miles ne of Elkhorn City. The stripped level top of the knob was the site of a proposed (c.1973-4) airport for Elkhorn City. The knob had been stripped in the mid 1960s and was, by early 1974, still owned by a WVa. coal co. 1½ mi. from the Va. state line.

Of Alvin Wright, an Elkhorn City grocer, who was pres. of the Breaks View Airport Authority (Stephen Ford, "Mountaintop Airport Project Pushed Without US Aid" LCJ&T, 1/13/1974, P. B1:1-5);
BECKET BR. OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Givens as Stepp Br. on Williamson 15 min. top. map, 1915; No Beckett listed in 1840-1870 Census.
Named for Becky Justice, the mother of John W. Justice, a successful merchant. John's son, Fred G. Justice, lives in Mt. Sterling. (Alex Reynolds, Phyllis, Ky., letter to me, 6/15/1989);
BEDDOW (Pike Co., Ky): maybe a coal camp. Probably named for Geo. Beddow, the general superintendent of the Pike Coal & Coke Co., Pikeville, Ky. He is mentioned as such in C.J. Norwood's reports as Inspector of Mines 1905-6, P. 153. There was a Beddow Siding somewhere on Marrowbone, but dk where. (Lon B. Rogers, letter, 2/27/1989); Beddow Siding was a siding for the Allegheny Coke Works, formerly the Mitchell Coke Co, and earlier the Pike Coal & Coke Co,'s mine....Later Manco was the name of the shipping pt, or at least the switching pt., on the C&O. (Lon B. Rogers, letter, 3/7/1989);
BEDDOW SIDING (Pike Co, Ky): Mitchell Coke Co. mines here. PO at Hellier. T.J. Mitchell, Pres., Hellier. One mine and 48 workers homes (1910 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 214); Pike Mines at Hellier. Operated by the Pike Consolidated Coal & Coke Co. Edwin F. Saxman, Pres., of Phil, Pa. & Chas. E. Hellier, Veep, of Boston, Mass. (1910 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 71); Acc. to C&O's 1907 map, the Pike Coal & Coke Co's Beddow Mine was at what is now called Allegheny. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville; letter to me, 6/28/1989); Albert Bartley dk of this name (9/23/89);
BEE BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Extends n. to Brushy ¼ mi. below the Big Branch Sch. DK why so named; maybe bee trees. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fk., interview, 8/8/1989);
BEECH CREEK (on Peter's Left Fk.) (Pike Co): Colemans and Daughertys built homes here & descendants still there. Said to have been named for the many beech trees there. (Geraldine Davenport, letter, 9/27/1989);

A huge beech tree at its mouth, gone. It was cut down in the early 1930s. Now called the Rell Stanley Branch for an old settler, by the late 1920s or early 1930s. (Chas. Pauley, Forest Hills, Ky., tel. interview, 9/13/89);
BEE TREE FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Tandy Johnson acquired 200 acres on Bee Tree Fork which were surveyed on 11/30/1871 (Bk. 87, P. 385) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1397); (Is this Beetree Hol. on Bucklick Fk. of Right Fork (Long Fk. of Shelby)-?)
BELCHER (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with post office is centered at the jct. of US 460 and Ky. 80 at the mouth of Ferrell Creek, a trib. of Russell Fk. of the Levisa Fk., 1½ mi. se of Pikeville. The post office was est. 1/3/1908 and named by the 1st pm, Elbert Belcher, for his father, Geo. W. Belcher (ca. 1852-1924), the 1st storekeeper." (Book, Pp. 18-9); Acc. to Fon R. Belcher, the Dir. of the Belcher Hist. Ctr. (in letter, 2/22/1988), The commu. was named for the pioneer Belcher family who 1st settled the vic. around 1800. "Known for its timbering industry, the com. (included) th Belcher Sawmill owned by Wm. Kerry Belcher."
The po was orig. in Geo. W. Belcher's store which was also the train sta...."
The Belcher Gristmill was owned and operated by John Belcher, his son, Amon, and his grandson, Wm. Kerry. On Russell Fork. Another local grist mill was run by the family of Geo. W. Belcher. Wm. Kerry Belcher also had a gen'l. store there. His sawmill supplied early rr crossties and was used for many area homes. Geo. W. Belcher, a "prosperous landowner" ran the community's other store and was father of Elbert Spurlock Belcher, the 1st pm. The 1st chu. in the vic. was the Belcher Christian Church on land donated by Geo. W. and was on the site of the present Church of Christ. The
two room Belcher School was by the tracks nr. the river, early 20th cent. Belcher now has: bank, po, food store, several serv. sta's., fire dept., several other businesses, rest., stores, churches. A growing commu.

(Camilia Joanne Belcher, "The Hist. of Belcher, Ky." APP. NEWS-EXP. 10/2/1987, P. 3);

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See Ky. Anc. v. 24 (1), p. 24
BELCHER (Pike Co.): Named for Geo. W. Belcher (c.1852-2/22/1924). He had the 1st store at the mouth of Ferrell's Creek, the site of the Belcher po. The 1st pm, Elbert Belcher, was son of Geo. & Mary Ann (Polly) Belcher. Geo. also had interests in real estate, timber, & cattle. (acc.to info. by Erna Belcher Damron & Bethel Belcher Beane, to Dorcas M. Hobbs, and from Hobbs to me by letter, 1/7/1981);
John Belcher was co-founder of the Belcher commu. He died there ca. 1896, and is buried there. He wed there, 1872, to Mary Ann Rowe (1837-1924). Their son, Amon (1873-9/1953) married Louemma Clevinger in 1892. (Acc. to Camilia Joanne Belcher, Belcher, Ky. in KY. ANC. Vol. 24 (1), P. 32;
BELFRY (Pike Co., Ky): The coal co. est. the po and named it Ep. PO was in the co. store bldg. at the rr pass. stop. The coal co. called its camp Toland ("Tahl/and"). Thinks the rr co. gave the Belfry name to its stop there but dk why. No depot as such, just a stop for pass. PO renamed Belfry to avoid ridicule of Ep name. (Clyde Runyon, interview, 2/11/1989); Acc. to site location rept the orig. prop. name was Pierceton which was rejected;
BELFRY (Pike Co.): (pron. "B(eh)1/free")
(Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 2/26/1921, Geo. D. Black; 8/4/1925, J. Pat Murphy; ch. to Belfry, 10/1/1926, Ibid. ...(NA); "In 1913, the Williamson & Pond Creek Ry. Co. (a subsidiary of N&W Ry. Co.) completed c. 13 mi. of railway from Williamson across Tug R. and up Pond Cr. to nr. the head of the creek, ending at what was named McVeigh. About 5½ mi. from Williamson, at a wide place beside the tracks, the Rd. Co. est. a pass. stop, which it named Belfry. The reason for choosing this name is now unknown. Shortly afterwards, Orinoco Mining Co. secured a p.o. known as Orinoco, which was located about ¼ mi. s. of the Belfry sta. About
the same time, or shortly afterwards, Semet Solvay, a Belg. corp., opened a coal mine and built a mining camp nearby. This camp was called by the company Toland. A little later a tract of land across the creek and opp. the ry. stop was laid off in lots and the map referred to it as the "Town of Belfry." Sometime around 1920, or shortly before, a p.o. was established adjoining the ry. stop and was called Ep, being named after Jas. Epperson ("Ep") Runyon, and it was commonly referred to as being the p.o. with the shortest name of any in the U.S.
The p.o. retained this name for a few years, but the name was changed to Belfry sometime in the 1920s. Belfry is located about the mouth of Peg's Branch of Pond Creek and is within an area where coal mining is the main industry. Pass. trains have not operated on Pond Creek for 40 years or more. The new US Highway 119 has wiped out about half of the little (unincorporated) town of Belfry, but it is still the location of a large hi.sch., a branch ct. hse., Rogers Funeral Home, Hatfield's Gro., the p.o., and 2 or 3 other small businesses. Before the ry. was
constructed, this was merely a country area with no name except possibly a reference to being near Peg's Branch." (Pron. "Behl/frih") (From letter to me by Clyde Runyon of Belfry, Ky. 12/3/1979);

Orinoco PO was est. 1/5/1916, Geo. C. Wray. Disc. eff. 2/14/1925 (mail to Ep) (NA);
BELFRY (Pike Co., Ky): "This vil. with po extends for about a mi. along US 119 and Pond Cr., 14 mi. ne of Pikev. In 1913 the Williamson & Pond Creek (now N&W) Ry. opened a sta. at this pt. in its just completed line up the creek to McVeigh and called it Belfry for reasons now unknown. Shortly thereafter the Semet-Solvay Co., a Belgian firm, opened a coal mine nearby, and a tract of land across the creek from the sta. was laid off for a town and given the Belfry name. A po est. there on Feb. 26, 1921 was called Ep for Jas. Epperson ("Ep") Runyon, a local sawmill operator (and later Pike Co. Ct
clerk) and friend of some of the Semet-Solvay officials. In 1926 the po assumed the Belfry name." (Book, P. 19);
BELFRY (Pike Co.): Jas. Epperson Runyon was a farmer & sawmill operator. When the Ep p.o. was est., his home was across Pond Creek from the Belfry RR sta. He was a friend of some of the local Semet-Solway Co. officials (and its successor, Kingston Pocahontas Coal Co.) which is why his name was applied to their p.o. He was Pike Co. Court Clerk, 1925-9. His daughter, Pearl F. Runyon, was Ky. State Treasurer, c.1950s. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13/1979); Belfry name was brought in by the coal company. Used to know the origin but forget. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
Jas. Eperson (sic) Runyon died 9/27/1942. (Supplement to Runyon Geneal. by Robert Runyon, c.1962, P. xxiv). The Runyons did not come from NC, as Ely says, but from Va. (Ibid., P. 199);
BENS BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Benj. Potter acquired 50 acres on this, surv. 4/5/1851 (Bk. 36, P. 285) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1609); Greenville Sanders acquired 50 acres on this (4/5/51) (Bk. 36, P. 285) (Ibid., P. 1660); May have been named for Ben Potter, a resident. Below Sycamore Br. & above Ashcamp. Reference to it in Norwood's Rept., 1903, P. 421); In 1870 Census Benj. Potter is listed as age 73, ne NC, and living with John L. Mullens (39) in Rob. Cr. E.D. in vic. of Bryants, Potters, Mullins, Bentleys, & Vanovers; In 1860 Benj. Potter (60) & wife Mary (50) lived betw. Sherod Mullins (67) & Isaac Potter (21). On Elkhorn Creek in vic. of
Helton\textsuperscript{s}, Vanovers, Briants, Mullins, Johnson\textsuperscript{e} etc. Benj. was ne NC; No Greenville Sanders is listed in 1860 and 1870 Censuses;
BENTBRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): po est. as Bent Branch on 9/28/1866 with Absalom Hart, pm; 10/2/1867, Richard P. Bevins...n.ch. to Bentbranch 10/13/1894, Thos. J. Ford...Disc. eff. 7/14/1905 (mail to Sidney) (NA); Acc. to 1889 Rand McN. map it was on the n. bank of Johns Creek. So it was probably at the mouth of Bent Branch of Johns Creek, where Meta po was; The po was at the site of the present Meta rural sta. (R.B. Maynard, lett. 2/23/1989);
BENT BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Acc. to Williamson 15 min. top. map, 1915, its western extension was called Long Branch; David Step (sic) acquired 100 + 100 acres here (2/19/1852) (Bk. 37, Pp. 532-3) (Jillson 1971, P. 1688); Branch was always so crooked. Where the Stacys settled when they first came from Va. (Dorothy Stacy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
BENT BRANCH (of Johns Creek, Pike Co., Ky): (F460) The creek makes a very sharp curve, almost like a horseshoe bend around the mt. (Source: Jack King to his grandson, David Pinson, for Leonard Roberts, 1969); Acc. to Eddie Bevins, a Johns Creek H.S. tohr. who studies old patents, this was 1st called Bent Branch for the big horseshoe bend where the creek meets the Johns Creek. Over time people mispron. to Bent. This was at the foot of the mt. which took that name too. (Georgia Field of Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989); Identified as Bend Br. in the 1830s. (Jillsor I, P. 685);
BEVINS BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):

Geo. & Nancy (Williamson) Bevins, son of John Bevins, Sr. (and grandson of pion. Jos. Bevins lived at the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek, opp. the mouth of Bevins Br. Owned a large acreage in that vic. (Alley, Williamson Geneal. 1962, P. 95); Geo. & Nancy married in 1829. Several children including James Bevins who marr. Susan Walker. Among their children was Will Bevins (who marr. Mary Scott Pinson) who lived at the old home place a short ways below the mouth of Rockhouse. No issue. (Ibid. The old home place probably refers to the farm bought in 1818 by Benj. Williamson, Sr., son o
Alden, and thus bro. of John whose daughter Nancy married Geo. Bevins. This farm was at the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek. Benj. moved his family here in 1818 and sold it in 1829 and moved to the Tug Fk. (Ibid., P. 31);
George Bevins, ne 1808, son of John Bevins, married Nancy Williamson, daughter of John Williamson, Sr. They lived at the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek and he was a large local landowner. (Ruth Cleveland Leslie, Lesley-Leslie, Supple., Wash., DC, 1975, P. 193)
BEVINS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): On lower Johns Creek, c. 1½ mi. above the mouth of Brushy at the Floyd Co. line; Named for Dr. Clinton Bevins (but check... ... ) (R.B. Maynard, letter, 2/23/1989); Named for Mantra ville Bevins ("Mahnt/ree/vihl Behvənz") who owned all the land surrounding it. He was a surveyor and teacher, a very well educated man for his time. He died around 1918. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Named for Montra ville Bevins. (Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989);
Acc. to 1910 Census, Mont Bevins (63) lived in Lower Johns dist. betw. David W. Roop and John H. Roop and near Scalfs, Arlon Thompson, etc; No mention of a Wm. Alex'r. (Bud) Walker in 1880 or 1910 Censuses; Montraville Bevins of Johns Creek was ne 4/21/1847 and died 8/25 1923 and is buried in the Mont Bevins Family Cem. A minister. He was son of Hiram K. and Luna Leslie Bevins. Among their children were Hiram Clinton Bevins. (1885-1928) (See Lesley-Leslie)....
Hiram & Luna (Lesley) Bevins "began their married life" on what was later (and still is) called Bevins Br. (or Stone Coal Br.) of Johns Creek, near the mouth of Brushy. The land was "a dowry gift from Luna's father, Robert Lesley (pion.) who owned all the land on Johns Creek from Gulnare to the mouth of Brushy." Luna was born on Johns Cr. nr. the mouth of Sycamore on 1/30/1809. Hira was born in 1817. He was a farmer-landowner. He died 4/22/1862. Luna died 11/2/1887. Montraville was a son. He was a minister and was born 4/21/1847, lived in the family home all his life and died 8/29/1923. Buried in
the Mont Bevins Cem. on their land. (Lesley-
Leslie, Pp. 339, 349);
BEVINS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):

That family's Pike Co. progenitor was Thos. Bevins (1788-1847), son of Jos. Bevins, an Irish immi. Wm. Robinson Bevins was born in 1836 at Bevins Br. He was son of Thos. & Lydia (nee Ratliff) Bevins. Lydia was Thomas 1st wife. Thos.'s children from his 1st mar to Eliz. (Porter) were all born betw. 1808-1821 near Sidney, Ky., on Big Creek. (Scalf, "The Bevins Family, Part II" E. KENT. Vol. 1 (1), 6/1972, Pp. 19-21); Thos. Bevins Sr. ne 8/22/1788 in Va. Marr.. Eliz. Porter in 1807. They lived at the mouth of Bevins Br. (betw. Lawson & Bent Branches). A Pike Co. JP 1822-1830s. Also son of Jos. & Mary Ann.
BEVINS BRANCH OF JOHNSCREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Scott Branch. That is, Scott Br. was the old name for the eastern extension of Bevins, acc. to the Williamson 15 min. top. map, 1915;
Jos. Bevins ne Belfast, Ire. 1763, to Am. with parents. Lived nr. Gate City, Va. Marr. Mary Ann Noblett. Later moved to present Pike Co. nr site of Millard. After 1803 Jos. & family moved to Johns Creek, the present Ford Farm close to the Johns Creek Sch. He died 1824 and is buried on hill overlooking farm. Had 5 sons: John (ne 1786) who inherited his home and marr. Mary Ann Stacy; Thomas (1788) who marr. Eliz. Porter; Jos. Jr. (1790); James (1792) who marr. Molly Pinson; and Geo. (c.1794) who later moved to Law. Co. and settled on Georges Creek which was named for him. (R.B. Maynard, "Hist. Notes" App. Expr. 4/4/79, P. B4:1-3);
and that Jos. didn’t settle there until c.1810. Joseph’s son, Thomas Bevins settled at the mouth of Road Fk. of Big Creek. (PP. 191-2); Another son, George settled at the mouth of Georges Creek (Law. Co.), 12 mi. s. of Louisi, which was named for him. (P. 192)
John Bevins (ne 1786) built and lived in a house (now-1960-called the Will Ford place) nr. Johns Creek H.S. and opp. the mouth of Coon Creek. He was one of the orig. Pike Co. JP's (1821). Son of Jos. Bevins, Irish immi. 1774 and Mary Ann (Knoblelt) Bevins. (Acc. to Winnie P. Murray, Meta, Ky., to Jos. Allej Williamson Geneal. 1962, P. 94);
BEVINS FORK OF LONG FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Pleasant Johnson acquired 280 acres on it. Surv. 7/12/1870. (Bk. 79, P. 480) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1397); No Bevineses lived on Long Fk. or Shelby Creek area, in prox. to the Johnsons, acc. to 1860 or 1870 Censuses;
BEVINS FORK OF LOWER POMPEY CREEK (Pike Co): Named for a local family, maybe Preston Bevins' or some other. (David & Marie Justice 3/25/1989); Given as Left Fork on Regina 15 min. top. map (1915);
BIG BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 4/22/1936 ...disc. 4/30/1955 (with mail to Elkhorn City
At the mouth of Bowling Fk. of Marrowbone, 1
mi. below (n. of) Hellier and c. ¼ mi. s. of
the Big Branch of Marrowbone. (Was the po eve:
at the mouth of Big Branch, suggesting its
name? Who was the 1st pm?); Elmer Childers,
pm-designate, pet. for po on 11/21/1935 to be
named Flatwoods. Rejected. PO to be 1 mi. w.
of Marrowbone Cr., 2.2 rd. mi. sw of Lookout
2.3 rd. mi. nw of Hellier, 4 rd. mi. se of
Stewart, 1 mi. w. of C&O tracks, at its sta.
called Big Branch which may be why the po was
then given this name. On 7/24/1939 Childers
petitioned for a move to a site 15 ft. s. of
Sycamore Fk. and 2 mi. from Hellier & Lookout
On 12/26/1945 Mrs. Sadie Bartley, act. pm, petitioned for relocation of po to site 0.8 mi. s., 100 ft. w of the creek, 200 ft. from the Big Branch (rr) Sta., 1 mi. from Hellier & Lookout, 3 rd. mi. n. of Ashcamp, on the w. side of the tracks. (Site Location Repts.
Dr why called BB if at mouth of Bowl.
fr., [Paul Ratliff], 6/13/89)
BIG BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): aka John Curry Branch for a man who lived at its mouth, or Big Bull Branch (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
BIG BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek): (Pike Co., Ky): Aptly named. Five miles long. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
BIG BRANCH (of Right Fork of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F735) (37°16'(Lat), 82°41'30"(Long); A left hand trib. of Right Fork. Named for its fullness during high water (Leonard Roberts);
BIG BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named except maybe that so many families once lived there. No one anymore except at its mouth. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, Upper Pigeon, interview, 4/1/1989);
BIG BRANCH FORK OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co.):
Stephen Osborne acquired 50 acres on this
that were surveyed 3/16/1886 (Bk. 103, P. 245
(Jillson, 1971, P. 1569) Could this have been
what's given on present top. maps as Big
Shelby Branch of Shelby Creek, at head of
Shelby Cr? (ask Chas. Moore);
BIG BRANCH OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Now called Little Big Branch to distinguish it from Bowling Fk. which was called Big Br. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
BIG BRANCH CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): Named for its first location on Big Branch of Brushy Fk. (of Johns Creek). Later moved to present site across Brushy from the mouth of Isaac Branch. It's on a hill. Ch. older maps. (RB Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); Bldg. is extant. At one time it was in Big Branch (hence its name) but was moved to main Brushy but didn't change its name. Disc. 1968 when the Brushy Consol. Sch. was est. Informant's wife, Bertha, was the last tchr. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
BIG BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): John Steel had acquired land on this. Acc. to 1850 Census he lived in vic. nr. Rich'd Daniels of Daniels Br. (of Tug). Also in this area were Michael Mounts (30), Wm. Prater (27), a number of Blankenships, Mounts, Staffords;
BIG CANOE BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Aaron Stepp acquired 50 acres on Canoe Branch (2/2/1858) (Bk. 52, P. 258) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1688);
BIG CREEK (trib. of the Levisa Fork) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for its vast area. (Mary R. Hunt, letter, 3/6/1989);
BIG CREEK: (Pike Co., Ky): Tug Fk. R. trib. by name may have been known as early as 1787 acc. to dep. of John Ratliff of Tazewell Co. Va., early hunter in Pike Co. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 62-3);
BIG GROUNDHOG BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co): Below a smaller hollow called Little Groundhog Branch. People would hunt groundhogs here for food and sport. The branches were named for where the biggest and smallest groundhogs, resp., were found. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989);
BIGGS (Pike Co.): No local families of this name. (Pron. "B(ih)ghz") (Eva Powell, 8/16/77)

The post office of Nigh, 1.1. mi. down the Levisa was moved here and renamed Biggs on 10/1/1945 (Bob Sweaney); Biggs may have been named for an outside mine operator. The post office closed in the mid 1970s. Est. 10/1/1945. In the mid 1960s, when the fed. govt. was taking land for the Fishtrap lake impoundment, this office was moved a little over ½ mi. up Hunt Br. (n. of) the Lev. Fk. (i.e. up Ky. 194). (Bob Sweaney, 2/22/89) (check....)

Operation ceased 1975 or 76 but didn't officially close till 1984. (Sweaney 2/22/89)
BIGGS PO (Pike Co., Ky): Named for an official of H.E. Harmon Coal Co which then had a mine on Big Creek. Pearl Hunt was pm at Nigh and then at Biggs till she was succeeded by June Childress and the po was moved about 2 mi. above the mouth of Big Creek. June was pm from 1946 to 1965 and was in a corner of the small gro. store operated by Laucha Childress June's husband. When the US Army Corps of Eng. relocated the Biggs area residents for the construction of the Fishtrap Dam, June retired and was replaced by Opal Jackson who moved the office to a small bldg. nr. her home ca. 1 mi. up Hunts Branch. It closed in the early 1980s and papers were sent to Feder Creek. (Mary R. Hunt, letter, 3/6/89.)
BIGGS (Pike Co., Ky): Pet. for n.ch. from Nigh 2/22/1944 by Mrs. Pearl Hunt, pm. and move 1 mi. se of last Nigh site, to a pt. ½ mi. e. of the river to make the office more accessible to its patrons and more convenient for its pm. On 3/22/1946 Mrs. Hunt moved it to the highway. On 12/31/1946 Mrs. June Childers, act. pm, moved it to Hunts Br, 1 mi. from its 1944 site to serve locality aka Hunts Branch. Still on highway, 25 ft. sn 25 of river, 200 ft. s. of rr tracks (sic) (Site Location Reports);

[Signature]
BIGGS PO (Pike Co., Ky): Geo. Biggs of Huntington, W.Va. worked for the C&O RR and whose co. mined coal in the Grapevine-Feds Creek area. The po was named for him. c.WWI. (Mary Anderson, Elkhorn City, Ky., letter to me, 3/30/1989);
BIGGS BRANCH OF RUSSELL FORK (Pike Co., Ky): So identified as early as 1906. (Acc. to Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fork Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908);
Sexon Biggs, age 11, Alfred Biggs, age 16, and Nolen Biggs, age 13 are listed in the 1910 Pike Co. Census but not as living with any Biggs families. No George is mentioned in that or other Censuses. They were included in the Pikev. Enum. Dist; Seaton and Dr. Alfred Biggs (of Chi) were sons of Thomas Naylor Biggs, Jr. of Greenup Co. and Mary DeBard. Thos. Jr. had a bro. Geo. Nicholas Biggs. In 1881 Geo. moved from Greenup Co. to Huntington where he became a merchant. (Biggs & Mackoy, Hist. of Greenup Co., Ky. 1951, P. 127);
BIGGS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Should be Biggs Branch of Russell Fk. (May have been) named for Seaton Humphry Biggs, son of Tom Biggs of Greenup Co., Ky. Seaton & bro. Alfred D. Biggs came to Pike Co. c. WWI. Seaton married Carrie Jackson c. 1918 and moved to Elkhorn City that year. Thru the 1920s he traveled for Ben Williamson Hardware in Pike Co. A general store in vic. of Biggs Br. was owned then by a Mr. Polley. (Mary Anderson, Elkhorn City, Ky. letter to me, 3/30/1989); But this stream was so identified on Regina 15 min. top. map-1915 so either Seaton was in this area that early or it was named for a different Biggs;
BIG HILL (or COMPTON) CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky)
On the Left Hand Fk. of Island Creek, at the top of Big Hill, joining Sookey Creek. Buried here are: Leander (Lee) & Alcy (nee Damron) Compton. His dates=1816-1898. Comp-ton fam. cem. Inact. Lee was prog. (Acc. to Mrs. Muriel S. Dye, E. KY. Vol. 16 (1), June 1980, P. 13)
BIG LICK GAP (Pike Co., Ky): Large rocks and a deer lick there. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., letter, 3/21/1989); A big rock there where the deer would come to lick. (Chas. F. Moore, interview, 4/1/1989);
BIG ROCK BRANCH OF BEAR FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Informant thinks this is the name of a trib. that joins it from the south where Lewis Bryant lived, just below its mouth. Lewis was a Reg'l. Bapt. preacher. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Big Rock Hol. of Bear Fork of R. Cr. Coal was being mined there c. 1900. (C.J. Norwood, report 1901-1902, 1903, P. 414);
BIG ROCK HOLLOW (on Road Creek) (Pike Co.): Sparril Ratliff acquired 50 acres on this, surv. 3/26/1858. (Bk. 54, P. 25) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1620);
BIG SHOAL STATION (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the big shoal in the BSR right at the mouth of the stream. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971);

Bigshoal PO: orig. site (1919) was 200 ft. s of BSR and 150 ft. w of Big Shoal Br., .72 mi e of Keyser PO & 1.1 mi. w of Coal Run PO. 60 ft. from the Big Shoal (C&O) freight sta.
c. 1/6/1930 Mrs. Alpha R. Polley pet. for re-location to a site 100 ft. s. of river, 300 ft. e. of creek, 75 ft. se of tracks. PO re-est. by pet. signed 2/15/1943 by Kinric Sigsbee McKinney on river & creek, 1 mi. nw of Coal Run PO. (Site Location Reports);
BIGSHOAL (Pike Co.): (pron. "B(ih)gh/Shohl")
Below Coal Run, below Pikeville (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); Probably what the name suggests.
(Ibid.); po est. 7/9/1919, Alpha R. Polley...
(NA); Disc. 5/5/1938 (mail to Coal Run); Re­
est. 6/10/1943; Disc. 7/31/1946 (mail to Coal Run);
On the w. side of the Levisa, on the rr probably above the K-Mart & below the State Police bldg. (Sweaney, 2/22/89); Big Shoal Sta. is shown on 1979 Broad Bottom 7½ mi. top.
map as directly across the Levisa from Coal Run, and just below the mouth of Big Shoal Creek;
BIG SHOAL BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co.): Silas M. Ratliff acquired 50 acres on it, surv. 5/28/1860. (Bk. 62, P. 318) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1621); Thos. Ratcliff (sic) acquired 324 acres on Little Shoal Branch (2/19/46), (Bk. 21, P. 407) (Ibid.).
BILL FLEMONS BRANCH OF
(Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Flemons acquired 100 acres here which were surveyed on 12/10/1860 (Bk. 62, P. 294) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1247);
BILL SIDING (Pike Co., Ky): rail sta. Given on Hurley 15 min. top. map as Middle Elk Sta. on Knox Creek;
BILL BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Billy Lowe, for whom Billy Lowe Br. was also named. He was an early settler and big land owner. He was born here. He owned most of the land around these streams. Died in the late 19th cent.
(Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); DK who this was named for. (R.B. Maynard, interv. 8/5/1989); Ibid. (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/89);
BILLY COMPTON BRANCH (of Island Creek) (Pike Co.) (F561w) (#98-111) 37°25' to 37°25'30" (Lat), 82°33'15" to 82°34'15" (Long) Named for Billy Compton in 1852 "because he donated the land to a poor family."

(Leonard Roberts)
BILLY DOTSON BRANCH OF PETER CREEK (Pike Co): Given as Robinet Branch on the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top. map; Named for a resident here in the 1920s, 1930s, lifelong. He died c.1960. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WV, interview, 9/2/1989); The latest of several names given to this hol. This shortcut betw. Peter Cr. & Blackberry Cr. via Blue Spring Br. Later people would leave their horses at a stable in the bottom nr. the creek, when they came from Blackb. They would then car pool to the Freeburn mines. First called Robinet Branch for Nathan Robinet who settled on Peter Cr.
in the 1830s and built his cabin there. He and wife Nancy later moved. Their daughter Mary (Polly) mar. David Layne, son of Wm. & Abigail Layne, in 1851. Around c1900 was known as Perry Daniels Hollow for owner Perry Daniels. His wife was Vicy McCoy, d. of Larkin & Mary Eliz. (Coleman) McCoy. Perry was seriously injured in a slate fall at the Freeburn Mine. He was son of Wm. & Mary (McCoy) Daniels and died 2/7/1919 of injuries rec'd. in the accident. Widow later married a drifter, Melvin Duckworth so the hol. was called Duckworth Hol. Billy Dotson acquired
the land from Vicy & Duckworth and since it's been called Billy (or Bill) Doton Branch. Large cem. there. (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
BILLY LOWE BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Wm. ("Billy") Lowe, who died 1925. (R.B. Maynard, letter, 2/23/1989); Owned most of the land in that section. Born there. (Acc to interview with Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Given as Lowe Branch on Harold 15 min. top. map (1915); Lewis Runyon sold 400 acres to Billy Lowe. Lewis had patented 400 acres on that br. Lewis marr. Benj. Maynard's daughter. Bill was the son of James Lowe and his mother was a Rutherford. (RB Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989);
BINGHAM FORK OF FERRELL CREEK (PIKE Co., Ky):

E.B. Bingham lived ½ mile up Bingham Fk. in 1906. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908, Pp. 34-5, 46); E.B. Bingham acquired 149 acres on the righthand fork of Ferrells Creek in 1901 (Book 119; P. 425) (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1036); Bart Bingham acquired 110 acres on Henry Camp & Ferrells Creek, 1905. (Book 121, P. 499) (Ibid.); Shown on Stone's 1908 map as Bingham Fk. of Abners Fk. (of Ferrell); E.B. Bingham (ne 1/65) & fam. lived betw. Eliz. Looney & BF Bingham (1/72) & Jas. Looney (6/61) nr. Arch Hogston (5/72), John Hogston (10/63), etc. & not far from Susanah Hogston (1/24). No
BISCUIT (Pike Co., Ky): "The first pm. of Biscuit was Mr. Luther Damron. I interviewed him about his life history several years ago for the (then) Pike Co. News. He lived at the head of Little Rob. Cr. And one day a man from the Postal Dept. came to his home to get information as to a po there. Mr. Damron and family and a neighbor or two were eating breakfast and a name for the new po was necessary. (sic) Biscuits had been passed around to everyone several times, so one of the neighbors suggested naming the po Biscuit. So that is how Biscuit got its name, as reported to me by Mr. Damron. Damron lived to be almost 100 years old." (Goldie Benedict, letter, 8/29/89);
BISCUIT (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 4/5/1923, Robert Newsom... (NA)...Disc. 10/31/1947 (mail to Virgie); Biscuit po probably had another location up Little Robinson Creek, nr. the gap betw. Robinson Creek & Virgie. DK if this site preceded or followed the site shown on recent maps. (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/1988);

Was on the s. side of Ky. 122, across from a cem. cf. C.E. Tackett store on Indian Creek. (Ibid.); At the head of Robinson Creek. Robt Newsome (sic), 1st pm, submitted several names to POD but they were already in use. So he submitted Biscuit and this is what it was named. (Dorcas Hobbs, 2/7/89); (also law Newsom, 7/29/89).
BISCUIT PO (Pike Co., Ky): Only one site, at Robert Newsom's store, on Little Rob. Creek, just below the Head of Rob. Creek School, just down the hill from the Newsom Cem., 3/4 mi. above Newsome (Phenia) Br., and 2 mi. above the Damron PO. Coal mining on the hill now. Informant was Robert's grandson. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Ibid. dk why it was named. Simply one name submitted to POD which was acceptable.
BISCUIT (Pike Co., Ky): po est. at the head of Robinson Creek, somewhere in the vic. of Newsom Br., maybe Newsom Cem., ½ mi. s. of the Floyd Co. line & 3 rd. mi. s. of Beaver PO in Floyd Co. Prop. name=Newsom, 5½ rd. mi. w. of the Rob. Cr. PO; On 7/20/1939 Robt. Newsom pet. for ch. of site to a pt. probably further e. on Rob. Creek, 5 mi. nw of the rr sta. at Virgie (maybe in vic. of the earlier Damron PO); On 7/26/1947 (several mos. before the po closed) Millis Newsom, act. pm, pet. for a relocation 3.9 mi. e. of 2nd site, to a pt. 2.3 mi. n. of Virgie rr sta. & 2 (or 2½) m. n. of Virgie PO and 3 mi. s. of Rob. Cr. PO. (?), below mouth of Indian Creek. (Site location reports)
BISHOP BR. of Raccoon Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Adkins Br. on Regina 15 min. top. map (1915);
BLACKBERRY (Pike Co., Ky): (PO est. 11/28/1890, Anderson Hatfield; 6/1/1891, John B. Farley; Disc. 11/11/1896 (mail to Edgarton) (NA); Could this have been at the mouth of Hatfield Br. of Blackberry for this is where Deacon Anse (Anderson) Hatfield lived; Thus it was likely named for its location; est. 15 yds. w. of Blackberry Cr. 2 mi. sw of Tug Fk. (Site location reports);
BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for profusion of blackberry patches found there by the first settlers. (Source: F.M. Hatfield to Terry Hatfield for Leonard Roberts, 1970)
So named by 1818 (Floyd Co. Deed Book A, 3/16/1818);
BLACKBERRY FORK OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Jesse Phillips acquired 75 acres here, surveyed 1/3/1846 (Bk. 19, P. 236) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1599);
BLACKBERRY MOUNTAIN (Pike Co., Ky): Is local name for elevation between Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek and Blackberry Creek. Probably named for the two creeks. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
BLACKBURN BRANCH (Blackman's Branch) (of Left Fk. of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°17' (Lat), 82°39' (Long); Named for early settler. (Acc. to Frances Sowards, 10/16 1974, from Leonard Roberts); No Blackmans are mentioned in any late 19th cent. Pike Co. Censuses; Is Blackman Branch and was probably named for 19th cent. squatters who didn't stay long. DK anything more about them. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 8/9/1989);
BLACKBURN HOLLOW (on Road Fork of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Robert Blackburn (32) lived betw. Josep. Gooslin (41) and Frank Oney (50) in Pond Creek E.D. (1910 Census); Named for Jas. Robert (Bob) Blackburn, a resident, c. 1900. He died in 1968, age 91. Informant's grandfather. He bought prop. from Mont Gooslin. Traffic used to go over the road from Blackburn Hol. to Big Creek before US 119 was built. Called Bob Blackburn Hol. On top of the hill before going down to Big Creek was The Acres Rocks named for their collective size. (Rev. Jos. I. Smith, W. Williamson, WV, and pastor of Aflex Meth. Chu., interview, 9/2/1989);
Hammon Gooslin (43) had sons Jos. Gooslin (1) and Montroville (4) in 1870. But none of them were listed in the 1900 Census. In 1870 Census his name is sp. Goozling and he & wife Jane (38) lived btw. Aly Smith (60) & Fountain Lowe (35). Probably on Lower Pond. In 1860 as Hammond Gooslin (33) he lived betw. Wm. E. Browning (59), F.M. Varney (40) and not far from Preacher Jesse Ball (37); In 1850 he was Hammon Goosling (25); Acc. to the 1900 Census, Robt. Blackburn (ne 5/1877) live betw. Jas. Groslin (sic) (10/68) & Marion Chapman (7/55). Beyond Chapman was Monroe Gooslin (no date but wife was Vicy, nee 1873). No Keesees or Gunnels in area in 1900, 1870, 1860, 1850.
BLACKBURN HOLLOW: Named for Robt. Blackburn. He married one of Hammon Gooslin's daughters and acquired the old Gooslin farm. This was early 20th cent. DK what it was called before he came there. Chapmans also lived there. Akers Rock but DK who it was named for. (Chas. Pauley, Forest Hills, Ky., interview, 9/13/1989); No Akers families living in this area, acc. to 19th cent. Censuses to acct. for this name; Robt. Blackburn ne 5/1877 lived next to Marion Chapman (7/55) & nr. Monroe Gooslin and other Gooslins, Blackburns, McCoys (1900 Census).
BLACK GEM: (Pike Co., Ky): Small coal camp est. c. 1912 by the Black Gem Coal Co. to house its miners. The mine was up the holl. on the w. side of Pond, on land then owned by Little John Runyon. S. of the shopping ctr. and 3/4 mi. below the Velocity Market. Tipple was on the rr tracks. Now just a few homes on both sides of the creek and the vic. is still locally called Black Gem. The company may have come from Huntington. (Acc. to Clyde Runyon, Belfry, Ky., interview, 2/11/1989); The Reuben Rutherford (now Scott) Cem. is at Black Gem, on Lower Pond Cr. (Iva B. Adkins, "The Lowe Family" E. Ky. Vol. 16 (4), 3/81, P. 26);
Black Gem is centered at Scotts Cem. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Coal co. name aptly designating its product. Coal co. houses there when mine was operating. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Several camp houses and a company store. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); The Deerfields owned the company, a local firm (Red Stanley, 9/2/1989);
BLAIRTOWN (Pike Co.) (Pron. "Blēr/town")

Below Pikeville. E.C. Blair's family was the early family in this vic. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); ("Blēr/town") Named for the Rev. Whetzel Blair who owned the land on which the town is now located. Died c. 1918-20. (Buck Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); According to his descendants, it was named for Rev. Whetzel Blair. (Dorcas M. Hobbs, letter to me, 1/7/1981);

Named for Rev. Whetzel Blair who owned the site. He died around 1918 or 1920. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); B=Mullins Add. Has heard that this is where Whetzel lived.

Mullins was named for the Noah Mullins family. (Márie Justice, letter, 3/29/1989);
BLAIRTOWN (Pike Co., Ky): Henry Whetzel Blair was born in Pike Co. 2/26/1857 and died there on 2/3/1948. He was the son of Wm. J. & Frances (Compton) Blair. (E.KY. Vol. 21 (2), Sept. 1985, P. 21); Wm. Blair was that family's prog. in Pike Co. He was born c. 1810-1812 in Russell Co., Va. and married Frances Compton, sister of Leander, John Allen, and Wm. T. Compton, early Pike Co. settlers. Wm. to Pike Co. before 1835. Back to Russell Co. Then returned to Pike Co. c. 1857 and died around 1869/70. He was buried on Sookies Creek. Henry Whetzel Blair was buried in the Blair Cem. at Blairstown. He was a renowned E. Ky. preacher. (Audrey Lemothe "Blairs of Pike Co., Ky" Part I →
BLANKENSHIP BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for John Wesley Blankenship who owned almost all the land and lived at its mouth. He died around 1940. But it could have been named for his father, who also lived there. He was Alex Blankenship. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Named for Alex Blankenship. (Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989); Nancy Blankenship acquired 50 acres on Blankenship Br. (of?) in 1867. (Book 72, P. 464). (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1005);
Alex Blankenship (29) acc. to 1910 Census. lived in the Lower Johns Creek dist. between Don & Richard Weddington and near Silas Ratliff (36), several Clarks, Henry J. Ratliff (42);
BLAZE BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°14'45" (Lat), 82°35'15" (Long);
Named for trail blazers blazing a trail thru from Pound Gap in Va. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); *Given as Blaze Branch of Dorton Creek: "When the sun sets in the west, it seems to set the entire hol. into the blazes of red color. The setting sun thus gave Blaze Branch its name." (Source: A. Johnson of Dorton Creek area, 80, to Johnny Vanover, for Leonard Roberts, 1970)

*On 9/11/89, C.F.M. claimed he didn't why named.
BLAZE BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F189sw) (#98-127) 37°15'30" (Lat), 82°34'45" (Long); In the early days, people would mark the path they traveled by blazing trees and this branch was a straight blaze to Beefhide. (Leonard Roberts); Someone blazed the trail in there. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); John Mullins acquired 50 acres on Blaze Branch. Surveyed 4/16/1840 (Book 8, P. 120) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1524);
BLOWING ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): On the Ky-Va. line. Part of a continuous stone cliff extending for 2½ mi. c. 500 ft. hi. Barren. Named for "a hole which extends from the center top of the rock to the ground. The wind never ceases to blow through this hole, and if one stays too near he will probably feel the effects of this cool wind. There is an old legend that if one throws a hat, handkerchief, or other light-weight article over the rock, it will be blown back to him. Many persons have tried this, and some of them say that the legend is true. It all depends on the way the article is thrown over,
for if the wind is not allowed to get under it, it will not be blown back...." (Vertie Bartley, Mary Elaine Jones, Mrs. Nina Coleman, Pikev. Col. students, who contributed to the mimeo. booklet Folk Tales of the Cumberlands....)

Blowing Rock Gap
F135 (S. Pine)
BLOWING ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): On s. side of Elkhorn Creek, just below Ashcamp. One can go up there, throw his handkerchief or hat and the wind will blow it back to him. It's just around the curve, below Ashcamp. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/1989); One could throw his hat in there and it would come back. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
Rhoda Whitaker acquired 200 acres on Blowing Rock (10/7/1882) (Bk. 106, P. 242) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1827);
BLUE HEAD (Pike Co., Ky.): Near Elkhorn City, site of cold springs. It is/was a "beautiful clear spring." (Rodney R. Ratliff, *RETURN TO THE PROMISED LAND, APPALACHIA*, Frankfort: Kentucky Images, 1977, P. 13.) (This book is in MSU's Ky. Coll. 976.9/R236r) (also Pineville P.L.)

Heads in the Cumb. Mt. & Va. line. In daytime on top of mtn: "atmosphere would turn blue. Blue Head Rock, a silica rock, named for the stream. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
The **Blue Spring** is right behind the new brick schoolhouse *(Blackberry Ele. Sch.)*. **Why** so named. Used to be a big spring there, source of local drinking water. 6x8 ft. Came out of mt. real cold. Passersby would get their water from it. Later rocked off. Anderson "Bud" Hatfield and his uncle Floyd *(Preacher's bro.)* lived by the spring. *(Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989)*;
BLUE SPRING BRANCH SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): On the e. bank of Blackberry Creek, below the mouth of Blue Spring Br., just below the site of Blackberry School. (Matewan 1916, 15 min. top. map); BLUE SPRING HOLLOW at Ransom. Was a spring there where people could fill their buckets. So it was probably named for the spring. (Willard Cook, McCarr, Ky., interview 7/22/1989); The consol. Blackberry Sch. is at the mouth of Blue Spring Br. DK name's origin (Herbert Farley, interview, 7/22/1989); The spring for which it was named is in the bottom across from the new sch. It was a blue spring (Virginia Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 7/22/89);
BOARD FORK OF HATFIELD BRANCH (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Normans owned one side of it and Preacher Anderson Hatfield owned the other. DK why so named. (Stearl Hatfield, nearby resident, interview, 8/12/1989);
BOARD FORK OF RUSSELL FORK (of Levisa) (Pike Co., Ky): Martin Thornsberry acquired 225 acres on Board Fk. of Pond Creek (sic?) (12/4/1860) (Bk. 62, P. 327) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1762);
BOARD TREE (Pike Co., Ky): A hol. about midway betw. Freeburn & Phelps. "A story has been passed down through the Charles family about how Board Tree was named. James David Charles was a son of John Charles, and a grandson of David Charles, who was one of the pioneer settlers in the area of Peter Creek that later became Phelps. James David, known as Dave Charles, was a carpenter who helped build many of the finer earlier buildings in that area. M Charles related that the most perfect trees for building to be found anywhere were located in this hol. They were straight, tall, and
perfectly grained. This was attributed to a perfect blending of the elements such as rain, sun, and the slope of the land. Mr. Charles related that by driving a wedge the length of a log, one could rive near-perfect boards. Mr. Charles built himself a two-story home from these particular boards, and had perhaps the first brick chimney in that area. People began to refer to the place where these trees grew as 'the hollow with the board trees' and eventually it was shortened and the identifying name of that particular location became 'Board Tree Hol.'
and finally only 'Board Tree';" (Mrs. Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
BOARD TREE (Pike Co., Ky): Oak wood used to make shingles for houses were called board trees. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); Could this have been named for the board tree or evonymus oboratus? (Suggested by Hamill Kenny, W.Va. PN); "From a native shrub so known but may possibly be from a tree from which boards could be made...." (Stewart, Am. P.N., P. 51); Oak trees which furnished the wood for house shingles were called board trees
BOARDTREE (Acc. to Stewart, Am. PN, P. 51): "occurs with some frequency in the SE, and is regularly from a native shrub so known, and may possibly be from a tree from which boards could be made or from a tree with a board nailed to it;
BOARDTREE BRANCH OF PAW PAW CREEK (Pike Co): Given as Boardtree Hollow. The Paw Paw PO was originally est. at its mouth by Curtis Coleman, a pioneer settler. Mulberry trees dammed the mouth of this stream and timber was logged out of hereto Louisa (via Knox Creek & Tug Fk.) and to the Ritter Co. mill at the mouth of Paw Paw, before 1910 when a bad flood took it all out. The stream is now owned by Sam Hurley Associates for a boys school. (Margaret Estep & Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);
BOARD TREE BR. OF RIGHT FORK (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Oak trees here would be cut for board lumber for picket fence slats or roofs. (Frances Soward and Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/9/1989);
BOARD TREE BRANCH OF ROAD FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): In the early 20th century people would cut these trees for boards to be riven for roof shingles. This is now a suburban development called Sharon Heights. Named by the developer for his wife Sharon Moore. Only within the last 10 years. This is the first right hand branch of Road Fork. (Chas. Pauley, Forest Hills, Ky., tel. interview, 9/13/1989);
BOB GAP (Ky-Va. state line) (Pike Co., Ky): Some fellow killed a bobcat there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
BOBS BRANCH (of Right Fk. of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°16'45" (Lat) 82°41'15" (Long); Named for an early settler, Bob Johnson. No dates available on him or when he settled there. (Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974 via Leonard Roberts); Named for Robert (Bob) Johnson, son of Wm. Johnson, Sr. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Bob was ne 1809. (Pike Co. Hist. Papers #5, 1883, P. 65);
BOLDMAN (Pike Co.): po est. 9/21/1909, Isaac N. Porter... (NA); A coal mine located here at what was then (c.1855) known as Industry. Coal was shipped via the Big Sandy R. (Howar Eavenson, THE FIRST CENT. AND QUARTER OF THE AMER. COAL INDUSTRY, pvt. print. Pittsb., Pa 1942, P. 311); (See Penny Hale notes - 1949, Co. file) Disc. 7/30/1955 (m to Pikeville); Damron's fort, an early station on the Lev. at the present site of Boldman. Named for pioneer settler Lazarus Damron, Indian scout & Rev. War. vet. and father of Richard Damron the P. Co. Surveyor. (Helen Foster Snow, comp. The Dameron-Damron Geneal.: Descendant of Lawrence Damron, n.d, KHS Libr. ms.);
Thomas J. Boldman owned a lumbermill in Boldman, Ky. in the early 20th cent. His gt. granddaughter Mrs. Deanna Frobish, 5003 B 19 St. W., Bradenton, Fla. 33507 asked if the com. was named for Boldman's family. (Dorcas M. Hobbs, "App. Anc." App. N-Xpr. 7/26/1980, II P. 1:5); No Boldmans mentioned in 1900 Pike Co. Census or in any Floyd Co. Census or other records;
INDUSTRY (Floyd Co.) and Boldman (Pike Co., Ky): Scalf had a booklet on Stephen Meek Ferguson mentioning these two places. (Check in Floyd Co. or PCC Lib's and xerox from it. If they don't have it, it's in the Ferguson Family Vert. Files #2 in KHS Libr.); Also in prl.
BONE'S BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (Pike Co., Ky): of Peter Creek, at Phelps, Ky. Was first called Big Branch. Named for Daniel Wolford (11/1828-9/6/1906), son of pioneer John Wolford, Sr., who was called "Bone." It was renamed for him after he built his home near its head. (Geraldine Davenport, "John Wolford Sr." in PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1987 HIST'L. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. Hist. Soc., Pikeville, Ky. 1987; Pp. 185-91, 188); Once owned by John & Mary (Charles) Wolford, who had rec'd. grant. Arr. from Russell Co., Va. in early 1820s. Had 5 known sons (John or Jack, Geo., Frederick, Dan'l., and Andrew. and 2 daughters, Mary or
Polly and Arminda. "Their son Daniel was tall and lanky and everyone called him 'Boney' which was shortened to Bone. Dan'l. inherited some of the land on the branch from his father. After his marr. to Sarah Dotson (son of Jordon), he built a home in the head of the hol., just over the gap from the head of Barrenshee Creek. The hol. then became known as 'Bone's Branch' (or Bone Branch.)" (Geraldine Davenport, letter, 9/27/1989);
BOOKER BRANCH (of Beefhide Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F357) 37°14'(Lat), 82°37'(Long); Named for
Booker Mullins, an early settler. (Chas. F.
Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
Booker Mullins ne 1800. Married Polly Newsome.
Lived at the mouth of Brushy Fk. of Beefhide.
Amassed 3000 acres at the head of Beefhide and
in Letcher & Pike Co's. He gave his Letcher
land to son William and his Beefhide land to
his son Smith Mullins. Smith and Sarah (nee
Craft) Mullins lived above the mouth of Bear
Fk. of Beefhide, 1½ mi. above Brushy. (Acc. to
THE GREER-MULLINS FAMILY TREE by Jos. & Mollie
Greer Alley, Prichard, W.Va., copy in E. City
P.L., examined by me, 2/22/1989);


Booker Mullins ne 1804 and his bro. Smith Mullins, ne 1810 were sons of Wm. B.H. Mullins, who was ne c. 1784 in Va. (Dorcas, AA, N-Xpr. 9/27/80, II, P. 1:5);
There were several Booker Mullins; it seems to have been a trad. family given name(s) (Acc. to Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); A Booker Mullins is mentioned in Floyd Co. Court Book One, Oct. Term (10/23/1809) as having been appointed surveyor of a road to the top of Cumberland Mts. from Solomon Ausburn's. (sic). Acc. to 1860 Census: Booker Mullins was ne 1805 and lived in Rob. Cr. En. Dist. with wife Polly and son Booker Elkins Mullins who was ne 1849. He is also listed elsewhere as having been born in Va. in 1804; Also in that dist. in 1860 were Booker Mullins, ne Ky. 1819 and wife Nancy and their son Booker, ne 1856, and a Booker Mullins, ne 1837.
BOOKER FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK who named for. (Lawrence Newsom & Oma/Robt. Branham, interview, 7/29/1989);
BOOKER HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (off Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (F189sw) (#98-148) 37°19'30" (Lat) 82°37'15" (Long) Named for Booker Elkins. (Leonard Roberts); BOOKER FORK SCHOOL (F189sw) (#98-147) was also named for him. (Ibid.);

Booker Elkins, Robinson Creek (Enum.) Dist. Acc. to 1870 Census he was then age 21; May have been named for Booker Wright, late resident, who used to live on Shelby Creek. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/89)
Booker Elkins ne 6/1848 in Ky. Farmer. Wife was Christena. Lived next door to Geo. & Wm. Elkins & their families. He may have been their father. (1900 Census). Booker Elkins acquired 100 acres on Brushy Fork (was this of Beefhide?) (surv. 3/2/1871) (Bk. 81, P. 123) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1221);
BOONE'S GAP (Pike-Letcher Co. line, Ky):
At the head of Rocky Br. of Poor Fork (of the Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek), 1½ mi. sw of Etty PO. (F358) On the road to Hemphill Letcher Co. So named for (the story) that Dan'l. Boone's initials were once found carved on a rock in that vic. And a tree on which was (allegedly) carved 'Bone Killed a bar.' (sic) (Acc. to Booker Wright, told to Glenn Tackett, for Jessie Horne's "First Settlers on Robinson Creek" (150 Yrs. Pike Co., Ky. 1822-1972, Sesq. Iss. Vol. 1, Pike Co. Hist. Soc., Pp. 17-20, 19);
BOONE GAP (Pike Co., Ky): "...was so named as it is believed that Daniel Boone once traveled through there. It is said that his name was carved on a tree on Boone Mountain."
(Frances Sowards, letter to me, 3/4/1989);
BOONE MT. (Pike Co., KY): Just above Etty, Ky straddles the Pike-Letcher Co. line. Boone may have camped there. Said to have been a tree there in which he cut his initials/name. Four wheel drive road thru the gap in that mt. (See Boone Gap). (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
BORDERLAND HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Shown as Frog-Pond Branch (of Tug Fk.) on published maps but, acc. to Alley, P. 91), Borderland succeeded Frog Pond as its name. Jimmie Deskin lived here in the early 19th cent.; Frog Pond Branch joins Tug Fk. betw. Turkey Creek & Big Creek. (Norwood Rept., 1903, P. 433); Borderland Coal Co. had a tipple on the Ky. side of the Tug Fk., at the mouth of the hol. now called Borderland Hol. Adron Hatfield had a store on the Ky. side. Moved to and built a larger store at Borderland, W.Va. This was bought out by the Borderland Coal Co. He and his family are buried on the hill behind the store. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/89);
FROG POND BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): So swampy before the coal company came in there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/89);
BOWENS ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): c. ¼ mi. below Elkhorn City. Named for a Mr. Bowen who was being trailed by Indians. When he got to the rock he found he was completely surrounded. He jumped off the rock which juts out into the river, c. 15 ft. above the water. He swam under the rock to an airspace and escaped from his pursuers. They figured he was drowned. He was presumably traveling through the area and was not a local person for no family by that name is known to have lived in the vic. (Eva Powell, Elkhorn City, Ky., interview, 11/18/1971).
BOWEN'S ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): Legend of a man named Bowen who barehandedly fought a bear there and won. "A large boulder on the right bank of Russell Fork. Under the rock was a cave in which Bowen might have hidden. ... The legend says that Bowen, a pioneer Pike Countian whose first name is not recorded, was being chased by Indians near the rock. ... Bowen knew of the cave under the rock and jumped into the river, then swam back up under the rock and into the cave. On another occasion .. Bowen and some friends were hunting in the area. They spied a bear and instead of shooting him, Bowen told his
friends that he wanted to wrestle the bear. Bowen threw himself full force into the battle. By dint of courage and super human strength, he maneuvered the bear into position near the rock, and moved as swiftly as he could to pick up the bear and throw him in the river.... In later years, a house was built 'jammed' against the rock.... Whether any of it happened cannot be proved to this day, but the story was told by a good many older people of two generations ago and probably does have some authenticity...."

("Bowen's Rock: One of the Most Fanciful..."
Stories of the Area is Tale of Bowen's Rock"
THE KY. HIST'L. CHRONICLE: Hist'l. High-
BOWENS ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for one of the early pioneers. "Bowens, while hunting deer along the riverside, in the year of 1800, came upon a band of Indians from which he fled to take his stand on top of 'Bowens Rock,' as it is now known. He was outnumber (sic) and practically surrounded with all hope of escape cut off. Bowens resolved not to be captured, so he leaped into the river and crawled beneath a ledge that jutted out over the water. ... After a vigil lasting nearly an hour, during which time Bowens lay shivering in the River, the Indians concluded that their enemy had been drowned, and took
their departure. When Bowens felt that the coast was clear, he crawled out of the icy water and shook his soggy clothing and went up the river to his hut, where he related his hair-breadth escape to the members of his family. This story has been handed down through the years, and today 'Bowens Rock' is well known throughout Ky. and is visited by many tourists." (Inez Elswick, one of the Pikev. Col. students who contributed to FOLK TALES OF THE CUMBERLANDS, mimeo. booklet, n.p., n.d.) (c. early 1930s, under the supervision of Misses Louise Landrum & Bess Alice Owens for a class proj. in oral composition.)
BOWEN'S ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): "in River near Elkhorn City took its name by a man named Bowen was chased by Indians on this rock. He jumped off into the river, knowing under this rock was...a safe place for hiding from Indians. He also fought with and killed a (BAR) on this rock." (sic) (On the wall of the old Hatcher Hotel in Pikeville, Ky. From photo sent to me by Dorcas Hobbs, 4/24/1989);
and BOWLING FORK CEM. were named for local family. Henry Bowling was age 24, acc. to the 1850 census. He was ne 2/25/1826 in Wilkes Co., NC. (Acc. to Sue Hughes on Henry Clay Bowling, in PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1987, HIST'L. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. Hist. Soc., Pikeville, 1987, P. 132); Henry Boling acquired 50 acres on Sycamore Fk. of Marrowbone Creek, surveyed 2/1856. (Bk. 50, P. 92) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1043); Henry Bolling acquired 400 acres on Sycamore, surv. 3/66 (Bk. 70, P. 24) (Ibid.); Other Bollins acquired land on this creek in the 1880s (P. 1044). Henry C. Bowling got 46 acres on Marr. 9/1902. (Bk. 120, }
Martin Bolling (sic) acquired 200 acres on Sycamore Fk. of Marrow. (6/1/1883) (Bk. 105, P. 129) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1044); So did othe Bollings: Daniel, James, Reece, Morgan (surv. 1/4-6/1883) (Ibid., P. 1044); Huldah Bowling acquired 14 acres on Sycamore Fk. (8/8/1902) (Bk. 120, P. 140) (Ibid., P. 1045);
Bowling Fork used to be called Big Branch. The Sycamore name was applied to a trib. of Bowling Fk., 500 ft. above Licklog, on the n. side. Named for a big sycamore tree at its mouth that was dynamited out in 1950.

(Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
BOWLING FORK OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co); Never called Sycamore that he knows of. Sycamore "is just over the hill from the mining town of Allegheny...on Elkhorn Creek." (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989); Shown as Sycamore Creek on Crandall 1905 map (P. 111); Shown as Sycamore Fork of Marrowbone on Stone 1908 map; Henry Bowling or Boling was ne 2/25/1826 and died 9/23/1904. Marr. (1) Susanna Adkins and (2) Rebecca Ratliff. (Dorcas Hobbs, "App. Anc." N-Xpr. 7/19/1980, II, P. 1:5);
The Big Branch PO was at the mouth of Bowlin Fk., but Bowling Fork was earlier called Big Branch too. Hence the po name was appropriate.

The name was aptly applied for it was a big branch. Almost all of it was owned by Henry Clay Bowling. He was informant's wife (Sue) gr. grandfather. (Albert Canley, interv., 9/23/89)
BOX FORK OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
John McCoun acquired 150 acres on it (surv. 2/6/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 77) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1536); Frederick Newsom acquired 50 acres on Box Fk. (surv. 2/6/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 85) (Ibid., P. 1555); and Jackson Newsom acquired 200 acres on Box Fk. (9/3/73) (Bk. 97, P. 401) (Ibid., P. 1555); Dk who so named.

(Lawrence Newsom, Rob. Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Could Box Fk. have been named for Andrew Box, free colored, who lived in the vic. of Elijah Hall, John & Polly Kinney, Jarvey Hall, Ambrose & John Mullins, & Jeremiah Osborne? (1840 Census);
BRANHAM (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 7/29/1891, Alfred Branham; Disc. 7/16/1895 (mail to Robinson Creek) (NA); Branham pet. for po on Caney Creek to be called Caney. Name rejected so Branham was given instead. Located imprecisely somewhere in the vic. of the Uppe Caney School. (need a more precise location but can't get from the Site Location Repts. which places it 6 mi. s. of Rob. Cr. PO, 7 mi n. of Beefhide (Myra) PO, and 9 mi. n. of Dorton PO; Alfred Branham acquired 77 acres on some unidentified br. of Caney in 1871. (Book 80, P. 461) (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1014);
BRANHAM PO (Pike Co., Ky): Lawrence Newsom (Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/89) thought it might have been what Sam Branham ran at the mouth of Rob Fk. of Caney;

David Branham acquired 50 acres on the left fk. of Caney Cr. in 1848 (Bk. 28, P. 49); and 100 acres on same in 1856 (Bk. 50, P. 90); and 400 acres on same in 1866 (Bk. 69, P. 540) (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1014); a different David,
BRANHAM BR. OF CANEYCR. (Pike Co., Ky): Richard & James Branham acquired 200 acres on this creek in 1883. (Book 106, P. 78) (Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1014); David Branham ne Va(?) in 1779. Marr. Eliz. Little and lived on Kinney Br. of Shelby Cree. He may have been the son of David (ne 1747 in Ireland, who was an early Floyd Co. settler) David Sr. probably marr. Susan Burbridge. David, Jr. died ca. 1848. in Pike Co. His children incl. James (ne ca. 1804), Wm. (ne ca. 1808), Mary (Polly) Branham who marr. John Kinney, 1834.... (Dorcas Hobbs, col. in App. Xpr. date=?)
BRANHAM CEM. (Pike Co., Ky): On Shelby Cr., just below the mouth of Caney Creek. A family cem. (Inventoried: by John W. Picklesimer, 2881 Middlesex Way., Lex., Ky. 40503, in KHS Libr.);
LAKE HELEN: (Pike Co., Ky): Artificial lake, now gone. Site of the present Branham Hts. housing dev. Named for the late Lawrence Branham who acquired land (probably from Andrew "Fat" Auxier) and sold it off in lots 15-20 yrs. ago. Named for Auxier's wife, Helen Auxier, owner of Helen Flower Shop at Upper Bridge. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); Named for the late Lawrence Branham who developed it. Name was suggested by Lawrence Newsom. At the curve on US 23, on west side of highway, ½ mi. up Shelby Creek from the Levis (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/89);
BROAD BOTTOM (Pike Co.): (pron. Brohd ≈ Br(ah)d B(ah)t/əm") Named for the terrain. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. as Broadbottom (sic), 8/4/1920, Elon Varney, rescinded 11/10/20; 1/26/24, Henry H. Funk...(NA); Aptly named. Across the Levisa Fork from US 23. (Source: O.K. Long, 63, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); now but a branch of the Pikeville po; "This hamlet with po, slightly over 1 mi. e. of the Floyd Co. line and 3½ mi. nw of Pikev., was named for its location in a low-lying area across the Levisa Fk. from US23/460. The po was est. as Broadbottom on 1/26/1924 with Henry H. Funk, pm." (Book-P. 36);
BROOMSTRAW FORK OF COWPEN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) Given as Straw Fk. on Harold 15 min. top. ma: (1915); John W. Price acquired 19 acres on Broomstraw Fk. (surveyed 1/23/1903) (Bk. 120 P. 153) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1603); Silas Rat-liff acquired 100 acres on Brunstraw Fk. of Cow Pen Creek (sic), sur. 11/17/1858) (Bk. 58 P. 134) (Ibid., P. 1620);
BROWN BRANCH OF DICKS BR. (of Big Creek) (Pike Co., Ky); Named for a local family. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, interview, 8/26/1989); Smith Brown (ne 1837) with wife Harritt (sic) (nee 1844) lived nr. Geo. Stanley (5/41) & wife Celia (7/52) in 1900 in Big Creek ED. Not in 1860, 1870. (Censuses);
BRUNTY FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Jesse Brunty, age 36, is listed in the 1860 Census. He was a farmer in the Piketon Dist. His wife was Nancy and they had a son Wm. A. Brunty, 1 yr. of age. No Brunty's were listed in the 1850 or 1870 Censuses or in Jillson. But, acc. to the 1900 Census, Webb Brunty (sic) lived in the Big Creek Enum. Dist. He was born Oct. 1880 and had a wife Louisa and a son Conzy. He was a farmer. In 1910, Willie M. Brunty (29) lived in Coburn Fk. E.D. nr. Geo. Chapman & Wm. H. Reed; ("Bruhn/ee") aka Pipeyard Hol. (merely a local name) Gas co. bldg. where they store gas/pipes at its mouth. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/89): no Brunty's in 1880 Census.
BRUSHY FORK (Of Johns Creek, Pike Co., Ky): So full of weeds and brush one could hardly pass through. (Patsy Bowling for Leonard Roberts, 1970)
BRUSHY FORK OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Informant knows this as Edgewater Hollow for the site of the Edgewater mines. From Edgewater (Coaldale) the upper end of this fork was called Bartley Hollow for old man Doc Bartley, the prog. of a large family, late 19 cent. Informant, a coal mine operator, was in this hol. in 1912, just about where the Edgewater Tipple is. At 3 yrs. of age his family moved to Elkhorn Creek. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
BRUSHY RUN (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky.): Generally called Little Brushy. The latter name is given on Crandall's map of coal props BSV, 1905. A Mr. May lived at its mouth; DK why so named. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989); Brushy Run is called Little Brushy. (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/1989);
BUCKFIELD SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F561w) (#98-183) 37°24'15"(Lat), 82°31'30"(Long); One man said that it was named for "the large amt. of swamp in that place and this was where the deer liked to hang out." (From Leonard Roberts' Pike Co. p.n. material); On site of earlier Buckfield (FWBap.) Chu. Keithleys lived in the vic. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky Interview, 7/29/1989);
BUCKHORN BR. OF ROAD FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky) Is this the Buck Holl. of Road Fk. on which Andrew Vaney secured 50 acres (3/7/66) (Bk. 70, P. 22). He also acquired other land on Road Fk. in the 1860s-1880. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1777); He secured 10 acres on Pegs Br. of Pond Cr. (4/20/80) (Bk. 99, P. 337) (Ibid.); DK this name. Called (Clay) Whitt Hollow for a man who used to live at its mouth. Now site of a new resi. subdivision. (Rev. Jos. I. Smith, W. Williamson, WV and pastor of Aflex Meth. Chu. 9/2/1989);
Someone found a large deer horn a long time ago. This is the only name this feature has had. (Chas. Pauley, Forest Hills, Ky., tel. interv., 9/13/1989);
BUCKHORN FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): At head of Peter. No one recalls the derivation but they do relate the story that 100 yrs. ago, crews working for Andrew W. Campbell, sawmill owner, cut timber in here. He was once the largest employer on Peter Cr. for 30 yrs. until the coal mines were opened after the rr came in. (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
BUCKLEYS CREEK (br. of Levisa Fk. of the BSR, Pike Co., Ky): Named for the creek's owner. (From Orehthia Miller for Leonard Roberts, 1971); Named for Wilburn W. Buckley who married Frances Sword in Pike Co. on 6/19/1850 and settled there. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989); Wm. W. Buckley acquired 469 acres on Louisa Fk. 3/1856 (Bk. 47, P. 466) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1068); Acc. to 1860 Census, his name was Willburn and he was born in Va. 32 yrs. before His wife Francis (sic) was age 28;
BUCKLICK: FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Heads at Boone Mt. DK why so named. May have been for bucks drinking at a lick. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
BUCK LICK SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F735)
37°15'15" (Lat), 82°40'45" (Long); Est. 1915.
The children formerly had attended a consol. sch. at Etty, in an old log bldg. When the BLS was disc. 1967 the bldg. was bought by Daniel Bentley and torn down. The bldg. was located on land owned by Dan'l. Bentley. His son, Scott Bentley, was the last tchr. Bentley transferred to the new consol. sch., Geo. F. Johnson Ele. Sch. Joe Triyette=1st tchr. Sch. yr. then was for 5 months. Only 4 kids showed up for the 1st day of school. (Acc. to Vernon Bentley, from Leonard Roberts);
BUCK LICK SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°15'15" (Lat 82°40'45" (Long); Est. 1915. Built on land owned by Dan'l. Bentley, Sr. Disc. 1967. Land & bldg. reverted to heir of orig. owner. Bldg. torn down and residence built on the site. (Leonard Roberts); Below the Etty Chu. of Christ. Named for its location at the mouth of Bucklick Fk. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); The sch. was torn down by David Bentley. It was a 2 rm. sch. and doesn't think there was ever a log bldg. for the sch. But many yrs. ago there was a log sch. house about 3/4 mi. above Pettys Fk. (Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., letter to me, 4/15/1989);
Left hand branch of Long Fork and named for an early settler. (Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Probably named for Wm. "Buck" Tackett, son of prog. Wm. Tackett, Sr. and father of Abel Tackett. Wm. Sr. was ne NC in 5/12/1779 and died c.1851. He may have been the son of Phillip Tackett, Sr. Wm. married Amy Johnson and moved with family to upper end of Long Fork to which he had been attracted on an earlier visit as a gunpowder dealer. Lived here for the rest of his life. Wm. Sr. was later ordained as a minister (1820) and he and
others org. the **Union Chu. of Old Reg'l.** Baptists of which he was elected 1st moderator. This chu. nr. Virgie is current. He deeded the site for bldg. but its location is unknown. He was later squire and died Sep 1851. Buried in cem. on hill above his home. He was called Wm. "Preacher Billy" Tackett.

....(Ancestors & Descendants of James Tacket and Mary Ann Martin, compiled by Elsie Hudso (n.d.) ms. in the Vesta Roberts Johnson Libr Virgie, Ky., examined by me on 4/1/1989)

Buch (1809-1894)
BUFFALO ROUNDUP KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): On Richard Coleman's farm bordering the Rob Fk. of Caney Creek "where buffalo gathered to leave for the west." (Claire Kelly col. "App. Ancestors" in PIKEV. APP. NEWS-EXPR. 10/26/1984, Sec. 2, P. 1:1); An elevation betw. the head of Rob Fk. of Caney Creek & the head of Greasy Cr., 1½ mi. e. of Caney. Part of the Richard Coleman farm. The Greasy Creek side is owned by Lonnie L. Coleman and the Caney side (maybe) by Branham & Baker. (Claire Kelly, Louisv., Ky., letter to me, 5/6/89);
✓ BULL GAP (Pike Co., Ky): In the head of Ams Branch of Left Fk. (of Long Fk. of Shelby Cr. Someone found their lost bull here. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
BURGETT'S BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., KY): "Was named early in the hist. of the area," possibly for John Burgett who was ne Tenn. & marr. Sarah Stepp, daughter of Moses and Sally Jackson Stepp. John & his family were living on Burgett Br. acc. to the 1830 Census "the next house west of the Thomas Stepp homestead." (Scalf, THE STEPP/STAPP FAMILY OF AMER. 1976, Pp. 328-9); John Sr. had a son, John, Jr. (12). John (64) was ne Tenn. had 1000 acres. Wife was Sarah (51). Lived next to Wm. Burgett (24) & Orrison R. Low (42) (1850 Census);
BURGETT BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Extends for 1 mi. nw to Big Creek c. 1 mi. e of Rural. May have been named for the family of John Burgett who died in the late 1850s. John Burgett lived at the mouth of Burgett Br of Big Creek. (Jos. Alley, Williamsons, 1962, P. 84); John Bugett acquired 300 acres betw. Burgett & Lowes Br. (Book 66, P. 193) in 1860 also in 1855 on Big Creek 200 acres (Book 46, P. 350) (Jillsom, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 1061); also 50 acres on Big Creek in 1839 (Book 6, P. 425) and 100 acres on Burgetts Branch in 1852 (Book 37, P. 463) (Ibid.).
BURKE BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):

"On 3/16/1871 Moses Burke bought a tract of land on Pelfry's Branch from John Mullins, land formerly belonging to Allen Hall.... Pelfry's Branch became Burke's Branch. I found no deeds to or from a Pelfry in Pike Co. I did not check the Floyd Co. records or the survey and grant records. I made no attempt to abstract the title back to Moses Burke." (Faye M. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989); Earlier called Pelfreys Br. (Crandall, 1905 map, P. 117);
Nathaniel Burks, age 30 (1870 Census) in Rob. Creek Enum. Dist. with wife Jennie. Children: Pleasant, Wm., Harvey, George W. given as Burk on man register (2/5/1860). Acc. to 1880 Census, Burks (sic) lived nr. Fredrick Riddle (38), a farmer who lived nr. Wm. Johnson, Sr. (70) & Johnson's wife Matilda (69); (Wm. Jr. actually)

Burk's Branch. Could also be spelled Burke's Branch. DK about Buck's Branch. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989); In 1870 Moses Burks (27) & wife Elvina (24);
BURK BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189 (#98-193) 37°17'45"(Lat), 82°36'30"Long); (given as Buck Branch on an old state hiway map) BUCK BRANCH NEIGHBORHOOD (as such on nghbrd. map) #98-177) but aka Burks Branch. Acc. to notes in Pike Co. pn material (Leonard Roberts), it's given as Burk Branch and "earlie known as Buck Branch Neighborhood." Burke's Branch Cem. (sic) at Myra, at the mouth of Burke's Branch (sic), just below Myra. (Marie R. Justice, ONE MULLINS FAMILY, Pikeville, 1983, Pp. 35, 39); Probably for a Burke family but dk who. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky.; inter view, 4/8/1989);
PELFREYS BRANCH (of Long Fork of Shelby Cr.)? (Pike Co., Ky): Pleasant Johnson acquired 20 acres on this, surv. 12/8/1870 (Bk. 83, P. 553) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1398); Stephen Osborn acquired 100 acres on Pelfrey Br. (1/22/69) (Bk. 75, P. 221) (Ibid., P. 1569). Pelphreys Br. of Shelby Creek and Bear Pen Br. of Pelphreys: survey of land here made by Stephen Osborne in 1892, for Robt. & Margaret Mullins land deeded to them by Gilbert Burke. (Bk. 7, P. 240) (sic) (Justice, One Mullins Family, P 67).
BURNING FORK OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky.): "My grandmother, Martha Jane (Ratliff) Helvey who was born in 1853, told me that her parent had told her that at one time there was a 'coal bank' (a small mine where families dug coal for household use) caught fire and burned (sic) for many years, thus giving Burning Fork its name." (Faye M. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989); Randolpl McCoy acquired 75 acres on this fork (surv. 2/25/1843) (Bk. 11, P. 147 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1534); John Ratliff acquired 325 acres on it (3/10/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 84) (Ibid., P. 1620);
BURNS (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 11/11/1896, Wm. B. Mitchell; 8/22/1898, N.T. Hopkins; Disc. 11/17/1898 (papers to Robinson Creek) (NA); On Shelby Creek, nr. Yeager; 4½ mi. ne of the Robinson Creek po, on e. bank of the creek. (Site Location Rept); Probably just above Collins & below the mouth of Sookeys Creek. Still imprecisely located; Prop. names: Call (probably for W.P. Call, a saw & grist mill operator in the vic. of the Robinson Creek PO, c1895-6), Snyder, Keath, Damron, Fox (Site Loc. Rept.); On Shelby Cr., just above (sw of) the mouth of Little Creek. (Ibid.);
James Berns, Jr. acquired 100 acres on Cabin Nole (Knoll-?) Branch of ? in 1847. (Book 24, P. 353) (Jillson, Ky. Land. Grants, 1971, P. 1027); Could Burns have been named for Judge Rowland T. Burns of Pikeville (c1860s-70s) (Kozee, 1961, P. 572); dk of it. (Lawrence & Eliza Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Judge Roland Burns was from Law. Co. At one time he owned all the land in Tram, on w. side of the Levisa. Gave the land for the Tram Cem. and then sold the farm to Judge Stanley. He was marr. to Thursa Caroline Powell. (Mary Lou Spradlin, Stanville, Ky., ir a letter to me, 10/10/89);
STRINGTOWN (Pike Co., Ky): Houses were strung along Lower Stringtown Hollow which was named prior to Upper Stringtown Hol. (which was probably named in reference to the former.) Stringtown name is applied to homes up the hollow rather than up the river. While Burnwell is up the river and Ky. 292. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/89; Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/1989);
BURNWELL and STRINGTOWN (Pike Co., Ky): Willard Blackburn considers them two separate places, 3/4 miles apart. (Letter, 7/8/89);

Acc. to Jack Phillips, Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/7/89, they are the same community, originally called Stringtown. When the po was est. the name was ch. to Burnwell, he said;

B & S are the same (Acc. to Zelpha Bragg, the 1st Burnwell PM, letter to me, 7/11/1989);

Stringtown=Burnwell. That section along the Tug is Burnwell. Stringtown extends up the lower Stringtown Br. Burnwell was named for the coal camp of that name; name preceded the est. of the PO. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
BURNWELL (Pike Co.): Nr. McCarr. (Pron. "Bern/w(eh)l") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); 1st called Stringtown. Renamed when the po was est in 1949. Named for the Burnwell Coal Co. which had mines there. First settlers were the McCoys. (Delphia Bragg, pm, letter to Delphine Haley, 6/26/1975); The Burnwell Mines operated by the Burnwell Coal & Coke Co., on the Ky. side of the Tug Fork opp. Sprigg, W.Va. c.1913 PO est. as Burnwell on 11/16/1949....APO; Stringtown and Burnwell are considered two separate communities, ½ mile apart, by the US Army Corp. of Engineers, c1980;
BURNWELL (Pike Co., Ky): This is where the H-McC feud first started. Informant's daughter-in-law owns the prop. on which it started. Informant is granddaughter of Uriah McCoy, one of the orig. McCoys. At one time he owned 400 acres at Burn. The post was est. 11/16/1949 with informant as 1st pm. She served for 24 yrs. It was named for a coal company which got its name as an ad for their coal. It burns well. (Zelpha Bragg, Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/11/1989);
BUSKIRK (Pike Co., KY): Buskirk was a local family (c.1900); a coal camp named for a coal co. or rr official. ("Buhs/ kək") (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Buskirk is 1.1 mile below McCarr; 1st settler-owner was Eph Hatfield who traded land to Robt. Buskirk. Thus commu. was named for family of local land owner. (Jas. Hatfield, River Rd., McCarr, Ky., 67, interview, 7/22/89); This was the site of the old Hatfield PO. DK which Hatfield, maybe Landon Hatfield (1873-1877) who left local park for the com. (Was he the son of Sheriff Greenway? A Buskirk man owned the site; on his death he left it to his son Robert who had it surveyed and listed on the map as Buskirk Add'n. (Willa Cook, McCarr in interview, 7/22/89).
In 1900 a Mr. Buskirk (1st name not given) (n 2/1869) & his wife Méada (nee 3/68) lived in Blackberry Dist. betw. Edward Marcum & Esaw Gooslin (ne 1/59) and nr. Lewis Phillips (ne 11/40) & Willie Hatfield (ne 1/48) & Willie's wife Amanda (nee 5/52). Willie's son was Landon Hatfield; (ne 11/77). Landon was bro. to Richard & several sisters. Willie lived betw. John Tiller (5/75) & C. Pittcock (8/76) No Buskirks listed in 1870 Census;
BUSKIRK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for R.W. (Bob) Buskirk. In the timber business. Came here from elsewhere (dk where). Built a bldg. in Matewan, a hotel with saloon called Urias Hotel. When WV voted dry he moved it to Ky. Called it Buskirk after himself. His son, R.W Jr. heired it and has since sold his Ky. holdings, the bottom and the hill with the radio tower. Now a shopping ctr. Sid Hatfield, the Matewan policeman and union organizer, is buried at cem. in Buskirk. Bob Buskirk's only heir was Jr. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Cr., Interview, 8/12/1989);
SIDNEY PO (Pike Co., Ky): The po was 1st located across Tug Fk. from Matewan. It was renamed Matewan when it was moved to the WVa. site. Bill Hatfield was the 1st pm. (Nancy Sue Smith, An Early Hist. of Mingó Co., WVa. 1960, P. 6); Hatfield PO as such shown on th Ky. side of Tug Fk. just below the mouth of Coon Branch. (i.e. McCarr or Buskirk), above Matewan. (c.1905) (Matewan was inc. as such in 1895); Never heard of a Hatfield PO in this vic. Neither did any other local person he asked. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
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HATFIELD (Ky-W.Va.): Est. in W.Va. but no date given; by 9/21/1876 with McGinnis Hatfield it was in Pike Co., Ky. The name was changed to Sidney on or about 8/19/1884 and it returned to W.Va. Thus from 1876-1884 this po was in Pike Co. The Sidney name is significant only in W.Va. Acc. to the Williamson 15 min. top. map (1915) and subsequent top. maps the W.Va. site is identified as Hatfield on the e. bank of the Tug Fk. R. (and US52 and the N&W RR), 1½mi. above Nolan, W.Va. Nothing on the Ky. side of the river. I need to know where Hatfield PO (in Ky: from 1876-1884) was. Who was Sidney? Which Hatfield was the Ky. po named for?

Sidney (W.Va) given on 1884 Postal rate map. a site at Bleckham, . . . across the Tug Fk.
SIDNEY (Pike Co., Ky): po est. as Hatfield in W.Va., thence to Ky. 9/21/1876 with McGinnis Hatfield; 3/19/1879, Wm. A. Hatfield...8/30/1883, Elliott Rutherford; n.ch. to Sidney and back into W.Va. 8/19/1884 (NA)

Acc. to Rand McN. map, 1898, Hatfield in Pike had Sidney, W.Va. as its mailing address; On the Williamson 1915 (15 m.) top. map Hatfield is shown on the W.Va. side of the Tug Fk. R. but no Sidney PO; McGinnis Hatfield may have been the man with that name who was a 19th cent. sheriff of McDowell Co., WVa. or his nephew (?)

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a different site.
BUZZARD ROOST HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): So many buzzards roosted in there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Now called Red Dog Hollow for here is where the A.F. Leckie Co. dumped its mine refuse; it burned for years. (Several men, interview at Hardy's, Goody, 9/2/1989);
CABIN BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): Mossy Bottom PO. Cabin Branch Coal Co. opened in 1907 there. Ballard Weddington, Pres., Coal Run, Ky. Camp of 16 homes occupied by the miners. (1910 Rep. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 207); The Steel Coal Co. had mines at Cabin Branch, Ky. with po at Mossy Bottom. (1910 Rept. of Ibid., P. 215); Cabin Branch Coal Co. with po at Mossy Bottom, Ky. 7 mi. w. of Pikev. on the Big Sandy Div. of C&O RR. (1912 Rept. of Ibid., P. 142-3); By 1920, a pvt. siding on the C&O by this name, 0.3 mi. above Wagner & 0.4 mi. belo Keyser (C&O station guide, 1920);
CABIN FORK (of Dorton Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189sw #98-202) 37°17'(Lat), 82°34'15"(Long); Named for the cabins located there. (Leonard Roberts)

"There once was a man who lived with his family at Dorton Creek. One day the man was stricken with smallpox, and to prevent his family from getting the dreaded disease, he left them and went to the head of another hollow. There he built a small cabin and stayed the duration of his illness. The only time that anyone came near him was when someone brought him a remedy or food and left it on the outside of his door. Unbelievably he survived the smallpox and went back home to his family. Ever after that the hollow where he built his crude little cabin was known as Cabin Fork." (Collected by Johnny
CABIN FORK OF DORTON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): James Greer acquired 150 acres on Cabin Fk. which were surveyed 5/26/1858 (Bk. 57, P. 41 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1277);
CABIN KNOLL br. of Bent Branch (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): 1st called Cabin Awl Branch. Logs used to be cut there and an awl was used to make holes in them for log cabins. Later corrupted to Cabin Knoll. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tele. interview, 8/17/89);
Several Cable families listed in the Upper Elkhorn Dist. (1910 Census);
CALAMUS HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): (Kæl/əməs)
The first hol. up Pettys Fork of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek, just below the Ben Johnson Sch. Named for a patch of calamus in the hol. Named by Wm. Johnson, Jr. (grandfather Billy) (Acc. to his granddaughter-Gt. Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Acc. to the Am. Col. Dict. this is the plant aka the sweet flag, or its aromatic root or any palm of the genus calamus from which rattan, canes, etc. may be derived. NY: Random House, 1967, P. 169);
Calf Branch of Blackberry Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Not Camp Br. as given on the published maps. One mi. long. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
CALHOUN CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): a family cemetery on Robinson Creek. (Inventories by John W. Picklesimer, 2881 Middlesex Way, Lex., Ky. 40503, 4/25/1987, acc. to KHS Libr.).
CALLOWAY BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK (of Peter Cr) (Pike Co., Ky): James May acquired 200 acres on Calaways (sic) (surv. 1/27/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 275) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1477); James May also acquired 359 acres on Rock Fk. of Peter Creek (surv. 3/23/1866) (Bk. 69, P. 82) (Ibid. P. 1478); and 30 acres on Buck Fk. of Peter Creek (Sur. 7/8/66) (Bk. 70, P. 476) (Ibid.); (neither Buck nor Rock are shown on top. maps)

 Generally believed to have been named for a Mr. Calloway something who lived there for a time. DK if this was John G. Calloway who is mentioned in 1830 Pike Co. Census. Big Br.
of Calloway was named for its being the large:
of the main stream's two branches. Poor Br.
was so named, acc. to trad., because "the land
around was so rocky and almost impossible to
clear off for farming, and the soil was said
to have been poor." (Geraldine F. Davenport,
Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
CALLOWAY GAP (Pike Co., Ky): Dk of any family of Calloways living there. Dotsons and Hatfields lived there. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); It might have been named for Calloway Hatfield. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); No listing of any Calloway Hatfield in any census 1830-1910;
CAMP CREEK (of Knox Cr.) (Pike Co., Ky):

DK why so named. R.F. Blankenship owned most of it around 1900. He gave the land to his sons, one of whom was Perry Blankenship. (Pearl Marburger & Margaret Estep, Paw Paw, Ky interview, 7/8/1989);
CAMP FORK OF FERRELLS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Joel Owens acquired 35 acres on this, surv. 12/3/1883 (Bk. 106, P. 491) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1572);
CANADA (Pike Co., Ky): This hamlet with po on US 119 at the forks of Big Creek, 12 mi. ne of Pikev., was named for one or more local families of Canada or Kennedy. The po was est. on 5/3/1876 with Lewis Runyon, PM." (Book-P. 48): A Charles Canada is mentioned in the 1810 (not 1820) Floyd Co. Census. Elijah Canada was living in Pike Co. c.1828. Elijah may have been a son of Charles. Four Canada households are mentioned in the 1830 Pike Co. Census. (Dorcas M. Hobbs, "App. Anc APP. EXPR. 1/28/1979, P. B2:1-2);
CANADA (Pike Co.) (F42) 37° 36' 25" (Lat), 82° 19' 35" (Long); PO est. 5/3/1876. No record of why so named. (Mary Ann West, pm, 11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); (pron. "K(ae)n/ə/d(uh)\rightarrow K(eh)n/ə/d(uh)"). A large number of persons with this name live in the area. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); PO est. 5/3/1876, Lewis Runyon... (NA); The Canada (sometimes written Kennedy or Kennedey)(sic) family were early Pike Co. settlers and some lived at the head of Big Creek in the vic. of this p.o. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13/1979);
CANADA (Pike Co., Ky): On 4/9/1892, John Smith. On Big Creek, 6 mi. s of Mouth of Pond PO and 10 mi. n of Bent Branch PO, 3 mi. nw of Stratton. On 2/22/1917 John Smith. 2 mi. from mouth of Road Fk. (of Big Creek) and 1 mi. from Dick Fk. (sic), 50 yds. e. of Big Creek, 7 mi. from Tug Fk. at Williamson, 4½ mi. ne of Crigger PO, 4 mi. w. of Stone. On 7/18/1918 Orison Smith. Move 350 yds. (?) ne, 50 ft. e. of Big Creek, 6 mi. (sic) e of Sidney, 5½ mi. from Crigger. Acc. to chart, Sidney was way up Road Fk., not at its mouth. Move was occasioned by the removal of the preceding pm. Orison took office 5/21. On 7/26/1936 Orison Smith.
20 ft. from US 119, 5 mi. from Stone Sta. on the Pond Creek Br. of N&W RR, 6 mi. s. of Tug Fk. Located on Big Creek, 5 mi. to Belfry. By 1949 it was at its present site. (Site Location Reports);
CANE BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Extends s. for ½ mi. to Elkhorn Creek near the Shelby Gap PO. Mouth=37°13'07"N, 82°33'10"W. Some local persons believe it was named for cane weeds growing in the area. One person "said old Percy Hill used to live near the mouth of this hol. and for years he walked about with a wooden cane (and) maybe that is where the name Cane Branch came about." (sic) (Mr. O'Neill, a USGS investigator for BGN decision for Cane over Crane Branch (which name appeared on the Pound 15 min. top. map--1912) All persons who were interviewed said the feature should be called Cane not Crane. (Id.)
John Mullins acquired 100 acres on Cain Br. of Elkhorn Creek (sic) which was surveyed on 10/20/1872 (Book 90, P. 250) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1526); Levi Potter - 50 acres on Cain Br. (11/30/57) (Ex. 57, P. 446) (Ibid. P. 1609)
CANE FORK OF CAMP CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named probably for sugar cane that was collected there for the making of sugar. Owned by Eliz. Harvey in late 19th cent. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, interview, 7/29/1989);

In 1900 Wm. Harvey (ne 5/45) & wife Eliz. (ne 7/36) lived next to Mary May (3/28) & her sons Thos. (1/53) & David F. (10/60). Probably on Robinson Creek. (She was obviously not the daughter of Mary May but could have been her sister-in-law;
CANEY BRANCH OF BURNING FORK (of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a cane break near its mouth. Wm. Layne was the 1st resident. Now: Billy Maynard, Cecil Taylor, and a daughter of Cecil live nr. the mouth. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me 5/16/1989);
CANEY BR. OF MULLEN FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Taylor acquired 205 acres on Cane Br. (2/12/1849) (Bk. 31, P. 128) and 50 acres on Caney Br. of Mullens Fk. 2/5/53) (Bk. 41, P. 43) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1745);
CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Trib. of Shelby Creek. "In early years many sugar cane mills were in operation on this creek. This is the only explanation I could get for Caney Creek." (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
CANEY CREEK CHURCH (Pike Co.): (F189) (#98-226) 37°21'15"(Lat), 82°33'15"(Long); Regular Bapt. Church. Org. 8/1906 from the Enterprise Church when 6 members were dismissed. (Leonard Roberts);
CANEY FORK OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Acc. to Harold 15 min. top. map, 1915, its sw-ne extension is given as Twomile Fk.
Pharmer Lesley acquired 300 acres on Caney Creek (surv. 5/27/1845) (Bk. 16, P. 144) and James H. Lesley acquired 240 acres on same (sur. 12/2/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 136) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1444); and James H. Leslie acquired 70 acres on John Crum Br. (6/12/1869) (Bk. 89 P. 13) (Ibid.); Jim Hatcher early owned all o Caney and his heirs still do. cf Dr. Walter Hatcher, a retired Pikev. dentist. He lives in Coal Run. (R.B. Maynard; interview, 7/15/1989);
CANTRELL GAP (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a Cantrell family. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap Ky., letter, 3/21/1989); Caleb Cantril (sic); lived on upper Elkhorn Creek (c.1853), a nghl of Jere Osborn, Geo. McPeek, & Chas. Andersor (Will Book A); Abraham Cantrill died in 1858. His grandsons were Reuben and Isaac Cantrill. Abraham left land on Big Branch and on the Limestone Cliff (both in Ky. & Wa.) to Jonathan Elswick, son of Jacob and grandson of Abraham Cantrill. (Will Bk. A, P. 57);
CARD CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): by name may have been known as early as 1788/9 by hunters in Pike Co. Acc. to a deposition by Harry Stratton, in 1817 that he was there told of such a named creek. (Scalf, KLF, P. 63)
CARD RIDGE (Pike Co., Ky): Reference is made to Card Ridge, 3 miles from Va. line, over which the main road from the bluegrass to Va. went, acc. to Ky. House Journ. 1836-7, Pp. 121-2. (Mary Verhoeff, THE KY. MTS. Filson Club Pub. 1911, P. 156);
SMITH CARTER HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Not given in Field. Named for an old man who lived at its mouth. (Source: Lizzie Hackney to her daughter, Ruth Hatfield, for Leonard Roberts 1969); Carter Br. of Right Fork (of Peter Creek): Named for Henry Smith Carter, resi. in mid 19th cent. till death. Marr. Rachel Charles, da. of Michael & Eliz. (Lester) Charles. "In recent yrs., a coal co. (Ken-Car) opened a mine in that area and built homes beside Carter Br. On a flat overlookin the homes is the Smith Carter Cem." where Smith & Rachel are buried, along with other early area residents like Michael & Eliz. Charles & John & Mary Wolford (Davenport
CARVER FK. OF PAW PAW CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK of this. DK of any Carver families living in the area. (Margaret Estep & Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989); Isaac Estep acquired 100 acres on Carver Fk. of Paw Paw (1/28/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 87). (Jillson);
CASTLE FORK (OF MARROWBONE CREEK) (Pike Co): James Castle was ne 4/1821, acc. to 1900 Census but it didn't tell where he lived; he was not listed in the 1910 Census; Acc. to 1910 Census, living on the Castle Fork Rd. were L. Castle, a coal mine superintendent, age 42, and G.W. Castle, a carpenter, age 57; Identifies Cassell Fk. as the 1st hol. on left (east) off Marrowbone Creek, just above Greenough. Named for family of Bud Cassell. Ballard and Joe were his sons and he had a daughter named Sukie. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
CASSELL FORK OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co.): The upper extension of Marrowbone Creek on which the Greenough Mine was located. Bud Cassell lived up Cassell Fk. c.1906. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fork Basin in Ky. and Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908, P. 59); In 1846 H.W. Cassell was granted 150 acres on Long Fork of Marrowbone Creek (Book 21, P. 437). James Castle was granted 50 acres on Long Fk. in 1844 (Bk. 18, P. 49) and 50 acres on Marrowbone in 1848 (Bk. 18, P. 48). and 50 acres on Marrowb. in 1852 (Bk. 41, P. 65) and 270 acres on Staggerwood Rrk. in 1869 (Bk. 75, P. 219). (Jillson, 1925, Pp. 1084-6);
CASTLE FORK of Marrowbone Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Named for James Castle, large landowner. c. 6 mi. up the creek. (Source: his granddaughter, Mary Ratliff, 76, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts); given as Cassell Fk. and identified as the w fork extension of Marrowbone, sw of Hellier, c. 1920. Given as Marrowbone Creek on current maps. (Site Location Report); Acc. to a map accompanying a 1905 report of coal resources in BSV, Cassell Fk. is an e. bank extension of Marrowbone, what's today given as Brushy Branch;
Kinzy B. Cecil was that family's Johns Creek prog. A pioneer settler of Johns Creek. He moved to Rock Castle Creek and ran a plantation there when he died. Two sons incl. Sam'l a farmer nr. Pikev. and Cob. Cob's son, Wm. was a Pike Co. judge. Cob was a Pikev. merchant. (Wm. Ely, THE BSV, 1887, Pp. 193-4);
CEDAR CREEK (Pike Co.) (F561) (#98-622). 37°28'30" to 37°30' (Lat), 82°32'30" to 82°35'15" (Long); Army officers during the Civil War named it for all the cedar trees there. A saw mill at this site was one of the 1st in that area. (Leonard Roberts);
CEDAR-POOR FARM RIDGE (Pike Co., Ky): thru which, along with the Peach Orchard Mt., the highway and BSR were rerouted. (App. Xpr. 10/13/1977, P. A1:1-3);
CHAFFIN BR. OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Given as Chatin Br. in Williamson 15 min.
top. map (1915); David Step (sic) acquired
130 acres on Chafin Br. of Big Creek (9/7/
1847) (Bk. 24, P. 384) (Jillson, 1971, P.
1688); Could Chaffin Br. have been named for
Christopher Chaffin who is mentioned as livir
in that area. (Floyd Co. Ct. Book 4, 9/21/
1821); Nathan Chafin lived nr. Andrew Varney
& Sam'l. McCoy (1840 Census, but not listed
in 1850 Census); Christopher Chafin is men-
tioned in 1823 Pike Co. Tax List;
CHAPMAN HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census, a Geo. Chapman (53) with wife Pricy (37) lived in the Coburn Fk. E.D. nr. Wm. H. Reed and Willie M. Brunty; Named for a local family. cf "Snake" Chapman who has lived all his life at the head of the hol. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); Edward Chapman ne 1822 who may have been the son of Thos. Chapman. He marr. Eliz. Hunt in 1842. Among their children: Thos. (ne 1843), Moses (ne 1844), Robt. (1847), Edward (1860), Henry (1867), Wm. J. (1869); Moses had a son Morgan (1870) and other children: Thos. (1866), Willie, (1874); (Acc. to June Sparks, Morgan's granddaughter, Box 182, Kimper, Ky.)
The only Chapman listed on Big Creek,

Thos. Chapman acquired 114 acres on Big Creek (Surv. 2/1848) (Bk. 26, P. 90) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1095); In 1900 Geo. W. Chapman (ne 12/1862) lived in the Big Creek ED betw. Sam Chapman (2/69) & R.T. Williamson (2/63) and m Bob Chapman (2/75), Edward Chapman (4/57) & m Otis Williamson (2/66), Flem Varney (8/45), Wm Varney (4/73), Wm. Blackburn (10/43) (Census); In 1870, Edward Chapman (ne. Va., age 70) lived with his sons Geo. (9), Henry (12), Robt. (22), Edward (17), Henderson (15), etc. in the Mouth of Pond ED, nr. Chas. Whitt, John Goozling, Stanleys, Hatfields, Blackburns, Se: kirk McCoy, Smiths (Census);
Marion Chapman (ne 7/1855) with wife Tallitha and son Geo. Chapman, Jr. (sic) (3/84) lived next to Robt. Blackburn (5/1877) and nr. Monroe Gooslin (no dates) and other Gooslins, Blackburns, and McCoys. (Probably on Road Fk. of Pond Creek) (Acc. to 1900 Census);
CHESTNUT ORCHARD CEM. (or ABEL TACKITT CEM.)
(Pike Co., Ky): At the upper end of Long Fk.
of Shelby Creek, nr. Abel's old home site. Abel (1833-1907) is buried here. (Acc. to The American Pioneers: Tackett, Tacket, Tackitt Families of Amer. Vol. 24 (1), 1987, P. 41);
CHESTNUT POINT CEMETERY (Pike Co.) (F460) 37°35'30" (Lat), 82°25'50" (Long); Named for chestnut trees there. (Leonard Roberts);
CHILDERS HOLLOW (on Adams Br. of Elkhorn Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Named for Love Childers (bro. to Albert Childers) (Ample Sanders Calhoun, interview, 4/1/1989); Love Childers lived there. Raised a large family. His wife was a Sanders. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
CHIMNEY ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): ("Chihm/lee") Nr. the head of Jonican Creek, above the Little Lock Regl. Bap. Chu. (David Justice, 3/25/1989);
CHIMNEY ROCK HOLLOW (on Long Fork of Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Named for a large rock quarry at its head from which people would haul huge flat rocks to build their chimneys. (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts DK of this. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
CHLOE (Pike Co., Ky): est. 3/17/1932. Disc. 5/31/1933 (mail to Pikeville): Never heard of a Chloe PO. Neither could Walter P. Walters, another resident, age 87, remember there ever being one. (Marie R. Justice, letter, 3/8/89); Knows of no p.o. serving this area except Pikeville's. (Alice J. Kinder, letter, 3/10/1989); On 9/19/1931 Mary C. Daniels pet. for est. of Chloe PO to serve the Chloe Creek area. Site: 3½ mi. n. of Levisa Fk., on the s(e) bank of (Upper) Chloe Cr. (probably at the mouth of Right Fk. of (Upper) Chloe Cr. Also 5 rd. mil. e of Pikev. & 5 rd. mi. w. of Lower Pompey PO. (Site Location Rept.)

It was never called Deep Valley that she knows of. Alice Kinder refers to it as Deep Valley in her writings. Chloé Lake was a small lake on Mrs. Kinney's land and was used for fishing. It was next to her gro. store but not there long. (Marie R. Justice, letter, 3/8/89);
CHLOE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky.): "Our creek contained a wealth of hollows then, sloping deep and wide in flats and curving ridges above the valley lowlands. No wonder early settlers had first called the land covered with virgin trees and verdant masses of tangled vines and weeds Deep Valley. Only with passing years was the creek named Chloe after a gentle Negro lady, whom everybody loved for her good deeds and kindness."

The CHLOE CREEKS (Pike Co., Ky): DK when the creeks were named. "I don't know when but sometime an old black lady who cared for sick (both black and white) named Chloe died. In her honor both Upper Chloe and Lower Chloe leading into Pikeville were called or named Chloe officially. Chloe Gap (between the two Chloes) is where (the) black lady lived."

(Alice J. Kinder, letter to me, 3/10/1989);

Cloes Creek so identified in Floyd Co. Court Book 3, Sept. 1820);
CHLOE: "In later years (also acc. to legend) when a black lady called Chloe whom everybody loved, died at the mt. gap up past Hazel Kinney's store, the name of our creek was changed to Upper Chloe in her memory. The name of the land over the mt. and leading into Pikeville was called Lower Chloe."

CHLOE CREEK CHURCH (Pike Co.) (F466o) (#98-243) 37°27'(Lat), 82°28'30"(Long); Reg'l. Bapt. denomination, est. 1915. Member of the Union Assn. (Leonard Roberts); Chloe Creek Reg'l. Bapt. Chu. org. 1915 "as an arm from" the Phila. Old Reg. Bap. Chu. John A. Justice a clerk and deacon. (Alice J. Kinder, RootsO col., III, P. 1:4-2);
UPPER CHLOE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): The Campbells owned the lower end before the CW. After the war, 3 sons of Geo. Justice, Jr. who had married into the Campbell clan (Wm. Campbell, Justice, David Campbell Justice, and James Campbell Justice) bought land on U.C., above the old schoolhouse site. (Alice J. Kinder, letter to me, 3/10/1989);
CHLOE GAP (Pike Co.) (F466c) (#98-244)
37°28' (Lat), 82°29' (Long); "Back in the days when pack peddlers were prevalent (sic) in this area, one happened to be coming through Chloe when his horse took sick and died. It happened in the area of the present Chloe Gap. The name of the horse was 'Chloe' and its front feet was (sic) pointing toward upper Chloe (sic) and its hind feet toward lower Chloe (sic). This is the reasons (sic) for the names, Chloe Gap, Upper Chloe and Lower Chloe." (source-dk, but found on one of the 4x6 in. cards in Leonard Roberts' P.N. of Pike Co. files); Between the
2 Chloes.
CHLOE SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): Irvin Bentley is now the owner of this old school. One rm. Had also been used for chu. services. Site for the sch. had been donated by David C. Justice. (Alice Kinder, "Springtime Love in Deep Valley's Old Schoolhouse" App. Expr. 2/25/1979, P. Bl:1-6);
CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): Gone.
CHURCH BR. OF PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Said to have been named for Joel "Joe" Church, who settled on Peter Creek in the 1830s and built his cabin on this branch. On 2/10/1837 in Pike Co. he wed Nancy Layne, d. of Wm. & Abigail Layne. They moved from Peter Cr. The bottom nr. the branch was called Gooslin Bottom for Jesse Gooslin who ran local sawmill for years. (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989); In 1840 Joel Church lived next to Wm. Lain; who lived next to John, John Jr. & Geo. Wolford, next to Michael & John Charles. (Census);
Churchhouse Hollow (just below Toler, on Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for an old Pilgrim Holiness Church there, c.WWI. Torn down. Was on the side of the mt. Informant's mother went to church there. Replaced by a FWB chu. (E.L. "Reed Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
CLABE FORK OF LITTLE FORK (of Robinson Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): The 2nd fork to the left. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
CLAY FORK OF UPPER PIGEON CREEK (on Elkhorn Creek, Pike Co., Ky): DK of it. (Chas. F. Moore and Ample Sanders Calhoun, Shelby Gap, Ky., interviews, 4/1/1989);
CLEARYS BR. OF (Pike Co., Ky): Peggy Walters acquired 14 acres here (12/20/1870) (Bk. 80, P. 469) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1785);
CLEVINERS STORE (Pike Co., Ky): 2½ mi. up Stonecoal Creek from the Levisa at Coal Run. At the mouth of Cushaw Br. of Stonecoal. (Acc to Harold 15 min. top. map, c1916); Russell Clevinger acquired 150 acres on Stone Coal Creek 2/1848. (Bk. 31, P. 138) (Jillson,1971, P. 1109); Thos. Clevinger acquired 50 acres on the left hand fork of Stone Coal Creek, 12 1858. (Bk. 58, P. 110) (Ibid); Other Clevingers listed....(Ibid.); This store may now be a Ratliff store. check... (Walter Parsons, interview, 7/15/1989); Lee Clevinge owned the store in the 1st decade of the 20t cent. It's gone. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky. interview, 8/8/1989);
In 1850 Russell Clevinger (ne Va.) (age 53) owned 1000 acres in vic. of Pikev. Lived with wife Eliz. (56). In 1860, Thos. Clevinger (3) with wife Sarah (28) lived next to Russel (65) nr. Silas Ratliff (42), others, in Pikev. area. Neither Russell nor Thos. were listed in 1870 Census. Could Clevingers Br. of Stonecoal Creek have been named for one or both of them?
COAL BRANCH OF BOWLING FORK (of Marrowbone Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a coal bank in Number Two Elkhorn Seam there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
COAL FORK BOTTOM OF POOR BOTTOM FORK (of Marrowbone Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): May have been named for a coal deposit on the bank. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
COAL BRANCH OF DORTON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Miles Smallwood acquired 30 acres on it (sur. 4/7/1902) (Bk. 120, P. 386) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1667);
COAL HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (F561w) (#98-252)  
37°28'30" to 37°28'45" (Lat), 82°32' (Long);  
Named for the large amy. of coal found there.  
(Leonard Roberts);
COAL PIT POINT (Pike Co., Ky): a high ridge at the head of Buffalo Creek, nr. the Floyd Co. line. A ceremonial site on this ridge "exhibited years ago an unusual arrangement of rectangular stones. Ashes and charred bits of wood in large quantities were distributed around the area." (Scalf, KLF, P. 18);
COAL RUN (Pike Co., Ky): Probably named for an early coal bank found in the vic., probably before the Civil War; The Coal Run rr sta. was on Lykins Creek (sic). On 7/25/1939 a pet. was submitted to move the po to the (n) side of the river, at the mouth of Stonecoal, on US 23, 300 ft. w. of the mouth of Stonecoal, and 300 ft. from the river. (Site Location Rept.); Coal Run Hill is on n. side of US 23, across the highway from the State Police Barracks. The PO was below the mouth of Stone coal, on the n. side of the river. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
COAL RUN (Pike Co.) (F78) 37°30'30" (Lat), 82°32'45" (Long); PO was disc. 3/29/1974. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Kohl/R(uh)n"). DK origin of the name. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 5/10/1866, Jas. Weddington ... Disc. 8/6/73; Re-est. 3/10/74, Andrew J. Harris... subsequent postmasters were either Weddingtons or Reynolds... Disc. 10/24/87 (pape to Pikeville); Re-est. 4/9/88, Eliza Reynolds ...(NA); 6th class city with a pop. of c. 250 (AP, 12/18/1980); Pop. = 348 (1980 census) Proj. 1985 = 360 (my, Econ. Stat. 1986, p. 112) Proj. for 1990 = 502 (ibid.) PO disc. 9/30/1959 or 3/29/1974 (in. to Pikeville) probably at inn, p.o.
COBURN FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Tho' on top. map it's given as Coburn Branch. Clyde Runyon calls it Coburn Fk. (Interview, 2/11/1989): Coburns Fk. (of Big Creek) is so identified in Book 1, P. 195, Pike Co., Jan. term 1829, 1/26/1829 (Clyde Runyon "The Maynard Fam. in Early Pike Co., Ky", 5/1/1978, in Maynard, P. 51);
COBURN FORK OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Roman acquired 50 acres here (9/27/1839) (Bk. 7, P. 22) and 100 acres on Coburn Branch (8/29/44) (Bk. 14, P. 215) and 50 acres on Coburn Fk. of Pond (2/10/49) (Bk. 30, P. 138) (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1646); and other acreage on Pond Creek in 1848 (Ibid.); Wm. Rowan (sic) acquired 50 acres on Pond Creek (9/12/45) (Ibid. P. 1652); Granville Blackburn lived on Coburn Fk. of Pond Creek. Used to be owned by Bailey Fuel Co. Sold homes to its residents. When you descend Coburn Mt. everything on the s. side is called Jerry Bottom for Jerry Blackburn, who once owned the land. (Stearl Hatfield, interview 8/12/89);
COEBURN HOLLOW at Huddy (Pike Co., Ky): This spelling is referred to by Robt. H. Backburn in an article in the App. Xpr-News, 7/11/1979. This and the Coburn Forks are variously sp. Cobourn, Coburn on land grant records, c1840s.
COBURN MOUNTAIN (Pike Co., Ky): For one or more local families, c. 1820s-1830s, Pike Co. (Clyde Runyon, Belfry, Ky., interview, 2/11/1989); Samuel and Jacob Coburn are listed as heads of families in the 1820 Floyd Co. Census but neither are listed in the 1830 Pike Co. Census; John Coburn (also sp. Coberr was born in Warren Co., Ohio on 12/30/1818 and married Charity Maynard, daughter of Moses Maynard on 1/30/1838 and died 4/13/1870 in Madison Co., Ind. He's mentioned in the 1840 and 1850 Censuses of Mad. Co., Ind. (Clyde Runyon, "The Maynard Family in Early Pike Co., Ky." P. 56 of the Maynard book, P. 330);
Cochrane, MT. (Pike Co., Ky): This spelling is given in an article in the App. Xpr-News, acc. to Robert H. Blackburn, 7/11/1979;
COLEMAN (Pike Co.): (pron. "Kohl/mon") On Marrowbone Creek. A large family of Colemans live in that vic. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 11/24/1884, Henary (sic) S. Carter...Disc. 10/15/1918 (mail to Phelps); Re­est. 11/1/1919, Fred Karr, declined; 5/10/20, Scott Dotson....(NA); At the mouth of Road Fk. of the Right Fork of Peter Creek, 3 mi. w. of Phelps; Colemans were among early settlers of Peters Creek and the Coleman PO on the Right Fk. of Peter was named for them. Dotsons, etc. came later. (Geraldine Davenport, "John Wolford, Sr." PIKE CO., KY. 1821-1987 HIST. PAPERS #6, P. Co. Hist. Soc. 1987, Pp. 185-91);
COLEMAN (Pike Co., Ky): Disc. 9/30/1933 (mail to Phelps); Re-est. 10/12/1937...Disc. 9/30/1958 (mail to Phelps) (NA);
Stephen Coleman (ne. NC, 1774), son of Peter & Abigail Coleman. With family moved to Grayson Co., Va. and then to Floyd Co. He came to Floyd c. 1817 and bought land from John Graham on Coon Creek (of Johns). He later sold it to Frederick Charles & Edward Goff. Then Stephen moved to Peter Creek and later to Buchanan Co., Va. His brother Peter was ne 1772 in NC. To Pike Co. from Grayson Co. c. 1835. and settled on Marrowbone Creek. He died there 1852. Another bro. Daniel ne 1782 settle on Peter Cr. where he died. Peter Coleman died 11/29/1852 and is buried at Wolfpit. Richard Coleman, another bro., ne 1778, died after
1860 and is buried on Lower Pompey. His son Abraham was ne Floyd Co. in 1808. He marr. Rebecca Adkins and they settled first on Greasy Creek where most of their family was born & reared. In 1868 Abraham purchased 60 acres from Edward Goff on Ramey Fk. of Coon Creek where he lived till he died. He was clerk of Raccoon Bapt. Chu. His bros., Stephen & James, were also members. (Jonathan Coleman, Descendants of Abraham Coleman and their Neighbors, c.1978, Pp. 1-8);
THE COLEMANS: Peter Coleman (1780-1860) An Irish immi. to Amer. c. 1798. Thence to Grundy, Va. Settled on a large grant on Ferrells Creek. Then to the present Golf's Curve (sic) of the Big Sandy River. Built his home there and reared his family with his second wife, Eliz. (Bentley) Coleman. Later he moved to Wolfpit Creek of Marrowbone and settled at the forks of Wolfpit. He was the Coleman prog. in Pike Co. ("Short Sketch of Peter Coleman" typescript, Pikeville P.L. vert. files, undated and no author's name given. 2 pp. Examined by me on 12/3/1988);
COLEMAN CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): On Rockhouse Fk. of Peter Creek, at Paw Paw. Dodge Coleman, the second pm of Paw Paw PO was Lorenzo Dow (called "L. Dodge") Coleman who is buried here. He was a Freewill Bapt. preacher. (E. KY. Vol. 19 (4), March 1984, P. 21);
COLLEY FK. OF PAW PAW CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
DK why so named. Thinks it should be Polly Fk
for a Polly Lester who lived there. (Pearl
Marburger & Margaret Estep, Paw Paw, Ky.,
interview, 7/8/1989); Crisley Estop (sic)
acquired 200 acres on Colly Fk. of Paw Paw
(sic) (1/29/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 95) (Jillson);
COLLIER ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a man who sought refuge here to avoid Civil War service. Located on top of a hill where the 2 branches of Long Fork come together. (Acc. to Booker Wright, 86, interviewed by Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Col. archives and Pike Co. PNS.) That's the Long Fork of Shelby Creek, on US 23, c. 11 mi. s. of the Shelby Bridge. (Ibid.)
COLLIER ROCKS (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°18'15" (Lat) 82°40'30" (Long); Named for a man who used to lay out there before the C.W. He is buried nr. there in the Flatwoods Section. It's a large rock located at the head of Abel Tackett's Branch. (Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974 via Leonard Roberts);
COLLINS (Pike Co.) (F561w) (#98-265) (Lat), 82°31'30"(Long); Named for Old Bob Collins, owner of that land. 1st located further down the road from its present site. (Leonard Roberts); Local family owned the site (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
COLLINS CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky); At the head of Frozen Creek;
COLORED HOLLOW (up Mullen or Tierney Fk. from Davis Branch.) Aptly named. (E.L. "Red" Stanle Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989) (check on this....);
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#98-268) 37°20'45"(Lat), 82°35'45"(Long);
Started by Dr. Boston, a Negro dentist. His wife died in 1973; she was a Ky. Col. It burned down and now it has been rebuilt by Dr Sowards, at Virgie, Ky. (Leonard Roberts);
COMPTON (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 8/16/1880, John D. Compton, pm; 9/19/1882, James F. Compton; Disc. 2/27/1883 (papers to Little Creek) (NA); On 8/2/1880 John D. Compton pet. for po to be called Mars Hill at a site 5 mi. n. of Little Creek PO, 6½ mi. sw of Piketon, 3 mi. e. of Island Creek, and 4 mi. from the BSR (Site Location Reports); (Could this have been at the mouth of Road Br., just s. of the later Pigeon PO?); Probably named for the Billy Compton, on Left Fk. of Island Creek. (Dorcas Hobbs, letter, 5/26/89 Colbert Campton (sic) acquired 50 acres on Road Fk. of Island Creek, 10/1833. (Bk. 106, P. 523) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1075);
Acc. to 1880 Census, John D. Compton (35) & wife Pheby (25) with son James (3) lived in the vic. of other Comptons & Richard Sword (56). John D. was ne Va. as were his parents. His father was probably Lee Compton, Sr. (65) and Ailsie (55) who were ne Va. In another sect. of the same prec. was Colbert Compton (29) & wife Mary (23). James Compton in the same prec. was age 22. He lived betw. Wm. Compton (52) & wife Polly (45) & John A. Compton (27). Wm. was ne Va. (Wm. & Lee Sr. may have been bros.)
Colbert Cumpton (9) was son of Wm. (33) who was born in Va. & Mary (26) Cumpton (sic). No Lee or John is mentioned (1860 Census); No Colbert is mentioned in 1870 or 1900 Censuses. Still d.k. if Lee & Wm. were bros. Acc. to 1850 census, Lee Compton was age 33 + he va. Some incl. Ira, T. (11) & John W. (8), etc. Lived in Swoope, Damascus, May, Hinton, Iwick. (Census);
COMPTON BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): The bottom along main Peter Cr. and extending for a ways up Right Fk. for years was called Wolford Bottom. For it was owned by Elijah S. Wolford son of Daniel (Bone) and Sarah (Dotson) Wolford. "Uncle Lige", as he was generally called was a farmer, merchant, and asst. pm. "In 1924 the bottom was subdivided into resi. & busi. lots.... In 1929, 3 Compton Bros. from Falls Mills, Va. moved to Phelps and opened a... auto. repair shop in Wolford Bottom. They were Clarence, Leonard, and Bernard. They were followed in the early 1930s (by the rest of their family) They all est. homes in WB near
each other. A Freeburn resident, Dorse Mounts, moved temporarily to WB. Upon returning to Freeburn, he remarked that he was leaving because 'the Comptons and the bean beetles were taking the place!' No offense was really intended as he remarked jokingly, but since that time WB has been known as 'Compton Bottom.'” (Mrs. Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
CONDER (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 4/7/1904, Geo. M.D. Bevins; 8/15/1908, Alice J. Bevins; Disc eff. 11/12/1924 (mail to Whitepost) (NA); At the mouth of Fraley Br. of Big Creek, a little over 1 mi. from the Martin Co. line, in the extreme nc part of the co; DK why so named. No Conder families in the county. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); init. pet. by G.W.l Bevins, 2/25/1904 to a site 5 rd. mi. s of Rural PO and 7 rd. mi. n. of Canada PO. Pet. of 2/26/1917 to move to a site 300 ft. e. of Big Creek, 4 mi. from Rural, 1½ mi. from the (Martin) Co. line, 9 mi. sw of Tug Fk. and 5½ mi. ne of Varney. (Site Location Reports); Given as Couder in latter document; + p Showcase and on 1915 Williamson 15 m. top.
(1850 Census): Geo. Bevins (42, ne Va.) and wife Nancy (45). Had sons Kennis (8), James (16) and George N.D. (6) No Dallas mentioned. I think that was Geo. M.D. Acc. to 1900 Census, Geo. M.D. Bevins (ne 2/1846) and his wife Vicy (nee 11/1870) and son Curdis (ne 11 1897) were living in the Big Creek area; Montraville Bevins (13) was son of Hiram K. Bevins (43) and Luna Bevins (49) are mentione in 1860 Census. None were mentioned in 1870 Census but were mentioned in 1850 Census; Geo. Conder Bevins was thus the son of Geo. M.D. Bevins & Vicie (Cains) Bevins tho' nothi is said of him in Census. Geo. M.D. (or
Dallas) may have been born in the 1830s or 1840s and lived at the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek. No mention of a Vicie Cains in 1850-1870 Census, nor any Conders connected with that family;
Dallas Bevins was the son of Geo. & Nancy Williamson Bevins who lived at the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek. He married (1) Sarah Ann Taylor and (2) Vicie Cains. They lived at the mouth of Rockhouse. Sarah Ann was daughter of Wm. A. & Sally (Maynard) Taylor. Among the children of Dallas & Sarah was Monty Bevins. Among Dallas and Vicie's children were Geo. Conder Bevins. The latter marr. Luna May, daughter of Henry & Carrie (Stepp) May. Dallas's bro., James (ne 1830 who marr. Susan Walker, Mary Harris, & Jane Lowe). James' son George marr. Alice Weddington and they lived on Big Creek. He was a
farmer & sawmill operator. Thus, Geo. Conder and Geo. (& Alice) Bevins were 1st cousins. (Alley, Williamson Gen. Pp. 95-6) Monty Bevins and Geo. Conder were ½ brothers. (Ibid. P. 96); He was not the Montraville Bevins of Johns Creek (1847-1923), son of Hiram & Luna Leslie Bevins. (Lesley-Leslie);
Conder named for Conder Bevins. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); Montraville and George Conder Bevins were sons of Dallas and Vicie (Cains) Bevins. Dallas was bro. to James & Kenis Bevins and thus son of George Bevins (ne 1st decade of 19th cent.) and grandson of John Bevins, Sr. James' son, George, married Alice Weddington. No mention of a Dallas Bevins in any Censuses. Could he have been Geo. M.D. Bevins, the Conder PM, whose wife was Vicy (nee 11/1870). GMDB was ne 2/1846. Did he have a 1st wife named Sarah Ann who is said to have been Dallas' 1st wife? Montraville Bevins lived and had a store on Bent Mt.
COON BRANCH OF POND-CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Joins Pond at Buskirk. Named for a local Coon family. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); No mention of any Coon families in Pike Co. acc. to any co. censuses; Jos. Hatfield marr. Arminta Coon in Pike Co. on 11/26/1868 (Dorcas Hobbs col. in App. Xpr. date=?); No one locally ever heard of any such families in the area. Assume it was named for the animal, that maybe someone had killed one, or hunted them in there (several interviews there, 7/22/1989); In the past, aka Allburn Hol. for site of homes of miners of Allburn Coal & Coke Co. mines in vic. (Mrs. Allen, resident, interv., 7/22/89);
Araminta Coon married Jos. Hatfield. Jos. was born ca. 1838 in Ky. She was nee 1848 in Va. They were wed 11/26/1868. (Acc. to 1880 Pike Co. Census and G. Elliott Hatfield's book, rev. ed., geneal. Pp. 194, 205-6); The Allburn Coal & Coke Co. of Huntington was est. by the Countz Bro. (pro. Koons) (check sp.) aptly named: all burned up. Est. company store on river. Company houses all along the river to/ Matewan. Named the hollow Allburn Hollow. DK origin of name of Coons Branch (sic) but this name predated the arrival of the coal co. Sch. at the mouth, site of the present tipple was later renamed Allburn Sch
A large sch. replaced the smaller bldg. The hollow is now called both Allburn Hol. and Coons Branch. The latter is used by longtime residents. The Allburn Co. came in c. 1912 & started mining. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
COON BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): aka Blue Goose. DK why either name. aka Allburn Hol. for the coal co. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interv., 8/26/1989);
COON FORK OF BLAZE BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): America Sowards acquired 50 acres here (8/11/1859) (Bk. 59, P. 101) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1725); and Thomas G. Sowards acquired 50 acres on Blaze Fork of Shelby Creek (6/25/1860) (Bk. 60, P. 438) (Ibid.).
COON FORK OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. King acquired 53 acres here (8/12/1872) (Bk. 90, P. 303) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1421);
CORDELIA (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 8/16/1893, Wm. R. Hopkins, order rescinded 8/31/1893 (NA); Acc. to 1870 Census, Wm. R. Hopkins lived in Rob. Creek Enum. Dist. but had no wife or child named Cordelia; No listing of a Wm. R. Hopkins in the 1900 Census;
CORDELIA (Floyd County, Ky.) p.o. est. 9/7/1893 with Wm. R. Hopkins, 1st pm. The order of est. rescinded 5/17/1894. (Acc. to the National Archives)

Listed as in Pike Co., Ky. with p.o. est. 8/16/1893 and Wm. R. Hopkins, 1st p.m. This order rescinded 8/31/1893. (Acc. to ibid.)
COW BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Guesses someone had kept cows there. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Reuben Retherford (sic) acquired 50 acres on this, surv. 2/8/1849. (Bk. 30, P. 140) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1627);
By the motel. Retherford (Rutherford)'s land originally. A lot of wild cattle in there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
COW BRANCH OF POPLAR CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Michael Mount (sic. for Mounts) acquired 50 acres on Cow Hollow Creek (surv. 2/16/1852) (Bk. 37, P. 504) (Jillson. 1971, P. 1523);
COWPEN CREEK (a branch of the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, Pike Co., Ky) (F78w) Named for the battle of Cowpens in the Rev. War. (Linda Lou Slone to Leonard Roberts, 1970)

"Name suggested as a derisive appellation given by traveling men who thought there too many cow pens there." (sic) (M. Ladd, "Place Names" WPA, 4/1941) (check....)

Silas Ratliff acquired 100 acres on Cowpen Creek, surv. 2/7/1845 (Bk. 18, P. 113) (Jilson, 1971, P. 1620); John Ratliff acquired 50 more acres (2/7/45) (Bk. 18, P.115) (Id.
COW PEN AND CANEY FORK MT. (Pike Co., Ky): Pike Co's. new airport was scheduled to open on top, in c.1982. (check if this is actually the name of this feature and if the airport opened that yr....)
In 1870 Benj. F. Mead (48) could have lived in the vic. of Cowpens Creek. But no listing in 1850 or 1860 Censuses;
COX HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Named for David Cox who had a farm there. (Marie Justice, 3/2/1989);
CRIGGER (Pike Co.): (pron. "Kr(ih)gh/er")
(Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 11/13/1890,
Harmon Crigger. Disc. eff. 10/15/1928 (mail
to Canada) (NA); Given as Grigger on the
Williamson 15 min. top. map (1915) and current
state hiway maps; It's just below the fks. of
Dicks Fk. of Big Creek, about 3 miles above
Big Creek and US 119; Harmon Crigger, ne 6/1852
H. Crigger, PM, several other Criggers there
were shoemaker, carpenter, apiarist. (Polk's
Ky. State Gaz. 1895-6, P. 61);
CROW HOLLOW (Robinson Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named by Eliza Ison Newsom (Mrs. Lawrence) for the crows there. Only about 15 yrs. ago. The hollow that goes by her home and the Robinson Creek Sch. It was 1st called Lockhart Cove ("Lahk/ərd"). A Mr. Lockhart is assumed to have lived there or owned the land at some time past. (Lawrence & Eliza Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29, 1989); Lockard Cove was named for the only family to live in that hollow for years. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989); No Lockharts in 1850-1910 Censuses;
CUCUMBER HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Nothing listed in Field. Named for the big cucumber trees that grew there. (Source: Lizzie Hackney to her daughter, Ruth Hatfield for Leonard Roberts, 1969)
CULLER HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Joins Tug Fk. at Aflex. Where the colored employees of the Aflex Collieries lived. (Willard Blackburn of Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/8/1989); refer to Colored Hollow. (Zelpha Bragg, Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/11/1989); Colored people lived here. They worked for the local coal co (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview 8/12/1989); Floyd Roberts lived at the mouth of Culler Hol. (Ibid.); Colored miners lived there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/89);
DAMRON PO (Pike Co., Ky): On Rob. Creek, ½ mil above the mouth of Polly Kinney Br. Named for Uncle Sam Damron, owner, occupant, and native of that area. Alfred was his bro. (Lawrence Branham, Rob. Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/89); The last pm was John Luther Damron, Leonard's nephew and Sam's son. Sam was only 36 when the po was est. so it's not too likely it was named for him specifically. Rather, it's probable that it was named for the entire family;
DAMRON (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 10/31/1901, Leonard T. Damron...Disc. 5/31/1916 (mail to Virgie) (NA); Acc. to recent highway maps, it's on Robinson Creek and the Robinson Creek Rd., 1.8 road miles w. of old US23; See Vol. 9 of Dameron/Damron Family Newsletter which may be in the Pikeville P.L.; On 9/19/1901 Leonard T. Damron pet. for a po 4 rd. mi. sw of Rob. Creek PO & 4 rd. mi. nw of Virgie PO, 30 yd. n. of Rob. Creek. On 6/19/1907 Robt. Newsom pet. to move the po 1200 yards (0.68 mi.) due west. (Site Location Reports); Named for the Damron family. The po was nr. the Ballard Damron home on Little Fk. of Rob. Cr. The home is now vacant for Ballard lives in Indiana. PO bldg. was torn down yrs. ago.
DAMRON BR. OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): May have been named by and for the late Luther Damron, a resident who died some 20-25 yrs ago as an old man. His daughter, Hazel (Mrs. Claude) Brown, still lives there. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); Luther Damron, a farmer, age 25, is listed in 1910 Census as living with Chas. & Eliza Damron (were they his grandparents?) in The Forks Enu. Dis.;
Damrontown, current name for a commu. which extends from the mouth of Mullen Fk. (Now Tierney Hollow) at the old power plant up to the rr crossing at Stone. A Damron subdivided his land here into lots and sold them to people to build homes. This was recently. (Stearl Hatfield of Blackberry Creek, who once ran a store here, interview, 8/12/1989); DK why called this tho' familiar with it. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Damrons lived in vic. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky. interview, 8/26/1989);
DAMRONTOWN (Pike Co., Ky.): On Pond Creek between Stone & Pinson. Maybe Barney Hol. or very close to it. A Mr. Bailey had a store there. Barney Hollow was named for a local family. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Wm. M. Damron acquired 300 acres on Pond Creek which were surveyed on 5/24/1873. (Bk. 90, P. 301) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); Richard Damron, Jr. deeded 50 acres on Pond Creek to Adrian Runyor 8/18/1846 and another 113 acres to same on 6/1/1847 and 290 acres on Coburn Fk. to Thos. Hunt, 4/8/1850 (Helen Foster Snow, comp., The Dameron-Damron Geneal: The Descendants of Lawrence Damron, n.d., ms. in KHS Libr.); Jr. had heired from his father, Co. surveyor, who died 1828. his lands on Pond Cr. & Coburn,
Indenture of Alex'r. Lackey to James Damron for 100 acres on Shelby Creek incl. the home of Moses Damron (c. 2/1812) (Deed Book A, Floyd Co., 5/16/1817);
Richard Damron may have been that family's prog. in Pike Co. Came from Russell Co., Va. Rec'd. grant to land on Shelby Creek 1808. His children included John, Spurlock, and Richard, Jr. He was son of Moses Damron and bro. of Lazarus. Abraham Damron, ne 1810, was either Richard, Sr.'s son or Lazarus's son. Acc. to 1850 Census, these Damrons were living in Pike Co: James (ne 1795), Richard (ne 1802), John (ne 1803), Lazarus (ne 1805) Abraham (ne 1810), Elisha (ne 1813), Moses (ne 1815). Abraham Damron married Sarah Branham 7/6/1835 in Pike Co. Their son Rober Damron was born 1840. Abraham's 2nd wife was
DANIELS BR. OF RUSSELL FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
DANIELS BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky):
Richard Daniels acquired 100 acres here which were surveyed 11/28/1858. (Bk. 52, P. 289) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1173); Acc. to 1850 Census Richard Daniels was 32 yrs. old, ne Va., a farmer whose wife was Margaret (age 26). No other male Daniels listed in Pike Co. then. He lived next to John Steele (of Big Branch o: Tug);
The Laynes: Wm. Layne brought family into the Peter Creek area in the 1820s. He and wife Abigail had a small son John, and 3 young daughters Malinda, Nancy, and unid. A boy in early teens who may have been Wm's. bro., possibly Austin, and an older man, who might have been Wm.'s father, possibly Solomon. They built their cabin a little way up the creek from Rockhouse. That site was for yrs. called Bill Layne Bottom. And it's still called that by oldtimers. It's said that his cabin burned or was otherwise destroyed and he moved up the creek, onto the Left Fork. He was prog. of the Layne family.
in the Phelps-Majestic-Freeburn area. "Over the years a no. of trees grew up over most of Bill Layne Bottom. Because the sun did not penetrate the thick foliage of the trees, the shaded area became known as Dark Bottom. There was a deep hole of water in the creek at this location, and it was one of the best places around for swimming. It was always referred to as the 'Bill Layne Hole'. The site was popular for many years as an area for picnics and outings. Mose Charles and his wife, Johnnie, built a retirement home there and cleared out many of the trees. After their deaths, others have come and
gone, but the name 'Dark Bottom' has remained." (Mrs. Geraldine F. Davenport, of Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
DAUGHERTY BR. OF PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Brewer Branch on the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top. map; Hiram Daugherty acquired 100 acres on left hand fork of Peter Creek which were surveyed 12/5/1853 (Bk. 43, P. 7) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1174); Daniel J. Daugherty acquired 100 acres on Sulphur Spring Fk. of Peter Creek which were surveyed 9/20/1860 (Bk. 62, P. 51) (Ibid.); Hiram Daugherty (age 36, ne Va.) lived nr. Francis Daugherty (43, ne Va. and not too far from Dan'l. J. Daugherty (35, ne Va.) probably on Peter Cr. They lived nr. Wm. Norman, Dan'l. Prater, several Estepp families, Dan'l. & Geo. Wolford, the Charleses etc. (1870 Census);
In 1880, Hiram M. Daugherty (46) lived betw. G.W. Dotson (54) & Frankie Wolford (37) (in Peter Prec.); Also in 1880, Dan'l. Prater (51 & wife Polly (51) lived betw. Dan'l. J. Daugherty (44) & Dan'l. Young (18). Nr. Gen J Prater (25), & not far from Wm. Allen (40) & John C. Dotson (30) & G.D. Dotson (53) (also in Peter Prec.); No Brewer listed in 1900 & 1910 Censuses in Peter Creek area;
DAUGHERTY BRANCH OF PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): The dividing line between the property of Peyton Johnson (Johnson Bottom) and that acquired c1900 by Ferdinand Hall. The br. was named for James Henry Daugherty (3/1884-9/21/1919). c. 1906 he wed Sarah 'Sally' Mounts, daughter of Anderson and Rebecca (Hatfield) Mounts who built their home at its head. After James' death, people took to referring to it as Sally Daugherty Hol. for she lived there until her death. Both buried in fam. cem. there.... (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
DAVIS BRANCH OF MULLEN FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
Wm. Davis acquired 50 acres on Pond Creek (surv. 12/25/1824) (Bk. R, P. 210) (Jillson, 1971, I, p. 523). Could Davis Br. of Mullen Fk. have been named for him?
DEADENING FORK OF LITTLE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Damron acquired 170 acres here which were surveyed 2/19/1868 (Bk. 74, P. 294) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); John A. Damron lived here. DK why so named. (Law. Newsom & Oma/Robert Branham, interview, 7/29/1989);
"To my knowledge there was never a Deadening Fork of Rockhouse....I live at Rockhouse and am very familiar with it." (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989);

At the head of Rockhouse. Some farmer cleared him some new ground. He didn't want to dispose of big trees. So he cut a ring around the trees and killed them. They called "deadening". This was in the early 20th cent. This was to get rid of the leaves that would tend to shade the crops and prevent them from getting adequate sunlight. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
DEAN; BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): is given as Job Dean's Branch on the Burriss ms. map of the mid 19th cent.; Jobe Dean owned 50 acres on Johns Creek, acc. to the 1823 tax list (Dorcas Hobbs, "First Tax List of 1823" Pike. Co. 1822=1976, Hist. Papers #2 Pike Co. Hist. Soc. Bicent. Issue 1976, Pp. 4-12, 6); Named for John Dean, a N.C. native and a pioneer settler of Johns Creek. He arr. there c. the first decade of the 19th cent., say around 1806. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Job Dean is mentioned in the 1840 Census, Pike Co.;

1808. From Survey Co N.C. (Scalf, 1956)
John Dean from Ashe Co., NC. Came to Johns Creek with daughter Pernina Dean and settled on Brushy Fk., above Dug Fork in 1808. (R.B. Maynard, "Histl. Notes" col. in APP. XPR. 4/2/1979, P. B3:1); Job Dean acquired 50 acres on Lick Branch which were surveyed 12/15/1843 (Bk. 11, P. 172) and 85 acres on same, surv. 8/16/1848. (Bk. 31, P. 170) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1187); Job Dean acquired 100 acres on John Creek (6/22/24) (Bk. P., P. 62) (Jillson, I., P. 529);
DESKIN (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 5/4/1883, John W. Bevins; 1/8/1889, Jessee E. Gooslin ... 8/14/1913, Wm. M. Deskins (who was the 6th pm). Disc. 2/28/1920 (mail to Kimper) (NA); On the s. bank of Johns Creek, just above the mouth of Meathouse Fk; Named for a local family; c. 1895 Wm. Deskins ran the local general store; Marion Phillips (on 8/22/1889) pet. for a po. called Silver Vale. Deskins was named instead (?) (Site Location Report); Apparently nothing came of it.
DESKINS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to Irma Deskins, in her 90s, it was named for two brothers Jack & Louis who bought it. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989);
DIAL BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. Owned by Preacher Anderson Hatfield and heired by his family. DK of any families of Dials there. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); Name for a local family. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Tole, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
DIAZ (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 12/29/1915, Ira C. Deskins; Disc. 5/31/1917 (mail to Coal Run) (NA); Could Diaz have been corrupted from Dials? Absolom Dials is listed in the 1830 Pike Co. Census. John A. Diles (ne 11/1858 and his wife Anna) are mentioned in the 1900 Census; Geo. W. Dilas is mentioned in 1855 as having been the father of James Dilas who was born in that year in Pike Co.; John Dials (sic) was the son of Polly Dials; Pet. 5/8/1915 by Ira Deskins. On Joes Creek, 4 1/2 mi. from BSR (at Coal Run) and 4 rd. mi. nw of Zebulon PO. (maybe 1 1/2 mi. from Johns Creek) (Site Location Report);
Sarah Ball (ca. 1821-11/1858), daughter of Moses & Eliz. Ball, nee Russell Co., Va. Married John Dyles, son of Mary Diles (nee ca. 1795). He was born ca. 1815. Family's name sometimes sp. Dial, Deal. Among their children were Geo. W. Dyles, age 15, ne Ky. others listed....(1850) (Bonnie Ball, "G'one t Ky." EK, Vol. 8 (1), 6/1972, Pp. 3-4);
James F. Dials (33) and his wife Mary A. (31) lived betw. Henry Smith and John Varney in the Mouth of Pond Dist. & close to Martin Smith (45), Jas. M. Varney (22), Isiah Smith (42), Moses May (22), other Smiths, Mays, Fountain Lowe (35), Booker Staten (34), Jas. M. May (45), John Gooslin. (39), etc. (1870 Census); John Dials (60), ne Va. and wife Rebecca (48) lived betw. Peter E. Alley (44) & Jas. Deskins (47) in Mouth of Pond dist. (1870) and nr. Geo. W. Alley, Jas. Farris, Thos. Chapman, Jas. Maynard, & not far from Jos. Bevins (58), Geo. Pinson (52), Aaron H. Pinson (26);
Ira Deskins lived on the Joes Creek Rd. and was age 16 acc. to 1910 Census. He was then living with John A. & Eliz. Scott; R.B. Maynard didn't know why the Diaz PO was so named. (interview, 7/15/1989); On 9/11/1832, Stephen Elliott marr. Lyddia Hall, d. o Dias Hall. Nothing on either of them in 1830 or 1840 Censuses;
Among the charter members of the Apple Orchard Chu. (on Brishy Fk.) (1858) were Abram and Nancy Dial. (Maynard's col. "Hist'l. Notes" App. Xpr., 7/21/1977, P. A17:1-2);
DIC\(\text{K} (\text{Pike Co., Ky}): \text{PO est. 5/1/1886,}
\text{Freadrick (sic) Mounts; Disc. 9/2/1887 (p.}
\text{to Jamboree)); On 11/11/1884 Freadrick Mounts
\text{pet. for est. of po called Cory Ann, then}
\text{Old Dad. Finally Dick. At a site 3}\frac{1}{2}\text{ mi. s.}
\text{of Edgarton (Ky) PO, 3}\frac{1}{2}\text{ mi. s. of Tug Fk., 5}
\text{mi. n. of Jamboree and 10 mi. se of Hatfield}
\text{on the west bank of Peter Creek. At a settle-
\text{ment there. (Site Location Rept.); Thus it}
\text{would have been just below Board Tree; In 191}
\text{Census, Cora Mounts is given as daughter of}
\text{Tennessee Mounts (F) and Clerinda Hurley (M),}
\text{farmer, in the Knox Prec. No Freadrick is list-
\text{ed in any Census. In 1880 Census, Fredrick, 21}
\text{is listed;}
\text{\text{\textquote{}}}
"I have been unable to locate anyone who know anything about this one." (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Al., letter, 9/27/89);
DICKS FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): This spelling given in an article in the App Xpr-News, c.1979; Dicks Fk. of Big Creek was so spelled on a 1949 state map; John Smith, Jr. acquired 100 acres on Dick Fk. of Big Creek (2/28/1846) (Bk. 26, P. 110) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1702); Benj. Williamson, Jr. acquired 200 acres on Dicks Fk. of Big Creek (1/30/1847) (Bk. 24, P. 410) and 254+160 acres on same (4/4/56) (Bk. 49, P. 169 and Bk. 50, P. 87) (Jillson, Pp. 1805-6);
DICKS FORK OF GRAPEVINE Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Thompson Phillips acquired 50 acres on this as surveyed on 3/9/1849 (Bk. 30, P. 143) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1600);
DOG FORK (of Hurricane Creek) (Pike Co.) (F561) (#98-318) 37°28'30" to 37°29'45" (Lat), 82°35'15" (Long); Named "because people said in early days people said (sic) they wouldnt live there because it wasnt worthy enough for a dog."
(From Leonard Roberts' Pike Co. p.n. material)
DORTON (Pike Co.): (F189sw) (#98-319)  
37°16'30" (Lat), 82°34'45" (Long); Named for ancestors of Levi Dorton) (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Dört/ən") (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 7/2/1873, John Bumgardner ...(NA); Now: hi.sch., 3 churches, several stores & a rest. A no. of modern brick homes and c. 2000 pop....(Orchid Wright, letter to me, 12/10/1979); Named for Wm. P. Dorton, ne c.1842 in Johnson Co. Marr. Mary Vanover 6/10, 1873 in John Co. and then moved to Pike Co. where lived till died 3/9/1934...(Dorcas M. Hobbs, letter, 1/7/1981);
DORTON (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family but dk its prog. there. Bill Dorton, a C.W. vet., lived on the mt. between Shelby Gap & the Va. line, c.1910. His son, Kenas, owned the family's farm on top of that mt. until he sold out and moved to Johns Creek. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/1989); Wm. P. Dorton (1842-3/1934) in Pikeville. He is buried at Shelby Gap. He was the son of Joel & Eleanor (Johnson) Dorton. (Acc. to Mrs. Sherry Cross of Olathe, Kansas in Dorcas M. Hobbs AA col. in N-Xpr., 11/15/1980, II, P. 6:1);
DORTON (Pike Co., Ky): "This vil. with po is centered at the confluence of Dorton & Shelby Creeks and the jct. of US 23 and Ky. 610, 13 miles s. of Pikev. Named for Wm. Dorton (ca. 1842-1934), the po was est. on 7/2/1873 with John Bumgardner, pm." (Book-P, 84);

No Dortons are mentioned in the Pike Co. 1870 Census; Neither Wm. nr. Levi were mentioned in the 1900 Census. Wm. P. Dorton is mentioned as living in the Upper Elkhorn Dist. in the 1910 Census, age 69. His wife is Mary. Their sons are John W. & Ben H. and a grandson is Keanas Dorton, age 7½. 2-3 other Dorton families are mentioned as living in that vic. (1910);
DORTON CREEK (Pike Co) (#98-320) 37°16'45''(Lat), 82°34'(Long); Levi Dorton. (Leonard Roberts); Elijah Smallwood acquired 200 acres on Dorton Creek (1/2/1852) (Bk. 37, P. 526) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1666) and 470 acres on same (1/2/52) (Bk. 37, P. 527) (Ibid.); Wm. P. Dorton acquired 50 acres on an unid. fork of Sandy River (Floyd Co.) (7/15/1824) (Bk. T, P. 51) (Jillson, I, P. 533);
DORTON HIGH SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): Est. 1930. (Herbert Woodson Crick, Hist. of Educ. in Pike Co., Ky., UK Masters Thesis, 1930, P. 96); Dorto School (pvt.) at the mouth of Dorton Creek, was headed by W.H. Reminesco. This was a boarding school. He was later the 1st prin. of Dorton H.S. (Billie Sue Davis, Pikev. Pub. Librarian, in her col. "Yesterday's News, in the Pikev. App. News-Exp., 6/5/1985, P. 10:1);
DOTSON FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek)
(Pike Co., Ky): The Peter Creek Dotsons descended from Jordan & Mary (Wilson) Dotson. His brother Wm. E. ("Uncle Billy") was the ancestor of the Paw Paw Dotsons. Billy's 1st wife may have been Rhoda Stout and his 2nd was Eliz. Bumgardner. They were sons of Sarah Estep who marr. Reuben Dotson. Wm. E. was son of Ben Arnold but was adopted by Reuben and assumed his name. While Jordan was natural son of Reuben. One of the Peter Creek Dotsons was James A. Dotson. c. 1891 when he marr. Mary Jane Stump, they built home at the Steel-Feds area. They are said to have lived in a hol.
"that was a short-cut from Peter Creek acros the mt. to Steel. It is said that this hol. was called Dotson Fork for the family of James A. & Mary Jane Dotson...." (Gerald ine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
The DOUGLAS INDUSTRIAL PARK was dedicated on 9/28/1977. (App. Xpr. 9/29/1977, P. Al:1-5);

DK the origin of Douglas or Hildason. (Law. Newsom & the Branham's, interview, 7/29/1989);
Carl D. Perkins Apts., Shelby Val. H.S. under construction, will probably open for the fall term, 1990. J.B. Elkhorn Coal Co. Energyville FWB Chu. Doctor Mary Pauline Fox Parkview Manor, a nursing home on top of hill overlooking the other Douglas area buildings. Douglas Apartments, maintained by the Pike Co. Housing Auth. The Perkins apts. is sr. cit. high rise (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
HILDASON (Pike County, Ky.) p.o. est. 6/23/1920 with Oscar Partin as 1st p.m. (.....)
name changed to Douglas, 5/1/1925* (check:....)
Disc. eff. 9/15/1931 with mail to Robinson Creek. (Acc. to the National Archives)
* c. Edmund W. Randolph, Jr. (The last pm of Hildason)
The Hildason PO was on Shelby Cr., about a mi.
s. of the mouth of Robinson Cr. It was est. 6/23/1920 and was renamed Douglas on 5/1/25.
It closed on or about 9/15/1931 with papers
sent to the Rob. Cr. PO.; J.B. Elkhorn Coal Co. of Hildason with E.L. Douglass as Gen'l.
Mgr. with office in Staub, Ky. n=10 miners.
(Rept.-of-Ky.-Dept.-of-Mines-19) (J.W. Hall, Tales of the Mts. 1922, P. 11);
Hildason po was renamed Douglas to conform to the name of the local rr sta. This po was 1 1/2 ft. from the Sandy Val. & Elkhorn RR tracks. (POD site location sheets)
The J.B. Elkhorn Coal Co. at Hildason; On 5/1/1918 H.J. Adkins pet. for est. of a po to be called Douglas for the local rr sta. Instead it was named Hildason. The site was 200 ft. s. of Shelby Creek, 1 1/2 mi. e. of the Robinson Creek PO, on the s. side of the Shelby Val. & Elkhorn RR tracks (Site Location Rept.); On 4/11/1925 Edmund W. Randolph Jr. pet. for n.ch. to Douglas for the po served the com. then known as Douglas. 3/4 m. s of the Robinson Creek PO & 1 mi. n. of Esc in. e. of the tracks. RR sta = Douglas. (Ibid).
DRAFFIN' (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Dr(æ)e f/in") Nr. Elkhorn City. DK origin of name; there are no families of this name here. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/77); po est. 3/12/1917, Wm. W. Barrett...(NA); 1st called Pound Creek but had to find another name for the po as it was already in use. (sic) Haynes Barren, who carried the mail to this area, is said to have suggested its new name. (Source: Bill Johnson, 87, Draffin Ky. to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts);
DRAFFIN (Pike Co., Ky): The first name proposed for this po on the orig. pet. was Barrett probably for the pm-applicant and petitioner W.W. Barrett. The po site was 2-1/2 mi. up Pond Creek from the rr station called Pond Creek (c. 1916). That is, due s. In 1919 the po was relocated 1 1/2 mi. ne at a pt. 100 yds. from Russell Fk. and 100 ft. from Pond Creek with I.C. Barrett, PM, and 100 ft. from the tracks. (site location sheets); by 1930 the sta. here was valued Draffin (C&O sta. guide, 1930);
DRAFFIN (Pike Co., Ky): The Va. Iron Coal & Coke Co. (c1906) owned 2000 acres of coal land on Pond Creek but had started developing it yet. Check on this company—did they have an official named Draffin?
POND (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 8/25/1906, Greenville T. Hawkins; 1/27/1909, Virgie Looney; Disc. 9/30/1911 (mail to Belcher); Re-est. 3/7/1915, Jas. H. Sanders; Disc. 1/31/1916 (mail to Belcher); Re-est. 9/10/1919, Mrs. Pie Thornbury, rescinded 9/20/1919 (NA); Was this the community of Pond Creek at the mouth of that trib. of Russell Fk, less than 2 mi. below Belcher. If so, it was the later Draffin po. On the C&O RR. Pond PO may have been the predecessor of Draffin. (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/88);
DRIFT/BR. of Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky): "The used to float logs down Johns Creek to this location to tie them into rafts to take to Catlettsburg." (Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989); James-F. Cecil acquired 50 acres on Drift Br. 12/1843. (Book 14, P. 188) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1106); Shown on a Crandall map, 1905; Used to be called Martin Scotts Branch for a local family. This was the next branch below McCombs and what was called Martins Branch. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989); Martin Scott lived at the mouth of Drift Br. People used to call it Martin Scott Branch. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
Martin Scott (ne c. 1864) was son of Barnabas Scott and bro. of Wm. Scott (ne. c. 1840) & A. Jackson Scott (ne 1852) He married Jane Blankenship in Dec. 1888. (Truda McCoy, P. 277); and bro. to Christopher Columbus Scott (ne 1860) (Ibid.);
DRIFT BRANCH OF SCOTTS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Barnabas Scott acquired 15 acres on this (3/7/1879) (Bk. 99, P. 254) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1727) He had earlier (2/9/55) acquired 200 acres on Sycamore Creek (Bk. 44, P. 228) (Id.
DRY BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Jarrad Pinson acquired 200 acres here (surv. 8/11/1854) (Bk. 42, P. 680) (Jillson, 1971, P 1597);
DRY FORK OF MARROWBONE (Pike Co., Ky): Moses Ramey, Jr. acquired 50 acres on it, surv. 1/2, 1845 (Bk. 18, P. 107) (Jillson, 1971, P.1618)

Aptly named. In summer with little rain it goes dry. The whole hollow is a community, most of whose residents have been Bartleys. (Albert Bartley, Shelbiana, Ky., interv. 9/23/1989);
DRY FORK OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Lewis Sourds (sic) acquired 200 acres on Louisa Fk. (sic) and Dry Fk. (12/25/1844) (Bk. 18, P. 188) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1725); and 250 acres on Dry Fk. of Shelby Creek (2/15/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 82) (Ibid.); and 250 more acres on same (2/16/50) (Bk. 32, P. 83) (Ibid.); Called Dry Fk. of Shelby rather than Dry Creek. (Albert Bartley, Shelbiana, Ky., interview, 9/23/89);
Wm. C. Justice acquired 50 acres on Upper Cloes Creek (sic) which were surveyed 8/31/1853 (Bk. 42, P. 706) and 286 acres on Dry Hol. of Cloe Creek (sur. 5/19/1871) (Bk. 81, P. 386) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1411);
DUNLAP (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Charles Dunlap, an official of the Berwind White Coal Mining Co. of Phil., Pa. which is now known as Kentucky Berwind Corp. The po was in a small office in the Kentland Elkhorn office bldg. Geo. W. Kendrick, pm, was also a shipping clerk for Kentland-Elkhorn. The po was closed in 1959. Mines continued to operate till 10/1982 when forced to close due to declining market for coal. No bldgs. now at the site of the old Dunlap PO. (Mary R. Hunt, Phyllis, Ky., letter to me, 3/6/198
DUNLAP (Pike Co., Ky): Could it have been named for Madison A. Dunlap of Consolidation Coal Co. who developed the mines & community of Jenkins. (Lon B. Rogers, letter, 2/27/89); c. 1946-7 Madison Dunlap was in charge of selling the Jenkins homes that had been company-owned to their residents. (Joe Creason, "The Captive City that was Set Free' LCJM, 4/3/1949, Pp. 5ff);
DUNLAP (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 11/17/1947...
Disc. 2/22/1959 (mail to Biggs) (NA);
The po was in the vic. of the Kentland-
Elkhorn Coal Co. Dunlap was also the name of
the local rr sta. Could it have been named
for an official of that coal company? The po
was in the Kentland-Elkhorn Coal Co. store.
George Kendrick, the pm, worked for the co.
Mines closed several years ago and only a
token work force remains. cf Mary Hunt who
is among them. c/o Feds Creek PO. (Ask her
also about Hunt Br. & Knob: Who the 1st Dunla
pm was, when mines opened and closed and when
po closed and how it got its name.)
(Ask Kendrick, pm Fed's Creek.)
DUNLEARY (Pike Co., Ky): On 8/16/1918 Fred Menefee pet. for est. of a po to serve mine camp & rr sta. at a site 50 ft. e of the rr tracks and 500 ft. w. of Russell Fk, ½ mi. n. of the mouth of Beaver Cr., 1 ½ mi. n. of the Praise PO, and 1 3/4 mi. s. of Belcher PO. The rr sta. (flag stop only) was also called Dunleary. On 7/28/1939 a pet. to move the po across the river, to a site 300 ft. e. & also 50 ft. e. of the sta. (sic) (Site Location Rept.); Paragon Elkhorn Collieries Co. of Dunleary, Ky. G.B. Backley, Super., and Fred Stafford, Mine Foreman. (1920 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, Pp. 224-5); No one named Dunleary was connected with any of the area coal co's. (1920 Rept. of earlier....)
DUNLEARY (Pike Co.): (Pron. "D(uh)n/leer/ee or D(uh)n/leer/ee") Locally called the former. Named for the owner of the mine there. He came in 1915. Nothing left there now but a broad bottom. Used to have stores, rows of houses, acc. to Allena Looney who didn't know Dunleary' name. Allena's husband worked for him. cf to court records. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 6/5/1919, Fred Menefee...(NA); Disc. 3/21/1940 (mail to Praise); Dunleary name was also applied to the rr sta. and mine camp there. Ext. mining camp, had sch+ store. All bldgs. sold + removed in the 1930's. (Jeanette Elswich, 2/13/89) Tipple too. Some 50-75 homes.
Thinks that Dunleary was an official of Paragon-Elkhorn Coal Co. and came from up north. The mines shut down in 1940-1. Informant worked there in 1939. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
DUNLEYARY HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Little Creek on Stone's 1908 coal map (on file);
DUTY BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Doty Branch on old 15 min. Hurley map; Elliott Duty, ne 1872 is mentioned in the 1910 Pike Co. Census as living in the Blackberry Prec; Named fo: Isaac & Pricy Duty who settled there in the 1850s. Pricy may have been a Coleman. By 1870 they had moved away from Peter Creek. (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989); In 1900 Geo. (5/38) & wife Sarah (5/1846) Duty lived in Blackb. ED in vic. of Hatfields, Phillipses, Staffords, McCoys., probably on Blackb. Cr. or up Tug R. (Census)
Elisha Damron acquired 100 acres on Robinson Creek which was surveyed 9/1/1858. (Bk. 57, P. 446) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); Elisha Damron was ca. 1800 and lived on Rob. Creek. His wife was Peggy. Died ca. 1875. Leonard was his son. He died in Washington state. This was probably not the pm Leonard T. (Helen Foster Snow, The Dameron-Damron Geneal: The Descendants of Lawrence Damron, n.d, ms. in KHS Libr.);

No Damrons lived in Upper Pond E.D. acc. to 1900 & 1910 Censuses; Wm. M. Damron (43) listed in 1880 Census as living in Mouth of Caney prec;
DUTYS KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): A rock. Maybe named for a family. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); Named for a man named Duty who is said to have cut up a man named Priest and carried him to a cem. where he died and was buried. This was done on Weddington Branch. Duty escaped. From a plaque on the wall of the old Hatcher Hotel in Pikeville: "Looking due north you see Dutys' Knob. Taken its name by a man name of Duty. Cut a man by the name of Priest with a knife, hiding here where he could see his victim. Carried to cemetery if he died and "he died". This was done at the home of Mrs. Tilda Smith, now known as Weddington Branch. Duty made his escape." (From photo of wall by Dorcas Hobbs to me, 4/24/89).
EDGARTON (Pike Co., Ky): po est. in Pike Co. 3/9/1883, Wm. P. Johnson; 6/4/1886, McClelan B. Johnson; 1/13/1884, E. Wolfford; 7/20/87, David J. Wolfford...6/30/1891, Cora A. McInturff (to W.Va. 6/21/1894) (NA); Served(s the town of Delorme, W.Va. near the home of Dvil Anse Hatfield. Apparently the po was moved across the Tug Fk. R., at the mouth of Peter Cr., just below the present Freeburn. On 2/3/1883 Wm. P. Johnson pet. for est. of po at a site ½ mi. from Tug Fk. & 3½ mi. n.of Peter PO, on w. side.of Peter Creek. Could this have been in Johnsons Bottom?
"No one seems to recall ever having heard of a post office in Ky. by that name. Many living along Tug River on the Ky. side received mail in Edgerton, WV because it was closer. Acc. to legend, it was named for a man by the name of Edgar or Edgars, but no one know if that was a first or last name." (Geraldine Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989); Acc. to David J. Francis, informant's grandfather (ne 1/4/1880), the place was named for a man named Edgar or Edgars. People used to call it Edgarstown but the po was est. as Edgerton. Could not locate any one whose last name was Edgar(s) in 1850-1900 Censuses for Logan & Mingo Co's. (Ibid.)
COALDALE was named for Coaldale, Pa., the hometown of Arch & Wes Goodson, bros. who opened the mine at Coaldale, Ky. They lived in W.Va. They later sold their mine to the brothers Joe B. and Troll Rogers who later sold it to the Kingston-Pocahontas & Edgewater Coal Co. Semet-Solway, a div. of latter acquired it in c.1933. The Coaldale name preceded Edgewater, c1912. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989) Check on this with Lon B. Rogers....
COALDALE (Pike Co.): A mining camp near Hellier, is called Edgewater, aka Coaldale, most of which was destroyed by a cloudburst, 2/14/1926 in which 7 persons were drowned. (Paul E Ratliff, "Hellier" LCJ&T MAG. 12/18/1977, Pp. 17ff), A native, Ratliff now free-lances out of Elkhorn City); Edgewater Mines of Hellier Ky. Operated by Elkhorn Consolidated Coal & Coke Co. with Fon Rogers, Pres., of Pikev., Ky & J.L. Morgan, Super., Hellier, Ky. 22 comp. homes. (1907 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 66); Edgewater Coal Co. "Coaldale Plant" #1, 3, & 4. Hellier, Ky. J.A. Strong, Super. (1921 Rept. of Ibid., P. 225); c1923, the Edgewater Coal Co. was a subsidiary of the Ashland By-Product Coke Co., Ashland, Ky. (1922 Rept. of Ibid.)
COALDALE (Pike Co.): Main offices of the Edgewater Coal & Coke Co. on Marrowbone Creek, one of the 1st mines opened on the C&O RR, opened c.1906. Hellier was the po. Called the Edgewater or Coaldale Mine of Hellier, Ky. which was in operation until 1916-.... (Lon Rogers, "Fon Fogers: A Pioneer Coal Operator in Pike Co., 1906-1916" in PIKE CO. 1822-1976: HIST'L. PAPERS NO. TWO, Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc. Bicenten. Issue, Pikeville, Ky. 1976, Pp. 85-98, 85, 95);

Edgewater Coal & Coke Co., a w. va. firm (Ibid., p. 86)

Edgewater on current sta. highway maps.

Fon Rogers once owned Edgewater Mines
COALDALE (Pike Co.): (pron. "Kohl/dāl"). Acc. to Shirley Looney, a big boundary of coal. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); Once prosperous coal mining town with over 200 co-owned homes, 2 large boarding houses, company stores and offices. About 8 mi. up Marrowbone Creek from its confl. with Russell Fk. By 1954 it was almost a ghost town. Mines closed perhaps due to the labor troubles which caused th co. to leave in 1930. The beehive coke ovens abandoned. In 1954, only c. \( \frac{1}{2} \) doz. homes were still occupied. The large structures had been torn down by then.... (Gerald Griffin, "Plundered Valley" LCJ MAG. 7/4/1954, P. 11); several buildings razed or (remain)/vacant. (Ibid.)
EDGEWATER (Pike Co., Ky): Mining town aka Coaldale. Edgewater was named for a coal co. "Coaldale was apparently a puny effort to give a more beautiful name by mixing 'coal' with 'dale.' Edgewater was hemmed in by a hill which, if crossed, led one down to Ashcamp Creek...." (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989); Coaldale was the name of Edgewater Coal Co.'s mine. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, Letter, 6/28/1989);
COALDALE-EDGEWATER (Pike Co., Ky): The Coaldale Mine may have been named for Coaldale, Pa or Coaldale, WV. The Goodson Bros. lived in or nr. Hellier for many yrs. Norwood's 1905-6 Rept. mentions Edgewater Mine at Hellier with Dr. Geo. F. Honaker of Chi., Pres. & W.J. Wood as Mgr. This was a yr. before the RR reached Hellier in 1907. In his 1907 Rept. he said that the Edgewater Mine was operated by Elk-horn Consolidated Coal & Coke Co. with Fon Rogers, Pres., J.L. Morgan, Super., & M.L. Goodson, Mine Foreman. Same with 1908 Rept. Goodson continued as foreman at least till 1911 and never had a higher position.
In 1909 the Elkhorn... Co. was in reorg.... Joe B. & Trall (not Troll) Rogers never had any financial interest in the Edgewater Mine. Joe B. Rogers managed the powerhouse for the mine as long as Fon was connected with it. Trall (T.T.) was informant's 1st cousin and was Edgewater's bookkeeper from 1911 until the firm was sold to Ky. Solvay Co. of Ashland. It was then operated by Edgewater Coal Co., a div. of Semet-Solvay Co. from 1916 until it closed during the depression. Kingston-Pocahontas never operated on Marrowbone Creek. To informant's knowledge, that co. owned only the mine on Pegs Br. behind the
Belfry H. Sch. on Pond Creek. (Lon B. Rogers, Lex., Ky., letter to me, 10/3/89); Jos. Rogers (Joe B.) was super. of Elkhorn Consol C&C Co. that Fon Rogers was pres. of, in 1910-11. (1911 Rept. of Norwood). (Ibid.);
COALDALE JUNCTION (Pike Co., Ky): Station on the Marrowbone Subdiv. of BS Div., C&O RR, 0.4 mi. above the Big Branch sta. (at mouth of Bowling Fk.) and 0.6 mi. below Hellier. From here to Coaldale (Edgewater) on the Coaldale Subdiv. is 1.6 miles (C&O sta. guide 1930); "located below Hellier where the steep branch up to Edgewater joined the Marrowbone Subdivision which continued on up to Allegheny (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, Ky., letter, 6/2/1989)."
EDO (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 5/10/1924, Mrs. Margie Phillips; 11/12/1925, Mrs. Anna B. Phillips... (NA); Disc. 10/31/1951 (mail to Kimper); ("Ee/doh") (Marie Justice, 3/25/39)
On 8/7/1923 Margie Phillips pet. for est. of po at a site 100 ft. e. of Johns Creek; On 11/16/1925 Mrs. Anna B. Phillips pet. for move 3½ mi. sw of 1st site, to a pt. on Johns Creek, 4½ mi. e. of Kimper PO (would this place it at the mouth of Shop Br?). On 9/22/1939 A.B. Phillips petitioned to move po a pt 100 yrd. up from the mouth of Gabriel's Br. (of Johns Cr.). (probably on the present Ky. 632 2 mi. e. of Kimper.)
Acc. to 1870 Census, Eda Phillips (30) was the wife of John Phillips (33) in the Bent Branch En. Dist. In the 1880 Census they're listed as living in the upper Johns Creek Prec. along with other Phillips families. John Phillips was born 6/1835 and his wife Eva (sic) was born 5/1842 (1900) in Meathouse Dist, but not in 1910. In 1860 John Phillips (23) & wife Edy (21) lived between Wm. Phillips (25) & wife Mary (25). (No Frank is mentioned as a son of Ibid) and Henry Stump (60) & wife Sarah (62). Others in the area were Stumps, Bevins, Adkins, Laynes (incl. Merida);
632/199, just below the mouth of Pond Fk. of Johns Creek, is the Edo Chu.] (Site Location Rept.); Was the Edo PO (1939-1951) on Johns Cre., at the mouth of Gabriel(x) Br? When was it at the site of/or nr. Edo Chu. at/nr the mouth of Pond Fk?
EDO (Pike Co., Ky): PO named for Edo Dotson, ne 1918 on upper Jones Creek, the son of Frank & Rosa Dotson. He still lives in Phelps, Ky. Frank had a gen'l. store. "They were looking for a name for the po and Edo was chosen." cf Edo Dotson, PO Box 93, Phelps, Ky. 41553. (Grace Coleman, Pikeville, Ky., to me 9/7/91 at Highlands Folk Fest., Prestonsburg, Ky) (Pron. "Eh/do")
ELIMER (Pike Co.): (F189sw) (#98-347)
37°15' (Lat), 82°34' (Long); In the early 19th cent., it was named for Eli and Myrtle Newsom who owned the land. (Leonard Roberts); Just a rr sta. & a store at the mouth of Three Mile Cr. c.1912-3. Store there run by Geo. Johnso the man who killed Lewis & Morg Hall. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/89)
DK why so named. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); No Eli Newsom mentioned in 1880 Census;
ELIZA RAY BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co): Named for Eliza (Mrs. John) Ray, who lived above it. A m. side' trib. of Rob. Creek. The 1st righthand br. of the creek. Rays lived at the head of Little Fk. of Robinson. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
The ELIZABETH CHURCH OF THE OLD REG'L. BAPT. CHU. OF JESUS CHRIST at Fords Branch (Pike Co., Ky). New brick bldg. opened late 1976. Originally in a smaller frame structure nearby. On land donated by Eliz. (Coleman) and Grant Adkins. Org. 1925 and named for Mrs. Adkins. Acc. to their son Charlie Adkins. Charlie died in June 1975. (Claire Kelly, "A Church of the People" APP. EXPR. 12/22/1976, P. A14:1-6); Named for Eliz. Adkins, grandmother of the bros. Hiram and Grove Adkins of Fords Br. She was nee Eliz. Coleman and was the local midwife. Rev. Grove Adkins is the moderator of this chu. and also of the Island
ELKFOOT BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Hylton acquired 50 acres on Elk Foot Br. (sic) which were surveyed 1/20/1851 (Bk. 36, P. 377) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1377); Wm. H. Hylton acquired 60 acres on a fork of Feds Creek which were surveyed 8/30/1851 (Bk. 36, P. 376) (Ibid.); Wm. Sloan (or Slone) did not live next door or near Wm. Hylton in 1850/1860 (Censuses);
ELKHORN CHURCH (Pike Co.) (F357)
37°12'45" (Lat), 82°33'45" (Long); Old Elkhorn Church org. 1839. Elder W.M. Tackett was the 1st moderator and served from 1839-1853. W.M. Salisbury was the 1st clerk. Wm. Johnson served the church as elder for 49 yrs. This is Reg'l. Baptist church. (Leonard Roberts);
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): Founded by Wm. Ramey. He arr. from Va., age 27, in c. 1810. A native of Surry Co., NC. He was an engineer and surveyor. He located nr. the mouth of Elkhorn Creek. (Jeanette Elswick, "Pages of the Past" ELKHORN CITY ENTERPRISE, 5/11/1972, repro. in 150 YEARS OF PIKE CO., KY., 1822-1972, Sesquicent. Issue, Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc., Vol. 1, 1972, P. 15); Prop. name for the po was Mouth of Elkhorn. (Site Location Rept.).
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): (pron. "(Eh)lk/horn
S(in)/tee") Probably named for the creek. PO
called Praise (Pron. "Präz"); the rr sta. was
Elkhorn City and the School was Cumberland
Sch. (Pron. "K(uh)m/ber/lan[d]"). Only in the
1940s did one of the local civic clubs petitio
to have all the names changed to Elkhorn City.
PO couldnt adopt Elkhorn name originally be-
cause Franklin Co. already had an Elkhorn po.
Had to add "City" for the same reason. Rev.
Geo. O. Barnes, Pres. minister (see Scalf) was
the minister, c.1889 (ch.) A settlement was
already there at the time he came: a store.
Wm. Ramey, Richard Potter had homes here by
then. Near a ford in the river. Potter here by
1820 and Ramey even earlier. The Potters Flat:
section of town up nr. the Breaks, was inhabited by 1860, and people came down here to the store. The town has always been called Elkhorn; only the po was called Praise. There is still a Praise Creek just below the town. "A lot of people didn't like to have it changed (the p.o. name) because they liked 'Praise the Lord' idea." Called "Praise", not "Praise the Lord." "He had this banner on which was written "Praise the Lord" which was the name of his camp: Camp Praise the Lord, a tent colony...." (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co., Ky): "This 4th cl. city with po lies at the confl. of Elkhorn Cr. & Russell Fk... 14 mi. se of Pikev. The com. is said to have been founded or at lease 1st settled by Wm. Ramey, a native NC around 1810 and early called Elkhorn, after an elk's horn allegedly found somewhere on the creek's banks. Since that name had already been applied to a po in Taylor Co., the local PO, est. 10/16/82 with Jas. G. Bentle pm, was called Praise for 'Camp Praise-the-Lord,' a tent colony that evangelist Geo. O. Barnes had set up for a revival there in 8/1881. When the C&O RR was completed to this pt. in 1907 that local sta. was called
Elkhorn City. On Sept. 1, 1952, in response to local pressure for a uniform name, the POD agreed to rename its local po Elkhorn City. The name Prähise is still applied to a small stream, the Prähise Fork of Russell, over a mile nw of town." (Book, P. 91);
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): Evangelist Geo. Owen Barnes held a camp mtg. and preached at the mouth of Elkhorn Creek, 8/4-21/1881. He named the site "Camp Praise-the-Lord". (Scalf, KLF, P. 271). PO was later named Praise for his memorable service. (Ibid., P. 272); On 9/1/1952 Praise po was officially renamed Elkhorn City. Officially it had been called Elkhorn City at Praise, Ky. but then became Elkhorn City. At that time there was also a p.o. called Elk Horn (sic) in Taylor Co. The Elkhorn City name had always identified the Pike Co. commu. tho' the po had borne the Praise name since it was est. in 1882. It was inc. as Elkhorn City.
The ch. in the p.o. name was to avoid "nuisance" of having 2 names and such a long p.o. address. Besides many town businesses and institutions had been called Elkhorn City ___. (Ed Edstrom "Confusing 'Praise' Address to be 'Elkhorn City' Sept. 1" LCJ, 8/15/1952, Sec. 2, P. 1)
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): Founded by Wm. Ramey c.1810. PO called Praise. An itinerant preacher was holding a revival there. He had placed a large sign there saying "Praise the Lord".
(Source: Bill Johnson, 87, of Draffin, Ky. from his father, Isaac Johnson, ne{\textsuperscript{862}. Isaac was age 22 when the sign was put up. to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Allegedly rec'd. its name from the finding of an elk's horn on Elkhorn Creek.
(Source: Mrs. John W. Moore of Elkhorn City, to her daughter, Vicki Moore, PO Box 531, E.C. Pikeville Coll. student, for Leonard Roberts);
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co., Ky): Rev. Geo. O. Barnes held camp meeting nr. the mouth of Elk Horn Creek, a branch of the Russell Fk. Relatively few people showed up since the area was only sparsely settled. Nr. the site a po was est. and named Praise for one of preacher's favorite and frequent expressions "Praise (the Lord)" (Ely, THE BSV, 1887, Pp. 412-3);
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): po est. as Praise, 10/16/1882, Jas. G. Bentley... (NA); POD ruled on 8/14/1952 that, eff. 9/1/52, the po name would change from Elkhorn City at Praise, Ky. to Elkhorn City, Ky. Though Praise was po name, the town there was called Elkhorn City and was inc. under that name. The POD was petitioned by the citizens who felt it was very confusing to address a letter to so long a name. Many local businesses and services have long been referred to by the E. C. designation. (Ed Edstrom, "Confusing 'Praise' Address to be 'Elkhorn City' Sept. 1" LCJ, 8/15/1952);
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): On Russell Fork of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy R. First called Praise. "The story goes that there was this minister who came through the hollow from time to time back in the earliest days of settlement. He'd always say 'Praise-s-s-e the Lord.' so they came to name the place Praise, Kentucky. Then later on they found some elk's horns there (sic) and the town fathers began calling the place Elkhorn City. Then when they built the school they called it Cumberland High School. ....It took years before they finally got
the post office changed to Elkhorn City (sic) and the school changed to Elkhorn City High School." (Rodney R. Ratliff, RETURN TO THE PROMISED LAND, APPALACHIA, Frankfort, Ky. Images, 1977, P. 12)
ELKHORN CITY (Pike Co.): Elkhorn Creek is said to have been named in this fashion: Some pioneer hunters shot an elk "and left it lying where it had fallen. A few years later (other men) came to this creek. They found the elk's horns and called the place Elkhorn. The word city (sic) was added to the name in the years of the coal boom when Elkhorn was built up; and from that day to this it has been called Elkhorn City." (Madeline Elswick for Leonard Roberts, 1970);
ELKHORN CITY JUNCTION: (Pike Co., Ky), sta. on the main Big Sandy line of C&O RR, 0.8 mi. above the Elkhorn City sta. where the Clinchfield RR joined the C&O. (C&O sta. guide, 1930);
ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co. (F357) 37°12' to 37°14'45" (Lat), 82°34'45" to 82°30'(Long);
Named for the abundance of elk on this creek.
Heads at Dunham in Letcher Co. and flows into Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy, a distance of 26 mi.; (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
Extends from "along the foot of Pine Mt" for (26 mi.) to Russell Fk. at E. City "parallels and is no more than 2 mi." from the Va. state line "which follows the crest of Pine Mt." (1901-02 Rept. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 415);
Before Ky. was completely settled a few adventurous men made a journey into this part of the country and when they came to a creek now known as Elkhorn Creek, they looked up on a small knoll and saw an elk make his bold appearance out of a pine thicket. The elk received a deadly shot between the eyes. The adventurers left the elk lying where it had fallen and a few years later some more men seeking adventure came to this creek. They found the elk's horns and called the place Elkhorn. The word city was added to the name in the years of the coal boom when Elkhorn City was built up;
and from that day to this it has been called Elkhorn City." (Madeline Elswick, one of the Pikeville Coll. students who contributed to FOLK TALES OF THE CUMBERLANDS, mimeo. booklet, n.d., n.p.)
ELKHORN SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°12'45" Lat, 82°33'45", Long. Located 2 mi. e. of Shelby Gap on Elkhorn Creek. Sch. was disco. when the Sycamore Grade Sch. was built in 1961. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
ELKINS FORK OF ROCKHOUSE FK. (of Big Creek)
(Pike Co., Ky): May have been named for
Jefferson Elkins, the first to live there. But
check on this. At least he was the first of
his family in there. He was the son of James
Elkins. c.1900. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989);
In 1880 Sam'l. J. Elkins lived betw.
Kite Maynard (a miller, age 65) & J.H. Low (35
in Big Cr. Prec. (Census); In 1900 he (ne 6/46
with son Robt. J. (2/83), etc. lived next door
to John B. Elkins (12/75) and nr. Jas. P. Lowe
(12/57), other Lowes, Scotts, Maynards, Nichol
and Taylors (Census);
ELKMAN STATION (Pike Co., Ky): om Russell Fk sta. on the main Big Sandy line of C&O RR, 1.3 mi. below Winright (C&O sta. guide, 1930 on w. bank of Russell Fk., (about-midway-and) across from and about midway between the mouths of Powell and Biggs Creeks; Nothing there now; The Elkman Coleman Coal Co.;
ELKSEAM (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 7/19/1920, Daniel P. Saunders; 2/14/1923, Ruby L. Mitchell...Disc. eff. 8/31/1925 (mail to Yeager) (NA); Elkseam po was halfway betw. Richam & Yeager. Maybe the present site of Collins. The Elkseam PO was 100 yards s. of Shelby Creek, 1 mi. n. of Yeager and 50 ft. from the rr. Collins was/is the name of the local rr sta. The Collins name was proposed for the po but rejected. Jairus Collins of Goodwill, W.Va. was the po petitioner. (Acc. to site location sheets);
Seam

\underline{SELKSEAM} (Pike Co., Ky): Elkhorn/Collieries Co
of Elkhorn, Ky. (sic) W.E. Crothers, Gen'l. Mgr. of Yeager, Ky. n=100 employees. c.1922.
(J.W. Hall, Tales of the Mts., P. 7); Elkhorn Seam Coal Co. of Elkseam, Ky. On the SV&E RR
of the Big Sandy Div. of the C&O. D.P. Sander was Super. (Rept. Dept. of Mines of Ky. 1920,
P. 229);
Jairus Collins managed mines for his bro., Justus. Both were sons of an Alabama farmer. Moved to W.Va. in 1884 and Justus became one of the key indep. coal ops. in W.Va. by 1900. He org. the Smokless Fuel Co. out of Cinci. tho' he lived in Charleston. (Jerry Bruce Thomas, "Coal Country: The Rise of the Southern Smokeless Coal Ind. and Its Effect on Area Dev. 1872-1910" UNC-CH Diss. 1971, P.87)
Acc. to Floyd Co. Deed Book A, 1/29/1818, an indenture from Wm. Jas. Mayo, Guardian to the heirs of the late Wm. Morgan, to Meredit Collins for 30 acres on Shelby Creek. Also from Ibid., 5/18/1816, an indenture to Rich' Damron from Meriday Collins for 50 acres on Shelby Creek. Maridy Collins had 50 acres ir Shelby Creek, acc. to 1823 Pike Co. Tax List
ELLIOTTVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 12/13/1858, Andrew J. Adkins; 1/21/1859, Geo. W. Adkins; Disc. 8/10/1859 (NA) (since the pm were Adkins, could this have been nr. Pikeville?--RMR); Was this on Grapevine Creek? Andrew Adkins owned land there in the mid 19 cent.
ELLWOOD (Pike Co., Ky): A coal camp. DK the name of the coal company or why this name was given to it. (Lawrence Newsom, Rob. Creek, Ky. interview, 7/29/1989); The station was named by coal co. officials. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989); Could this have been corrupted from Elswick? (RMR);
ELSWICK (STATION) (Pike Co., Ky): Given on 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map but not on later 7½ min. top. maps; Wm. Elswick acquired 175 acres on Shelby Creek which were surveyed on 1/5/1849 (Bk. 31, P. 173) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1221); and Wm. Elswick acquired 100 acres on Big Branch of Shelby Creek (sur.: 5/26/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 449) (Ibid.).
ELS WICK BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) surveyed by Wm. Elswick. (Elswick Genealogy: A Geneal. Record of the Elswick Family, 1784-1900, by Jeanette Elswick, n.d. (copy in Elk-horn City P.L.) (P. 2); Alex' r. Mullins settled on Elswick Branch of Shelby Creek. (Past Present Future Pike Co. 1821-1971, Pike ville Coll. Summer 1971, for Ed. 425, a tchrs course with inst. Miss. Goldie Benedict, Box 400, Virgie, Ky., n.p., in KHS Libr. vert. files); Is this what's given as Bill Elswick Br. on which 90 acres were acquired by Wm. J. Damron and surveyed 8/8/1872, acc. to Bk. 93, P. 308? (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172);
ELSWICK BR. OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): (Pron. "Ehlz/ək"-L. Newsom, the Branham, 7/2/1989); DK who named for. No Elswicks lived on it. (Lawrence Newsom, Rob. Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Geo. Elswick is buried at the cem. at the mouth of Kinney Br. of Caney. (Law. Newsom, Rob. Cr., Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
ELSWICK FK. OF LICK CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): James Robinson in 1846 had acquired several tracts on Lick Creek. Also in 1849. And in 1846 acquired 175 acres on Elswicks Fk. (2/2/1846) and 343 acres on Ellanks Fk. of Lick Creek (sic) (3/3/1849) (Bks. 21, Pp. 401-4, 30, Pp. 135-7) (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1642-3);
ELSWICK HIGH SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky.) at Virgie. Est. as a public sch. in 1929. One story brick bldg. with 6 classrooms. (Herbert Woodson Crick, Hist. of Ed. in Pike Co., Ky., MA thesis, UK, 1930. Pp. 94-5);
ENTERPRIZE (or Enterprise) CHURCH (Pike Co.)

(F735) 37°20'15" (Lat), 82°38'15" (long); At the mouth of Turkey Pen Branch of Indian Creek.
Old Reg'l. Bapt. Est. 4/1889. Moderator was M.T. Hopkins & the clerk was Alex Johnson.
(From Benny & Mable (sic) Tackett 10/16/1974, acc. to Leonard Roberts); Called The Enter-
prise Church of Old Regular Baptists at Wales.
(The American Pioneers: Tackett, Tackett,,
P. 43); Enterprise Chu. org. 4/1889 and named
by Elder Wm. Cook. (Ancestors and Descendants
of James Tackett & Mary Ann Martin, compiled \\
Elsie Hudson, n.d., ms in the Vesta Roberts 
Johnson Libr. in Virgie, Ky. examined by me on 4/1/1989);
ENTERPRISE CHURCH (sic) (Pike Co., Ky): Est. 1889 at the mouth of Turkey Pen Br. of Indian Creek, at Wales. (The Amer. Pioneers...Vol. 20, Fall-winter 1983, P. 577); spelled with "s". Org. 1889. New brick chur. structure replaced older structure in late 1950s or early 1960's (C.E Tackett, Wales, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
ESCO (Pike Co.): (Pron. "(Eh)s/koh") Up Shelby Creek, nr. Dorton. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 11/24/1915, Clarence G. Evans... (NA); Elkhorn and Shelby Creek Coal Co. there, c1922. Disc. 5/31/1942 (mail to Pikeville); Elkhorn Shelby Creek Coal Co. of Huntington, WV a. PO=Esco, Ky. and shipping pt. =Caney Siding. (1924 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines P. 301); Identified as Caney Siding on the Sandy Val. & Elkhorn RR on 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map);
Estep BR. OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Henry Newsom acquired 100 acres on this, surv 9/19/1843 (Bk. 11, P. 175); Wilson Newsom acquired 100 acres on Eastepp BR. of Caney Creek (sic) (surv. 5/22/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 418) (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1555);
ETTY (Pike Co., Ky): The po was shown as just below the mouth of Wolfpen Br. (on the east side of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) on the 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map;
ETY (Pike Co., Ky): "The last site of the Etty PO was where I live just below Adams (Ams) Branch. I used part of my home for (the) PO quarters. It was located in my home more than sixteen years. It was located near where the Etty Chu. is for several yrs. This is above (the site of) the Bucklick Sch...I think the po was located at the mouth of Sycamore at one time. Mrs. Victoria Trivette was pm and she lived there (Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., letter to me, 4/15/1989);
ETTY (Pike Co., Ky): James Wright (ne 12/186 and his wife Melvina had a daughter Etta who was born Jan. 1882. (1900 Pike Co. Census); The Tackett PO was in Abel Tackett's store and was, at one time, called Long Fork PO. The Etty PO was 1st located on the very site of Frances Soward's home, at the mouth of Ams Br. and named for Etty Wright, the pm's daughter. Since then it was located at several sites, the last.... (Frances Sowards, letter, 3/4/1989); James Wright lived just above the mouth of Ams Br. He was bro. of informant's grandmother, Eliz. Wright Johnsor and son of Sam'l. Wright. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
ETTY (Pike Co., Ky): Late Tackitt P0. On 6/1/1904 James W. Wright est. po on e. bank of Long Fk., 2½ 3/4 rd. mi. s. of Hartley P0; On 8/24/1907 the po was moved 1/4 mi. s; On 9/24/1924 it was moved 3/4 mi. s. to a site 40 ft. w. of Pettys Fk, 3½ mi. (sic) s. of Hartley; pet. by Willie C. Riddle, then pm; On 4/11/1939 Mrs. Melva Adams moved it 3/4 mi. nw to a site 55 ft. w. of Long Fk., 4½ mi. (sic) s. (sic) of Hartley; On 1/5/1948 Fannie A. Burke moved it 1.7 mi. s. (Site Location Reports);
FARLEY BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co): Named for the late Tobe Farley whose family still owns it. His son, Herbert, still lives on the road, just opp. its mouth. (Willard Cook, McCarr, interview, 7/22/1989); 1st called Andy Branch probably for Andy Farley. Tobe Farley was Ransom Farley, son of Lewis Farley. Hatfields and Farleys were orig. settlers of this Blackberry Val. (Herbert Farley, interview, 7/22/1989); Farley Br. was part of the McGinnis Farley property. (Virgin Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 7/22/8
Charley Farley, Ransom storekeeper and father of Paul, was the son of Tobe Farley's bro., Bob. Tobe's old home is at the mouth of Farley Br. He is son of Lewis and nephew of Aly and George. George Farley lived up Dials Branch. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26 1989);
FEDERAL HILL (Pike Co., Ky): Extinct mining camp on the C&O RR and at the mouth of John Moore Br. of Russell Fk. At the n. edge of the Elkhorn City limits, Elswick Coal Co. mine at Federal. Praise' PO. (1927 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 24); Federal=station on the main B.S. line of C&O RR, 0.4 mi. above Dunleary and 0.8 mi. below Elkhorn City (C&O stat. guide, 1930); Just n. of the C&O's bridge at E. City, Federal is name of local mine. In 1926 the mine was operated by the K; Elkhorn Coal Corp. Acc. to the C&O's 1917 div. map it was the Federal Coal Co. Federal Mining now a tipple here. (Everett N. Young, Assoc. Ed. The C&O Hist'l. Soc., Pikeville, 1971, p. 101).
FEDSCREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky. 366, just e. of its jct. with Ky. 1499 and 15 mi. e. of Pikev. The po was est. as Feds Creek on 10/5/1921 with Isaac C. Justice, pm, and named for Feds Creek which joins the Levisa Fk. a few hundred yards w. of the po. The creek is said to have been named for a man named Fed of whom nothing else seems to be known." (Book, P. 100)

Fed's Creek by name may have been known as early as 1787 acc. to a deposition of John Ratliff of Tazewell Co., Va., early hunter in Pike Co. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 62-3); (the stream)
**FEDS CREEK** (Pike Co.): (Pron. "F(eh)dz/Kreek")
The creek is 6 mi. long. Someone told Shirley Looney that there was a man there called Fed. Maybe it's a local custom to call persons named Fred "Fed." It predates the Civil War.. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. as Feds Creek (sic), 10/5/1921, Isaac C. Justice.. (NA); Began as a farming commu. but within the past 35 yrs. its econ. base has been chiefly coal mining. Named for a man named Fed. (Bernice Hackney, Librarian, Feds Creek H.S., in a letter to me, 10/20/1980); it never had an other name.
FEDS' CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): The man called Fed may have lived at the head of Dicks Fk., one of the head forks of Feds Creek, over 3 miles above the Steele PO, in the late 18th cent. (Shirley Fuller, Steele, Ky., interview, 2/22/1989);
FERGUSON CEMETERY (on Road Fk. of Ferguson Creek) may have been named for the family of James Ferguson. James was born betw. 1805 & 1808 and may have been the son of Wm. Ferguson, a Rev. War vet. living in Floyd Co. in 1818. James died in the spring of 1884. (Truda Williams McCoy, THE McCOYS: THEIR STORY, 1976, P. 281);
Joseph Ferguson acquired 68 acres on Ferguson Creek which were surveyed 2/20/1849 (Bk. 31, P. 172) Jillson, 1971, P. 1244) Jos Furgueson (sic) is listed in the 1850 Census as age 39, ne Ky., a farmer, whose wife was Eliza, age 32. There's no listing for him in 1860 or 1870;
FERREL (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 3/12/1880, Jacob H. Rowe; 8/11/1880, Geo. W. Belcher; Disc. 2/24/1881 (NA); 4 mi. NNE of Cedar, the nearest po being Mouth of Card (1889, Rand McN. map); Probably on Ferrel Creek, in the vic. of Honey Fork; Geo. W. Belcher lived at the mouth of Ferrell's Creek, at Belcher; On 2/17 1880 Jacob H. Rowe prop. the Ferrells Creek PO 1 mi. up the creek. (probably to the mouth of Middlefield Br. Only a po. Jas. T. Rowe was Jacob's son. (Site Location Rept.)
R.E. Fewell is listed in Polk's Gazetteer (1879-1880) as Circ. Ct. Clerk, Pike Co., and a resident of Pikev. But in Censuses for that period the Circ. Ct. Clerk's name is given as Richard M. Ferrill/Ferrell. No listing for any Fewells in 1880 and 1900 Census- es; I think this should have been Ferrells Shop (prop. name) and Ferrell, not Fewell, and that the POD misread the name in 1882 pet. But Fewell is the way it is spelled in the POR;
John H. May, the "Fewell" pm ' (1882) who was age 47 (1880 Census) lived with his wife Nancy in the Lower Elkhorn En. Dist., betw. Thompson Slone (28) and Jas. Apperson May (22) and near a number of Ratliffs and not far from Susana Hoggston, and Jas. & Geo. W. Belcher.
Acc. to Bob Sweaney/Alan Patera's interpretation of the POR, a FEWELL PO was est. in Pike Co. 8/15/1882 with John H. May as its only pm. It closed 12/11/1882 with mail to Pikeville (and this was separate from the Jewell PO that became Shelby Gap—q.v.). On 8/7/1882 John H. May pet. for the est. of a po to be called Fewells Shop, but was called Fewell instead, at a site on the BSR (probably Russell Fk.), 1 mi. w. of Ferrells Creek, 7 mi. s of Powells Mill and 8 rd. mi. sw of Mouthcard (probably the site of the future Belcher. (Site Location Rept.);
\textit{FERRELL CREEK} (Pike Co., Ky): Ferrell's Br. of Russell is mentioned by name in Floyd Co. Ct. Book 4, May 1821;
FERRELL ELKINS BR. OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Extends s. for \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. to Brushy, \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. above Billy Lowe Br. Named for man who lived at its mouth. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
FIFE FORK OF LOWER CHLOE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) Named for some Fifes who used to live there. (Acc. to Marie R. Justice, who lives opp. the mouth, letter to me, 3/8/1989); Thomas Fife marr. Permelia Syck in 1865. Permelia was nee 8/23/1843, daughter of Jacob Sick II (1811-1894) and May (Polly) Ratliff. Sick. The Fife issue include Geo. W. Fife, Tom. Jr., etc. (Ruth L. Velat, ms. geneal. on the Syck famil in the APL vert. files, 4/14/1979, Pp. 20-21)
Acc. to 1870 Census, Thos. D. Fife (28) lived betw. Geo. Justice Sr. (64) & wife Nancy (58) and Sam'l. Thompson (39) and in vic. of Chaney's, in Piketon Dist. 1. In 1900, Thos. Fife (ne 3/1842) lived nr. Geo. Fife (ne 3/72) & Tom Fife, Jr. (ne 9/74). Nr. Richard Campbell (ne 3/45) & Sam Thompson (ne 10/28) (probably on Lower Chloe);
FIFTYEIGHT BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky).—(F466c) On recent current top maps and on the Regina 15 min. map, 1927, c. 2 mi. long and extends sw to Raccoon Creek, 3/4 mi. above the Raccoon PO. Acc. to Ms. Dean Matheny who lives on the 58 Branch Rd., it was named for its distance (from mouth) to Mt. Sterling. Acc. to her mother, G.W. Goff, her grandfather (ne 1867) owned large herds of cattle and would drive them to the market in Mt. S. There were no roads at the time. G.W.'s gt. grandfather, Ned Goff, came from England with 2 bros. and settled in Va. Ned
settled on Raccoon Cr. in the area of the 51 Branch and owned the branch. He most likely named it. DK what they used to measure miles at that time. G.W.'s bro., Henderson, was another source of this info. Ms. Matheny lives on the G.W. Goff farm, Rt. 58 Pike Co. tele. no. 432-5407. (Tele. interview, 5/5/1987)
FIFTYEIGHT BRANCH OF RACOON CREEK (Pike Co):
"I called Emma Bartley, 'a very old woman and retired Raccoon postmaster about 58 Mile Branch (sic). She told me that her parents told her that it was named by an early party of surveyors as being 58 miles from a certain spot, a county line she thought. If so it would have to have been before Pike County was made from Floyd. It would be interesting to know." (Bob Sweaney, Shelbiana, Ky., in a letter to me, 11/23/1987)
David Charles acquired 50 acres on 58 Mile Branch (sic) (3/11/1837) (Bk. L-2, P. 211) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 502);
FIRST FORK and SECOND FORK of Millers Creek (Pike Co., Ky): (F405) Progression. North bank tribs. of Miller Creek, a trib. of the Levisa Fk. of the BSR. ½ mi. and 1 mile, resp., up Millers from the Levisa.
FIRST FORK, SECOND FORK (F405) and THIRD FORK (F351) of Big Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Progression. North bank tribs. of B.C., in order. Big Creek joins the Levisa Fk. of the BSR at Nigh P.O.
EUREKA SPRING (Pike Co., Ky): "a spring of mineral water flowing from a slit in a rock" at the mouth of River Branch of Johns Creek (near the old McCombs PO) (check....)"

...even today it is noted for its medicinal properties. The crevice in the rock and the earthen basin surrounding the spring indicate that it has been flowing for centuries. May have been the site of an old Indian village for remains of Indian occupancy have been found in the vicinity. "a few scattered artifacts and a ceremonial mound on a high promontory." (Henry P. Scalf, "Eureka Spring on Johns Creek Near Indian Encampment Site" newspaper article. Source & date not known.)
This was at the mouth of River Branch, aka Sulphur Springs. DK why named. Doesn't think it's active. Was a salt springs (?) of Tom Burchett. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
EVANS FORK OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): On the w. side of it is THE DEVILS BOW because it's in the shape of a bow, 50 ft. long and 40 ft. high. Stands out from the cliff. ½ mi. up the fork. Tourist attraction. Is it a rock? DK of any Evans living there so dk why it was so named. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); DK why named. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989); The Devils Bow is a rock that comes out from a cliff, resembling half of a bowl. Gone. Stripped it out sometime since 1970. Name may have been derived from its probable dangerous aspect. (Ibid.);
Lewis King acquired 125 acres on SECOND FK. OF BIG CREEK (sur. 1/10/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 138) and 50 acres on THIRD FORK OF BIG CREEK (1/11/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 141) and 75 acres on Wolf Pen Fork (1/10/45) (Bk. 18, P. 139) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1420);
FISHTRAP (Pike Co.): 1st settlers found a large fish trap built in the river (sic) by Indians. (Local pm, in letter to Delphine Haley, 6/19/1975); Originally located about the present site of the dam. People used to place fish traps in the river there (sic). Hibbard Justice (sic) was the 1st pm. (Source: Bill Johnson, 87, of Draffin, Ky. from his father, Isaac Johnson, ne 1862, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Coll. student for Leonard Roberts); Beyond Slones Branch, just below the dam, "there is a whirlpool that if any fish or people got caught in it there was no way out,
therefore it was called 'Fish-trap'". (sic) (Acc. to Linda Lou Slone, Pikeville Coll. student, from her grandmother who had heard this from her mother, c1901. Miss Slone was born at Fishtrap but later moved to the Zebulon area, for Leonard Roberts, 1970);
FISHTRAP (Pike Co., Ky): "This po, now 2½ mi. up Jonican Br. of Levisa Fk., 6 mi. e. of Pikav., has occupied several sites in the Levisa Val. betw. Millard and the mouth of Grapevine Creek. It was est. on 2/19/1873 with Wm. H. Hamilton, PM. It is thought to have been named for the local method of catching fish by setting traps in the river in the vic. of the present Fishtrap Dam. Before the dam was built in 1962, the po lay just below the mouth of the Jonican Branch." (Book, P. 101);
FISHTRAP (Pike Co., Ky): "...was so named because fish were plentiful in the river at this time and trapping fish was considered great sport there in 1900. I am the daughter of the first pm who was Geo. M. Justice. My mother, Thursia Ramey Justice, was the asst. pm. They served (from 1900) until 1920, at which time W.H. Justice, Jr. (nephew of Geo. M. Justice) was appointed to the position and served until 1930. From 1900 until 1920, the Fishtrap PO was located at the mouth of Hurricane Creek, on the Levisa Fk. of the BSR. From 1920 until 1930, the Fishtrap PO was located about 2 mi. s. of the first location. Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Slone were appointed pm and asst. pm in 1930. This office was located at the mouth of Jonican Creek until 1960 when construction began on the Fishtrap Dam. Hope Blackburn served as pm for a few mos. in 1960 after which Gloria Fae B. Justice was appointed pm. She moved the office to the head of Jonican Creek and served in this capacity until 1986. The Fishtrap post office was discontinued in 1986, and the area it once served is now a rural route of the Pikeville post office. The 1900-1920 date is exact; the others are approximately correct. All of the 1900-1960 post office locations are today inundated by waters impounded by Fishtrap Dam." (Crete J. Coleman, Biggs Br., Pikeville, Ky., letter, 3/6/1986);
**FISHTRAP (Pike Co.):** A Fish Trap (sic) p.o. was located at the confluence of Levisa and Russell Forks, on the n. bank of Levisa opp. the mouth of Russell. Acc. to 1886 "Prelim. Map of SE Ky." by J.B. Hoeing, topographer. On file at KHS); APO now located 2½ miles up Jonican Branch from its mouth. It moved there 6/1964. Now: 2 stores, 1 church. (PM, Fishtrap, Ky., in letter to me, 2/13/1981);
FISHTRAP (Pike Co.): po est. as Fish Trap (sic) 2/19/1873, Wm. H. Hamilton. Disc. 5/10/1876; Re-est. 2/12/77, James W. Hamilton. (NA); The po has had several sites: had been on Hurricane Creek with Geo. Justice as pm; at the mouth of Jonicon Creek with Joe Slone; Now (1969) up Jonicon Creek because the previous site was submerged by the Fishtrap Rese1 (Letter to me from Ervel Reynolds of Culver City, Cal. 7/18/1969); By 12/1/1895 it had become Fishtrap. Closed 3/27/1987;
FISHTRAP (Pike County, Ky.) "Indians and later white settlers made their livelihood by fishing in this area. Not all fishing was done by poles and nets—the fishermen constructed traps, an unusual method of fishing, and the area soon became known to the settlers and trappers as 'Fishtrap.' From this unusual method of fishing came the name of the village (Quimby, SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 132, from local postmaster). (.466c); (pron. "Fish/tr(ae)p" Shoals and a good place for trapping fish. DK when named. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977, interview)
FISH TRAP (Pike Co., Ky): 11/13/1885, W.H. Justice. On n. bank of Levisa, 1 1/2 mi. s. of Grapevine Cr. On 5/30/1905, Thursey A. Justice, to move po 2 road mi. w (i.e. down the Levisa), 5 mi. w of Grange Store & 6 mi. e. of Millard, on bank of Levisa and the mouth of Harican (sic) Creek. No vil. On 10/1/1916, Wm. H. Justice moved po 1 mi. w on n. side of Louisa Fk. (sic), 1/2 mi. e of Jonican Cr. Move came with the ch. in pm. On 10/19/1932, Jos. Slone. 500 ft. n. of Levisa and 400 ft. w of Jonican, 3 mi. e. of Ray Store PO and 6 mi. e of Vi PO. (Site Location Report);
FISHTRAP LAKE (Pike Co., Ky.): 37°25'55"N, 82°25'05"W at the dam. Reservoir formed by the damming of the Levisa Fk. 2 mi. NE of the mouth of Russell Fk. and 7 mi. SE of Pikeville. BGN approved the above name over Fishtrap Reservoir and Kennedy Lake on 7/27/1971. Hse. Bill HR 9524 to name the lake Kennedy Lake in honor of the late President. The reserv. & dam were authorized by the Flood Control Act of 6/28/1938, 75th Cong., 3rd Session. for flood control, low flow augmentation, rec. & fish & wildlife. Max. ht. is 172 ft. above the streambed. 11 schools & 70 cemeteries (with 2100 graves) had to be discarded or relocated. Drainage area above the dam=395 sq. mi. (Source: USGS Data)
FLAG KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): The highest pt. in the area. USGS built a tower there and placed a flag on it. They paid Heenon Maynard, its owner, to run the tower. As a geological marker. On top of hill. This was at least 70 yrs. ago, when they built the tower and placed the flag on it. To check the geol. maps with ground evidence. (check....) (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); Govt. placed flags on the highest knobs in the area. Built a tower here and hung a flag on it. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
FLANARY BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Extends for a little over a mile due west to the Levisa at Mouthcard PO. Settled (and presumably named for) by Will Flannery. (sic) (Past, Present, Future Pike Co. 1821-1971, Pikeville Coll. Summer 1971, for Ed. 425, a tchr's. course with inst. Miss. Goldie Benedict, Box 400, Virgie, Ky., n.p., in KHS Ver. Files); Given as Flanner Branch on Hurley 15 min. top. map, c1915; Wm. Flanery ne J___ Jan. 1865 (1900 Census of Pike Co.) in Lick Enum. Dist. No listing for this family in the 1870 Census; Flanery is correct spelling, name for the Flanery family. (Bernice Hackney, letter, 4/21/1989);
FLAT BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): 1st hol. below Ams Branch but on west side of it. Named for the several flat places on it. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
FLAT FORK OF BEAVER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Mary May acquired $17\frac{1}{2}$ acres on it (surv. 4/14/1904) Bk. 121, P. 166) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1479).
FLAT FORK (of Caney Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#98-386) 37°17'45"(Lat), 82°33'(Long); Named for its level terrain, a comparative rarity in that region (Leonard Roberts); Thos. J. Sanders acquired 150 acres on this (4/4/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 310) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1660);
FLATWOODS (Pike Co.): a forest. (F189sw) (#98-389) 37°17'(Lat), 82°31'45"(Long) Named for wooded, level land. (Leonard Roberts);

"A mesa-like upland or tableland" 3 mi. e. of Dorton. c. 2550-2600 ft. elev. with peak ele. at the foot of the Flatwoods Lookout Tower (2846 ft.) (Preston McGrain & Jas. C. Currens, TOPOGRAPHY OF KY., KGS, Ser. X, Spec. Pub. 25, 1978, P. 63); The Flatwoods: Thomas Jefferson Sanders was the first man in there and all the land in there he owned. He was Ample Sanders Calhoun's pat. grandfather. Aptly named. An old name. Stripped out by now. (Ample Calhoun and Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview 4/1/89); On 1892 Whitesburg 30 min. to
FLATWOODS LOOKOUT TOWER (Pike Co.) (F189sw)
(#98-388) 37°17'15"(Lat), 82°31'30"(Long);
Built by the Three C's: Civilian Conservation
Corps. (Leonard Roberts);

Flatwoods School shown in 1916 Pikeville 15
min. top. map;
Flatwoods area: "broad level mt. top." (P. 12
(Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russe:
Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908
FLEMING BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F3
(F189sw) (#98-390) 37° 16' 15" (Lat), 82° 34' 15"
(Long); Named for David Fleming in the late 18th cent. (Leonard Roberts);
FLEMING BR. OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Payne Johnson acquired 75 acres on Flemings Br. of Shelby which were surveyed 8/26/1858. (Bk. 57, P. 374) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1396); Wm. Fleming ne 1823 marr. in Pike Co. to Eliz. Mullins in 1841. Had a farm on Shelby Creek. His bro. Robt. Jefferson Fleming ne 1825 marr. Lettie Mullins, d. of Wm. Mullins, in 1846. They rec'd. grants for land on Shelby Creek in 12/1854. By 1870 he had moved to Va. These were the sons of Robt. Fleming & Eliz. (Stambaugh) Fleming, a vet. of War of 1812, and before 1820 had moved to Floyd Co., from Powell Val., Va. No sons of either were named David. (Mrs. Verle Hamilton Parrish, Hamilton, Mullins)
Robert Fleming (1773-12/27/1852) and his wife Eliz. are buried in Burke Cem. at the mouth of Burke's Branch of Shelby Creek. Their sons incl. Wm. Fleming (ne 1823) who lived on Shelby Creek. (One Mullins Family, Marie R. Justice, Pp. 42-5);
FLETCHER BR. OF BIG BRANCH (of Brushy Fork of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Fletcher families lived on Brushy but further down the creek, acc. to old land deeds. DK if they lived on this branch or near it. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); Acc. to 1880 Census, Fletchers were living on Pond Creek, not lower Johns. Isiah Fletcher 1880 but not 1900. Robt. Fletcher lived on Meathouse in 1910. A.B. Fletcher (37) lived with wife Rebecca in the Brushy Dist. in 1910, next to John Taylor & Jackson Mullins; John F. Fletcher acquired 150 acres on Hammonds Branch (2/13/1845) (Bk. 18, 163) (Jillson); DK why named. (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/89);
FLUTY BR. OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Andrew Scott acquired 300 acres on Fluters Branch (2/26/1849) (Bk. 31, P. 122) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1726): Francis Flutey mentioned in marriage bonds, Floyd Co., Ky. 12/28/1812; Said (by Todd Warner to D. Hobbs, to me, 10/10/89) to have been named for "Old Man Flutey." But neither Dorcas nor I have found any Fluteys in Pike Co. Censuses from 1850-1910;
F.O. CABIN: (Pike Co., Ky): sta. on the main Big Sandy line of C&O RR, 0.7 mi. above Kewanee and 1.3 mi. below Fords Branch. (C&O sta. guide, 1930); "was a C&O train order office at the west end of (the) double track coming out of Shelby Yard. The cabin is now history, but it is still the location of a remote controlled power switch. FO Cabin is across the river behind Lowe's or just above Chapparal Coal. 'FO' was the telegraph call. Just west of Kewaunee (sic)". (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, letter to me, 6/28/1989);
FO CABIN (Pike Co., Ky): Was the name applied to a C&O RR train order office on the tracks 0.7 mi. above Kewanee and 1.3 miles below the Fords Branch Sta. Though the cabin itself is gone, the site is now the location of a remote controlled power switch. "FO" was the telegraph call letters. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, letter to me, 6/28/1989); "C&O arbitrarily assigned call letters to train order stations. They were mostly two letters. .... Some were named after the actual locations. .... Others like FO Cabin... were arbitrarily named. FO is near Fords Branch." (Ibid., letter, 8/21/1989);
FORD MOUNTAIN (Pike Co., Ky): (May have been) named for Will Ford who owned the mt. He died in the 1940s. (R.B. Maynard & Walter Parsons, interview, 7/15/1989); Acc. to 1880 Census, Thos. J. Ford (29) and wife Nancy (25) and son Sam'l. M. (4), etc. lived several homes above Thos. P. May (63) & wife Eliz. M. and son Wm. R. (20); No Wm. Ford in area in 1880; The Will Ford place nr. the Johns Cree H.S. This house was built and occupied by John Bevins, ne 1786, one of the county's 1st 5 JP's (1822). Wm. B. Ford was age 31 (1859) but not listed in 1870, 1900 Censuses.
The branch and the mt. were named for Thos. Ford who gave his prop. to Will Ford. The John Creek Sch. took the prop. from Will's widow. Thos. owned part of the mt. that bore at least his family's name, if not his. (Georgia Fields of Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989); Thos. J. Ford, son of John Thomas & Lucy Merriman Ford, was ne 1848 or 1850 and died 2/28/1939. School tchr., store clerk, dep. sheriff, lived on Johns Creek nr. Meta. His old home is now occupied by daughter Mrs. Louise Marrs. Ford marr. Nancy Miriam May, d. of Thos. Patton May. A son was Sam'l. Merriman Ford who was ne 11/7/1875, their eldest child.
He was a school tchr. and later MD in Va. A grad. of U. of L. Med. Sch. He died 11/18/1943. Wm. Thomas Ford (called "Will") was probably also a son of Thos. J. and was ne 1/22/1883 and worked in the Pikeville PO from 1924 to 1950. Died 12/16/1953. He first lived on Johns Creek. (Cleveland: Lesley-Leslie, Pp. 222,227); Branch named for Tom Ford, (Todd Warren, Via Dorcas, 10/10/89)
In 1910 Thos. J. Ford (57) was living with his wife Polley H. (28) next to Wm. T. Ford (27) with his wife Elzie (19) in the upper Johns Creek E.D. No Sam'l. listed for Thos. J. Not too far from them lived L.T. Scott (37) with wife Orpha (37) (1910 Census);
FORDS BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): c.1984: had a pop. of 207 in 69 homes. Nbrd. extends from Island Cr. se to Shelbiana. On land secured before the CW by its name-source W.L. Ford. He was a Capt. in the CW. Marr. Melinda Sword of Island Creek. Half of his land he sold to a kinsman who named his section Keewanee (sic). Capt. Ford at first called his section Melinda Ford Branch for his wife later their sons renamed it Fords Branch. Now: Fords Gro. and 2 churches: a Chu. of Christ and Mary Eliz. Old Reg'l. Bapt. Chu. Had a pop. of 300 in 1970. Very bad road makes it difficult for local residents to reach the rest of the co. (Orma Jean Walters
Capt. Ford's gt. gt. granddaughter, Fords Branch, Ky. She was age 54 in 1984. in Pike. App. New-Express, 12/14/1984, P. 4:1-3);
FORDS BRANCH OF LEVISA FK. (Pike Co., Ky): Called Melinda Fords Br. 1870. Acc. to Bk. 83, P. 251, James Campton (sic) acquired 50 acres on this named branch 9/1870. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1075); Wm. Ford acquired 100 acres on Fords Br. of BSR which was surveyed 12/4/1858 (Bk. 59, P. 74) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1254); Malinda Ford (sic) acquired 35 acres on the Louisa (sic) which were surveyed 5/5/1869 (Bk. 76, P. 72) (Ibid.); Francis M. Sword acquired 80 acres on Malinda Ford Br. (11/29 1870) (Bk. 81, P. 142) (Ibid. P. 1734);
FORDS BRANCH (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Fordz Branch")
In the Shelby section; after you cross the river at Shelbiana, it's on the right hand fork. Acc. to Shirley Looney, many Fords still live in that section. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 1/14/1916, L. Grant Adkins; Disc. eff. 7/15/1924 (mail to Shelbiana); Re-est. 11/25/1924, Manford Estep...(NA);
"The hamlet with po is centered at the mouth of Fords Br. of the Levisa Fk. across the r. from US23/460/119, 2 mi. s. of Pikev. The po was est. 1/14/1916 with L. Grant Adkins, pm, and named for the many Fords who still live in that section." (Book-P. 105);
✓ FORDS BRANCH PO (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name= Grant for L. Grant Adkins who petitioned for po on 10/5/1915. 4/11/1932, Alvis Ford.... (Site Location Reports); W.L. Ford was Wm. Ford who was age 29 (1850 Census of Pike Co.) and his wife was Malinda;
FOREST HILLS (Pike Co., Ky): Same commu. as Road Fork. When Mrs. Hensley retired, she was succeeded as pm by Mary Ann Phillips (who ass. ch. on 5/30/1949). On her retirement in Jan. 1982 Susanne Higgins became pm and still is. Mrs. Phillips was pm when office was renamed F.H. in 1959. Now: PO, chu., filling sta. Mostly single family homes along Ky. 308 and up 7 hollows with access rds. 3½ mi. long. Also served by businesses on US 119 and the Southland Mall, 1/5 mi. n. of Ky. 308 jct. PO serves pop. of c. 500. (Mary Ann Phillips, retired pm, letter to me, 4/25/1989);
FOREST HILLS (Pike Co., Ky): Road Fork was the community's first name. Residents always referred to their home as being on (the) Road Fork of Pond (Creek). Thus the po, when est. in 1924, was called Road Fork. Through the 19th cent. the commu. was called Road Fork. The po only served the families that lived on Road Fork. Only the po was renamed Forest Hills but now this name identifies the commu. that had been called Road Fork. Local people now call their commu. Forest Hills for the po. The name was changed for people wanted "a prettier name with more distinction." Forest Hills name is used exclusively now.
The Forest Hills po bldg. was relocated but still within the commu. Always an independent po. cf Charles Pauley of Forest Hills for more info. on this area.... (Mrs. Mary Ann Phillips, Forest Hills, Ky., letter to me, 5/14/1989); Charles Warney got the Road Fk. name changed to Forest Hills. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
FOREST HILLS (Pike Co.) (F42) 37°37'15" (Lat), 82°21'30" (Long); PO formerly known as Road Fork. Est. 1924. n.ch. 5/1959. Local persons submitted pet. for n.ch. (Leonard Roberts) m.ch. to Forest Hills eff. 6/1/1959: APO('88);

Road Fork PO. 12/1924, Flora Hensley 3 mi. w. of Tug Fk. on Road Fork (creek), 4 (rd) mi. from Williamson. On 10/4/1939 Flora had po 2 m from US 119, 30 ft. from the Road Fk. (of Pond Creek), 2 mi. ne, 3 mi. of Pond Creek, 3 mi. ne of Canada PO and 3 mi. w. of Toler. (Site Location Report);

x and Mary Ann Phillips

12th, 4/25/19
43 MILE TREE nr. the mouth of Lick Creek (of Levisa Fk.) (Pike Co., Ky). Mentioned in the County Court Bk. 1, Floyd Co., 10/25/1809);
FRALEY BR. OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Geo. Friley (sic) (30) and wife Alafare (28) with son John H. (3) lived with Francis M. Barney ((49) and wife Polly. Next door to Geo. Bevins, the gunsmith, and John Stepp (ne Va., age 52) and 2 houses over from Lawyer T. Lowe all on Big Creek. DK who is George's father. (1870 Census) (no listing for a Fraley in any earlier census; Geo. Fraley acquired 200 acre on Brushy Fk. (5/26/1882) (Bk. 102, P. 517) and Geo. M. Fraley acquired 50 acres on Big Creek (8/13/1884) (Bk. 107, P. 183) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1243); Acc. to Alley (Williamson Gen 1962, P. 84), Alifair Fraley (wife of George
Fraley of Big Creek) was the daughter of Allen Taylor of Brushy Fk. and sister of Henry Taylor. Allen was the bro. of James & Jesse Taylor. Jesse lived on Upper Pigeon Cr. Jesse's son, "Jim Rink" Taylor, marr. Polly Ooten;
FREEBURN (Pike Co.): Named for a free burning coal mined near here. (Hardy, thesis 1949, P. 26); Po of Liss was renamed Freeburn betw. 6/1/1932 and 6/1/1933; "This once inc coal town with po is on Ky. 194, at the mouth of Peter Cr., a trib. of the Tug Fk. (River) 19½ mi. ene' of Pikev. The local po was est. on 4/24/1911 with Henry C. Cline, pm, and first called Liss for Liss Hatfield. In 1932 it was renamed Freeburn, allegedly for a free-burning coal mined in that area." (Book-P. 110); Re-named 4/1/1933.
Freeburn Mines whose mine office was Edgewater, W.Va. Was opened by the Freeburn Coal & Coke Co. with Frank P. Harmon, Pres. & C.O. Smith, Gen. Mgr. "The company owns and controls under lease and in fee simple 14,000 acres on both sides of Peter Creek. 2 mi. n & w line built up Peter Creek so far." (1907 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, Pp. 66-8); Liss PO on Peter Creek, one mi. up from Tug Fk. It was in the #2 Commissary or company store at the Freeburn Mine Tipple. In operation during the 1910s and into the early 1920s. After it closed, local people got their mail at Freeburn. (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter, 9/27/1989).
LISS (Pike Co.): Named for Liss Hatfield. (T.M. Riddle, asst. PM, Pikeville PO, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930; po est. 4/24/1911, Henry C. Cline; Disc. 9/15/1912 (mail to Edgerton, W.Va.); Re-est. 6/8/1918, Henry C. Cline...(NA);). The Freeburn Mine was at the mouth of Peter Creek. (Chapman, Diss. 1945, P. 245, see Pike Co. NEWS, 7/31/1925); Never heard of a Liss PO at Freeburn. Liss Hatfield owned and lived at mouth of Rockhouse Br. of Blackberry Creek (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
FROZEN CREEK. (Pike Co.) (F460) 37°30'20" (Lat), 82°27'40" (Long); A branch of Raccoon Creek. It joins Raccoon "at a point where the road went into the creek bed. Traffic kept Raccoon Creek free of ice but Frozen Creek would be frozen in winter causing and offset in appearance." (sic) (Leonard Roberts); "There is a legend that Frozen Creek was named because an early trapper, name unknown, froze to death there one night." (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989);
FRAZER CREEK SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F460)
37°30'10" (Lat), 82°27'20" (Long); Two room sch. bldg. still standing (c. 1974) School is still in operation (c. 1974) "People will not allow (their) children to travel to Raccoon Creek to catch bus, so they require a local school." On Frozen Creek, a branch of Raccoon Creek. (Leonard Roberts);
GABRIEL FORK OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Zachariah Phillips acquired 50 acres on this (1/16/1837) (Bk.0-2, P. 50) (Jillson, 1971, Vol. I, P. 684);
Gabriel Br. Of Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Harpér Keen acquired 50 acres here (sur. 2/28/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 143) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1417) and 50 acres on same (1/26/1849) (Bk. 30, P. 164) (Ibid.) and 150 acres on same (1/26/49) (Bk. 30, P. 165) (Ibid.) and 100 acres on Pritchett's Fk. (1/26/49) (Bk. 30, P. 166) (Ibid.); Isaac Smith Jr. acquired 100 acres here (2/28/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 189) and another 100 (same) (Bk. 18, P. 190) (Ibid., P. 1701); (No Gabriel in his family) Isaac Smith acquired 620 acres here (1/29/1849) (Bk. 31, P. 118) (Ibid., P. 1703);
Could this have been named for Gabriel Murphy? Gabrill Murphy (sic) (25) and wife Frances (20) ne Va. lived betw. Eliz. Phillips (65) & Thompson Phillips (35) and his wife Anna (32). On the other side of Thompson was Wm. Williams (65) and his wife Mary (58) and nearby was Zachariah Phillips (24) & Martin Smith (50). And beyond them was Isaac Smith (30) and Jesse Phillips (39). Beyond Gabrill, in the other direction, was Eliz. Phillips, next to whom was Meredith Lane (39). No mention of a Gabriel Murphy in 1860. Probably not. Too young.
GAMBLER'S ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): Probably near Boone Gap, on the Letcher Co. line, at the head of the Left Hand Fork of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Pike Co.) and at the head of Boones Fk. of N. Fk. of Ky. R. (Letcher Co.)

A blind tiger here. The rock was just above the road. A large rock "towering high up in space. Near the ground is a very large cavern. This place, for many years, has been the resort of gamblers..."A wild place with frequent fights, drunken orgies in the early 1890s. Notorious outlaw Henry Hall ran a whiskey store here in the early 1890s. ("The Life and Confession of Henry Hall" ms. published in 1893, after his execution in Pikeville, by the Riddle Bros. in Pikeville., Pp. 25-6).
the only Gannon there was Polly Gannon who lived in the vic. of Ratliffs, Weddingtons. In 1840 Dan'l. Gannon lived in the vic. of Jos. Bevins, John Williamson, Sr., Wm. Williams, Isaac & Martin Smith. Probably on upper Johns Creek;
GANNON BRANCH OF CANEY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Jim Cannon Br. on Harold 15 min. top. map (1915); Daniel Gammon (sic) acquired 268 acres on Johns Creek which were surveyed 2/25/1845 (Bk. 18, P. 158) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1264);
GAP FORK OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): John Reins acquired 50 acres here, surveyed 1/31/1846. (Bk. 19, P. 239) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1625);
GARDEN VILLAGE (Pike Co.): Founded by W.E. Justice in 1945. He named it for a place in NY which he had visited. He felt the name was very approp. as descriptive. (Leonard Roberts in letter to me, 11/12/1980, from info. obtained by Alice Kinder);

Wm. E. Justice was born 1907. He developed Garden Vil. & later Justiceville and owned a large furn. & appliance store at Shelby. He helped org. the Grace Bapt. Chu. (Pp. 256-7);

Liberty, the 1st co. seat, was located on land owned by Peyton Justice, the upper end of the present Justiceville. Political pressure from influential Pike Countians from n. part of co. led to seat's relocation 10 mi. downstream on Peach Orchard Bottom. (Pp. 269-70)
GARDEN VILLAGE (Pike Co.): On 2/25/1822, A "comm'n. appointed by Co. Court" to choose a permanent co. seat selected a site just below the confluence of Russell & Levisa Forks and called it Liberty. Public disapproval of the site led to the decision of a 2nd comm'n. on 12/24/1823 to locate the seat on Peach Orchard Bottom, opp. the mouth of Lower Chloe Creek on Elijah Adkins' land....(q.v.) (150 YEARS OF PIKE CO., KY. 1822-1972, Sesquicent. Issue, Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc., Vol., 1, 1972, P. 7);
GARDEN VILLAGE (Pike Co.) (F466c) (#98-415) 37°25'30" (Lat), 82°28' (Long); Vil. est. 1956? on land bought from the Bevins heirs by Wm. E. & Taylor D. Justice who built homes for sale. Today there are about 30 houses and apt. bldgs. there. (Leonard Roberts cl974); (pron. "Ghah-r'dan V(ih)l/adj") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); The 1st comm'n. appointed to locate a co. seat chose a site in the Paytor Justice Bottom, c. 1½ mi. below the forks of the Levisa. By public consent the county seat was named Liberty. This is believed to have been the site of the present Garden Village, 1½ mi. belo Millard... However, no ct. hse. was ever built and on the side of the river.
there; rather, acc. to records, sessions were held at the home of Spencer Adkins, the court clerk, until the seat was permanently moved to Pikeville site in May, 1925. (G.C. Ratliff, “Liberty, and Not Pikeville, Was First Pike County-Seat” in the Ash. Daily Ind. c1951...)
LIBERTY (Pike Co., Ky): The act establishing Pike Co. called for the location and establishment of a permanent seat. Commissioners met 3/25/1822 and designated an acre in the Peyton Justice bottom, c. 1 1/2 mi. below the Forks of the Levisa. The town to be laid out would be called Liberty. This is close to the present Garden Village. But actually "Liberty was never laid off as a town and the court continued to meet at Spencer Adkins' home. To meet opposition of settlers in the n. sect. of the county who wanted the seat nr. Chloe Creek." On 12/1/1823 another group of commissioners were appointed to find a new seat. They met 12/24/23 and "agreed on the
Peach Orchard Bottom nearly opp. the mouth of Ghlee Lower Ch'loe on land owned by Elijah Adkins. The land was donated by Adkins and James Honaker surveyed the site on March 23, 1824." (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 135-6);
GARDINER FORK OF GREASY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Jos. Gardner acquired 100 acres on Greasy Cr. which were surveyed 10/5/1848 (Bk. 26, P. 97) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1265); Wm. Gibson acquired 50 acres on Gardners Fork (probably of Greasy) which were surveyed 12/31/1857. (Bk. 57, P. 384) (Ibid., P. 1279); Gibson also acquired 50 on Shop Hollow (of Greasy Cr.) which is shown in contemporary maps as Shop Br. of Greasy Gr. (surv. 12/31/1857) (Bk. 57, P. 385) (Ibid.); Named for a blacksmith shop that may have been owned by an early 20th cent. Robinson. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
GARDNER FORK OF GREASY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): This spelling given on Crandall 1905 map, P. 111; Given as Gardiner Fk. on cont. top. map; No Gardiners listed in 1850-1910 Censuses nor Jillson (1971), Vol. I;
GENERAL (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 11/20/1899
General M. Keen, order rescinded 5/22/1900 (NA);
George F. Johnson, Sr. died 1955. He was chair. of the Pike Co. Board of Educ. when the sch. was built and named;
GILLESPIE BRANCH of Greasy Creek (Pike Co.): Never heard of it but there have been families of that name in that area. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); May have been named for the family of Wm. Gillespie who lived in the vic. before 1855. (such a person is mentioned in Jos. T. Daniels, ADKINS OF E. KY. & SURROUNDING AREAS, 1988, P. 10); In 1900 John Galaspie (ne 5/1855) with wife Sarah (2/1855) & fam. lived in The Fork ED betw. Grant Adkins & Nelson Adkins & nr. other Adkinses, incl. Wainright (5/44), Justices, Thackers, etc. (Census);
GIN FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): W.S. Litteral acquired 6 and 4 acre tracts here (surv. 6/2/1905) (Bk. 124, Pp. 433-4) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1447); Given as Ginns Fork in above; (Pron. Ghihnz) but dk why so named. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); Same pron. Should have 2 "n"s. DK why named. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/89); No Ginn families listed in 1830-1910 Census- es;
GOFF SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): c. 1920s. On Raccoon Creek. Was consolidated with the Johns Creek Sch. in the early 1950s. (Acc. to Hester Goff, "Country School Half a Century Ago" APP. EXPRESS; 10/6/1977, P. B7:1-6); Edward Goff was one of the pioneer settlers of the upper reaches of Coon Creek. His sons included John Goff. (Acc. to John's son, Henderson Goff.) (Reliving the Goff Generation, by Betty Jean Phillips Hughey, Lex., Ky. 1979, Pp. 14-17); (Pikev. P.L. has this)
LECKIEVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): Just above Goody, on Pond Creek. Site of Southland shopping ctr. Named for the Leckie family that est. coal mines there c. 1916. The Leckies came from Bluefield, W.Va. See Aflex; There was a Col. Wm. Leckie, coal operator. (how was he related to A.F. Leckie of Aflex?)...; Leckieville = Goody. The N&W owned the site and sold homes when they quit mining there. Wm. Leckie was the superintendent of Pond Creek Collieries (but check this) at Leckieville. This co. was owned by the N&W. It is not to be confused w/ the Pond Creek Coal Co., the older of the two firms. The Pond Cr. Collieries owned Leckie-
ville and New Camp. This company didn't own the company at Aflex. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Leckieville=Goody. One mi. below the shop. ctr. Where the Goody PO was now (c.1987) (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); Bill Leckie of Bluefield, WVa. headed Leckie Collieries and operated the Leckie Mines on Ky. 292 for 41 yrs. Leckieville named for him. This was not the Pond Creek Collieries who may have bought some of his coal. (McCoy, intro. to me by Red Stanley, 9/2/89);
GOODY (Pike Co.): On Blackberry Creek. (Pron. "Ghood/ee") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 9/25/1918, Oscar Thompson...(NA); DK why so named. Leckieville is its rr sta. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); In Nov. 1918 Oscar Thompson pet. for est. of Goody PO to serve the Leckieville comm., its coal mines, and the Leckieville RR sta. 100 yd. e. of the Williamson & Pond Creek RR, 1¼ mi. nw of Aflex po. The Goody PO moved several times in vic. (Site Location Rept.); Owned by Benj. F. Williamson and given to his son Hiram and late: acquired by his grandsons John B. & Roland. (Nancy Sue Smith, An Early Hist. of Mingo Co., WVa., 1960, P. 10);
GOODY (Pike Co., Ky): Goodman & Walters Mine at Goody, Ky. On the Williamson & Pond Creek RR. (1920 Rept. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 230); DK why named Goody (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/1989); Could this have been short for Goodman who owned local mine? (RMR);
GOOSE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Elvin Scott acquired 100 acres here (2/7/1855) (Bk. 44, P. 221) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1727); This may be a trib. of Joes Cr. or close to it for Elvin had acquired other land in the Joes Creek system in the 1850s and early '60s. (Ibid.).
GOOSE HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): on John Moore's Branch. (Jeanette Elswick, letter, 2/13/89);
GOOSLIN BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): At Freeburn. Named for Jesse (J.E.) Gooslin who owned and operated a sawmill there for years. He was born 6/12/1849 in Pike Co. and died 4/1/1933 at McCarr. He was the son of John & Cynthia (Smith) Gooslin. (Acc. to "Thomas McCoy's Descendants: Williams, Gooslin, and Other Johns Creek Families" by Brenda Gooslin, in PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1821-1980, HISTORICAL PAPERS NUMBER FOUR, 1980, Pp. 60-87); The bottom nr. Church Br. of Peter Cr. was called Gooslin Bottom for Jesse Gooslin who ran a sawmill there for yrs. (Geraldine Davenport, letter, 9/27/1989);
GRACE BRANCH OF GARDINER FK. (of Greasy Cr.): DK if named for Gracie Hopkins who lives on the Fork, at the mouth of Grace Br. She was nee there 1904. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
GRANGE STORE (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 5/2/78, James T. Phillips; 9/3/1884, Wilson Rowe... 4/28/1898, Jas. A. Justice; Disc. 5/31/1911 (mailto Fishtrap), (NA); Acc. to 1890s postal maps it may have been on the s. bank of the Levisa Fk. less than a mi. above the mouth of Simms Creek and about a mile above Lick Creek PO; On 4/23/1878 Jas. T. Phillips pet. for po to be named Midway, 1/4 mi. w of the Levisa and 1/2 mi. se of Grapevine Creek, on the n. side of the river & e. side of Grapevine. (Site Location Rept.); Acc. to 1884 Postal Rte. Map, it's on the n. bank of the river; i.e. some. where betw. mouth of Grapevine & Becky Br.
The Grange was founded in 1867 by Oliver H. Kelley of Minn., a govt. clerk in Wash. It had been Kelley's trip through the S. for the Dept. of Ag. in 1867 that caused him to see the need for some kind of org. that would help improve the social & econ. life of people on farms. The objectives of the G. were to enhance the comforts of farm homes and to improve rural social life, to oppose monopoly, to get better transp. facilities, to obtain improved ed., to encourage crop diversification, and to est. business coops. as a means of eliminating middlemen and commission merchants. It was a secret org. and admitted women on an equal basis with
men....By the 1870s it began to spread rapidly throughout the S. By the end of 1873 locals...existed in all of the s. states....Most of the members were small farmers....The Grange reached its height in [1875 late].... (wanted to) reduce the role & econ. power of merchants and comm'n. agents....to bring producers and consumers into more direct...relations possible...giving farmers greater control over (the sale) of their products...."(P. 51)....Org. (many) coops. in the 1870s as a means of reducing their costs of operation and getting better prices for their products....The most pop. farmer coop. in the
1870s was the retail store and hundred were est. to supply the farm trade....(P. 52) After rising to a (peak) in the mid 1870s, the Grange in the S. declined with equal rapidity. By 1880 most of the locals had ceased to exist. Those still operating were little more than social & cult. clubs for rural residents." (P. 53) (Gilbert C. Fite, COTTON FIELDS NO MORE: Southern Agr. 1865-1980, U. Press of Ky., 1984);
GRANTS BR. OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
David May acquired 200 acres here which were surveyed 2/17/1858 (Bk. 54, P. 11) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1477); John C. Runyan (sic) acquired 300 acres on Grants Br. (9/8/1849) (Bk. 30, 133) (Ibid., P. 1653); Families of Grant used to live up Pond Creek, so it was probably named for them. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Thos. Runyon (ne 7/1842) & wife Mary E. lived betw. John Murphy (2/49) & Nellie Runyon (4/49) and nr. Andrew Hunt (1/1859), Thos. Hunt (?), John Runyon (1/76) (1900 Census); No listing for any families o: Grant on Pond Creek 1830-1910 Censuses;
DK who named for. (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/1989);
GRAPEVINE (Pike Co.): Named for a large grapevine found there. 'Settlers split it to make fence rails. Most of it now lies under Fishtrap Reservoir.' (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Named for the large grapevine found there that was split and used to make fence rails. Most of it is now under Fishtrap Res. c. 4 miles above the dam. (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Ibid.).
GRAPEVINE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): by name may have been so known as early as 1787, acc. to a dep. of John Ratliff of Tazewell Co., Va., an early hunter in Pike Co. (Soalf, KLF, Pp. 62-3); "It is said that a grapevine grew on an island near the mouth of the (creek), so long that (it) could be split for fence rails. So the creek was called Grapevine." (Alex Reynolds, Phyllis, Ky., letter to me, 6/15/1989)

Grape Vine Creek (sic) is identified as such in Floyd Co. Ct. Book 4, May 1821;
GRASSY BRANCH OF BIG BRANCH (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so called (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989; and Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989); Little Grass Fork is a trib. (Ibid.);
GRASSY BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co.) (F460 37°30'40" (Lat), 82°27' (Long); Named for "unusual amt. of meadows" (Leonard Roberts' material on Pike Co. PNs); Thos. McColley had land on Grassy Fk. of Raccoon Creek, 3/1832 (Acc. to Will Book A, P. 4);
GRASSY FORK OF PAW PAW CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. E. Dotson acquired 100 acres on it which were surveyed 3/29/1858 (Bk. 54, P. 120) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1201); given as Greasy in Jillson; DK why so named. Not much of a grassy bottom there. The name is not apt. (Margaret Estep & Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);
GRAVEYARD HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): The first hol. on the left above Henry Clay, on Marrowbone. Named for a cem. on the left side of the hol., on the bank. Bill Ramsey, the Henry Clay bookkeeper, lived in the house. This was the Martha Johnson Cem. She was mother of Earl Johnson, the dir. of the Pikeville Nat'l Bank. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
GREASY CREEK (Pike Co.): (pron. "Gree/zee")
They say you can tell which side of the Ohio R.
you live on as to how you pronounce this word,
or name. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
po est. 10/28/1920, Arvil Thasker ...(NA);
Thacker not Thasker. Arvil (sic) Thacker was a
merchant, s. of James E. & Pricy J. (Sipples)
Thacker, and probably born at Sutton. (JUSTICE-
THACKER, A PICTORIAL HIST. written, compiled,
& edited by Paul W. Chaney & Glen E. Adkins,
1980, pp. 61-2); Greasy Creek po closed 5/31/
1959 (mail to Shelbiana);

Arvil Thacker
GREASY CREEK (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (# 37°21' (Lat), 82°30'30" (Long); Location of slaughter house. Specialized in getting the fatty part of the kill. Hence Greasy Creek. (Leonard Roberts); John Robison acquired 350 acres here (10/6/48) (Bk. 26, P. 104) (Jillson 1971, P. 1644); GREASY CREEK JCT., a sta. on the C&O RR's main (BS) line, 2 mi. above Shelby and 0.2 mi. below Ward. (C&O sta. guide, 1920)
GREASY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "...got its name where a woman that lived there got mad when they put the railroad through and greased the tracks so that the train couldn't move; just sat there spinning its wheels. (This is) an old handed-down tell (sic) from older folks (Lois Sowards Coleman, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 9/27/1989);

At the mouth of Brushy Br. of Marrowbone Cr., is the center of Hellier commù. Greenough was 0.8 mi. up Marrowbone, 0.9 mi. ne of Alleghany. (1906); Greenough Coal & Coke Co. mines at Hellier. Leander Castle, Mgr. 40 co.-built miners homes. (1910 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 210); Greenough Mine. Leander Castle, Foreman. (Ibid. 1907, P. 68); Greenough Mine is on s. side of Cassell Fk., just above its mouth (the upper ext. of Marrowbone) (Stone. 1902, p. 56)
The Greenoughs of Northumberland Co., Pa. were 3 generations of attorneys: Ebenezer, Wm. I, and Ebenezer II. Wm. was ne 1821 in Sunbury. Shamokin Coal & Iron Co. No mention of the Greenoughs involvement in local coal mining. (Herbert C. Bell, Hist. of Northumberland Co., Pa., 1891, Pp. 808-09);
GREENOUGH (Pike Co., Ky): Mining camp named for the mining co. Merged almost imperceptibly with Allegheny at Staggerweed Hol. on the left. (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989); Named for the Greenough Coal Co. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, letter, 6/28/1989); Greenough Red Ash Coal Co. of Natalie, Pa. (in Northumberland Co.) (c.1914-1924). The Shamokin Coal Co. of Natalie, Pa. (c.1903); This camp was just yards above Hellier, 2 mines on e. side of hill, 3/4 mi. below the Allegheny Mine. DK why Greenough; assumes it was named for some place in Penna. whence the mine owners had come. (Albert Bartley, interv. 9/23/1989);
Check on George J. Beddow for possible source of Greenough name. Where was Beddow from? Penna? He attempted unsuccessfully to est. a po called Greenough in 2/1906. By the: the Greenough Coal & Coke Co. had already bee est. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. # 348, 1908, P. 17);
GROUND HOG' BR. OF (Pike Co. Ky)

John Williamson Jr. acquired 167 acres on this (2/6/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 191) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1805); This may have been on upper Big Creek; on long arm of Big (C)
GROUNDHOG FORK OF SUGAR CAMP CREEK (Pike Co)
Probably named for the many groundhogs there Gus Cole lived there for years. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29, 1989);
GULNARE (Pike Co., Ky): officially closed in 1985 but probably ceased to function in 1979 or 1980. (Bob Sweaney, letter, 5/14/1989);

("Guhl/nahr") (RB Maynard, 7/15/89);

"n̩ERV" ("Guhl/nahr" as a var. pron. with Gulnare) (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/89);

Given by an MD for the name of a drug. (Troy Thurston Lowe, last pm & current storekeeper, interview, 8/8/1989);
GULNARE (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with post office lies on Johns Cr. at the mouth of Sycamore Cr 9 mi. n. of Pikev. In 1790 Wm. Robt. Leslie made the 1st perm. settlement in the BSV at or nr. this site. The post office, est. 10/26/1882 with Benj. Alley, PM, is said to have been named for a character in a Sir Walter Scott poem." (Book, Pp. 126-7); No Gulanare is mentioned as a major character in any of Scott's major poems or novels; Gulanare is mentioned as a character in "The Harem Queen" from Lord Byron's (1814) poem "The Corsair";
GULNARE (Pike Co.): ("Gh(uh)l/nər") Acc. to local trad., this name was selected from one of Sir Walter Scott's poems. DK who named it. (Buck Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Named for a medical term or drug by a local MD. At the mouth of Sycamore Creek, a branch of Johns Cr First settled by Leslies, Scotts, McCoys, & Jacksons and is regarded by historians as the 1st permanent settlement in the Big Sandy Val (R.B. Maynard of McCombs, Ky. in a letter to me, 7/4/1979); Actually Gulnare was "the Harem Queen" of Byron's The Corsair (1814) (see Peter L. Thorslev, Jr. THE BYRONIC HERO U. of Minn. Press, 1962, Pp. 156-9);
GULNARE (Pike Co.): Wm. Robert Leslie in 1790 made a permanent settlement on Johns Cr. at the mouth of Sycamore nr. the present site of the Gulnare PO. He died 1802. For many yrs. his settlement thrived and was the "focal pt. of the social and econ. life of the area." (Henry P. Scalf, "Early Settlements of the Big Sandy Val. Part II, The Leslie Settlement" from his talk to the Boyd Co. Hist. Soc. 11/29/1973, repr. in BOYD CO. PRESS-OBS. 1/1/1976, P. 10:6-7); Gulnare was named for a character in a Sir Walter Scott novel. (Scalf: KLF, P. 542); po est. 10/26/1882, Benjamin Alley...Disc. 8/20/89; Re-est. 10/5/89, Thos B. Scott...(NA) (other pm (XXX) included seve. al Scalfs...) (NA).
Gulnare School (Pike Co., Ky): est. c.1880 by donations from the Meth. Chu. S. The bldg. was used for both chu. & sch. One rm., frame Pvt. sch. (Herbert Woodson Crick, Hist. of Educ. in Pike Co., Ky., MA Thesis, UK, 1930, Pp. 46-7);
GUM BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Black gum trees. Lightning struck a black gum tree and didn't tear it up. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
GUNNEL Hollow (of Kate Camp Branch) (probably of Road Fk. of Pond Creek since Richard Keesee owned land there. He was married to Judith and he died in 1848. Was John Keesee his son? No Gunnels listed in any 19th cent. Census or 1900; Richard Keesee's grandson, Hammon Goosling was left land (by Richard in his will, 7/1848) on Road Fork-Kate Camp Br. (so that name goes back to 1848). Reuben Rutherford was Richard's son-in-law. (Will Bk A, Pike Co., P. 22);
HACKBERRY BR. OF BUCKLICK FK. (of Left Fk. of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky):

Named for a hackberry tree. Not precisely located but somewhere in Bucklick. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
HACKNEY CREEKS (Pike Co., Ky): were named for the Hackney family. Thos. Hackney (1796-c.1870) was born in Va. He and his wife, Priscilla (nee Drake) settled on Hackney Cr. at Mouthcard. They may be buried in the Hackney Creek Cemetery off Hackney Cr. His son Ephraim and other family members are buried there. Another son was Rev. John T. Hackney who was born in Pike Co. c. 1820. His son was Andrew Jackson (Jack) who was born 8/1849 and died in the 1930s. (Susan M Jurban, "The Hackney Family" PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1987, HIST. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. His.Soc 1987, Pp. 149-59); Andrew Jackson (Jack)
Hackney is buried in the Childress Cem. and his wife Louisa Thornbury Hackney is buried in the Thornsbury Cem. Jack was the son of John, a Meth. preacher and circ. rider who owned much land on the Levisa from the Va. state line to Little Card Cr. Jack's son, Emzy Leonard Hackney was a magistrate and was called "Squire". He died in 1945. Emzy lived on Horse Narrows Br. across Levisa from the mouth of Little Card (Bernice Hackney, "Emzy Leonard Hackney and Nettie Johnson Hackney's Family Geneol." in Ibid., Pp. 147-8. Bernice lives in Mouthcard. (Ibid.) Childress Cem. is at
the mouth of Little Card Creek... Thornbury Cem. is at the head of Hackney Creek. (Jurban, op. cit.);
Acc. to 1860 Pike Co. Census, Thos. Hackney was age 64 and ne in Va. Wife was Priccilla. Children incl. John & Ephraim with their own families.
HACKNEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Trib. of Levis Fk. of the BSR. (F296e) "How Hackney's Creek Got its Name": "In 1840, Thos. Hackney came to Ky. He was from England. How long he and his generation had been in this country, I did not find out, but the land on the Levis River where he staked his claim was named, 'Big Hackney's Creek' and 'Little Hackney's Creek.' Thos. Hackney had two sons, Eief Hackney and Johnny Hackney. Eief gave 'Big Hackney's Creek' to his son, Henderson, who was the father of Mary and Grace Hackney, who now live at 'Big Hackney's Creek'. Mary Hackney is Mrs. W.R. Belcher, and they have a grandson Steve Belcher now attending
Pikeville Col./Grace Hackney was the wife of Fonso Wright, former co. super., deceased. Mrs. Grace Wright operates a grocery store and grill nr. the Ky. & Va. line./Johnny Hackney was given 'Little Hackney's Creek' and several descendants live on 'Little Hackney's Creek' at the present time. W.C. Hackney lives at the mouth of the Creek at the present time and two sisters Mrs. Gusty Hackney Stamey and Mrs. Cosby Hackney Stanley, and Mrs. Percilla Hackney, wife of Mack Hackney, deceased, who are the children of Johnny Hackney, deceased./Dr. Don Flanary's mother, Mrs.
Nickie Hackney Flanery, was also a daughter of Eief Hackney. She married Wm. Flanery and they lived at Flanery's Branch across the river from Mouthcard postoffice. These creeks were named after Eief Hackney." (sic) (Source: Lillian Belcher to Roland Elswick for Leonard Roberts, 1970)
HALFWAY BR. OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Allen Taylor acquired 50 acres here (4/2/1840) (Bk. 8, P. 125) and 50 more acres on Big Creek (1/25/1844) (Bk. 14, P. 154) and 100 more on Halfway Br. (2/16/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 92) and more land on Big Creek in the 1850s and 1860s (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1744-5); Stream is roughly halfway (1.6-1.7 mi.) between Long and Rock-house Fks. so this is probably the origin of its name;
HAMILTON CEM. (Pike Co., Ky): at the mouth of Slones Br. of Levisa or Matts Creek, in the Rans Polley Curve, across the Levisa from Millard. William Hamilton's family cem. (PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1983 HIST'L. PAPERS #5, P. 49); Just above Millard in the Rans Polley Curve. (Marie R. Justice, App. N-Exp. 2/8/85 II P. 1:3);
HAPPY HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): At Upper Bridge, within Pikev. city limits. An old name. DK its derivation. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
HARDY (Pike Co., Ky): Paul Hardy was gen. mgr. of the Pond Creek Coal Co. His office was at Holden, WV. Fred Myers was gen'l. super., at Williamson. c1912. Had 8 mines in 1912. One was on Blackberry Fork of Pond, 5½ mi. s. of Williamson. Another also on Blackberry but ½ mi. north. Another on Pond Cr. 8 mi. s. of Williamson. Another ½ mi. s. of that. Another was 2 mi. up Pinson Fk. of Pond. Another 11 mi. s. of Williamson on Pond Cr. Another at the head of Pond, 14 mi. from Tug Fk. And another just across the creek from it. (1912 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, Pp. 139-41);
HARDY (Pike Co.): (Pron. "H(ah)r/dee") Hardy, McVeigh, and Stone were on the lands of the Eastern Coal Co. that was owned by Henry Ford. Eva Powell thinks these may have been self-assumed by the mine operators. McVeigh would definitely have been an outsider. (Interview, 8/16/1977); po. est. 8/6/1913, Albert Kirk... (NA); These 3 places originated as RR stations. (Clyde Runyon; letter to me, 12/13/1979); No one locally knows the name's origin; they think the RR may have named it in 1912. That was about when the mines opened. (Edna S. Wellman, PM, in a letter to Delphine Haley, 7/22/1975);
HARLESS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): (F466s) (In Millard Quad.) Joseph Harless (or Harlys) is listed in the 1823 Pike Co. tax list. (Dorcas Hobbs, "First Tax List of 1823", Pike Co. 1822 1976, Hist. Papers #2, Pike Co. Hist. Soc. Bi-Cent. Iss. 1976, Pp. 4-12, 8);
HARMOND BRANCH OF LEVISA FK. (Pike Co., Ky):
This spelling appears on govt. maps; (Pron. "Hahr/man") Was named for Daniel Harman, an early settler in this val. who lived there only a short while. He spelled his name with an "a". Probably corrupted by the cartographer. No Harmans living in that section for 3/4 of a cent. But the present residents spell it Harmon tho' originally it was Harman. "Well, these--the Harmans--when they came to the BSV--they spelled it (their name) Harman. But slowly, through the years, they changed that "a" to "0" and they use the "0" now." But he dk why. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/71)
HARMON'S BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky) (F78w) Nr. Boldman. Probably named for Harmon Marrs. He was born at about the site of the present Green Meadows County Club.

(Acc. to Lois Sowards Coleman, "The Sowards Family of Pike County" PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY 1821-1980 HIST'L. PAPERS NUMBER FOUR, 1980, Pp. 5-28, 18); Mrs. Coleman, in her article, doesn't actually say that Harmons Branch was named for Harmon Marrs but that he owned land and lived there. (P. 18);
HAROLDS BR. OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Hannells Br. on 1892 Whitesburg 30 min. top. map. Is this an error? Named for an old man named Harold who lived at its mouth (Alla Huffman, Pikeville, letter to me, 4/12/1990);
HARTLEY (Pike Co.): (pron. "H(ah)rt/lee")

On Long Fork. There are a lot of Hartleys in that area. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977).

PO est. 8/30/1900, Caleb Hampton...(several Tackitts were subsequent postmasters...) (NA);
PO closed 1/3/1975; The old Tackitt PO subsequently became Hartley. Served the same vic.

Caleb Hampton pet. on 6/8/1900 for est. of a po to be called Hampton, 3 mi. e of Tackett & 5 mi. w of Virgie, on the e. bank of Long Fk. (Site Location Rept.); The most recent of several sites was just below Clifford's Dome Store. Not named for a local family but for someone else from outside the area. DK whom. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming of Etty, Ky.

INTERVIEW, 4/18/89)
HARTLEY (Pike Co., Ky): Shown on the 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map as about the site of the Hartley School;
HATFIELD (Pike Co., Ky): Est. as po 5/26/1942 with Alvin B. Hamill, pm...Disc. 6/30/1959 with papers to Nolan, W.Va. (NA); est. at a site over 1/2 mi. w. of Big Creek, on the n. bank of Bent Br., in a store on the N&W RR, e. of a coal tipple which is just opp. the Millstone Br. Alvin B. Hamill, pm; site is 3/4 mi. of Big Creek, 3½ mi. w. of Tug Fk. & 80 ft. n. of the tracks and 1 air mile from the Martin Co. line. (Site Location Rept.);
HATFIELD (Pike Co., Ky): James Ferrell Hatfield pet. on 2/26/1903 for the est. of a po on the n. bank of the Right Fk. of Blackberry Cr., 3 mi. e of Hewit, 3 mi. w. of Lawson, 6 mi. s. of Ransom, and 9 mi. s of Tug Fk. (Site Location Rept); Probably named for Ferrell Hatfield's family that ran it. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview 8/12/1989); Maria Hatfield lived at the forks of the Right Fk. of Blackberry Cr. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
HATFIELD (Pike Co., Ky): A populated commu. on the Ky. side of the Tug Fk., 5.5\frac{1}{2} mi. below Turkey Creek (com.) and 6 miles below S. Williamson, and midway between Borderland & Nolan. (US Corp. of Eng., c1980);
HATFIELD (Pike Co.): (pron. "H(ae)t/feeld")
Lots of Hatfields live in the Tug Fork area.
(Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 12/19/1903,
Jas. F. Hatfield; Disc. eff. 6/30/1925 (mail
to Ransom) (NA); Settlement & N&W RR sta. &
dpo is at the mouth of Low Gap Fk. of Bent Br.
of Big Creek, 17 mi. nne of Pikeville. The local p
was named for the family of Jas. F. Hatfield,
the 1st pm. (Book, P. 134); These are two
separate places: the Hatfield (or Hatfield Sta
on Bent Branch is not the po w. of Ransom).
At the head of Right Fk. of Blackberry Cr., c.
4½ mi. above (sw of) Ransom and 1½ mi. se of
McVeigh;
HATFIELD BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Greenway Hatfield, High Sheriff of Mingo Co. (c. very late 19th cent.) (Willard Blackburn Burnwell, Ky., tel. interview, 7/13/1989); He was son of Elias & Eliz. Chafin Hatfield and nephew of Devil Anse; ne 1868 (G. Elliot Hatfield, P. 193); The bottom may have been named for Landon Hatfield (1873-3/1977) who lived just below Buskirk, maybe in the bottom (Jas. Hatfield, Buskirk, interview, 7/22/89); Named for Greenway Hatfield who owned the bottom and farmed it with his Mingo Co. prisoners. (Willard Cook, McCarr, Ky., 7/22/1989); George Wallace Hatfield Bottom for 11/1877-3/1973.
GWH who was 1st cousin to Landon. Both were
grandsons of Johnse Hatfield. (Herbert Farley
Blackberry Creek, interview, 7/22/1989);
Landon Hatfield, son of Wallace, lived on the
Ky. side of the Tug R., below Matewan. His
bro. Basil lived at Belfry. Not the Landon
Hatfield who was the son of Floyd and bro. to
Willis. The latter Landon was the one who was
born 1877 and died in the 1970s. Floyd was bro.
of Preacher Anderson. Sherman was another
bro. Greenway Hatfield, the Mingo Co. sheriff
lived on the W.Wa. side and that's where his
Hatfield Bottom was/is. No such named place
on the Ky. side. Greenway had his farm there
and owned all of it. After he sold it, it got to be called Hatfield Bottom. Greenway's bro., Roland and his family lived on the Lower Oldhouse Br.—at-the-upper-end-of—in what I have as Hatfield Bottom on the Ky. side. Lower Oldhouse Branch was at the upper end of his farm. His heirs still live there. The Landon Hatfield who was ne 1877 lived at Big Blue Spring. The other Landon lived below Hatfield Bottom and died c. 15 years ago He was ne 1880s. He was son of Wallace, not Geo. W. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
Landon Hatfield ne 11/1877, son of Willie (ne 1/1848) & Amanda (nee 5/52) Hatfield who lived near families of Buskirk, Stafford, & Marcum (1900 Census); Another Landon Hatfield (ne 12/1885) was son of ? (ne 4/1866) & his wife Nancy (nee 5/65). This family lived next to Tolbie Hatfield (9/44) (1900 Census); Floyd Hatfield (ne 5/1855) and sons Elias (4/78), Wayne (4/80), Landon (3/82), Wm. (8/86) (1900 Census); Named for the old man Valentine Hatfield. (Elder Teddy Ball, Blackberry Creek, letter to me, 8/25/1989);
In 1910 Landon Hatfield (34) with wife Florence (20) lived betw. Clint: Pitcock (43), Wm. A. Hatfield (63) & wife Amanda (54) and in vic. of other Hatfields. Nearby was Wallace Hatfield (51) & wife Nancy (47). Nearby was another Landon Hatfield (23) with wife Charity (23) who lived next to John Phillips (46) with wife Mary (43); Landon Hatfield lived in Buskirk. Wallace Hatfield lived below him. Landon was the son of Wm. Hatfield who lived where the cem. is. They were distant kin to Wallace. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/89).
HATFIELD BR. OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co): Preacher Anse (9/25/1835-3/6/1920) Ordained a preacher 8/1869. Bro. of Johnson Hatfield, ne 11/28/1838; Named for Preacher Anderson Hatfield who lived at its mouth. Used to be aka Preachers Branch. (Mrs. Leroy Smith and Kathryn (Mrs. Doval) Scott, who live across the road from each other, at the mouth of Hatfield, interview, 7/22/1989); Shown as Jerry Branch on Crandall map, 1905, P. 71; Jerry Hatfield lived at the mouth of Hatfield Br. c. 1880 he sold his home to Preacher and moved to Ransom and his old log home is on hill where the Jerry Hatfield Cem. is. (Stear Hatfield, 8/12/1989);
HATFIELD BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co)

Was this called Jerry Hatfield Branch in 1869? (Jillson, 1971, P. 1243)?; Jeremiah Hatfield acquired 100 acres on Hatfield Br. which were surveyed on 2/1/1849 (Bk. 31, P. 166) (Jillson, P. 1325); Jeremiah Hatfield acquired 50 acres on Jeremiah Hatfield Br. which were surveyed 9/6/1851 (Bk. 36, P. 383) (Ibid); Jerry Hatfield had a cabin on Blackberry Creek (G. Elliott: Hatfield, P. 33); Was this the Jeremiah who was uncle to Deacon Anse?; Board Fk. of J. Hatfield Br. c1870 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1326); Ephraim & George Hatfield acquired acreage in Board Fk. (2/24/1870) (Bk. 80, P. 88) (Ibid); They are son of Jeremiah.
On old deeds this was given as Low Gap Br. Only in the 1930s was it named Hatfield Br. by surveyors for the power co. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/89); On 1928 edit. of Matewan 15 min. top. map, it is shown as Hatfield Br.;
HATFIELD SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): On the n. bank of Hatfield Branch of Blackberry Creek, just below the mouth of Board Fork. (On the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top map but not on the Matewan 7½ min. top. maps);
HEAD OF ROBINSON CREEK SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F735 37°22'30"(Lat), 82°38'15"(Long); Est. 1906 on Rob Newsome's land. 1st teachers=Alex Osborne, Bessie Elliott, Andy Newsome. Disc. 1960. (Leonard Roberts);
JARAD (Pike Co.): DPO in old store bldg., across the road from the present residence of Mathew (sic) Scalf, nr. the mouth of Big Bull Branch of Brushy Fork of Johns Creek. Thos. Scott = pm. Named for Jarad Maynard who lived in the Apple Orchard Bottom, just below the post. The po had several sites and pm's until it was moved to the Forks of Brushy. At the ls site was store, blacksmith shop, and nearby Apple Orchard Chu... ("Hist'l. Notes" col. in APPAL. EXPRESS by R.B. Maynard, c1978 (check date...) JARAD PO. est. 4/7/1904, Thos. C. Scott. Disc. eff. 10/15/24 (m to Piso)(NA). 9/27/77, Bk: 3-y.
HEENON (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with ext. po lies on Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek, 12 mi. n. of Pikev. The 1st po to serve this area was est. on 4/7/1904 as Jarad at or below the forks of Brushy, and named for Jarad Maynard, a descendant of Christopher Columbus Maynard who had arr. on Brushy Fk. before 1800. This po closed in 1924 and was re-est. as Heenon a short distance down Brushy on 8/21/1926 with Rollin B. Maynard, pm, and named for Jarad's son."

(Book, P. 136); Heenon closed 2/26/1965 (m. to Vanity); Heenon Maynard died 7/26/1926,
HEENON/(Pike Co.): (pron. "Hee-man") On Brushy Fork. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 8/21/1926, Rollin B. Maynard...(NA); Settlement of Brushy Creek (so-called) is probably 3 air miles long; settled by the Clays, Blackburns & Maynards in the late 18th cent. Was later known as Heenon, Ky. PO disc. mail now from McCombs. Acc. to Maynard family trad., when Christopher Columbus Maynard & family arr. in 1796-9, they found families of Clays & Blackburns already living on Brushy. Heenon was named for Heenon Maynard, a descendant of Christo. Col. Maynard. This commu. was first called Jarad named for Jarad Maynard, Heenon's father.
Heenon was est. after Jarad po was closed. Heenon was disc. a few years ago. Other early settlers of this area: Robinson, Elkin, James Nichols, Williamson, Taylor, Smith, Hannah, Lowe, Hale, Fields, Canada, & Scott families (R.B. Maynard of McCombs, Ky. in a letter to me, 7/4/1979);
Jarad Maynard was son of James and Rebecca (Chapel) Maynard, was born 500 yards above Spankum Branch in the Maynard homeplace (P. 5). Jarad (1831-1913) owned the first steam, grist, and sawmills in the area. (P. 134). Heenon Maynard was Jarad's son and R.B. Maynard's father. (P. 9). He was a Reg'l. Bapt. preacher. Ne 2/14/1862 and died 1935. Lived on Brushy Fk. (P. 135) ("The Maynards of E.Ky." by R.B. Maynard, ne 1903 etal. Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc., 1979); Jarad's dates=1833-1913 (Scalf on the Stepps 1976, P. 371);
HEISEY (Pike County, Ky.) pron. "highsey."

Named for a preacher who came in for a revival. P.O. disc. (Acc. to Rufus Reed, 6/20/1971); po est. 6/9/1927, Robert H. Reed... (NA) Disc. 1/31/1951 (mail to Hatfield); (Pron. "H-sey") DK why so named. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); In Jan. 1927 R.H. Reed pet. for est. of po 3/4 mi. from Big Creek (Site Location Rept.); On a 1949 state highway map, it's located 0.8 mi. Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek, (jwx) below the mouth of Ellis Fk; Named for.

HELLIER (Pike Co): Once inc. (town, not hamlet with po, trade ctr. for area coal camp. On Marrowbone Cr., 12 mi. s. of Pikev. Named for Ralph Augustus Hellier (1871-1906), a Bangor, Me. native who became gen'l. Mgr. of the Elkhorn Coal & Coke Co. PO est. 1906. Aptly named. Place was pretty wild in the old days. (Greene's Ky. Memorette: Beautiful Scenes from Old Ky., Ashland, 1938, np); Others (like Harry Caudill, Theirs Be the Power, 1983, P. 110) trace name to Ralph's bro., Chas. Edward, a Boston atty., the pres. of what became the Big Sandy Coal Co. The EC&C Co. later merged with other land purchasing co's. to form the Big Sandy Co.
Others claim it was named for both brothers, coal field developers. (Paul E. Ratliff, "Hellier" LCJ&TM, 12/18/1977, P. 17ff); A pretty wild place in coal boom heyday (1912-1932)
HELLIER (Pike Co.): Ralph Augustus Hellier (ne Bangor, Me. 2/16/1871) came to Pike Co. c.1894. with his bro. = Chas. E. Hellier of Boston, Mass. RAH became the gen. mgr. of the Elkhorn Coal & Coke Co. Later this firm merged with several other coal co's. to form the Big Sandy Co. which came to own c. 100,000 acres of Pike Co. coal land. RAH was gen. mgr. of the new firm. Chas. got the C&O to extend its line from White House 100 mi. s. t Elkhorn City with a branch line 8 mi. up Marrowbone Cr. RAH est. the Pike Coal & Coke Co. to mine coal from the Marrowbone area and ship to market on the C&O, from c1906. Hellie was inc. & named for RAH. He died 5/20/1906. (GReene's KY. MEMORiETTE—Beautiful Scenes)
HELLIER (Pike Co., Ky): Chas. Edward Hellier ne Bangor, Me. in 1864...practiced law in Boston. Elk Horn Coal & Coke Co. was est. to purchase land in upper Big Sandy Val., eventually 70,000 acres of Elk Horn coal lands. This syndicate in 1902 was renamed the Big Sandy Co. Hellier became its pres. He helped convince the C&O to extend track from Whitehouse to Marrow Bone Cr. (sic) Helped est. the town that bears his name. Company town. Nothing said about his bro., Ralph Augustus. (x Source doesn't actually say this but it's implied) (Harry M. Caudill, Theirs Be The Power, 1983, P. 110) (see also Nat'l. Cycl. of Am. Bio. V. 15, P. 348)
HELLIER (Pike Co.): c. 8 mi. up Marrowbone Creek. Named for Ralph Hellier who was responsible for getting the rr up M.C. (Source: Mary Ratliff, 76, and Troy Francisco, 84, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); "This hamlet with po, once an inc. town and trade ctr. for area coal (min) camps, centered at the mouth of Brushy Br. of Marrowbone Creek, 12 mi. s. of Pikev. It was named for Ralph Augustus Hellier (1871-1906), a native of Bangor, Me., who arr. in Pike Co. c. 1894 to become gen'l. mgr. of the Elkhorn Coal & Coke Co. and, later, the Big Sandy Co. The nearby Childers po, est. by Adam Childers on 1/24/1906, moved to and became Hellier before the end of that yr." (Book-P. 137)
The Childers family of Pike Co. Their prog. was Pleasant Childers, a Rev. War vet., who was ne 1761 and died in Pike Co. in 1839. A son, Flemon Childers, died 1867, age 74. After arriving in Ky. from his native NC, he settled on Russell Fk. and owned large tract. Later removed to Marrowbone Creek. A grandson of Flemon was Joel Edison Childers, a lawyer, judge, public official, ne 5/10/1877 at the mouth of Elkhorn Creek. He was mayor of Pikeville, Circ. Judge and Commonwealth's Atty. Flemon Childers, Jr. was born on Russell Fk. nr. Elkhorn City on 10/10/1852. He owned a farm at the site of future Hellie:
For years he was a timber man. Rafted timber down the BSR.... (Kozee EARLY FAMILIE 1973, Pp. 137-42);

Childrens Cem. on Bowling FR.
Fleming Childers (56) lived on Castle Fork Rd and Flem Childers, Jr. (24) lived on main Marrowbone Rd. No listing of sons named Adam and Joel Edison (1910 Census); Acc. to 1900 Census, Flemin Childress was ne 10/1852 but no Flemin, Jr. nor Joel Edison was listed then. An Adam Flemin, son of Flemin, and ne 6/1879 was also listed in 1900 Census.
HELLIER (Pike Co.): On Marrowbone Cr. Est. in the 1920s as trd. ctr. for nearby coal camps (Manco, Alleghany, Greenough, Henry Clay). Incor. as city. Had a hi. sch. The nearby Alleghany camp was est. by the Hellier Coal & Coke Co. before WWI. In the late 1940s, this camp became free of the co. and later mines and tipples were sold to the Blue Diamond Coal Co. Automated. Pop. decline. Few miners remained and shared existing homes with retired miners and pensioned widows. In 1960, Blue Diamond's mineral rights were sold to a subsid. of Bethlehem Steel Co. which proceeded to mine coal from the other side of
the hill and this further depressed the Hellier commu. and that section of the valley. Mines closed and workers cut off. Tipple removed...(P. 347) Became almost a ghost town. Remaining miners work for indep. operators or strippers. Many moved away. Hillsides stripped. Abandoned and stranded...(P. 348) (Harry M. Caudill, NIGHT COMES TO THE CUMBERLAND, 1962);
HELLIER (Pike Co.): The C&O RR had built a line up the Big Sandy River to Elkhorn City and a branch had reached Hellier c.1902. (Chas E. Beachley, HIST. OF CONSOLIDATION COAL CO. 1864-1934, privately printed, 1934, P. 61); Rowdy, violent place in coal boom heyday, 1912-32. CBD=500 yards along Marrowbone Creel and only 200 yards wide. Before the CW, the site was home to some of Pike County's earliest settlers. Trade ctr. for thousands of miners on Marrowbone which had 8 mines. Name for the Hellier Bros. of Bangor, Me., coal-field developers. Had a bank, theater, many stores and shops, hotel, depot, freight & express offices, po...Now a quieter and smaller town. (Paul E. Ratliff. "Hellier" LCT&TM
HELLIER (Pike Co.): (pron. "H(eh)l/yer"). Ralph and C.E. Hellier came in there from Boston & NY (ch). The son of Ralph or C.E. (check) now lives on Ferrell's Creek. (Pron. "F(uh)r/əlz") His mother was Harriet Francisco. Ralph and C.E. were the so-called Hellier Bros. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); former coal cam betw. Coaldale and Wolfpit on Marrowbone Creek (Gerald Griffin, "Plundered Valley" CJ MAG., 7/4/1954, P. 11); po est. as Childers, 1/24/1906, Adam Childers; n.ch. to Hellier, 11/2/06, Hazelton H. Stallard...(NA);
HELVEY CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): On the left side of US 119, 4 mi. N.E. of Pikeville, on the farm of Ballard R. & Mary Ball Helvey. A family cem. (Faye H. Burke, Rt. 1, Box 995, Pikeville, Ky., KHS Libr.); their daughter.

Helvey's Gap, e. of the head of Ratliffs Creek, in Town Mt. Henry Helvey was ne 1810 in Wythe Co., Va. and died 5/7/1891 at Zebulon, Ky. He lived at Z. His son, Geo. Anderson (Anse) Helvey was ne 8/5/1855 at Zeb. an died 12/20/1925 and also lived at Z. Ballard was Anse's son. Ballard (1890-1970) lived at Z., 4 mi. e of Pikeville on US 119. (Acc. to ancestral chart of family of Faye Helvey Burke, 150 Yrs. Pike Co. Ky. 1822-1972, Sesqu

HELVEYS GAP was named for Henry Helvey who settled there in 1832. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter, 5/16/1989); "the dividing gap between Burning Fork and Ratliff Creek." (Ibid.); Henry Helvey acquired 75 acres on Raccoon Cr. which were surveyed on 2/20/1849. (Bk. 31, P. 156) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1340).
HENRY CLAY (Pike Co., Ky): Abandoned coal town betw. Lookout and Big Branch in the Marrowbone Val. By 1954 the big tipple, the large brick coal co. office bldg., and the cc store were deserted. (Gerald Griffin, "Plundere Valley" LCJM, 7/4/1954, P. 11); Henry Clay Coal & Coke Co. of Lookout, Ky. c1905. E.G. Foust of Pottsville, Pa., pres; Henry Clay Coal & Coke Co. at Lookout, PO, Ky. Mine was at Henry Clay Sta. W.J. Berry, Pres. & J.W. Cockrill, Gen. Mgr. (1915 Rept. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, Pt. 1, P. 255; Co. had 24 miners homes, (Ibid., 1910, P. 211);
The mine and community could have been named for Henry Clay Bowling. It is possible. The mine was est. in 1905 when the rr arrived. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
Miners' homes and other coal operations bldgs for the Henry Clay Coal & Coke Co. on Marrowbone Creek between Poorbottom Creek (sic) and Big Br. were built along the rr tracks in 1906. Shipping began in Oct. 1906. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fork Basin in Ky. and Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908, pp. 17-18); Henry Clay was named after the Henry Clay Coal Coal & Coke Co. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, letter to me, 6/28/1989);
James Hylton acquired 50 acres on Feds Creek which were surveyed 1/28/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 79) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1377); James W. Hylton acquired 50 acres on Hen Roost Fk. of Feds Creek (sur. 1/7/1858) (Bk. 52, P. 300) (Ibid) and 200 acres on Hen Roost Fk. (sur. 8/21/57) (Bk. 54, P. 124) (Ibid.)
HENRY BRANCH OF FEDS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
No evidence in the 1800's censuses or Jilsson of a Henry Taylor owning prop. or living in the Feds Creek area. No mention of him in Vol. 5 of Pike Co. papers, 1983, Pp.72ff.
Henry Taylor acquired 189 acres on Brushy Fk. (5/27/1882) (Bk. 102, P. 315) and James Taylor acquired 196 acres on same (5/26/1882) (Bk. 102, P. 514) (sic); Henry Taylor acquired 111 3/4 acres on Mill Branch (5/10/1900) (Bk. 119, P. 117) (The only listings for a Henry Taylor in Jillson); MILL FORK OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) is aka Henry Taylor Branch. (RBM, interv., 8/5/89); Wm. & James Gibson were raised by Henry Taylor. They share-cropped for him on his land. Gibsons used to live in that vic. cf. Glenn Gibson at his store just below the Scott Br. mines. (RBM, interv., 8/5/89);
GIBSON BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): James & Wm. Gibson rented land on that branch from Henry Taylor, 19th cent. Glen Gibson has a store on Johns Creek, just below the mouth of Scott Br. See him about this feature. Also about the Joes Creek area. Later said that this branch is a trib. of the Henry Taylor Br. of Brushy Creek. Henry was son of the Allen Taylor who bought the Home Branch, from Williamson. HT Br. is just above McCoy Br. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/89); Road Fk. of Henry Taylor Br. goes across the mt. to Sycamore Creek. (Is Henry Taylor Br. what is shown on maps as Mill Br?) (Ibid) (yes)
Floyd Blackburn, Jr. lives on property that used to be owned by Henry and Allen Taylor, on Brushy. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/89). According to the 1880 Census, Henry Taylor (30) was the son of Allen Taylor (70) on Lower Johns Cr. They were living together, between John B. Scott (29) and Jas. Gibson (48). Henry was still there by 1900. He was born on 5/1850. Also there in 1910; in 1880 James Gibson had a 12 year old son named William. Jas.' wife was Milly (35). They lived next to Allen Taylor (70) & wife Jemima (70) & son Henry (30). James was listed as a farmer. (1880 Census);
MILL FORK OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Is now called Henry Taylor Branch. cf Cecil Taylor, 72, who is doing a geneal. of the Taylors and Lowes. His wife is Bertha. He lives at the end of the blacktop, when I cross the bridge, after crossing the mt. betw. Johns Cr. & Brushy Fk. Just below the mouth of Still Branch. There may have been a mill on this fork. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/89); Henry Taylor lived on and owned that branch. (Ibid.);
Henry Taylor (5/1850) with wife Louise C. (2/53) lived with his father Allen (5/1811) next door to Wm. R. Gibson (5/68) with wife Parlee (11/71). Beyond Wm. was James Gibson (8/34) with his wife Nellie (9/46) (1900 Census);
HENRY SMITH'S MILL (Pike Co., Ky): This name was applied at least till 1833. Before Henry Smith acquired it, it was owned by and called Moses Mainors Mill (sic), somewhere near the mouth of Meathouse Fk. of Johns Creek. By 1829 the mill was still called Moses Mainer's Mill (sic). (Clyde Runyon, "The Maynard Fam. in Early Pike Co., Ky", 5/1/1978, in Maynard, Pp. 50-1);
HERMAN (Pike Co., Ky): Either a coal camp or a rail siding, or both, somewhere in the vic. of Dorton. Or may have used the Dorton po, c. 1936 (WPA); Herman Siding on the rr midway between Myra and Dorton, e. of the highway. (1952 state hiway map); Herman Siding = 1.1 mi. above Myra (Sta.) and 0.5 mi. below Dorton (C&O Sta. guide, 1930);
On top of the HIGH CAMP (Pike Co., Ky): elevation at the head of Isoms Br of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Cr. Robert Johnson, son of Wm. Johnson, Sr. had a temporary camp there during the CW to protect his family's goods from guerillas. No one lives there now. (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/89);
HIGH KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): At the head and left of Lick Br. (of Rockhouse Ekr of PawP.) The highest elevation in area. The hill at the head of Swan & Mill Creeks never had a name that they know of. (Margaret Estep and Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);
HIGH NARROWS (Pike Co., Ky); (Hq: Nahrz) (Ev: Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
HIRAM TACKETT BR. of (Pike Co., Ky): David Roberts acquired land in 1868 on a Hiram Tackett Br. In 1880 a Hiram Tackett was living in Caney. He was 44. No David mentioned in 1870 or 1880 Censuses. In 1870 Hiram Tackett (37) lived betw. Owen Hall (51) & Harvey Tackett (34) in the Rob. Creek Dist); In 1900, Hiram Tackett (ne 1/28) lived nr. Geo. Elswick (8/51), John & Carolir Yonts, Mary May (nee 3/28), Marion Little (3/65).
HOGSTON HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Hoggs
ton Höl'. Named for a local family. Arch Hoggs
ton (sic) lived at the head of—Middlefield
Br. of Ferrell Creek: Ch. spelling of the
family's name.... (Acc. to Ralph W. Stone,
"Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in
Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908, P. 46);
Acc. to 1900 Census and earlier censuses the
name is sp. Hogston. Arch was ne 1872 and was
marr. to Syntha (who was ne '4/82). Other Hog­
stons in vic: Wm. J. Hogston ne Va. c1844 &
wife Virginia (1870C.); John Hogston Sr. ne Ve
c.1815 & wife Susannah and son Arch ne 8/1869
(1870C.); John Hogston ne 10/1863 (1900C);
B.H. Hogston ne 3/1855 and his bro. A.C. Hogston ne 7/1866 and their mother Susannah Hogston nee 1/1824 (1900C). Susannah Hoggsto\[sic\], age 58, a widow, with sons Thos. (28 Burgess H. (24), Arch Claborn (11) in Lower Elkhorn Prec. They lived nest door to Jas. H. Belcher (41) & nr. John Looney (53) and Joel Owens (60) & nr. Geo. W. Belcher (29)& George's wife Mary (1880 census),
Home Branch is not on maps. Get precise site from RB Maynard. The Williamsons sold it to Allen Taylor in 1872. Named for the home of James Williamson (who married Lucretia Scott). His son, James, Jr. deeded 1000 acres to Allen Taylor in '72. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); was it just below Monty Lowe Br? The branch just below Montry Lowe. 3/4 mile long. Crit Blackburn lives at its mouth. DK why named. (Crit, 8/8/1989); Benj. Williamson I had settled here, on the later Joe Taylor farm, a part of the old Allen (and later Henry Taylor Farm. (Maynard book, P. 4);
HOMEMADE HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): DK if spelled one word or two. DK why named. East side trib. of Pond Creek, ¼ mi. below Stump Cem. & Williams Br. (Dorothy Smith & Danny Stacy, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); On the east side of Pond Creek, just below Johnny White's, at the head of McVeigh. DK why so named. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); A coal camp there for Fordson, leased to Red Robin Coal Co. DK why named. (Ibid., 9/2/89); Others confirmed this named feature, incl. Johnny White, storekeeper & garage owner who lives by its mouth., 9/2/89);
THE HONAKER ACADEMY (Pike Co., Ky): 4 mi. n. of Pikeville. Opened 1875 by John H. Reynolds. Large 1 rm. frame bldg. 1st teacher=D.C. Stevens from Louisville. From 1877-1882 it was considered the major educ. ctr. of Pike Co. for tchr. training. (Herbert Woodson Cricl Hist. of Ed. in Pike Co., Ky., UK Masters thesis, 1930, Pp. 45-6) A pvt. school.; Honake family owned the land. Also called "The Academy". (Alla Huffman, Pikeville, Ky., in a letter to me, 4/12/1990);
HONEY FORK (of Ferrells Creek) (Pike Co., KY): Named for profusion of honey suckles. (Source: Mrs. John W. Moore of Elkhorn City Ky., to her daughter Vicki Moore, PO Box 531, Elkhorn City, Ky., for Leonard Roberts 1970); Honey Fork Cem. on Ferrells Creek, Belcher, Ky. N=131 (75+56). A commu. cem. (Ruthie May, "App. Anc." News-Exp. 5/17/85, P. II 5:1-4); J.W. Ramey acquired 21 acres on Honey Camp Fk. of Ferrells Creek, surv. 3/8/1889. (Bk. 111, P. 556) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1618); Jacob Rowe acquired 300 acres on Honey Camp Creek (11/3/70) (Bk. 80, P. 106) (Ibid., P. 1651); Jacob acquired 50 acres on Honey Fk. of Ferrells Cr. (11/18/73) (Bk. 10
Did honey gatherers have a camp on Ferrells Creek?
HOPKINS FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Caney Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Left Fork was given as Camp Fork on 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map. Probably named for Wm. R. Hopkins (RMR); Wm. R. Hopkins acquired 138 acres on Camp Fk. of Caney Cr. (surv. 8/25/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 423) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1354) and 312 acres on Caney (6/2/1870) (Bk. 47, P. 479) and 410 acres on Caney (12/22/66) (Bk. 80, P. 84) (Ibid.); Wm. R. Hopkins (ne ca. 1805) lived next to Geo. W. Newsom who lived above Henry Newsom (son of Harrison Sr.) (Acc. to 1860 Census);
HORSE PEN BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)
An east bank trib. not shown on any 20th cent. map. Is shown on the Burriss ms. map of the Johns Creek system, mid 19th cent. as just op the mouth of McConnels Br. Also acc. to that map, D. Boone is said to have camped there in 1795. This may have been the site of the log horse pen said to have been 5 miles from Pikeville that was later used by early settlers as "a reference point in land surveys." Built by Enoch Smith, etal. in 1773. (Scalf, KLF, P. 53)
HORSESHOE HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): between informant's home on Blackberry Creek and the Hatfield Cem. Aptly named. Shaped like a horseshoe. Apple tree in there. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
HOUSELOG BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Beaver Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Basil Belcher had a cabin here. c.1906. (Acc. to Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. & Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908);
HUDDY (Pike Co., Ky): "This vil. with po is centered at the jct. of US 119 and Ky. 199, at the mouth of Coburn Br. of Pond Creek, 13 mi. ne of Pikev. It was named for Thos. H. Huddy of Williamson, WVa., the gen'l. super. of the Sudduth Fuel Co. which operated a coal mine in the vic. in the early 1920s. Its po was est. 12/12/1924 with Roy Chas. Runyon, p (Book-P. 146); Mr. Huddy lived in Williamson and est. mine at Huddy, as well as store & PO. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Sudduth Coal Co. of Stone, Ky. E.L. Bailey, Gen. Mgr. of Williamson, WVa. n=25 miners. (J.W. Hall, Tales of the Mts., 1922, P. 19); T.H. Huddy of Toler, Ky. was also gen. mgr. & mine supe: of Bailey Fuel Co. with gen'l. offices in
Huddy (Pike County, Ky.) Named for T.H. Huddy, general superintendent of Sudduth Fuel Company that operated a mine there. (Acc. to Buck Scalf 5/28/1971); Acc. to a map of Ky. in a 1891 atlas, the p.o. of Red Bud appears to have been located at Huddy or further up the creek. John Runyon, listed as pm, may have been John Compton Runyon. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13/1979); Red Bud po est. 12/23/1878, John Runyon; 10/19/81, G.R. Blackburn... 5/22/84, John Runyon; Disc. 4/12/88 (papers to Edgerton (NA);
"There were two mines there, Bailey Fuel Co. and Sudduth Fuel Co. Both were managed by Thos. H. Huddy, who lived in Williamson, W.Va. He became manager in 1920. The town was named for him." (Henry P. Scalf, in a letter to me, 1/22/1974. From data given him by a lady he met at a recent meeting of the Boyd Co. Hist. Soc.) (pron. "H(uh)/dee") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 12/12/1924, Roy Chas. Runyon...(NA); c1924 po of Huddy est. to serve a mining town called Sudduth and also a vil. called Coburn. (Site Location Rept);
MOUTH OF COBURN (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 11/28/1871, Granville Blackburn; Disc. 2/19/1873 (NA); DK which of the 2 Coburn Branches this could have been at the mouth of. There is Coburn Br. of Pond Creek about 1 1/2 mi. above Sharondale and 1 mi. below Stone; and there is Coburn Br. of Big Creek at Canada PO. Could this have been a predecessor of Canada PO? Check on Granville Blackburn....

Acc. to 1870 Census, Granville Blackburn lived in the Pond Enum. Dist. Acc. to Site Loc. Rept. on 11/13/187: Granville Blackburn pet. for po to be called Big Creek, on that strea

Rejected because another BC in Clay Co.
MOUTH OF COBURN, PO and COBURN BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co.): The po was at the mouth of Coburn of Pond and was thus predecessor of the Huddy PO. One of the Pike Co. Coburns, John, married the daughter of Moses Maynard while in his 20s, before 1840 and moved to Madison Co., Ind. He's listed in the Madison Co. Census, 1840. Also a Samuel Coburn who went to Indiana about the same time. Check for Pike Co. Coburns in the 1820 and 1830 Censuses. (Clyde Runyon, Belfry, Ky., interview, 2/11/1989); Samuel & Jacob are listed in 1820 census but not in 1830.
MOUTH OF COBURN PO (Pike Co., Ky): G.R. Blackburn lived on the east side of Pond Cr., below the mouth of Coburn Branch (c.1905);
✓ **HUMPY** (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 8/16/1880, Henderson Scott; Disc. 7/6/1881 (NA); But, acc. to POR, Henderson Scott was also pm of Joppy from 8/4/1880 till it closed on 8/13/1884; (Were there two Henderson Scotts?); 4 mi. w. of Concordia (Jamboree) with Rural & its nearest po. (Rand McN. Atlas, 1889); Henderson Scott (ne 1841) lived on the presen: Jas. Monteville Lowe farm on Brushy Fk. (Pp. 154-5). This farm is c. 4 mi. below the forks of Brushy and was later called the Arthur Maynard farm. (P. 4) (THE MAYNARDS: OF E. KY. by R.B. Maynard; 1979); Henderson marr. Rebecca Maynard. (P. 155). (Is this where the Morell po was located?)
HUMPY (Pike Co., Ky): The first name proposed was Brushy for the creek. Henderson Scott was the petitioner. When Brushy was rejected by the POD the name Humpyjohn was proposed but the second half of it was dropped and Humpy it became. (Site location report);
HUNT BRANCH (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co.) (F460)
37°31'45" (Lat), 82°23'15" (Long); Named for
the Hunt family that lived there. (Leonard
Roberts);
HUNT BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Probably named for John Hunt who arrived in area before the CW. Hunt Knob also named for him. (Mary R. Hunt, Phyllis, Ky., letter to me, 3/6/1989); John Hunt acquired 50 acres on Big Creek which were surveyed 2/24/1846 (Bk. 21, P. 423) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1372); Wm. Hunt acquired 100 acres on Elk Front Br. of Louisa Fk. (should this be Elkfoot?) (sur. 6/12/57) (Bk. 50; P. 281) (Ibid. P. 1373);
HUNT. BRANCH OF PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): given as Fred Branch on the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top. map; aka Hunts Hollow or Hunts Br. Named for Frank & Anna (Chapman) Hunt who, sometime after 1910, had moved here from Blackberry Creek. The br. may have had an- other name earlier. They moved to here to be close to the Matthew T. Scott Acad. so their 10 children could have opp. for a good ed. Hunt's dates (4/4/1874-7/8/1963). Buried in a large cem. on Bill Dotson Br.... (Geraldine F. Davenport, letter, 9/27/1989)
HUNT FORK OF CARD CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Named for Eston (?) Hunt's family. (Bernice
Hackney, Mouthcard, Ky., letter to me, 4/21,
1989); Eston Hunt (38) with wife Abby (30)
lived in Lick E.D. (1910) betw. Abe Cantrell
(50) & B. V. Slone (31). With Eston lived
his parents Wm. (82) & Pricy (60) Hunt.
Nearby were Slones, Colemans, Thornsbyrs,
Griffeys, Hunts, Looneys, Shortridges,
Flanerys, & Elswicks;
Thos. W. Hunt marr. Judith Maynard on 1/4/1822 and lived on Pond Creek, just above Belfry. He was nee c. 1800, maybe earlier. His 2nd wife may have been Clarissa Burris. Jane Hunt, a daughter of Thos. & Judith, was nee 1830 and married Hammond Goosling on 11/30/1848. (Clyde Runyon in the Maynard book, Pp. 58-59 or 332-3);
The Hurleys: Jonathan Hurley acquired 150 acres on Owens Fk. (surv. 11/25/1857) (Bk. 52, P. 301) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1375); Peyton Hurley 100 acres on Persimmon Br. of Knox Cr. (12/26/1859) (Bk. 59, P. 78) (Ibid); Wm. Hurley 11 acres on Knox Cr. (12/26/59) (Bk. 59, P. 79) (Ibid.); Other Hurleys in that area: Preston, Asbury, Jonathan, Jr., Nehemiah, Payton (Ibid.); Jane Hurley, 42 acres on Lower Collins Hollow (4/1/1893) (Bk. 118, P. 188) (Ibid.); Acc. to top. map, there's an Owen Br. of Camp Creek (of Knox) which is ½ mi. below Preston Br. (could the latter have been named for Preston Hurley?)
HURLEY SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): At the mouth of Turkey Creek, a Knox Creek trib., 2 mi. above Woodman PO. Named for family (or ies) of Hurleys that lived on lower Knox Creek, in the vic. of the 3 Elks. Eli Hurley, a local storekeeper, landowner, and family patriarch. (Hannibal Albert Compton, Looking Back One Hundred Years: A Brief Story of Buchanan Co. & Its People, c.1958, P. 68) (at Pikev. Pub. Libr.).
HURRICANE BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co): DK why so named. Emmit Belcher built the 1st home in there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
HURRICANE CREEK (given as Hurricane Branch by informant) (Pike Co., Ky): A trib. of Grapevine Creek, now Fishtrap Lake, c. 3 mi above Fishtrap Dam. Named for the effects of a large windstorm. (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts)
HURRICANE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Pritchett acquired 50 acres on an otherwise unidentified Hurricane Creek (either of Johns or of Levisa) surveyed 1/5/1847 (Bk. 30, P. 283) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1604);
HURRICANE CREEK (on Levisa Fk., 8 mi. below Pikeville, Pike Co., Ky): "The earliest coal mine (in Ky.) of which I can get any track was opened (here)...just before the beginning of the C.W." (G.C. Ratliff, as qtd. by his son Paul who wrote that "some coal from this opening was shipped to Cinci. in barges, down the BSR." ("From Chinked Cabins to Coal Camps" in his THE REAL BIG SANDY, c.1982)
The various hurricane branches or creeks: "My understanding of how we came to have so many Hurricane branches or creeks in this region is that they were named--giant windstorms blew down some of this primitive, pristine timber in this country and the early settlers would name it Hurricane... Hurricane Creek in W.Va. was most certainly named for that reason. There was a giant storm that had destroyed a great lot of timber and the early settlers of that section called it Hurricane Creek. (pron. hur-kin)." (Scalf, interview, 5/16/1971)
HURRICANE FORK OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Jos. Retherford (sic) acquired 25 acres on it surv. 12/26/1859. (Bk. 60, P. 430) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1627);
HURRICANE CREEK (of Tug Fork) (Pike Co., Ky): Paul Alley acquired 50 acres on Hurrican Cr. (7/17/1830) (Bk. X, P. 404) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 459);
HYLTON (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°13'45"(Lat), 82°31'45"(Long.); Named for Robert Hylton.

1st called Oreknob. 1st pm=Howe Gibson, c1910, Gibson and a friend, Lee Vanover, selected the Oreknob name for Vanover had found traces of ore on a knob nr. the po site. When Gibson died, his widow married Alex Moore and the po was moved to present site at Hylton, Ky. and the name was changed from Oreknob to Hylton.

(From info. provided by Hazel Hall, Frank Childers, & Edgar Moore, older residents of the area, via Leonard Roberts); Hylton P.O. est. 9/16/1914, Alex'r. Moore --- (NA) Disc 10/31/1957 (m. to Shelby Gap).
HYLTON (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with dpo is on Ky. 197 and Elkhorn Cr., 16 mi. s. of Pikev. The po, est. 9/16/1914 with Alex'r. Moore, pm, was named for Robt. Hylton." (Book P. 148); c. 4 mi. from Shelby Gap. Named for a Hylton family. PO gone. (Chas. F. Moore, letter, 3/21/1989);
HYLTON (Pike Co., Ky): On 2/10/1914 Alex Moore pet. for po to be located 3/4 mi. w. of Oreknob PO, 100 yards. s. of Elkhorn Creek. On 3/28/1927 Moore pet. to move po 2.6 mi. e. to a site 200 yards. n. of the creek. On 3/21/1928 Albert W. Childress, to better accommodate the public, pet. to move po 2 mi. w. to site 50 yards. s. of creek, nr. the mouth of Pigeon. On 3/15/1944 Varney Moore pet. to move po 3/4 mi. to site 200 ft. w. of the creek (Site Location Reports). Named for an old family (dk names of indi. members). They move to Fla. DK of a Robert Hylton. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, 93, Upper Pigeon, Ashcamp, Ky., interview 4/1/1989)
HYLTON CHURCH (Pike Co.) (F357) * 7/12/1947
37°13'45" (Lat), 82°31'15" (Long); Old Reg'l. Bapt. church. Org. 7/2nd Sat. 1947. E.M. Mullins was elected moderator and J.M. Gibson was elected clerk... (Leonard Roberts);
HYLTON HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°13'15" (Lat)
82°31'15" (Long); Named for Noah Hylton who
at one time owned all the land in there. (Edga
Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
John Hilton acquired 25 acres on Elkhorn Cr. which were surveyed 4/12/1883 (Bk. 105, P. 369) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1345); and 50 acres on same (sur. 11/7/81) (Bk. 101, P. 181) (Ibi P. 1377);
HYLTON KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): At the head of Henroost Fk. of Dicks Fk. of Feds Creek. James W. Hylton had acquired 50 acres on Hen Roost (sic) which were surveyed on 1/7/1858 (Bk. 52, P. 300) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1377); and another 200 acres on same (8/21/1857) (Bk. 54, P. 124) (Ibid.); Could the knob have been named for him?
HYLTON SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F357) 
37°14'15"(Lat), 82°31'15"(Long); On Elkhorn Creek. Est. 1902. Geo. W. Potter was one of the 1st tchrs. Disc. 1961. The last tchr. was Omega Smith; consolidated with Sycamore Sch. (Ample Sanders, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "A few Indian families were living on the land that Harrison's land grant covered (i.e. Harrison Newsom, Sr.). Harrison paid the Indians money, dogs, guns, and trinkets until they were satisfied to give up their claim on the land, and they left on friendly and good terms. There was a small Indian cem. on the land... on Caney Creek...." ("The Newsoms" by Lexie Newsom Wisecarver, Pike Co. Hist. Papers #3, Pp. 38-41);
INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile above the mouth of Long Fork of Shelby Creek;
INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "was hunting ground for Indians. Many artifacts have been found by local residents who plowed their ground for gardens." (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°19'30" to 37°20'15" (Lat), 82°37'30" to 82°39'45" (Long).
Named for a peach grown in the local area.
Henry Newsom (sic), a local resident, had a peach orchard and grew the Indian Peach. This peach was used for pickling or canning whole. It's not a free stone peach. (Leonard Roberts)

"The Indians would camp here—it was off the main roadway." (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, Letter to me, 4/14/1989); Named for early Indian settlers from whom Harrison Newsom, Sr. acquired it. (See Lexie Wisecarver's in Pike Co. III, P. 38ff) Nothing to the Indian peach story. (Lawrence Newsom, interview, 7/29, 1989)
INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#37°20'30"(Lat), 82°36'15"(Long); Named for the Indian peach grown on this creek. (Leonard Roberts); Wm. Osbourn acquired 100 acres on Indian Fork (sic) (surv. 1/25/1844) (Bk. 14, P 166) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1568); Tapsley Tackett acquired 100 acres on Little Fork of Indian Cr (1/24/44) (Bk. 14, P. 156) and other land on Indian Creek in the 1840s; and Wm. Tackett acquired 100 acres on Indian Creek (1/26/44) (Bk. 14, P. 159) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1742); A trib. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek, 3/4 mi. above Shelby. (L. Newsom, 7/29/1989);
INDIAN GAP (Pike Co., Ky): Betw. Indian Creek & Robinson Creek, through which old US23 passes, s. of Jones Chapel. Assumes Indians came through here, a low gap. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
INDIAN GRAVE FORK OF LICK CREEK (Pike Co.): Franklin Row (sic) acquired 150 acres on an Indian Grave Fork (but doesn't say of what) (sur. 3/2/1849) (Bk. 30, P. 132) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1650);
INITIAL ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): Overlooking town on top of hill where the radio sta. WPKE has its radio tower. Go up Julius Ave. or Cline Hollow where the road winds around to Peach Orchard, to the end of the road. Then ¼ mi. to the rock, on upper side of the hill. Not Smith Hill. Nearby is INDIAN CAVE ROCK where Indian skeleton was found. This is a rock with a cave under it (tho' not very deep). (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); The Indian Caves are near the top of hill overlooking downtown Pikeville from the south.
IRONIA (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 2/9/1885, John W. Justice; Disc. 6/13/1889 (p. to Grange Store) (NA); It may have been on Grapevine Creek and may thus have been a predecessor of the Rowton PO. Some 4 miles nw of Grange Store (acc. to 1889 Rand McN. map & atlas); John W. Justice lived just below the mouth of Hurricane. (JUSTICE-THACKER, by Chaney & Adkins, 1980, P. 263); (Was Fishtrap PO at the mouth of Hurricane in the mid 1880s?) (Why were papers sent to Grange Store and not to Fishtrap po?); never heard of it and dont know why so named--no iron ore found in area of produced there. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
IRONIA (Pike Co., Ky): On 12/26/1884 John W. Justice pet. for po on n. bank of BSR and e. bank of Grapevine. In 7/1886 it was 1½ mi. from Fishtrap PO and 3 mi. from Grange Store. (Site Location Report);
Isaac Coleman acquired 100 acres on Peters Creek and 100 acres on a branch of Peters Creek (9/2/1851) (Bk. 37, Pp. 475-6) (Jillson 1971, P. 1135); Isaac Coleman Br. of ? John Dotson acquired land here and had it surveyed 5/8/1882 (Bk. 103, P. 47) (Ibid., P. 1201); (This was probably not Coleman Br. of Long Fk. at the head of Johns Creek.) Locate this....
ISAAC BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK who named for. May now be Jim Ratliff Branch. Ratliff was a resident. He married a Clay. Pete McCoy's daughter owns a part of it. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); DK who named for. Aka Ratliff Branch for Jim Ratliff, a resident, who died in 1945. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
ISLAND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): is mentioned in Floyd Co. Deed Book A, 11/1815; Henry Newsom acquired 100 acres on Island Creek (surv. 12/20/1848) (Bk. 28, P. 28) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1555); John Sword was living on Island Creek by 1823 (acc. to tax lists) and acquiring more land there and on tribs. in the 1840s and 1850s ((Jillson, 1971, P. 1734);
ISLAND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): A trib. of the Levisa Fork, betw. Lick Creek & Nigh. "Stump Island is just below the mouth of the creek, a very large island; when the river is up it flows around both sides. So the name Island Creek." (Alex Reynolds, Phyllis, Ky., letter to me, 6/15/1989);
ISLAND CREEK (STATION) (Pike Co., Ky): sta. on the main Big Sandy line of the C&O RR, at the mouth of Island Creek (C&O sta. guide, 1930);
ISOM BRANCH (of Left Fork) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°16'(Lat), 82°39'45" (Long); Named for an early settler named Isom. (Leonard Roberts); Named for resident, Isom Mullins. (Frances Sowards, interview, 4/8/1989); No listing of Isom or Isham Mullins on Long Fork in Jillson, 1971; Isham Mullins (7/7/1842-4/5/1902), son of Marshall and Nancy (Roberts) Mullins. Both were Union Army vets. Isham had a bro. named Marshal (Dorcas Hobbs, App. Xpr. col. 9/22/78, P.A20: 1-6); Isom Mullins ne 1795 in NC, marr. Rosanna Hawyer in Pike Co. 6/9/1822. (Mrs. Verle Hamilton Parrish, Hamilton, Mullins, Fleming & Related Lines, ms. c1975, MSU);
ISON HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): On Robinson Cr.,
at or nr. the site of the Rob. Creek Sch. May
have been named for Elihu K. Ison who lived
Known early as Crab Apple Hollow for a big crape
apple tree at its mouth. Refers to Elihu K.
Ison, acc. to his daughter Eliza Ellen Ison
Newsom (Mrs. Lawrence), who lives there. The
hol. is by their home. But neither of them
ever knew it called Ison Hollow. (Interview,
7/29/1989); Elihu K. Isom (28) (sic) with wif
Draxie (36) lived betw. Sam'l. Newsom (39) &
John Marrs (60) in Caney Prec. No Lockards in
vic. (1910 Census);
IVY FORK OF UPPER CHLOE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Earlier known as Justice Fork. Today this is the home of: Frank Bailey, the Langels, Keenes, Smiths, Adams, Thackers, Coleman's, Thompsons, Kendricks, Howells, Justices, etc. c. 1865 the only family on that fork was that of Wm. Campbell Justice and his wife Susannah Chaney Justice. "The land immediately below the right fork of this stream and acres running upward from it once belonged to the land grant of David Campbell Justice, bro. to Wm. Adjoining his grant lay the...acres which reached almost to the head of the creek and once belonged to Jas.
C. Justice, another bro. The extreme head of the creek was owned by a Biliter (sic) family at first...and later by the Daniels (family.)" (Alice J. Kinder, "Operation Cleanup: Deep Valley Can be Clean Again" Mt. Roots col., in App. N-Xpr., 6/11/1980, III, Pp. 1-2, 1:2);
IVY FORK (of Upper Chloe Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F466c) (#98-539) 37°28' (Lat), 82°28' (Long);
"In 1948 when the stripping of coal began, Fat Auxier began working on this fork and changed the name of the fork to Ivy Fork because of the profusion of mountain ivy that covered the mt. on one side near where he was stripping. This information given by Scott Coleman, gt. grandson of Geo. Justice. He also said that in 1919 there were 2 houses on this fork and today there are 16 houses and 5 trailers." (c1974) (Leonard Roberts' files on Pike Co. PN)
J.B. SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): J.B. Elkhorn Coal Co. On the hill, site of the present Energyville Chu. at Douglas. Maintained by the coal co. Just above the new Shelby Val. Hi.Sch., nursing home, sr. cit. complex, etc. One of the 41 schools surveyed by informant in the Shelby Val. (Lawrence Nesom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
JACK OSBORNE CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): off Turkey Pen Br. of Indian Creek, nr. the Enterprise Chu. Here: Hiram Tackitt (1861-1942). (The American Pioneers: Tackett, Tacket, Tackitt: Families of Amer. Vol. 23(1), Spring 1986);


JACKSON BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)
Named for a local family. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
The Jackson progenitor on Johns Creek was Isaac Jackson who was born in Russell Co., Va., on 3/18/1786 and settled several miles below the Lesleys. Died 4/12/1849. (Ruth Cleveland Leslie, the Lesley-Leslie fam. hist., 1956/1979, P. 121); Dr. Robert Lesley Jackson (1838-1916) was son of Isaac Jackson (1786-1849) and Eliz. Lesley (1791-c.1875). She was daughter of Robert Leslie, pioneer, and was Isaac's 2nd wife. They lived on Johns Creek, several mi. below the Lesley settlement. The Jackson land was partly her share of Lesley estate from her father. (Cleveland, 1956, P. 121);
JACKSON BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) was shown as Doc Jackson Branch on the Harold 15 min. top. map (1916). Named for Dr. R.L. Jackson, mid 19th cent. family leader of the Jacksons in the lower Johns Creek val.; Dr. Robert Lesley Jackson was the son of Isaac Jackson and Eliz. Lesley Jackson. He was born 9/7/1838 and served as a scout for the Confederates in the CW. He was a teacher and later became a MD. He died 8/10/1916. (Ruth Cleveland Leslie, P. 121);
JACKSON BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Isaac Jackson of Russell Co., Va. who came in here long before the CW. He died in 1849 and owned all the land on that branch and all the surrounding bottoms. (Henr. P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Named for Dr. Jackson's family that lived there. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
JACKSON ROWE SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): Jackson Rowe acquired 18 acres on Big Creek (3/20/1911 (Bk. 124, P. 47) and 37 acres on Feds Creek (2/21/1911) (Bk. 124, P. 49) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1651); Jackson Rowe ne 5/1843, lived in Lick ED betw. Jasper Stiltner (9/56) and Geo. W. Hackney (2/55), probably in the area of his sch. (1900 Census);
JAKE (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 4/24/1888, Harry Weddington; Disc. 8/7/1889 (papers to Coal Run) (NA); On the n. bank of the Levisa Fk. just below the present Blair Town (1889 and 1893 maps); Could this have been named for one of the Jacob Weddingtons? Jacob (ne c. 1770s) was bro. of Henry. His son and grandson were also Jacobs. Harry Weddington (ne 1839) was a Pikey businessman, was a son of Judge Wm. Weddington. Jake Weddington ne May 1829 and wife Nancy are mentioned in the 1900 Pike Co. Census as living in the Coal Run Enu Dist.; On 3/27/88 Harry Weddington pet. for p to be called Twin Knobbs (sic) 3 mi. from Laynesville. (Site Loc. Rept.);
JAMBORREE (Pike Co.): (pron. "Dj(ae)m/bar/ee"); (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. as Concordia, 8/18/1879, Wm. R. Dotson; ch. to Jamboree, 1/2/1880, Ibid. (many Dotsons served as postmasters...) (NA); Elsie Lester, the pm, in a letter to Delphine Haley, 6/20/1975, said she didn't know the origin of this name; Many still trying to solve the mystery of this name derivation. Acc. to trad., the po "was located in a building where dances were held. It seems that in the old days, those who played musical instruments and were not opposed to dancing for religious or other reasons gathered some-
where for frolics or jamborees, as they called them. There was some drinking...and fighting. Frederick Wolford who carried the mail from Paw Paw was supposedly killed while attending one of the dances in the area. Some merchants in the early days had a building large enough for a separate room for community gatherings. Grocery stores down through the ages were gathering places for people, before modern supermarkets replaced them. Post offices were most often located in stores. It is possible that Jamboree PO did get the name because the post office was located in a building where 'jamborees' were held. How-
ever, that is legend, and the fact is unknown." (Mrs. Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27, 1989);
JAMES BRANCH OF
Benj. Williamson acquired 50 acres on this
(no generic given) (9/1/1840) (Bk. 8, P. 129)
(Jillson, 1971, P. 1805); and another 100
acres here (2/1/43) (Bk. 14, P. 163) (Ibid.);
The latter was acquired by Benj. J. (Ibid.)
Perhaps both were;
(JAMES) MAY(S) BRANCH OF RUSSELL FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Jonathan Rowe acquired 300 acres on Jas. May Br. (2/2/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 392) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1650); and he acquired another 50 acres on Mays Br. of Russells Fk. (1/4/59) (Bk. 58, P. 137) (Ibid., P. 1651)
Later; Thos. Powell acquired land on James May Br. of ?. In 1870 Thos. Powell (29) lived betw Ephraiah Moore (26) & Wm. Belcher (28) and nr. Wm. W. Meade (40), John W. Powell (41), Winston Adkins (64), Winright Adkins (33). But no James Mays in the vic.;
JAMES FORK OF DRY FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pik Co., Ky): Called Genis Fork. The late E.B. Mullins owned all of it. DK why either name. (Albert Bartley, Shelbiana, Ky., interv., 9/2/1989);
JERRY BR. OF BIG BRANCH (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Lowe Cem. at its mouth. For the family of Fountain Lowe who had 18 children. Annual mem'l. service there DK why called Jerry. (R.B. Maynard, interv., 8/5/1989); DK why called. (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/89);
JERRY BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): When you descend Coburn Mt. to Pond Creek, everything on the south side is called Jerry Bottom for Jerry Blackburn who owned the land. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); In 1870, he was listed as living in vic. of Anderson Hatfield, and Thomas, Johnson, James, and other Hatfields; No listing in 1880-1910 Censuses; On US 119, below Coburn Hol. DK who named for. (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/1989);
JERRY FORK OF SYCAMORE CREEK (of Johns Creek, Pike Co., Ky): ½ mi. above Maynard Br. DK who named for. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulinare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
JESSEYS BRANCH OF GREASY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Winston Adkins acquired 100 acres on this creek in 1860. (Acc. to Book 62, P. 281) (Jillsin, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 957);
JESSIE BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Could this have been named for Jesse Phillips who owned much land on upper Johns Creek. He had acquired this land in the 1840s. (Jillson
JETTIE (Pike Co., Ky.): po est. 4/29/1940. Disc. 5/31/1942 (mail to Pikeville) (NA): The po was located in the Justice Supply Warehouse on US 460, the river side of the road, just below and across the road from the Grace Bapt. Chu. Named for Jettie Hix, late of Grundy, Va. (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/88). The po was in Ad Thacker's bldg., just across the road and slightly nw of the Grace chu. She worked (or her husband did) for Mr. Thacker's wholesale candy co. (Sweaney, 2/21/1989);
May have been named for Jettie Johnson (sister of Jack & Dewey Johnson) who married Rev. Calhoun, a Chu. of God preacher and employee of the C&O RR as an engineer. They lived in Shelbiana. Check on this.... (Albert Bartley, Shelbiana, Ky., interview, 9/23/1989); Acc. to Mrs. Bertha Goff, who lived in that vic. for many yrs., a PO to be named for Jettie Hix was planned but never materialized. Informant never knew of anyone living in that area who ever got their mail from a Jettie PO. This is vic of Grace Chu. and Wm. E. Justice's store, on the highway side of the river, across from Shelbiana. Mrs. Hix lived 'just above Grace Chu.
with her husband, a carpenter. This was in the 1940s. (Marie Justice, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 10/17/1989);
JETTIE (Pike Co., Ky): On 3/30/1940 Susan Baldridge pet. for po to serve the commu. of East Shelbiana at a site 400 ft. ne of the Levisa Fk, 900 ft. sw of the mouth of Chloe, 2 mi. nw of Sutton PO, and 2.2 mi. se of the Shelbiana PO. (Site Location Rept.); Was located in A. Thacker candy wholesale bldg. which is now leased to Justice Supply, at E. Shelbiana. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in letter to me, 8/29/1989);

J.B. Hix worked at Ad Thacker's candy factory (Acc. to Sweaney, 11/1989);
JIM HOWARD BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co): Given as Horse Ford Br. on Williamson 15 min top. map (1915); Jos. Ferguson acquired 50 acres on Horseford Branch which was surveyed 3/4/1843 (Bk.: 11, P. 198) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1243); (But in 1849 Ferguson also acquired 68 acres on Ferguson Creek-Ibid.); No Jim Howard mentioned in Jillson. Delaney Howard acquired 50 acres on Johns Creek which were surveyed on 3/26/1868 (Bk.: 74, P. 87) (1243) Delaney Howard is given as Dilona Howard (ne Va. and age 25); had son James W. (age 6). Lived nr. Jarrett, John, & Henry Pinson, Thc Mainer, Wm. Mead, Morgan Carter (1860 Census
Delaney is the sp. in the 1870 Census. They lived in Dist. #5-Piketon, acc. to that cens. In 1900 Census he's listed as Daniel (ne Mar. 1835) but no James listed in 1900 Census; A.J. Ratcliffe (sic) acquired 50 acres on Horse Ford Br. (sur. 11/22/1860) (Bk. 66, P. 206) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1622); In 1910 Census James Howard (27) is listed as living in the upper Johns Creek dist. But no Jim or James Howard is listed in 1870, 1880, or 1900 Cens'
JIM HOWARD BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Confirmed that it was called Horseford. Jim Howard was informant's mat. grandfather and he inherited the creek from his uncle. (This) Here was a low-running ford which was easy to cross by horseback. The Howard family kept a boat and would bring people across. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989;
JIMMIE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): A Russell Fk. trib. Was there a Jimmie Ratliff for whom this could have been named for this land was owned by Ratliff's heirs: e.g. Thomas Ratliff. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. and Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908);
JOE PO (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name=Joes Creek.
7/18/1882 James H. Scott. 4½ mi. w. of Bent Branch. On the e. bank of (ie. on) Johns Cr.
11/21/1886 W.O.B. Dixon, on the n. bank of Johns Creek and on the e. bank of Joe Creek. (sic) (Site Location Report);
JOE (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 8/1/1882, James H. Scott; 1/22/1883, John M. Scott...1/7/1899, Roscoe Scott; Disc. eff. 10/31/1904 (mail to John) (NA); Is this opp. the mouth of Joe's Creek? Acc. to 1889 and Clift's PO maps (1893) it's on the n. bank of Johns cr. Five mi. w. of Bents Br. (Acc. to Rand McN. Atlas, 1889); At or close by the later po of Mayflower; In 1896 this po was 1 mi. fro Joes Creek (i.e. w. of Joes Creek), on Johns Creek and 4 road mi. from John PO. It was originally intended to be called Joes Creek. (Site location report); On Scotts Branch (c. 1 ½ mi. above the mouth of Joes Br. (Dorcas Hobbs, 2/7/1989);
JOE BONNER FORK OF
(Pike Co., Ky): No Bonner listed in 1870-1900 Censuses; Adelaide Sanders acquired land on this c.1900. Acc. to 1900 Census, Adelaide (sic) was Mrs. J.B. Sanders. He was ne 9/1857 and she was nee 5/64. They lived in the Forks E.D.; This is probably Joe Boner Fk. of Greasy Creek which is erroneously identified as Joe Brown Fk. on the top. maps. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
JOSEPH BONER F.K. OF GREASY CREEK (Pike Co.):
Named for Jos. Boney or Boner. A Rev. War vet. from NC who died in Pike Co. in 1826. His widow, Sarah or Sally, later married Winright Adkins, son of Henry Adkins (c.1775-c.1854). They wed 7/5/1849. (Jos. T. Daniels, ADKINS OF E. KY. & SURROUNDING AREAS, 1988, P. 6); Where is this?
JOES FORK OF GREASY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Henry Adkins (ne c. 1799 in Va.), son of
Winright Adkins, and grandson of Henry Adkins
acquired 50 acres on this stream on 8/12/1851.
Winright owned much land on Greasy Creek in
the 1820-s-1840s. (Jos. T. Daniels, ADKINS OF
E. KY. & SURROUNDING AREAS, 1988, P. 6); Is
this Joe Brown Creek on cont. published maps?
The above came from (Pike-Ge) Book 36, P. 350,
acc. to Jillson, Ky. Land Grants, 1971, P. 957);
JOES' BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Wm. Mullins and Reubin Mullins acquired land here in 1873 and 1883. (Jillson, 1971, II, Pr 1526-7);
JOES' BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): May have been named for Joe Justice who was raised on it. Aka Granny's Branch but dk why. (Marie & David Justice, 3/25/1989);
Could JOES CREEK have been named for Joseph Smith Baisden, son of John Smith Baisden. He acquired indentures from Hammon Williamson, Moses Maynor, Allen and Thomas Pinson, John Williamson for separate tracts of land on Johns Creek, Jan. to Aug. 1815, and from John Bevins 8/1814. On 3/23/1811 he acquired from his father a deed for one tract (1899 acres) and another tract (3000 acres), both on Johns Cr. In Jan. 1819 he deeded land (100 acres on Johns Creek) to Zachariah Phillips. (Deed Books A,B, Floyd Co.); Allen Pinson lived at the mouth of Bent Br. and Henry Pinson, his bro. (they were sons of prog. Thos. Pinson), lived at the mouth of Joes Creek (Scalf); John Williamson
acquired land and lived on Lawson Br. of (upper) Johns Creek (Alley, 1962); Baisden's land was in the vic. of Meathouse, on upper Johns. He deeded land to Maynard 1815-8; Martin Mims acquired 50 acres on Jues Creek (sic) (2/28/1833) (Bk. 2, P. 396) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 646);
JOES CREEK (Pike Co.) (F460) 37°33'20" (Lat), 82°30' (Long); Branch of Johns Creek. Hiram Stratton acquired 75 acres here (1/27/1842) (Bk. 10, P. 87) and 150 acres (2/30/50) (Bk. 33, P. 557) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1674); and add: acreage there in the 1850s...(Ibid.); He's buried on Joes Creek; Henry Pinson and his 2nd wife Mary (nee Lewis) Pinson lived at the mouth of Joe's Creek (sic). No Joes among their offspring. (Scalf, The Pinson Family, Part II, EK Vol. 5 (1), 3/70, Pp. 3-6, 5); Several Williamsons acquired land on Johns and Joes Creeks in the 1840s (Jillson); Joes Creek was identified by 1824 (Jillson, P. 233).
JOHN (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 9/5/1882, Thos. J. Ford; 5/6/1890, Thos. B. May...Disc. eff. 11/15/1927 (mail to Gulnare) (NA); On the n. bank of Johns Creek, in the bottom just above the mouth of May Farm Br, 2 miles above Gulnare; Named for John Leslie, pion. settler. (Scalf, KLF, P. 542); The first name offered for this po was Cane Grove but it was rejected by the POD. Thos. Ford, the 1st pm, signed the pet. (site location rept) Ford pet. for the po on 7/15/1882. On 4/3/1900 Sarah Narcissus Bevins pet. to move the po 2 mi. up Johns Cr. On 4/18/1911 Virgie May pet. to move it ½ mi. e.) to a site 2½ mi. above Gulnare. (Ibid.); of the creek.
JOHN (Pike Co., Ky): Was at the mouth of Millers Creek of Johns Creek and was named for John Leslie, local farmer. (Scalf "Strong on Geog?--Then Where is Shumla? FCT, 9/21/1967, II, P. 8);
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JOHN (Floyd Co., Ky.) p.o. named for John Leslie, an old resident. He died after the turn of the century. On Johns Creek. He was called "Blind John." (Acc. to Henry P. Scalf, personal interview at his home, 4/21/1971)
JOHN BROWN FORK (of Box Fork of Robinson Cr.)
(Pike Co.) (F735) 37°21'45"(Lat), 82°39'45"(Lo
Named for John Brown who settled on branch.
He came here from Va. and married into the
Newsom (sic) family. He was gt. grandfather of
Robert Newsome (cf Newsome Br.)(from the gt.
gt. grandson of John Brown, 10/16/1974, acc. t
Leonard Roberts); Named for an early settler
but dk anything about him. (Lawrence Newsom,
Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
JOHN DAMRON BRANCH (probably) of Caney Creek (Shelby Cr.) (Pike Co., Ky): John P. Roberts is said to have acquired 50 acres on a John Damron Br. (surv. 8/15/1868) (Bk. 75 P. 285) (JilTson, 1971, P. 1639) John P. ne 1843 & wife Fanny J. (nee ca. 1841) lived betw. Wm. Kinney (54) & wife Sally (62) and Spurlock Damron (32) and nr. some Bartleys and beyond them Harrison Newsom (30) & wife Littany (24) (This was in 1870); In 1880 John P. Roberts lived in mouth of Caney prec. not too far from John Damron, Sr. (68) & wife Nancy (59).
Right Fork of Peters Creek

JOHN GREER BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): DK what it is a branch of since it's not shown on any top. map or in Field. Named for its first settler who, by 1970, was still living, then over 100 yrs. old. (Patsy Bowling for Leonard Roberts, 1970); John Greer Hollow on Beefhide Creek, on the se side, above Phillips Br. Named for a resident. His daughter, Elli Greer still lives there. (Frances Sowards, interview, 4/8/1989);

Acc. to 1900 Census, John Greer was a Tenn.-born farmer who was ne 2/1858; Acc. to 1880 Census, John Greer, 27 & wife Eliz. lived next to John Mullins (65) and not far from Abel Tackett. (46) Greer was born in NC;
JOHN 'HALL' HILL (or John Anic Hall Hill) (Pike Up Booker Fk. of Caney Creek, Betw. Booker Fk. and Virgie. (Lawrence Newsom & Oma/Robt. Branham, interview, 7/29/1989);
/JOHN HOLLOW (on Levisa) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for John Sword who owned the land. (Cleo Huffman, Pikeville, Ky., his grand daughter, letter 9/28/1989);
JOHN MOORE'S BRANCH (of Russell Fork of Levisa Fk. of the BSR) (Pike Co., Ky): Behind the Elkhorn City schoolhouse. Named for the first person to build his home there. (Source: Mrs. John W. Moore of Elkhorn City, to her daughter, Vicki Moore of P.O. Box 531 Elkhorn City, Ky. for Leonard Roberts, 1970)

A.C. Petterson acquired 2.870 acres on John Moores Branch which was surveyed 10/28/1869 (Book 76, P. 67) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1583);
JOHN RAY BRANCH OF INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co. Ky): S. side branch ½ mile below Anderson Fk. Named for resident. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); John H. Ray acquired 50 acres on Rays Br. (12/14/82) (Bk. 105, P. 23). (Jillson, 1622); John H. Ray (53) and other Rays lived in Shelby Dist. in 1910 not far from Henry & Preston Newsom & Sam'l. R. Owens and nr. Abbey E. Tackett (25); John Ray was ne 3/1854. Wife was Liza (nee 12/77) and children incl. Wm. & several girls. He may have lived on lower Indian Creek; He may have been son of John W. Ray (ne Va. age age 62 acc. to 1870 Census) Lived with son John (15) in that vic.;
John Ray acquired 50 acres on Shelby Creek (12/22/1825) (Bk. W, P. 3) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 694); John Ray acquired 50 acres on Indian Creek (9/21/1834) (Bk. F-2, P. 212) (Ibid.); John W. Ray acquired 50 acres on Little Fork of Robinson Creek (12/10/1833) (Bk. F-2, P. 213) (Ibid.).
JOHN YOUNG BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky) at Varney PO.
John Young acquired 500 acres on Trace Fork (1/29/1847) (Bk. 26, P. 53) and 50 acres on Old Trace Fork (3/5/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 318) and 200 acres at forks of Rockhouse (3/5/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 319). (Jillson, 1971, P. 1842);
Acc. to 1850 Census, John Young (then age 35, me Va.), a farmer, lived next door to Absolem Young (age 95, NC born, farmer) and his wife Susan (nee Va. and age 56). They lived nr. Allen Tailor (sic) (38) and not far from Geo. Bevins (42) and wife Nancy and their son Geo. N.D. Bevins (6). John Young also lived next
door to Nath'l. B. Low (sic) (39), the Va-born father of Orrison P. (2). Nath'l. Low lived next door to Allen Tailor. Not too far was Orrison R. Low (42), John Stepp, and John Burgett. In 1870 Census, John Young was listed as age 61. No listing for him in the 1860 Census. No mention of John W. Young in 1850-1880 Censuses. Youngs lived in Varney area (Walter Parsons, 7/15/1989).
JOHNS CREEK (Floyd, Johnson, and Pike Co's, Ky.) Ninety-nine miles in length. Empties into the Big Sandy (Levisa) 8 miles above the mouth of Paint Creek on the J-F Co. line. Source near the heads of the Levisa and Tug Forks and flows between and roughly parallel with them. Mostly in Floyd Co. (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 171); John Graham acquired 108 acres on Johns Creek (2/20, 1812) (Bk. 18, P. 291) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 178).
JOHNS CREEK (Floyd-Pike intercounty feat.) is about 30 mi. long. Nothing mentioned in Scalf's KLF about the origin of this name or if it referred to Thos. Johns, pioneer of that family in the upper BSV.; Could Johns Creek have been named for John Sellards who had settled (with his family) on Buffalo Creek in 1794? Or for John Leslie, bro. of pion Wm. Robt. Leslie (and uncle of Robt. Leslie)? Or for John Preston? Did John Preston own any Johns Creek land before 1900?; Acc. to the late Bob Williamson (who was 87 yrs. old some 20 yrs. ago) and bro. to Paul, a John (dk his
last name) took a patent on the creek. When it was surveyed the creek assumed his name. Uncle Bob lived in Louisa for a number of years, returning to Brushy Creek before he died. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tele. interview, 8/17/1989); Could it have been named for John Rogers of Fayette Co. John McConnell of lower Johns Creek is mentioned as a witness in 8/18/1810 deed from Rogers to Wm. & Walter McCoy of Floyd Co. for 100 acres tract on Johns Creek;
JOHNS CREEK HIGH SCHOOL (Pike Co. (F460))
37°35'10" (Lat), 82°29'20" (Long); Burned down.
All remains destroyed by Taylor & Lowe Mining Co. (Leonard Roberts);
JOHNS CREEK MT. (Pike Co., Ky): Betw. the head of Right Peter and the head of Johns Creek. Dicks Knob is on this. (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
JOHNSON BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): on Peter Creek. Named for Peyton Johnson, owner. Some of his land was bought by a coal company across from Freeburn mine tipple. (Geraldine Davenport, "John Wolford, Sr." PIKE CO., KY. 1821-1987, HIST'L. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. Hist. Soc., Pikeville, Ky., 1987, Pp. 185-91, P. 188);
JOHNSON HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): is the name of the right hand fork of Harold Branch (of the Levisa), just above Pleasant Val. (Sherman Carter, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 8/16/1989);
JOHNSON CEMETERY (Pike Co.): (F561w) (#98-578)
37°26'45" (Lat), 82°31'30" (Long); Jip Johnson
owned land on the right side of the N. Mayo
Trail. Willed land to his grandchildren. O.T.
Hinton, et al. incorporated Cem. and named it
for Johnson. Mausoleum there named for Hinton.
(Leonard Roberts);
(WILLIAM) JOHNSON(S) FORK OF LONG FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Johnson acquired 130 acres on this which were surveyed 3/26/1856 (Bk. 48, P. 109) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1395); and 200 acres on same (3/26/56) (Bk. 48, P. 110) (Ibid.) and 160 acres on same (3/26/58) (Bk. 48, P. 111) (Ibid.) and 190 acres on Road Fk. of Johnson Fork (3/26/1858) (Bk. 48, P. 108) (Ibid.).
JOHNSON SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): One room sch. on Long Fork of Shelby. Frances Sowards called it the Ben Johnson School. Ben F. Johnson Pike Co. businessman and extensive landowner ne 1/31/1854 and died 7/27/1931. (Marie R. Justice, ONE MULLINS FAMILY, Pikeville, 1983, P. 26); On land donated by Benj. Franklin Johnson, rich landowner and storekeeper, who lived just below there. His store was in vic. Worked for John C.C. Mayo. Father of G eo. F. Johnson, namesake of consol. sch. on Long Fk. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Closed c. 1965. At one time called the Lower Etty Sch. (Sowards, letter, 4/18/89);
JOINERS: BR. OF KNOX CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): No listing of any Joiners in 1850-1870 Censuses;
JONANCY (Pike Co., Ky): Named by Mack Andrews for two friends or acquaintances. He came to work at a coal co. (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, Ky., letter to me, 4/14/89; Named by coal co. officials but long time pm Mrs. Florence Osborne "could not give me any answers" about whom it was named for. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
JONANCY (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#98-581) 

/ 37°18'45" (Lat), 82°35' (Long); Named for Jonancy Osborne. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Joh/nan/see") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 11/7/1919, Walter G. Andrews...(NA); Named for an old couple, Joe and Nancy, who ran the po years ago. DK their last name. Commu. is about 1 1/2 mi. long on a main road. Elswick Branch is the only "hollow" in the commu. There were 3 stores & a po there by mid. or late 1960s. Elswick Hol.=c.1 mi. in length. (Term paper by Lonnie Johnson for an English course, Virgie H.S., c. late 1960s, sent to me by school's principal, Fred W. Cox, 2/28/1969);
JONANCY (Pike Co., Ky): "This coal town extends for about a mi. along US23/119 but is centered at its po just below the mouth of Elswick Br. of Shelby Creek, 10½ mi. s. of Pikev. It was founded just after WWI by the Ky. Block Fuel Co. and, with its po, est. 11/7/1919, with Walter G. Andrews, pm, was named for 2 employees, Joe Hudson, a bookkeeper, and Nancy Ratliff, a timekeeper." acc. to Linda Bartley. (Book, Pp. 154-5); In 1919 pet. the name prop. was Ellwood but apparently unacceptable. (Site Loc. Rept); W.G. Andrews was Gen'l. Mgr. of the Ky. Block Fuel Co. of Jonancy, Ky. (J.W. Hall, Tales o the Mts., 1922, P. 11);
JONANCY (Pike Co.): Named in 1918. At that time the Ky. Block Fuel Co. had a large coal mine in the vic. They named the new po for a pr. employees, Joe Hudson, bookkeeper, and Nancy Ratliff, timekeeper. (Linda Bartley, pm, in a letter to Delphine Haley, 6/30/1975); In 1917 the Ky. Block Fuel Co. built a sidetrack, po, commissary, and rr sta. for the Elwood (sic) mining Camp. PO was named for one of the firm' officials, Joe, and his little daughter, Nancy. (Source: Mrs. Nora Smith, 12/14/1970, to a Pikeville student, for Leonard Roberts);
JONANCY (Pike Co.): Before po est. 1919 this was a small mining commu. around the Ky. Bloc Fuel Co. PO was named for the company's bookkeeper Joe Hudson and its time-keeper, Nancy Ratliff. The company had a large coal operation there and needed a nearer p.o. They were responsible for obtaining the p.o. The place was earlier called Beatrice, Ky. Still a coal town. The location of the po changed several times. Now: c.180 families, several gro. stores, chu., crafts shop, beauty shops, apo.

(Linda Bartley, pm letter to me, 11/21/80.)

dependent on coal.
JONANCY (Pike Co., Ky). The Beatrice po was moved to Elwood over the objections of Dr. Wm. H.C. Johnson (q.v.-Beatrice). The name of the po was then changed to Jonancy by a Mr. Wagner who was super. of local coal co. and named for his 2 nieces. ("Some Records of Dr. W.H.C. Johnson" submitted by R.T. Johnson as part of prog. at Pike Co. His. Soc. meeting on 2/13/1967, and repro. in PIKE CO., KY. 1821-1983 HIST'L. PAPERS #5 1983, P. 30); No Jonancy Osborne listed in the 1900 or 1910 Censuses;
JONES CHAPEL (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#98-586)
37°22′15″(Lat), 82°35′(Long); A Reg'l. Bapt. Church on Robinson Creek. (Leonard Roberts);
A Meth. church built by Nathaniel Jones in early 19 cent. A Reg'l. Bapt. Chu. is now buil­
nr. the site. (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, Ky., letter to me, 4/14/1989); N.T.
Jones acquired 50 acres on Little Fork of Robinson Cr. which were survey 4/6/1871. (Bk.
98, P. 386) and as Nath'l. Jones acquired 4½ acres on same (sur. 10/13/1905) (Bk. 122, P.
102) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1408) Or were these 2 different Jôneses?; Named for the Rev. Nath'l
Jones. Meth. chu. On e. side of main rd., just s. of 122. Diag. across the rd. from the
road up little Rob. Crn.
present Robinson Creek Bapt. Chu. Extinct. Bldg. torn down in the early 1920s. Maps errs in locating it at site of the Bapt. chu. The latter is a new rick bldg. on hill overlooking the highway. (Lawrence Newsom, Rob Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); ne 5/1930(1960);
Jones Fork of Feds Creek and Jones CEM. at Feds creek, Ky. (Pike Co., Ky): May have been named for Jesse J. Jones (1831-1913). He was born in Johnson Co., Tenn. and died 2/23/1913. He moved to Feds creek in 1859. (Acc. to "Descendants of Jesse Jones of Feds creek" comp. by Mary E. Miller, etal. in Pike County Kentucky 1821-1980, Hist'L. Papers Number Four, 1980, pp. 36-55); In the 15 min. Hurley top. map (1915) this stream is given as Righ Fk. of Feds Creek; Jesse Jones acquired 100 acres on the right hand fork of Feds Creek (sur. 11/6/1857) and another 100 acres on the left hand fork (sur. 11/6/57) (Bk. 52, pp. 304-5) (Jillson, 1971, p. 1404);
John Thacker acquired 100 acres here (8/27/1851) (Bk. 37, P. 452) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1748); John was the son of Absalom Thacker who had acquired land on Louisa & Upper Pompey in 1857 and 100 acres on Thackers Branch (5/15/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 235) (Ibid.); John also acquired 100 acres on Jonican (5/25/59) (Bk. 58, P. 151) (Ibid.); is "John Acorn" corrupted from Jonican?
JOPPY (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 8/4/1880, Henderson Scott; Disc. 8/13/1884 (papers to Shumla, Floyd Co.) (NA); 4 mi. nw of Bent Branch po (Acc. to Rand McN. map, 1889; thus in the extreme nw part of Pike Co.); The name first requested for this po was New Salem by Henderson Scott, pm-designate who signed the pet. On Brushy Creek. (Acc. to the site location report); On the n. side of Brushy, just s. of the Martin Co. line, nne of Gulnare (1891 US atlas); Acc. to 1884 Postal Rte. map, it was on Brushy Fk. 6 mi. from Shumla PO. This would put it at or slightly below the mouth of Scott Br.
Dont know of a Joppy PO or why it would have been so named. DK of any such named church in the area. Henderson Scott was son of Andrew Scott who was the son of Wm. Scott who had settled at the mouth of Sycamore c. 1803. He & wife Eliz. McCoy were progenitors of Scotts on Johns Creek. (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/1989) Henderson "Hence" Scott was ne 1841 and marr. Rebecca Maynard. A son John Henderson Scott, marr. Lula Millis. The latter's children incl. John Henderson, Jr. Jos. Brumley Scott. (Trudy, P. 270);
Henderson Scott, a farmer, age 68, listed in 1910 Census, Lower Johns Creek Dist. Wife was Rebecca and son John, 20, a school teacher; Could Joppy have been named for a church (as in Joppa Old Reg. Bapt. There's one in Floyd Co.); Henderson Scott lived at the mouth of Sycamore, at Gulnare. John Scott, Henderson's only son, was later Pike Co. jailer. When Henderson died, John continued operating the store. He later moved to Pikev. John's sons were Joe & Dr. John Scott. DK why Joppy got its name tho' he'd heard of this PO. Never heard of a Humpy John. Henderson's son was not humpbacked. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/89
JOSEPH RUNYON HOLLOW (on Road Fork of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): One of the two head forks (the east one) of Road Fork. Named for a local resident. (Rev. Jos. I. Smith, W. Williamson, WVa, and pastor of Aflex Meth. Chi interviewed, 9/2/1989); The other (west) fork is called Tivis Rose Hol. (Tihv/as) At the head of the latter is Charley Elswick Hol. (Ibid.); The left fork of Road Fork is called Chapman Fork for local family. (Chas. Pauley, Forest Hills, Ky., tel. interview, 9/13/89);
JOSH HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): DK why named and
dk if aka Ad Branch. (Dorothy Smith of
Mudlick Br., interview, 8/26/89); Adron
Runyon (1801-1859) was called "Uncle Add". Ne
Tazewell Co., Va. 6/14/1801. To Pond Creek
with parents John & Betsy-?) in 1811 or short
ly thereafter. Add marr. Jane Maynard, d. of
Moses, in 1824. Add was granted 1192 acres of
Pond Creek coal & timber land and bought othe
tracts there. Was J.P. from 1847-1857. Calee
Squire Runyon. Died 7/14/1859. He & wife are
buried in the Pond Creek Bapt. Chu. Cem. (Rol
& Amos Runyon, Runyon Geneal., Brownsville,
Texas, 1955, P. 25);
AD BRANCH OF NARROWS: BRANCH (of Blackberry Br. of Pond Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Named for Adron Runyon who lived at the mouth of Meetinghouse Br. of Pond Creek, nr. Belfry, and would walk across the mt. and down Ad Branch hunting and fishing. He was father of John Compton Runyon and thus grandfather of Joseph Adron Runyon. Adron was an area Justice of the Peace and died in 1859. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); (Was this aka Josh Hollow?) Given on published maps as Josh Hollow but branch was once called Ad Branch. May have been named for Joshua Butcher who, at age 28, was living with his brother, Allen Butcher at acc.to 1880 Census.
a site at or near the mouth of this branch.
(Clyde Runyon, letter, 2/23/1989); Acc. to the
1850 Census, Adron Runyon was age 49, ne in Va.
and owned 2500 acres. He lived betw. Wm. McCoy
and Reuben Rutherford and nr. Thos. Hunt and
Wm. Taylor, Wm. May, Jas. Blackburn, & Jas. &
Aron Low. (sic); Stearl Hatfield dk of a Josh
Hol. (interview, 8/12/1989); Joshua Butcher
(28) & Lewis Trout lived with Joshua's bro.
Allen Butcher (33) betw. Jas. M. Scott (40) &
Dan'l. Scott (64) with wife Nancy in Blackberr;
E.D. Nearby were John Murphy (32), Jas. McCoy
(29), Stephen Adkins (50), other Scotts, McCoys
incl. Randolph & Sarah;
JULIUS BR. OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): May earlier have been called Bellsford Branch since, acc. to Jillson, 1971, P. 1806, Julius had acquired 204 acres on this (4/1/1856) (Bk 49, P. 164); Julius Williamson ne 1843, the youngest child of Benj. and Susan (Walker) Williamson. Lived in the present S. Williamson and left no issue (Jos. Alley, 1962, P. 92); He married Zettie Butcher (Ibid., P. 32); Julius C. Williamson acquired 93 acres on Retherfords Br. of Tug Fk. (10/27/1894) (Bk. 118, P. 108) and 107 acres on same (10/27/94; (Bk. 118, P. 109) and Wallace J. Williamson acquired 157 acres on same (10/28/94) (Bk. 1: P. 110) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1807);
Julius Williamson (26), a lumberman, lived betw. Jas. Slater (28) and Lucinda Maynard (50) and near Elijah Mullins (37), Wm. Slater (50), Elijah Miller (46), Wm. H. Jackson (44), a blacksmith, Geo. W. Gilbert (50), a storekeeper, and other storekeepers, incl. Jacob Smith. (So it was on Tug Fork, nr. mouth of Pond). Reatherfords lived in the area too. (1870 Census); No Julius mentioned in 1880 and 1900 Censuses; ("Dju/las") is now called New Camp Branch for mine and camp owned by the N&W RR and its Pond Creek Collieries. The coal camp there was called New Camp. The co. sold the homes and they are now owned by their residents. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br., interview, 8/26/89.)
JULIUS BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): named for Julius C. Williamson who owned the whole watershed of this stream. He was an uncle of informant's great grandfather. Spent most of his life trying to domesticate ginseng, but unsuccessfully. An unsuccessful attempt was made to rename this New Camp Creek for a coal camp on its banks est. and identified. cWWI as New Camp on land leased by the N&W RR. (WJW has extensive notes on this).... An east side branch of this stream is Murphy Branch for John Murphy who was a squatter or tenant of Julius. The rr tried to rename this Happy Valley for the name of a camp maintained there by the
Girl Scouts or a 4-H club or some such. A west side branch is Oil Well Hollow for an oil well drilled in the late 19th cent. but did not produce very much. "The oil well from which the name comes was drilled in the last century, and did not produce enough oil to pay the driller. He kept striking gas, considered merely a nuisance at the time, though there are a number of producing gas wells there and elsewhere on the track now." Julius Williamson did not acquire his land in there until the early 1860s so his stream may have had an earlier name. He inherited the land. (Wallace J. Williamson III, Ashland, Ky; letter to me, 7/14/1971);
The old JUSTICE CEMETERY (family) on Grapevine Creek, Pike Co., was relocated to the Anna Young Cemetery with the coming of the Fishtrap Reservoir. (E.KY. Vol. 19 (2), Sept. 1983, P. 20);
JUSTICEVILLE (Pike Co.) (F466c) (#98-591) 37°25' (Lat), 82°27' (Long); Commu. est. 1934 by Wm. E. Justice. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Dj(uh)s/t(is)s/v(ih)l") Acc. to Ely, the Justice family settled there in 1787 on Justice Bottom, 10 mi. above Pikeville. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); After he developed Garden Village (q.v.), Wm. E. Justice (a native of nr. Millard, one of 12 children of Flem Justice. Prin. of Millard Ele. Sch.) developed a site betw. G.V. and Millard and called it Justiceville. A river bottom development of middle income housing. (cf G.C. Taliff article in ADI on Justice, c 1952, acc to Ratliff.)
JUSTICEVILLE (Pike Co.): Founded by W.E. Justice in 1946 and was named for McClelland Justice, from whom he purchased the land. W.E. was born 12/7/1907 and died 5/1977. (Leonard Roberts in letter to me, 11/12/1980, from info. obtained by Alice Kinder);

William Justice was that family's Pike Co. prog. Justice arr. Pike Co. 1787 from Pittsylvania Co., Va. Settled in what is since known as the Justice Bottom, 10 mi. above Pikev. The Justices were large land and slave owners. (Wm. Ely, THE BSV, 1887, P. 238);
KATE' CAMP BRANCH OF ROAD FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): A lady named Kate (no one recalls her last name) ran a logging camp and cooked for the men. It was called Kate's Camp Branch. Can't find out anything more about it. This was in the 19th cent. (Chas. Pauley of Forest Hills, Ky., tel. interview, 9/13/89);
KATE CAMP BRANCH OF ROAD FORK (of Pond Creek) (Rike Co., Ky): DK of this name. Heard this was called Right Fk. of Road Fork. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);

Gunnel Hol. of Kate Camp Branch (probably of Road Fk. of Pond since Richard Keesee owned land here.) Richard's wife was Judith. He died 1848. Richard Keesee's grandson, Hammon Goosling was left land by Rich'd in his will, July 1848 on Kate Camp Br. of Road Fk. So this name goes back to 1848. Richard's son-in-law was Reuben Rutherford;
Never heard of a Kate Camp Br. Locally known as Williamson Hollow for Harve Williamson, a resident. DK who he was the son of but he was father of Roy Williamson. (Jar. Smith, 9/2/89)
KATE FORK OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK who named for. Probably some local lady. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
KETTLECAMP (Branch of Elkhorn Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): (F309s) Named for the many old kettles found here that were allegedly left by some Indians. (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts; Kettle Camp is c. 2 mi. up Elkhorn Creek. Named for old kettles found there where Indians had camped and used them to gather sugar from sugar maples. (Source: Ralph Childers, 73, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts); Kettlecamp Nbr. (F765sw) and a Kettlecamp Chu. (F309s); John Ramey acquired 100 acres on it (sur. 2/13/43) (Bk. 11, P. 189; (Jillson, 1971, P. 1618);
Something was boiled in big kettles but doesn't recall what or by whom. The Kettlecamp Church is now called Pine Grove Reg. Bapt. Church.
KEWANEE (Pike Co.): (pron. "Kee/w(ah)n/ee") Indian name. On the rr betw. Pikeville and Shelby Creek. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 8/8/1908, Stephen H. Ramey... Disc. 12/15/1919 (mail to Upper Marlboro); Re­est. 3/1/1920, Wm. M. Coleman; Disc. eff. 4/15 1925 (mail to Fords Branch) (NA); Could this name have been corrupted from that of the Ky. W.Va. & Va. Coal Co.? Kewanee Coal Mining Co. c.1916; David Coleman owned the Kewanee Coal Co. mine 4 mi. from Pikev. on 500 acres, c.1925 and earlier. (See Pike Co. NEWS 5/1/25, (Chapman, Diss., 1945, P. 244); ("Kee/wahn/ee" Marie Justice, 3/25/89);
KEWANEE (Pike Co., Ky): Kewanee Coal Co. of Kewanee. J.A. Scott, Pres., Pikeville, Ky. 12 company-built homes for miners there. (Acc to 1910 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 212); Named for a comm. in a northern state, perhaps Ill. cf Cleo (Mrs. Barry) Huffman, of Pikeville. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
Named for Kewanee, Ill. Evidently, the ones who started the mines came from there, 82 yrs ago. (Cleo Huffman, Pikeville, letter, 9/28/1989)
KEYSER (Pike Co.): Keyser Coal Co. whose president was Chas. M. Keyser. PO=Mossy Bottom, Ky. and Keyser, Ky. was the shipping pt. The mine was 5 mi. w. of Pikeville on the Big Sandy Div. of the C&O RR. A drift mine. (ANNUAL REPT. OF THE DEPT. OF MINES OF THE STATE OF KY. FOR THE YR. 1914, 139-40); Keyzer (ch. spelling) ("Kee/zer") Named for Chas. Keyzer, a coal operator and native of Morgan Co. He was organizing mines there in the early 1920s. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); C.M. Keyser was superintendent of Keyser Coal Co. at Keyser p.o. (sic) c.1925; a native maybe of Morgan Co., Ky.
KEYSER (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 5/15/1916, Myrtle L. Keyser; 5/8/1922, George J. Sanders Jr.; Disc. eff. 12/31/1926 (mail to Big Shoal) (NA); Named for C.M. Keyser, a coal operator. (T.M. Riddle, Asst. PM, Pikeville, Ky., in letter to Wm. Gladstone Steel, 4/19/1930); Keyser Coal Co. of Keyser, Ky. with Chas. M. Keyser, Gen'l. Mgr. (J.W. Hall, Tales of the Mts. 1922, P. 12);
KEYSER HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION (in KEYSER HOLLOW) (within the present Pikeville city limits, Pike Co., KY): Developed and built by the Ky. Housing Corp. N=45 single family homes or 11 acres that had been owned by the Ky. State Transp. Dept. and sold to the KHC c. 1980 for $200,000. The KHC sold lots to pvt. developers to build homes for sale to their owner-occupants. (R.G. Dunlop, "A New Direction in Housing Brings Renewed Hope to Eastern Ky." LCJ, 10/18/1980, Pp. A1:1-3, A8:1-2);
KIMPER (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 1/15/1891, Lendo Hardin; 11/22/1894, John B. F. Justice, appointment rescinded 9/7/1895; Disc. 8/1/96, (mail to Coleman); Re-est. 8/8/1919, Oma Deskins... (APO) (NA); On 12/20/1890 Lendo Harden pet. for est. of po to be called Field Mill. On Johns Creek. (Site Loc. Rept.)
KING (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 10/31/1898, Sam'l. B. King; 10/28/1899, Orlando Hardin; Disc. eff. 3/15/1900 (papers to Coleman) (NA)
In June 1898 S.M. King pet. for est. of po to be called Lion on Johns Creek, 7 mi. w. of Coleman and 8 mi. e. of Deskin (Site Location Rept.); Thus somewhere in the vic. of the mouth of Long Fk; Sam'l. King was age 31 and lived in the Upper Johns Creek Prec., acc. to 1880 Census; Kings (incl. Sam'l. M. and Jas. (1886-1948)) lived on Johns Creek, above Bent Branch;
KINNEY BRANCH OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
- John Kinney was born in N.C. in 1815 (1870 Census). In 1870 he was living in the Rob. Cr. Enum. Dist. He acquired 100 acres on Rob. Creek in 1871 (Book 8, P. 129) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1422); Is this aka Polly Kinney Branch on which John W. Damron acquired 50 acres that were surveyed on 4/23/1882? (Sk. 103, P. 312 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); This may have been named for a Wm. Kinney who lived on Caney (c.1850 Census); David Branham, Jr. (1779-1849) settled at the mouth of Kinney in the 1820's or 1830. Son James (1804-ca.1870) lived on Caney. In 1870 John V
Kinney (29) & wife Eliz. (27) with son George (4) lived nr. Cornelius & James Roberts, John H. Branham (46), other Branhams, probably on Caney Cr.;
KINNEY BRANCH (of Caney Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F189sw) (#98-604) 37°21' (Lat), 82°32'45" (Lon)
Named for Geo. Kinney. (Leonard Roberts);
David Branham (1799-c.1848) moved to the mouth
of Kinney Br. c.1830. He probably came from
Va. Marr. Eliz. Little, daughter of Isaac June
Little. Their son James Branham was born in
1804 and died c.1870 on Caney Creek. One of
David's daughters, Mary Eliz., married John
Kinney or McKinney in 1834. (Acc. to Mrs.
Earle Stumbo for Henry P. Scalf, "Floyd Co.
Hist'l. Notes" P. 12 of Pp. 1-54 in KY. KIN-
FOLK, pub. 9/1974 by Clarence Shepherd, Dayton.
O. copy in Pikev. P.L. examined by me, 2/25/89
Polly (Homman or Polly)
was many or Polly)
KINNEY BR. OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): N. side trib. just above Polly Kinney Br. and named for Harvey George Kinney (son of John & Polly) and his wife Caledonia ("Kael/dohn/é") who lived there. Later called it Caledonia Kinney Br., ½ mi. above Oldhouse Hol. and thus 3/4-1 mi. above the old Damron PO & ½ mi. below Andy Akers Br. of Rob. Creek. (Lawrence Newsom Rob. Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); In 1860 probably living below Robt & Phena Newsom were John (46) and Polly (43) Kenny (later Kinney) and their children Wm. R. (20), John W. (18), David (12) and Harvey G. (4); In 1870 Robt. & Phena lived next door to Wm. & Rebecca Kinney;
Harvey Geo. Kinney (given as Geo. Kinsky in 1900 Census) was born 6/1856, and was son of John & Polly Kinney (nee c. 1814 and 1817). He and wife Caldona (nee 6/1862) lived above Leonard T. Damron and below Jos. Hopkins and Robt. (Thursa) Newsom on (Little) Robinson Cr. In other words, the branch was ½ mi. above the Damron PO and c. 1 mi. below the later Biscuit PO. Acc. to 1910 Census, the widow Caldna (sic) Kinney (47) lived with son Geo. W. (17), Hatler (12), etc. in Shelby EN betw. Geo. W. Kinney (41) & Jacob L. Newsom (40). Next to Jacob was widow Phena Newsom (68) with son Albert (22). Then Robt. L. New
som (31) with wife Phena (28). Then Geo. W. Newsom (21). In vic. was Wm. Newsom (27) and beyond him was Robt. (44) and Thursey E. Newsom (45); Andy Akers (44) with Mollie (4) lived betw. Bill Crawford (26) and John Tackitt (33) and next to Marion Little (45). Also in Shelby E.D;
KINNIKINNICK (sic) (Pike Co.) (F78)
37°32'15" to 37°32'30" (Lat), 82°34'45" to 82°35'(Long.); Hollow named for an Indian. Indian burial ground located here and many artifacts were found. (Acc. to a longtime loca resident, since 1910, via Leonard Roberts);
KNOB FORK (of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co.) (F460)
37°31'50" (Lat), 82°28'20" (Long); 1st named
Knob Church after a Church of Christ built
there; then when church closed, the name was
changed to Fork. (Leonard Roberts); Named for
the high knob on the ridge between it and
Buckleys Creek and Stonecoal Creek. (Faye H.
Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/89);
LACKENS BRANCH (stream) (Pike Co.)
37°29'15"(Lat) to 37°30'(Lat), 82°33' to 82°33'15" (Long); Family names (Leonard Roberts);
Lackens should be Lykins, probably for a family. (Marie & David Justice, 3/25/1989);
Given as Lykins Creek in a news story in Pike App. News-Expr. 12/01/1979, P. 1; acc. to Pike Co. 1823 Tax List, John Lycans had 50 acres on Sandy River;
LAND BR. OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Dk where or why so named; may have been at the head of Robinson Cr. Only knowl. of it is from old land grants. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
LANE BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Mays Branch on Crandall 1905 map, P. 89); Could it have been named for Meredith Lar (ne ca. 1811), a resident of that area, acc. 1850 Census;
LANE FORK OF LICK CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Charles Rowe acquired 50 acres on this (sur. 11/4/1857) (Bk. 54, P. 22) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1651);
LANKS BR. OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Had been owned by Ernest Elliott and was sold to Wayne Supply, the Caterpillar dealer. This was Swords land. cf Cleo Huffman. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989); Named for Uncle Lank Moore who lived there for several years. His wife, Aunt Jane, was 100 yrs. old when she died. (Cleo Huffman, Pikeville, Ky., letter, 9/28/1989); Lank Moore (ne 4/1816 in Va. Lived with his wife Jane (nee 5/30) in Pikeville area (1900 Census);
LAUREL BR. OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the profusion of mt. laurel in there. (Albert Bartley, Shelbiana, Ky., interview, 9/13/1989);
LAUREL FORK OF FEDS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
John Mutter acquired 100 acres here (surv. 3/20/1849) (Bk. 30, P. 294) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1530);
LAUREL FORK (of Upper Pigeon Branch of Elkhorn Creek) (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°14'45" (Lat), 82°31'45" (Long); Named for the abundance of mt. laurel growing on this fork. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Profusion of mt. laurel there. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, Upper Pigeon, interview, 4/1/1989);
(Pike Co., Ky): Stearl Hatfield did not know of this po, nor did others of his family or neighbors of whom he had inquired. (letter to me, 8/24/1989): A Jos. Hatfield ne 6/1855 lived in the Blackberry E.D. in 1900 but no family is listed for him. He lived betw Jacob Hatfield (6/55) & wife Margaret and Robt Blankenship (10/73). In the vic. was a Lawson Hatfield (10/78) living with his parents John (10/37) & Nancy (12/40). In 1880 a Jos. Hatfield (40) & wife Armintie lived in Blackberry E.D. betw. Thompson Hatfield (36) & Elias Hatfield (25) & wife Jane. Probably just above Preacher Anderson H.
LAWSOPO (Pike Co., Ky): Confirmed that Lawson Hatfield, Joseph's son, lived below Columbiatown, in Alley Bottom, nr. Ransom PO. Hatfields in that area sold out to Fordson Co. Lawson moved out west. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlic Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview 8/26/1989);
LAWSON (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 3/1/1892, Joseph Hatfield, Sr; 1/16/1895, James B. Hatfield...Disc. eff. 7/14/1906 (mail to Coleman); Re-est. 10/18/1906, Carrie Dotson, order rescinded 3/25/1907; 6/29/1909, H.C. Cline; Disc. 7/30/1910 (mail to Phelps);
Probably on the Left Fk. of Blackberry Creek, nw of Phelps; Could this have been named for Lawson Hatfield, a 1900 Census enumerator in that area? On 6/2/1892 Jos. Hatfield pet. for po to serve Blackberry Creek nghbd, 3 mi. w. of Peter Creek. On 7/24/1903 it was moved 1½ mi. s. to a site ½ mi. s. of Blackberry Cr., 3 mi. nw of Coleman. (Site Loc. Rept);
LAWSON BRANCH OF Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Probably named for James Mont Lawson, originally of Logan Co., WVa. who later lived at the mouth of this branch and was buried in Lawson Cem. His dates: 1835-1881 (Scalf, "Th Bevins Family, Part II" E. KENT.. Vol. 8.(1), 6/1972, Pp. 19-21, 20);
Family (ies) of Lawson lived on Bent Branch, c. 1890. Geo. W. Lawson moved his family from Logan, Va. to Pike Co. before 1860. A brother, James M. was a C.W. soldier who died before 1890. Another bro. was John.... (Dorcas Hobb's "App. Anc." App. News-Expr., 12/22/1979, P. 10:1-3);
LEAD HOLLOW (on Winns Br. of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): "My neighbor, Chas. T. Smith, lives at the mouth of a small stream that empties into Winns Br. He says that for many years it was called Lead Hollow, that Albert Thompson mined lead there during the CW, hauled it to the mouth of Burning Fk. and made lead pellets for use in the war." (Acc. to 5/16/1989 letter from Faye M. Burke of Pikeville, who lives ½ mi. up Winns Branch);
LEFT FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Camp Fork on 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map."; James Damron acquired land on this fork (as Camp Fork) in 1843 and 1848. (Jillso: 1971, Pp. 1171-2);
LESLEYS BRANCH of
Martin Leslie acquired 1400 acres on it which were surveyed 10/26/1844 (Bk. 14, P. 225) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1444);
LESLEY CEM. (Pike Co., Ky): behind the old Lesley homestead at the mouth of May's Br. of Johns Creek, Gulpure, Ky. S.B. Lesley (10/1/1845-5/5/1913) (PIKE CO., KY. 1821-1983, HIST'L. PAPERS #5, P. 49);
The Lesleys arrived at their future homestead at the mouth of Sycamore Creek, on Johns Creek, in vic. of Gulpnare PO on 10/10/1802. Prog. was Wm. Robt. Lesley, then ca. 73 yrs. (mixxwifmxy) his son Robt. & Robt's wife Eliz. (nee Buchanan) Lesley and their then 10 children (they had 5 more later). They came from Va. Wm. died later that yr. Robt. was ne 1763. Robt. is said to have owned all of Johns Creek from the mouth of Sycamore to the mouth of Brushy. He died in 1822. Lesley's Branch was named for them. (LESLEY-LESLIE, WM. ROBT. LESLEY AND ELIZ. BUCHANAN LESLEY & THEIR DESCENDANTS, A HIST. of 200 YEARS IN AM. by Ruth Cleveland Leslie 1956. reprint. 1979. Pn. 13-5)
LEWIS BRYANT'S HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): DK of it
Noah W. Newsom lived on Bear Fk. of Robinson Creek, betw. Straight Fk. and Sam Hall Fk.
(Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Noah W. Newsom acquired 6½ acres in this hol. (8/15/1904) (Bk. 121, P. 314) (Jillson, P. 1555); Lewis Bryant (ne 4/1867) lived in the Coal Run Enum. Dist. in 1900. But in 1900, Noah W. Newsom (ne 3/1863) was living in the Caney Creek Dist. No listing for Bryant in 1910 Census.
OF STRAIGHT Fk. OF BEAR Fk. OF LICK LOG FORK/OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)
Mary E. May acquired 100 acres here (surv. 3/23/1882) (Bk. 102, P. 215) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1479); Mary May acquired 50 acres on Gum Hollow Branch (maybe of Bear Fk-?) (surv. 2/2/1869) (Bk. 75, P. 288) (Ibid., P. 1478); This is correct sp. DK why it's spelled Lick on maps. DK why so named and dk of any licks on it. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
LICKLOG HOLLOW (on Bowling Fork of Marrowbone Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Extending from the s., above Lick Branch. DK why so named. Used to cut big trees. Would cut notches in the trees and fill them with salt for cattle. Also in fallen trees and logs. Also would use these notches like a trough for horses. This might have been derivation of this name. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
LICKS BRANCH OF ABNERS (FK.) (presumably of Ferrells Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Jacob Rowe, Jr. acquired 50 acres here (sur. 1/21/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 85) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1651);
LICK BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Aaron Stepp acquired 142 acres here (2/12/1855) (Bk. 46, P. 424) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1688);
LICK BR. OF DRY FORK (of Shelby Creek): (Pike Co, Ky): DK why so called. Used to be known as McCown Hol. for a local man. (Albert Bartley, a resident, interv., 9/23/1989);
LICK BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Andrew Steele acquired 200 acres here (11/30/1857) (Bk. 57, P. 414) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1690);
LICK BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): 1st stream below Wolfpen Br and above Ams Br. A bear-wallow here, a large pond of water used as an animal lick. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, interview, 4/8/1989);
LICK BRANCH of Marrowbone Creek (Pike Co., Ky): 6 miles up the creek. Named for several deer licks on it. (Source: Nora Coleman Justice, 87, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts)
LICK BRANCH OF ROCKHOUSE FK. (of Paw Paw Creek) (Pike Co., Ky.): Salt lick for sheep and cattle, probably at its mouth. Many sycamore trees in the bottom there. (Margaret Estep & Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/89);
LICK CREEK (Pike Co.): (pron."L(ih)k") Self explanatory. (Eva Powell, 8/16/77); po est. 6/10/1908, Valey Belcher; Disc. 11/30/1912 (mail to Fishtrap); Re-est. 7/14/1915, John M. Belcher...(NA); Deer would come to the head of the creek to lick the salt from the rocks. (Mr. Holly B. Williams, in a letter to Delphine Hale 6/24/1975); The stream by name may have been so known as early as 1787, acc. to a dep. of John Ratliff of Tazewell Co., Va., an early hunter in Pike Co. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 62-3);
LICK CREEK (Pike Co., Ky.): "This hamlet with apo is now on Ky. 1373, just n. of its jct. with US460, 2½ mi. up the creek for which it was named, and 13½ mi. ese of Pikev. The po, est. 6/10/1908 with Valey Belcher, pm, was 1st located at the mouth of the creek, a br. of the Levisa Fk., which site is now under Fishtrap Lake. It was later moved about 1 mi up the creek, and after the creation of the lake was moved to its present spot. The creek was named for a salt lick at its head. On the n bank of Fishtrap Lake is the Lick Creek Sta of the N&W RR." (Book-P. 172)
LICK CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): by name may have been known as early as 1788/9 by hunters in Pike Co. Acc. to a dep. by Harry Stratton in 1817 who claimed he had been told of such a named stream, a trib. of the Louisa Fk. of Sandy; that this name was known to the old hunters at that time and since, and that this creek only bore this name and that no other creek in the area did. That the creek joins the river on the sw. (Sealf, KLF, P. 63);
LICK FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°14'30"(Lat), 82°36'(Long); Flowing from a large rock that was a pop. place for deer to lick. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Booker Mullins acquired 50 acres on Lick Branch (sic) which was surveyed on 7/18/1843 (Bk. 11; P. 194) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1524);
LICK FORK SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F357)
37°14'45"(Lat), 82°36'15"(Long); On Lick Fk. of Beefhide Creek. Discontinued. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
LICK FORK OF JOES CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Hiram Stratton acquired 70 acres here (1/21/1860) (Bk. 65, P. 508) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1674);
LICK FORK OF NARROWS BRANCH (of Blackberry Fk of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Dan'l. Scott acquired 275 acres on it (7/6/1860) (Bk. 60, P. 434) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1527)
LICK FORK OF POWELL CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Geo. Powell acquired 360 acres on this, surv. 2/1/1850. (Bk. 32, P. 376) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1612);
LICK FORK (of Sookeys Creek) (Pike Co.): (F561w) (#98-669) 37°24' (Lat), 82°32'30" to 82°33'(Lon) (Named for the natural salt lick on the fork. (Leonard Roberts); Given as Damron Fork on the Pikeville 15 min. top. map (1916);
LICK FORK OF WINNS BRANCH (of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a salt lick there. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989);
LINN BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): a southside trib. Just below Dunlap PO site. Probably named for the abundance of the lino or linden trees there. (Mary R. Hunt, Phyllis Ky., letter to me, 3/6/1989);
LIONILLI (Pike Co.): The names should have been Sionilli which is Illinois spelled backwards but was accidentally misrecorded by POD. The written "S" looked like an "L". (Robert Sweeney, 11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);

(37°15'30"/Lat), 82°36'45" (Long.) (pron. "L(eye)/an/(ie)l/ee") (Eva Powell, 8/16/77);

Illinois spelled backwards. The "L" was accidently substituted for "S". Probably misinterpreted by POD for the "S" may have looked like an "L". Named by an Ill-bound co., acc. to local resident, a counselor at the Virgie School. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/77);
LIONILLI (Pike Co., Ky): "This recently discovered post office lies 2½ mi. up Beefhide Creek from its confluence with Shelby Cr., 14½ mi. south of Pikeville. The post office was established 12/3/1921 with Benj. F. Wright, postmaster, and was to have been named, at the request of an Illinois-based company, for its state name, spelled backwards. According to local accounts, the name was inadvertently misrecorded by a POD clerk." (Book-P. 174);
LIONILLI (Pike Co.): po est. 12/3/1921, Benj. F. Wright...(NA); Disc. after 1971;
LITTLE BLUE SPRING BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK
(Pike Co., Ky): Given as Big Spring Branch on the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top. map;
LITTLE BRANCH (Pike Co.) (F189Sw) (of Caney Creek-?) 37°20'15"(Lat), 82°33'30"(Long);
Named for Dennis Little, early 19th cent.
(Leonard Roberts): Isaac Little, that family's prog. in Pike Co. was ne c. 1760 in NC and may have been the son of Wm. Little. To Russell Co. Va. Thence, c1800 to Caney Br. of Shelby Creek where he may have died between 1820-1824. His son, Wm. lived on Caney. Wm. was born c. 1785 in Va., a farmer. ("Isaac Little and His Descendants" by Julius Little, 108 Saxon Dr., McMurray Pa. 15317, E.KY. Vol. 21 (1), 6/1985, Pp. 3-5);
Isaac Little, pioneer Shelby Creek land owner granted land to Wm. Little 10/13/1822 (Pike Co. Deed Book A) .
LITTLE CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): is probably the name of the cem. just s. of Jones Chapel. Alvis Little, Millard's father. Alvis married Finetta (Netty), a daughter of old Rob Newsom (son of Frederick) and Phenia. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/89)
LITTLE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): A Shelby Creek trib. Extends nearly 3 mi. ne, then, n, then nw to join Shelby Cr. at Yeager, about 1.7 mi. below Robinson Creek. (Where was the Little Creek PO that operated from 1867 to 1888 when it became Robinson Creek?).... Acc. to Thor May's pet. of 7/2/1883 it was on the w. bank of Robinson Creek. (Site Location Rept): Richard Damron acquired 20 acres on Bill Little Br. of Shelby Creek, surv. 10/20/1860. (Bk. 62, P. 52) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); he also acquired 200 acres on Little Creek (2/21/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 73) (Id.); and 48 acres on Bill Little Br. (4/5/66) (Bk. 69, P. 543) (Id.); and 68 acres on Lick Br. of Shelby (8/11/68) (Bk. 75, P. 92) (Id.).
LITTLE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK why named. DK of any Littles living on it. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
Wm. Little acquired 100 acres on Shelby Cr. (9/20/43) (11-154) and 100 acres on same (12/01/46) (21-377) and 100 acres on same (12/20/48) (28-31) and 200 acres on a branch of Shelby (8/26/58) (57-367) and 200 acres on Trace Fk. of Caney (5/21/1858) (57-420) (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1446-7); Wm. Little, Sr. acquired 14 acres on Caney Creek (6/8/75) (100-257) and 100 acres on Camp Fork (11/3/1882) (104-518) and 100 acres on same (11/3/1882) (104-519). Reuben Little acquired 100 acres on Camp Fk. (11/3/82) (1044-522) (Ibid. P. 1447);
Wm. Little (65) ne Va. & wife Eliz. (45) lived with son Marion, (17), etc. next to Hartwell Newsom (47) who lived next to Davenport Newsom (34) who lived next to Fredric Newsom (36) who lived next to Hugh McCowan & son Thos. (14). Beyond McCowan was John W. Rhea (45) & wife Rebecca (37). But not mentioned was a Dave Tackett or a Younce. (Acc. to 1850 Census). This was probably Little Fk of Robinson Creek);
William Little (ne c. 1785 in Va. and died in Pike Co. on 9/16/1853) lived at the mouth of Caney Creek. He was son of prog. Isaac Little (ne. c. 1760 in Beaufort or Pitt Co., NC and died c. 1823 in Pike Co. and probably buried on Caney or Shelby Creek. He was Little famil prog. on Caney in late 1790s or early 1800s. He owned land there at least by 1815. Wm. to Ky. with Isaac and lived on Caney the rest of his life. (Julius Little, "Isaac Little and His Descendants" 1985, pref. & Pp. 1-2);
Isaac and Winnie Little were that family's Pike Co. progenitors. They arr. Pike Co. betw 1785-1903. Their children included: James Little, Wm. Little (ne 1785 in Va.). Wm. Little rec'd grant of 100 acres on Shelby Creek, 1843-8 and 200 acres of land on a branch of Shelby Creek and 200 acres on Trace Fk. of Caney. DK which Wm. this was, for William, the son of Isaac, had a son Wm., Jr. who was ne 1819. Other children of Wm. Sr. incl: Isaac (ne 1825), John (ne 1829 who marr. Mary Burk), David (ne 1829), Marion (ne 1833), Cornelius (ne 1836), Henry (ne 1837). (Dorcas Hobbs "App. Anc." col. in APP. XPR. 3/30/1977, P.B2 3-4);
Indent. from Booker Mullins to James W. Little for 100 acres tract on Shelby Creek (Floyd Co. Deed Bk. B, 2/15/1821);
LITTLE DIXIE (Pike Co., Ky): On the Right Fk. of Island Creek. "Harry Damron had the p.o. and because it always voted Democratic it was called 'Little Dixie.'" (Dorcas Hobbs, from a phone caller, in letter to me, 5/26/1989);
LITTLE DIXIE (Pike Co.) (commu..) (F561) (#98-686.) 37°27'30"(Lat), 82°33'45"(Long); Named for Confederate camp there. (Leonard Roberts); PO est. 3/1/1947...Disc. 7/30/1955 (mail to Pikeville); ("Linh/cool Dihx/e") (Eva Powell); Harry Damron* (10/19/1907-5/18/1968), son of King Solomon and Lizzie (Sword) Damron of Hurricane Creek, taught at the Little Dixie School and operated Damron's Groc. and the Little Dixie PO for 23 yrs. This store-scho.-po served the Island Creek community. ("Harry Damron: Portrait of an Appalachian School-teacher" 4/1984, ch. 8 of Mark F. Sohn, EDUC. IN APPALACHIA'S CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, 3rd rev., 9/1986, Pp. 238-41); Doubts c.w. comp (Marie Justice, 3/25/89).
LITTLE DIXIE SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): 2 rm. later 3 rm. sch. on Right Fk. of Island Cr. cf Hobert Dye, ne 1932 on Island Creek, c/o BOE, Pike Co. Was prin. of several Pike Co. schools: Feds Cr, Millard, Turkey Creek, and taught at Hellier.
LITTLE FLOCK (Reg'l. Bapt.) CHURCH (Pike Co): On Jonican, below Chimney Rock. (David Justice, 3/25/1989);
LITTLE FORK OF INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Not identified on any published map. Tapsley Tackett acquired 100 acres on this (1/24/1844) (Bk. 14, P. 156) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1742);
LITTLE FORK OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Wm. McCoun acquired 100 acres on it (surv. 2/7/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 76) and 46 more acres on it (4/10/56) (Bk. 54, P. 12) (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1536); Younces and Nathaniel Jones owned land in there. John Ray lived at its head. Later Dave Tackett lived there. Littles lived at the head of it but dk if they were there before the stream was so named. The Little Fork Sch. is gone. A big coal tipple or the Fork. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989)
Could it have been named for Wm. (and wife Eliz.) Little, Va-born son of pioneer Isaac Little? Wm's. dates=1785-1853). Acc. to the 1850 Census, he lived next to Hartwell Newsom (probably on Little Robinson Creek. Or did Hartwell live in Indian Creek?)
James W. Little, son of prog. Isaac Little (1760-1823) married Eliz. May on 6/18/1813. Eliz. was the daughter of Sarah (nee Phillips) and the late John May. James was ne in the 1790s. Eliz. died age 94 and James died in 1862 in Blount Co., Ala. James & Eliz.'s children incl. Reuben Lafayette (ne 1821), John (1826), Robt. (1838). Robt. marr. Eliz. Eliz. was the sister of Thos., Sam'l., and David May. (Isaac Little geneal. P. 4);
LITTLE FORK OF SYCAMORE (CREEK) (Pike Co.): Wade H. Sanders acquired 171 acres here (4/3/1860) (Bk. 83, P. 261) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1660);
LITTLE HATTIE CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): Probably at Dry Fork, on Ky. 195, c. 1 mi. below Venter's (check....) Est. 1925 and named for its co-founder Hattie Coleman Sterling, daughter of H.H. Coleman. Building was erected on land donated by Hattie and her husband, C.B. Sterling. (Acc. to Hattie Sterling, "Hist. of Little Hattie Church" Pike Co. 1822-1976 Histl. Papers No. 2, 1976, Pp. 80-4); C.B. Sterling is Rockhouse mine manager; 200-300 ft. above Dry Fork, on Marrowbone, on the left. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
LITTLE HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Opp. Roberts Hol. on Caney Creek. Named for a local family. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
LIZZIE FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Owned by Dave Newsom. (Law. Newsom & Oma/Robert Branham) but Dave's wife was Dicie and not Eliz. So it couldn't have been named for his wife. (Interviews, 7/29/1989); DK the origin of Lizzie Fk. name. David lived at its mouth. (Oma Branham, Caney Creek, interv., 7/29/1989); Named for Lizzie Case, c. 1854. DK her husband. Silas Case was her grandson. She patented some land in there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
LIZZIE FORK (of Caney Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189sw (#98-696) 37°18'30"(Lat), 82°33'45"(Long); Named for resident, Liz Robinson. Formerly known as Liz's Fork. 1st place in the Caney area to have tin lizzies; there were two of them. (Leonard Roberts); Was this the Lizey Fork that Spurlock Damron acquired 40 acres on that were surveyed on 2/6/1881 (Bk. 100, P. 138) (Jillson 1971, P. 1172)? Was this Lizzies Branch that David Newsom acquired 120 acres on that were surveyed 5/3/1867? (Bk. 72, P. 474) (Jillson, P. 1555); David also acquired 80 acres on Caney that were surveyed that day (Bk. 72, P. 475) (Ibid.).
LONESOME DOVE CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): cf Rev. Don Hatfield on Blackberry Fk. for this and Mudlick too. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
LONG BRANCH (of Island Creek) (Pike Co.) (#98-700) 37°28'30" to 37°29'15" (Lat), 82°34'45" (Long); named for its length. (Leonard Roberts);
LONG BRANCH OF ROCKHOUSE CREEK (of Marrowbone (Pike Co., Ky): Given on top. and st. highway maps as Left Fk. Locally called now Long Br. Aptly named; it's the longest trib. of Rockhouse. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989)
LONG FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Orrison Lowe (sic) acquired 50 acres on Long Branch (sic) which were surveyed 8/31/1847 (Bk. 26, P. 69) and 50 acres on Taylors Br. (one of its tribs.) (10/26/1841) (Bk. 8, P. 526) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1452); Benj. Williamson, Jr. acquired 228 and 353 acres on Long Branch (8/30, 31/1847) (Bk. 24, Pp. 408-9) (Ibid.);
LONG FORK OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Isaac Smith, Jr. acquired 50 acres here (1/1 1846) (Bk. 19, P. 234) (Jillson; 1971, P. 1702); Geo. Stump acquired over 2200 acres here in the 1840s and 1850s. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1739);
LONG FORK OF MILLER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Jos. Johnson acquired land here which was surveyed 2/12/1872 (Bk. 89, P. 11) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1398);
LONG FORK OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): is mentioned in Floyd Co. Deed Book A, 1817; confirmed that Tackett & Johnson were bros-in-law for Wm. Tackett married Amy, the sister of Wm. Johnson. Tackett moved to Long Fork in 1817 (Julius Little, 1985, P. 15); No mention in Jillson (1971) that Johnson had rec'd grant to any land on Long Fork (or Shelby Creek) in 1817 or earlier. But that a William Johnson acquired 161 acres on Beaver Creek, Floyd Co. in 1810; Indent. from John Graham to Thos. Johnson for 50 acres on Long Fk. of Shelby Cr. Wm. Tackett already owned land nearby. (Deed Bl A-Floyd Co. 3/6/1817). Inden. from Graham to Wm. Tackett for 145 acres on Long Fk. (3/6/1817)
LONG FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189s 
(#98-712) 37°19'30"(Lat), 82°36'15"(Long);
Longest branch of Shelby, c. 14 mi. long.
Thus named for its length. (Leonard Roberts);
A branch of Shelby Creek, said to be its longest. Wm. Johnson and Wm. Tackett were the 1st settlers. They were bros-in-law. Tackett had rec'd. a land grant for the lower half of the fork and Johnson for the upper half. (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts); Named for its being the longest fork on the creek. The 1st settlers were bros-in-law, Wm. Johnson & Wm. Tackett. On US23, c. 11 mi. s. of the Shelby Bridge. (Source: Booker Wright, 86, to Arthu: L. Long for L. Roberts).
LONG FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (P'7*35)
37°15'30" to 37°18'30"(Lat), 82°37'30" to 82°43'
30"(Long); So-named because it's the longest
trib. of Shelby Creek, c. 12 mi. long and head-
ing up against Boone Mt. (Leonard Roberts);
The longest fork on Shelby Creek is how it
got its name. 1st settlers: Wm. Johnson and
Wm. Tackett. They had grants for the upper
half and lower half, resp. (Glenn Tackett
collected from Booker Wright, P. 18) Wm.
Tackett bought a farm on Long Fk. in 1817. He
lived there till his death in 1850....("Migra-
tion of Tackett's to Ky." by Kenneth Tackett,
P. 19, 150 YEARS PIKE CO. KY., 1822-1970,
Sesquicentennial Issue, Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc.
Vol. 1, 1972)
Wm. Johnson, son of Tom Johnson, married Luct Ayers (or Akers) and came to Pike Co. from Bell Co., Ky. c.1815 and settled on Long Fk. of Shelby Cr. Tom died in 1828 and is buried at the mouth of Long Fk. Wm.'s children included Bob (ne 1809), Wm. Jr. (ne 1810), Pleasant, and Bailey. Wm. Jr.'s son Wm. H.C Johnson was ne 3/12/1848. (Pike Co. Hist. Papers #5, 1983, P. 65);
LONG FORK OF SYCAMORE CREEK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Probably named for its comparative size. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989);
LONG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 8/16/1878, Wm. H.C. Johnson; 3/30/1881, Robert Johnson, Jr; Disc. 7/10/1888 (papers to Tackitt); Re-est. 6/11/1890, Jas. W. Wright; 3/26/91, Geo. F. Johnson; Disc. 2/23/1894 (mail to Tackitt); Re-est. 4/3/1908, Nancy M. Burk, declined, order rescinded 8/12/1908 (NA); commu. had a pop. of 200 (c.1889 acc. to R.McN. map); At the forks of Long Fork; thus named for its location; On 10/16/1876 John D. White pet. for po. On 6/8/1886 Robt. Johnson Jr. had po 4 mi. se of Tackitt PO. On 3/15/1889 Jas. W. Wright pet. for move o: po to a site 2-2½ mi. s. of Tackitt PO.(Site of Tackitt PO Location Rept);
No families named Long in Ky., acc. to 1870 Census;
LONG POLE BR. OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Refers to an Upper and Lower Long Pole. Named for a logging company that cut timber here in the early 1800 (sic) (Willard Blackburn of Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/8/1989);
LOOKOUT (Pike Co.): (pron. "Look/owt") (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 7/17/1877, Ichabod B. Sanders...Disc. 8/8/94 (mail to Ash Camp); Re-est. 2/4/1901, Joel S. Ratliff...(NA); On 11/29/1900 Joel S. Ratliff pet for a po to be called Romeo. (Site Location Rpt.); The new Lookout Ele. Sch. opned in the fall of 1980. The sch. it replaced was built in 1928. (App. N-Xpr., 7/20/1980, P. 5); The po was in Lawrence Ratliff's store at the mout of Poor Bottom Fk. most of which was owned by his family. Somewhere nr. here a hill was used in the CW for a lookout. This may have been origin of name but dk. The hill was in the V
between Marrowbone Creek and the Poor Bottom Creek. RR conductors would call out the sta. as they approached it. "Lookout". Joke about the stranger who took this as a cautionary. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
LOONEY (Pike Co., Ky): a private siding on the C&O's main BS line, 2.2 mi. above Marrowbone Creek mouth & station, on Russell Fk., and 1 mi. below Pond Creek sta. (1920 sta. guide of C&O); Probably local family owned the site. No Looneys listed on Russell Fk. in 1910 (Census);
LOONEY (Pike Co., Ky): station on the main Big Sandy line of the C&O RR, on the west side of Russell Fk., 2.2 mi. above Marrowbone (Sta.) and 1 mi. below Draffin. Extinct; Did a Looney family own the site and donate it to the rr as a sta?
LOUISA CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): ("Lu/z/ee")
First located just below the mouth of Upper Pompey Cr. Moved to Rocky Rd. when they built the Fishtrap Dam. Current. (David Justice, 3/25/1989);
LOVERS' LEAP (Pike Co., Ky): High rock on hill e. of Pikeville. Local lovers leap legend long in oral trad. "... about a beautiful Indian princess and a brave young Chief who were very much in love, but because they were of different tribes and because of the many tribal differences they were never allowed to marry. One day the princess and the chief met at their favorite meeting place on a big rock on the side of the hill. They both decided that there were very few reasons for their living so they clasped hands and jumped from the big rock. They
fell down among the soft green foliage to their happy but terrible death. This big rock still rests on the side of the hill east of Pikeville and the story is told to the strangers who come to this little mountain town." (Pauline Owens, Buchanan Co., Va., to Leonard Roberts, 1970. In ms. it's called "Lovers Leap by S.A.H."
LOVERS LEAP (Pike Co., Ky): A high rock on a hill e. of Pikev. Legend long told, "about a beautiful Indian princess and a brave young chief, who were very much in love, but because they were of different tribes and because the many tribal difficulties they were never allowed to marry. (sic) "One day the princess and chief met at their favorite meeting place on a big rock on the side of the hill. They both decided that there were very few reasons for their living so they clasped hands and jumped from the big rock. They fell down and down among the soft, green foliage (sic) to their happy, but terrible
(sic) death." This big rock still rests on the side of the hill east of Pikeville and the story is told to strangers who come to the little mountain town." (by S.A.H., one of the Pikeville col. students to contributed to the mimeo. booklet, Folk Tales of the Cumberlands....)
LOVERS LEAP (Pike County, Ky.): Chloe Ridge in the city's limits, is the "site of a scenic outcrop known as Lovers Leap overlooking downtown Pikeville." The Pikeville Ele. Sch. at Chloe's Creek is at the foot of the mt. (...) ("Pikeville Officials Welcome Strip-Mining Plans" by Bill Bergstrom, LCJ, 8/7/1983, P. B7:1-4);
LOVERS LEAP Rock (Pike Co., Ky): Overlooks the highway, can be seen from the highway approach to the mouth of Chloe Creek, above the Lower Chloe Cr. Rd. Trad. tale of the Indian maiden. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
A LOW GAP in the ____ Mt. thru which one may cross over to ____ Creek....

Orison Richard Lowe was his family's prog. in Pike Co. arr. 1829. Settled on Johns Creek. Later to Big Cr. on Swinge Br. and is buried nr. home there (J.M. Adams, EK).
Orison Richard Lowe was born in Va. c.1806. He was that family's prog. in Big Creek in 1829. He first settled on Johns Creek. Later removed to Big Creek, on Swinge Branch. He died 8/24/1894. (Iva B. Adkins, "The Lowe Family" E. KY. Vol. 17 (1), June 1981, P. 13.

For info. on the Lowe family, cf. Mrs. Iva B. Adkins, Box 95, Huddy, Ky. 41535; Orrison R. Lowe (sic) was father of Lawyer T. Lowe. Acc. to 1850 Census they lived together between John Stepp & John Burgett on Big Creek. Acc. to Jillson (1971, P. 1452) Orison acquired several tracts on Big Creek itself;
LOWE BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Lawyer T. Lowe who settled there. (Acc. to Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6, 1989); He was given as age 39 in the 1870 Census (thus ne c. 1830) and was married to Arminda.

Lawyer T. Lowe acquired 100 acres on Big Creek (2/16/1861) (Bk. 62, P. 196) and 145 acres on Old House Br. of Big Creek (3/28/66) (Bk. 69, P. 429) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1452); Lowe was living in the Big Creek area, in vic. of John Stepp, Geo. Bevins, and nr. John Burgett & Arrison B. Low, Jr. (sic) (Acc. to 1870 Census

x also RB Maynard (7/15/89)
Acc. to 1880 Census, Lawyer T. Lowe was then living on lower Johns Creek. He had a daughter Vicy (13) and a son Orisom P. Lowe (10), etc. He lived next to Alex Stratton (40) and Geo. Griffith (45) and nr. Thos. J. Ford (29) whose wife was Nancy M. Ford. Ford lived next to John B. Leslie (22) & his wife Eliz. and nr. Thos. P. May (63) and not far from Farmer (sic) Leslie (70). All in the Prec. #5, Johns Creek; Lawyer Lowe lived on Johns Creek below Davis Branch. (Cleveland: Lesley-Leslie, P. 177) (Where is Davis Br? Is this what I have as Lowe Br?); Lawyer T. was son of Orison Lowe. Lawyer's dates: 1830-1928, died at age 97. (Runyon Gen., 1955, P. 57);
V CLOE and CHLOE CREEK are so identified in Floyd Co. Court Book One, Oct. Term 1809, 10/25/1809;

Lower Chloe Creek was given as Little Chloe Creek in the 1901-02 Rept. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 400;
LOWER FIELD BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co)
At the lower end of a large farm. Willie Ratliff now lives right above its mouth. It was named by John F'. Ratliff, Willie's father. John inherited the farm from his father Wm. Harrison Ratliff. The farm extended from the ridge below Lower Field Br. to the ridge below Meadow Br. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
LOWER OLDHOUSE BR. OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): May have been named for the old house at its mouth when there were no other residences along it. (Willard Cook, McCarr, interview, 7/22/1989); "Upper" refers to the Oldhouse Br on Blackberry. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry, interview, 8/12/1989);
LOWER POMPEY (Pike Co., Ky): PO 6/30/1923, Abraham L. Coleman... (NA); Disc. 7/31/1933 (mail to Raccoon); The po may have been just below the mouth of Wolfpen Branch. (Sweaney, 2/22/1989); On 4/19/1922 Abraham L. Coleman pet. for est. of po. On 5/11/1926 he pet. for move ½ mi. ne to a site 40 ft. e. of the creek. On 2/22/1930 he pet. for a move ½ mi. s. of above, to a pt. 3½ mi. n. of BSR, 150 ft. e. of the creek and 3½ mi. nw of Raystore po. (Site Location Rept.) (i.e. near the head of Lower Pompey Creek);
LYNNTROUGH BRANCH OF POPLAR CREEK (Pike Co.): Given as Lintrough on the 1928 Matewan 15 min top. map; Michael Mounts acquired 50 acres on Lynn Trough Fk. (of Poplar) (surv. 6/12/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 83) and 50 acres on Poplar Creek (6/12/45) (Bk. 18, P. 104) also other land on Tug Fk., Cow Hollow Creek, and Bearanshee (sic) Br. in the 1840s and early 1850s. (Jill son, 1971, Pp. 1523-4);
McANDREWS (Pike Co., Ky): On 10/17/1920, Isaac L. Andrews petitioned for establishment of a post office to serve the community of Pinson Jct., 40 ft. from Pond Creek and 1 1/2 mi. S of Stone. (Site Location Rept); McAndrews established the post office in his store. His name was McAndrews. This served the Octavia J. Mine. (Stearl Hatfield Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); No Andrews or McAndrews listed in Pond Creek E.D. (1910 Census);
McANDREWS (Pike Co.): (pron. "N(ae)l/(ae)n/ druz") Probably named for the one of the officials of Henry Ford's Eastern Coal Co. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 1/10/21 Isaac L. Andrews...(na); Named for a local merchant. (T.M. Riddle, asst. pm, Pikeville PO, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930);
"This vil. with po extends for over a mi. s. along Ky. 199 & Pond Cr., from the mouth of Mullen Fk. to above the mouth of Pinson Fk., & is 13 mi. ene of Pike. The po, est. 1/10/1921 with Isaac L. Andrews, pm, is on the orig. site of the Pinsonfork po, now 1½ mi. s. McAndrews was named for the owner of a store at the mouth of Pinson Fk. For yrs. the N&W RR sta., ½ mi. r of the po, was called Pinson, for an important
McANDREWS (Pike Co.): vil. in Pike Co. 4.8 km (3 mi.) s. of Belfry. 37°34'25" N, 82°16'06" W. (on the Belfry Quad.) Submitted to BGN to est. this as local name and to correct top. county and state base maps that show both this name and Pinson, which is listed by Rand McN. as the rr-name. Only Pinson name is given on the older top. maps. McA. is still po name. Approved by BGN, acc. to Dec. List No. 7602, 4-6/1976, P. 5); McAndrews po replaced Pinsonfork. It was named for the owner of the gen'l. store at the mouth of Pinson Fork of Pond Creek. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13/1979); Site of Pinson Tit. on tl
McCarr PO (Pike Co., Ky): Local residents don't know derivation of this name. The post preceded the Allburn Coal & Coke Co. The camp there was called Allburn Coal Camp, at McCarr PO. RR sta. was Blackberry City, across the Tug Fk. R. (Mrs. Allen of Coon Br., interview, 7/22/1989); Allburn C&C sold out. Area later worked by Alma. McCarr Sch. 2 rms. Gone. Where tipple is now. (Willard Cook, McCarr, Ky., interview, 7/22/1989); DK derivation of McCarr name. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/89)
McCARR (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Mə/K(ah)r") Named for the man who started a mine there for Henry Ford. On the Tug Fk. nr. Blackberry Creek. Henry Ford owned an enormous amt. of land in this section....(Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 5/9/1907, Richard M. McGuffin. Disc. 6/15/1909 (mail to Matewan); Re-est. 1/30/1915, Wm. A. Young. Disc. 12/31/1918; Re-est. 8/7/1919, Geo. E. Dehart....(NA); Apo Allburn Coal & Coke Co. of McCarr, Ky. No officials named McCarr. (1915 Rept. of Ky. Dept of Mines, P. 244); Pike Collieries at McCarr till 9/1907, then owned by C.W. Campbell, spec receiver. controlled (1907 Rept. Pp. 70-1).
McCOMBS (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Mə/kohmz") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); Named for Miles McCombs. (T.M. Riddle, asst. PM, Pikeville, Ky. in a letter to Wm. Gladstone Steel, 4/19/1930); Named for Miles McCombs' family. (Scalf, KLF, P. 542, Ft. #3); po est. 8/11/1905, Miles E. Hunt... (NA); same pron. Named for Miles McCombs' who settled there, from Va. DK when he arr. but he died c. 1910. (Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Early settlers: Hales, Spears, Blankenships, Jacksons, James, Clarks, and Smiths. (R.B. Maynard, letter to me, 7/4/1979); "This hamlet with po is on Ky 194 & Johns Cr., 11 mi. n. of Pikev. The po was est. 8/11/1905 with Miles E. Hunt, pm, and named fo Miles McCombs, a local resi." (Book. P. 182).
Miles E. McCombs was not father-in-law of 1st pm Miles E. Hunt. Miles E. Hunt was not father-in-law of 1st pm Miles E. Hunt. Miles E. Hunt was ne 7/1869 and was (1900) living with his mother-in-law Angeline Collingsworth, betw. George Hall (8/77) & Wm. Bevins (4/48) and nr. David W. James (10/57), Foncom Spears (1/58), David W. Roop (4/48), A.H. Blankenship (12/48), and Robt. E. Lester (7/54). Acc. to 1870 Census, Miles E. Hunt was the son of Wm. Hunt (42) & Pricey (30), his wife. Miles McCombs was not Pricey's father. No McCombs listed in 1850, 1860 Censuses;
McCOMBS (Pike Co., Ky): Miles McCombs was ne April 1844 in Ky. Wife was America McCombs nee 2/1864. He was a farmer and (acc. to 1900 Census) was living in the Lick Enum. Dist. No other McCombs families are mentioned in that census. He was apparently married first to a Mary, who was 10 yrs. younger than he, and they were living in the Enterprise Enum. Dist. acc. to the 1870 Census. In 1861 he acquired 100 acres on Grapevine Creek and 400 acres there in 1871 (Books 62, P. 193 and 81, P. 133) (Acc. to Jilson, 1971, P. 1536) and 46 acres in Fed's Holl. of Grapevine in 1873 (Bk. 95, P. 532) (Ibid.) and 100 acres on Grapevine in 1874 (Bk.
95, P. 512) (Ibid.) .... and 30 acres in Low Gap Holl. in 1890 (Bk. 120, P. 174) (Ibid) and 120 acres on Hackneys' Old Place Branch in 1890 (Bk. 120, P. 175) (Ibid). In 1870 he was living with Alex'r. Hackney, 23, who was born in Va. (1870 Census);
McCOMBS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)

What's shown as McCombs Br. on 20th cent. top. maps is given as Martin's Branch on the Burriss ms. map of Johns Creek system, mid 19th cent. Miles E. McCombs was ne 1/1844 and his wife America (nee 2/64). In 1900 they were living on upper Johns Creek, not lower Johns (Census) But they're not listed at all in 1910 Census; Miles McCombs used to live at the mouth of a hol. on the n. side of Johns Creek nr. the site of the McCombs PO (the 1st site). Wade Blackburn lived there until he died a few yrs. ago. Wade was Miles' son-in-law. Wade's daughter, who married a Clevinger still lives there. (R.B. Maynard, 8/5/89);
Miles McCombs did live in that area. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
Miles McCombs lived on lower Johns Creek later in his life. He married a Shelton. Their daughter, Clara is a genealogist. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); Old Man McCombs (dk his first name) lived in the vic. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky. interview, 8/8/1989); Miles E. McCombs was pr of Mouth of Card PO, 9/1875-disc. 1894. Re-est. 3/1895 (POR);
Wm. McCown, ne ca. 1870. Son of James M. McCown ne c. 1841, a Union vet. James marr. Mary C. Branham. James was son of John McCown who was ne c. 1821, and John was son of Hugh McCown who was ne c. 1785 in Va. (Isaac Little geneal., Pp. 10-11);
McCoy BR. OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Benj. Mainer acquired 200 acres on McCoy Br. (surv. 2/25/1847) (Bk. 26, P. 63) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1462); So many McCoys settled on it. That's all there was there was McCoys. John McCoy settled at its mouth, in an old log house. He was son of William. John's son was John, Jr. called "John-Buttermilk". Wm. McCoy (who married Sarah) was a son of John; Sr. (see Truda McC.)(Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
McCoy BR. OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named probably for the family of Harrison McCoy or some relative. It is 3 miles se of Thomas on the Floyd Co. line; Wm. and Sally (James) McCoy were the family prog. in lower Johns Creek. They had 1 child. Some are buried on the Dug Point nr. Brushy Fk. (R.B. Maynard's col. "Hist'l. Notes" App. Expr. 4/6/1978, P. B8:1-2); Pleasant P. McCoy, son of Billy & Sally McCoy lived at the head of Wolf Creek (Martin Co.) and was pm there and the po was named for him. He later moved to Law. Co., died, and was buried at Dug Pt. (R.B. Maynard, op. cit., 4/25/1979, P. B3:1);
Mr. McCoy was this family's prog. in Ky. & WV. Born in early 1750s, place unknown, and wife unknown. He settled his family on Johns Creek, nr. a Scott settlement, now Gulnare, c.1804. Eliz. McCoy, a daughter, was nee c. 1786 in Maryland. She married Wm. Scott and together they came to Ky. shortly before 1804. Wm. probably died betw. 1820-23. He had lived in Montgomery Co., Va. before coming to Pike Co. His sons, Wm. (ne. c.1773) and Walter (ne c.1777) bought 100 acres in Johns Creek from John Rogers of Fayette Co. on 8/18/1804. On 3/1/1811, Wm. Jr. (then maybe
living in Ill.) sold 50 acres of the orig. 100 acres to Aaron Pinson. Neither Wm., Walter, nor their bro. Ezekiel remained in Ky., moving early to Ill. (Truda Williams McCoy, The McCoys: Their Story, 1976, Pp. 239-40)
John McCoy, son of Pike Co. prog. Wm. McCoy, was ne Maryland in 1788. Married Margaret. Their son, William, was born 2/22/1815 near Hatfield Tunnel in Pike Co. Wm. marr. Sarah James in 1836 in Pike Co. They lived at the head of Wolf Creek and then moved to Kit Narrows Br. of Brushy Creek in Pike Co. Sarah died 9/23/1885 and Wm. died 1/29/1888. They are buried above the mouth of Brushy Creek. (Truda Williams McCoy, THE McCOYS: THEIR STORY 1976, P. 283) Wm. & Sarah had 11 children. One son, Pleasant McCoy was born 2/15/1844 and died 1/15/1938 in Law. Co. was buried on Brushy Creek....(Ibid. P. 284); Another Pleasant
McCoy was the son of John and Margaret Jackson McCoy and was born c. 1821 and married in 1843 to Louvicy Chapman. After 1860 they moved to the present Martin Co. where he died. (Ibid., P. 288);
McCoy BR. OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Extends ca. ½ mi. ne, then e to Tug Fk. some 3 mi. below Williamson. Acc. to 1880 Census, several McCoy families lived on Tug Fk. in the vic. of Wm. & Jas. Slater. Geo. McCoy lived next to Wm. Slater (67). The oldest McCoys in the area then were Uriah (53), Puris (56)...below Jacob Smith (48), at mouth of Pond Cr; Yet, acc. to 1840-1870 Censuses, no McCoys were living in vic. of Wm. Slater on Tug Fk;
McCoy Hollow (Tug Fork) (Pike Co., Ky): Where Bill Campbell lived. Named for a resident, Jim McCoy. In the vic. of Lower Stringtown. (Several men interviewed at Hardy's, Goody, Ky., 9/2/1989);
McKINNEY BRANCH OF Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky); (may have been its name) aka Columbus Scott Branch. Extends sw for c. \( \frac{1}{4} \) mi. to Johns Cr. just below the Banyan Sch. DK why called this Columbus Scott lived at its mouth. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fk., interview, 8/8/1989); Christopher Columbus Scott, ne 1860, son of Barnabus Scott (ne. c1819 and lived at Gulinare). (Truda, P. 277);
McVEIGH (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Mæk/vay") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 10/22/1912, Archie J. Webb...(NA); On the lands of the Ford-owned coal co. Thinks the name may have been self-assumed by a mine operator. Definitely not a local name. (Powell); pron. "Mæk/va" (Clyde Runyon and Ernest Riddle, Belfry, Ky., interview, 2/11/1989); DK who named for. (Ibid.); RR reached McVeigh in 1913. (Ibid.); Could McVeigh have been named for a Mr. MacVeagh, a coal operator's atty. in the early 20th cent?; an atty. for wv or pa, wayne coal operators.
The McVEIGH community was built and named before the PO was est. So the po was named for the commu. DK of any Hewit PO. Used to be Hewitts living in Belfry until 1945, but they were probably too recent residents for the ol po to have been named for them. Mr. Hewitt was a contractor. (Stearl Hatfield, interview 8/12/1989); Named for R.S. McVeigh of Cinci., O., vice pres. of the Pond Creek Coal Co. which had been inc. in 1911. Home offices were at Stone, acc. to Moody's, 1919, P. 103.
HEWIT PO (Pike Co., Ky): Abraham Hewitt, a late 19th cent. "capitalist". W.Va. Could the po have been named for him?; Coal & lumber dealer of Huntington, inherited father (Dan'l. Elmer Hewitt)'s business. Dan'l., son of Francis Marion Hewitt, was ne Conneautville, Pa. 1865. In 1903 he founded the Hutchinson Lumber Co. of Huntington and in 1908 founded the D.E. Hewitt Lumber Co. which he ran till he died in 1921. This was one of the largest hardwood mfg. firms in state. Was also pres. of Buck Creek Coal Co. Arch. was ne 1886 so the po could not have been named for him. And Dan'l. may have been too late on the scene.
HEWIT (sic) (Pike Co., Ky) PO est. 8/13/1902, Jos. A. Runyon; Disc. eff. 6/15/1905 (mail to Pinsonfork) (NA); This po was later replaced by McVeigh. The 1st pm was Clyde Runyon's grandfather. In 1913 he moved to the present site of the Ashland Oil Co. plant 2 mi. above Catlettsb. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13, 1979); Ibid. sp. it with 2 't's; PO preceded the est. of coal mines in area. DK why only one "t" nor why it was so named. Jos. Adron Runyon. (Clyde Runyon, interview, 2/11/89); On 7/11/1902 Jos. A. Runyon pet. for the est of Hewit po (sic) but it was to have been called Stump. at a site at the head of Pond Creek, 5 mi. so of Pinsonfork PO & 5 mi. w. of it. (Co. Hist. Soc. Rept.) (7 mi. w. of
George Stump was ne c. early 1820s, maybe earlier, in the Mouthcard area. Andy J. Stump of Coleman, Ky c1890. Other 19th cent. Stumps were James and Clark. See Kozee..... L.D. Stump lived on either Grants Br. or Williams Br. of Pond Creek, McVeigh, one mi. above T.J. Runyon, c.1905. There's a Stump Cem. at the mouth of Williams Br., acc. to recent published maps. Could he have been th source of the 1st prop. Hewit PO name?; Geo. Stump acquired over 2200 acres on Long Fk. o: Johns Cr. in the 1840s and '50s. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1739); Lorenzo D. Stump acquired 40 acres on Peter Cr. (12/3/67) (Bk. 72, P. 419 (Ibid.)); Geo. Stump got 140 acres on Wm. Williams Br. (8/1/72) (98 -153) (Ibid).
Geo. Stump (33), a Va.-born Meth. minister lived betw. Hiram Daugherty (46), also Va-born, & Jos. Blevins (35) and near John W. Williamson and Jesse Phillips (probably on upper John's Creek) (1850 Census); Geo. Stump (43) lived next to Wm. Stump (35) and near Wm. Bishop, Willy Rowe, Louis Fields, Tobe Justice. (1860 Census); The Stump family pro was probably Geo. Stump, Jr. (1818-1893), a J.P. & Meth. minister. Given in 1840 and 185 Censuses as the only Stump in the co. then. He was marr. in 1840 to Eliz. Williams. Amon their children were Jas. H. & Clark Stump. James H. Stump was father of O.A. Stump, prom. Pikev. atty. (Marie R. Justice, Vol. 271).
STUMP CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): Garfield Stump used to have a store in that vic. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); L.D. Stump's home was probably at the mouth of Williams Br of Pond Creek (Crandall, 1905 map, p. 67);
Lorenza Stump (nee 1/1844) lived in the vic. of Wm. Stump, Isaac Smith, Jake & John Runyor Jas. May, Cora May, and a number of Balls. (1900 Census); L.D. (Loranza) Stump in 1910 lived in the Coburn Fk. E.D. He was age 66. No family listed for him. He lived betw. Jas. Church (29) & Floyd Williamson (25) and nr. Stiltners, Lundy Daugherty, Henry & Polly May, Wm. A. May (25), Basil May (32), Adrion
May (35), Wm. Ball (35), other Balls. No Grant in the vic. (1910 Census); The Stump Cem. is below the McVeigh PO. Garfield Stump owned land there until his death. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
MACKS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Should be Mikes Branch. Locals pron. the "i" like "a" so mapmakers wrote it down as they thought they heard it. DK when given this name. DK what Mike's last name was. He was a brick maker and lived at its mouth. Had an apple tree. Mikes Bottom Apple. Most of the settlers were Meades. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989); Morgan Cartel acquired 100+100 acres on Mikes Branch (surv. 3/19-20/1850) (Bk. 33, Pp. 525-6) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1077);
In 1850 Morgan Carter (22) & wife Mary (25) lived betw. Barnabus Johnson (74) & Wm. Mead (33) and nr. John Shortridge (34, a stone-mason), and Dan'l. Gannon (56), Isaac Smith (48), Jarrett Pinson (65), James Rhea (35). Mead did not have any children named Mike or Michael. In 1860 Morgan Carter (36) & Mary (35) lived betw. Wm. Mead (47) (again no Mike and Jarrot Pinson, and nr. Dilona Howard (25) John Pinson (44), Darins Miller, Thos. Mainer Robt. Smith; No Morgan Carter in 1870 Census In 1870 Wm. Meade was 53 but still no Mike; no mike (michael) mead (e) in 19th cent. censuses
MAJESTIC (Pike Co.): po est. 7/13/1909, Thornton M. Epperson...(NA); "This coal town with po is on Ky. 194 and Poplar Cr., 21 1/2 mi. e. of Pikev. It was named for the operator of the local mines, the Majestic Collieries, so named for the presumed magnitude of the deposit. The po was est. 7/13/1909 with Thornton M. Epperson, pm." (Book-P. 186); Majestic Collieries of Majestic PO, Ky. & Store. (1910 Rept. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 212; Ibid. 1915, Pp. 246-7); Majestic Mine, Majestic Collieries Co. with office at Cedar, WV. Est. 1907. (1907 Rept. of Ibid., P. 69);
MAJESTIC (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Ma/dj(eh)s/t(ih)k"
Named for a mining co. called the Majestic Col·
leries which was so named because someone
thought the coal seam was enormous. A descrip·
tive word. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
This is the easternmost commu. in Ky. 7 mi.
from the Va. line. Once a booming company town
The large mines closed in the early 1950s and
many residents moved away. Those remaining com·
muted to Pikeville or got jobs with small truc
& strip mines in the area. (Frank Ashley,
"'Spy' Scare at Majestic" LCJ, 11/3/1971, P.
B-1:1-7);
MAJESTIC HIGH SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky) was built by the Majestic Coal Co. in 1930. (Herbert Woodson Crick, Hist. of Educ. in Pike Co., Ky, UK masters thesis, 1930, P.97)
MATTATON (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 6/5/1883, David Marrs; Disc. 8/8/1888 (papers to Little Creek) (NA); Acc. to 1889 and 1893 maps it was on the east bank of Shelby Creek, maybe c. 1 mi. above the mouth of Shelby Cr. at Shelbiana. Bob Sweaney thinks this was Maltaton (12/15/88). Also given as Maltaton in the 1889 Rand McN. Atlas; At the mouth of Lick Branch of Dry Fk. (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/88); May have been at the mouth of Lick Br. of Dry Fork (Bob Sweaney, 2/22/1989); (Could this have been named for someone named Malta?) (Ibid.); DK of it. David Marrs lived on Shelby Cr., somewhere below Robinson Cr. DK of any relatives named Malta. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989).
Acc. to 1884 Postal Route map, it was 3 mi. ne of the Little Creek PO and 8 mi. s. of the Pikev. PO; On 7/6/1883 David Marrs pet. for the est. of the MALTATON PO on the s. bank of Shelby Creek, 5 mi. west (sic) of the BSR (Postal Site Location Repts.); (This would put the po somewhere between Yeager & Collins). David Marrs, 28, son of M&M John Marrs, Sr., both born in Va. (while he was born in Ky), is listed as a farmer in the Mouth of Caney Dist. No mention of his family or of a Malta (1880 Census); Dr of it or any Malta Marrs. (Lawrence & Eliza Newson, 7/29/89).
MARIA (MARIAH) BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Mariah Daugherty who was nee c. 1839/40 in Va., d. of Hiram & Kezziah (Whitehead) Daugherty. On 7/15 1860 to marr. in Pike Co. to James Madison Francis, son of Wm. & Margaret "Peggy" (Boner or Boney) Francis. Mariah & James settled in this hol. Not listed after 1870 so he might have died and she remarried. No one know what became of them. (Geraldine Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
MARION BR. OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Marion Ratliff and his wife Polly, local family, 1900. Judge Alex Ratliff, c. 1910, was their son. Bill Ratliff now owns land in there. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, interview, 4/1/1989); Judge Alex L. Ratliff, lawyer & judge, was ne Ashcamp 12/20/1884 and died in Frank. Son of Marion & Polly (Francisco) Ratliff. He was judge of Ky. Court of Appeals 1932-? (Kozee, 1961, P. 573); Marion Ratliff acquired 130 acres on Moores Br. of Elkhorn Creek, surveyed 7/2/1883 (Bk. 106, P. 196) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1621); Marion (63) + Polly + son Alex L. (27), atchmr. lived on castle flr. Rd. Mitchell E. O. (1910 census)
DK who named for. Owned by Bright Francisco, brother of Belve and Jerry Francisco. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
MARION BR. OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky):
May have been named for Uncle Marion Sword,
he died age ca. 100, ca. 20 yrs. ago. His
son, Si, age c. 90, died c. 20 yrs. ago.
(David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); Francis
Marion Sword, son of Wm. & Christine Ramey
Sword (1854-1953) (Mrs. Bob Doughton, "Family
of John Sword" (E.K. Vol. 4(3), 12/1968, P.3)
Francis Marion Sword (12/19/1856 to 12/16/1953)
He was bro. to Kenas Farrow Sword (Unisia) and
thus they were sons of Wm. & Christine (Ramey
Sword. (Mrs. Verle H. Parrish, MULLINS,
HAMILTON, FLEMING & RELATED FAMILIES, 1975,
Pp. 55-6);
Named for Marion Sword, informant's great grandfather. "We inherited the land where Chapperal processing plant is located. We sold it to Tom Johnson Coal Co. He sold it to Judge Patton and sold it to a co. (sic) that owns it. I don't know their name but have heard they are from England." (Cleo Huffman, Pikeville, Ky., letter, 9/28/1989);
Marrowbone Creek (Pike Co., Ky): The C&O extended its branch line up Marr. to Hellier in 1902. (Chapman, Diss., 1945, P. 142); The section of this creek above Hellier may earlier have been called Sycamore Creek as shown on a map that accompanied a 1905 rept. of coal resources in the upper BSV; Marrowbone Creek is 8 mi. long and heads at Ashcamp Gap. Joins Russell Fk. at Regina, 8 mi. below the mouth of Elkhorn Creek. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908);
MARROWBONE (Pike Co.): (Pron. "M(ah)r/bohn and M(ah)r/ə/bohn=2½ syl., and M(ae)r/ə/bohn"). Acc. to an unidentified newsp. acct., 2 persons gave this version of the name: a human bone was found washed up by the side of the creek (acc. to Lena Lindley). (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);

This creek joins Levisa 1½ mi. above Pikev. The Marrowbone Coal Field "had been dev. since the extension of the C&O into that (val.) in 1905." (sic) By 9/1/30 the last of the mines in the val. closed. (Big Sandy News, 9/5/30) (P. 252) Some reopened on a part-time basis the following yr., incl. Edgewater Coal Co.'s mines at Henry Clay. Late 1930s and WWII needs boomed coal prod'n. throughout val. (Ibid.) (Chapman)
Samuel Marrs was an ante-bellum resident in the vic. of Gulnare; The Marrs Cemetery is at the mouth of Harman's Branch (of the Levisa), below Blairtown. Overlooks US 23. Here: pioneers Samuel & Sallie Marrs. He was ne 1788 and died 1872. (Henry P. Scalf, "Floyd Co. Hist'l. Notes" P.15 of Pp. 1-54 in KENTUCKY KINFOLK, published by Clarence Shepherd, 9/1974);
Richard Mullins acquired 50 acres on Marshalls Branch (but doesn't say of what). surveyed 12/27/1844. (Bk. 18, P. 122) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1524); Booker Mullins acquired 100 acres on the right hand fork of one of the Marshalls Branches which was surveyed on 12/23/1850 (Bk. 36, P. 280) (Ibid., P. 1525); Robt. Hilton acquired 50 acres on Marshalls Br. of Elkhorn which was surv. 8/29/1858 (Bk. 57, P. 421) (Ibid., P. 1345); Robt. Hylton acquired 50 acre on Marshalls Br. (surv. 1/7/58) (Bk. 45, P. 384) (Ibid., P. 1377); Isaac Johnson acquired 200 acres on Marshals Br (sic) of Elkhorn Cr. (3/15/55) (Bk. 45, P. 385) (Ibid. P. 1395); 1855
Jos. McPeak acquired 50 acres on Marshalls Creek (of Elkhorn) (surv. 12/30/1844) (Bk. 18 P. 129) and 50 acres on Marshalls Br. (of Elkhorn) (1/1/1855) (Bk. 46, P. 396) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1550); McPeaks lived on Elkhorn but no Joseph McPeak was listed for 1850 or 1860. No Marshall Mullins listed in area in 1850 Census so I couldn't learn whether Jos. McPeak lived next to or nr. any Marshall Mullins;
Named for Joe Marshall, a resident, who surveyed it in the last century. (Albert Bartley interview, 9/23/1989);
Marshall Mullins and wife Nancy (Roberts) did have a son named Marshall. (Dorcas Hobbs, col. in *App. Xpr.*, 9/22/1978, P. A20:1-6);
MARSHALL BRANCH (of Long Fork) (Pike Co.)(F735:
A right hand branch of Long Fork. Named for an early settler. (Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974, via Leonard Roberts) (37°17'45"(Lat), 82°39'45" to 82°41'30"(Long); Marshall Mullins owned land on Long Fk. of Shelby Creek (Deed Book A, Floyd Co., 1/1816); Mullins marr. Sarah Little, daughter of prog. Isaac Little on 9/19/1811. (Julius Little, P. 4); No listing of any Marshall families or indi's. acquiring land on Shelby Creek or Long Fork (Jillson, 1971); Marshall S. Mullins acquired 25 acres on Elk-horn Creek. Surveyed on 11/10/1881 (Book 101, P. 168) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1527); (was Marshal: S. a descendant of the first Marshall Mullins'
MARSHALL BRANCH CHURCH (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°12'15" (Lat), 82°34'45" (Long); This is a Freewill Bapt. Chur. Est. 1919 by Winston Smith who came to this vic. from N.C. Church meetings were held in the schoolhouse which stood at the site of present church bldg. The building was started in 1929 and completed in 1939. (Leonard Roberts)
MARSHALL BRANCH SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F735)
37°17'45" (Lat), 82°40'45" (Long); est. c.1915.
was torn down and the Church of Christ built
a church on this site. (From Hazel White, 10/
16/1974, acc. to Leonard Roberts);
MARTS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Is this what was called Martins Branch (c. 1846)? Martin Smith acquired 100 acres on Martins Branch (1/3/1846) (Bk. 19, P. 229) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1702); Martin Smith, ne 1825, son of Isaac Smith of upper Johns Creek & Eliz. Bro. to Jacob, Callihan, & Isaac Jr.
M. SMITHS BRANCH (of Isaac Smith acquired 75 acres on here (2/22/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 305) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1703) and 75 acres on Pricketts Fk. (sic) (1/22/51) (Bk. 36, P. 306) (Ibid.);
MARY (LASLEY BR. OF LITTLE FORK (of Robinson Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): (Maybe Lesley?) The 1st fork to the left. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
MAY FARM BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Thomas Patton-May. (Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989); Thos. P. May (54 yrs., acc. to 1870 Census) was son of Thos. May (the pion. settler of Shelby Cr. who lived at the mouth of Sugar Camp and once owned all of Shelby from the river to the forks of Robinson Cr.)(Acc. to Jessie Horne, Vol. 1, P. 17); Thos. P. was marr. to Eliz. (1870C.); In 1910 Census, Thos. P. May (93) was living in Lower Johns Creek area with Wm. R. May, his son.
MAYFLOWER (Pike Co.): po est. 9/2/1925. King Y. Lowe...(NA); ("M̩/fl(ae) → (ow)/ər" = 2½ syl.) York Lowe was the 1st pm. "Mousie May, a schoolteacher at that time, told the story that they picked up the name because they liked it." (Mrs. Murray, the present pm of Meta, Ky. po, via Mrs. Nora Scalf, to me, 5/26/1971); Disc. 5/31/1942 (mail to Pikeville)

In July 1925 K.Y. Lowe pet. for a po to be called Lowe for A.R. Lowe & Sons store on Lowes Br., 200 yards ne of Johns Cr and 3 mi. e. of the John PO, on the s. side of the road. On 4/1/1935 Hattler Pinson pet. to move po ½ mi. s to a pt. 200 yds. sw of Johns Cr. On 7/26/35 Pinson pet. for move to a pt. 40 ft. e of Pinson Br., 150 yds. sw of creek.
YrrJilYFLOrlER (Pike County, Ky.) York Lowe was the first postmaster there. "And Mousie May, a school teacher at that time, told the story that they picked the name because they liked it...." (q.v.-Mousie May). Apparently she told it to Mrs. Winnie P. Murray, former pm. of Meta, Pike Co., Ky. who told this to Mrs. Norah Scalf on the tele., 5/16/1971. Right after this, Mrs. Scalf told it to me, 5/16/1971, at her home. (pron. "May/flow/ər (flər") Doesn't think it refers to the ship but maybe to the mayflowers growing in that vic. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); At mouth of Lowes Br (RBM, 7/15/49).
James M. May acquired 100 acres on Pinson Fk. of Pond Creek (surv. 3/26/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 217) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1477);
MAYNARD BRANCH OF SYCAMORE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK the name's origin. Maynard family has lived there and sure that it was named for them. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Thos. Scott acquired 154 acres on Christopher Maynard Branch (7/31/1903) (Bk. 120, P. 380) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1728);
MAYNARD BR. OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): It belonged to Geo. Maynard. (Willard Blackburn of Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/8/1989); May be called the Lucinda Maynard Branch for Lucinda Maynard, the 1st resident. (Jack Phillips, Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/7/89); Named for Geo. & Ellen Maynard who lived at its mouth. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Lucinda Maynard nee McCoy, d. of Sam'l & Eliz. McCoy, nee c. 1821. Wed 3/17/1842 to Henderson Maynard. Lived in Pike Co. (Truda, P. 252); Named for family. Mr. Young Maynard lived in there but it was named for an earlier Maynard(s). (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Cr., interview, 8/26/89)
Lucinda Maynard lived with her 10 yr. old son, Henderson in vic. of mouth of Pond, nr. the Slaters, Elijah Miller, Asa Varney, Elijah Mullins. Was a widow. (1870 Census); In 1860, Lucinda and 2 yr. old Henderson & other children lived betw. Ricy Robnet & Miles Browning & nr. McCoys, Mainers, Williamsons, Statons, & Burrisses. Her name was spelled Mairer; In 1850 Lucinda Mainor and husband Henderson lived betw. Pierce McCoy (25) & Allen McCoy (25) and nr. Compton Stafford (45), Wm. Browning (68), others: McCoys, John Lawson Sr. (90) & Jr. (38), Hatfields, etc. No George/Ellen in any Census;
MAYO TRAIL (Pike Co., Ky): Which has officially been designated US 23. In Pike Co. it was later named the Mayo Trail for John C.C. Mayo. It was begun shortly after the enactment by the state in 1920 of a law to est. a network of modern highways throughout the state. The road was completed along the BSV by the end of the 1920s decade. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 366-7);
MAYO VILLAGE (Pike Co.): (F561w) (#98-786) 37°27' (Lat), 82°31'30" (Long); Named for its location on the Mayo Trail which was named for John C.C. Mayo. Trail extends so. to Jenkins and no. to Paintsville and is US23. (Leonard Roberts); A suburban dev. Two rows of brick houses facing each other with businesses fronting the highway. Resident Ireland Chaney owns the land and may have developed it. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
MAYS BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY (Creek-?) (Pike Co., Ky): Daniel May acquired 200 acres here (surv. 1/6/1869) (Bk. 74, P. 513) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1478);
MEAD FORK OF POWELL CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Named for a local family (1906). Need location
(Ralph Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908, P. 39); No references in Jillson (1971) to any Meads acquiring land on Powells Creek in 19th or early 20 cents; Wm. Wesley Meade (1830-1882) was ne Russell Co., Va. and is buried at the mouth of Powells Creek, above Millard. He was the son of Thos. Meade (Meade Family in Pike Co., Vol. 6 of Pike Co. hist. papers);
In 1870 Meade lived in vic. of Thos. Powell (29) and John W. Powell (41), Ephrahaim Moore (26), Wm. L. Belcher (28), Winston Adkins (64), Win-right Adkins (33);
MEADOW BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a meadow at the mouth of it. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
MEAT HOUSE BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the practice of early settlers storing their meat and venison at its mouth. (R. J. Osborne, Pike Co. WPA ms); Henr Smith acquired 50 acres on Meet House Fk. (sic) (2/26/52) (Bk. 41, P. 22) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1704) and 100 acres on Meet House Fk of Big Creek (3/3/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 24) (Ibid. Benj. Williamson acquired 50 + 50 acres on Meet House Creek (2/28/1848) (Bk. 26, Pp. 58-59) (Ibid., P. 1805); and 50 acres on same (sp. Meat House Fk. of B. C.) (4/3/57) (Bk. 50, P. 86) (Ibid., P. 1806);
MEATHOUSE (Neighborhood in Pike Co.): (F765=F42c) Named for an early slaughterhouse. People would refer to the place as "The Meathouse." (Source: Geo. Eagle, Pikeville Coll. student, to Kenny Garrett, for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Coll.)

Meathouse Fork of Johns Creek: Early settlers hunted for wild game in the area. They made a room to cure the meat for preservation. (Source: Jack King to his grandson, David Pinson, for Leonard Roberts, 1969)
Jacob Phillips acquired 150 acres on it (sp. as two words) surv. 2/5/1851 (Bk. 36, P. 334) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1600); Isaac Smith acquired 50 acres on Meat House Fk. (12/20/1843) (Bk. 14, P. 172) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1701); and 100 acres on Johns Creek (12/21/1843) (Bk. 14, P. 173) (Ibid.); and 100 acres on Meeting House Creek (sic) (1/16/1846) (Bk. 21, P. 414) (Ibid., P. 1402); and Henry Smith acquired 50 acres on Meet House Fk. (sic) (2/26/52) (Bk. 41, P. 22) (Ibid., P. 1704) and 100 acre
Isaac Smith, Sr. acquired 4480 acres on Meathouse Fk. of Johns Creek (9/28/65) (Bk. 68, P. 338) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1707);
MEETINGHOUSE BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co): Extends c. 1 mi. nnw to Pond Creek, just below Belfry. Named for the Pond Creek Prim. Bapt. Chu. located on it. (q.v.) The branch was once called Carpenters Branch for a man that lived there for a while. (Clyde Runyon, Belfry, Ky., interview, 2/11/1989); Now called Churchhouse Branch. Runyon willed the chu. an acre of ground here. Log house. Gone. Big new churchhouse. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Tho' not officially, some people now refer to it as Churchhouse Hol. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/89);
MEREDA BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Wolford Branch on the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top. map; aka Merida Br. named for Meredith Layne, son of Wm. & Abigail. He marr. Dicy Blankenship 9/1/1854 and built cabin nr. the head of this br. He may have died before 1870 for she is listed in 1870 Census as head of her household and in 1880 as a widow. He may have died in CW. But a Meredith Layne (of roughly same age) marr. Susannah Biliter on 8/22/67. Among their children were John, Solomon, & Thomas. This Meredith on 5/31/77 marr. Letty Wolford from
Turkey Br. of Knox Creek. Meredith & Letty lived on Right Peter in 1880. DK if these were the same man. In 1900, after Letty's death, Meredith was living next door to his son, Solomon Layne and probably died before 1910. This branch has had this name at least 100 yrs. (Frances F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
MERIDA BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co.):
Never heard of it. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
META (Pike County, Ky.) p.o. est. 6/15/1896 with Samuel M. Ford, postmaster... (Acc. to the National Archives)

Used to be known as Breckinridge. Named for? (Buck Scalf will find out for me....) (Acc. to Scalf, personal interview at his home, 4/21/1971)

Buck's wife, Norah, acquired the following info for me from a tele. interview with former pm. there, Mrs. Winnie Murray of Meta (5/16/1971): the 1st pm was Tom Ford. The place was named for a girl from W. Va. who was visiting the...
Fords. Her name was Meta Smith. They apparently liked the name and gave it to the post office. Did anything about Breckinridge, the former name for the p.o. (Interview, 5/16/71)

Disc. 10/31/1959 (m. to Pikeu)
META (Pike Co.): (pron. "Mee/t(uh)"). (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); (Pron. "Mee<->Ma/də") (Mrs. Norah Scalf, 5/16/1971); A place betw. 2 hills. (Source: Orethia Miller for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Col., 1971);

A Breckenridge po was est. 1/2/1857 with Thos. Pinson, pm; 10/25/58, John E. Lesley...7/27/1861, Wm. R. Bevins; Disc. 7/21/1863 (NA) I need to confirm that this was a predecessor of Meta. I dk its location; Acc. to Scalf it was the predecessor of Meta po. ("The Pinson Fam. Pt. III" E. KENT. V. 6(1), 6/1970, Pp. 7-10, 2)
BRECKINRIDGE (Pike Co., Ky): Thos. Stovall Pinson (2/28/1825-5/5/1905), son of Allen (1785-1858) and grandson of Thomas, Sr. (prog He was the 1st pm of Breckinridge (sic) or Meta. (Scalf, "The Pinson Family" E.KY. Vol. 6 (1), June 1970, Pp. 7-10, 2);
META © (Pike Co., Ky): In 3/1896 Thos. J. Ford pet. for est. of a po to be called Ford, opp. the mouth of Coon Creek (sic). In 4/1900 Henry R. Stratton pet. to move the po 1\frac{1}{4} mi. e. to a pt. \frac{1}{2} mi. e. of Johns Cr and 3 mi. w of the Bent Br. PO & 5 mi. e. of Zebulon. On 2/24/1917 Flora E. Pinson pet. to move it to site 100 ft. e. of Johns Cr. On 8/1/1923 she pet. to move it \frac{1}{2} mi. nw to a site 4 rods n. of the creek. On 2/8/1924 she pet. to move it \frac{1}{4} mi. se to a pt. 40 ft. from the creek. On 6/1/25 she pet. to move it to a site 125 ft. n. of Bent Br. to serve a community named Johnstown. On 7/24/1939 she pet. to move it to a site 350 ft. w of the creek. (Site Loc. ?)
META PO (Pike Co., Ky): Thos. J. Ford and Sam'l. M. Ford who had been postmasters of Bentbranch PO from 10/1894-1895 and 2/4-2/12/1895, resp. were the 1st and 2nd pm of Meta PO which was est. in 6/1896. The two post offices were in operation at the same time. Meta PO was est. at--location. After several short distance moves, it finally moved to the BB site and replaced that po;
META (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with recently closed po is centered at the jct. of US 119 and Ky. 194, just ne of the mouth of Bent Br. of Johns Creek, and 6 mi. nne of Pikev. The po, est. on 6/15/1896 with Sam'l. M. Ford, pm, is said to have been named for Meta Smith, a W.Va. girl who was visiting the Fords at the time a name was being sought for the new po." (Book-P. 195)
MIKEGRADY (Pike Co., Ky): 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi. up the Left Fk. of Beaver Creek and c. 4 mi. from Russell Fk. at Beaver Bottom. Headquarters of the Russell Fork Coal Co. which no longer operates. (Jeanette Elswick, letter, 2/13/1989); "Mikegrady has always puzzled me. I was the station for Russell Fork Coal Co. at the head of Little Beaver. Perhaps it was the name of some coal company employee." (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 6/28/1989); No Mike Grady or any other Grady listed in 1870, 1900, 1910 Censuses.
This was shipping pt. for the mine est. & operated for many years as the Russell Fk. Coal Co., about a mile below Elkhorn City. In the beginning the co. had 3 principal officials whose names informant cant recall. One of them was connected with the US Steel Co. in a high cap. and Russell Fk. supplied them with coal. They had the largest strip mine ever seen in the mts. with some 35 miles of outcrop coal mined and serviced by their own small rr. (Lon B. Rogers, Lex., Ky., in a letter to me, 8/26/1989);
MIKEGRADY (Pike Co., Ky): Was the name of a Cinci., O. man who put up the money to form the Russell Fk. Coal Co. Tony Joe Harris (ch.) was the G.M. and Aggie Ayers was the mine sup. (David Zegeer, mining consult., Lex., taped interv. 9/26/1989, confirmed by Geo. Fugate, Lex.).
MILES HUNT BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Less than ½ mi. long, it extends roughly ssw to Johns Creek just above the site of McCombs PO. Named for resident who was the McCombs PO 1st pm. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
MILL BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a grist mill at its mouth near which informant lived when he was 3 yrs. old. DK who had the mill. (Albert Bartley, interview 9/23/1989);
MILL BRANCH OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for somebody's grist mill there but dk whose. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
The superintendent of the Pond Creek Coal Co. lived here. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Named for a local grist mill. The Mill Branch Reg'l. Bapt. Chu. (is shown as the Taylor Chu. on top. map. Informant dk's of a Taylor Chu. there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Named for a water-powered grist mill. (Red Stanley, 9/2/1989);
MILL CREEK OF PAW-PAW (Pike Co., Ky): Heads in Pike Co. but joins Paw Paw in Buchanan Co., Va. May have been named for the Ritter Mill, a lumber mill, at its mouth, c1910. DK if there was an earlier mill there it could have been named for. (Pearl Marburger & Margaret Estep, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);
MILL FORK OF PAW PAW CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
If this is the Mill Creek of the current topon
map, it joins Paw-Paw in Buchanan Co., though it heads in Pike Co. Acc. to Bk. 52, P. 290, Geo. W. Dotson acquired 100 acres on it that were surveyed on 11/24/1857. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1201);
MILL HOLLOW (on Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Harvey Johnson had a mill on it. Later owned by others. Just below Flat Branch. Imperceptible on map. (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
Acc. to 1870 Census of Pike Co., Ky., Nelson Hamilton was born in Virginia, 51 yrs. before, and was a retail dry goods merchant. Lived with his wife Almeda and their sons John (age 17) and James (age 14). In Dist. No. 4, Enterprise. Acc. to the 1860 Census, Nelson Hamilton, 42, a merchant and farmer, was born in Va. His wife was Amelia, and their son Wm. H. Hamilton was 10 yrs. old. Wm. Hamilton was born April 1850 in Ky. and he and his wife Louise had a son named Willard who was born July 1889. (Acc. to 1900 Census)
ENTERPRISE (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 4/06/1866, Isaac E. Gray; 10/22/1867, Michel Stone; Disc. 12/29/1868 (NA); in fishtrap area.

Isaac E. Gray was age 31 acc. to 1870 Census. Acc. to the POD site sheet, this po was about where the Millard Ele. Sch. is now, at the foot of Rocky Rd., at the forks, ½ mi. below Powells Creek.
MILLARD (Pike Co.): PO was disc. in 1965. Shirley B. Thacker was the last pm. (Blanche Branham, letter to me, 2/20/1981); The commu. has no established boundaries but is generally considered to include the area n of the Levis Fork, extending s to as far as Millard H.S., along KY 80, e as far as the mouth of Lower Pompey Creek (along old US 460), and nw by the mouth of Damron Branch (along KY 80). The Millard ele. sch. area is considered the ctr. of the commu. (Jack Sykes to Blanche Branham, 1/27/1981); disc 8/31/1959 (Sweeney-Potena) (c-n to Pikeu.)
HAMILTON'S STORE (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 1/10/1859, Nelson Hamilton; Disc. 7/31/1863 (NA);

Could this have been the Nelson Hamilton whose daughter-in-law Louise was the 1st pm of Millard which was named for her son, Millard Hamilton, Nelson's grandson? In which case, could this have been a forerunner of Millard? It was in operation when Powell's Mills was not, Named for Nelson Hamilton, ne in Scott Co, Va. and came with parents to Ky. He owned the bottom from Slones Br. to Garden Vil. The store-po was at the mouth of Slones Br. He's buried at the fam. cem. betw. the road and the river. In RansPolley Curve. (Marie Justice, his gt. gt. granddaughter, 3/25/1989);
MILLARD (Pike Co., Ky): On 1/11/1898 Wm. W. Culbertson prop. to move po from the n. side of BSR, above the mouth of Russell Fk. to the n. side of Powell Cr, on e. side of Russell. In 1914 Moses Adkins pet. to move it 77½ rods s. to a site 600 ft. s. of Russell Fk., ½ mi. e of Hopkins Creek and 60 ft. 5 of the C&O tracks. The C&O sta. there was called The Forks, on sw side of the confl. of Russell & Levisa, about the present site of Nelse. The commu. to be served was aka Axtel. On 11/9/16 Jas. N. Bevins pet. it to serve commu. called The Forks, ½ mi. s. of Hopkins Cr, on e side of the C&O, 150 ft. from tracks. On 4/15/1918
Nelse. On 3/2/1948 Robt. J. Hickey pet. for move of po to 3/4 mi. n. of US 23, 3/4 mi. s. of former site, 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi. ne of Millard rr sta., 3/4 mi. s. of Levisa. (Site Location Repts.);
Nelson Hamilton was born in 1819 and married Almedia Belcher on 12/26/1839. They lived in the curve in the road above the Millard Bridge that's always been known as the Rans Polley Place for the man who owned the site after the Hamiltons. Nelson died in 1900 and is buried in the Hamilton Cem. Nelson was the son of Wm. and Susanna. Nelson owned much land in the area and served in the Ky. House of Reps. 1873-5. He owned land on Matts Creek and Chloe Creek. One of his sons was Wm. Hamilton, ne 1850, who wed Louisiana Deskins, daughter of John & Martha Bevins Deskins on 12/10/1873. One of their children
was Millard Hamilton. James Bevins had a store at Millard site in the 1830s. He lived on Matts Creek. (Marie R. Justice in col. "App. Ancestors" in Pikev. App. News-Express 2/1/1985, II P. 1:4-6, 2/8/85, II P. 1:3);
MILLARD (Pike County): (pron. "M(ih)l/ərd")
(Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 3/11/1892,
Louisa A. Hamilton....(NA); c. 1823, called
"The Forks," Named for Millard Hamilton, son
of Nelson Hamilton. Once called The Forks. When
the Levisa and Russell Forks of the BSR meet.
(Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long, Pike
ville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Named
for Millard Hamilton, son of Wm. Harvey and
Louise (Deskins) Hamilton. Louise was 1st pm.
Wm. H. was son of Nelson. Before 1892, it was
called "The Forks". (Dorcas M. Hobbs, letter,
1/7/1981); The Millard po was originally on
the Nelson side of the Russell Fk. (Sweaney,
12/15/88);
MILLER BRANCH OF MOTLEY FORK (of Feds Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): (F35le) Extends for ~1 mi. s. to Motley Fork; c. 3/4 mi. from Feds Creek, and 2 miles e. of the Feds Creek PO. Probably named for the family of Eli Jackson Miller (ne 1818 in NC and died 1896) who had settled on Motley in the early spring of 1860. (Mary Miller & Lena Pugh, "The Millers of Feds Creek; Pike Co." Pike Co., Ky: 1821-1980, Hist'l. Papers-#4, 1980, Pp. 107-132); Given as Matteys Fork on land grant book 100, P. 428, 1881 when Eli J. Miller acquired 50 acres on it (Jillson, 1971, P. 1490);
MILLER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Joins Johns Creek near Mayflower. May have been named for family of Geo. Miller, over a century ago. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
MILLERS' CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): A Johns Cr. trib. Chas. & Emla Millard were hunting bears c.1790 and they came to this stream and named it for themselves. Mapmakers late omitted the "d". They came down the Tug Fk. R. from the Clinch R. After a fight with Indians they came to John's Creek where Chas. drowned as they were fording it. Acc. to Kerr. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
MILLERS CREEK (a branch of Johns Creek, Pike Co., Ky); (F. 78) Named for Charles Millard (?) who, c1790, killed an Indian on this creek. (Source: Malvray Johnson to his son-in-law, Rodney Tackett, for Leonard Roberts, 1970) (ch. on this....); A man named Miller drowned at the mouth of this branch of Johns Creek. (From Orethia Miller for Leonard Roberts, 1971); Named for Chas. Millard. In c.1790 Chas. & Emla Millard, bros., went on a hunting trip down the Tug Fk. from Clinch R. Met some Indians. Escaped. to Johns Creek Chas. was drowned in flood tide. Body never found. The creek at whose mouth he drowned has since been called Millers Creek. (Ely, The BSV, Oct. 1887, pP. 15-16)
MILLERS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to Clyde Runyon, the bros. Chas. & Emile Millard were Frenchmen. Emile served with LaFayette in the Rev. Later moved to Tazewell Co. His name was also given as Embly. They were on Johns Creek in 1792 when Charles was drowned near the mouth of Millers Creek. (Dorcas Hobbs "App. Anc." col. date-?);
MILLER FORK OF FEDS CREEK (Pike Co, Ky): Name for local families. (Bernice Hackney, Mouthcard, Ky., letter to me, 4/21/1989);
MILLERS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): (F405) A trib of the Levisa Fk. of the BSR. Named for a family that had settled there. (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts)
MILLERS FORK OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Wm. A. Taylor acquired 50 acres here (3/24/57
(Bk. 50, P. 233) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1745);
MILLSTONE BRANCH OF BENT BRANCH (of Big Creek (Pike Co., Ky): David Stepp acquired 100 acres here (2/12/1855) (Bk. 46, P. 424) (Jill son, 1971, P. 1688); He had earlier acquired 200 acres on Bent Branch (Ibid.).
MIMMS BRANCH OF STONECOAL CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Lt. Col. David Mimms of the Confed. Army who lived nearby. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); A John D. Mims (sic) is listed as Clerk of Pike Co. Court in the mid 1830s; In Dec. 1854 John D. Mims was an executor of Thos. Owens’ will, and witness. (Will Book A, P. 40); No David Mimms (Mims) listed in 1860/1870 Censuses in this area; In 1850 John D. Mims (42), a merchant, lived with wife Arminta D. (35) with son David A. (17) etc. betw. Geo. N. Brown (28), Anderson Huffman (25 & nr. Wm. Cecil (27), Jas. Ferguson (45),
Nelson Hamilton (31), Willburn Buckley (25), Francis Sword (50), John Ratliff, Sr. (58), and not too far from Clevingers. (Census); No mention of John D. Mims in 1860 or 1870 Censuses; (Mimms Br. of Stonecoal could have been named for John);
MISSION CHURCH (on Indian Creek in Pike Co.): (F189) (#98-844) 37°20'45" (Lat), 82°35'45" (Lon)
A Missionary Alliance Church. (Leonard Roberts
MISSOURI BRANCH (of Johns Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Named after a Blackburn family from Virginia heading for St. Louis, Mo., got stuck here for the winter and stayed for a year. Their food ran out so the following spring they cleared some land for a crop. Later all left for Missouri but one couple stayed behind and later the stream was named for their destination of their departed relatives. (Source: Jack King to his grandson, David Pinson for Leonard Roberts, 1969; also Orethia Miller, for L. Roberts, 1971)
MISSOURI CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): ("Mihz/ᵻ/ᵻ/ᵻ"
A Johns Cr. trib. Named by the Blackburns
who, on their way from NC to Mo., settled at
the mouth of this little creek, nr. the
present McCombs PO. So they decided to name
the stream Missouri. Acc. to Scalf. (Eva
Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
MISSOURI BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)

"That's quite an interesting story. I know the trad. of it. The Blackburn family out of Va. decided that they were going to move--migrate to the state of Mo., long before the C.W. And they came out of Va. and down Johns Cr., and when they got to the mouth of Mo. Creek--it didn't have its name then--one of the leaders of the Blackburn family said 'Wel this is Missouri. Not goin' any further. This is Missouri." (When was this?) In the 1830s. (Buck Scalf, 5/28/1971)
No families of Money lived in Pond-Big Creek areas acc. to 1850-1900 Censuses;
Monty Lowe Branch of Brushy Fork (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): He actually spelled his name Montraville!"("Mahnt/tree/vihl Loh") One of the 2nd generation Lowes who owned thousands of acres in that section. He was a brother of Billy, but not sure of this. (Acc. to Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Given as Scott Branch on Harold 15. min. top. map (1915); James M. Lowe (38) and his wife Ona (21) lived in the Big Creek En. Dist. in 1910. Living with them was his father Orrison B. Lowe (70) and his mother Eliz. (68); But J. Mont Lowe was the son of Orison R. and Jemima (Davis) Lowe, of Big Creek. Acc. to Alley
(1961, P. 89) Mont was then a retired N&W RR employee and was living in Roanoke. James Montraville Lowe was the son of O.B.M. Lowe and grandson of Orison Lowe. This was the same James M. Lowe who was pm of Morell. He was not bro. to Billy Lowe (of Billy Lowe Br. Billy was the son of James Lowe who had marr. a Rutherford. cf Chas. E. Lowe, Jr., Dist. Judge, Pike Co. The Monty Lowe Farm was at the mouth of Monty Lowe Br. This may first have been called Maynard Br. where the Maynards ls settled, at the mouth of the branch. This is the 1st br. above Home Branch. (R.B. Maynard, Brushy Fork, Pike Co., interview, 7/15/1989);
Monty Lowe=James M. Lowe. DK of a po called Morell there. (Crit Blackburn, 8/8/1989);
James Monterville (sic) Lowe place was 5 mi. below the forks of Brushy. Now called the
Arthur Maynard farm. (Maynard book, P. 4);
Taylor. (Runyon Gen., 1955, Pp. 60-1);
MAINERS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Isaac Mainer acquired 100 acres on Mainers Creek which were surveyed 8/21/1844 (Bk. 14, P. 406) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1562); Benj. Mainer acquired 75 acres on Mainer Br. (2/24/47) (Bk. 26, P. 64) (Ibid).

This is where the Maynards first settled and is now known as Monty Lowe Br. Benj. Mainer lived at its mouth. (RB Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); What's given erroneously as Fk.s of Brushy Sch. on top. map was really the Monty Lowe Sch. Bldg. torn down and Willard Scott's widow owns the site now. (RB Maynard, Id.).
MORCOAL (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Mor/kohl") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); Nearly 2 mi. up Pinson Fk. of Pond Creek, at the head of the N&W branch line. Maybe aptly named but check. 2 mi. sw of McAndrews;
MORELL (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 3/23/1917, James M. Lowe; Disc. eff. 10/31/1925 (mail to Thomas) (NA); Orig. home site of pioneer Christopher Columbus Maynard. This may have been c. 0.4 mi. below the forks of Brushy, at the James Monteville Lowe place, later called the Arthur Maynard farm. (R.B. Maynard in undated col. in App. Exp.-on file, and letter from him; 2/23/1989); J.M(ont) Lowe pet. for po to be called Kelsey, on bank of Brushy Fk., 5 mi. ne of Gulinare PO, 2 air mi. from Floyd Co. line, midway betw. Thomas & Jarad. 4/28/1917 Lowe pet. for po to serve the H. Scott place 60-70 yrd. n. of Brushy, 4 mi. w of Jarad & 5½-6 mi. e. of Thomas, 4 mi. n.
of Gulnare. Nr. Scott Br. or B. Maynard Br. The office was w. of that br. (Site Location Reports); Wm. F. Morell was the 1st pm-storekeeper of Shelbiana, c1905-8. Could it have been named for him? Why?); It might have been named for Morell Scott (1/6/1865-7/3/87) son of John Marion Scott and wife Manirva. Morell was bro. to Roscoe Scott and nephew of Henderson. Morell never married. (McCoy, Truda P. 268)
MORGAN BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Extends for ca. 2½ mi. in nne direction. Was it named for the family of David Morgan who is said to have deeded land in Pike Co. on 2/16/1809 to Wm. Justice (on BSR). (Did David ever live here, or any members of his family? (Faye Helvey Burke, "Genealogical Information about the John Justice Family" 150 Yrs. of Pike Co., Ky. 1822-1972, Sesqui. Iss. Vol. 1, Pike Co. His. Soc., Pp. 81-3, 82); Acc. to Deed Book A (Floyd Co.) on 4/2/1805 indenture by Josiah Fuget (and wife Betty) to David Morgan for 100 acres on Levissa F. (sic) known by the name of the Grape Vine Tract;
James Morgan had 200 acres on Sandy River, acc to 1823 Pike Co. Tax List
MORRIS BRANCH OF Raccoon Creek (Pike Co., Ky)
Given as Sloane Br. of Raccoon Creek on the Regina 15 min. top. map (1915); In 1910, A.P. Morris (32) lived next to Cleveland Slone (2 on Coon Road (Coon Creek) in the vic. of Justices, McCoys, Keenas Morris (67) with wife Nancy (67). Next door to A.P. was also family of Goffs, etc. Nearby, also on Coon Rd., was Epperson Slone (39) living next to K.B. Morris (42). On the other side of Epperson was Gilmore Slone (53). (So Kenis Morris did live on Coon Creek. Could Morris Br. have been named for him?)
In 1880, Peter B. Moris (sic) (24) lived betw. Thos. Charles (52) & Geo. Charles (31) and other Charles, McCoy, Maynard, Ball, Burris, and Miller families. But no Sloans. (1880 Census);
MOSE COLEMAN HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): at the head of Harless Creek. (P. 43); Named for a resident, c1900. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va. USGS BULL. #348, 1908); Moses Coleman (ne 1/1842) with wife Nancy (1/66) lived in Forks E.D. betw. David Childress (6/45) and Wm. Ward (1/73) (1900 Census);
MOSS CAMP BRANCH OF MILLER CREEK (Pike Co): Used to be Moss Camp Bank. Moss grew out of the creek and went up the bank, into the road. Was removed when the road was straightened. Nr. the school that is now gone. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulinare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
MOSSY BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): "This settlement with dpo lies on the Levisa Fk. across from US23/460 and opp. the mouth of Cowpens Creek, 3 mi. nw of Piklev. It was aptly named for its location in the low-lying area betw. the C&O tracks and the river. The po, est. 3/30/1906 with Tobias Wagner, pm, was discontinued (in 1942). The local C&O sta. of Wagner was named for Tobias, a pre-CW immi. from Germany who later became a Pike Co. judge." (Book-P. 204); On 12/26/1905 Tobias Wagner pet. for est. of po to be called Wagner or Wagners Station. On C&O rr. 3 mi. w of Coal Run & 3 mi. n of Harold. Not a vil. On 10/14/1912 moved ½ mi. s. On 3/20/1929 moved ¼ mi. ne. (Site Loc. Repts.);
WAGNER STATION (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Waegh/ner")
Named for Tobias Wagner ("Toh/bees"), a German. To Pike Co. just after the C.W. and got to be Co. Judge. He lived there. A prominent man. They named the station for him. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971);
Named for Tobias Wagner who came from Germany and settled in Pike Co. in the 1850s. Civil War vet. County judge in the late 80s or early 90s. Lists children. ...(from info. furnished by a gt. grandson, to Dorcas M. Hobbs, and from her to me, by letter of 1/7/1981);
WAGNERS' STATION (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Tobias Wagner ("Toh/be/əs Waegh/nər"), a Ger. immigrant, who came to Pike Co. just after CW and was later county judge. He lived there. He was a prominent man so they named it for him. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971);
MOSSY BOTTOM (Pike Co.) (F78) PO est. c1910. Toby Wagoner was 1st pm. He came to US from Germany when age 18. When est. the po was across the river on the r.r side. In 1920, Grace Waggoner became pm and moved the office to the mouth of Cowpen Creek. Disc. 1940 when Wm. Milton Huffman was pm. (Leonard Roberts); 37°31'45"(Lat), 82°35'(Long.); (pron. "M(aw)s/ee ↔ M(ah)s/ee B(ah)t/am") Named for physical condition. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/77); po est. 3/30/1906, Tobias Wagner... (NA); Disc 5/31/1942 (m. to Pikeville);
MOSSY BOTTOM BRIDGE (Pike Co., Ky): Across US 23 from mouth of Cow Pen Creek. Co-owned suspension bridge was built 1963. (App. Xpr. 11/10/1977, P. Al:4-6);
MOTLEYS' FORK OF FEDS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Isham Slone acquired 100 acres here (1/8/58) (Bk. 52, P. 263) and 100 acres on the right hand fork of Motley Fk. (8/21/57) (Bk. 54, P. 27) and 200 acres more on Motley in 1859 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1730); and 100 acres on Peddler Fk. (12/17/1893) (Bk. 96, P. 65) (Ibid, P. 1731); John W. Walkins (sic) acquired 150 acres on Motleys Fk. (8/21/1858) (Bk. 54, P. 29) (Ibid., P. 1787); No Motleys in 19th cent Censuses;
MOUNTAIN BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co):
Heads in the Cumb. Mt. Where the Potters lived.
(Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
MT. CARMEL CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): At Huddy. Colored. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989): Colored. DK why named. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
MOUTH CARD (Pike Co., Ky.) Acc. to Wallace J. Williamson, interview, 4/24/1971, it's derived from "mouth of Card"; (pron. "M(ow)th/k(ah)rd") 2 creeks, Little Card and Big Card come together at this point. It's short for "the mouth of Card." DK why Card Creek so-named. DK how old the name is. (Eva Powell, interview 8/16/1977); po est. as Mouth of Card, 8/4/1853, Isaac Epling; Disc. 4/25/54; Re-est. 9/7 1854, Abner R. Kerr..Disc. 7/6/94; Re-est. 3/2 /1895, Geo. M. Hunt....The po name was given a Mouth Card, c1874 and as Mouthcard by 1895 tho it isn't known just when these names were actually bestowed on it. (NA); APO.
MOUTH CARD (Pike Co.): PO so named for its location at the mouth of Card Creek; Kentucky
Elkhorn Coal Co. here: "This hamlet with PO at the jct. of US640 & Ky.1499, 15 mi. ese of
Pikev., was named for its location at the mouth of Card Cr., a trib. of the Levisa Fk. Its po, est. as Mouth of Card on 8/4/1853, with Isaac Epling, pm, had become simply Mouthcard before 1900." (Book-P. 206)
MOUTH OF POND PO (Pike Co., Ky): On 6/4/1886 Jacob Smith pet. for est. or move of po to the s. bank of Tug Fk., on the e. side of Pond Cr. (Site Location Rept); Given as Mouth of Pond PO on Postal Route Map of 1884 and Clift's 1893 po's map and the 1889 Rand McN. map as name of that com; On 5/5/1890 when the Runyon PO was est., reference was made to its prox. to the Mouth of Pond PO. 6/11/1886 Jacob Smith.... The only po name mentioned was Mouth of Pond. Nothing said of a Lon(s)ville PO. (Site Loc. Rept.);
MOUTH OF POND (Pike Co., Ky): In 1789, Robt. Leslie and possibly his father, Wm. Robert Leslie, planned to make a settlement at the mouth of Pond Creek. They cleared some land in that bottom and built a cabin and planted some corn & potatoes. But fear of Indians led to its abandonment shortly thereafter. (Scalf, KLF, P. 99);
LONVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): po est. as Mouth of Pond (for its location) on 5/27/1848 with Thos. Harris, pm; n.ch. to Lonsville 8/10/48, L.H. McGinnis; 2/22/50, Thos. H. Harris... Disc. 7/22/1852; Re-est. 10/16/52, Leonidas H. McGinnis; n.ch. to Lonsville 5/26/1853, Richard M. Ferrell... Disc. 10/10/63; Re-est. 4/6/66, Alex Vaney... Disc. 9/7/1893 (papers to Williamson, W.Va.) (NA); The commu. probably continued to be called Mouth of Pond till the turn of the 19th cent. since this name, not Lonsville, is shown on the Rand McN. map of 1889; Jake-Smith ran store for yrs. and was pm from 1867-1893. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/89); Runyon didnt know how Lon(s)ville name was given; RR bridge built at Mouth of Pond c. 1911. (Ibid.
MUDDY BR. OF BIG BRANCH (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Now owned by Burgess Lowe who lives at its mouth. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989);
MUDLICK BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Samuel McCoy acquired 100 acres here (surv. 1/31/1839) (Bk. 6, P. 422) and 50 more on Blackberry Fk. (9/10/39) (Bk. 7, P. 525) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1534); Thos. Scott acquired 50 acres on Mud Lick Fk of Blackberry Fk. (1/8/1846) (Bk. 19, P. 233) (Ibid., P. 1726); Thos. Scott acquired 650 acres on Mud Lick Fk. of Blackberry Fk. (2/13/1858) (Bk. 52, P. 60) (Ibid., P. 1727); Dan'l. Scott acquired 50 acres on Mud Lick (2/4/58) (Bk. 52, P. 259) (Ibid.);
Named for a bear lick in the vic. of Stagger Fk. Kept the ground all muddy where they came to get water. (Dorothy Smith, a resident, interview, 8/26/1989);
MUDLICK BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Aptly named. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Thos. Hunt acquired 50 acres on Mud Lick (sur. 12/8/1842) (Bk. 10, P. 289) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1372 and another 60 acres here (3/28/66) (Bk. 69, P. 422) (Ibid., P. 1373); Called Little Mud Lick to distinguish it from the longer Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick of Blackberry, interview, 8/26/89); Called Little Mud Lick because it derives from main Mudlick of Blackberry. (E.L. "Red" Stanley Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); This may also have been known as Sharondale Hol. for the Sharondale Sch. was here. (A local man, Goody, Ky., 9/2/89);
MUDLICK SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Blackberry Fork School on the 1928 Matewan 15 min. top. map;
MUD LICK (of Beaver Creek) (Pike Co., Ky):
G.C. Ramey acquired 34 acres on Mud Lick Fk.
(otherwise unidentified), surv. 9/8/1911.
(Bk. 124, P. 64) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1618);
MULLEN FORK OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Joins Pond Creek from the sw, betw. Stone & Pinson. Shown on 1915 top. map. Tierney family had coal camp there later—at the mouth. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Wm. Taylor acquired 100 acres on Mullinses Fork (of Pond Cr.) (3/2/1839) (Bk. 6, P. 424) and 125 acres on Pond C: (2/27/39) (Bk. 7, P. 23) and 50 more on Mullins Fk. (9/10/45) (Bk. 18, P. 181) and other land on Mullins Fk. & Pond Cr. in the 1840s-1860s. (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1744-5); Now called Tierney Hollow ("T3r/nee") and no longer Mullen Fk. Named for the Tierney mining interests there. Name was changed when the Tierney Mining Co. came in. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/89)
DK why Mullen; Now Tierney Hol. (Tur/nee) (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Now Tierney Hol. DK why Mullen. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/89); A number of other area persons interviewed in Aug. and Sept. 1989 confirmed that this is now called Tierney Hol.
MULLINS ADDITION and MULLINS SCHOOLS (Pike Co., Ky): The commu. was named for the school (ele. and high sch.) and the latter were named for the family. (Acc. to Joe Jett Friend, a resident, and PCC student, 5/3/1971); The sch was est. on land owned by heirs of Noah B. Mullins for whom it was named. Sch. was built and dedicated in 1954. When it opened it had 650 students, incl. 142 in its high sch. (Acc. to Ruby S. Ratliff, ex-sec. of the hi.sch. in Mark F. Sohn, etal, Educ. in Appalachia's Central Highlands, 3rd rev., 9/1986, P. 84); Named for Noah Mullins (4/19/1863-8/13/1947) and buried in the Mullins Cem. n. of Pikev. (Marie Justice, one Mullins family, P. 19)
What's now called Mullins Addition for Noah Mullins, a resident) was, at the time he was living there, called Mossy Bottom. His old home was torn down in the early 1930s. On the site a new brick house was built. (Dorcas M. Hobbs, "App. Anc." App. N-Xpr. 11/8/1980, P. II, 2:2);
Smith Mullins acquired 250 acres on MULLINS BRANCH OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) and had it surveyed on 11/27/1857 (Acc. to Book 57, P. 399) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1525);
MURPHY HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): of Julius Br. of Tug Fk. Some 40-50 yrs. ago it was bought by a man named Murphy (maybe G.C. Murphy) whose two sons were Clyde and Herman. The hollow or branch was named for the elder Murphy. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/89)

Now called Happy Valley, a little subdivision has had this name for years. (Dorothy Smith, Blackberry Fk. of Pond Cr., interview, 8/26/1989); Now called Happy Valley. Clyde Murphy's father had a sawmill here but dk his name. (McCoy, interview, 9/2/1989);
MURPHY CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): In Belfry; Named for local families. Many Murphys live(d) up Coburn Hol. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Ibid. (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/89);
MURPHY FORK OF NARROWS BRANCH (of Blackberry Fork of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): some $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles up Narrows and $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. below its head. Named for John Murphy, the only resident in the old days. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
Marcus de LaFayette Greer was a son of Levi and Almyra (called Myra) Greer. He was born 12/26/1859 in Ashe Co., NC. and moved with his parents to Beefhide Fk. in 1860. He was called Fayette. In 1879 he married Drucilla Mullins. In 1895 they bought a farm at the mouth of Beefhide, incl. the big bottom, and erected a brick home on Shelby Creek. He was a farmer, storekeeper, and pm of Myra. His was a large store there. Myra was one of his 14 children. She was nee Sarah Almyra "Myra" Greer on 2/17/1889 and married Will Bentley, a Pike Co. mine owner. She died in Huntington W.Va. in May 1953. Fayette Greer died 9/20/
1935 and is buried in the family cem. on Beefhide. The first Myra Greer was the wife of Levi Crittenden Greer. He was ne in NC on 6/13/1833. She was nee Miller and was nee 4/15/1836, daughter of John Miller of NC. They were wed 1858/9 and arrived on Beefhide in 1859. She died 3/7/1879 and is buried in the Greer Cem. on The Point below Phillips Branch of Beefhide. The Greers lived just below the mouth of Lick Fk. of Beefhide and were farmers. (Acc. to THE GREER-MULLINS FAMILY TREE by Jos. & Mollie Gréer Alley of Prichard, W.Wa. 1966. in E. City P.L., examined by me 2/22/1989);
MYRA (Pike Co.): (pron. "M(eve)\L/(ah)/r(uh)""); Named for Myra Greer whose son, R.G. Greer, recently died, over 100 yrs. old. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/77); "This po on Ky. 610 (Old US23) and Shelby Creek, at the mouth of Beeshide Creek, 12½ mi. s. of Pikev., was est. on 5/24/1905 and named by its 1st pm and local storekeeper, Marquis D.L. Greer, for his daughter." (Book-P. 208)

Wrong Myra. This was her grandmother.
MYRA (Pike County, Kentucky): "Named for Myra Greer, the daughter of M.D.L. Greer, a local merchant." (Acc. to Biddle in a letter to Steel, 4/15/1930. In the Steel Files, OGN.) (Check the Steel correspondence.) ....

T.M. \textit{Postmaster}

\textit{p.o. est. 5/24/1905 with Marquis D.L. Greer (q.v.), p.m.}

(....) Marquis D.L. Greer was also pm, 7/26/1930. Was he the same person as the first pm? (Acc. to the N.A.)
MYRA PO (Pike Co., Ky): Named for either or both Almyra Greer, daughter of Lafayette (i.e. Marquis D. LaFayette) Greer or for his mother, also Almyra. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/1989).
MYRA STATION (Pike Co., Ky): was 3/4 mile above (se of) the mouth of Beefhide Creek (site of Myra po) (Acc. to 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map);
NAMPA (Pike Co.): (pron. "N(ae)m/p(uh)") cf. to old coal company records; maybe an acronym for something+Pennsylvania. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); DK why named. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); DK why named. Not a coal town. 2½-3 mi. up Tug Fk. from McCarr. Coal co. had a mine here. Coal was taken across the river to be trucked. Just a mine by this name, with a few homes, not a town. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); Yet Nampa is located at the mouth of Peter Fk. of Blackberry Creek on the current st. highway maps; Acc. to 1970 Rand McNally, Nampa had a pop. of 100, was on the N&W, and McCarr was its po. At the head of a branch rr line s of McCarr;
NARROW BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Daniel Scott acquired 50 acres on here, 12/7/1842 (Bk. 10, P. 293) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1726); Dan'l. Scott acquired 500 acres on Narrows Br. of Blackberry Fork (2/7/53) (Bk. 41, P. 77) (Ibid., P. 1727); and another 50 acres there (2/7/53) (Bk. 41, P. 84) (Ibid.);
He also acquired 50 acres on Sugar Camp Br. (1/13/52) (Bk. 37, P. 456) (Ibid. P. 1726); & 14 acres on Sugar Camp of Narrows Branch (sic (12/18/1859) (Bk. 60, P. 435) (Ibid. P. 1727)
and more acreage on Narrows Br. in the 1860s (Ibid.).
NARROWS BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY BRANCH (of Pond Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Joins Blackberry at the upper end of Hardy. ("Naer/əz") Sort of narrow at the mouth of the branch. Guesses this is the name origin. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); "Nahr/əz" (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/89); DK why so named, maybe apt. (Ibid.); A narrow hol. where the hills come together at the Regl. Bapt. Chu. The hills on both sides come together, narrows to a funnel and widens again when you go through. (E.L. "Red" Stanley & Danny Stacy, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
NARROW HOLLOW (on Rockhouse Creek, Marrowbone (Pike Co., Ky)): Aptly named. Erie Adkins & his family lived there early in 20th cent. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
NAT'S FORK OF SYCAMORE BRANCH (of Left Fk. of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Nathaniel "Nat" Burke. (Frances Sowards, letter to me, 3/4/1989); He died in 1888. (Frances Sowards, interview, 4/8/89);
NELSE (Pike Co.): This commu. includes only the area s of Levisa Fork from the mouth of Hopkins Creek to a point approximately 3000 ft. upstream. (Jack Sykes in memo. to Blanch Branham, for me, 1/27/1981, and sent by her to me, 2/20/1981); How Nelse Got Its Name: "The Republicans won election. It was when Hoover was President. They moved the Millard Post Office to Dave Polleys at the Polleyanna Drive-In. Jack May from Prestomsburg was Congressman. He and George Pinson from Pikeville helped get the post office established. In 1925 William G. (Bill) Belcher was postmaster at Millard. He became the postmaster
at Nelse. They picked the name Nelse for the Post Office after Nelse Bevins, because he was the oldest citizen in the community at that time. (sic) If more information is needed, you could contact John Bevins at Nelse, Ky. His phone number is 432-1929." (from Blanche Branham, letter to me, 2/20/1981);
NELSE (Pike Co., Ky): The po is current. See Pat(ricia) Chaney, pm. (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/1988); po est. 7/1/1935.... PO named for Nelson Bevins, son of Jim and Mary Hamilton Bevins, she was daughter of Nelson Hamilton. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); On 11/19/1934 Fannie Belcher, PM pet. for est. of Nelse PO (Site Loc. Rept.);
NETLEY BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. Neely Hatfield (bro. of T.M. Hatfield) lived at its mouth. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); DK of any Netley families. Nealy Hatfield lived at mouth. (Id.) Nettleweed grew in there in profusion. (dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
JNETLEY BR. OF PINSON FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Cains used to live here. One of the boys is now a Pikeville MD. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
The Alma-Thacker Coal Camp was at the mouth of Péter Fk. of Blackberry, with the company store. Informant worked in the store. Named for the two seams, Thacker and Alma, that it mined. Thus named for two seams of coal. New Alma was at same site. Another company bought the first co. out and called the mine New Alma. The land now belongs to a Huntington land co. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); New Alma Coal Co. 1934-57; The New Alma commu. extended on Blackberry Cr. from the mouth of Péter-Fk. Farley Br. to McCarr. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackb. Fk. of Pond Cr., interview, 8/26/89);
NEW-ALMA CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the New Alma Coal Camp on Blackberry Creek. (Acc. to Willard Blackburn of Burnwell, Ky., letter to me, 7/8/1989); Coal camp called Alma-Thacker for the coal company, early 20th cent. In 1933 the firm went bankrupt. That year 4 men, A.E. Knee, Tom J. Norman, Harmon, and McGlothlin started it up again and renamed it New Alma Coal Co. Sold out in 1955. Gone. DK origin of Alma name. (Herbert Farley, Blackberry Creek, who used to work for them, interview, 7/22/1989) Other local people did not know the name's derivation either. The church, which is also gone, was first called
Stafford Church for a local family which owned prop. leased by the Alma-Thacker Co. The chu. was 1400 ft. below the Alma Co. store, below the mouth of Peter Fk. By the cem. (Ibid.); Alma Thacker Coal & Coke Co. came in in 1902 and leased Stafford land. The rr came in in 1913. Pron. (by all) ("Ael/mee") (Ibid.);
NEW CAMP (Pike Co., Ky): (see Julius Branch notes...) A coal camp. Check if named for a New Camp Mining Co. The company that est. this also owned a mine on Pond Creek below Leckieville and land on Turkey Creek. No longer mining there. But now a much settled area and still called this. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Was owned by Pond Creek Collieries. Now many nice homes. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
NEW CAMP (Pike Co., Ky): The Pond Creek Collieries had commissary, camp, and main offices here. c. early 20th cent. After rr was built through the area. (John Darbyshire, Black Gem, interview, 9/2/1989);
NEWSOME (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 1/14/1909; Pee S. Damron; Disc. 3/31/1911 (mail to Penny) (NA); The Newsoms of the Shelby Creek area. prog. was Harrison Newsome who was born in NC in 1775 and his wife Peggy Lowe who was born in NC in 1780. They marr. in NC in 1798. He bought family to Pike Co. c. 1815 or '16. Had acquired a govt. land grant for a large terri. on Shelby Cr. nr. Virgie, a large sect. on Little Robinson Cr., and land on Caney Creek. Harrison was a farmer and stock raiser. His son Henry was given Harrison's holdings on Caney. His family has lived on Caney for years. It was said that Henry's son, David, was a brilliant man and people would...
come to him for advice. Once a neighbor said "I've come to you for advice." What is it? "I killed a man last night and I want your advice about what to do." Said "You are too late. If you had asked me yesterday, I would have told you not to do it." (Lexie Newsom Wisecarver, his granddaughter, "The Newsoms" in Pike Co. 1822-1977; Hist'l. Papers #3, 1977, Pp. 38-41, 40). David was ne 1836 and died 1918 (Ibid.)
NEWSOM (Pike Co., Ky): In 12/1908 pet. for est. of po on e. side of Caney Cr, nr. its mouth. On 6/5/1909 pet. it's sp. Newsome. P.S. Damron was pm. 150 ft. e. of Shelby Cr 5 mi. from Yeager and 4 mi. e. of Robin Cr. PO. (Site Loc. Rept.); At the mouth of Newsom Br. of Caney Creek. Probably named for Dave Newsom, who had a store (and po) there or his son John Hen(ry) Newsom. Pee Damron lived down Caney at or nr. its mouth. (Law. Newsom, Rob. Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/89) Same site. Named for John Henry. David owned much land in the area. John Henry was his so (Robt. & Oma Branch, Caney Creek, interview 7/29/89);
NEWSOM BRANCH OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Newsom is correct, original and preferred spelling. The term "e" is in error. Named for David Newsom, resident, or may have had an earlier derivation. (Lawrence Newsom, Rob. Cr., Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Named for John Henry Newsom but his father, David, lived there first. Mrs. Oma Branham, 81, John Henry's daughter, told informant that John Henry lived at the mouth of Newsom Br. when none else lived up that branch. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
NEWSOME BRANCH (sie) of Robinson Creek (PikeCo) (F735) 37°21'30" to 37°22'15" (Lat), 82°38' (Lon)

Orig. called Phenia Branch for the wife of Robert Newsome who settled and owned this br.
(Milford Newsome, grandson of Robert, 10/16/1974, acc. to Leonard Roberts); Robert Lee

Newsome was born in Pike Co. in 1839. He marr.
Phena Brown, nee 1844 in Floyd Co. on April 14, 1860 in Pike Co. Their son, Robert Lee, Jr. was
born Aug. 19, 1881 in Pike Co. He married
Phena Hamilton on Nov. 14, 1880 (sic-?) (Newsome Newsletter, ed. by Denver E. Newsom, 26154
Wagner, Warren, Mi. 48089, #1);

(probably nee
Robert Newsom acquired 200 acres on Newsom Creek (surveyed 2/5/1881) (Bk. 100, P. 6) (Jillon, 1971, P. 1555); and 9 acres on Land Br. of Robinson Creek (surv. 4/13/1915) (Bk. 124, P. 363) (Ibid.);

**NEWSOM BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK** (Pike Co): Has been called and still is Phenia (pron. "Fee/nee") Branch for Robert Newsom's wife. aka Andy Newsom Branch (for a resident). 1st called Sam Owens Fork for a man who lived or the e. side of old US23, ½ mi. below Indian Creek. (Lawrence Newsom, Robt. & Phena's grandson, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); No Andy Newsom as son of Robt. and Phena Newsom in 1880 and 1910 Censuses. An Andy Newsom is listed as son of Sam Newsom, ne 9/1899 (1900 Census);
Geo. A. Newsom acquired 10 acres on Sam Owens Fork (4/12/1915) (Bk. 124, P. 359) (Jullson, P. 1555);
OWENS BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): David May acquired 50 acres here (surv. 4/10/1856) (Book 48, P. 112) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1477); Debenport (sic) Newsom acquired 150 acres on Owens Fork (though no mention of its main stream) surv. 12/31/1851. (Bk. 37, P. 512) (Ibid., P. 1555); Acc. to 1910 Census, Sam'l. R. Owens (32), a farmer, and his wife Mary lived in the Shelby En. Dist. between Preston Newsom (34) and Henry Newsom (42) and not too far from John H. Ray (53) and other Rays. Geo. A. Newsom lived some distance from them but also in the Shelby Dist; Geo. was then age 33;
Robert Silas Webster Owens (aka Silas W.R. Owens) marr. Dorcas May. He was ne 1822 in Pike Co. They moved to Cass Co., Mo. in 1878 where he died in 1906. Dorcas was the daughe: of Thomas and Dorcas (nee Patton) May. (Dorea: Hobbs, col. in App. Xpr. 9/13/1978); Sam'l. R. Owens (32) with wife Mary (27) lived betw. Preston Newsom (34) & Henry Newsom (42). Livin with Owens was his uncle Hartville Newsom (54) in Shelby E.D. Nr. Keel, Andersons, Henry C. Akers, Abbey E. Tackett, John H. Ray (53) with wife Liza B. (32). Probably on Rob. Creek (191 Census);
NEWSOME BRANCH of Shelby Creek (Pike Co., Ky)
Wm Newsome settled on this. (Past, Present, Future Pike Co. 1821-1971, Pikeville Coll., Summer 1971, for Ed. 425, a tchr's course with inst. Miss Goldie Benedict, Box 400, Virgie, Ky., n.p., in KHS Libr., vert. files);
Harrison Newsom acquired 76 acres on Newsom Branch of Shelby Creek which were surveyed 8/12/1868 (Bk. 75, P. 283) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1555); David acquired 10 acres on Newsom Br. (but of what stream is not indicated) x (surv. 2/5/1885) (Bk. 100, P. 355) (Ibid.); Newsom is correct sp. Named for Riley Newsom. Riley Newsom Cem. there. He was resi. (Lawrence Newsom, interview, 7/29/1989); x probably of
Harrison Newsom (1880) lived next to Wm. & Hartwell Newsom (who were brothers, ages 16 and 27) (Harrison was age 40). On the other side of Harrison was Henry Newsom (33). In the mouth of Caney Prec. They did not live nr. David Newsom (41) and David's wife Dicy tho' the latter also lived in the Mouth of Caney Prec. Lawrence Newsom's pattern of descent: George (prog.) whose son was Harrison Sr. whose son was Frederick (m. Anzie Hall) whose son was Davenport (ne 1846) whose son was Robert who marr. Thurzy Elswick whose son was G'. W. (ne 1888 who marr. Nancy Hampton) whose son was Lawrence M. (ne 1912) who marr. Eliza Ellen Ison (nee 1917) They call him Doc and he Bill (mar. 7/29/29)
One of the sons of Harrison Newsom was Henry, ne 1807/8 in NC who marr. Patsy Branham. Another son was Frederick, ne c.1814 in NC who marr. Agnes (or Anzy) Hall. Another was Harrison, Jr., ne c. 1815 in NC and marr. Mary Hall. Another was Davenport (or Portwell) ne 1816 in Ky. who marr. Marinda Bryant Among Harrison, Sr.'s 5 daughters were Polly (or Mary) Newsom who marr. Booker Mullins, Peggy who marr. Smith Mullins. (Acc. to Mr. Bobby Newsom, 420 Sunset Dr., Athens, Ga. 30606, in Dorcas Hobbs "App. Anc." col. in App. Xpr. 12/8-14/1977, P. B4:1);
The Newsoms: Harrison Newsom rec'd. land grant for land in Caney Creek, Robinson Cr., and Virgie area. He was ne c. 1775 in NC. His son Fredrick owned much land at the head of Robinson Creek. Latter was ne 1812. Fredrick's grandson, Robert Newsom was ne 5/29/1865 and died c. 1952 or 3. (Acc. to Alice J. Kinder's interview with Lawrence Newsom, retired sch. tchr. & farmer on Crow Hollow at the head of Rob. Cr. He was ne 11/4/1912, son of Geo. Washington Newsom (ne 11/28/1888. "Lawrence Newsom: A Blue-Ribbon Pike Co. Farmer" Mt. Roots Col., PIKEV. APP. NEWS-EXPR. 11/7/1979, III Pp. 1-2); Robert's father was Davenport Newsom ne 1846. Robert's wife was Thursey Clemick Newsom. (Abid.)
NEW-WAVERLY (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 7/7/1879, Jos. T. Wilson; 5/4/1880, Jesse Jones; Disc. 6/28/1880 (NA); (nearest po, 1889, was Paw Paw, acc. to Rand McN. atlas); Jesse Jones lived on Upper Feds Creek, probably on Jones Fork, so this po could have been in that vic. On 6/25/1879 Jos. T. Wilson pet. for a po' 6 mi. n. of Big Rock PO, 7 mi. sw of Paw Paw, on the s. bank of Freels (?) Creek (Site Location Rept.); (Could Freels be corr. of Feds Cr?); It's definitely given as Freels on the SLR, but I could find no such named stream on any of my maps. Prop. name was Waverly. (Site Loc. Rept);
DK of this po. DK of Jos. Wilson. Jesse Jones owned the upper half of Feds Creek. He deeded the land to a number of families for their homes. (Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989-she was a collateral descendant of Jones');
**NIGH** (Pike Co.): Named for a prominent lumberman. (T.M. Fiddle, asst. pm, Pikeville PO, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930); PO est. 10/17/1913, Harry E. Sycks...(NA); PO moved 1.1 mi. up Levisa (south) and was renamed Biggs on 10/1/1945 (Bob Sweaney); Nothing now at the site. (Ibid.); Could Nigh have been named for James A. Nighbert, a W.Va. land speculator, who sold 20,000 acres of W.Va. coal lands to the 2 founders of the Island Creek Coal Co. in 1902 for $600,000 ($20. an acre)? PO at mouth of Big Creek and run by Pearl Hunt. It closed and was replaced by Biggs PO. (q.v.) (Mary R. Hunt, Phyllis, Ky., letter, 3/6/1989)
NIGH (Pike Co., Ky): On 6/30/1913 D.J. Davenport petitioned for est. of a po called Nigh at the mouth of Big Creek, a Levisa trib. In 8/1922 Laura Griffith pet. for relocation of po 3/4 mi. w, to a pt. ¼ mi. below the mouth of Hunts Br. On 10/22/24, Ms. Griffith pet. for another move 3/4 mi. further w. On 1/20/1936 Vernon Rowe moved it back ½ mi. to a pt. 1/8 mi. w. of Hunts Br. On 4/21/1941 Hazel R. Dotson pet. for move 100 yr's. sw of the river, onto the highway, ¼ mi. ne of former site (Site Location Reports);
NIGH (Pike Co., Ky): At the mouth of Big Creek 4 miles below Feds Creek, a logging co. est. a camp here. It was the Nigh Lumber Co., from the Vanzandt Lumber Co. of Huntington, W.Va. In operation betw. 1910-1923. Large commissary or co. store. Dinky narrow gauge rr to haul log cars to the river from the head of Big Creek. Dave Davenport was the superintendent and Tom Williams was the store mgr. Two boarding homes for the 40-50 workers (most of them commuted from their own homes): one at the mouth of Piney (or third fork) at the head of Big Creek run by Eunice Flanary, a school tchr. Sterling Flanary took care of the company's mules; he
was called the barn boss. M&M Henry Thomas ran the lower boarding house. Kenis Coleman of Mouthcard was train boss. (C.E. Lewis who was a boy there and whose father, A.I. Lewis MD, was logging camp doctor, "Reflections From Another Era" APP. NEWS-EXP. 6/16/1979, II, P. 5:1-3);
NOSBEN FK. OF TURKEY CREEK (Pike Co, Ky):
Should be Nosbourn Hol. but dk why. (Dorothy
Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond
Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
NUNNARY BR. OF BUFFALO CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): So spelled on current (Broad Bottom, 1979) top. map; ("Nuhn/ər/ee") Named for Thomas Nunnery, the only one who ever lived on it, in the early 1900s. (Henry P. Scalf, interview 5/28/1971);
THE OCTAVIA J. COAL MINE (Pike Co., Ky): on Pinson Fork of Pond Creek was named for Octavia J. Smith, the daughter of Will M. & Ann (Phillips) Smith. She married a Mr. Foster and moved to Calif. The Smiths owned a large amt. of land in Pike Co: (R.B. Maynard's col. in the App. Exp., date-?); She was the granddaughter of Jacob and Pricy Smith. Will Smith owned much of Smith Hill in Pikev. (R.B. Maynard's col. "Hist'l. Notes" in APP. EXP. 2/9/1978, P. 13:4-5); halfway down Pinson fork (Berwice Hatcher, 7/11/89.) The mine was ½ mi. above Octavia Chu. Informant worked in the mine office. Named for the
wife of the owner, but his name was not Smith. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);

The mine was est. c1913-14 and closed in the 1950s. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WVa., interview, 9/2/1989); Octavia J. (Mrs. Harold A.) Foster, 5159 Old Ranch Rd., LaVerne, Cal. 91750. (Maynard book, P. 342, from C. Runyon, P. 68); Octavia J. Coal Mining Co. (c.1927-30

In 1900, Willie Smith (1/63) & wife Matilda (5/62) had, among their children, Octavia, ne 2/1891 (Census);
OIL WELL HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Drilled well Oil would spill out, run out and make it nasty. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek (Interview), 8/26/1989);
OLD HOUSE BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co): Aptly named. Belve Francisco and his wife Louisa were the first people in there, c1900. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, 4/1/1989); Belve was born 11/1851 and Louise (his wife) was born 10/1862 (acc. to 1900 Pike Co. Census); Isaac Moore, who died in 1872, had land on Old House Branch (Pike Co. will Book B, p. 76); Isaac Moore acquired 75 acres on Old House Br. (surv. 12/4/1846 (Bk. 21, P. 374) (Jillson, P. 1513); The Francisco family cem. is on this branch. An old house used to be at its mouth but dk whose. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
Susan Hogston acquired 40 acres on Old House Branch which were surveyed 1/10/1877 (Bk. 97, P. 226) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1349);
OLDHOUSE BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. Only 3 families lived in there: D.J. Dotson lived at the mouth; Alec Scott lived in the unnamed left hand hollow (¼ mi. long); and Bud Hager lived on the main stream. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989)
Aptly named years ago for one old house in there. Now thickly settled. Samaria Prim. Bapt. Chu. at its mouth. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
OLDHOUSE BR. OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)
Confirmed this. Probably apt. but dk. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
OLDHOUSE HOLLOW (on Robinson Creek) (Pike Co.)
Less than ½ mi. above the Damron PO, a n.
side trib. May have been named for an old
schoolhouse but dk. (Lawrence Newsom, Robin­
son Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
OPEN FORK (of Bent Branch of Johns Creek) (Pike Co.) (F460) 37°35' (Lat), 82°24' (Long); Named for open land area. (Leonard Roberts); Thos. Pinson acquired 100+100 acres on it (surv. 11/23/1858) (Bk. 59, Pp. 97-8) (Jillonson, 1971, p. 1597);
OPOSSUM BR. OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Possum Fk. of Raccoon Creek, the home of Mat Coleman, 19th cent. (Truda McCoy, THE McCOYS: THEIR STORY, 1976, P. 316);
ORCHARD BRANCH (of Beefhide Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F189sw) (#98-916) 37°16'15"(Lat), 82°36'(Lon)
Named for the apple orchards on the branch.
(Leonard Roberts); Isiah Trivett acquired 50
acres on Orchard Br. of Beef Hide (sic) (4/14/
1858) (Bk. 54, P. 28) (Jillson, 1971, P.1755);
ORCHARD BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Probably aptly named. Knows nothing about it tho'. (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
OREKNOB PO (Pike Co., Ky): At the mouth of Lower Pigeon of Elkhorn Creek. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
OREKNOB (Pike Co., Ky): In May 1887 Jos. Phipps pet. for est. of a po midway betw. Ashcamp & Home (i.e. 5 mi. in ea. direction). On 1/22/1917 Molly Gibson pet. for move to a site 500 ft. n. of Elkhorn Creek, 3 mi. e. of Hylton, 4½ mi. w. of Ashcamp, 6 mi. e. of Shelby Gap, 2 mi. n. of the co. line (Site Location Rept.); A.J. Phipps ne 5/1865 was living in the lower Elkhorn En. Dist. in 1900 betw. David Sanders & John Ratliff and nr. other Ratliffs. His wife was America (nee 6/75). No Gibsons in area in 1900 (Census);
OREKNOB (Pike Co.): po est. 8/27/1887, Jos. Phipps... Disc. 10/31/1918 (mail to Ashcamp) (NA)

Postmasters after Phipps: 3/14/1891, Ira Bently (sic); 10/28/1899, Ballard Gibson; 5/1/1907, Evaline J. Gibson; 7/15/1915, Eli F.P. Vanover; 12/23/1916, Molly Gibson; Disc. 10/31, 1918 (mail to Ashcamp) (NA); c. 1910 Howe

Gibson and Lee Vanover selected the Oreknob name for Vanover had found traces of ore on a knob near the po site. When Gibson died, his widow married Alex Moore, the Hylton pm. (Hazel Hall, Frank Childers, & Edgar Moore, older residents of the area via L. Roberts);
ORINOCO (Pike Co., Ky): (See Belfry....) At the upper end of the present Belfry. Orinoco Hol. (Yet, acc. to the Williamson 15 min. top. map, 1915 Orinoco is shown at the mouth of Meetinghouse Br. Check with Clyde Runyon on this....); Runyon confirmed that the Orinoco Mine was in Orinoco Hol. The Orinoco po was on the upper side of the hol., at its mouth, in the store bldg. operated by the Orinoco Mining Co. The hol. had another name but Mr. Runyon found in an old deed but has forgotten what it was. He thinks that the location of Orinoco at the mouth of Meetinghouse Br. was an error in the map. (Letter, 2/23/1989);
ORINOCO (Pike Co., Ky): On 5/17/1915 G.W. Wray pet. for po 200 ft. e of Pond Cr, 1½ mi. nw of Sharondale, 40 ft. e. of the Williamson & Pond Creek RR. The rr sta. was also Orinoco. Above the mouth of Peg Br. of Pond Cr. Mining vil. of Orinoco. (Site Location Report); Orinoco Mining Co., Williamson PO. J.E. Rhodemyre, Pres. & Mgr., Williamson, WVa. Drift mine betw. Hardy & Stone. 1st shipment of coal sent 8/24/1915. (1915 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 252); ("Awr/a/noh/kə" (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/89);
OSBORNE FORK NEIGHBORHOOD (Pike-Floyd inter-county feature) On both sides of Ky. 122, up Abner Mt. (F735sw Pike) Hiram Osborne, ne Scott Co., Va. 11/17/1798-1/30/1892), son of Solomon & Hannah Osborne, and his wife Nanc; (Mullins) Osborne & family lived on Indian Creek, along which Ky. 122 extends. (E. KY. Vol. 16 (1), June 1980, cover); Eric Osborne was the 1st settler on Indian Creek (Past, Present, Future Pike Co. 1821-1971, Pikeville Coll. Summer 1971, for Ed. 425, a teacher's course under inst. Miss Goldie Benedict, Box 400, Virgie, Ky., n.p., in KHS Libr., vert. files);
Solomon Osborne (1765-1852) was the first settler on Indian Creek. (The American Pioneers: Tackett, Tacket, Tackitt Families of Amer. Vol. 24 (1), 1987, P. 41); Osborne Fk. of Indian Creek is the name giver to one of the head forks of Indian; the other is Turkeypen. It was named for Wm. Osborne, late 19th cent., resi., a Bapt. minister. Osborne Fork Nghbrd. along Ky. 122, both co's. The fork & ngbd. were named for the many Osbornes in there. Maybe Stephen Osborne late 19th cent. (C.E. Tackett, Wales, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
OSBORNE FORK OF INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Solomon, Steve, and Jesse Osborne who lived near the mouth of the fork. Acc. to a retired school teacher, Mrs. Myrtle Osborne Ray. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
✓ OSBORNE GAP (Pike Co., Ky): Jim Osborne, 19 cent. owned prop. betw. the Gap and Elkhorn Creek. Co. Judge Jerry Osborne's farm was adjacent to his. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/01/1989); Jeremiah (Jerry) Osborne ne c.1814. On 11/17/1836 he married Mary Moore, daughter of Isaac Moore, Sr. (Dorcas Hobbs, "App. Anc." col.: in App. Xpr. 11/3/1977, P. B4:2);
OWL BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189) (#98-924) 37°15'45" (Lat), 82°34' (Long);
Place infested by owls. (Leonard Roberts);
Named for the many owls that, at one time, had lived in the cliffs at the head of this hol. Settlers couldn't sleep at night for their hooting. So some men killed all the owls they could find. (Source: A.S. Johnson, 80, from Dorton Creek area, to Johnny Vanover for Leonard Roberts, 1979); hoot owls heard calling to each other. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
OWSLEY (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Owz/lee") Was belo
Coal-Run. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 4/20
1917, Ballard Spears...(NA); Disc. 10/31/1959
(mail to Pikeville); Named for a local family
living there c. 1900. DK which one of the fami
ity may have been named for. (Henry P. Scalf,
interview, 5/28/1971); cf M&M David (Marie)
Justice who ran it. (Acc. to Marie R. & David
Justice of Chloe, interview, 3/25/1989); On 1/2
1917 Ballard Speers pet. for a po in Hurrican
Cr. 7/23/1939 Ella McClanahan was pm. (Site
Location Repts.); No Owsley families in lower
Pike Co. acc. to 1900 and 1910 Censuses;
Pine Grove Market at Owsley, just n. of the church. Just n. of Pine Grove Market is Don's Gen'l. Store. (Personal obs., 6/3/1989);
PANTHER BRANCH (of Elkhorn Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F357) 37°13'45" (Lat), 82°32'30" (Long); Named for the sighting of a wild panther in that area c. 1885. (Leonard Roberts); Panther Br. not Panther Hol. (Chas. F. Moore & Ample Sanders Calhoun, Shelby Gap, 4/1/89; DK why so named. (Calhoun, 4/1/89);
PANTHER BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) —
(Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to trad., Joe Hatfield killed a panther here following its attack on one of his hunting dogs. (....) (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
PAPAW BRANCH OF BUFFALO CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named because it was covered with pawpaw tree. There's quite a little grassy acreage at its mouth and it was covered with pawpaw trees. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971);
PAULEY (Pike County) (F561) (#98-929)
37°29'30" (Lat), 82°32'30" (Long); Named for the Pauley family. cf Pauley Lumber Co. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "P(ah)/lee") A family name. Eva Powell thinks the Pauleys are related to the Polly's of Letcher Co. Some of the Pauley family in Pike Co. actually spell their name Polly. (Interview, 8/16/1977)
op est. 7/8/1922, Astace K. Steele..Disc. eff. 2/15/1928 (mail to Pikeville); Re-est. 4/6/31, Edmund A. Starling...(NA); Disc. 1/14/1933 (mail to Pikeville);
Shadle R. Pauley (39), a farmer, and his wife Matilda lived between David Smith (51) and Wm. Pauley (30) and nr. several families of Francis, in the Big Creek prec. (1880 Census). Acc. to 1870 Census, Shadell R. Pauley was ne Va. and age 29. He lived then nr. Geo. Bevins (the gunsmith), Lawyer T. Lowe, Jas. Bevins, and David Smith, on Big Creek. No Jonathan or Jos. R. Pauley were listed in 1870 Pike Co. Census tho' Jonathan was listed in 1860;
PAULEY (Pike Co., Ky): "This residential com. on the Levisa Fk., formerly a northside suburb of Pikev., was recently inc. into the city's limits. The now extinct po was est. 7/8/1922 with Astace K. Steele, pm, and named for the Pauley family." (Book-P, 227); Mr. J.F. Pauley of the Keel Coal Co., ¼ mi. from Ratliff Creek. On 1/30/1924 Wm. W. Culbertson pet. to move po to a site 200 ft. w. of river, ½ mi. from Ratliff Cr, 2 mi. se of Coal Run PO, 3 mi. n. of Pikev. rr sta= Pauley. PO was 50 ft. w of tracks. On 11/1/30 E:A Starling moved po 100 yrds. sw of river, 500 yrds. w. of Ratliff Cr, 2½ mi. s of Coal Run PO, 2 mi. nw of Pikev., 100 ft. w. of traks. (Site 100. Rep't.).

Originally called (Little) Moneys Branch for some money that was allegedly buried there years ago. Never been found. This joins the Moneys Br. of Turkey Creek and is called "Little" to distinguish it. Informant's
father, Jos. C. Pauley moved in there in Jan. 1922. He was the first Pauley in there. His wife Martha Varney Pauley had inherited it from her father. (Chas. Pauley, Forest Hills, Ky., tel. interview, 9/13/1989);
PAW PAW (Pike Co.): (pron. "P(ah)/P(ah)"

Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 10/4/1878, Dan'l. B. Coleman...(NA);
same pron. Named this because it was covered with paw paw trees. Quite a little grassy acreage at the mouth of the creek." (Buck Scalf interview, 5/28/1971); "This hamlet with po is centered at the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. of Paw Paw Cr, 20½ mi. e. of Pikev. The po, est. 10/4/1878 with Dan'l. B. Coleman, pm, and the creek, which joins Knox Cr., 3 mi. e. in Va., were named for the growth of paw paw trees in the area." (Book-Pp. 227-8);
Curtis Coleman and Hiram Melhon Daugherty were among the first settlers here c.1833. Curtis had rec'd. a land grant of 1500 acres from Frankfort and was the 1st pm. He lived at the mouth of Boardtree where the 1st po was est. He may have had a store there too. (Margaret Estep & Pearl Marburger, her daughter, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);

Curtis Coleman acquired land on Paw Paw Fk., Grassy Creek, and Mill Br. (sic) (8/26-7/1840 (Bk. Q-2, Pp. 397-9) and also land on PawPaw in 1836 (K2, P. 396) (Jillson, I, P. 396);
PECK'S BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky.): Named for Henry Peck who settled here in late 1830s. He lived in house on a flat nr. the mouth of the 1st hol. on the right going up Right Fork Peter. Taught local children in his home or under a rock cliff overhang just below the forks of Peter. Some referred to site of his home as Old School House Br. because he taught in his home. Later became known as Pecks Br. but he moved away..... (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
PEDDLER FORK OF FEDS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Isham Slone acquired 100 acres on Peddles Fk. (sic) (12/17/1893) (Bk. 96, P. 65) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1731);
PEELPOPLAR BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. Coleman and Williamson lived there. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/89)
Tall poplars in there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
PEG BR. OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): aka Belfry Hol. It's behind the Belfry Sch. Now called both names. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Tole Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); Confirmed as Belfry Hol. but first called PegsBr. tho' dk why. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WVa, interv. 9/2/1989);
PEG. BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
May have been named for Peg, the wife of John McCoy, c. mid 19th cent. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); John McCoy, son of Sam'l. & Eliz. McCoy was born c. 1807. On 12/2/1827 he married (in Pike Co.) Margaret "Peggy" Burres (Truda W. McCoy, THE McCOYS: THEIR STORY, 1976, P. 245); Thos. Hunt acquired 140 acres on Peg's Branch which were surveyed 3/2/1848 (Bk. 26, P. 74) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1372); Thos. Hunt (ne c. 1800) did not have a wife or daughter named Peg or Margaret (1850 Cens
Accepts local tradition that it was named for a peg-legged woman who lived at its head and bootlegged. (Willard Blackburn, native of Pond Creek, and now resident of Burnwell, interview, 7/22/1989); ("Paegz") (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Peg Br. now called Belfry Hol. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Now called Pecco Hollow (Pee/ko). Had heard it was named for a man with a peg leg. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/89)
PENNY (Pike Co., Ky): PO was at the mouth of Rob Fk. of Caney Creek. Sam. Branham was the pr DK for whom it was named. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Penny Sch. is now a home. (Ibid.); DK for whom named. (Oma & Robert Branham, Caney Creek, interview, 7/29/1989); Sam. Branham (39) lived in Caney Prec. with wife Laura (25) betw. Leonard Branham (34) with wife Syntha (30) and Wiley Branham (42) with wife Emmaline (36 in vic. of other Branhams incl. Alfred (37) with wife Matilda (32). No Penny among the children of Sam and Alfred (1910 Census); No Orville Roberts listed in 1880, 1900, 1870
Censuses; A Laura Branham nee 2/1849 was wife of Alford Branham nee 1/1840 but no Penny in their family; No Sam'l. Branham listed in 1870-1900 Censuses; DK if Sam Branham was the son of Robt. Branham--no Robert or Rob listed in 1870-1900 Censuses. No Laura listed in 1870-1900 Censuses. In 1910: (see above)....
PENNY (Pike Co.): (F189sw) (#98-943).

37°21'30" (Lat), 82°33'45" (Long); Named for Penny, the daughter of Orville Roberts. She was killed there by an unknown animal or person. (Leonard Roberts); (Pron. "P(ie)n/ee")

On Shelby Creek. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 4/13/1909, Laura Branham. (NA); Disc. 6/30/1959 (mail to Pikeville);

This hamlet with dpo is on Shelby Cr., ½ mi. w. of the mouth of Caney Cr., and 7½ mi. s. of Pikev. It is said to have been named for Orville Roberts' daughter, Penny, who was killed there by some unknown animal or person. The Penny P was est. 4/13/1909 with Laura Branham, PM."

(Book-P. 229)
PETER BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky.): Preceded the coal companies in there so it was probably named for a local person but dk who. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
PETER PO (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name of PO= Peter Creek. On the east side of the main creek, just below the forks. (Site Location Report);
PETER (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 10/21/1878, Nehemiah Wolfford; 8/31/1881, Jonathan J. Wolfford...8/3/1883, F. Mounts; Disc. 11/1/1883 (papers to Jamboree) (NA); Commu.'s pop. =90 (1889 Rand McN. map); This po may have preceded Phelps whose first pm was Jonathan J. Wolfford (sic) when re-est. 1/31/1889; he was succeeded 5/19/1896 by John W. Snodgrass...several Wolffords were among subsequent postmasters.... (NA); On 9/27/1878 Nehemiah Wolfford (sic) pet. for est. of po on nw bank of Peter Cr. (Site Loc. Rept.); Acc. to 1884 Postal Rt. Map, it's 3 mi. n. of Jamboree & 3½ mi. s. of Edgarton, Ky. which is ½ mi. from the Tug Fk. This might place the Peter PO on Peter Cr. ca. mouth of Rockhouse Br. or below.
PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to trad., it was named for Peter Cline who is said to have been its first settler. He settled at the mouth of the creek and owned land on both sides of Tug Fk. (Geraldine Davenport, "John Wolford, Sr." in PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1987 HIST'1 PAPERS #6, Pike Co. Hist. Soc., Pikeville, Ky., 1987, Pp. 185-91); Named for Peter Cline, Sr., its orig. settler. A Ger. immi. whose name was orig. sp. Klein. Rev. War vet. (Virginia M. Bare, "Peter Cline, Sr., Pioneer Settler" E. Kent. Vol. 8(1), 6/72, Pp. 15-16);
PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for its first settler, Peter Cline, who lived at the mouth of this creek. (R.J. Osborne, Pike Co. WPA ms); "David Mounts settled in a sycamore tree near the mouth of Peter Creek and his wife gave birth to two children in this tree. One would infer that it was a very large tree. One of these children lived to be one hundred and twelve years old." (R.J. Osborne, Pike Co. WPA ms.)
The name of the creek is typically referred to as the Peter Fork of Blackberry Creek (Pike Co., Ky). The Peter Fork School was located at its mouth. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek interview, 8/12/198...
Peter Fork of Lower Chloe Creek (Pike Co., Ky) Homes on it now have a Walters Road address. (Probably for Walter P. Walters, Pikeville insur. co. founder-executive); This is the 1st fork on the left, coming up Lower Chloe. Mr. Walters lives at the mouth of Peter Fk., in a large brick house, the old Walters homestead. (Marie R. Justice, letter to me, 3/8/1989); Dr who named for. (Ibid.); Now called Walters Branch for Dr. W.J. Walters, MD, Walter P.'s father. Peter may have been named for an earlier resident, maybe one of the Sykes. One of this family married a Walters and may have preceded them in this area. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
PETTYS FORK (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°15'30"(Lat), 82°39'(Lom)
Named for an early settler. It is now called Riddle Fork for a family of Riddles who settle there in recent years. (Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974, via Leonard Roberts); First named for a Mr. Petty who lived there in the early days. (Frances Sowards, letter to me, 3/4/1989);
Locally Pettys Fk. is preferred name. Riddle name came from local family (late 19th cent.) of Fred Riddle. (Frances Sowards, interview, 4/8/1989); Fredrick F. Riddle, ne NC c. 1842. Wife Margaret T. Riddle. In Rob Creek enum. dist. (1870 Census);
PETTYS FORK OF LONG FORK (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Payne Johnson acquired 125 acres here which were surveyed on 5/25/1858. (Bk. 57, P. 373) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1396); No listing of any Pettys in 1850-1870 Censuses; Acc. to 1880 Census, Frederick Riddle (38) lived in Shelby Prec. betw. Tandy Johnson (40) and Wm. Johnson (70) who lived with wife Matilda and their son Wm. H.C. Johnson (31) and nr. Harvey Johnson, Marion Tackett, Robt. Johnson (71), Nath'l. Burks (40);
PEYTONS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): (Pā/tənз)
Named for Peyton Justice who was hanged by
the Home Guards in 1863, acc. to Ely. (Eva
Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); (Given as
Payton in 1829 tax list, acc. to Dorcas
Hobbs); Given as Peyton by Faye Burke in
her geneal. of Justice fam. (Vol. 1 of Pike
PEYTONS BRANCH (of Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River (Pike Co.) (F'466c) 37°25' (Lat), 82°28' (Long); Named for Peyton Slone who lived on the branch and died 1892. (Leonard Roberts)

PEYTON'S CREEK: Named for Peyton Justice "who was hanged on Shelby Creek because his sons hid out to keep from going to the C.W. His wife brought his body home in a sled. This was in 1863." (On US 460 and Garden Vil.) (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts); Named for Peyton Justice (1789-1863) He & wife Polly settled nr. the mouth of this stream, 10 mi. from Pikcv. (Justice Genealogy, Early Settlers of Pike Co. and Their Descendants" by R.A. Justice, 1971, P. 214);
PEYTON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Settled by Peyton Justice, son of George, Sr. 1½ mi. below the mouth of Russell Fk. Peyton (ne 1790 in Pittsylvania Co., Va. and died 1863) lived at the mouth of the creek. He owned land from Millard to Red Creek. (P. 218) The head of Peyton Creek was early known as Camp Branch (c. 1830s). (P. 220) (JUSTICE-THACKER, A PICTORIAL HIST., written, compiled, and edited by Paul W. Chaney & Glen E. Adkins, 1980, P. 218, 220, 269);
PHELPS (Pike Co., Ky): Mary Virginia Phelps of Pikeville, the first tchr. in the vic., "was so beloved by everyone that when the po was est. it was given the name Phelps in her honor." She marr. David Wolford in 1880. Jonathan J. Wolford also ran the local store. (Geraldine Davenport, "Phelps School: A Hist Lesson" PIKEV. NEWS-EXPRESS, Progress 1987 Edit., 9/30/1987, Sect. 6, Pp. 2-5, P. 3:1-2)
The 1st name proposed for this po was Madison at the forks of Peter Creek. (Site Location Report);
PHELPS (Pike Co.): (pron. "F(eh)lps") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); At the forks of Peter Creek settled by John Wolford. Peter Cline settled Peter Creek. (PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE: Pike Co. 1821-1971, Pikeville College, 1971, in KHS Sheet Files); po est. 1/31/1889, Jonathan J. Wolford ....several Wolfords were among the subsequent postmasters...) (NA); In 1880: John C. Phelps (ne 5/1839 in Va.) was living with his wife Margaret V. Phelps (29) and their daughter Mary V. (12) in Pikev. He was a shoemaker (cobbler). Also listed in 1900 and 1910 Censuses.
PHELPS (Pike Co., Ky): Jonathan J. Wolford (10/2/1850-2/7/1915), a teacher, merchant, and Phelps' 1st pm. He was the son of Andrew Wolford and thus grandson of pioneer John Wolford. Most of Phelps' pm's. were Wolford descendants. (Pp. 188-9); John G. Phelps of Pikeville. His daughter, Mary Virginia Phelp was born in Dec. 1867 and was an early Peter Creek sch. tchr. and some Wolford descendant (e.g. Mary C. Kirk and Mae C. Maynard) say the Phelps po was named for her. She was the 2nd wife of David Wolford (ne 8/1854), brother to Elijah Wolford (of Wolford PO), who were the sons of Frederick Wolford and grandsons of pioneer John Wolford. (p. 137)
John Wolford, Sr. was born in Rockingham Co., Va. c. 1787, of German descent. He settled on Peter Creek, Pike Co. Was a farmer and miller. Moved to Ky. in the early 1820s and lived in the vic. of the future Phelps. He may have died c. 1882 and he may have been buried at the Smith Carter Cemetery on the Right Fk. of Peter Creek, above Phelps. This was a pioneer cem. of that area. (Geraldine Davenport, "John Wolford, Sr." PIKE CO. KY. HIST. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. His. Soc., Pikev., 1987, Pp. 185-91, Pp. 185-6);
WOLFORD (sic) (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 6/4/1886, Elijah Wolford (sic); 1/13/1887, Wm. Estep; Disc: 4/10/1888 (papers to Jamboree) (NA); May have been a short distance ese of Phelps and may have been its predecessor po. Was it at the mouth of Mereda Br. of Left Fk. of Peters Cr. which was early known as Wolford Br? Elijah S. Wolford (1/1854-12/19/1937) was buried at the Elijah S. Wolford Cem. in Phelps. (Geraldine Davenport, "John Wolford, Sr." in PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1987, HIST. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. His. Soc., Pikeville, Ky. 1987, Pp. 185-91, 188).
WOLFORD PO (Pike Co., Ky): 5/6/1886 Elijah Wolford, pm. 5 mi. w of Tug Fk. and on the se bank of Peter Creek, 3 1/2 mi. from Jamboree and 4 1/2 mi. from Coleman. (Site Location Rept(...Some old timers on Peter Creek think it is possible that someone might have referred to the 'home of Frederick Wolford as 'Wolford' Post Office' or 'Wolford Post Office'. (He) was a son of John 'Jack' Wolford, Jr. (who was son of John Wolford, the family's prog. in the area) and many years ago he carried mail by horseback from Paw Paw to Peter Creek. No one knows how the mail was delivered to the recipients, so it is believed they picked it up at the home of Frederick."
(Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
PHILADELPHIA OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
(Pike Co., Ky): now on Lower Pompey Creek, nr. the road, just below the Millard Bridge. (Alice J. Kinder, App. Expr. 4/13/1978, P. B6:4); Gone. DK why so named. (David Justice 3/25/1989);
PHILLIPS BOTTOM (Pike Co., Ky): Above Maynard Br. of Tug Fk. Extends along Tug Fk. Named for Rev. Cecil Phillips whose sons, Ralph & Jack still live there. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
PHILLIPS HOLLOW (on Túg Fork, betw. Maynard Br. and Stringtown) (Pike Co., Ky). Named for Rev. Cecil Phillips. (Several men interviewed at Hardy's, Goody, 9/2/1989);
PHILLIPS BR. OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Phillip Greer, a resident. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
PHILLIPS BRANCH (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co.) (F460) 87° 22' 05" (Lat), 82° 22' 50" (Long);
Named for the Phillips family that lived there (Leonard Roberts); Probably named for Zachariah Phillips, the 1st of that family to live on Johns Creek. (Jack Phillips, Burnwell Ky., letter to me, 7/7/1989); Geo. Washington Phillips (1858-1948) & fam. lived at the mouth of this branch on land he purchased from his father-in-law Eli Williams. Descendants still live in vic. (Clarica Williams, Morehead, Ky. letter to me, 8/7/1989); Indent. from Jos. Sm. Baisden to Zacharich (sic) Phillips for 100 acres tract on Johns Cr. (Floyd Co. Deed Bk. I 1/14/1819);
PHILLIPS CEM. (on Phillips Branch of Left Fk. of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): May have been named for the family of Wm. Phillips (father of Bad Frank) or his forebears. Or, Jacob Phillips who marr. Betty Keesee. (Truda McCoy, THE McCOYS: THEIR STORY, 1976, p. 300); Named for Frank Phillips, the Pike Co. deputy who was involved in McCoy-Hatfield feud. He and wife Nancy (McCoy) Phillips lived in this hol. that later bore his name. Both buried in fam. cem. nr. their home which is now gone. (Geraldine F. Davenport, letter, 9/27/1989); No Wm. or Frank is mentioned in 1870 Census;
PHILLIPS CEMETERY (aka ELKHORN CEM.) (Pike Co., Ky): On Upper Johns Creek. Buried here are the descendants of Zachariah & Elizabeth (Charles) Phillips, who came to Pike Co. in 1817. They, too, may be buried here, in unmarked graves. An old family cem. (Betty Howard submitted the information to Pike Co Hist'l. Soc. Pike Co., Ky. 1821-1983, Hist'l. Papers No. 5, Pp. 50-51); Phillips Cem is on Phillips Br. of (upper) Johns Creek. Geo. Washington Phillips (1858-1948) was ne Pike Co. marr. Martha Williams in 1878. He was son of Thompson & Anna (Keen) Phillips.
Thompson (1815-1889) was born in NC and married Annie Keene in Pike Co. 1/11/1835. They are buried in the Phillips-Elkhorn Cem. He was the son of Zachariah and Eliz. (Charles) Phillips. Zachariah (1784?-1850) was born in NC in Pike Co. at least by 1840. No Marjorie mentioned in this genealogy. (Clarica Williams, 309 Knapp Av., Morehead, Ky., ms in APL vert files, checked by me 7/24/1989; ACC to ibid 8/7/89), Thompson was born in Pike Co., man.

Anna Keen.
PHYLLIS (Pike Co., Ky): po was est. a pt. 12 mi. e. of the present Fishtrap Dam in 1938 with Mrs. Laura Justice as 1st pm. "The Grapevine Graded Sch. was nearby so she asked the students to select a name for the office. They chose Phyllis and it was accepted by the (POD)." In 1963, when Mrs. Justice was succeeded by Ellen Keene, the po was moved 4 mi. e. on Grapevine. In 1987 she was succeed ed by Sue Anderson, the present pm. (Mrs. Creetie Coleman, Pikeville, letter to me, 6/12/1989);
PHYLLIS (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet extends over a mi. along Ky 194 and Grapevine Creek, with its po at the mouth of Dicks Fk., 9 mi. sse of Pikev. The commu., settled in the 19th cent., was first called Grapevine for the trib. of the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, which acc. to trad. was named for a large grapevine that some early settlers had split to make fence rails. On Mar. 29, 1917, a po was est. on the creek at a site just above the present po and named Rowton for its 1st pm Grover C. Rowe. It closed in the mid 1930s. In 1947 Ervel Reynolds re-est. the local po 3/4 mi. from the mouth of Grape-
vine, but his choice of Orlando for his grandfather Orlando Reynolds, a pioneer settler, was rejected and the po was named Phyllis for the daughter of a POD official. When the Fishtrap Reservoir was created in 1968, Phyllis was moved 2 mi. up the creek." (Book, P. 232) (sources: Arthur Long for L. Roberts; Ervel Reynolds' letters, and Edith Roberts interview.);

"po site was flooded in the creation of the Fishtrap Res. in 1968, to its new location..."
PHYLLIS (Pike Co., Ky): "My grandfather, Orlendo Reynolds, came to Ky. from Greenville, NC... when about 14 yrs. old. He came with his mother and sisters and brothers. Orlendo's father had been shot for resisting being conscripted into the Confederate army about 1860... his father, Miles, was a Republican and sympathetic to the Union.... In time Orlendo acquired several thousand acres in Ky. Raised 18 children by two wives. So in 1940 the Phyllis area was well sprinkled with folks named Reynolds. After the advent of the coal mines in the area, 1947, outsiders came in. In 1930, there was
no paved road in the Phyllis area. Mail came Mon., Wed., and Fri. by muleback. Folks along the mail route hung their out-going mail in a 25# cloth sugar sack on which their name had been embroidered and on which had been fastened an 18" or so loop so that the sack could be hung on a 'paling slat' (pocket fence). The mail man on his mule picked up the sack, hung the 'sack' either around his neck or over the pommel of his western saddle. On his return from the post he'd leave your sack with your mail, if any. /By 1947 a paved road been built. I was staying the summer with
my poppa. A truck was delivering the mail but the sugar sacks were still being used. The mail delivery was something to see! Here comes this truck, at 50 mph, hell bent, he threw the mail 'poke' out. (sic) If there was but one letter in it and a breeze was blowing you could fish your mail 'poke' out of the creek! I had been to the city since 1930 and I thought that was a pretty crude way to deliver mail in the year of our lord 1947! Our former po Rowton, Ky., named after the pm Mr. Grover Rowe, had been disestablished after Mr. Rowe moved and no one else would
have it. So we were served by Fishtrap po, about 12 miles away. The Fishtrap postmaster was unsympathetic about my gripes about the aforementioned tossing of my mail from a speeding truck. It had been done that way ever since trucks were used and I was the first complainant! For him I was trouble maker! I had been told it was easy to get a po re-established, especially where one had been before—just get up a petition and send it to your Congressman. So I had all the folks sign a petition. The po petition was very good for a Congressman. For gettin
a po for you it didn't cost him anything and yet he had all those folks in his debt. 

/In the petition we were asked to suggest a name for the po and I suggested Orlando after my grandfather. I thought it was very appropriate. /I left the area shortly after the petition and when I heard it had been named Phyllis and asked why in hell it had been named Phyllis. (sic) /The answer I got was that Orlando sounded like some other po in the state. I forget which one it was.... The po Phyllis was named after the official's daughter. The po official who was then in charge of establishing new
rural po's in Ky. (sic)...." (Ervel Reynolds, Culver City, Cal., in letter to me, 6/4/1969);

Phyllia PO est. 11/17/1947

1947 ➔ (NA)
named by Ervel Reynolds simply because he liked the name. (I can contact him for further information; his address is: P.O. Box 2723, Culver City, Cal. 90230.) Actually Phyllis was his second choice. His had preferred Orlando but there was already a post office in the state with that name (Orlando). The name was given around 1940. The community had been called Rowton, named for the Rowe family and the post office had been started sometime between 1915 and 1920, by Grover Rowe. In the middle twenties he moved to Pikeville to become jailor. Ervel's father (or Uncle-?) Alex Reynolds (Frederick Alexander Reynolds) took
over the p.o. and kept it till the mid 30s. When Rowton p.o. was discontinued, people used the Fishtrap P.O. for their mail as they had before Rowton was started. The place was still called Rowton after Rowe moved to Pikeville. The community had originally been called Grapevine or Grapevine Creek. After the war, Ervel who returned to the area from Baltimore where he had been living (c1945 or 1946) petitioned for a new p.o. because the mail was not being efficiently delivered (i.e. no set time and the closest p.o. was at Fishtrap, near the dam. Besides more and more people were moving into the area and they felt they needed their own p.o. again. Ervel.
wanted to name it after his grandfather Orlando Grapevine Creek is 6-6½ miles long. In the fall of 1968, a new p.o. building was dedicated, still called Phyllis. Old building had been down by the mouth of the creek until they built a dam. Moved about 2½-3 miles up the creek. (Erve: Reynolds is brother of Mrs. Edith Reynolds, of Pikeville, Ky. who gave me the above information in a personal interview, 4/3/1969.) She says I can also contact her uncle Alex Reynolds in Pikeville, Ky. 41554. The present post mistress of Phyllis is Mrs. Malcom Keene (Ellen W.) I can also contact her. (Ibid.)
ROWTON (Pike Co.): (pron. "Roh/tan") Though Shirley Looney and Eva Powell are Rowes, they had never heard of this, didn't know where it was/is, or the origin of the name. (Eva Powell 8/16/1977); Named for G.W. Rowe, rich land owner, early 20th cent. (T.M. Riddle, asst. pm, Pikeville (po), Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930); po est. 3/29/1917, Grover C. Rowe...(NA);

Phyllis po (closed) est. 11/17/1947.
ROWTON (Pike Co., Ky): The po was 20 mi. e. of the present Fishtrap Dam, at mouth of Honey Fk of Grapevine. Named for G.C. Rowe, 1st pm. He served as pm till 1922 when elected Pike Co. Jailor. In 1922 the po was moved 1 mi. e. on Grapevine and Alex Reynolds became pm. He served till the po was closed in 1937. (He is still alive, age 94). (Creetie Coleman, Pikeville, Ky. letter, 6/12/1989)
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PHYLLIS (Pike Co.): (Pron. "F(ih)l/(ih)s") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); By c1940, the vic. was peopled primarily by the children & grandchildren of Orlando Reynolds who had come with his mother & sibs. from Greenville, NC, about age 14, and over time acquired several thousand acres. Raised 18 children by 2 wives. Outsiders came in with the est. of coal mines in the area, 1947. PO was called Rowton for the 1st pm, Grover Rowe. Disc. after he had moved away and no one else would have it. Local people served by Fishtrap PO c. 12 mi. away. To facilitate mail delivery, Ervel Reynolds, Orlando's grandson, had local people sign a pet. and he submitted it to Wash. Suggested
Orlando for his grandfather as an approp. name. Shortly after the pet. had been submitted, Ervel left and later heard it had been called Phyllis for Orlando was too similar to (another-p) the name of another po in Ky. Phyllis was the name of the name of the PO official who was then in charge of establishing new rural po's in Ky. (From letter to me by Ervel Reynolds of Culver City, Cal. 6/4/1969); Grover Rowe's son, Milder Rowe, still lives in the Phyllis area. Frederick Alexander Reynolds (locally called "Alex") is also a Phyllis resident. Confirmed: he also maintained the po at Rowton. He resigned th
position and when a replacement could not be found the po was disc. Alex. took over the Rowton po immediately after Grover left for Pikeville so the name was retained. The commu. was (is-?) called Grapevine (Creek) for the 7 mi. long creek that empties into the Levisa Fork. Rowton po had 2 sites: Grover's home and Alex's home (qv Ervel's map on file). Alex lives (1969) on the main road at Trace Fork. Phyllis has had 2 site: also. The 1st site was covered by the Fish-trap Reservoir. Moved to 2nd site in 1968. Rowton po was disc. in the mid 1930s when Alex gave it up. Phyllis was est. in 1946 or
1947. DK the name of the official who had named the Phyllis po. The 1st pm of the latter was Mrs. (Young) Stewart Justice (Mrs Laura Justice). (from 2nd letter from ibid 7/18/1969); The 2nd Phyllis po is located on Ky. 194. (UPI release, 3/1/1968);

Rowton po closed 1/15/1937 (M. to fishing)
PIG BRANCH OF ROB FORK (of Caney Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. (Lawrence Newsom & the Branhams, interview, 7/29/1989); The David Branham farm was here. (Ibid.);
PIGEON P.O. (Pike Co., Ky): On the Left Fk. of Island Creek, just across from the John Mimms Sword Cem. Informant was raised on the Little Billy Compton Branch which splits off the Road Fk. Remembers Lou Brewer as postmistress. Informant's uncle John Grant Burk was the mail carrier on horseback for years and later by horse & buggy. Her 3 oldest sons were born in a log cabin up in the Lick Fk. of Billy Compton Br. (Eliz. J. Oliver, Okla. City, Ok letter to me, undated, c. 3/1990);
PIGEON (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 3/31/1910, Walter Robinson; Disc. 3/31/1914 (mail to Pikeville); Re-est. 10/16/1919, Loy E. Sturgill. ...(NA) (dpo); At the mouth of Peachorchard Br. of Island Creek, 3 mi. ssw of the s. limits of Pikeville, on the Levisa Fk., at Titan Siding; disc. 7/30/1955 (mail to Pikeville); On 6/23/1919 Miss Lou Emma Sturgell pet. for po 3½ mi. s of river on s. bank of Island Cr, 3½ mi. s. of C&O tracks. Nearest rr sta.=Island Creek. No vil. Miss S. later became Mrs. Brewer (before 1923) and she was still pm by 7/26/1939. (Site Location Rept
James Williamson acquired 100 acres on Pigeon Roost Fk. (no generie given) (1/15/1846) (Bk. 380) and Benj. Williamson acquired 100 acres on same (1/15/46) (Bk. 21, P. 382) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1805); This may have been Pigeonroost Br. of Big Creek, nr. Canada PO; DK about James Williamson; no likely James W. is mentioned by Alley-1962; We know Benj., Jr. acquired land on Dicks Fk. and Meathouse Fk. of Big Creek (q.v.); James, bro. of John Jr. probably lived in the Canada area (Jos. Alley P. 41);
Wm. O. B. Ratliff acquired 84 acres on Pig Pen Fk. of Stone Coal Creek (Pike Co.) surveyed 6/21/1871 (Bk. 76, P. 83) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1621);
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co.): po est. as Pike, 8/5/1825, Wm. Smith; n.ch. to Piketon, 9/14/29, Wm. Williams...Disc. 10/6/53; Re-est. 11/10/1853, Erastus J. Patterson...Disc. 5/20/64; Re-est. 10/27/65, Thomas Johnson; 11/23/66, Lewis C. Dils; n.ch. to Pikeville, 1/3/81, ibid. ...(NA); Thos. Owens from NY, an early Pike Co. settler, is said to have owned the land where Pikeville was est. as co. seat. (Mrs. Dan Carter, WPA ms.); inc. as a 6th cl. city in 1893. (150 YEARS OF PIKE CO., KY. 1822-1972, Sesquicent. Issue, Pike Co. Hist'l Soc., Vol. 1, 1972, P. 95);
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co.): (Pron. "P(ah)k ➔
P(eýe)k/val") Named for Zebulon Pike. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); Named for Zebulon Pike. (T.M. Giddle, asst. pm, Pikeville po, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930
Est. 2/30/1824 (ACTS, 1824, P. 76); inc. 2/5/1848 as Piketon (ACTS, 1847/8, P. 186); n.ch. to Pikeville, 3/5/1850 (ACTS, 1849/50, P. 466); Est. 12/24/1823 on what was then "the Peach Orchard Bottom nearly opp. the mouth of Lower Chloe on land owned by Elijah Adkins". Adkins gave the land and James Honaker surveyed the site 3/23/24. The 1st ct. was held in the new seat 5/24. The po was named Pike and was est. 8/5/1825 with Wm. Smith as 1st pm. n.ch. to
Piketon, 9/14/1829, Wm. Williams. n.ch. to Pikeville, 1/3/1881, Lewis C. Dils. (Scalf, KLF, P. 136);
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co.): Public disapproval of the 1st site of the new county's seat at the present site of Garden Village (q.v.) led to the decision of a comm'n. on 12/24/1823 to locate the seat on Peach Orchard Bottom, opp. the mouth of Lower Chloe Creek on Elijah Adkins' land. He donated an acre for the ct. hse. The site had ample space, level, and at a xrds. Surveyed by Jas. Honaker, 3/23/1824. (P. 7) Acc. to letters, invoices and bills of lading, the steamboat landing was called Piketon or Pikeville until the late 19th cent. (P. 8) (150 YEARS OF PIKE CO., KY. 1822-1972, Sesqui. Issue, Pike Co. His. Soc., Vol.1, 197;
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): "This 4th class city and seat of Pike Co. is on US23/460 & 119, 172 air mi. ese of downtown Lou. Public disapproval of the first site of the new co's seat at the present site of Garden Vil. led to the decision of a comm'n. on 12/24/1823 to locate the seat here on land donated for this purpose by Elijah Adkins. The town was probably called Pikeville from its inception though its po was est. as Pike on 8/5/1825 with Wm. Smith, PM. The po name was changed to Piketon in 1829 and the town was inc. under this name in 1848. The town officially became Pikeville in 1850 though the po did not assume this name until 1881. The town and co.
were named for Zebulon M. Pike (1779–1813), US Army officer-explorer and the discoverer of Pike's Peak." (Book, P. 233);
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co.): Until now dependent almost exclusively on coal prod'n. in Pike Co. A trade ctr. for Pike & adjacent co's. Ambitious plan to rechannel the Levisa Fk. of the BSR began 11/1973. Nearing completion. Involved 500 foot cut through Peach Orchard Mt. for the diversion and relocation of C&O RR and US 23 out of the downtown area to relieve severe traffic congestion and free 400 acres of scarce land for indust., commercial & resi. dev. The river channel and several adjacent hollows will be filled in. (Art Ehrenstrom, "Pins Economic Hopes on River-Diversion Project" LCJ, 8/21/1974, Pp. 1, 8)
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co.): The county seat was moved from Liberty (q.v. = Garden Village) to Pikeville in May, 1825. 12/24/1823, commissioners appointed to find a permanent site selected the "Peach Orchard Bottom, nearly opp. the mouth of Lower Cloe (Chloe) on land owned by Elijah Adkins. He gave an acre for the site of the ct. hse. Records reveal that the town was known as Pikeville from its founding though the po was named Pike when est. 8/5/1825, Wm. M. Smith. ...(G.C. Ratliff, "Liberty, and not Pikeville Was First Pike County-Seat" ASH. DAILY IND. c. 1951...
PIKEVILLE (Pike Co.): Pike Co's 1st seat was at Liberty (new Millard) on land owned by Payton Justice. Court-appointed commissioners chose a permanent site for the seat on 12/24/1823 on Peach Orchard Bottom, opp. the mouth of Lower Chloe Creek on land owned by Elijah Adkins. Town was named Pikeville but the po was called Pike...Pikeville was slow to develop...; Named for county which was named for Zebulon Pike (see Zebulon); Home of Pikeville Coll. est. by Pres. Chu. in 1889 to ed. mt. youth... (Highway marker on US119, Pikev., acc. to GUIDE, No. 884, P. 148); 10-5 mi up the BS R from the Ohio.
PIKEVILLE COLLEGE FARM (Pike Co., Ky): Owned and maintained by Pikeville Coll. on Lesleys orig. tract on Johns Creek. Formerly called The Francis Farm. Sold in 1920 by the Lesleys to M&M Calvin Damron, grandparents of Rediford Damron, a Pikeville Coll. emer. prof. The land was eventually acquired by James Francis who sold it to the col. The log cabin was restored by students in 1978. (APP. EXP. 9/27/1978, P. Sect. A, 10); Sold by the col. in early spring, 1985 to divest itself of prop. no longer useful or profitable to it or could no longer generate any income. Had been a producing farm, growing veg., dairy prods., beef, some grains. (ADD. N-6<5, 1/12/1985, P. 73:32-3)
The farm is now owned by the Ratliffs. The college had acquired it in the early 1940s. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989); The Pikeville Coll. Farm was called the May place and before that the Allen Leslie Acres. Here lived Wm. Ruben May (1860-1951) & wife Eliza Runyon May, nee 11/4/1893. Wm. May sold the family's farm to Pikev.Coll. It supplied the college's dorm dining rooms. (Cleveland: Lesley-Leslie, Pp. 232-3);

(1860-1932)
PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH (on Left Fk. of Brushy Creek, above Varney) (Pike Co., Ky): A Reg. Bapt. chu. Active. (R.E. Maynard & Walter Parsons, interview, 7/15/1989);
PILGRIMS REST CHURCH (Pike Co.) (F189sw)
(#98-978) 37°16'15"(Lat), 82°36'45"(Long);
(Leonard Roberts);
PINE BRANCH OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the many pine trees there. At the head of Caney. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
PINE GROVE REG'L. BAPTIST CHURCH (Pike Co): 2nd bldg. up from Lawrence Ratliff's store at the mouth of Poor Bottom Fk. of Marrowbone. Named for pine trees in the Poor Bottom bottom. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
PINE MOUNTAIN (Ky); (In Pike Co.) "lies along the s. border betw. Shelby Gap and Elkhorn City...part of a linear ridge (extend-ing) more than 100 mi. from Bell Co. to Pike Co....Precipitous cliffs are common along the crest where elevations range from 2600 ft. to more than 3000 ft." The county's highest elevation (3149 ft.) is ca. 2½ mi. sw of Ashcamp. (Preston McGrain & Jas. C. Currens, TOPOGRAPHY OF KY. KGS, Ser. X, Spec Pub. 25, 1978, P. 63);
"From the Breaks of Sandy to the Pound Gap or Sounding Gap, as it is sometimes called, the Pine Mt. is known by many as the Cumberland Mt. This is one of the instances of confusion arising from local nomenclature. The two ridges, the Pine and the Cumberland, are joined near the Pound Gap by a Black Mt. ridge separating the waters of the Pound Fk. of the Sandy R. and the Powell R. on the one side from the Cumb. waters on the other. Along this ridge the state line crosses from the Cumb. to the Pine Mt. ... With equal confusion of the geog. of the country (sic) the ne extension of the Cumb. Mt. is called The
"Stone Mt." ("Report on the Pound Gap Region" reprint of pub. issued by Ky. Geol. Sur; by Prof. A.R. Crandall, in C.J. Norwood, Rept. of Insp. of Mines of St. of Ky. for 1901-1902, 1903, P. 7); "Pine Mt. extends as a fault ridge from the Breaks of Sandy in a generally sw direction to the Elk Gap in Tenn." There are 2 water gaps sw of the Breaks. (Ibid.);
PINEY FORK OF PAWPAW BRANCH (sic) (Pike Co.): Wm. R. Norman acquired 150 acres on this, surv 2/10/1858) (Bk. 52, P. 254) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1565);
PINNACLE ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): aptly named. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
PINSON BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Aaron Pinson. (Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989);
PINSON FORK OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Identified as such at least by 9/16/1825.
(Jillson, P. 223);
PINSONFORK (Pike Co., Ky): "This vil. with po extends for almost 1 mi. along Ky. 199 & Pond Creek, 13 mi. ene of Pikev. The po was est. as Pinsonfork on 6/6/1890, conforming to the POD's preference for one-word names, and was undoubtedly named for its 1st location at the mouth of Pinson Fk. of Pond, the site of the present vil. of McAndrews. It was later moved 1½ mi. up Pond Creek. The fork was named for the Pinson family, probably the descendants of Pike Co. pioneer, Allen Pinson, a Virginian, who settled on Johns Creek c. 1900. The local N&W RR sta. has been called Peg Station, 'allegedly for an old man with a wooden leg.'" (Book-P. 236);
PEG STATION (Pike County, Kentucky)
Formerly a railway stop on Pond Creek and also a post office. But no one knows the origin of the name. (Acc. to Miss Lena T. Porter, Librarian, Pikeville Free P.L., Pikeville, Ky., 2/1/1970); po est. as Pinsonfork (sic), 6/6/1890, Wm. J. May...3/10/1930, Mrs. Minnie Pinson Scott; 2/12/1931, Mrs. Gertrude Scott ...(NA); Mrs. Albert Scott (i.e. Mrs. Gertrud or Trudey Scott) said "I was told that Peg Station was named for an old man who had a wooden leg and every one (sic) called him 'Peg'. I can't think of his name it has been so long ago. (sic) I have asked three other
people who were residents there about it. They all seem to think the station was named for the man but can't remember his name. I served as postmaster of Pinsonfork from Feb. 22, 1931 to Oct. 2, 1964...." (Letter to me, 2/4/1970);
PEG STATION (Pinsonfork, Pike Co., Ky): "I lived at Pinsonfork when the rr was built up Pond Creek but was young. Cant remember all about things. I do know that I was told that Peg Station was named for an old man who had a wooden leg and everyone called him 'Peg.' I cant think of his name. It has been so long ago. I have asked three other people who were residents there about it. They all seem to think the station was named for the man but cant remember his name." (Mrs. Albert Scott of Vero Beach, Fla. was pm, 2/22/1931-10/2/1964, letter, 2/4/1970)
PINSONFORK (Pike Co.): Allen Pinson, a native of Grayson Co., Va. came to Pike Co. as a boy, Ne 1785. To Ky. with father in 1800 and settled on Johns Creek. A son, George Pinson, was ne 1817, was a farmer, Bapt. preacher and co. assessor. George's son, G. W. Pinson, also a native of Pike Co. Was a sch. teacher. Elected Circ. Ct. Clerk in 1886 and was a Johns Cr. storekeeper. (Perrin, 8th ed. 1888, P. 947); The Pinsons settled on Johns Cr. bottoms betw. the mouth of Bent Br. and the Leslie Estates, 1796. Came from Grayson Co., Va. (P. 3) Thos. Pinson, Sr. & Mary (Molly Denny) Pinson. Their son, A defensive's son, Allen was ne 4/4/1813 in Pike Co. (P. 4) Henry Pinson, another son of
Thomas, Sr. lived at the mouth of Joes Creek ...(P. 5) ("The Pinson Family, Part II" by Henry P. Scalf, E. Kentuckian, Vol. 5 (4), March 1970, Pp. 3-6); Allen Pinson, son of Thomas, Sr. ne 1785. Came with parents to Pike Co. and lived at the mouth of Bent Br. He was a farmer and the forebear of most of the county's leading Pinson citizens. Died Nov. 18, 1858. Buried in the Bent Ridge Cem (Ibid. "The Pinson Fam. Part III" by Scalf, Vol. 6(1), 6/1970, Pp. 7-10, 7-8);
PINSONFORK (Pike Co.): is a po c.1\frac{1}{2} mi. up Pond Creek from the mouth of Pinson Fork of Pond where the po was 1st est. (Clyde Runyon letter to me, 12/13/1979);
PINSONFORK (Pike Co.): (pron. "P(ih)n/sən/ (soʊ fɔrk") A lot of Pinsons lived there. On John's Creek nr. Belfry. It's now generally one word; People are probably so used to including the generic that the two words just got slurred together. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); Thos. Pinson, a Pike Co. pioneer, was the grandson of Aaron Pinson, Sr. the 1st settler of Halifax Co., Va. who died in Lunenber Co., Va in 1758. (Scalf, "The Pinson Family" Part V, THE EAST KENTUCKIAN, Vol. 6)3), 12/1970, P. 16); ("P(ie)n → P(eh)n/sən") (Buch, Scalf, 5/28/71)
OCTAVIA HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): ("Ahk/tav/ee") off on Pond Creek at McAndrews. on west side. ½ mi. below the Octavia J. Mine. (?) (Dorothy Smith & nephew Danny Stacy, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fork of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); This is Pinson Fk. and named for the Octavia J. Mine. Same pron. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); Octavia Hollow=Pinson Fk. (of Pond). (Many informants from area, interviewed 9/2/89);
PISO (Pike Co.) (F708) 37°38'(Lat), 82°28'(Lon)
PO est. 1904 with Bud Williamson as 1st pm.
This was 1st po on Brush Creek. Williamson "who was working to get a p.o. est. had sent in name twice which were refused because there was a pc already by the names submitted. (sic) While at the Joe P.O. (the nearest one at that time), he noticed an almanac on the counter and it had an ad for 'Piso Pills' and he said 'Call it Piso.' So he submitted this name and it was accepted." (Edna Williamson, 11/1974, via Leonard Roberts);
On the Right Hand Fork of Brushy Creek. Early settlers included families of: Price, Hinkle, Francis, Williamson, Keesee,
Davis and Caine. Origin of name is unknown. (R.B. Maynard, McCombs, Ky. in a letter to me, 7/4/1979); ("Paye/so") (ibid. letter, 7/26/79)
PISO (Pike Co., Ky): "This post lies at the mouth of Big Lick Br. of Brushy Fk. of Johns Cr., 10 mi. ne of Pikev. After several proposed names were rejected by the POD, Bud Williamson submitted Piso, the name of a patent medicine, an ad for which he had seen in an almanac. The post was est. on 4/27/1904 with Williamson as pm." (Book, P. 236); disc. in the 1980's (sweeney) officially closed 1985, though actually closed in late 1982 or early 1983 (ibid).

Probably commendatory name. May have been named by the late banker, John Yost, who had a farm there, on Harolds Branch, above the hosp. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
Isaac Plymale acquired 50 acres and another 50 acres on Harliss Creek (2/3/1844) (Bk. 14, Pp. 221-2) and another 50 acres there (2/19/1846) (Bk. 21, P. 421) and 400 + 400 acres on Haslipes Creek (sic) (1/2/1851) (Bk. 36, Pp. 281-2) and 200 acres on Russells Fk. (3/26/1858) (Bk. 54, P. 19) (Jillson, 1971, II, P. 1615); (James) Isaac Plymale (1806 or 07 to 1888), ne Giles Co., Va. To Pike Co. probably just prior to 1830. Married Mary (Molly) Rowe on 5/28/1830. Bought farm on Russell Fk. (700 acre tract). Left Pike Co. for Catlettsb. just after the CW. There till he died. (John Fred Plymale, The Plymale Fam. in Am., Huntington, 1967, P. 82)
POINTROCK BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky): A big rock on a hill called a point. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WV., interview, 9/2/89)

"Pointrock Br. flows into Peter Creek through a hol. across from what is better known as 'Walter Charles Curve'. John Frederick Charles, descendant of David Charles, pioneer settler in the area, lived at the mouth of (this) br. until his death on 13 Jan. 1972. Pointrock Br. took its name from a cliff located there with a sharp, pointed protrusion, which everyone called 'the Pointed Rock.'.... (in the old days) Names were given to various
things or places along the way as a means of identifying a particular spot. 'The pointed rock' eventually became Pointrock Hol." (Mrs. Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
POLECAT HOLLOW (Pike Co.): Not given in Field. Nr. Ransom, Ky. Five families live in this hol. Kern Hatfield "was plagued by so many polecats" when he moved to the last house in the hollow that he named it for them. (Source: Kern Hatfield to Terry Hatfield for Leonard Roberts, 1970); No such named feature on Blackberry Creek; no one in the area has ever heard of it. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/89)
POLLY KINGS BRANCH OF
W.J. Keel acquired 93 acres on here (probably in the Rob. Creek area) (11/19/1903) (Bk. 121, P. 4) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1415);
POLLY KINNEY BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): John W. Damron acquired 50 acres on it that were surveyed 4/23/1882. (Bk. 103, P. 312) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); Now known as G.W. Newsom Branch for Geo. Washington Newsom, son of Robt. Newsom. He lived there from 1912 till his death in 1983, age 94. The branch may earlier have been named for Polly Kinney, a resident, (who married Alfred Damron, the bro. of Sam Damron.) She was nee 1795. A n. side trib. of Rob. Creek, just below Damron PO. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
Polly nee Branham in 1795. Her 1st husband was Harrison Newsom (?) and 2nd husband was John Kinney (whom she marr. in 1834). By 1870 she was living with her daughter Sarah and son-in-law Elisha Damron and grandchildren, incl. Leonard T. who would later become the 1st pm of nearby Damron PO. (Censuses); Polly Kenney acquired 50 acres on Roberson Creek (sic) (1/24/44) (14-204) and 50 acres on same (1/24 44) (14-205). John Kenney acquired 100 acres on same (12/30/51) (37-496) and 200 acres on same (12/30/51) (37-497) (Jillson, 1971, P. 418);
POMPEY (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 4/6/1904, Mitchell Slone, order rescinded 7/19/1904 (NA);
POMPEY CREEKS (Pike Co., Ky): (F466) Upper Pompey Creek is on Levisa Fork of BSR, c. 1/2 mi. above Fishtrap Dam. Lower Pompey Creek is c. 1 1/2 mi. below the dam. Both were named for a local settler. (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts) Pompey Creek so identified at least as earl as Oct. 1809. (Acc. to Floyd Co. Order Book One, Oct. term 1809) (E. Kentuckian, Vol. 3 (4), 3/1968, P. 12);
POND BR. OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek)(Pike Co., Ky): Owned by the McCoys. cf Clyde Scalf of Pikeville. Named for a big frog pond in there but doubts it's still there. Probably drained when road was built up it. Harlow McCoy's store and Thomas PO there was a neighborhood gathering place until c. 1920. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); A very old name that appears on old land grants, patents. Pernina Dean James had a number of these. A swampy area so it was probably named for old ponds. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
POND BR. OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): The fishing ponds there are gone. The now extinct fish hatchery was there c. 40 yrs. ago. (Chas. F. Moore, interview, 4/1/1989); Moses Ramey, Jr. acquired 115 acres on Pond Branch (but doesn't say of what) and surveyed 2/2/1845) Bk. 18, P. 108) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1618);
POND CREEK (of Russell Fk.) (Pike Co., Ky):
Coal camps on both banks along the entire length for c. 14 mi. (Chapman, Diss. 1945, pp. 7-8); 4 mi. long. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. and Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908); Berry Ramey acquired 225 acres on Pond Creek (of Russell which were surv. 8/26/1870. (Bk. 79, p. 492) (Jillson, 1971, p. 1618);
POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): was probably name for the many ponds of water along the bottom near its confluence with the Tug Fk. River. Abortive settlement at its mouth, 1789, by Wm. Robt. Leslie. Abandoned and a yr. later he settled permanently on Johns Creek, at the mouth of Sycamore. (P. 448) Abandoned soon after bottom land was cleared, cabin was built, some crops were planted, by fear of Indians. (P. 99) The Leslies sold their Pond Creek improvement to a man named Stafford. (P. 102) (Scalf, KLF); named for pond at its mouth. (Willard Blackburn, interview, 7/22/89);
POND CREEK REG'L. BAPT. CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky)
Called "Old Pond", est. 1843 nr. Belfry.
(Acc. to Clyde Runyon in "The Maynards of EKy ed. by R.B. Maynard, etal., Pike Co. Hist'l. Soc., 1979, P. 326); c. 300 yrd. up Meeting-house Br. of Pond Cr. and across the branch from the Runyon Cem. (Clyde Runyon, inter-view, 2/11/1989);
POND CREEK TUNNEL (Pike Co., Ky): Built in 1912 by the N&W at Toler. On curve. length = c. 200 ft. Active. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, of Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
POOL POINT (Pike Co., Ky): A deep hole, a pool of water in solid rock. In a steep curve. People say that no one could ever dive to the bottom of it. Stewarts had a store there but gone now. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989)
POOR BOTTOM FORK OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co, Ky): James Damron acquired acreage on this in 1844. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1171); Lawrence Ratliff lived at the mouth. His family owned most of it. The Lookout PO was in his store. DK why called this. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
POOR FARM BRANCH (stream) (Pike Co.)
37°28' to 37°28'45" (Lat), 82°32'45" (Long);
Named for its being the site of the county
poor farm. (Leonard Roberts);
LEFT

POOR FORK OF MART/FORK (of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. It was pretty rocky and people who lived there may have been poor. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Frederick F. Riddle acquired 100 acres on this, surv. 12/1/1871. (Bk. 87, P. 389) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1634);
POPLAR BEETREE HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°15'30" (Lat), 82°39'30" (Long); named for a bee tree that was once found there. This is on the "lefthand side" of Long Fork. (Leonard Roberts); above the old B.F. Johnson Sch. Aptl named: bees in poplar tree(s). (Frances Soward Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
POPLAR KNOT BRANCH (of Mullins Fk. of Pond Creek-?) (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Taylor acquired 50 acres on this (but no main stream is identified) (9/10/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 180) (Jillson 1971, P. 1744) (Taylor had acquired land on Mullins Fk. of Pond that was surv. on the same day (Ibid);
ELIJAH Porter acquired 50 acres on righthand 
fk. of Brushy (11/9/1837) (Bk. N-2, P. 212) 
(Jillson, 1971, I, P. 638);
POTATO (or TATER) KNOB: (Pike Co., Ky): At the head of Isoms Branch of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek, around from High Camp. DK how it got its name. (Frances Sowards, letter to me, 3/4/1989): The highest point in the area. Shaped like a sweet potatoe. Owned by Fred Johnson. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky, interview, 4/8/1989): Always heard it called Tater Knob. (Ibid. & Fan Fleming, 4/8/89);
POTTER CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): At Yeager. Formerly known as Scott Cem. (App. News-Xpr. 10/27/1979);
Richard Potter acquired 50 acres on nearby Grassey Creek (sic) which were surveyed 2/19/1842 (Bk. 9, P. 337) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1608) also 100 acres on Beaver Creek (surv. 1/21/1842) (Bk. 9, P. 339) (Ibid.).
POUNDINGMILL FORK OF Peter Fork (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Over the hill to Poundmill Run (on Tug Fk.) DK why so named. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
POWELL CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Settled by Geo. Powell, one of the 5 magistrates appointed to govern the new county when est. in 1821. (Eva Powell, Elkhorn City, Ky., interview, 11/18/1971); George ne Montgomery Co., Va. c.1793 and may have died in 1869 (check); Henry Powell acquired 725 acres on Powels (sic) Branch, surv. 3/21/1845 (Bk. 18, P. 88 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1612); Geo. Powell acq. 300 acres on Louisa Fk. (sic) (3/21/45) (Bk. 18, P. 89) and 100 acres on Powells Creek (2/1/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 375) and Lick Fork o: Powells Creek (360 acres, surv. 2/1/1850) (Bk. 32, P. 376). . . . (Jillson, 1971, P. 1612
Geo. Powell acquired 250 acres on Powells Creek (2/24/1837) (Bk. L-2, P. 212) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 689);
POWELL'S MILLS (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 8/10/1846 with John W. Powell, pm; Disc. 5/23/49; Re-est. 11/29/1870, Washington Britton; Disc 7/10/73; Re-est. 12/7/1876, David Campbell; ... Disc. 2/26/1891 (papers to Venters); Other pm's incl. Sowards and Hincley. (NA); May have been in the vic. of presentday Millard (acc. to R. McN. map of 1889); Acc. to current state highway maps, it's at the mouth of Powell Creek, a Russell Fk. trib., 3/4 mi. s. of the Levisa at Millard; James Polley ran the local general store in c. 1880.
PRATER BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Dan'l. Prater who had married Mary (Polly) McCoy, d. of Richard McCoy on 3/19/1846. (Geraldine Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
PRICE BR. OF KNOX CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): The stream that comes down from the north to John Creek ½ mile below the Salem Chu. Named for a Mr. Price, 1st name not known. (she'll check) Acc. to Irv Lowe, 91. The next hollow below is where Irv lives and she calls it (unofficially Uncle Irv's Hollow. Down to/ Dry Branch. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989);
PRITCHETTS BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Fork on recent top. maps; Thompson Phillips acquired 50 acres on Pritchettts Br. which were surveyed 12/9/1842 (Bk. 10, P. 300) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1599); Other Phillips got land on Prichard Fk. (sic) in the 1880s. (Ibid P. 1601); Cofgabriel?<br/>Zachariah Phillips acquired 50 acres on Pricketts Fk. (8/28/1838) (Bk. 0-2, P. 59) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 684);
PUDPAN FORK OF KNOX Creek (Pike Co., Ky):
John S. Dotson acquired land here which was surveyed 6/25/1866 (Bk. 70, P. 472) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1201);
PUNCHÉON BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Hatfield acquired 100 acres on Puncheon Camp Branch. Surveyed on 1/30/1849. (Bk. 31, P. 161) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1325); T.M. Hatfield lived at the mouth of Puncheon and his bro. Neely lived at the mouth of Netley Br. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
QUAIL RIDGE (Pike Co., Ky): In the Pikeville city limits, across the rr. tracks from the Pauley Add'n. The Keel Add. is below the Pauley Addn. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
RACCOON (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky. 1441 and Raccoon Creek, 3 mi. e. of Pikev. The creek, commu., and po est. 1/16/1919 with Carolyn Coleman, pm, were named for the large no. of raccoons observed and trapped there." (Book-P. 246); In 4/1910 pet for po 5 mi. from Zebulon, on Raccoon Cr. On 12/21/1916 Riley Coleman, act. pm, pet. for move \( \frac{1}{4} \) mi. n (xxxxxsite) 50-75 ft. on e. side of Coon Cr. to 5\( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. s. of Zebulon. c. 1/1/17 Riley C. move to site 2/5 mi. above 58 Mi. Creek. On 9/20/1927 (sic) Mrs. Minney Phillips moved \( \frac{1}{2} \) air mi. e. of former site on Coon Cr. On 12/14/1920 (sic) Geo. Goff, Jr. move \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi
nw of former site 50 ft. 3. of Coon Cr. On 7/3
/1928 Minnie Phillips was pm; Jan. 1935 Mrs.
Emma Collins pet. for move 125 ft. e of Coon
l 3/4 air mi. n of former site betw. 58 Br. &
Frozen C., on w. side of Coon Cr. c. 1/2 mi.
below 58 Br. || c. 1 1/4 mi. s. of Raccoon PO is
the Coleman Fork instead of Sloan Fk. This
stream was known as Sloan Fk. years ago. 1/2 mi.
s. of Coleman Br was Bishop Fk. (Site Location
Rept.);
RACCOON (Pike Co.): (Pron. "R(ae)/kūn") On Rt. 119/1441 out of Pikeville, over Town Mt. Named for abundance of coons in that vic. (Eva Powell interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 1/16/1919, Caroline Coleman... Disc: 9/14/1918 (mail to Zebulon) (NA); Named for the large no. of coon caught there. (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Coon Creek: An early settle had sold the creek for a coon dog and a rifle (Source: Jack King to his grandson, David Pinson for Leonard Roberts, 1969) Po est: 6/10 1910... Disc 9/14/1918 (mail to Zebulon); Re-est 1/16/19... (APO)
RACCOON (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. in 1910 with Maggie Goff. No listing of a 1919 po start or a Carolyn Coleman. (Site Location Report);
RACCOON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky. was est. before 1820. This and the stream were named for local legend about a coon hunt of one of the pioneer settlers. Acc. to Hester Ramey Goff of Raccoon, Ky. The chu. has had 4 buildings. (RELIVING THE GOFF GENERATION, by Betty Jean Phillips Hughey, Lex., Ky., 1979, P. 19) (a copy is in the Pikev. P.L.);
The 1st two of the 4 bldgs. were log. The chu was org. before 1820. The 2nd chu. was on a site deeded by Geo. Goff in 1869. After the 1st chu. was torn down the 2nd was built in 1888. This was torn down in 1930 and replaced by a white frame bldg. which was replaced by a brick structure in 1968. (Hester Goff, "Upon this Rock I will Build my Church" Piikev. App. Xpress, Jan. 5-12/1978, P. All:1-
RAMEY BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Sloane Br. on Regina 15 min. top. map (1915); may have been COLEMAN (site loc. rept. Raccoon). The Rameys of Coon Creek may have been descendant of James M. Ramey, Sr. and his wife Pricy. (Jeanette Elswick, Elswick Geneal., dittoed ms., n.d., n.p. in KHS Libr.).
The **RANS POLLEY CURVE** (Pike Co., Ky):
A curve in the road just above the Millard Bridge, site of Hamilton Cem. (q.v.). Named for Rans(om) Polley who owned it after the Hamiltons. (confirm: is this the Rocky Road?)
Steep curve on the n. side of the river, site of Hamilton's Store (and PO). Named for Rans Polley who lived in the first house on the road, above the Millard Bridge. Campbell built that curvy road. A horseshoe curve. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
RANSOM (Pike Co, Ky): On 4/30/1898 Wm. J. Hatfield pet. for po 5 mi. n. of Lawson & 4 mi. s. of Matewan, 2½ mi. (sic) from Tug Fk. No vil. On 2/16/1909 B.W. Alley (probably to correct error) had po 5 mi. of Tug Fk., 127 ft. n. of Blackberry Cr. and 5 mi. s. of Matewan & 5 mi. n. of Hatfield PO. On 4/21/17 B.W. Alley prop. to move po 4 mi. s. of Tug Fk., 25 yd. of Blackberry Cr., ½ mi. to Dials Br. and a mi. from Blue Spring Fk. belc the forks of Blackberry. On 3/12/1919 M.G. Clay moved po 1 mi. sw of former site, 30 yrd w. of the creek, 4 mi. ne of Hatfield. The po resigns.
resigned and asked that the po be removed from his premises. On 5/7/1928 Tolbert M. Hatfield moved po 1½ mi. down Blackberry from the mouth of Left Fk. where it had been located and 1/8 mi. up the creek from its 1917 site, 20 ft. from creek. It had already moved on 2/25/1928. On 2/5/1934 Matthew F. Smith moved to new site 1730 ft. sw, 200 ft. n. of the creek. On 9/27, 1939 James Hatfield had po 2 air mi. from Tug Fk., 0.1 mi. s. of the creek, and 4 mi. above Tug Fork. (Site Location Reports);
(Pike Co.): (Pron. "R(ae)n/sėm") In the Henry Ford coal producing area, on Blackberry Creek. (cf Russell "Red" Fleming who lives up the creek from there) (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 5/16/1898, Wm. J. Hatfield.... (NA); Named for Ransom Hatfield. (T.M. Riddle, asst. pm, Pikeville PO, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930); Named for the postmaster. (Acc. to Kern Hatfield of Ransom, Ky., to his son, Terry Hatfield in 1967, for Leonard Roberts, 1970) (no listing of a Ransom Hatfield as pm in POR); Hamlet with apo is 4½ mi. up Blackburn Cr. from Tug Fk., 17 mi. ene of Pikev. Named for Ransom Hatfield, a local resident. (Book, P. 247); Apo
Wm. J(efferson) Hatfield ne 7/30/1874. Marr. Polly Margaret Runyon, daughter of Thos. W. and Parmelia Runyon. Their children included Jas. Estill Hatfield ne 1897 at McCarr and others who were also born at McCarr and were living there. But no Columbia. (Runyon Gen., 1955, Pp. 66-7); Jeff Hatfield, son of Preacher Anderson, lived at the mouth of Dials Branch. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WVa, interview, 9/2/1989);
Columbia (nee 6/1855) was wife of Absolum Smith (7/55) lived in the Blackberry E.D. betw. Roland Varney (3/77) and Jas. F. Hatfield (10/70) with wife Eliz. (12/71) (in 1910); Confirmed Columbiatown at the Ransom PO. Old timers call it that. Named for an old lady of that name. Aka Dotsontown now. (Dorothy Smith Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); It's above Dials Br. (Ibid.); Columbia Hatfield, daughter of Rans Hatfield (1830-1910) and niece of Preacher Anderson. Her dates: 4/16/1858-7/23/1948. She marr. Jos. Adron Runyon (1857-1922), son of Adron & Jane (Maynard) Runyon and was the grandmother of Clyde Runyon of Belfry.
COLUMBIATOWN (Ransom PO) (Pike Co., Ky):
Extends for ca. ½ mi. along the Blackberry Creek Rd., below Dials Br., homes on both sides of the road and 2 stores. The old Ransom PO was in the upper end of Columbiatown. Bldg. is extant, just below the Blue Spring Chu.
Jeff Hatfield owned this land and sold it out as lots and named it for his wife Columbia. This was c. 1915 and it's still called this.
(Was this Jefferson Hatfield, son of Preacher, who marr. Polly M. Runyon?).... Jeremiah Hatfield. (of Hatfield Br.) was buried in the middle of this commu. This is the Jerry Hatfield Cem. Above the Dotson Cem., both on the w. side of the road. The latter cem. is or
the hill behind Anse Dotson's brick house. Lucas Hatfield, the old Ransom PM, lived at the upper end of Columbiatown. Gladys, his widow, lives in a mobile home there. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); No Jefferson Hatfield or a Jeff & Columbia Hatfield are shown in 1910 Census. Preacher Anderson had a son - Wm. Jefferson but he married a Polly M. Runyon, not a Columbia. A Columbia was (1880) a 10 yr. old daughter of Jos. Hatfield. Wm. Jefferson is identified as W. Jefferson (1910 Census); (Write Paul Farley, Ransom, Ky. & ask about Columbiatown);
Ephraim Hatfield was that family's Pike Co. prog. From Russell Co., Va. to Pike Co. 1795 and settled in Tug Country. Ransom was a grandson (son of George). Brothers and cousin of Ephraim settled in Logan Co., WVa. Bazell Hatfield was a Pike Co. judge and sheriff. (sheriff, c1886). Bazell was bro. to Ransom. Ransom moved from Pond Creek to Boyd Co. in 1877 and farmed. (Ely THE BSV, 1887, Pp. 202-204); 

Deacon Anderson was Ransom & Basil's bro. (G. Elliott Hatfield). Ransom ne 6/20/30, (Hatfield, P. 189); DK if the Ransom named she was the man who moved to Castlette, (Clyde Runyan, 2/11/89);
Ransom Hatfield, the son of Preacher Anderson, was born on 10/9/1881. (Runyon Gen., 1955, P. 60);
RANSOM PO (Pike Co., Ky): Closed 8/1977. Became just a rural branch a few months after it closed. Mail sorted at Hardy. PO was est. at the mouth of Hatfield Br. in Anderson Hatfield's school. He named it for his son, Ransom, informant's father. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); Luke Hatfield was the last pm. It closed after the 1977 flood. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Named for the older Ransom Hatfield, not the younger one. (Rev. Teddy Ball, Blackberry Creek, letter to me, 8/25/1989).
RANSOM (Pike Co., Ky): PO closed and the area is now on a McCarr rural route, HC 76. Less than 2 years ago. (Willard Cook, McCarr, Ky., interview, 7/22/1989); PO first closed 6-7 yrs. ago. Had been run by Lucas Hatfield. ( ) When he died, his wife ran it for a while. Attempt to get it re-est. Charley Farley may have been able to, in his store up Blackberry. Called Farley Gro. Charley's son Paul, runs it now with his wife for Charley is getting old. (Herbert Farley, interview, 7/22/1989);
RASNICK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): At Lookout. Est. 1927. (Herbert Woodson Crick, Hist. of Ed. in Pike Co., Ky., UK masters thesis, 1930, Pp. 98-100); Rasnake is the correct spelling of this family's name; On the Rasnicks of Pike Co. (see Dorcas Hobbs' col. in App. Express, 5/25/78, P. 15:1-2)....
RATLIFF (Pike Co., Ky): Community on Marrowbone Creek. Named for a local family. Joe Ratliff lived here c.1906. (Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fork Basin in Ky. and Va." USGS Bull. #348, 1908, P. 53); Mining camp. "There has always been a settlement of Ratliffs in this area so I conclude this was named for one of the more prominent ones." (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989); Robt. Ratliff acquired 50 acres on Marrowbone (2/5/1845) (Bl 18, P.110) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1620); and Alex Ratliff acquired land on Poor Bottom Fk. & Marrowbone in 1850. (Bk. 36, Pp. 290-2) (Ibid. Ratliff Elkhorn Coal Co. has a tipple there. (Everett N. Young, letter, 6/28/89);
Buck Ratliff owned the site and he and another est. a mine there which they operated c. WWI. In 1946 Elster Ratliff bought the property and installed a coal ramp. Only a rr siding with one or two homes. Implied that it was not a coal town or community. (Bartley, Albert, interview, 9/13/1989); Richard Ratliff (ne Va. age 51 with wife Sarah (46) lived either at lower end of Marrowbone or on Russell Fk. (1850 Census);
Acc. to Will Book A, P. 52, Silas Ratliff, who died 8/1858, left land on Pond and Marrowbone Creeks (of Russell Fk.) to his son James, Wm., Joel, etc. The Marrowbone farm was known as the James May farm.
Richard Ratliff, Jr. built the first water mill on Cowpen Creek. ("The Appalachian Ratliff Families" by Eliz. C. Textor, Culloden, W.Va., in E. KENT. Vol. 5 (2), 9/1969, Pp. 1-3); RATLIFF BR. OF LEVISA FK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Silas Ratliff, an early settler, who married into the Pinson family. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); She was Nancy Ann (Annie) Pinson, nee 1779, who marr. Silas Ratliff on 3/12/1798. They lived on or nr. the Levisa nr. Pi'kev. (Scalf, "The Pinson Family, Part II" E.KY. V. 5 (4), 3/1970, Pp. 3-6, 5); RATLIFF CREEK. Named for one or more local families but dk which. (Marie Justice, 3/25/89 x Pike Co., before 1798)

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RATLIFF CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for John Ratliff "who, acc. to legend, bought it for a horse and saddle." He arr. Floyd Co. before 1820. (Faye M. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989);
James Ratliff (Ratcliff), prog. of the BSV Ratliffs. From Henry Co., Va. to Pike Co. in 1787. Among his children were "General" Wm. Ratliff who was ne Shelby Jct., Pike Co. early 1790s, and died at Shelby Gap. He was sheriff of Pike Co. Among his children were Wm. Harrison Ratliff who was ne 1814 in Pike Co. WHR was the father of Judge Wm. Orlando Butler Ratliff. WHR died 1900. (Kozee, Pp. 571-2); Reference is made to a James Ratliff Branch of ? (in Floyd Co. Ct. Book 2, 9/25/1815);
RATLIFF'S CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): At Shelbiana. May have been named for the family of Shady Ratliff who bought a farm in that vic. from Sherman Adkins (3900 acres). Ratliff's son, R.W. Ratliff, heired the farm and operated it until 1902 when the C&O RR arr. The home that the Adkins lived in and later the Ratliffs is extant, on the left of the rd as one enters Shelbiana. (Ed England to Elmer Mullins for Jessie Horne, "First Settlers on Robinson Creek" 150 Yrs. of Pike Co., Ky. 1822-1972, Sesqui. Iss. Vol. 1, Pike Co. His. Soc. 1972, Pp. 17-20);
RATTLESNAKE BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Zach Phillips acquired 50 acres here, surveyed 2/27/1845 (Bk. 18, P. 120) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1599);
Rattlesnake Fork of Big Branch (of Brushy Fork of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): A lot of snakes in there have been killed over the years. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
RATTLESNAKE HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): On Pettys Fk. of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek. Less than half mile up the fork, on the right side. Aptly named. (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
RAYSTORE (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 1/25/1924, Hiram B. Ray; 2/18/1931, A.P. Justice... (NA); Disc. 5/31/1933 (mail to Millard); Confirmed that Mr. Ray had a store there and the po was called Raystore. It was located just below the present Fishtrap Dam site. (Creetie J. Coleman Biggs Branch, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 3/6/1989); On 9/18/1923 Hiram B. Ray pet. for est. of po 3 mi. w of Levisa Fk., 3 1/2 mi. e. of Lower Pompey Cr., 3 mi. from Millard PO and 3 mi. from Fishtrap PO. 3 mi. from Lower Pompey PO and 3 mi. from C&O rr sta. at Millard. Betw Millard & Fishtrap PO's. (Site Location Repts)
3 1/2 miles se of Lower Pompey PO, on e. bank of the creek, 3 1/4 mi. up from the Levisa; halfway between the Pompeys (Creetie Coleman, letter, 6/26/1989);
RED BUD (Pike Co., Ky): On 12/7/1878 John Runyon pet. for est. of this po at a site 10½ mi. s. of Mouth of Pond, (probably on Pond Cr.), 12½ mi. nw of Wolford PO (Phelps) 10 mi. se of Canada PO, and 4 mi. w. of Blackberry Creek. (Acc. to 1884 Postal Rt. Map, it's 10½ mi. up Pond Cr. from Mouth of Pond). Acc. to pet. of 11/27/1886 (also by John Runyon) it was 10½ mi. se of Big Creek. This would make this po somewhere around Peg Sta. or Pinson Fork PO.
RED BUD (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 12/23/1878, John Runyon; 10/19/1881, G.R. Blackburn... 5/22/1884, John Runyon; Disc. 4/12/1888 (p.t Edgarton) (NA); pop. of 300 (R.McN. map, 1889 with m. to Edgerton); G.R. Blackburn was Granville who was the pm of Mouth of Coburn (1871-73) at the Huddy site. John Runyon was probably John Compton Runyon ("Kuhm/tan"), gr grandfather of Clyde Runyon. May have been located nr. Runyon's Branch, n. of McVeigh, where John C. Runyon lived. Red Bud may have been named for trees but dk. (Clyde, 2/11/89)
Could it have been named for "Red Bud" Scott (dk his real given name) who lived at the mouth of Narrows Br and died before WWI. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
Daniel Scott (53) and his wife Nancy (50) lived betw. Thos. G. Farler (30) & Sam'l. McCoy (31) & nr. Murphys, Scotts, Aly Farley, McCoys, etc. i.e. on Blackberry. Dan'l. was probably nr. the mouth of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Cr. or possibly on Pond Creek itself, nr. the mouth of Blackberry Fk. (1870 Census: In 1850, Daniel (35) & Nancy (34) lived betw. Jacob Blackburn & Thos. Scott (25) & near Sam'l. Farlee, John McCoy, Alex'r. Murphy, Rutherfords & Runyons; In 1840 Dan'l. Scott lived betw. John McCoy, Jr. & Wm. McCoy;
Daniel Scott (ne ca. 1815) was the son of Wm. & Eliz. (McCoy) Scott who settled at the mouth of Sycamore Creek in 1803. He was bro. of Andrew Scott (who marr. Margaret Pinson). (Trudy, Pp. 267, 275);
RED CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): A north bank trib. of Levisa Fk. (F466), c. 2 miles above the Shelby Bridge. In the 19th cent., a coal mine caught on fire there. It gave a red glow to the creek. (Source: Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts)

Richard Parsons & his wife, Lydia, lived on Red Creek in 1830s+. He soon came to own nearly the entire creek and the head of Peytons Creek. He was the nephew of Peyton Justice. (Justice-Thacker: A Pictorial Hist. Chaney & Adkins, 1980, P. 220); Acquired land on Red Creek in the 1840s and early 50s (Jillson, 1971, P. 1578);
David Pauley acquired 50 acres on Red Creek (10/13/1832) (Bk. B-2, P. 237) (Willson, 1971 I, P. 677);
REED FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky.):
Could this have been named for George D. Reed who had acquired 50 acres of land in nearby Strattons Branch, surv. 2/13/1844? (Bk. 14, P. 216) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1624);
Wm. H. Reed (57) with wife Annie lived in the Coburn Fk. E.D. nr. Geo. Chapman & Willie M. Brunty; Named for a local family. cf Joe Reed, a retired rr. worker. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
In 1900 Wm. H. Reed (3/80) with wife Aimee lived in Big Cr. ED next door to Geo. (1/59) and Angelline Reed & nr. Aaron Runyon (9/45), Jos. Runyon (4/74), John M. Runyon (3/70), John W. Reed (3/58) (1900 Census);
REGINA (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is centered at the jct. of US 460 and Ky. 195 and the confluence of Marrowbone Creek and the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, 9 mi. se of Pikeville. The local C&O rr sta. is called Marrowbone for the creek, which some say was named for a human bone once found washed up on its bank. The po was est. on 3/13/1895 with John E. Ratliff, pm, and allegedly named at the suggestion of a traveling salesman for his hometown in Canada. This is supposed to acc for its peculiarly Brit. pron., for in the US as a girl's name it is pron. 'rə/dʒee/nuh'" (Book-P. 249)

no kin of John E. Ratliff.
REGINA (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name Hustlersville. 2/1/1895, John E. Ratliff. On n. bank of Russell Fk. & ¼ mi. s of mouth of Marrowbone Cr. 3/19/1912, W.E. Johnson, serving commu. of Marrowbone Sta. on C&O RR, 300 ft. from Russell Fk. & on w. side of Marrowbone Cr. 3½ mi. ne of Carmen PO & 4 mi. s. of Millard. 73 ft. w. of C&O tracks, at mouth of Marrowbone. 9/10/1923, J.A. Ratliff, 350 ft. s. of Russell Fk. 1000 ft. w. of Marrowbone Cr. 3 mi. w. of Draffin PO, 1 mi. n. of Wolfpit PO, 60 ft. from C&O tracks. 6/22/1939, 10 ft. w. of Ky. 195, 150 ft. sw of Marrowbone Sta. (C&O), 300 ft. n. of Russell Fk. (Site Location Reports);
REGINA (Pike Co.): Named for a traveling salesman. Local people were gathered to decide on a name for the new p.o. A salesman from Regina, Canada, came by and told them how beautiful his home town is and suggested they name the po for it. Willie E. Coleman was the 1st pm. (Source: J.M. Johnson, 94, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Coll. student, for Leonard Roberts); Willie E. Coleman was 2nd pm, 4/20/1896...(NA); Regina means queen. "I dont know the exact reason for this name but probably for the Queen of Engl." (Paul Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989);
REGINA (Pike Co.): (pron. "Rə/dj(eye)n/(uh)"). A longtime resident, John Rasnake (ch. spl) told Shirley Looney, Eva Powell's field investigator, that a black man came to the area and some kind of incident took place there. He'd forgotten just what it was. And Regina was "A Negro" spelled backwards. Eva doesn't accept that. The Rasnakes were Hessians who may have deserted during the Rev. War and some of them settled in that area and acquired a lot of land there (acc. to Scalf) (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 3/13/1895, John E. Ratliff... (NA); APO
CEDAR (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 12/18/1874 with Henry E. Coleman, pm; 7/23/1878, Hammon Coleman...11/4/1880, John Coleman; Disc. 10/31/1881 (NA) Acc. to Rand McN. map, 1889, a commu. called Cedar was served by the Fish Trap po so it could not have been located on Cedar Creek nr. Pikeville.

Cedar PO may have been across the bridge up Marrowbone, on the right side of Ky. 195 (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/1988); At the mouth of Marrowbone Cr; a thickly settled area but no focus of pop. Pet. by Harvey E. Coleman on 12/6/1874. thus forerunner of Regina. A little above the Regina po of today (Site Location Reports);
CEDER (sic) (PO in Pike Co., Ky): Located near Lookout. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
REPUBLIC (Pike Co., Ky): Commu. was built and operated by the Republic Steel Corp. (Everett N. Young, Assoc. Ed., The C&O His. Soc., Pikeville, Ky., letter, 6/28/1989);
RICHAM (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 5/4/1923, Guy H. Hamilton; Disc. eff. 8/15/1928 (mail to Yeager) (NA); On US 23 and the left bank of Shelby Creek, 2 mi. above Levisa Fk. at Shelbiana. On the rr. Nothing there now; (pron. "Rik/əm") Now called Riddles Siding, maybe for Bill Riddle's father. (Bob Sweaney, 1/14/1989); ("Ritch/əm") (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); On 1/22/1923 Guy M. Hamilton. 2 mi. s. of Levisa Fk. and 200 ft. e. of Shelby Cr. 2 m: n. of Elkseam PO and 3 mi. w of Shelbiana PO. 100 ft. w of Sandy Val. & Elkhorn RR. RR sta= Richam. (Site Location Report); Excelsior By-Product Coal Co. with Guy H. Hamilton, Super., at Richam, Ky. (1923 Rept. of Ky. Dept. of Mine;
A flag stop on the SV&E Ry. The sign was in front of Bill Riddle's home, across the track from the US 23 crossing, ca. 2 mi. above the Shelby Sta. Crossing is aka locally as Riddle's Crossing for the Riddle family that has lived there. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 8/21/1989);
RICHAM (Pike Co., Ky): Nr. what is now called Riddle's Crossing. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., in a letter to me, 8/29/1989);
RIGHT FORK OF HARLESS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Adam Venters acquired land on Big Right Fork of Harless Creek (1/16/1889) (Bk. 111, P. 362) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1778);
RIGHT FORK (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°15'30" to 37°17'15" (Lat), 82°39'45" to 82°41'45" (Long); This fork leads to Speight. The left hand fork leads to Etty. (Leonard Roberts);
RIVER BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): This may be what Scalf called Clark Br. nr. the mouth of which Roop PO was. (Check....) (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989);
Locally called Clark Br. (Ibid., 8/5/1989);
Norah Scalf (nee James) was born and raised on this branch. River Br. is now called Clark Br. (Ibid:); aka Clark Branch but now called River Branch because that's what it's identified as on the maps. The Clarks were local families. (Troy T. Lowe, interview, 8/8 1989);

Grenada, KY.
Was called Clark Branch, now called River Branch. Named for local family. (Crit Blackbur of Brushy Fk, interview, 8/8/1989); Reuben Clark ran a mill at the mouth of Brushy Fk. of Johns in 1801. He was ne c. 1771 in Va. Two of his sons were Hiram G. Clark ne c. 1806 and Edmund Clark ne c. 1801. (Mrs. Sue Holden, of Apple Valley, Cal. in Dorcas M. Hobbs "AA" Xpr 2/28/1981,, II, P. 2:1-2);
ROAD BRANCH OF ISLAND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): John Sword acquired 100 acres on Road Fk. (presumably of Island Creek) (2/4/1841) (Bk. 9, P. 348) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1734);
ROAD CREEK (branch of Russell Fork of Levisa Fk. of the BSR, Pike Co., Ky): (F207 6 mi. below Elkhorn City. The creek was moved to make room for a road. (Source: Mrs. John W. Moore of Elkhorn City, Ky., to her daughter, Vicki Moore, P.O. Box 531, Elkhorn City, for Leonard Roberts, 1970);
ROAD FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Geo. Pinson acquired 100 acres here, surveyed 2/15 1849 (Bk. 30, P. 284). (Jillson, 1971, P. 1597)
ROAD FORK OF BURNING FORK (of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Heads at Helvey's Gap...(Faye M. Burke, letter, 5/16/1989)
ROAD FORK OF JOES CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Evin Scott (sic) acquired 80 acres here (2/17/1860) (Bk. 62, P. 322) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1727);
ROAD FORK (Pike Co.): (pron. "Rohd/fôrk") It's just the fork of the road. Forest Hills ("Fôrst H(ih)lz") on the Tug River. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 12/12/1924, Flora Hensley...(NA); The po was named for the Road Fork of Pond Creek which was named for its having been some yrs. ago the route between Williamson & Pikeville, that came out by Canada. Shown on W'son 15 min. top. map.-1915. No longer a through road there. The two post offices were at the same site. DK why re-named or called Forest Hills. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989);
James Rutherford acquired 300 acres on Road Fk. of Pond Creek (2/4/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 299) and another 50 acres (3/3/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 46) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1655); Chas. Staten acquired 100 acres on this (2/28/53) (Bk. 41, P. 47) (Ibid., P. 1672);
ROAD FORK OF RIGHT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): John May acquired 50 acres on Old Road Fk. of Peter Creek (surv. 2/28/1856) (Bk. 50, P. 117) and 50 acres on Road Fk. of Peter Creek (2/28/56) (Bk. 50, P. 118) (Jil­lson, 1971, P. 1477); Benj. McCoy acquired 75 acres on Old Road Fk. of Peter Creek (surv. 1/4/1847) (Bk. 30, P. 290) and 100 acres on Big Fk. of Camp Creek (1/31/53) (Bk. 41, P. 54) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1534);
A road extending to the head of Johns Creek went up a section of the Right Fork of Peter beginning at the mouth of Smith Fk. and up to the head of that creek. Known since the 1840s as Road Fk. No one now knows derivation of this name. Maybe named for road between the two watersheds by those who built it. Some of the descendants of Henry Smith (Heinrich Schmidt) who had moved to Johns Creek ca. 1823 moved over the mt. to Peter Creek, and married into the Daugherty, Dotson, and Coleman families which had also moved from Johns Creek. Smiths owned land from Johns Cr.
to the head of Peter Creek. In late 19th cent. Francis Marion & Columbia (Dotson) Smith impressed (a large) home at the head of Peter on Road Fork. In the early 1930s the Ky. Highway Dept. built a road from that site across Johns Creek Mt. The Smith home was recently razed and replaced by others. In the mid 1980s the road up Road Fork was extended to Johns Creek. (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/89);
ROAD FORK OF ROCKHOUSE FK. (of Big Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Benj. Williamson acquired 48 acres on this (2/17/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 36) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1806);
ROAD JUNCTION (Pike Co., Ky): Jeanette Elswick thought I was referring to Road Creek. Republic Steel had a mine here that is no longer in operation. (Letter, 2/13/1989);
ROB DAMRON CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): Next to the Bethlehem Chu. on Caney Creek, just above its confl. with Shelby Cr. A family cem. incl. the burials of the graves from the John Marrs, Jr. Cem. when that cem., in 1976, was taken by the new highway (new US 23) construction. Inventoried by John W. Picklesimer, 2881 Middlesex Way, Lex., Ky. 40503, on 4/16/1988. In KHS Libr., vert. files.
ROB FORK (of Caney Creek) (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#121-103) 37°20'45" (Lat), 82°32'12" (Long);
Named by and for Rob Damron who gave a team of horses and a wagon for the land. (Leonard Roberts);
Given as Left Fork of Caney on the Pikeville 15 min. top. map (1916); Named for Rob Branham. (Law. Newsom, interview, 7/29/89)
Given as Damron Branch of Caney Creek on Stone 1908 coal map;
ROBERTS HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Joins Caney Cr. from the e., just above and across from the mouth of Little Branch. (F189) May have been named for James Roberts, Jr. (1811-c. 1880), son of James Roberts (1772-1858), one of the 1st Pike Co. magistrates when the co. was est. in 1821. Both resided on Caney. Most of the Pike Co. Robertses descend from James, Jr (Rodney D. Veitschegger, "Cornelious Roberts: His Begats and Their Alliances" Pike Co. 1822-1976, Hist'l. Papers #2, 1976, Pp. 62-70, 67, 69); and owned land.
ROBINETT CEM. (at Stopover, Pike Co., Ky): Est. 1918. 1st buried=John Wesley Robinett; within 2 weeks, 5 more of his family, all victims of a flu epidemic of 1918 were dead. Progenitor of the R. family was Nathan Robinett, a farmer and logger, orig. from Roanoke, Va. Thence to Wayne, W.Va. Then to Pike Co. This is a fam. cem. (Acc. to Wm. Jesse Robinett, Nathan's gt. grandson, "The Robinett Cemetery", Pike Co., Ky. 1821-1983, Hist'l. Papers Number 5, Pp. 51-2)
ROBINSON CREEK PO (Pike Co., Ky): 1st mentioned in Site Location Reports 10/23/1897 with Wm. Harvey, pm. 300 ft. n. of Rob. Creek, 3 mi. sw of Burns, 4½ mi. ne of Virgie. On 8/4/1934 Mary Brafford pet. for move to site 300 yds. sw of former site, 75 ft. w. of creek, 2½ mi. sw of Yeager, 7 mi. n. of Virgie, 3 mi. nw of Esco. On 9/26/1939 Bertha O. Brafford: 20 ft. e. of hiway. 3/10 mi. s. of Fcreek RR Sta. 4/10 mi. s. of Shelby Cr. c.100 ft. n of Rob Cr. 3 or 3½ mi. s. of Yeager. 1/20/1942, Chas. Bernard Mitchell, move to site 1000 ft. e. 300 ft. e of Shelby Cr. 2 mi w. of Yeager & 2½ mi. nw of Esco. 800 ft. e. of Rob. Cr. Sta. of C&O. (SLR);
John Graham acquired 45 acres on Robinson Creek (9/2/1812) (Bk. 18, P. 429) (Jillson, 1971, P. 179 of Bk. I);
ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co.) (F735) Stream = 37°22'15" (Lat), 82°37'30" to 82°39'30" (Long); Named for a Mr. Robinson, one of the early or even the earliest settler of the area. No date available on him. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "R(ah)b/a/n/s(uh)n or R(ah)b/əs/ən") DK which particular Robinson the creek or commu. were named for. There are so many of that name in that area. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 5/27/1848, David May; Disc. 11/5/61; Re-est. 9/28/66, Sam'l. Keel... Disc. 9/29/88 (papers to Little Creek) (NA); Little Creek po est. 11/27/1867, Spurlock Damron... ch. to Robinson Creek, 11/5/88, Thomas May...(NA);
ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co.): Named for Joseph Robinson, pioneer settler, early 19th cent. Rec'd. govt. land grant there. (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Coll); c. 4 mi. s. of Shelby Bridge. Named for Jos. Robinson a pioneer settler. (Source: E.J. Piclesimer, (sic)-age 81, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); No mention in Jillson (1971) of any Robinson who acquired land on Shelby Creek in early 19th cent. or earlier;
ROBINSON CREEK PO (Pike Co., Ky): Thos. May was pm in 1895. A.J. Newsom and Sam'l. Newsom had store there. Rev. Dan'l. Roberts was local Baptist preacher (Ky. Gaz. 1896); The po is 67.25. Peter Br. is 67.76 (1/2 mi. below po). The R. Cr. Sch. is 67.79 (just below Peter Br; US 23 jct. with Ky. 122 is 0.2 mi. below the sch;
ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): The western extension of this creek is called Little Robinson Creek. (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Little Robinson Creek is a recent name applied to that sect. of the creek above old US 23 by the Pike Co. school officials in assigning bus routes. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
First site of the Robinson Creek PO (Pike Co) was 5 mi. due e. of Tackitt PO and 4 mi. nne of Beefhide PO (at Myra); The Little Creek po was then (1884) 3 mi. n. of the Robinson Creek po (Acc. to the 1884 Postal Route Map); Little Creek po was 3 mi. sw of Maltaton PO. (Ibid.) Com. (and presumably po) shown on 1892 Whitesburg 30 min. top. map as on the s. bank of Rob. Cr., just above its confluence with Shel Creek;
ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "This vil. with po extends for some distance along US 23/119 and the creek for which it was named, 5 mi. s. of Pikev. The creek was named for the family of Jos. Robinson, its pioneer settler. The 1st Robinson Creek PO was est. on 5/27/1848 with David May, PM. It was discontinued in Sept. 1888 and its papers transferred to the nearby Little Creek PO, which operated from 1867 until it was moved to and renamed Robinson Creek in Nov. 1888." (Book-P. 253); p.o. now at the mouth of Robinson Creek.
ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co.): 1st settlers were the family of Thos. May who settled on what's now the Willie Riddle farm. He held a "patent on all land from Shelby to the Forks of Robinson. He was the 1st settler on Shelby Creek."
ROBINSON HILL (Pike Co., Ky): Between the head of Rob. Creek and Tackett F. (in Floyd Co.) (Lawrence Newsom, Rob. Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
ROB NEWSOM (sic) CEMETERY (Pike Co.) (F735)
37°22'30" (Lat), 82°38'15" (Long); Now owned by
the Rob Newsome Heirs. DK precise date of
origin. Graves bearing date 1861. Some known
Civil War dead. Active. (Acc. to Geo. Newsom,
son of Rob Newsom; Geo. is 89. 10/15/1974, fro
Leonard Roberts);
ROCKHOUSE (Pike Co.): (Pron. "R(ah)k/hows") on Marrowbone Creek. There are a lot of rock houses in that area. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 8/10/1927, Arvle Thacker; 2/21/1928, Della H. Clarke... (NA); Mining town on Marrowbone. Named for a "rock house." "The pioneers called an overhanging cliff used as a resting place on journeys by first Indians, then white men, a 'rock house.'" (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989); Wm. O.B. Ratliff acquired 50 acres on Rock House Fk. (sur. 8/24/1859) (Bk. 76, P. 83 (Jillson, 1971, P. 1621);
ROCKHOUSE BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co): Liss Hatfield owned and lived there at its mouth. (Ulyssis). May have been named for many rocks but don't really know. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Ulysses (Liss)'s brother, Tolbert also lived at its mouth. Tolbert owned the lower part of Rockhouse and Liss owned the upper part of it. (Ibid.); (Acc. to Hatfield geneal., Tolbert & Ulyssus were sons of Richard Hatfield and grandsons of Jos. Jr. & Eliz. Quillan Hatfield. They had a bro. named Wm. (Hatfield book, P. 186); Uncle Tolbert Hatfield lived here. (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/1989);
ROCKHOUSE BR. OF PETER CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to a Charles family trad., "before a highway was constructed large rock cliffs extended almost to the creek in many areas along the route. At the mouth of what became Rockhouse Hol. there was a large cliff overhang that was over a deep impression that was ever at least 7 or 8 ft. high and extended backward into the mt. 30 ft. or more. This flat-bottomed projection formed a 'roof' over an equally flat 'floor' surface." This served as a temp. shelter for Wm. Layne & his family when they arr. in the areas in the 1820s. The Laynes' are said to have gathered flat
rocks, and using mud to daub the cracks and hold them together, built walls extending from the 'floor' to the 'ceiling' of the projection, resulting in a 'rock house.' A door was made by weaving branches of the nearby sapplings, and standing it to cover the entrance.... This (site) was identified by the settlers as the 'rock house', and the name remained through the years. The hol. through which the branch flows, and by where the rock house was located, is known as Rockhouse Hollow. The cliff was blasted away in later years." (Geraldine Davenport, letter 9/27/89);
ROCKHOUSE BR. OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Had heard that there were a lot of rocks at the top of the mt. back in there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
ROCKHOUSE CREEK (of Marrowbone Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): The basement of a local coal store was built of stone. The store was maintained by the McKinney Steel Co. or Paragon Elkhorn Coal Co. which owned coal rights on Greasy & Wolfpit Creeks. (Albert Bartley, Shelbiana, Ky., interview, 9/23/1989);
ROCKHOUSE FKS. OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Allen Taylor acquired 100 acres here (2/2/1858) (Bk. 52, P. 271) also in 1873. (Jillsor 1971, Pp. 1745, 1747);
ROCKHOUSE FK. OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
ROCKHOUSE FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek): (Pike Co., Ky): Maybe named for someone's home made of rocks but no evidence of this remains. One lane dirt road up this fork is the route betw. Peter Creek and Paw Paw. (Geraldine Davenport, Huntsville, Ala, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
ROCKHOUSE FK. OF PAW PAW CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) DK its origin. Dont know of any rock houses it could have been named for—either houses made of rocks or a cave-like feature in the area. It may have derived from there being a rocky wagon road along it, which was the case. The road is still not paved inspite of public officials' promises to do this. (Pearl Marburger & Margaret Estep. Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);
ROCKHOUSE FORK OF RIGHT FORK (Of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): One of the head forks of Right Fk. May have been aptly named but dk where the rockhouse would have been, or it could refer to the Rockhouse Creek in Letcher Co., just over the co. line. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
ROCKHOUSE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH (Pike Co. Ky):
The site for this chu. was donated by Isaac and Nancy Epling. (Alice J. Kinder, Mt. Roots col. in App. N-Xpr., 7/2/1980, P. III, 2:3);
ROCK SPRING (Pike Co., Ky); In Boone Mt., a perennial spring in a rock crevice. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Just below Boone Gap, on the w. side, at the head of Rocky Branch. (Ibid.); could this be the derivation of the latter name;
ROCKSPRING BR., OF CANEY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): "Water ran over a rock and wore a hole in another big rock where people stopped to get a drink of water." (Gene Leslie of Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989);
ROCKY BRANCH OF POOR FORK (of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Aptly named. (Frances Sowards, interview, 4/8/1989);
ROCKY ROAD (Pike Co., Ky): Had been called Thacker Bottom for the family of Reubin Thacker who farmed it in the 1840s. He had acquired the land from Wm. (Billy) Campbell in 1843. Reubin became one of the county's wealthiest landowners. (JUSTICE-THACKER, A PICTORIAL HIST., written, compiled, and edited by Paul W. Chaney & Glen E. Adkins, 1980, P. 85). The area s. of the river, betw the mouth of Pompey & the Millard Sch. may also have been called Chaney Bottom. (but check) (Marie & David Justice, 3/25/1989); TB and CB were probably the same. (Marie J. in letter, 3/29/1989);
ROGERS PARK (Pike Co., Ky): "Rogers Bros. Coal Co... acquired a boundary of (ca.) 3400 acres from Victoria Williamson in 1917, on the watershed of Turkey Creek (all of it). The Rogers Bros. sold off most of the surface of said tract, excepting only about 590 acres on Main Turkey, for small farms and building lots, excepting all minerals and mining rights. /14.8 acres of surface, at the jct. of Nosben and Poll Taylor forks of Turkey Creek, were conveyed by the Rogers Bros. Coal Co. to the Williamson Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, by a Deed
dated April 7, 1934 (DB 178, P. 245, Pike Co) by accurate survey for park purposes only.

At an early date the Elks developed a park area on said tract incl. a swimming pool, picnic tables, etc. but in time they lost interest and all improvements vanished. (Lon B. as a trustee of this prop. resisted efforts to sell the land for other uses)....Finally Pike Co. expressed an interest in taking over the prop...(to) develop a park there. I have not followed up on it..../My father always told me that the residents of the area named the park Rogers Park....Dad built a number of
small homes in the vic. and sold them by contract for a small down payment, and so much a month until they were paid for. Some of this lay between Main Turkey Creek and the Park....." (Lon B. Rogers, Lex., letter to me, 8/26/1989);
ROGERS PARK (Pike Co., Ky): At the forks of Turkey Creek (see top. map). County reopened the park. Named for the Rogers Bros. (Fon, Lon, etc.) who owned the prop. N&W est. the park. Subleased by the Osbournes. (?) (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
ROOP (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 8/10/1900, Thomas J. Roop; Disc. eff. 11/30/1901 (paper to Gulnare) (NA); cf R.B. Maynard

Named for Thos. Roop. Nr. the mouth of Clark Branch. (Scalf, KLF, P. 542); Thos. J. Roop = no. 7/1868 in Ky. (1900 census);

John Roop acquired 54 acres on Brushy Creek (2/12/1874) (Bk. 94, P. 461) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1646); Was this at or nr. the mouth of River Br? cf Cecil Taylor, a Taylor family genealogist, whose mother was Tom Roop's daughter. (McCombs PO, 631-1336) (R.B. Maynards interview, 7/15/1989);

On where the Roops lived
ROOP (Pike Co., Ky): Doesn't know of this po. May have been a predecessor of McCombs. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989); The Roop po operated from 8/1900 to 11/1901. McCombs po was est. 1905. I think it may have been est. nr. the mouth of the Clarks Branch (now River Branch), just below the 1st site of McCombs PO;
ROUGH HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (F357)
37°13'45" (Lat), 82°30'45" (Long); "This hol. was very narrow and the land was mostly hillside. The road wound around the side of the hill and was very rocky and rough." (Edgar Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Never heard of it. (Chas. F. Moore of Shelby Gap and Ample Sanders Calhoun of Upper Pigeon interviews, 4/1/1989); Rough Branch of Elk-horn Creek (current top. maps); Given as Tarpole Br. on Regina 15 min. top. map, 1915; a separate feature.
ROUND BOTTOM BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., K.)  
Cumpton Stafford acquired 100 acres on this (2/3/1850) (Bk. 37, P. 447) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1671); A Roundbottom community, one mi. above Burnwell, on the Tug Fk., and 6.1 mi. below Buskirk. Had no pop. in 1970. Given in Corps of Eng. documents, 1980; (Was it just a rr sta?)
ROW FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Geo. Pinson acquired 96 acres on this, surv. 1/59, (Bk. 59, P. 95) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1597); and 136 acres on Roar Fk. of Big Creek (Surv. 1/5 (Bk. 59, P. 96) (Ibid.); Are these the same feature? Which is correct name?
RUNYAN PO (Pike Co., Ky): On the N&W RR, 3 mi. from Williamson. W.G.W. Riddle was the pm c.1895. The Scotts ran two local stores. (3 mi. along the tracks brings it to Toler). Yet the po was officially est. in 1890, acc. to POR. The 1895 date comes from an old business gaz. & directory. (?); John Comptor Runyon is buried on the hill opp. the mouth of Mudlick Fk. of Pond Creek (1833-1915). He was the son of Adron & Jane Maynard Runyon. (Acc. to Robt. & Amos Runyon, RUNYON GENEAL 1955, in KHS Libr., Pp. 42-3);

preceded Toler PO (9.1)

A. I. Scott of Scott + Smith + Runyon (1895)
RUNYON PO (Pike Co., Ky): DK the original site—but it was located at the mouth of Cow Br. when Wm. Geo. Washington Riddle was pm. He was brother of T.M. Riddle of Pikeville and father of Ernest Riddle (ne. 1904 whom I met with Clyde on 2/11) (Clyde Runyon, interview, 2/11, 1989); Given as Runyan in Site Location Repts. but 1st pm was John C. Runyon. 2/26/1904.

WGW Riddle, 3½ mi. w. of Tug Fk. 100 yrd. w. of Pond Cr. 4 rd. mi. s. of Williamson. 5 mi. n. of Pinsonfork PO. On w. side of creek, above mouth of Blackberry Fk. (of Pond) (Site Loc'n. Reports); on e. bank of Pond, at mouth of Blackberry Fk. (Ibid.)
John C. Runyon lived in the vic. of Cow Br. which is right above the present 119 Motel. This Runyon PO was replaced by the Toler PO. The po was moved to the Toler site and renamed. Bailey Fuel Co. had a mine at Toler. PO was in the company store bldg. just across (above) the bridge. PO moved ½ mi. down the road from its Cow Br. site and put in the company store bldg. It was named for the Tolers that used to live in the vic. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);

WM G.W. a. ch d Runyon PO 6/22/1891;
2/28/1905, WM A. May, Jr. Disc eff. 8/31/1905;
RUNYAN or RUNYON (Pike Co.): This post was, at one time, located at the mouth of Cow Br. of Pond Creek, just above Toler. However, it could have been est. further up Pond Creek, perhaps nr. Huddy. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13/1979); PO est. 5/28/1890 with John G. Runyan (sic); 2/11/1891, Floyd Rutherford ...2/28/1905, Wm. A. May, Jr; Disc. eff. 8/31/1905 (mail to Williamson, W.Va.) (NA); Given as Runyan PO in POR (Ibid.); The Runyons came from NC. Their Pike Co. prog. was Aaron Runyon who arr. 1795. His son, John, died 1840. (Ely THE BSV, 1887, P. 98);
John Compton Runyon (1833-1915) was son of Adron (Uncle Add) and Jane (Maynard) Runyon. He lived and raised his family on Pond Creek and is buried on the hill opp. the mouth of Mudlick Fk. of Pond. Among the children of John C. and his 1st wife Arena (Bevins) were Jos. Adron (1857-1922, Thos. J. (1860-1926), John W. (1865-1932). (Runyon Gen. 1955, Pp. 42-3); John W. Runyon marr. Nancy Ann Farley and is buried on a pt. at the upper end of the John W. Runyon farm at Toler. (Id. P. 51); Clyde Runyon (ne 7/24/1906), son of Amos & grandson of Jos. Adron (1881-) and Columbia Hatfield Runyon. His bro. Ernest Clifton was ne 8/27/1918 and was Belfry PM. (Id. P. 47);
In 1880 John Runyon (47) with wife Rosia (43) lived in the Pond E.D. betw. Aca Hensley (28) & Stephen Trout (79) nr. Hunts, John Murphy (31), Jake Runyon (27) with wife Sarah;
RUNYON CEM. (Pike Co., Ky): On Runyon Branch of Pond Creek, at Pinsonfork. At the mouth of Runyon (or Adkins) Br. of Pond Cr., just above the "Big John" Runyon house. (Clyde Runyon, letter, 2/23/1989);
RUNYON CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): On the lower side of Meetinghouse Br. of Pond Creek, opp. the Old Pond Primitive Bapt. Chu. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 2/23/1989);
RUNYON SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): Consolidated ele. school. Named for Charley Runyon who deeded the land for it to the Bd. of Educ. This is another branch of Runyons from Clyde Runyon's. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Charley Runyon owned the land. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
URAL (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 8/16/1880, Geo. M.D. Bevins; 9/22/1900, Thos. S. Lowe...8/4/1919, Etta Howe; Disc. 10/15/1920 (mail to Whitepost) (NA); 10 4 mi. up Swinge Camp Br. of Big Creek from Ky. 468; ("Rural") (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/89); No 1880 or 1884 entry in the SLR. The earliest given is 11/16/1900 with GMI Bevins, pm. PO was 1/16 mi. e. of Big Creek, 6 mi. s. of Tug Fk. and 6 mi. w of Canada PO, 8 mi. s. of White Post PO. On 4/26/1905 Emma Alley pet. for move of po 1/3 mi. e. to a pt. 5½ mi. n. of Conder (sic), 3½ mi. s. of White Post (sic), 4½ mi. sw of Tug Fk., 1/3 mi. e. of Big Creek. (By then, White Post had moved up
Big Creek and by then Conder was the sp. of this po name and Canada was at its present site). On 2/26/1917 Tandy B. Lowe. PO of Rural was now 4 mi. s of Tug Fk. and 300 yds w. of Big Creek, 3 mi. s. of White Post po. 4 mi. n. of Conder (Couder—both names used in same SLR) (Site Location Report);
RUSHDIE HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Halie J. Scott acquired 6½ acres on this (7/3/1899) (Bk. 119 P. 13) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1728);
Referral by this name on deeds that go back to the late 18th cent. (Jeanette Elswick, 2/13/1989); May have been named for Wm. Russell who lived at Lebanon (Russell Co., Va.) in the late 18th cent. Check. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); So named for it heads in Russell Co., Va. (Sutherland, Meet Virginia's Baby, 1952, P. 13). Russell Co. was org. 1786 and named for Gen'l. Wm. Russell, Rev. War officer (Raus McDill Hanson, Va. PN, Verona, Va: McClure Press, 1969, Pp. 15, 185);
Was RUSSELL FORK OF THE LEVISA FORK (of the BSR, Pike Co., Ky) named for Russell Craig, early settler at its mouth? Pike Countians call both Levisa Fk. and Russell Fk. simply the Big Sandy River or refer to it simply as "The River." (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/77)

40 mi. long. Heads in Va. at 37°03'28"N, 82°02'35"W, flows nw into Ky. to join the Levisa at Millard at 37°24'24"N, 82°26'25"W. BGN in its Dec. List #7503, 7-12/1975. P. 10 decided in favor of Russell Fk. over Russell Fork R. To standardize name already in use on maps & other official documents. R. Fk. at Va. line 30 mi. above Pikev.
SALT LICK CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "Salt springs were once plentiful near (its) mouth." (Mrs. Dan Carter, Pike Co. WPA ms.)
SAM HALL BRANCH OF BEAR CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK who named for. In late 19th cent. it was owned by the United Mineral Dev. Co. Then Noah Newsom (aka Noah Holt tho' dk why). Residents included the late Kendrick Johnson and Drew Hall. (Was Sam the father of Drew?) (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); No Sam, Andrew or Drew Hall mentioned in 1850-1910 Censuses; DK if Sam Hall was father of Drew Hall.
In 1880, Harvey Hamilton lived in the Shelby Creek dist. He was age 46 and his wife was Victoria. They lived next to Robert Akers, Andrew J. Ray, and nr. Jesse Hamilton, Marion Little, Henry Kinney, John Kinney (66), Wm. Kinney (36) (1880 Census); No mention of a Harvey Hamilton in 1870 and 1900 Censuses; He is said to have acquired land on Sam Hall Fk. but dk what this is/was a fork of;
SAMARIA REG. BAPT. CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): at the mouth of Oldhouse Br. of Marrowbone Creek, \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi. below Wolfpit. Named for Samaria Coleman, an old woman who gave the site to the church. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989); No Samaria Coleman listed in any Coleman (or Coalman or Colman) families anywhere in Pike Co. in 1900,
SAND LICK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Benj. Williamson Jr. acquired 122 acres on Sand Lick Br. of Big Creek 2/7/1851, (Bk. 36, P. 326) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1805);
SANG CAMP (Pike Co.): Small settlement. An abundant supply of ginseng here attracted diggers from all over. (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts); Could this have been on Seng Camp Br. of Left Fk. of Blackberry Creek? Ephraim Hatfield acquired 50 acres on Sing Camp Br. (sic) which was surveyed on 1/06/1846 (Bk. 19, P. 250) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1325); DK why so named. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
SARAH BRANHAM HOLLOW (on Caney Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Locally called Bunkum Hollow, but dk why. Sarah (nee Martin), who married Russell Branham, lived at the mouth of Kinney Br., on Caney Creek. She died, age c. 96, 2 years ago. (Oma & Robert Branham, Caney Creek Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); ("Sr/ē") (Ibid)
SCANT BRANCH OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK why so named. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/89); Thos. Hunt acquired 125 acres on Scant Br. which were surveyed 2/23/1848 (Bk. 26, P. 75) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1372); DK why so named. Now called Sharondale Hollow for site just below the Sharondale Mining interests. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Aka Belfry Hollow. DK why Scant. (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/1989); DK why Scant. Now called Pecco Hollow (Pee/koh) for Tom Pecco & family, residents. They were there in the 1920s-1940s and maybe earlier. He was a local butcher who butchered cows for local consumption. Never heard it called Sharondale Hol. (E.L. "Red" Stanley. Toler.Ky. 8/26/89)
Confirmed that this is now Pecco Hol., not Belfry Hol. Was never called Sharondale Hol. That was Little Mudlick where the Sharondale Sch. was located. (Several local men interviewed at Hardy's Rest., Southside Mall, Goody., Ky., 9/2/1989);
SCHOOLHOUSE HOLLOW (of Russell Fk.) (Pike Co): 1½ miles below the mouth of Harless Creek.
(Acc. to Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fk. Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS BULL. #348, 1908);
SCOTT BRANCH (of Bevins Branch of Johns Cr.)
(Pike Co.) (F460) 37° 33' 30" (Lat), 82° 24' (Lon)
Owned by Jim & Dick Scott. (Leonard Roberts).
On recent top maps this is simply an extension of Bevins Br. Where Bevins had extended is now given as Road Br. of Bevins;
Scott BR. of Brushy FK. (of Johns Creek): Given as Left FK. on Harold 15 min. top. map (1915); Orison Scott lived here c.1912. (Acc. to R.B. Maynard, "Hist'l. Notes" App. Xpr. 8/18/1977, P. A19:5-6); (Who is he descended from? Who preceded him in that vic?) Probably named for Orison Scott, son of Henderson. Orison lived on it. John Scott's and Bob Williamson's heirs now own it. i.e. Joe, son of John Scott, the Pike Co. jailer, owns it. John's mother was a Maynard. John was Henderson's son. (R.B. Maynard, interv., 8/5/1989);
Orrison Scott was the son of Garfield Scott and thus grandson of Henderson Scott. (Truda, P. 269); Scott Branch of Brushy was named for local families but dk if/of any particular members. Maybe Henderson named it. It is now owned by his heirs. Joseph Brumley, his grandson, lives at Arrowood. Dr. John, another grandson, lives on Ratliff Creek. See Rosalie Scott Childers who did a hist. of the Scott families. She is sister to Dr. John Scott. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
Dr. John Henderson Scott, Jr., MD, ne 3/2/1918 at Gulnare. Practices in Pikeville. His father, a Johns Creek & Pikeville merchant, was ne 9/9/1889 and died 9/16/1952. (Cleveland: Lesley-Leslie, P. 30);
SCOTT BRANCH (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co.) (F460
37°35'20" (Lat), 82°29'30" (Long); Owned by Jim
and Dick Scott; they had staked it off and
bought it for 50¢ an acre. (Leonard Roberts);
Wm. Scott, that family's Virginia-born Pike Co.
prog., settled on Johns Creek. John and Hender
son Scott were Johns Creek merchants. Another
Wm. Scott was a Pikev. merchant. (Ely, The BSV
1887, Pp. 91-2); Andrew Scott acquired 193 acr
on Scotts Br. (2/10/1854) (Bk. 44, P. 224)
(Jillson, 1971, P. 1727) and 156 acres on John
Creek (2/10/55) (Bk. 44, P. 225) (Ibid.) and
140 acres on Scotts Br. (2/10/54) (Bk. 44, P.
226) (Ibid.); Henry A. Scott acquired 150 acres
on Scotts Br. of Johns Creek (12/22/68) (Bk.
74, P. 308) (Ibid.) and 50 more acres there on same date (Bk. 74, P. 309) (Ibid.); Andrew Scott was the 1st of that family there. His land was heired by his son John who left it later to his son Roscoe. It was purchased by the Scott Mining Co. recently. (Georgia Fields Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989); In 1876 Andrew Scott (61) & wife Margaret (59) lived on Johns Creek betw. Fredrick Smith (37) & Jas Scott (39). No Henry A; In 1860 Andy Scott (56) lived with son Henderson Scott (18) nr. Dilona Howard, John Pinson, Harvy Scott, Henry Pinson, Geo. Blackburn; In 1850 Andrew (41) lived betw. Wm. Johnson (48) & John Pinson (38); but no Henry;
SCOTT BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Martin Scott who owned quite a lot of land around the mouth and people just identified the creek with him. Had first been called Drift Branch but people dropped that name and came to call it Scott. DK why it was first called Drift. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); (Yet it's still given as Drift Branch on current maps. Check if we're talking about the same branch)....
Roscoe Scott (10/23/1869-4/21/1946) was son of John Marion Scott and grandson of Andrew Scott and nephew of Henderson Scott. (Truda, Pp. 268-9); Andrew Scott was ne ca. 1809 (Ibid.)
SCOTT CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): Behind the John Marion Scott (9/4/1839-9/27/1905) home on Johns Creek. He was a descendant of Wm. & Eliz. McCoy Scott, pioneer settlers of the Gulnare area. They came from Bedford Co., Va to Ky. c1803. Settled near Gulnare at the mouth of Sycamore Creek. (Trudy Williams McCoy, THE McCOYS: THEIR STORY, Preservation Council Press of the Preserv. Council of Pike Co., Inc. 1976, P. 267);
SCOTT FORK OF BENT BRANCH (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for "Foot" Andy Scott. (Georgia Fields, Meta, Ky., tel. interview, 8/17/1989);
SENG BR. OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): People dug ginseng there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
SENTERVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): Families of Senter lived on lower Elkhorn Creek c. 1900 (Acc. tc 1900 Pike Co. Census); Is/was an inc. city tho' it's not listed as such in the latest inv. of Ky's. inc. cities (1986). It centered on the mouth of Big Branch of Elkhorn Creek. It was named for L.L. Senter and was est. sometime in the 1950s. (Jeanette Elswick, 2/13/1989); Stephen Senter, a Bapt. preacher, ne 2/16/1814 at St. Clairs Bottom, Va. to Elkhorn City, Ky. 1885. Buried in the cem. overlooking town. Had a son named Andrew. (Acc. to a genealo. of some of the descendants of Henry Senter of NC, compiled by Rodney D. Senter. ins. in E City R.L.)
SHADES BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): This may be what's given on top. maps as Sage Br. Across creek from where Frank M. Dotson once had gro. store and was Phelps PM. PO in his store till he died. "Man people had the idea(that) Shades Br. was so-called because the hol. was overgrown with trees and thick foliage, and the sun never penetrated this growth. The area was always shady. Many people jokingly remarked that the song: 'In the pines, in the pines, where the sun never shines....' was written about Shades Br. However, acc. to legend, in the 1820s, it was said that a man by the name of Shadrack..."
Slone, called by the nickname 'Shade', had moved into the hollow and homesteaded there without obtaining a legal title to the land. Later, when the land was granted to a Wolford (probably John), Shade Slone moved away. He was perhaps the same Shadrack Slone who was found on the 1840 Pike Co. Census in the area of Levisa R. around Feds Creek-Hackney Creek." (Geraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
SHARONDALE (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Shərn/ən/dəl")
A mining town. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est 12/15/1913, Ora W. Evans...(NA); "The old Sharon mine was put in by my uncle well before World War I, and was worked to exhaustion by his two sons. This whole branch of the Tierney family is now dead. As a result, I cannot get any definite info. about the name 'Sharon' from that side of the family. I do recall that my uncle bought an old farm and home at Newtow Bucks Co., Pa., which is just outside Phil. As I recall, that home was named 'Sharon' at the time he purchased it. I know nothing more about it, and since that side of the family has been
dead for many, many years (sic), there is no way to check it out." (Letter to me from Laurence E. Tierney, Ch. of Board, Eastern Coal Corp., Bluefield, W.Va. 5/21/1969); In a letter to me, dated 7/9/1969, Tierney stated that the company was the Sharon Coal & Coke Co. and was located at Sharondale, Ky. Sharondale is a DPO, since before 8/1966; The community is now a part of Belfry... (Ernest C. Runyon, pm, Belfry, Ky. in a letter to me 8/8/1966); Sharondale PO disc eff. 5/15/1932 (mail to Belfry)
SHARON COAL & COKE CO. OF Sharondale, Ky., J.L. Tierney, Genl. Mgr., with offices at Sharondale. N=100 miners. (J.W. Hall, Tales of the Mts., 1922, P. 19); ("Shir/an/dāl") (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); ("Shern/dale") Was a coal town at one time. Had a co. store across the creek from the power co. bldg. (Ibid.).
SHEEP CLIFFS (Pike Co., Ky): "The Sheep Cliffs are a great mass of rocks located on the top of a high hill at the head of Marrowbone Creek. These cliffs cover about 400 ft and the highest part is about 100 ft. from the ground. This high pt. can be reached by climbing from one ledge to another, and this is made possible by a small path which is very close to the face of the cliff. This path is not difficult to climb, but one must ascend with caution. Many yrs. ago when people in the locality were growing sheep (sic), the sheep would sometimes wander to these cliffs and see the nice bunches of green grass that grew on the ledges, and
they would begin climbing toward them. They found the climb not so difficult, but when they walked out on the ledge they could not understand that they must go back to this very narrow path to ascend. Here they would stand bleating until they starved themselves to death, unless some one heard them and went to their aid. The rescuers pushed them over one ledge to the next ledge, and from here a distance of about 35 ft. to the group. The happenings such as these occurred frequently and finally people gave this place the name it still maintains, 'The Sheep Cliffs.'" (Violet Bentley, one of the Pikev Col. students who contributed to Folk Tales
SHEEP FORK OF HATFIELD BRANCH (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Ed Huddle lived at its head. He married Belle Farley. (Herbert Farley, Blackberry Creek, interview 7/22/1989); Neither he nor anyone else I asked that day knew the origin of the name. They doubted anyone raised sheep there. DK why so named. People used to live there. Now mining. DK if they raised sheep in there tho' some area residents did raise some sheep (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview 8/12/1989); Had heard that there were a lot of wild sheep in there. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/89);
SHELBIANA (Pike Co.) (F466c) (#121-166) 37°25'15" (Lat), 82°30' (Long); Named for Shelby Creek which flows into the Big Sandy R. at this point. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Sh(eh)l/bee/(ae)n/(uh") (q.v. Shelby Gap) (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); At the mouth of Shelby Creek (Ibid.); po est. as Shelbiana, 11/14/1905, Wm. F. Morell... (NA); Named for Isaac Shelby, 1st gov. of Ky. (T.M. Riddle, asst. pm of Pikeville (P.O.), Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930); Morell's store was n. of levina (weaver, 12/15/88); the local schi closed 5/1988;
SHELBIA (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Shelby Creek which had been named for Gov. Isaac Shelby. "Some people claim that the creek is so named because Shelby camped there. And I've had one or two to tell me that Shelbiana is a combination—named for Shelby and his wife Anna. When we visited the state capitol building Shelby's wife's name was (something) Anna Shelby." (Bob Sweaney, Shelbiana, Ky., in a letter to me, 11/23/1987)
SHELBIANA (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. orig. po site was betw. rr & river, on e. bank of Shelby Cr. 2/1912 Mrs. Mousie Sowards moved 200 yrd. from former site, out on county rd., 200 yrd. w of C&O sta. 2 mi. w of Sutton, on river & rr. 4/28/1913, Mousie move 400 ft. from former site, 100 ft. w of river, ¼ mi. above Shelby Cr. 60 ft. e of C&O tracks. Name of rr sta.= Shelby. 11/25/1924, Basil Adkins. Move of po 300 ft. e of former site, 200 ft. w of river ¼ mi. w. of Chloe Cr. 6/2/1927 Narcie Sowards PO=½ mi. sw of river & ½ mi. e. of Shelby Cr. 2 mi. s of Fords Br. PO and 2 mi. n of Sutton PO. 600 ft. s of C&O RR. 7/25/1939, K.K. All...
3/4 mi. ne of US23, 339 ft. s. of Shelby Sta. of C&O, 600 ft. s of BSR, 3/4 mi. ne of Shelby Cr. 2 mi. w. of Sutton. 1/7/1948 Opa: C. Rutherford, move 1/2 mi. w. of old site, 1/2 mi. m of US 23, 1/2 mi. sw of Shelby Sta. of C&O. 1/4 mi. s of tracks, 1/3 mi. n. of Shelby Creek, 1/3 mi. s. of BSR. (Site Location Report);
SHELBIANA (Pike Co.): Shelby Creek was named for Isaac Shelby. The Shelbiana site was 1st settled by a family of Adkins. The C&O RR was built through in 1902. . . . (Elmer Mullins from Ed England, in 150 YEARS OF PIKE CO., KY., 1822-1972, Sesquicent. Issue, Pike Co. Hist'1. Soc., Vol. 1, 1972, P. 20); "This hamlet with rr sta. & apo lies just e of the confluence of Shelby Creek, for which it was named, and the Levisa Fk., 3 mi. s of Pikev. The local po was est. 11/14/1905 with Wm. F. Morell, pm soon after the C&O RR reached this pt. The local sta. has long been called simply Shelby and like the creek was named for Ky's. 1st gov Isaac Shelby." (Book-P. 269)
SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°12'15" to 37°15'(Lat), 82°34'(Long.); Named for Isaac Shelby, 1st gov. of Ky. Heads at Shelby Gap & flows into Levisa Fk. of Big Sandy at Shelbiana (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Named for Isaac Shelby. Shelbiana occupies land settled by an Adkins family. It's said that all of the family, exc. one son, Sherman, soon died of the flu. They were buried in what's now known as the Ratliff's Cem. at Shelbiana. (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts);
SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 9/28/1866, Isaiah Trivett; Disc. 6/24/1868 (NA); 6/1/1868 Geo. W. Adams, asst. pm. On n. bank of Dorton Creek, 9 rd. mi. s. of Rob. Creek PO. (Site Location Rept); Isaiah Tribet (sic) is listed in the 1860 Pike Co. Census, age 25, ne NC. With wife Susan; Isiah Trivett acquired 50 acres on Orchard Br. of Beef Hide (Cr.) (4/14/1858) (Bk. 54, P. 28) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1755).
SHELBY GAP (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°12'30" (Lat), 82°33'45" (Long); On Elkhorn Creek at the head of Shelby Creek. Creek was named for Isaac Shelby as was the community. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/1/1974, via Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Sh(ehl)be G(ae)Gap") Named for a Civil War officer, acc. to Shirley Looney. Eva Powell had always thought it was from the 1st Gov. of Ky. She'll check on this. Shelby Gap was named for the creek. And Shelbiana (q.v.) also refers to the creek. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. as Jewell, 8/15/1882, John H. May; Disc. 12/11/82; est. 6/28/97, Geo. W. Adams, 12/10/13, John Moore; ch. to Shelby Gap, 2/13/14, Ibid. ... (NA); Paul B. Jewell is a farmer in that area (c. 1964).
SHELBY GAP (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po at the jct. of US 23/19 and Ky. 197, just s. of the head of Shelby Creek, 17 mi. s. of Pikev., was named for the creek. The po was est. on the Letcher Co. line as Jewell on (6/28/1897 with Geo. W. Adams, pm) and was moved 1½ mi. down Elkhorn Creek and renamed Shelby Gap in 1914." (Book-P. 269); no local Jewel families listed in 1900 Census. In the 1870 Census, Solomon and Daniel Jewel were listed as living in the Mouth of Pond Census Enum. Dist.;
JEWEL (Pike Co., KY): The 1st names proposed for this po were Home and Colson. Both were rejected. (Site location rept); On 5/1/1897 Geo. W. Adams pet. for this po. It was renamed Shelby Gap when it was moved one mi. e. by John Moore, pet. & PM. (Site Location Rept); John Moore, father of informant, got the office moved to Shelby Gap and renamed it that. Had a store (at Jewell) run by C.C. Greer. DK why named Jewel. No known Jewels there. cf Velma Senters who lives 1½ mi. up Marshall Br. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky. interview, 4/1/1989);
SHELBY GAP (Pike Co, Ky): 11/2/1916 John Moore. Formerly Jewell. 300 ft. n. of Elkhorn Creek, 70 ft. ne of SV & E. RR. The sta. was also called Shelby Gap. One mi. from co.line. 9/1949, Mrs. Edith M. Cable. Moved po 120 ft. w. of old site, 1430 ft. e of US 23, 1730 ft e. of Shelby Gap Sta.(RR) 60 ft. se of creek. 3½ mi. sw of Hylton. (Site Location Rept.).
SHELBY GAP (Pike Co., Ky): Given as a geog. feature on the 1892 Whitesburg 30 min. top. map before the po of this name was est;
DEMOCRACY (Pike Co., Ky): PO Est. 10/25/1848
Jeremiah Osborn; 7/22/1853, John Clay; 4/6/1858, Anderson Estep; Disc. 3/4/1860; Re-est. 7/25/60, Jeremy Osborn; 7/16/1861, Wm. H. Johnson; Disc. 2/28/1863 (NA); Frances Soward and Fannie Fleming didn't know anything about it. (Interview, 4/8/1989); Osbornes lived on the lower part of Long Fk. and on Indian Creek. (Ibid.); Anderson Estep acquired 200 acres on Elkhorn Creek which were surveyed 6/18/1860 (Bk. 60, P. 407) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1226); Jeremiah or Jerry Osborne lived on Elkhorn Creek, on the mt. side, in vic. of Shelby Gap po of today. Could Democracy PO have been in this vic?;
Jeremiah Osborn acquired 50 acres on Elkhorn Creek (surv. 12/2/1846) (Bk. 21, P. 426) and 62 acres on Cumb. Mt. (1/9/49) (Bk. 30, P. 159) and 325 acres on Elkhorn Creek (2/12/50) (Bk. 32, P. 93) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1569);
HOME (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 10/24/1876, Levi M. Vanover; 7/29/1878, David Vanover... 3/5/1888, Jas. M. Remines...Disc. 3/16/1895 (mail to Dorton) (NA); Shown on the Rand McN 1898 map due s. of Dorton, at the foot of the mts. "Since the Vanovers, in the 19th cent., concentrated in the area along Elkhorn Creek betw. Shelby Gap and Hyfon, my guess is that this po is somewhere in that area and may hav proceeded the Shelby Gap po before that p moved down from Jewell. Its prox. to Osborne Gap suggests this too. But, if the papers transferred to Dorton...it would be more likely that the office was on Shelby Creek;
Vanovers lived on that creek too." (My letter to Bob Sweaney, 12/3/1987); "On the papers proposing establishment the nearest office was Osborne Gap, Va. I know there is a Home Branch in the Dorton area, but having talked to some oldtimers they say the road used to go across the mt into Va. near Shelby Gap and Osborn Gap was just across the mt. So the post office may have been closer (or on Elkhorn Creek. (Sweaney in a letter to me, 11/23/1987); According to R. McN. (1889) map it was on N. bank of Elkhorn Creek, due S of Dorton, about site of Hylton);
HOME (Pike Co., Ky): Probably on the n. bank of Elkhorn Creek, opp. the road that went up Pine Mt. thru Osborne Gap to the Dickenson Co Va. po of Osborne's Gap. Thus it may have preceded Shelby Gap PO. Why called Home?
SHELBY JUNCTION (Pike Co., Ky): station on the main Big Sandy line of the C&O RR, at the mouth of Shelby Creek, where it joins the Sandy Val. & Elkhorn Subdiv. There was also a Shelby(Station) on the main line, on the Levisa, 0.5 mi. above S. Jct. and 2.2 miles below Sutton (C&O stat. guide, 1930);
SHOCK (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 3/5/1915, Morgan Hackney...Disc. eff. 11/30/1925 (mail to McAndrews) (NA); c. 2 1/2 mi. up Pinson Fk. from McAndrews; DK why so named. Don't know of any local families of that name. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); 4/20/1920 Wm. McClanahan, pm. Moved 1/2 mi. ne of old site, 50 ft. e. of Pinson Fk. of Pond Cr. 2 1/2 mi. (road) mi. sw of Stone PO. 2 1/2 mi. se of Pinsonfork PO. 60 ft. e of Williamson & Pond Creek RR. Move came with resignation of former pm and to improve service (Site Location Report); Acc. to 1823 Pike Co. tax list, a John Shockly (or Shockey) lived off Colewater (sic);
Morgan Hackney is listed as age 31 in 1910 Census as a coal miner. With wife Fanny (21) in the Blackberry Enum. Dist; Morgan T. Hackney, son of Jas. Patton Hackney (1856-1932) & Columbia May Hackney (11/2/1861-2/21/1942). He had a bro. named Shack. No dates on their births. (Pike Co. Hist. Soc. Papers #6, on the Hackneys, Pp. 157-8); Acc. to 1910 Census, Shack was age 19 and living at home with Jas. (52) & Columbia (48) in Cabon Fk. En. Dist. No Morgan mentioned; No Shock(l)ey's were living in the Pond area, acc. to 1910 Census;
Morgan Hackney lived in Octavia Hol. at McAndrews, not on Pinson Fk. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); Hackneys lived on Pinson Fk. But dk of a Shock PO. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, interview, 8/26/1989); John C. Richardson (1849-7/9/1934) was called "Shock". He married Sarah, daughter of Ransom Hatfield (1830-1910), bro. of Preacher Anse. (Could he have been source of this PO's name?); Shack Hackney (19) son of James & Columbia. He live in the vic. of other Hackneys, Varneys, Wm. & James May (James was ago 60), Smiths, Wm. Stump, Hunts, etc. in Coburn Fk. ED. But not nr. Morgan Hackney (31) who lived in Blackberry ED,
SHOP BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Aaron Moore acquired 150 acres on it (surv. 4/10/1857) (Bk. 57., P. 390) and 50 acres on Big Branch of Elkhorn Creek (4/10/57) (Bk. 57, P. 391) and 50 acres on Jacksons Branch (8/28/58) (Bk. 57, P. 455) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1515);
SHOP BR. OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Said to have been named for a blacksmith shop at its mouth. Not confirmed. (Geraldine Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
SHOP BRANCH OF MOORE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
James W. Stratton acquired 250 acres here
(3/3/1866) (Bk. 68, P. 409) (Jillson, 1971,
P. 1674);
SHOT BRANCH (sic) (of Russell Fork of Levisa Fk. of the BSR) (Pike Co., Ky): (F207s) 3 mi from Elkhorn City. Men would go up it for target practice. (Source: Mrs. John W. Moore, Elkhorn City, to her daughter, Vicki Moore, PO Box 531, Elkhorn City, Ky., for Leonard Roberts, 1970) Given as Shop Branch of Russell Fork (sic) (1/9/1858) (Bk. 52, P. 268) (Johnson, 1971, P. 1685);
SHOP BRANCH (of Upper Pigeon Br. of Elkhorn Creek) (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°14'45"(Lat), 82°31'30"(Long); "Named for a gun shop on this branch in 1898. Owned by Geo. Moore and he & a friend, Silas Craft made rifles there. Well known for their work and made a trip to St. Louis, Mo. once and entered their work in the fair and won a prize." (Edgar Moore, 12/1974, acc. to Leonard Roberts); Jasper "Tint" Mullins had a blacksmith shop there, c.1920. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, Upper Pigeon, interview, 4/1/1989); Named for John Cantrell's blacksmith shop there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
SHOP HOLLOW (on Pond Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local blacksmith shop but dk whose. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); N&W RR had a shop in here and they called it Shop Hol. The mall site was early owned by the Williamsons. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Ibid. ran a store at the site of the present Wendy's (Ibid.); Pond Creek Collieries had a shop here for their mines (Dorothy Smith, Müdlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989); The RR had a supply depot here, not repair shop. DK why called Shop Hol. Maybe a shop there before the rr came in. (McCoy, interviewed 9/2/1989);
SHORTRIDGE FORK OF CARD CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. (Bernice Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky., letter to me, 4/21/1989); Acc. to 1900 Census, these Shortridges lived in the Lick Prec. but were not listed in 1870 Census: Harve Shortridge (ne 10/1827 in Va., a farmer); James Shortridge (ne 4/1858 in Ky, a farmer); John Shortridge (ne 9/1839 in Va., a farmer); John Shortridge acquired 73 acres on Hackneys Branch (6/3/1890) (Bk. 123, P. 404) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1729); Crockett H. Shortridge acquired 5 acres on Big Card Cr. (2/12/1911) (Bk. 123, P. 462) (Ibid.).
Acc. to 1880 Census, Jas. Shortridge (23) & wife Polly (18) lived in Lick Creek Prec. between Jas. A. Keen (23) & Henry F. Miller (28) and nr. Andrew Taylor (31) & the Griffey's & not far from Jesse Jones (50). Some distance from them but in the same prec. was John Shortridge (23) & wife Sandersha (20) who lived betw. Ephraim Hackney (51) & Jas. Ep­land & nr. other Hackneys. He lived also nr. Harv Shortridge. In Hackney country;
Shortridge families in the Lick E.D. (1910). The oldest was probably John (ne 9/1839). Lots of Slones in the area but no Luke; No Stones or Stewards;
SI BILL HOLLOW (Tug Fork) (Pike Co., Ky): Betw. Maynard Hol. & Phillips Hol. May have been named for an owner-resident. DK. (This name was given to me by several men at Hardy's, Goody, interview, 9/2/1989);
SIDNEY (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the grandson of the 1st pm, Sidney Pinson. (Leonard Roberts letter to Delphine Haley, 6/25/1975); PO est. 6/30/1892, Thos. B. Pinson; Disc. 1/21/1908, eff. 2/6/08 (mail to Meta), resc. 2/15/08; 3/8/1912, Landon Burris (NA) (APO); Acc. to 1915 Williamson 15 min. top. map, Sidney is shown on present Ky. 881, at the mouth of Ray Br. of Left Fk. (of Brushy Cr.) and not at its present site at the mouth of Road Fk. of Big Creek;
SIDNEY PO (Pike Co., Ky): 6/13/1892, Thos. B. Pinson. 5 mi. w. of Canada PO, 5 mi. n. of Bent Branch PO, 6 or 7 mi. nw of Crigger. 2½ mi. w. of Big Creek. Moved 11/1906 ½ mi. n. to a site 4 mi. sw of Canada, 6 mi. n. of Crigger 2 mi. sw of Big Creek. 8/1913 Thos. L. Bogar moved 1½ mi. s. 5½ mi. sw of Canada, 6 mi. ne of Meta, 3 mi. sw of Big Creek. 2/28/1917 T. L. Bogar, 4 mi. sw of Big Creek, 6 rd. miles sw of Canada. 6½ mi. from Meta. 9 mi. from Crigger, 4 mi. up Road Fork from Big Creek. 8/25/1944 Miss Ola Smith, on e. bank of Big Creek, 2 mi. nw of Canada. (Site Location Rept.)
SIMERS (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 12/29/1904, Lendo Hardin; 11/25/1907, John H. Hiltner.... (NA) Some 2½ miles up Long Fk. from Johns Cr. and on Ky. 1758; Disc. 10/31/1933 (mail to Phelps); Prop. name Monroe. 11/21/1904, Lendo Hardin, ½ mi. from Johns Creek. No vil. 9/1907 Move 2½ mi. se of old site, 100 ft. from creek 2/17/1909 John H. Stiltner 2½ mi. n. of Levisa Fk. & 25 yds. s. of Johns Cr. 2/28/1917 with Stiltner still pm. 3 mi. n. of Levisa Fk. 84 ft. s. of Long Fk. of Johns Creek. 4/28/1924 Nancy E. Coleman moved po ½ mi. e. of old site, 4 mi. e. of Levisa, 150 ft. e. of Johns Creek. Move came with the death of previous pm. (Site Loc. Rept.)
SIMS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Simms Creek on Regina 15 min. top. map, 1915; Given as Kings Creek on a Crandall map, 1905 (P. 97);
**SKEGGS KNOB** (Pike Co., Ky): Forgets who it was named for. Andy Large led a group of reverneurs there to cut stills operated by Hunt Hall who lived on the Va. side. He was a moonshiner. The men were all killed and Andy was left for dead but survived. Had a game leg ever since. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
SLATE BRANCH OF BLACKBERRY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)
DK why so named. Alleys owned Slate Br. Then sold it to Fordson in the 1920s. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989)

Name has no mining significance. Was named before mining started there. (Ibid.)
SLATER BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co., Ky):
Extends for about a mi. in ene direction to
Tug just below Goodman, c. 3 miles below
Williamson. May have been named for the
family of James Slater; Sr. (Scalf, "The
Pinson Family Family Part III, E. KENT., Vol. 6 (1)
6/1970, Pp. 7-10); Slater's Branch was name
for family whose prog. James Slater was an
Irish immi. (from Dublin) and settled in
Tazewell Co., Va. (Helen Price Stacy, col.
in App. Xpr. 3/14/1979, P. B7:3); Given as
Bobs Br. on Williamson 15 min. top. map,
1915;
Wm. Slater acquired 50 acres on Roberts Br. (12/30/1843) (Bk. 14, P. 176) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1666) and 100 acres on Tug Fk. (9/9/45) (Bk. 18, P. 185) (Ibid.) and 487 acres on Turkey Creek (9/13/47) (Bk. 26, P. 105) (Ibid.

Acc. to 1870 Census, James Slater was age 28 and lived next door to Julius Williamson (27) and not too far from Wm. Slater (58 and ne Va.) (So, was prog. James William's father and was Wm. the father of the James mentioned above?)
Slaters Branch was probably named for resident William Slater. (Jos. Alley); Was earlier known as Bobs Fork. May also have been known as Roberts Branch; James Slater Jr. was the son of James Sr. who lived on Slaters Br. of Tug R. Jr. was the father of Walter J., Thomas, Bertrand, Alan, Amos, etc. Slater. (Scalf, Pinson III, EK, Vol. 6 (1), 6/1970, Pp. 7-10);
SLICK ROCK FORK (of Ferrells Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Slickrock on tops and in Field. (F207s) Named for a huge boulder at its head. (Source: Mrs. John W. Moore of Elkhorn City to her daughter, Vicki Moore, PO Box 531, Elkhorn City, for Leonard Roberts, 1970); John Suney acquired 50 acres on Slick Rock Fk. (7/7/1854) (Bk. 42, P. 696) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1737); Levi Thornberry acquired 50 acres on Spruce Pine Creek (12/1/1853) (Bk. 42, P. 644) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1762); and 100 acres on a fork of Slick Rock Fk (11/24/1970) (Bk. 80, P. 115) (Ibid.);
SLICKROCK HOLLOW (on Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Aptly named hol. 200 ft. up Blackberry Cr. from informant's home just below the Hatfield Cem. Below Hatfield Br. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989)

So many slick rocks in there. At mouth of Hatfield Br., a small hol. just below it and across Blackberry Cr. from Stearl Hatfield's home. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/89);
SLICKROCK BRANCH OF TUG FORK (Pike Co): Riley Samson acquired 592 acres on this (7/4/1860) (Bk. 60, P. 441) (Jilison, 1971, P. 1659);
SLICK ROCK HOLLOW (on Marrowbone Creek)  
(Pike Co., Ky): 5 mi. up the creek. Only 2 families settled in here. Solid slick rocks  
(Source: Nora Coleman Justice, 87, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts)
SLONES BRANCH (of Levisa Fk. of the BSR, Pike Co., Ky): Joins Levisa less than ½ mi. above the Millard Bridge and the mouth of Russell Fk. SLONES BRANCH STATION is on US 460 (rr) Named for James Slone, earliest settler. He was the largest slave owner in the county. (Bud Bevins, 82 to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts); aka Matts Creek. The names are interchangeable. (from the Pike Co. Hist. Soc. mtg. 2/13/1967, repro. in Pike Co., Ky. 1821-1983 Hist'l. Papers #5, 1983, P. 49)

Probably named for James Slone, settler & slave owner, c1820s. (Justice-Thacker: A Pictorial Hist., written, compiled, & edited by Paul W. Chaney & Glen E. Adkins, 1980, P. 49)

(Ruth Cleveland Leslie, Lesley-Leslie, Supple. Wash., DC, 1975, P. 194);

James Bevins was son of John & Mary Jane (Stacy) Bevins, was born in 180 in Russell Co., Va. and died 1864. He married Eliz. Justice, d. of Peyton Justice, in 1831. They settled on a sect. of Peyton's farm nr. the forks. Acquired 700 acre farm. Among their children were Jas. Matt (1836-1910) who married Mary Jane Hamilton. James was a JP & clerk of Co. & Cir. Cts. and was P. Co. sheriff, 1840-4.
Acc. to 1880 Census, Jas. M(att) Bevins (38) & wife Mary J. lived next to Nelson Hamilton (64) & wife Almeda (68) & son Jas. Hamilton (23). Jas. & Mary Ann had a son Nelson Bevins (18) but not Preston; On 10/1/1811 indenture by Wm. Taylor to James Slone for 100 acres on BSR (Deed Book A, Floyd Co.) On 3/2/1804 ind. by David Morgan to James Slone for 150 acres on Levisa Fk. of Sandy R. beginning above the narrows of the Russel Fk. of the Sandy R. (Deed Book A);
SLONES BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for James Slone, Sr. of Pittsylvania Co., Va. He and his wife, Polly (Justice) settled on this creek. They became large landowners and slave holders. He died in the late 1840s. (JUSTICE-THACKER, by Chaney & Adkins, 1980, P. 221); Given as Matts Creek (Marie R. Justice in "App. Anc." App. N-Ex. 2/1/85, II P. 1:6); Matts Creek was named for Matt Bevins. Now called Slones Creek. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989)
SLONES BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family that still lives there, or at least their descendants do;
SLONE FORK OF CARD CREEK (Pike Co, Ky):
Given as Indian Grave Fk. on Regina 15 min. top. map, 1915;
SMALLWOOD CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): at Dorton. Family of Elijah (ne Tenn.) and Mary Smallwood or E.R. Smallwood. (PIKE CO. KY. 1821-1987, HIST'L. PAPERS #6, Pike Co. His. Soc., Pikeville, Ky., 1987, P. 134); John Smallwood had coal property on Dorton Creek c.1900; W.H. SMALLWOOD BRANCH OF SHELBY CR. H.D. Smallwood acquired 28 acres on this (sur 7/24/1913) (Bk. 124, P. 226) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1667); In 1880, Wm. H. Smallwood (35) & Marilda, his wife (28) lived in upper Elkhorn Prec. He was father of Henry D. (7), Miles, a bro. (32) lived next door. Next to Miles was probably another bro. John (37). They
were probably the sons of Elijah Smallwood (61) and wife Mary (63) who lived next to Job. They lived nr. Branham's, Elkins, Adams, Sowards, and Sowards. (This was probably the Shelby Creek area and maybe the derivative of the W.H. Smallwood Br. of Shelby.) Smallwood were the sons of Elijah and their father was Union, was Miles. (Isaac Little Smallwood owned land on the 19th century. (C.J. Nor- Min of St. of Ky. 2)
Henry D. Smallwood (37) lived next to Garfield Smallwood (29) who lived next to Harvey Smallwood (65). Other Smallwoods, Belchers, Sowards, Damrons, Johnson lived in part of Upper Elkhorn E.D. (1910 Census);
Isaac Smith was the prog. of the Smiths on Johns Creek. He was son of a Hessian soldier Henrich Schmidt who later ch. his name to Henry Smith and his wife Molly (nee Mosier). Henry was buried below Meethouse (sic) on Johns Creek. DK if he settled there or was merely visiting it when he died. Son Isaac acquired thousands of acres on Johns Creek, Big Creek, Pond Creek, S. Williamson site. He and wife Eliz. Hess settled early on Meethouse and are buried on the Wm. Gannon place on Ky. 194. A son Martin was ne 1825 on Meethouse and marr. Celia Bevins. Another son was Callihan Smith (1832-1903). One of his child-
ren, Octavia Smith (1879-1969) marr. Wm. Deskins. Isaac's Pond Creek holdings, incl. the present Goody shopping center and S. Williamson site were inherited by another of his sons, Jacob. Jacob had a son named Will. who marr. Ann Phillips. The Octavia J. Coal Mine on Pinson Fk. was named for Octavia J. Smith, daughter of Will & Ann, who marr. a Mr. Foster. (R.B. Maynard, Hist. Notes col.).
Heinrich Schmidt (1760-1830-?) was married to Mary Honaker. To Pike Co. 1823. In 1825 he bought 100 acres on upper Johns Creek, nr. the mouth of Meathouse from Moses Maynard. (Betty Phillips Howard, Vol. 5 of Pike Co. Hist. Papers, 1983, P. 68);
SMITH BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK (of Blackberry Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. (Herbert Farley, Blackberry Creek, interview, 7/22/1989); Named for the many Smiths that lived in there and in Middle Fk. (sic) (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
SMITH FORK OF BENT BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK
(Pike Co., Ky): Early called First Fork for it was the first fork on the left (north) up Bent Branch from Johns Creek at Meta. Extends for 1 mile. Some 600 yards up B.B. DK why its n.ch. to Smith. (FY60) Robert Smith acquired 45 acres on a fork (unnamed) of Bent Branch (11/24/1881) (Bk. 103, P. 90) (Jillson, 1971, P: 1711); Acc. t Eddie Bevins, in 1850 it was called the West Fork of Bend Fork. Later, but dk when, it was bought by Wallace Smith. His wife, Sally a sickly lady, and neighbors would do her chores and take care of her children. (Georgia Fields, tel. interv., 8/17/89);
Wallace Smith (47) and wife Sarah (25) lived betw. Richard Maynard (23) and Wm. Lowe (39) with wife Nancy (45) in the upper Johns Creek E.D. Robert Smith (72) also lived in upper Johns Creek but not near them (1910 Census); In 1900 Robert Smith (ne 12/1837) with wife Rebecca lived next to Wallis Smith (5/67) with wife Stellie (3/82); DK how Wallace was related to Robert; In 1870 Robt. Smith (ne 12/1837) had a son named Wallace (ne 5/67);
SMITH FORK OF RIGHT FORK: (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family (or families) that still live there. In the vic. of Coleman. Now Phelps po. (c. 1/1979); Isaac Smith, Jr. acquired 150 acres on Peter Creek (1/27/1851) (Bk. 36, P. 307) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1703); and 100 acres on Lick Fk. of Peter Creek (2/24/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 227) (Ibid., P. 1705); and Ash Lick Fk. of Peter Creek (Bk. 2/24/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 228) (Ibid) and 200 acres on Trace Fk. of Peter Creek (12/1/52) (Bk. 52, P. 265) (Ibid); and 200 acres on Kings Camp Br. (of Smith Fk.) (12/1/1857) (Bk. 52, P. 266) (Ibid.); Smith Fk. Sc}
May have had an earlier name. Three Smith families were living on this fork by 1860. Feature had come to be called Smith Fk. by 1900. Many descendants of orig. Smith families still there. Local Smiths, when questioned, could not give derivations of the Smith Fk. tribs. (Eeraldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
SNIVELY CHAPEL (Meth. Chu.) (Pike Co., Ky): On Johns Creek, at Gulnare. Early the org. was called Leslie's Society. In 1853 Martin (and wife) Sarah B. Leslie deeded land for the chu. Named for Rev. W.J. Snively, a circ. rider of the Piketon Dist. (P. 104); cf article by Scalf in FCT 8/27/1953 called "Hist. of Snively Chapel Dates Back Hundred Years". (P. 451, ft. #11); (also Pp. 254-6) (Scalf, KLF); The Snively chu. is now unused. It's a short distance above the mouth of Sycamore. (Romer Cool, "The Leslie Settlement App. Exp. 9/6/1978, P. B2:1-6);
SOLOMON' FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Solomon Layne, son of Meredith Layne. Solomon & wife settled here when they wed. Many years later, they were living in Rockhouse Hol. (where Wm. Layn had first lived in the late 1820s). Solomon and Margaret Layne are buried in the Bill Dotson Cem. Acc. to stone there, he was ne 1866 but acc. to Census (1900) he was ne Jan. 1870. Died 1/24/1956. Margaret (1876 or 1878 to 1/8/1953. (Garaldine Davenport, letter to me, 9/27/1989);
SOLOMON FORK OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Given as Layne Br. on old Hurley 15 min. top. map; Given as Solomon Layne Br. of Left Fk. (Peter Cr.), s. of Jamboree. (1952 State Highway map); Solomon Layne lived on the Right Fk. of Peter Creek (sic) c1906. (Acc. to Ralph W. Stone, "Coal Resources of the Russell Fork Basin in Ky. & Va." USGS Bull. #348, 1908, P. 58); Sol Laynes Br. of Peter Creek identified in 1850 in land grant book (Jillson, 1971, P. 1096);
WILLIAMLAYNESBRANCHOFPETERCREEK(PikeCo
Identified1857inalandgrantbook.(Jillson,
1971,P.1096);

MeridyLayneacquired100acresonLaynesBr.
surveyed2/27/1845)(Bk.18,P.135)(Jillson
1971,P.1433);MeradyLane(sic)acquired10
acresonLaynesBranch(sur.1/25/1850)(Bk.
32,P.385)(Id.P.1430)and100acresonsame
(2/26/50)(Bk.32,P.386)(Id.);John
Layneacquired170acresonLaynesBr.of
PeterCr.(3/10/60)(Bk.60,P.421)(Id.P.
1434);JohnLayneacquired100acreson
SolomonandHogBr's.ofHurricaneCreek(1/3:
/1853)(Bk.41,P.59)(Id.1433);
Wm. Layne acquired 50 acres on Hurricane Cr. (probably of Knox Cr.) (1/5/1847) (Bk. 30, P. 289) (Jill-1433) and 100 acres on same (1/21/53) (Bk. 41, P. 55) (Ibid);
Solomon Wallace is said to have acquired land on a Solomons Branch of ? in the mid 19th cen. This was probably in the Tug Fk. area; Acc. to 1850 Census, Solomon Wallace (30) was ne Va. and lived betw. Aly Smith (38) & Leonidas McGinnis, 19, storekeeper and Va. native; and close to Hammonds Goosling (25), Henderson & Luninda Mainor, Hiram Reed, Williamsons, Wm. Browning, McCoys, etc., probably on Tug. Thus the branch may have been in the Tug area; Acc. to 1860 Census, Solomon (35) lived betw. Isaac New (30) and David Mounts (26) in vic. of Hatfields, Normans, Daniels, Mounts, Steels, Scarberrys. No Solomon in 1870-1900 Censuses;
SONNY FORK OF OSBORNE FORK (of Indian Creek): A right hand fork. Named for Sonny Johnson, a resident. (C.E. Tackett, Wales PO, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
SOOKEY'S CREEK (Pike Co.): Supposedly named for its 1st settler, Sukey Toole (male), c. 1805. (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts); Named for the first settler on the creek, Sukey Toole, c1805. (Source: Jim R. Miller, 83, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts); Given as Ramsey Fork of Sukey Creek—or at least the upper half of the stream was, on the 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map; Sookey is proper sp. for the creek's name. DK for whom named. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek Ky., interview, 7/29/1989)
James Damron acquired 50 acres on Suckey's Fk. of Shelby Creek (sic) (11/16/1840) (Book 0, P 518) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 525);
SOUTH WILLIAMSON (Pike Co., Ky): Laid out on site earlier owned and settled by Benjamin Williamson (ne 1779 in Va. and died 6/1854) and laid out by his grandson Wallace J. Williamson I (1845-1929) in the early 1900s as a suburb to Williamson, W.Va. WJW later moved here. Benjamin's oldest son, John (ne 1797) owned the site of the App. Reg. Hosp. in S. Williamson. He drowned while trying to cross the Tug Fk. River in high tide by horse (Alden Williamson Genealogy, by Jos. W. Alley, c.1962, in KHS Libr., Pp.31-32, 82);
SOUTH WILLIAMSON (Pike Co., Ky): Residents of this commu. were faced with a prop. nch. to Johnsonville for the late J.E. Johnson, a local physician and Ky. State Sen. The ch. was opposed by many residents. Also involved the incorporation of ½ sq. mi. area. Opposed on the grounds that the new name had been foisted on citizens by a naming comm'n. and that citizens had no choice of alternative nam. The prop. name was chosen by a selection comm. on 10/14/1977. A contest to select a name but none of the names submitted thru the contest were chosen. They thought the Johnsonville name was selected even before the contest. (App. Xpr., 11/17/1977, P. A4:3-6);
SOUTH WILLIAMSON (Pike Co.): (Pron. "W(ih)n/y(ae)m/san") Refers to Williamson, W.Va., across the Tug Fk. (Eva Powell, 8/16/77); The 1st settlers, tho' not permanent, at the site were Wm. Robt. Leslie & his son, Robt. and Wm. McGuire, on Tug R. at the mouth of Pond Creek, 1789. Acc. to trad., they were forced to return to their Va. home after an Indian attack. With in a yr., Wm. Robert (1790) had returned to Ky and made a permanent settlement on Johns Creek at the mouth of Sycamore nr. the present site of the Gulnare P.O. He died 1802. ...(Henry P. Scalf, "Early Settlements of the Big Sandy Val Part II, The Leslie Settlement," from his talk to the Boyd Co. Hist. Soc. 11/29/1973, repro. in BOYD CO. PRESS-OBS.1/15/1976, P. 10:6-7);
SOW BR. OF OSBORNE FK. (of Indian Creek): The 1st trib. above C.E. Tackett's store, Wales, Ky. DK why so named. (C.E., interview, 7/29/1989); Supposedly an Indian cem. on this br. but have never seen it. (Ibid.);
SOWARDS CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): On Lick Fk of Beefhide Creek, Myra, Ky. Here: Mullins, Sowards, Elkins, Tacketts, Halls, Burkes, etc. (Acc. to Mrs. Stella B. Mullins, Rt. 2 Box A362, Jenkins, Ky.) (E.KY. Vol. 13 (3), Dec. 1983, Pp. 27-9);
SPANKUM BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): James Maynard and Rebecca (Chappell) Maynard, informant's gt. grandparents lived at the mouth of the branch. One day, when James was out hunting, a bear wandered up to their house and stuck his foot in the front door. Rebecca cut it off. When he came home, James asked his wife, now what's this bear going to do to make his cubs mind? She said he can spank 'em. This was in the 1st decade of the 19 cent. (A family trad.) (Acc. to R.B. Maynard, Brushy Fork, Pike Co., interview, 7/15/1989);
DK why called Spankum. (Crit Blackburn, of Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
SPEARS BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Less than 1/2 mi. long, joins Johns Creek from the north, 1/2 mi. above the present McCombs PO Named for local family. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
SPEIGHT (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Spāt"). On Long Fk of Shelby Creek, nr. its head. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 12/3/1903, Silas Johnson...(NA); Named for a candidate for state office. (T.M. Riddle, asst. postmaster of Pikeville (PO), Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930); PO was disc. 9/30/1936 (mail to Hartley); Re-est. 3/14/1947.... (APO); "I have been unable to learn how Speight PO got its name." (Frances Sowards, letter to me, 3/4/1989); po was est. by Silas Johnson at his store, 10/13/1903. 1/16 mi. e. of Right Fk. (of Long Fk.). (Site Loc. Rept,)
SPEIGHT (Pike Co., Ky): PO was located around the mouth of Yonts & Bailey Branches of Right Fk. (1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map); PO closed 7/1/1989. (Bob Sweaney to Goldie Benedict, in her letter to me, 8/29/89);
SPENCER GAP (Pike Co., Ky): On Ky. 1373, c. 4 mi. ne of Elkhorn City, above Beaver Creek.
No Spencer families listed in 19th cent. Censuses;
SPRINGS BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
John Step (sic) acquired 50 acres here (9/12/1849) (Bk. 31, P. 117) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1688);
SPRING BRANCH OF HURRICANE CREEK (Pike Co): c. 1 mile above the rr tracks and US 23/460 above Boldman. The road sign (5/1989) says Hunts Branch tho' given on top. map as Spring Branch
SPRING BRANCH OF HURRICANE CREEK (Pike Co.): Spurlock Damron, Sr. acquired 100 acres which were surveyed 8/14/1858 (Bk. 57, P. 402) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172);
Spruce Pine Fork of Ferrell Creek (Pike Co): Levi Thornberry acquired 50 acres on here (12/1/1853) (Bk. 42, P. 644) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1762);
SPRUCE PINE FORK OF WINNS BRANCH (of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): "Some of the older residents say that in their memory there was an enormous spruce pine located at the mouth of (this) fork." (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989);
STAFFORDS BRANCH (of Pike Co., Ky): Cumpton Stafford acquired 100 acres on this (2/3/1849) (Bk. 31, P. 125) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1671); and Thos. Stafford acquired 225 acres on C. Staffords Branch (6/8/1868) (Bk. 74, P. 310) (Ibid.); This is somewhere in the Tug Fork val. since Cumpton also acquired land on Tug Fk. and Round Bottom Br. in the 1840s and early 1850s (Ibid.); Thos. Stafford (36) lived next to Monterville Stafford (33). Neither had an Alma in their family. (1880 Census); Stafford Br. of Peter Fk., nr. its head, was named for local families. (Dorothy Smith, interview, 8/26/89)
In lower Blackberry lived Thos. Stafford (ne 6/43) & wife Jane (2/37) & Geo. Duty (5/38) & his wife Sarah (5/46) (1900 Census); Staffords lived at the head of Peter Fk. of Blackberry Creek. Russell Stafford, in particular. This was site of Stafford Br. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
STAGGERWEED BRANCH OF Smith Fork (Pike Co., Ky
At the head of Smith Fk. which is a branch of
the Right Fork of Peter Creek. In Jamboree
Quad. In the Hurley 15 min. top. map (1945)
it was inadvertently identified as Left Fk.
(37°27'40"N, 82°11'00"W); Staggerweed Br. or
Stagger Br. "was given that name because some
years ago, several cattle (permitted to graze
openly because of no law at the time requiring
livestock to be kept within a fenced area)
wandered up this hollow. They grazed on weeds
that had an intoxicating effect, and staggered
out of the hol. People observing this
called the weed 'staggerweeds' and the hol.
took its name from this incident." (Geraldine Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
STAGGERWEED HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Behind the club house at Allegheny; "...was (and is) a small hol. just at the joining of Greenough and Allegheny, on the left.. If one walked up this hol. to the top of the hill, then went down the other side he would reach...Sycamore of Elkhorn Creek. Staggerweed got its name from a weed somewhat like the locoweed of the West; this weed would befuddle livestock which ate it. I dont know the right name of the weed." (Paul E. Ratliff; Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989);
STAGGERWEED FORK OF BOWLING FORK (of Marrowbone Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Owned by Martin Bowling, son of Henry Clay. He sold its 580 acres to the Pike Co. Fish & Game Assn. Cattle would eat weed and make them drunk. Patches of it in there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
STAGGER FORK OF MUDLICK BRANCH (of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Thomas Scott acquired 75 acres on Staggerwood Fk. (sic) of Mud Lick Fk. (2/9/1853) (Bk. 41, P. 71) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1726); short for Staggerweed. Local weed that would poison people's cattle (Dorothy Smith, nearby resident, interview, 8/26/89); Maybe named for staggerweed there, plentiful. First green plant to appear on Blackberry in the spring. Cattle craved it. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
STAGGER FORK OF LITTLE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK the derivation of its name but guesses it may have been short for staggerweed. (Lawrence Neson, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Short for staggerweed. Aptly named. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
STANLEY ADDITION (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a Stanley who owned the land. He was, at one time, a Pike Co. jailer. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); After 1895 the Joe Stanley farm was located at the site of the present Weddington Shopping Plaza. (Jos. T. Daniels, ADKINS OF E. KY. AND SURROUNDING AREA 1988, P. 133); Joe Stanley, ex-jailer of Pike Co., c. 1920s-early 1930s. Once owned everything on the riverside of the road, incl. Coal Run, Wed. Plaza. He bought up prop. that was being foreclosed. His brick home behind the Pepsi plant is still occupied by Ida Stanley. The Stanley Add'n. as such is gone. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/89)
Joe Stanley died 1954. He owned the land around the shopping center and the Pepsi plant. His farm occupied the entire bottom there. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WVa., interview, 9/2/1989);
STATE LINE TUNNEL (Virginia-Ky. intercounty feature) (Pike Co. Ky): The n.end of this tunnel is in Ky. Thru this passes the C&O RR. Along Russell F. The Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio RR. on w. bank of the fork.
STEELE PO (Pike Co., Ky): Pop. name Goodluck.
11/3/1905 Jas. A. Dotson, 6 mi. ne of Mouthcar
7 mi. se of Tadella, 3 mi. se of Jamboree, 3 m
w. of Peter Cr., up Feds Cr., about its site o
later top & highway maps. 10/4/1916 Wm. H.
Slone. 4 mi. e of Levisa Fk. 50 ft. n. of Fed
Creek. Up Right Fk. of Dicks Fk. (betw. Miller
Cr. on south & Hénroost Cr. on n.) School at
jct. of Right Fk. & Dicks Fk. 7/29/1935
Nickie T. Griffith. Moved ½ mi. w. 100 ft. e.
of Feds Cr., 2½ mi. e. of Feds Creek PO. 4/5/
1943, Mrs. Lakie E. Fuller. 2 7/8 mi. ne of
Levisa Fk. 50 ft. s. of Laurel Fk. 2 7/8 mi. n
of Feds Creek PO. 1½ mi. from Va. state line.
(Site Loc. Rept.)
STEELE (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Steel") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 2/5/1906, Jas. A. Dotson...(NA); Disc. 8/14/1937 (mail to Feds-creek); Re-est. 3/13/1943.... APO;
Local pm thinks that the man that est. this po petitioned for it to be called Stella for his wife but the POD clerk misread it and approved it as Steele. (Mary Blackburn, pm, interview, 2/22/1989); The po was originally one mi. up Feds Creek from its present site where there was a grist mill. The present site is really on the edge of the Feds Cr. commu. and is 1 1/8 mi. from the Feds creek PO.
It moved c. 1965. Had been in Malcolm Whitt's store (Sweeney, 2/22/1989)
STEELE PO (Pike Co., Ky): ½ mi. up Road Fk. (on w. side of the fork) of Dicks Fk. (of Feds Creek). (1952 state highway map);
STELLA (Pike County, Ky.) p.o. est. 11/18/1893 with Miles Coleman as 1st pm. (Acc. to the National Archives), order of appointment rescinded 5/9/1894 (NA);
Thomas Stepp, son of Moses, ne 1785 in the present Caldwell Co., NC. c. 1802 he came with his parents to Copper Creek sect. of then Russell Co. (now Scott Co.), Va. After a brief period in Tenn, Thomas, by then married, moved his family c. 1820 to Big Creek, (of Tug Fk.), Pike Co. Settled at the mouth of the present Bent Branch (of Big), having found shelter in an old hunters cabin to nurse a dying child. It wasnt until 1833 that he was able to secure a deed for his land (250 acres) on both sides of Big Creek from the Rev. James Madison heirs who owned much of the Tüg Val. and other parts of Pike Co. Thomas' brother, Joseph,
arr. in 1822 and secured 100 acres at the mouth of Long Branch of Big Creek. When the co. was est., Thomas became one of the 1st justices of the peace. Respected by his fellows. Surveyed the Big Creek Rd. in 1826 and 1832. His father, Moses, lived with him. Thomas died 9/1842. Orrison R. Lowe was named executor of his will. John Burgett was a witness. Thomas and his wife, Nancy (nee Davis), who died in 1870, are buried "at the mouth of Bent Br. on the w. pt. directly behind the old cabin on the n. bank of Big Creek." (Henry P. Scalf, The Stepp/Stapp Families of Amer. Pikeville, 1976, Pp. 234-6)
STEWARD FORK OF CARD CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. (Bernice Hackney of Mouthcard, Ky., letter to me, 4/21/1989); No Stewards listed in 1910 Census; 1860-1900.
STEWART (Pike Co.): Named for Jack Stewart, merchant. (T.M. [Riddle, asst. pm Pikeville po, in a letter to me Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930]; po est. 6/6/1910, Andrew J. Stewart...(NA) Acc. to the POR, Stewart had also been 1st pm of Pike est. also on 6/6/1910; where Hopkins Fk. joins the Left Fk. of Caney Creek, 1 mi. e. of the new US 23/119; disc. 5/31/1942 (mail to Pikeville); On the 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map, it was shown at the mouth of Left (or Camp) Fk. of Caney Creek; At the mouth of the Left Fk. of Caney Creek. Named for Jack Stewart the local storekeeper. (Lawrence Newsom and Oma/Robert Branham, interview, 7/29/1989);
Pearl Tackett, a Stewart pm, died 1948. (Oma Branham, Caney Creek, interview, 7/29/1989);
STILL BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Just above Cecil Taylor's home. Guesses it was named for a moonshine still there. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);
STILLHOUSE BRANCH (of Hoopwood Branch of Right Fork of Island Creek) (Pike Co.) (F56#1) (#121-249).  37°27'30" (Lat), 82°34'30" (Long);

"Named by federal agents; everytime they came, they had to bust up a moonshine still." (Leonard Roberts); "The Swords had a moonshine still on this fork." (Dorcas M. Hobbs, letter, 5/26/1989);
STILTNER CEM. (Pike Co., Ky): at the mouth of Lick Fk. of Beefhide Creek. (Marie R. Justice, ONE MULLINS FAMILY, Pikeville, 1983, P. 51);
STINKING BRANCH of Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky.)

When some early settlers tried to cure meat their process resulted in the meat rotting and the odor was so bad it gave its name to the creek. (Source: Jack King to his grandson, David Pinson, for Leonard Roberts, 1969); People took their game there to skin them and left the waste. (Source: Orethia Miller for Leonard Roberts, 1971); Sarah Mainard acquired 180 acres on Stinking Br. of Johns Creek (6/20/66) (Bk. 70, P. 36) and Thos. Maner (sic) acquired 80 acres here (2/28/49) (Bk. 31, P. 103) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1462, 1465)
STONE (Pike Co., Ky): "This coal town with po is about a mi. s. of the jct. of US 119 and Ky. 199 at Huddy and 13 1/2 mi. ne of Pikeville. It may have been named for E.L. Stone, the pres. of the Borderland Mines with headquarters in Borderland, W.Va. (c. 1904) The po was est. on 10/17/1912 with Phare Osburn, pm." (Book, P. 284) (Source: Rept. of the Inspector of Mines of Ky., 1905, P. 161); Borderland Coal Co. of WVa. Pres. Edward L. Stone of Roanoke, Va. (1907 Rept. P. 64 and 1910 Rept. P. 202 and 1915 Rept. P. 245)
STONE (Pike Co., Ky): "This coal town with post office is about a mile south of the jct. of US 119 and Ky 199 at Huddy and 13 1/2 miles northeast of Pikeville. It may have been named for E.L. Stone, the pres. of the Borderland Mines with headquarters in Borderland, W.Va. (c. 1904) The post office was established 10/17/1912 with Phare Osburn, pm." (Book-P. 284); DK if named for E.L. Stone. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Doubts that Stone PO was named for E.L. Stone but doesn't really know. It could have. (Stearl Hatfield who had a store at the present Damrontown, now lives on Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
STONE (Pike Co., Ky): Named before the coal co. arrived. Probably of local significance. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989); No Stones living on Pond Creek acc. to 1850-1910 Censuses; Named for G.L. Stone, Chair. of the Board of Pond Creek Coal Co. He lived in Brookline, Mass. The company's home office was in Bestem and Stone, Ky. Co. had been inc. in 1911 (Portland, Me.) (Moodys 1919, P. 1035);
STONE (Pike Co.) (F42) 37° 35'(Lat), 82° 16' 15" (Long); Named for an official of Pond Creek Coal Co. about 1911 or 1912. (Leonard Roberts) (pron. "Stohn") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); post est 10/17/1912. Phare Osburn... (NA); On Ky. 199 extending for about a mile. (Lillian Vass, pm, letter to me, 1/18/1980); Tierney Mining Co. had mines here c. 1925. Check with Lawrence Tierney.... ; Perhaps named for E.L. Stone, Pres. of the Borderland Mines, Borderland (PO), W.Va. c. 1904. (REPT. OF INSPECTOR OF MINES OF KY, 1905, P. 161);
STONECOAL CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK the derivation of this name. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); "An early term applied to anthracite or other rocklike coal...." (Geo. R. Stewart, Am. PN, P. 462); John H. Reynolds acquired 100 acres on Stone Coal Creek, surv. 3/6/1844. (Bk. 14, P. 218) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1627); 19th cent. coal deposits on the hill at its mouth. (Acc. to Rept. of Insp. of Mines of St. of Ky. for 1901-1902, by C.J. Norwood, 1903, P. 400); probably named for visible stone coal banks spotted early by settlers or travelers; Stone Coal Creek was so called at least by 8/1813 (Floyd Co. Ct. Bk. 1);
Richard Dameron acquired 150 acres on Stone Coal Creek (9/1/1812) (Bk. 18, P. 430) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 167); John Graham acquired 38 acres on same (1/16/1816) (Bk. 19, P. 109) (Ibid., P. 179);
STONE FORK OF CARD CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Named for local family. (Bernice Hackney, Mouthcard, Ky., letter to me, 4/21/1989);
No Stones listed in the Lick E.D. (1910 Census);
STOP OVER (Pike County, Kentucky) (given as Stopover in Field's Guide=F437e)

"...got its unusual name due to its location at an unmarked junction. People coming and going found it necessary to 'stop over' here to ask questions. The post office is located in the general store and was named by its first postmaster, D.H. Blankenship. The community is located in the (xx) heart of a large coal field, and is essentially a mining town." (Quimby, SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 319, from Anthony Blankenship, postmaster)
At the jct. leading to one of the largest coal fields in Ky. People enroute to the fields would stop over to seek directions. (Linda Lou Slone, to Leonard Roberts, 1970);
STOPOVER (Pike Co.) (F437) (121-256)
37°30'45"(Lat), 82°05'30"(Long); This name was submitted with a list of names to the POD by S.H. Blankenship. PO located at a triangle in the road. Travelers always asking directions. PO est. 1949. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "St(ah) /oh/vør") The N&W RR runs thru there. Acc. to Shirley Looney, the rr was put in for the Ritter Lumber Co. and it was a place that you stopped on your journey. Hence the name. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
STRAIGHT FORK OF LITTLE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Damron acquired 79 acres here which were surveyed 2/19/1868 (Bk. 74, P. 296) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1172); May have been aptly named. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989).
STRAIGHT FORK OF BEAR CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Assumes it was aptly named. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
STRAIGHT FORK OF SUGAR CAMP (CREEK) (Pike C6)

John May acquired 50 acres on thus, surv. 2/18/1869 (Bk. 75, P. 286) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1478);
STRATEN RIDGE FORK (sic) of (Pike Co., Ky): Benj. Williamson acquired 50 acres here (4/4/1856) (Bk. 50, P. 84) Jillson, 1971, P. 1806); he also acquired 433 acres on Stanton and W. House Fks. (?) (4/4/1856) (Bk. 50, P. 85) (Ibid.);
STRATTON (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 9/24/1890, James G. Bevins; 12/11/1891, Jos. B. Smith; 1/7/1899, Albert Blackburn; Disc. eff. 6/30/1903 (mail to Canada) (NA); It may have been on Stratton Fk. of Meathouse, s. of Canada po (?); 9/6/1890 Jas. G. Bevins. 6 mi. sw of Mouth of Pond, 8 mi. nw of Deskin; 3-4 mi. se of Canada. 7 mi. n. of Johns Creek. 6/27/1892, J.B. Smith, 8 mi. s of Tug Fk., 3 mi. s. of Canada. 5 mi. w. of Pinson Fk, 7 mi e. of Crigger. Up Meathouse Fk. of Big Creek, one mi. from Stratton Fk. (SCB)
STRATTONS BRANCH (Pike Co., Ky): Is this Stratton Fk. of Big Creek? Geo. D. Reed acquired 50 acres on Strattons Branch, surv. 2/13/1844. (Bk. 14, P. 216) (Jillson, 1971, P 1624); Stratton Fk. of Meathouse Fk. of Big Creek: named for local families. cf Mrs. Bentom West, a widow, age c. 80, who lives at the mouth of Stratton, for this area. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
STRATTON KNOB (Pike Co., Ky): DK of it but probably for a local family. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989): "On Beech Log Fork at the head of Burning Fork and was named for Henry Stratton, the grandfather of Pikeville atty. Henry D. Stratton. It is located on the ridge between Burning Fk. and Frozen Creek." (Faye J. Burke, Pikeville, Ky, letter to me, 5/16/1989); Henry Statton acquired 41 acres on Raccoon Creek (4/1/1885) (Bk. 107, P. 460; (Jillson, 1971, P. 1675); and 33 acres on Cloe Creek & Burning Fk. (3/5/85) (Bk. 107, P. 461) (Ibid.).
SUGAR CAMP BRANCH (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (F735sw) (Pike Co.): Named "for the fact that so many people who were engaged in the moonshining business hauled so much sugar up this rugged terrain to make their good ole home-brew...." (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn-Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Coll.); aptly named. Maybe a family made sugar there. (Frances Sowards and Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
SUGARCAMP, BRANCH (of Riddles Fork of Long Fk. Creek) (Pike Co. (F735) 37°17'45" (Lat), 82°38'45" (Long); Named for sugar maple orchard there owned by B.F. Johnson, c1905. Trees were tapped and the maple juice was boiled & maple sugar made from it. (Frances Sowards, granddaughter of B.F. Johnson, 10/16/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Sugarcamp Hollow, on the right side, less than ¼ mi. up Pettys Fk., below the cem. Aptly named. (Frances Sowards & Fannie Fleming, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/89);
SUGAR CAMP BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co)

Thomas May acquired 50 acres there (surv. 1/1, 1849) (Bk. 30, P. 151) and 50 acres on nearby Bear Fork (1/2/1849) (Book 30, P. 153) and 50 acres on Staggerweed Br. (but doesn't state where) (1/2/49) (Book 30, P. 152) (Jillson, 1971, Pp. 1476-7); Named for sugar trees on it and probably a camp there to catch the sugar water to be boiled to make sugar. DK why it's given as Foundation Br. on maps but it's never been called this. Always locally known as Sugar Camp. At least for the past 10 years. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
SUGAR CAMP CREEK (Pike Co.) (F561w) (#121-265)
37°23'30" to 37°24'30" (Lat), 82°34' to 82°35' (Long); Called Sugar Camp Creek on maps but locally it's known as Sugar Camp Branch. (Leonard Roberts); Given as Foundation Branch on an old top. map); A trib. of Robinson Cr., c. 1½ mi. above (w. of) jct. of old and new US23) Named for the large no. of sugar maples at the mouth of the creek. A family of Mays est. the camp and made syrup and sugar. (Source: Miriam Forsythe, 76 to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts); Named for the sugar maples at the mouth of the creek. They extended from the creek's edge to the top of the hill and were very thickly distributed. The (Thos.)
May family est. camp there and made maple syrup and sugar. (Miriam Forsythe for Mrs. Jessie Horne's 3rd grade class, Robinson Creek Ele. Sch. in 150 Yrs. of Pike Co.... P. 17)
SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH (nr. Elkhorn City) (Pike Co., Ky): Aptly named, for a sulphur spring there. This is a Reg. Bapt. Church. (Chas. F. Moore & Ample Sanders Calhoun, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/1989);
SULPHUR POND HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Just below Poplar Beetree Hol, on Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek. Aptly named for a pond on the right, going up the hol. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
SUTTON (Pike Co.): Named for W.D. Sutton, RR contractor, (T.M. Riddle, asst. pm, Pikeville PO, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/19/1930); po est. 4/30/1907, J.H. Epperly... (NA); ... Disc. 5/31/1959 (mail: to Shelbiana); The rail siding there was called Ward's. (Claire Kelly, col. "App. Anc." in Pikev. App. News-Epress, 10/26/1984, II P. 1:2); Its last few mos. of operation the Sutton po moved ca. 1/4 mi. up Greasy Creek. (Sweaney, 2/22/1989); A Mr. Ward (1st name not yet known) had a lumber yard at the mouth of Greasy Creek and a rr siding there to ship his products. (Bob Sweaney, 2/22/89);
H.D. Sutton, age 29, a lumber buyer and seller, in Pikeville. (Acc. to 1910 Census); 1st name prop. for the Sutton PO was Ward. (Site Location Rept.); Sam'l. Sutton, gen'l. Mgr. & Super. of W.K. Steele Coal Co., Mossy Bottom, Ky. where the mines were. (1912 Rept of Ky. Dept. of Mines, Pp. 147-8); Acc. to the 1930 C&O sta. guide, the station here was called Sutton (not Ward); Sutton sta. was 2.1 mi. above Shelby and 1.2 mi. below Millard. (Ibid.); Ward is given in the 1920 sta. guide as a pvt. siding only, 0.2 mi. above Greasy Creek Jct. and 1.2 mi. below The Fork.
SWAMP BRANCH OF BENT BRANCH (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Pinson and Williamson acquire 200 acres here, surveyed 3/17/1857 (Bk. 50, P 239) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1597);
SWAMP FORK (of Winns Branch of Raccoon Creek (Pike Co., Ky). Assumes it was named for a swamp located there. (Faye M. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989);
SWANS FORK OF PAW PAW CREEK (Mostly in Buchanan Co., Va. but heads in Pike Co., Ky): Now called Popcorn Fork and always has been. (Pear Marburger & Margaret Estep, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989); John Henry Estep was born at the head of it and thinks it may have gotten its Popcorn name because liquor was made on it. (Ibid.); Shadrack Estep acquired 50 acres on Swans Fk. of Paw Paw (6/30/1860) (Bk. 60, P. 406) (Jillson);
SWINEY BRANCH (of Elkhorn Creek, Pike Co., Ky): Given as Little Branch of Elkhorn Cr. on top. and other recent maps. (F309s) Acc. to source, it was called Little Branch in old deed books for its being the smallest branch between Adams and Jackson Branches. (it's the only one shown on most maps). It's now called Swiney, acc. to source, for the number of Swineys that settled there. (Source - Ralph Childers, 73, to (Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts) James Swanney (sic) acquired 50 acres on Rockhouse Fk. of Elkhorn Creek (2/12/1856) (Bk. 50, P. 116) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1723) and as James Swiney acquired 100 acres on Ash Camp Fk. of Elkhorn Creek
(1/13/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 375) (Ibid., P. 1724; and 50 acres on same (1/12/58) (Bk. 57, P. 376) (Ibid.) and 200 acres on Dry Fork (1/12/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 378) (Ibid.); Little Br. is called Swiney Br. (pron. Swinney). Named for local families. Potter Cem. is at its mouth. This was named for Richard "Dick" Potter and his family who are buried there. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
SWINGE CAMP BRANCH OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Extends 3 mi. e to 37°42'15"N, 82°21'20"W. ("Swihndj Kaemp") DK why name applied to stream. Dictionary meaning of to whip or punish. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989): Literally to lash as a tail. (Ibid.); Orison R. Loe (sic) acquired 100 acres here (sur. 10/27/1841) (Bk. 8, P. 525) (Jillson, 1971, P. 145)
SWORD FORK OF FORDS BRANCH (of Levisa Fk.) (Pike Co., Ky): Francis M. Sword acquired 80 acres on Malinda Ford Branch (11/29/1870) (Bk. 81, P. 142) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1734);
SWORD (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 11/24/1884 with Louise P. Sword; 4/22/1887, L.P. Williams; Disc. 4/14/1888 (papers to Matto­ton) (NA); On the west bank of Shelby Creek, just above its mouth and across the creek from the future Shelbiana. (1889 and 1893 maps); Named for local family of pm; The Pike Co. prog. was John Sword, ne Va., 5/24/1797. Wed Rebecca 9/20/1818. Died 1876 on Island Creek & is buried in the Peggy Sword Cem. Son Wm. Sword (1819-1901). Other children & grand children listed.... (Mrs. Bob Doughton, "Family of John Sword" THE E. KENTUCKIAN, V. 4 (3), 12/1968, Pp. 3-4); X lived on Island Creek (1823 tax list).
SWORD PO (Pike Co., Ky): Pop. names: White Day and Sampson. 9/22/1884, L.P. Sword. 3 mi. ne of Maltaton. 4 mi. se of BSR, ½ mi. w. of Shelby Creek, up Big Hollow (?). 11/3/1885, c L.P. Sword, to serve commu. known as Crooked Creek, 3½ mi. w of BSR and 3/4 mi. w. of Shelby Creek. (Site Location Report);
John Sword acquired much land on Island Creek and its tribs. in the 1840s and 1850s (Jillson 1971, P. 1734);
SYCAMORE BRANCH (of Left Fork) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°15'15" (Lat), 82°40' (Long); Named for the abundance of sycamore trees on this branch (Leonard Roberts);
SYCAMORE BRANCH OF LONG FORK (of Shelby Cr.)
(Pike Co., Ky): Pleasant Johnson acquired
200 acres here and on Cow Fork (?) which
were surveyed 12/9/1871. (Bk. 87, P. 387)
(Jillson, 1971, P. 1398);
SYCAMORE BRANCH (of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F358) 37°14'30" to 37°15'(Lat), 82°39'30" to 82°40' (Long.); Named for huge sycamore that stood at mouth of hol. as recalled by Edgar Moore who lived there when a boy. 12/1974. (Leonard Roberts); Was a sawmill there. (Frances Sowards interview, 4/8/1989);
SYCAMORE CREEK (Pike Co.): (F309s) c. 10 mi. up Elkhorn Creek. Named for the number of sycamore trees there. (Source: Troy Francisco to Arthur L. Long for Leonard Roberts); Named for the local trees. She taught her first school there, old one rm. school that long preceded the consol. sch. c1914. (Ample Sanders Calhoun, ret. sch. tchr., 93, Upper Pigeon, Ky, interview, 4/1/1989);
SYCAMORE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Pioneer Wm. Robt. Leslie "est. temp. quarters in a giant hol. tree" at the mouth of this stream. "The great sycamore had been preempted before for headquarters by many hunters while in Johns Creek." (P. 102) The stream was named for this giant tree which hunters long used for shelter. (P. 450, Ft. #8) (Scalf, KLF);
SYCAMORE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "...was named for a famous sycamore that was standing there when the first explorers came to Johns Creek and it was about ten feet in diameter and holler, and the early hunters used to take refuge in it and tried to camp in it. And one of the Lesleys who founded the first settlement on Johns Creek stayed several days in it. The old trees been gone, though, for half a century." (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971);
SYCAMORE) FORK-OF-JOHNS-CREEK (Floyd Co.):
"There used to stand a giant sycamore in pioneer days--was 10 or 12 feet in diameter, and it was hollow. And the early hunters used to take refuge in it. And the fact about it, one of the early settlers--(of) the Leslie family--used it for a--instead of a cabin until he could build a cabin."
(Henry E. Scalf, interview, 5/16/1971)
Named for large tree near its mouth. (From Orethia Miller for Leonard Roberts, 1971)
If this is Sycamore Fork of Johns, acc. to Scalf (interview, 5/16/1971): "There used to stand a giant sycamore in pioneer days—was 10 or 12 feet in diameter—and it was hollow and the early hunters and explorers used to take refuge in it and the fact about it, one of the early settlers—(of) the Leslie family—used it for a cabin until he could build a cabin." (Field's Guide lists it as Sycamore Branch of Cow Cr. Top. map. (F382, check discrepancy).)
SYCAMORE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to a mid 19th cent. annotated map of the Johns Creek area drafted by Tivis Burris (and in the possession of his grandson Ed Hatton of Catlettsburg, Ky) there was a large sycamore tree here some 15 feet in diameter. (Gene Marvin, Jr. "100-Year-Old Pike Map Owned by Gate Citizen Ed Hatton" ADI, date unknown, but betw. 1964-1971, in KHS Lib. vert. files-Pike Co.); the creek was named for a giant sycamore tree that first sheltered the pioneer Lesleys. (Lesley-Leslie, Wm. Robert Leslie & Eliz. BuchananLeslie & Their Descendants, a Hist. of 200 Yrs. in Am. by Ruth Cleveland Leslie, 1956, reprint 1979, P.13)
SYCAMORE MT. (Pike Co., Ky): The elevation between Sycamore Creek (of Johns Cr.) and Brushy Fk. aka Brushy Mt. depending on which creek is your frame of reference. Road Fork goes over the mt. Probably unofficial name. Not identified on any published maps. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
TACKETT HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): On Long Fk. of Shelby Creek. Given as Delmer Tackett Hol. on road sign. Always locally called Johnny Hall Hollow for a local resident whose wife, 80, now lives a short distance below the last site of the Hartley PO. (Frances Sowards & Fan Fleming, Etty, Ky, interview, 4/8/1989) (Ask Frances about Delmer Tackett name)....

✓ Tackett Hol. is given as Hunts Branch on the 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map; Delmer Tackett lived in D.T. Hol. and died there about a yr. or so ago. (Frances Sowards, letter, 4/18/1989); Johnie Hall Hol. is on w. side of Long Fk. below Ams Br. (Ibid.).
Delmer Tackett Hol. joins Long Fk. from the south across the creek from the Geo. E. Johnson Sch. Grant Tackett Hol. is what's shown on published maps as Tackett Hol. Johnny Hall Hol. is quite some distance above the sch., on the right coming up Long Fk. (Fan Fleming, letter, c. 6/4/89);
GRANT TACKETT HOLLOW (Pike Co.) Given as Tackett Hol. on recent topo. map. (F189sw) (#121-292) 37°19'30" (Lat), 82°36'15" (Long); Grant was son of Harvey Tackett who, in turn, was son of Geo. Tackett. The hollow was originally named for George. (Leonard Roberts); Ne 3/1873;
TACKITT PO (Pike Co., Ky): 4 mi. nw of Long Fork PO c.1886 (Site Location Report); on 7/2
/1881 Alphonso E. Welch pet. for a po to be called Welch's. Then Salem. 5 mi. sw of Robin.
Cr. PO and 5 mi. n of Long Fk. PO. (Site Location Rept.); Abel Tackett, ne 7/27/1833 in
Pike Co. and died 11/30/1907. Son of Wm. "Buck" Tackett and grandson of Preacher Billy
Tackett, the family's Pike Co. prog.He was a local merchant and farmer. (Pp. 11, 21 of
Ancestors & Descendants of James Tackett and Mary Ann Martin, compiled by Elsie Hudson, nd
ms. in the Vesta Roberts Johnson Libr., Virgil, Ky., examined by me on 4/1/1989); Was up Left
Fk. of Long Fk. (SLR);
TACKITT PO (Pike Co., Ky): At the mouth of Abel Tackett Fk., where the fire station is now. In Abel's store. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
ETTY (Pike Co.) (F735): 37°15' (Lat), 82°40' 45" (Long); Named for Tiny Etty Wright. 1st called Long Fork; then changed to Tackett, no later to Etty. (Frances Sowards, lifelong resident of Etty, 10/16/1974, via Leonard Roberts); (pron. "(Eh)/tee") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. as Tackitt, 8/26/1881, Alphonse E. Welch; 11/6/82, Abel Tackitt... 8/27/1902, Jas. W. Wright; ch. to Etty, 4/27/1904; Ibid. ...(NA); But, acc. to the Rand McN. 1889 map & atlas, Tackitt po was 5 mi. n. of Long Fork po-com.; Etty disc. 6/17/1982; (p. to Virgie) and postal route map of 1884 and 5 mi. due w. of 1st Rob. ch.
TADELLA (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 5/28/1891, Wm. R. Dotson; 2/27/1900, Lizzie Hatfield...
Disc. 8/22/1908, eff. 9/30/08 (mail to Jamboree) (NA); below the head of the Left Fk. of Peter Creek, c. 2 miles s. of Jamboree (or midway betw. Jamboree and Paw Paw. (1893 po map); On 4/21/1891 Wm. R. Dotson pet. to est. a po to be named Mount Republican 3 mi. n. of Pawpaw and 2 mi. s of Jamboree, 4 mi. s of Phelps, on e. bank of Peter Creek. (Site Location Report); On e. side of the Left Fk. of Peter Cr., just above and opp. mouth of Beech Creek. (Ibid.).
\text{TADELLA (Pike Co., Ky)}: Dr. Wm. R. Dotson, PM and druggist. Wilbern Blankenship had a grist mill, A.W. Campbell & W.H.C. White ran the Campbell & White Sawmill. Dan'l. Prater was the blacksmith there. (Polk's Ky. State Gaz. 1895-6, P. 300); John S. Dotson owned and lived on Jim Fork. He and his sons John H., Joe, and Green, etc. (Pearl Marburger, Paw Paw, Ky., interview, 7/8/1989);
TATER HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): Owned by Chas. York. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/89); DK why/how named. Part of the York farm and was inherited by Bill York. (Cleo Huffman Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 9/28/1989);
TAYLOR BRANCH OF ROCKHOUSE FORK (of Big Creek
Eli Ray acquired 30 acres on a Taylor Branch
(though of what is not stated) surv. 4/29/1892. (Bk. 118, P. 185) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1622); James Taylor (46) and wife Sarah (39) lived nr. Aaron Stepp and not too far from
John Burgett and Orison Lowe (1870 Census);
Kelcy Taylor acquired 200 acres on Taylor Br.
(of what is not stated) (8/9/1865) (Bk. 67, P. 144) (Jillson, P. 1746); Acc. to 1870 Census, Kelsey Taylor was age 36 and his wife
was Mary A. They lived next door to Allen Taylor (59) and his wife Jemimah. They were the parents of Henry (19);
TAYLOR CHURCH (Pike Co., Ky): Below Stone, on Pond Creek. Was built below a cemetery. John Taylor once owned the land. His heirs still do tho' they dont live there. (Stearl Hatfield interview, 8/12/1989);
TAYLOR FORK OF TURKEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
TAYLOR HOLLOW (on Burning Fk., of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Just e. of Caney Br. and named for Calvin Taylor, son of Azandra and Rosanna. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter, 5/16/1989);
In 1880, Henry Taylor (30) and his wife Malinda (34) lived in upper Johns Creek Dist. betw. John Layne (32) & Calvin Taylor (31) & nr. Thos. Maynard (34), Wm. Reynolds (53), Wm. Thompson (69), Wm. Layne (62), and on the other side Henry Helvy (70);
TERRY BRANCH (of Long Fork of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°17'45" (Lat), 82°39'30" (Long); Named for a couple of early settlers who lived there. They were squatters who owned no land but who lived and died and were buried there. (Frances Sowards, 10/16/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Named for a local couple who lived there in the 19th cent. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989); Richard Tackett acquired 80 acres on Terrys Branch (3/29/1882) (Bk. 102, P. 212) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1742);
THACKERS BRANCH OF ? (Pike Co., Ky): Absalom Thacker acquired 100 acres on this stream (5/15/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 235) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1748); and also other land on Levisa and upper Pompey (1857) (Ibid.);
THE BREAKS OF THE BIG SANDY (Pike Co., Ky): "A 5 mi cut with 1000 ft. palisades on either side. Sometimes called The Grand Canyon of the South." The Breaks Interstate Park "is a unique park sponsored by Ky. and Va. which sits on the rim of the largest canyon east of the Miss." "The park offers 4600 acres of... a full facility resort park" in Va.
BREAKS OF THE SANDY (Pike Co.): "Where Russell Fork forces through the arched and faulted Pine Mt. and crosses the Va.-Ky. state line. The most striking water gap in the Big Sandy Valley and the wild and rugged sandstone gorge a thousand feet deep." (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
THE BREAKS: A gorge 100 ft. deep and 6 mi. long. (See Big Sandy News, 7/11/1913) (Chapman, Diss. 1945);
THE BREAKS OF THE BIG SANDY RIVER (Pike Co., Ky -Dickenson Co., Va.): Is at the n. end of Pine Mt. which is 100 mi. long from here sw to Pineville. Russell Fk. extends through the Breaks Canyon, a 5 mi. long canyon. A horseshoe curve around The Towers (Va.), a sandstone arch "rising...1600 ft. above (Russell Fk.). The gorge is one of the largest canyons east of the Mississippi....Clinchfield RR has 4 tunnels in the Breaks canyon which are carved through solid rock....Pool Point Bridge (at the Ky. end of the gorge adjacent to a tunnel of the same name. Before WWI this was) the largest single
THE NARROWS (Pike Co., Ky): 1-1\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi. long curve on old (pre-river diversion) route of Levisa Fk. at upper end of Pikeville. Cliff on the w. side of the river. Above Upper Bridge. "Nahrz" (David Justice, 3/25/1989); The new concrete bridge across the Levisa to Island Creek "replaced The Narrows as the mean of entry." (Larry Webster, Pikev. atty., in a commentary in the Lex. Her-Lead., 11/19/89, P. E5:1-6);
THE POINT (Pike Co., Ky): An elevation betw. two hollows is called a point. This is where the Greer Cem. is located, at the mouth of Phillips Br. of Beefhide. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
THOMPSONS BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co):

"Named for Wm. Thompson who settled there in 1830, shortly after his marriage to Nancy Helvey. Several of his descendants still live there." (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 5/16/1989); Wm. Thompson acquired 100 acres on Raccoon Creek (12/7/50) (Bk. 36, P. 317) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1758); Wm. Thompson was b 1808 in Russell Co., Va. Died on Coon Cr. Marr. Nancy Helvey. Albert Thompson was b 1834 on Coon Cr. and died after 1893. (Dorcas M. Hobbs, "AA" Xpr, 1/31/81, II P. 2:1-2);
THOMPSON BRANCH (of Raccoon Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F460) 37°32'40" (Lat), 82°28'10" (Long);
Named for Thompson families there. (Leonard Roberts);
THOMPSON HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): On Road Fk. of Pond Creek. Named for a local family. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/89); aka Post Office Hollow for the local po used to be across the road from here. Named for the Garfield Thompson family, residents. Laura Hensley was the pm. (Rev. Jos. I. Smith W. Williamson, WVa. and pastor of Aflex Meth. Chu., interview, 9/2/1989); Earlier called Andy McCoy Branch for a 19th cent. resident. His widow (nee 1826) was Betsy McCoy. Garfield Thompson moved in about 1932 and it was re-named for him. aka Post Office Hollow. The Forest Hills PO was moved from earlier site as Road Fork. (Chas. Pauley, tel. interv. 9/13/89)
THORNHILL (Pike Co., Ky): A pvt. siding on the Marrowbone Br. of C&O RR, 0.3 mi. above Henry Clay sta. and 0.3 mi. below Big Branch sta. (1920 C&O sta. guide);
THREEMILE RIDGE (Pike Co.) (F357) Ridge border
Three Mile Creek. 37°14'30"(Lat), 82°33'(Lon)
(Leonard Roberts); on the south.

THREEMILE BR. OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
"Extends sw for 1½ mi. to Shelby Cr., just s of Elimer. Its supposed to be 3 mi. either way from its mouth to Dorton, on the n., and Shelby Gap, on the s. Actually it's only 2½ mi. from Dorton. A THREEMILE SCHOOL was located less than ¼ mi. up the branch." (Leonard Roberts' Pike Co. PN ms.) But it is 3 mi. below (or north of) Shelby Gap.

This might be the case. Dorton may have been an alias at one time.
THREEMILE BRANCH (of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co.)
(F189sw) (#121-303) 37° 15' 15" (Lat), 82° 33' 15" (Long); Supposed to be 3 miles betw. Dorton & Shelby Gap. (Leonard Roberts); (5.2 mi. betw. 0+5.9

THREE MILE HOLLOW (Pike Co): Named for its length by someone who had walked to its head and back. (Source: Lizzie Hackney to her daughter, Ruth Hatfield for Leonard Roberts, 1969); Probably named for its being 3 miles each way between Shelby Gap & Dorton. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/89);

Wm. H. Mullins acquired 50 acres on Three Mile Br. surveyed 1835. (Book I-2, P. 182) Jillson, 1971, Part I, P. 654);
THREE MILE BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Pike Co): The creek was 3 miles long, acc. to informant's father-in-law who had logged there. The ridge was named for the creek. (Albert Bartley, interview; 9/23/1989);
TITAN SIDING (Pike Co., Ky): given as Island Creek (station on C&O) On the Pikeville 15 mi top. map (1916); Siding is gone. DK why so named. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/89); The siding was built by Jack Dalton who came from W.Va. He died c. 1962. Est. the Citation Alma, and Mt. States Coal Co's. with offices on Town Mt. He named Citation for the Ky. Derby race horse and the Alma Coal Co. in the late 1940s. (Ibid.) cf Thos. Edward Hughes of Quail Ridge (Ibid.); Titan Siding was always called Island Creek until about ten yrs. before the passenger trains quit running. (Cleo Huffman, Pikeville, letter, 9/28/1989);
TOLBERT (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 5/9/1905, Aly Terrell (ch. sp.), order rescinded 8/29/1905 (NA); Could this have been named for the late Tolbert McCoy, which was killed by the Hatfields? or Tolbert Hatfield, Sr. who lived in the Ransom area? His son, Tolbert, Jr. was planning to build a store opp. his home in the Ransom area. (Pike Co. NEWS, 6/13/1924, P.7:1) Tolbert M. Hatfield was pm of Ransom 2/25/1928 (SLR);
TOLER PO (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name was Solo. (Site Location Rept.); Named for the 1st pm who sold his farm to the rr. DK his name. His sons were Bill and Tom. (T.C. Stanley, Williamson, WV, interview, 9/2/1989);
TOLER (Pike Co.): (pron. "Toh/1ər") (Eva Powel 8/16/1977); po est. 6/4/1907, Jas. M.P. Toler. Disc. 10/15/1916 (mail to Hardy); Re-est. 1/18/1918, John E. Proctor...(NA); A Mr. Toler lived for a short time at the mouth of Blackberry Fork of Pond Creek and his name was applied to the rr sta. and later passed on to the p.o. (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 12/13/1979); "This vil. with po and a N &W RR sta. is centered at the mouth of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Cr., 3 mi. from Pond's confluence with the Tug Fk. R. and 15½ mi. ne of Pikev. The po, est. 6/4/1907, was probably named for the the family of its 1st pm, Jas. M.P. Toler." (Book, P. 295); W&W Riddle was pm 8/4/59, Po 6/8/59.
TOLLAGE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Could this have been the Tolleys Creek mentioned in Jillson (1971), P. 1196 as having a land grant surveyed in 1880? John Dils, Jr. acquired land here (11/11/1880) (Bk. 100, P. 134) (Ibid.); S.W.R. Owens acquired 121 acres on Tolleys Creek surveyed 4/22/1858 (Bk. 54, P. 18) (Ibid., P. 1571); Acc. to 1860 Census, S.W.R. Owens was 38 a farmer, and lived betw. Thos. Hayden & Moses Stone, and nr. Thomas and Rebecca Ratliff, Sila Ratliff, John Steel, & Wm. Price, and not far from Richard Ratliff. (so, could this have been Tollage?)
TOM PRICE SCHOOL (Pike Co., Ky): One room. "at the center of Piso, Ky." Named for local resident, Tom Price. Harrison Ray was one of the trustees. From an interview by Teresa Coleman, a stud. of Leonard Roberts', Pikeville Coll. O.H., with Mrs. Elkie Young Smith, who taught at this school. She was nee Piso on 3/1/1901 and now lives at Meta. "Pike Co. Tales: Interviews by Teresa Coleman, Millard, Ky." in CUMBERLANDS: Vol. 15 (1), Spring 1978, Pp. 22-5, 24); One rm. sch. A granddaughter of Price, who was a Davis, works at Pikeville Coll. (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989);
TOM RAY HOLLOW and TOM RAY SCHOOL (Pike Co.): Two rm. building, extant. James Ray, a retired school tchr., may be his grandson. (RB Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989);
TOMS BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): B.L.C. Francisco acquired land on it which was surveyed 10/28/1904 (Bk. 121, P. 347) (Jillson 1971, P. 1243); Owned by Belve & Louise Francisco. She was John F. Ratliff's sister. DK why named or for whom. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
TOOL BOX HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): When they were logging on Big Branch (of Brushy Fk. of Johns Creek), just above the lefthand fork. Next up was the Oldhouse Hollow (on the north). Named for an old log house on it that is still occupied. This maybe where the 1st in there had first settled. (Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);
TOONERVILLE (Pike Co., Ky): "A pvt. camp built by W.R. Belcher & his wife Mary (Hackney) Belcher, daughter of Henderson & Stella Bentley Hackney, to accommodate some Big Rock Va. coal miners. About two miles above the Ky-Va. line, on (US) 460. A cartoon name, named by the Belchers." (Bernice Hackney, Mouthcard, Ky., letter to me., 4/21/1989);
TOWN FORK OF SUGAR CAMP CREEK (Pike Co., Ky.): In the old days Robinson Creek people would go up this fork as a shortcut to Island Cr and thence to Pikeville. By foot or horseback, possibly also by team & wagon. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989)
TRACE FORK OF GRAPEVINE CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Once owned (most of it) by Alex Reynolds, my informant. A low gap at its head that leads to Johns Creek. "It is said that an Indian trail passed through this creek and gap. There was a mound in the gap that was thought to be an Indian grave." (Alex Reynolds, Phyllis, Ky., in letter to me, 6/15/1989);
TRACE FORK OF GRASSY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Geo. Potter acquired 500 acres on this, surv.
on 10/7/1871 (Bk. 83, P. 245) (Jillson, 1971,
P. 1610);
TRACE FORK OF DORTON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Elijah R. Smallwood acquired 150 acres on it (1/13/1858) (Bk. 54, P. 26) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1666);
TRACE FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Wm. Little acquired 200 acres here (5/21/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 420) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1447);
TRACE FORK OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Andrew Scott acquired 50 acres on Trace Fk. of Brushy Creek (3/6/1857) (Bk. 50, P. 278) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1727);
TROUT HOLLOW (Pike Co., Ky): On east side of Pond Creek, betw. Barn(ey) Hol. and Pinson Fk. Named for local family. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
TUG (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 6/13/1882, Anderson Hatfield; Disc. 8/8/1883 (papers to Red Bud (NA); Acc. to Rand McN. Atlas (1889) it was 6 miles se of Red Bud and by then mail was being delivered to Edgerton. It was probably above Edgerton (Delorme). Rev. Anderson Hatfield lived at the mouth of Hatfield Br., Blackberry Creek, several miles from the likely site of this po. But Devil Anse lived in W.Va. nr. Delorme. Could he have been this pm? Prop. name Berryville. 5/24 1882. Anderson Hatfield. 8 mi. ne of Peter PO. 5 mi. sw of Hatfield PO. 4 mi. w of Tug Fk., 5 mi. n. of Peter Creek. PO will be in a pvt. home. Not a vil. (Site Location Rept.)
TUNNEL ROCK (Pike Co., Ky): "On the lower part of Pond Creek there was once a battle between the whites and the Indians. Between the opponents was a large stone on a cliff, which was very steep on the side where the Indians were; and which extended from hill to hill, clear across the (then) narrow valley. The Indians climbed upon the cliff and shot several whites, but the latter could not ascend the rock because it was so steep on their side. This natural formation gave the Reds a big advantage over the Whites. Finally, after a battle of several strictly a folk legend, even a tally
days, the Whites took one of their number who had a very tough head, used him as a 'battering ram,' battered a passage way through the rock, and this gained for themselves a well-deserved victory over their enemy. This rock has since been called 'Tunnel Rock.'" (Jesse Dotson, one of the Pikeville Col. students who contributed to Folk Tales of the Cumberlands....)
TURKEY BR. OF KNOX CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Andrew Wolford acquired 50 acres here (1/28/5:
(Bk. 36, Box 322) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1836);
TURKEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Benj. Williamson II, son of pioneer Benj. and bro. of John, bought from John's heirs his Turkey Creek land and the area around the future hosp. and moved there with his family on 10/10/1871. (Maynard, "Hist. Notes" App. Xpr. 10/13/1977, P. B10:1-2); Turkey Creek was sold by the Williamsons to Lon Rogers. Rogers Park may have been named for him. DK why sp. on maps with a "d". Lon Rogers owned.... (Check on this) (R.B. Maynard, interview, 7/15/1989); Rogers Park was a park with a playground, picnic tables. Years ago. Gone now. Sold out and homes built. Was built by the Rogers coal interests. Now called Turkey Creek. The Turkey Creek PO
was 1st located on Tug Fk. Then moved up the creek. Thirty yrs. ago it was moved back down to Henderson Bldg., below the hosp. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989);
TURKEY CREEK (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Ter/kee Kreek") On US 119 nr. So. Williamson. (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); PO est. 11/9/1936; Disc. 10/15/1941 (mail to Williamson); Re-est. 11/26/1943... (APO); 6/16/1936 Ernest Runyon, pm. 5 mi. from Tug Fk. on Turkey Cr. 10 mi. from Road Fork PO. 2/9/1940 Lillian L. Shelton. PO moved 1 mi. n. of former site. 3/4 mi. from Tug Fk. 200 ft. s. of Turkey Creek. 3 mi. w. of Williamson PO. 7/25/1939, Ernest Runyon, 5 mi. from Tug Fk. 11/23/1943, Keither Wilson 1 mi. s. of Tug Fk. 100 ft. w. of Turkey Creek 3 mi. from Williamson PO. (Site Location Rept
TURKEY CREEK PO (Pike Co., Ky): On Turkey Creek until, after the 1977 flood, it was moved to S. Williamson, above the hospital. Fire destroyed the po bldg. last winter. Mail since going to Belfry. DK if closed the po or will. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/26/1989);
TURKEY CREEK PO (Pike Co., Ky): PO moved to a site betw. T.Cr. and the S. Williamson ARHos. but the bldg. burned in March 1989. The old Burris PO may have been at Turkey Creek. (Acc. to Bob Sweaney, interview, 4/19/1989);
Geo. W. Burris acquired 122 acres on Rockhouse Fk. of Big Creek, 1873 (Book 93, P. 306) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1060); Geo. Burris lived or Road Fk. of Big Creek in the late 19th cent. (Alley, Williamson Gen., 1962, P. 100);
BURRIS (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 11/25/1929, Mrs. Wildia B. Harris... (NA); M.T. Burris was reared in the Leslie Settlement on Johns Creek. Later moved down the river to Rockvill where he taught school. (Ely, The BSV, 1887, P. 26); M.T. Burriss of the Leslie settlement on Johns Creek was an early Pike Co. teacher, Disc. 1/15/1932 (mail to Williamson); PO on Turkey Creek, to serve a commu. called Turkey Creek. But can't locate it. Acc. to site repts, it's 4 rd. mi. from Williamson & 4 rd. mi. nw of Road Fk. PO; Could have been named for one or more area Burris families for several are listed as living on Big Creek in the 1910 Census;
TURKEY CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): John, the oldest son of Benjamin Williamson, pioneer settler of that section of the Tug Fk. R. that took in Williamson & S. Williamson, settled on Turkey Cr. and owned all of it and the site of lower S. Williamson. He drowned while trying to cross Tug Fk. R. by horse in high tide. He was ne 1797. His father, Benj., was born in Va. in 1779 and died in 6/1854. (Alden Williamson Genealogy by Jos. W. Alley, c1962, in KHS Libr., Pp. 31-2); After John's death, his br. Benj. bought his land from his heirs. (Ibid. p.32)
TURKEYPEN BR. OF INDIAN CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Benjamin Osborne had a lot fenced to keep lot of turkeys. (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, Ky., letter to me, 4/14/1989); A pen to catch wild turkeys. (C.E. Tackett, Wales, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989); Many wild turkeys were hunted there. (Goldie Benedict, Virgie, Ky., letter to me, 8/29/1989)
TURKEYPEN BRANCH of Indian Creek (Pike Co.)
(F735) 37°18'45" to 37°20'15" (lat), 82°38'15" to 82°39'15" (long); Named for abundance of wild turkeys in that vic. Local residents built turkey pens to catch the turkeys for food. (From research paper of Fon Tackett, principal of Geo. F. Johnson School, 10/15/74, acc.to Leonard Roberts); "Trapping wild turkeys was a favorite pasttime of the boys and men. Whenever the haunts of the turkeys were found some of the men or boys would go and build what was called a turkey pen. The pen was made of logs and covered. At the bottom, on one side, an opening, large enough to admit
a turkey was made. To bait them, grain was scattered around this opening.'" (Agnes Auxier, Ms. Hist. of the Auxier Family, qtd. by Scalf, KLF, P. 115);
TURKEY CREEK, formerly Turkeypen Fork of Big Creek (Pike Co., Ky): (check on this...)
Where early settlers built turkey pen.
"strewed corn or buckwheat to induce the wild turkeys to go through a small hole or trench under the bottom pole of the pen, when once they did go in they did not know how to get out." (sic) (R.J. Osborne, Pike Co. WPA ms.);
Named for the abundance of wild turkeys in the area when first settled.
(Mary R. Hunt, Phyllis, Ky., letter to me, 3/6/1989);
The TURKEYTOE Branches of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Alex'r. Murphy acquired 100 acres on right hand fork of Turkey Toe (surv. 8/26/1859) (Bk. 59, P. 92) and 360 acres on Blackberry Fork (8/28/59) (Bk. 59, P. 93) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1528); The branches in configuration resembles a turkey's toe. So aptly named. (Willard Blackburn, interview, 7/22/1989; and Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Turkeys had a roost at these forks. People would go there to hunt for them. (Dorothy Smith of Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interv., 8/26/89);
TURKEYFOOT (Pike Co., Ky): Shown on Matewan 15 min. top. map (1928) as located at the forks of Blackberry: where Left and Right Turkeytoe Branches meet; The Turkeytoe branches are named for the resemblance of their configuration to a turkey's foot. (Willard Blackburn, Burnwell, Ky., interview, 7/22/1989);
TURN HOLE HOLLOW (Pike Co.): Nr. the Levisa Fork of the BSR, "between Millard & Pikeville. "There the water was clear and beautiful and very deep. Fish were plentiful there as recently as 1930. Garfield and Richard Harrison Sowards caught many fine fish in 'Turn Hole' over the years." ("The Sowards Family" by Lois Sowards Coleman, PIKE COUNTY, KY. 1821-1980 HIST'L. PAPERS, NO. 4, (Pike Co. Hist'1. Soc., 1980, Pp. 6±30, 13); 5 mi. s. of Pikeville (1979-80); Turnhole Hol. is what is shown as John Hol. on the top. map. Owned by Charley Vanhoose. (Albert Bartley, interv. 9/23/1989) (check on this....);
"...in the river a hole turns all the time." Implies this was separate from John Hollow. (Cleo Huffman, Pikeville, Ky., letter, 9/28/1989);
28 BRIDGE (Pike Co., Ky): Where the C&O RR's Sandy Val. & Elkhorn Subdiv. tracks cross the Elkhorn Creek, c. ½ mi. ne of the Letcher Co. line and nearly a mile above the Shelby Gap PO. Extinct. DK why so called; flag stop named for its being the 28th bridge on the SV&E Ry. Located at the middle of the 3 "low clearance" rr bridges betw. Shelby Gap & the mouth of Marshalls Branch. (Everett N. Young, Pikeville, Ky., letter to me, 8/21/1989);
TURNIP BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): "Acc. to trad., a passing neighbor on horseback stopped momentarily to chat with the man who was living in a cabin on this site. Noticing the settler did not appear to be clearing the land for farming, the neighbor commented on it. The settler is said to have remarked that the land 'wasn't fit to grow anything on but turnips!' The neighbor laughed heartily and rode on, repeating the stories (sic) to others along the way. From then on, the hol. was referred to as 'Turnip Branch'." (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., in letter to me, 9/27/1989);
TWOMILE FORK (aka ROCKSPRING BRANCH) of Caney Fork of Johns Creek (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to the Harold 15 min. top. map (1916) it extended for 2 miles to join with Jim Cannon (now Gannon) Branch to form Caney Fork. A headfork of Caney. On 7½ min. (F78) top map, it is listed as Rockbridge Br. and extends for 1 miles. I dont yet know why the n.ch. [scribbled notes: to join Stratum Br.]
UNISON (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 1/4/1883, Wm D. Bentley; 4/17/1883, Thos. B. Campbell; Disc. 2/17/1885 (papers to Fish Trap) (NA); Could this have been a corruption of the given name Unisia or Unicy? Unisia (or Unicy or Eunice) Hamilton (.7/6/1852-.4/4/1894) daughter of Jesse Hamilton & Pheny (Hall) Hamilton. Married Kenas Farrow Sword on 2/15, 1874; Acc. to Postal Route map, 1884, it was just below the mouth of Shelby Creek, on the bank of the Levisa, 4 mi. ese of Pikeville & 5 mi. wnw of Powells Mills PO; Acc. to Marie R. Justice, it probably was named for Eunice Hamilton since the Swords lived on Island Cr. in the area of the po. Jesse Hamilton was a Floyd Co. Hamilton. (Letter, 3/29/89):
UNISON PO (Pike Co., Ky); Prop. name Cloey (sic) 12/4/1882 W. R. Bentley. On Chloe Cr. and 1 mi. e of BSR (Site Location Rept.);
UPPER ELK (Pike Co., Ky): coal camp (?)
UPPER JOES CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST (Pike Co., Ky): c. 11/1979;
UPPER PEN FORK OF ? (Pike Co., Ky): Absalom Thacker acquired 50 acres here (11/30/1859) (Bk. 62, P. 333) (Jillison, 1971, P. 1748);
FORMERLY OWNED BY TOM SANDERS. (EDGAR MOORE, 11/1/1974, VIA LEONARD ROBERTS); EXTENDS C. 3 MI. SE TO ELKHORN CREEK, C. 1 MI. E. OF HYLTON, ALONG KY. 197. THIS NAME HAS BEEN KNOWN LOCALLY FOR AT LEAST 30 YRS. AND USED TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM LOWER PIGEON BR. WHICH JOINS THE CREEK FROM THE VA. SIDE, IN NE DIR. ABOUT A MILE BELOW. NOT CALLED MERELY PIGEON BR. WHICH APPEARS IN AN OLD TOP. MAP. (BGN DETERMINATION 1964); PROBABLY NAMED FOR PIGEONS SEEN ROOSTING THERE, FIRST AT LOWER PIGEON, THEN THEY CAME UP HERE. (ACC. TO AMPLE SANDERS CALHOUN, RETIRED TCHR. WHO LIVES ON THE HIGHWAY, NR. THE MOUTH OF THE CREEK. INTERVIEW, 11/1/1991).
Isaac Moore acquired 100 acres on Pigeon Creek (surv. 2/17/1843) (Bk. 14, P. 208) and another 50 acres on same (surv. 2/16/43) (Bk. 14, P. 213) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1513) as well as other land on Elkhorn Creek and Cumb. Mt. in the 1840s and 1850s, incl. Old House Br. i 1846 (Ibid.).
Vanover Branch of Shelby Creek (Pike Co., Ky) Named for an old lady, Granny Vanover, a midwife. (Chas. F. Moore, Shelby Gap, Ky., letter to me, 3/21/1989); John Vanover acquired 50 acres on Elkhorn Creek 7/31/54 (Bk. 42, P. 656) and Leander Vanover acquire 40 acres on Pigeon Br. 10/10/82 (Bk. 106, P. 244) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1775); Wm. Vanover acquired 78 acres on Three Mile Fk. of Shelby Cr. 7/4/1873 (Bk. 93, P. 502) (Jillson, P. 1775); also 100 acres on Shelby Cr. 1/3/55, Bk. 46, P. 444 (Ibid.); Named for a large family. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/89);
VANOVER HOLLOW (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°12'45" (Lat.) 82°32'30" (Long); Trib. of Pigeon Creek. Named Huffy John Vanover, early settler. (Chas. F. Moore, 11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); John Vanover acquired 50 acres on Elkhorn Cr. 7/31/1854 (Bk. 42, P. 656) and Leander Vanover acquired 40 acres on Pigeon Branch 10/10/82 (Bk. 106, P. 244) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1775); Paris R. Vanover acquired 126 acres on Laurel Br. 10/7/1883 (Bk. 106, P. 496) (Ibid.).
VARNEY (Floyd County, Ky.) Named by the 1st pm for himself. (Acc. to Henry P. Scalf, personal interview at his home, 4/21/1971); (pron. "V(ah)r/nee" Lots of Varneys live in the Tug River section. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 4/6/1904, Wm. L. Varney... (NA); On the Left Hand Fork of Brushy Creek. Named for Larkin Varney, a local resident. (R.B. Maynard, McCombs, Ky. in a letter to me, 7/4/1979); Named for Wm. L. Varney. The po is current. (Ibid., letter to me, 7/26/1979); PO on the Left Fk. of Brushy Fk. of Johns Cr., 11 mi. nne of Pikev. Named by and for its 1st pm, Wm. Larkin Varney (Book, Pp. 303-04);
VARNEY PO (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name was Pauley. (Site Location Report);

The county's Varney progenitors were John & Eliz. Hunter Varney who were wed in Rockcastle Co., Va. in 1792. They later settled in Pike Co. of Mrs. Pricy (Varney) Kimberlain, Box 19 Forest Hills, Ky., who is revising the family history. (App. Expr. 12/1/1977, P. B5:1-2);
VARNEY BR. OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky):
Given as Bill Williams Br. on Williamson 15
min. top. map, 1915;
John & Nicholas Varney owned the land in the vicinity of the school. It was probably their heirs that deeded the ground to the School Board. The school was named for the family. Ira Varney was Nicholas' son. He moved to the mouth of Churchhouse Branch. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989);
VENTERS (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name Cedar Port
5/20/1882 Adam Venters, PM 4 mi. e. of Powells Mills. 7 mi. from Lookout. 4 1/2 mi. from Fishtrap. 1/4 mi. e. of Marrowbone Creek, on s. side of Russell Fk. On Russell Fk. (Site Location Report); "I seriously doubt if the Venters PO and the one at Regina were ever the same. The po was Carman (not Carmen) spelled this way because it stood for a (railroad)'car man.' The train stop was Venters, while the creek was Dry Fork." (Paul E. Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989);
In 1918, the Carmen PO was on Marrowbone Cr. and the rr tracks, pet. by Mary K. Ratliff to be located 317 ft. s. of C&O tracks, 60 ft. s. of Marrowbone Cr., 610 yrd. sw of Venters & 3 mi. ne of the Lookout PO; On 7/31/1939 Hattie C. Sterling (then pm) pet. for move to a pt. 330 ft. n. of the rr sta. at Venters and 165 ft. from the creek, 1 1/2 rd. mi. e. of Rockhouse PO, and 3 rd. mi. s. of Regina PO (Site Location Reports); i.e. Carmen po served the Venters rr sta. & commu.);
CARMEN (Pike Co.): PO named by 1st pm, Willie Ratliff, for a daughter. c. 5 mi. up Marrowbone Creek. (Source: Nora Coleman Justice, 87 to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); po est. 4/30/1910, Mary K. Ratliff; 5/25/11, Hattie Coleman... (NA); Acc. to Judith Wilson of Lincoln, Neb. (letter to me, 4/26/82), she was told by Leonard Roberts of his interview with Judge Ed Venter who said "There was a group of families including his grandfather who was there from about 1850, and the little cluster of people just got a p.o. and they named it Venters."

CARMEN PO, closed 5/31/1942 (m. to Pikeville)
The CARMEN PO had only one site and it was at Venters. In George Coleman's store. Hattie Coleman married C.B. Sterling. Her family ran the po during its entire tenure. (Albert Bartley, interv., 9/23/1989);
CARMEN PO (Pike Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census Willie E. Ratliff (24) and his wife Mary (26) were teachers. They lived with their one child, a daughter, Carmen (nee 1909); Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. was nee 1862 and his wife, Mary C. was nee 1861 and no Carmen-so these were obviously a different Wm. & Mary couple;
VENTERS (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet with dpo is centered on Ky. 195, at the mouth of Lick Br. of Marrowbone Cr...10 mi. sse of Pike. The po was est. 7/10/1882 and named for its 1st pm Adam Venters, who owned most of the area at that time. The po was disc. in 1894 and re-est. 4/20/1910 as Carmen by Willie Ratliff who named it for his daughter. (Book, P. 304); Acc. to 1884 Postal Route map, it was midway (6 mi.) betw. Praise & Lookout (i.e. ne of Lookout), at ca. mouth of Marrowbone;
VENTERS (Pike Co.): (pron. "V(eh)n/terz")
Named for Adam Venters who owned most of the area. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977);
op est. 7/10/1882, Adam Venters...2/18/86, Ja: Venters; 7/10/1890, Geo. W. Venters...Disc. 8/28/94 (mail to Bass) (NA); Named for Adam Venters, an employee of the C&O, who helped to est. a station here. c. 4 mi. up Marrowbone Creek. (Source: Nora Coleman Justice, 87, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Adam Venters acquired land o Big Right Fk. of Harless Creek (1/16/89) (Bk. III, P. 362) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1778);
*(Pike County, Ky.) p.o. est. 8/11/1922 with James D. Anderson, 1st p.m. (Acc. to the Nat'l Archives); Disc. 7/15/1936 (mail to Fishtrap): May have been on Morgan Fk. of Levisa, c. ½ mi. from the river. (Bob Sweaney, 12/15/1988);
5/8/1922 Jas. David Anderson. Prop. name Andy Bend. 1000 ft. from Levisa Fk. and 1200 ft. from Morgans Creek. (Site Location Report);
Jas. D. Anderson (32) with wife Rachel (33) lived in the Grapevine ED. No mention of any children named Vi, Viola, or Violet (1910 Census);
VI BRANCH OF BRUSHY FORK (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Just above Adams Hol. (q.v.)
located on any map.
VIRGIE (Pike Co.) (F189sw) (#121-378) 
37°20' (Lat), 82°35' (Long); Named for Virgie Ratliff, daughter of the 1st pm. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "V(ih)r/djee") Named for Virgie Johnson. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. as Clintwood, 4/3/1890, J.M.J. Damron; ch. to Virgie, 5/14/90, Jas. M.J. Damron; Disc. 1/31/1891 (papers to Robinsons Creek); Re-est. 2/26/92, John Hopkins... (NA); (Named-for-an-old-couple-that-ran-the-po-years aged-Jee-and-Naney) One of the earlier settlers was W.O.B. (Butler) Ratliff, a merchant & logger who had a daughter named Virgie. She was nee 1876. In the summer of 1889 a po was
est. there and named for her....Ratliff's grandson, Sid Ratliff, lives in Pikeville (c1968). J.M. "Matt" Damron was the 1st pm and Mrs. W.O.B. Ratliff was his asst. The post was in a home on the present site of G.F. Johnson's home. G.F. Johnson, Sr. donated the land for the local schoolhouses. The 1st coal mine in the vic. was opened by the Rogers Bros. c. 1917....(T.P. by Sylvia Newsome for an English course, Virgie H.S. c1968 or earlier. Sent to me by Fred W. Cox school's principal, 2/28/1969);
VIRGIE (Pike Co.): Virginia Lee Ratliff and Albert Sidney Ratliff were children of Judge Wm. Orlando Butler Ratliff, Pike Co. lawyer, judge, and timber dealer. WOBR was a Pike Co. sheriff from 1886-8 and county judge 1902-06. ASR was a lawyer & Pikev. businessman, ne 1878. Practiced law in Pikew. 1900-1915; thenceforth got involved in coal mining operations as sec. of the Keel Coal Co.... WOBR's dates=1844-1908. Nothing more said about Virginia Lee Ratliff.... (Kozee, 1961, Pp. 572-3)
W.O.B. Ratliff was the grandson of General Ratliff, a Pike Co. sheriff. General was the son of the Pike Co. Ratliff progenitor, James Ratliff who had arr. there c. 1800. (P. 97) (Ely, The BSV, 1887);
VIRGIE (Pike Co.): Named for Virgie Ratliff, highly respected sister of A.S. Ratliff of Pikeville. (Source: Catherine Ratliff of Pikeville, to a student, name not given, of Pikev. Coll., 12/14/1970, for Leonard Roberts "This vil. with po is on Ky. 610 (old US23), 9 mi. sse of Pikev. The po, est. as Clintwood on 4/3/1890 with Jas. M. Damron, pm, shortly assumed the name of the 14 yr. old daughter of W.O.B. Ratliff, a Pikeville lawyer & timber dealer." (Book-P. 306);
WALES P.O. (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name was Mollie (Site Location Report); Named by James Anderson for Wales, Tenn. (Lois Halstead, Indian Creek, Virgie P.O., Ky., letter to me, 4/14/1989); It was shown on 1916 Pikeville 15 min. top. map as at the mouth of Turkeypen Br. of Indian Creek; Mollie was a daughter of Henry C. Akers; she was nee 5/1891 (1900 Census);
WALES (Pike Co.) (F735) 37°20'15"(Lat), 82°38'30"(Long); Named for a small town in Tenn and proposed by local resident, Jim Anderson. The Tennessee town was named for Wales in Engl. (Acc. to research paper of Fon Tackett, prin. of Geo. F. Johnson Sch., 10/15/1974, from Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Wälz") (Eva Powell, 8/16/1977); po est. 4/21/1904, Willard Akers, order of est. rescinded 9/16/1904; 12/28/1907, Henry C. Akers...(NA); "Hamlet with recently disc. po is on Ky. 122 & Indian Creek, just above the mouth of Turkeypen Br., 10½ mi. ssw o: Pikev. The po was est. 12/28/1907...At the sug-gestion of local resi. Jim Anderson, it was named for a small com. in Giles Co., Ten., whic is said to have been named for (Wales in Engl.) "...
WALES (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. at the mouth of Turkeypen and later moved to C.E. Tackett's store. Tackett's Gro. above the Enterprise Chu. and on n. side of the rd. Willis Tackett was pm for 23 yrs. and was succeeded by C.E. (Curt) Tackett 8/1934 to 11/1975 when it closed. Jim Anderson, Willis Tackett, Ivy Tackett, Grant Martin, Steve Osborne est. it and decided on name but dk why. (C.E. Tacket of Wales, Ky., interview, 7/29/1989);
LOWER WALES SCHOOL (Pike Co.) (F735)
37°19'30" (lat), 82°38'45" (Long); Est. 1932 and disc. 1967. Fon Tackett was last tchr. On Turkey Pen of Indian Creek. At the mouth of Turkey Pen Branch, a log bldg. (Leonard Roberts);

Before 1932, local children attended a one-room sch.
UPPER WALES SCHOOL (Pike Co. (F735))
37°20'30" (Lat), 82°39'15" (Long); Est. 1932 & disc. 1967. Last tchr=Hurshell Tackett. (Acc. to Fon Tackett, who has researched on names and places of that area, 10/15/1974, from Leonard Roberts);
WALKERS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Samuel T. Walker was that family's Johns Cr. progenitor. He was a hunter and a blacksmith. (Ely, THE BSV, 1887, P. 150); Named for Wm. Alex'r. (Bud) Walker who lived there. (Gene Leslie, Johns Creek, letter to me, 5/6/1989); cf Julie (Mrs. Tom) Burchett, Sycamore Creek, a genealogist, for this feature. (R.B. Maynard interview, 7/15/1989); Named for Gordy Walker's folks. He only recently died. (RB Maynard, interview, 8/5/1989); In 1860 Walkers lived nr. Thos. P. May, Pharmer Lesley, Blankenships, Porters, etc. on Johns Creek;
One mi. above Gulnare. Named for a local family. Gordy Walker died some 12-15 years ago, in his 90s. This may have been named for his father. (Troy T. Lowe, Gulnare, Ky., interview, 8/8/1989);
Gordon Walker (ne 2/1874) lived between Jas. Walker (8/45) & wife Mary (12/44) and Wm. Collins (ne 5/44) and near A.J. Walker (5/79) and near several Scalf(s), Nunery(s), Blackburn(s), Lowe(s) (1900 Census); James M. Walker (14) was son of Amy Walker (50), a widow. (1860 Census) No Walker in the 1850 Census; but in 1850 there was a Henry W. Walker (19), a carpenter, who lived near Thos. P. May, Alle & Pharmer Lesley, Martin Lesley, James Elkins Edmond Clark, etc. In 1870, Oney Walker (nee Va. and age 60) was living with son Sam'l. (20 etc. between Farmer Leslie (67) and Hawkins F Jackson & near Stephen A. Deskins (31, ne Va)
Wm. Dawson, surveyor (53), and not far from James M. Walker (24);
McCONNELL'S BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Pike Co.): a west bank trib. not shown on any 20th cent. map. Is shown on the Burriss ms. map of the Johns Creek system, mid 19th cent. as betw. Martin's (now McCombs) Br. and Brushy Run. Pharmer Leslie acquired land on this branch in 1843. (Jillson, 1971, P. 1444); This is identified as Walkers Br. on 20th cent. published maps;
WAR FORK OF BIG CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Henry Smith acquired 100 acres here (1/22/1859) (Bk. 59, P. 107) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1705);
WEDDINGTON BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (of the Big Sandy River) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the Weddington family of Pike Co. Their progenitors were Henry and Jacob, brothers. From Russell Co., Va. to Shelby Creek, 1790. Henry was a merchant who died 1836 and was buried on Shelby Creek. A son, William Weddington, settled 7 miles below Pikeville. Wm. was born in 1807 and died 1878. Served in the Union Army. He was a Pike Co. Ct. Judge. (KOZEE, EARLY FAMILIES, 1973, Pp. 801-4)
WEDDINGTON BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pike Co.): Named for one of its early settlers, Henry Weddington, c. 1800. He was a young man and married in this county, c. 1801. He came there maybe '1797/8. His family owned a lot of real estate around there. (Henry P. Scalf, interview, 5/28/1971); Jacob Weddington acquired 200 acres on Weddington Branch (2/7/1845) (Bk. 18, P. 178) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1797);
Acc. to the late Clay Wade Bailey, a descendant, the Weddingtons did not settle first on Shelby Creek, but Jacob (one of the two brothers) settled nr. the present Coal Run and his bro. Henry settled on Johns Creek. Jacob later moved to Elliott Co. where he died. Judge Wm. Weddington was the son of Henry, or he may have been the son of John T. Weddington who was son of Jacob. Wm. H. was ne 7/16/1842. Jacob's dates=1776-1869. (From data by Mrs. Edgar A. Lowe, Rt. 1, Box 120, Rex, Ga. to Henry P. Scalf, "Floyd Co. Hist'l. Notes" Pp. 4-5 of Pp. 1-54 in KY. KINFOLK, 9/1974 pub. by Clarence Shepherd, Dayton, O., in Pikev. P.L.);
Henry & Jacob Weddington, bros., from Va. as boys in 1790. Orig. a NC family. Henry became a merchant. Jacob was a farmer and stock trader. Henry and his wife Eliz. (nee Garrel) were wed 1800. Had 2 sons James & Wm. Wm. was judge and father of Robert M. Weddington. The Weddingtons first settled on Shelby Cr. and Henry died 1836 and was buried there. Judge Wm. lived 7 mi. below Pikev. and died in 1878. (Wm. Ely, THE BSV, 1887, Pp. 151-3)
WHITE BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK (of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) Pike Co., Ky): Where the Speight PO is. Named for a local family. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
WHITES BRANCH (not given but probably in the Long Fork of Shelby Creek system, Pike Co.): Not given in Field's GUIDE. Named for early settlers who came here from central Ky., looking for salt licks. (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts);
WHITE OAK BRANCH OF BUFFALO CREEK (Pike Co., Ky) assumes it was named for the trees because they were very thick in that val. And assumes it was named early. (Henry P. Scalf, interview 5/28/1971); Given as 2 words on 7½ min. top. maps but as one word on 15 min. Harold map, 1915;
WHITE POST (Pike Co., Ky): po est. 1/29/1878, Wallace J. Williamson...Disc. 1/15/84 (p. to Mouth of Pond); Re-est. 4/10/1884, Wm O'Brien...(still in operation by 1930) (NA); White Post was on Big Creek, over 1 1/2 mi. s. of its confl. with Tug Fk. R. (Williamson 15 min. top map, 1915); by 12/1/1895 it had become Whitepost... Disc. 10/15/1936 (mail to Nolan, WV) (NA); 1st located across the Tug Fk. from Nolan, WV. When Willie Bevins became pm (after 1905) it was moved to its site (1 1/2 mi.) up Big Creek. DK origin of name (Dorcas Hobbs, 2/7/1989) confirmed by Clyde Runyon, 2/11/89 who didn't know origin of the name; no Willie Bevins listed as pm in post. book 1875-1936.
WHITE POST (Pike Co., Ky): 3/3/1884 Wm. O'Brien, pm. ½ mi. w of Tug Fk. & on e. side of Big Creek. Whitepost 1/2/1899 W.A. Harris ½ mi. s. of Tug Fk., 300 yards e. of Big Cr., ½ mi. from Nolan PO. 1/16/1905 Sarah Ann Stepp. Moved po 1 mi. s. to a site 1½ mi. from Tug Fk. on the w. bank of Big Creek. 3/23/1917 Sarah Ann Stepp. 100 yards e. of Big Creek, 1½ mi. from state line & 1½ mi. from Nolan PO. (Site Location Report);
WHITT BRANCH OF ROAD FORK (of Pond Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): A mile below Pauley Hol. The 1st right hand hol. up the Road Fork. Now Sharon Heights, a subdivision. Named for a Mr Whitt. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
WIDOWS BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Peter Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Named for the widows Mary (Polly) Charles and Eliz. (Lester) Charles. Eliz. was widow of Michael Charles. Mary was widow of Sam'l. Hurley, son of John & Charlotte (Sansom) Hurley. Sam'l. is said to have died in the CW. By 1870 Mary & children were living with Eliz. who was also widowed by then, and also by 1880, on Right Peter. Eliz. was listed as head of household. Shortly thereafter they moved to what was to be called Widows Br. for them. Eliz. died soon thereafter. (....) (Geraldine Davenport, letter, 9/27/1989);
WIDOWS BRANCH MT. (Pike Co., Ky): Betw. Widows Br. of Left Peter Creek and Turkey Br. of Knox Creek. Used to be aka Low Gear Mt. "because it was so steep, people driving over had to drive in low gear. The road has since been upgraded--a little!" (Geraldine F. Davenport, Huntsville, Ala., letter to me, 9/27/1989);
WILL NEWSOM BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): ¼ mi. above Andy Akers Br. and ¼ miles below Newsom (Phenia) Branch. Named for the son of Davenport and bro. of Robert Newsom. (Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, Ky interview, 7/29/1989);
WILLARD TACKETT BRANCH (of ?) (Pike Co., Ky): G.W. Tackett acquired 8 acres here (3/19/1915) (Bk. 124, P. 345) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1742);
WILLIAM MULLINS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): A Shelby Creek trib. but location unknown. Acc. to Pike Co. Deed Book A (1820-1828), Booker Mullins deeded land on this creek to Joshua Mullins and this act was witnessed by Wm. Tackitt (sic) and Thos. Johnson;
WILLIAMS BR. OF FERGUSON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for a local family. James Williams, son of Achilles ("Kill") and Melinda Williams, Pikeville residents, moved his family here in the 1920s. Jos. & Ben were his bros. Kill was age 38 acc. to 1880 Census. Melinda Rd. off Lower Chloe, just above the 1st Christian Chu, was named for her. (David & Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
WILLIAMS BR. OF POND CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): DK who named for. A lumber co. built a tram road paralleling this branch to the head of Johns Creek. (Clyde Runyon, 2/11/1989); Geo. Stump acquired 140 acres on William Williams Branch (8/8/1878) (Bk. 98, P. 153) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1739); Named for a local family that is still there. (Stearl Hatfield, interview, 8/12/1989); Named for Floyd Williams. (Johnny White, local storekeeper, interview, 9/2/89);
William Williams acquired land on Johns Creek in the 1820s and 1830s. No Eli mentioned. (....) (Jillson, I, 1971, P. 767);
WILLIAMSON BRANCH OF LONG FORK (of Big Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Could this have been named for Benj. (Piddler Ben) Williamson (who marr. Esther Bevins), the prop. of a steam mill at the upper end of Long Fork of Big Creek? (Mentioned in Alley, P. 78);
WILLIAMSON CEMETERY (Pike Co., Ky): On the right side of Lawson Branch of Johns Creek, 5 miles above Meta. John & Elender Williamson lived and were buried here. (Alley, P. 93);
WINNS BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Pike Co., Ky)
Oliver Winn acquired 108 acres from John Rogers (Ky. Deed Book A, p. 187) in 1805. Winn was from Tazewell Co., Va. In 1820 he deeded 108 acres to Barnabus Johnson (Floyd Co. Deed Book A, p. 233). So the assumption is that the branch was named for him. (Faye H. Burke, Pikeville, Ky, letter to me, 5/16/1989). Johnson lived on this branch. "There is no record of Oliver Winn ever having lived on the property." (Ibid.); Given as Wynn's Br. of Raccoon Creek, 1852, in land grant book. (Jillson, 1971, p. 1107);
WINSTONS CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): Named for Winston Adkins, son of Steve Adkins, a Pike Co. pioneer. Steve was the son of Wm. Adkins, a Rev. War vet. Extends for about 1½ mi. e., then ne to Russell Fk., ½ mi. above Winwright Sta. and 2 miles below (nw of) Regina PO. (Source: Scalf) (Acc. to Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); Winston Adkins ne c. 180; in Va. Married Hannah, and they were parents of Winright Adkins (q.v.-Winwright Sta). They lived nr. the Hamilton's Store PO. Acc. to the 1860 US Census of Pike Co.; named for Winston Adkins. (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989);
WINWRIGHT (Pike Co.): Named for Winwright Adkins, Virginian, who had settled there. Across the river from US 460, c. 3 mi. above Millard. (Source: O.K. Long, 63, to Arthur L. Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Named for Winright Adkins, acc. to his gt. granddaughter, Irene Spears, in a letter to Blanche Branham, 1/27/1981, and sent to me, by Mrs. Branham, on 2/20/1981); Winwright Station (sic), a sta. on the C&O RR which provided pass. serv: Not a community, merely a sta. (Jack Sykes in letter to Mrs. Branham, 1/27/1981....)
WINWRIGHT Adkins was the son of Henry & Eliz. (Thacker) Adkins who were married in 1824 in Pike Co. He was their oldest child and was born and raised on Greasy Creek. (JUSTICE-THACKER, A PICTORIAL HIST., writer compiled & edited by Paul W. Chaney & Glen E. Adkins, 1980, P. 83);

Named for Winwright Adkins, son of Winston. Acc. to Winwright's grandson, Fred Co (ex Prin. of Virgie H.S.), Winwright killed the unknown soldier buried on the roadside to/the Breaks. He served in the Confed. arm Informant's mother also told her that Winwright had killed the soldier. His grave is on the road just before the Va. state line. .... (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977)
Winston & Winright Adkins were sons of Henry Sr. and Eliz. (Hutchins) Adkins. Winright was born c. 1775 and married Lucy Thacker in Pittsylvania Co., Va. He arr. in Ky. between 1815 and 1820. Had a land grant on Greasy Cr. in Pike Co. He had a son Winston ne 1805 in Va. who married Hannah Coleman of Pike Co. in 1823. Winright died c. 1854 and is buried at the Adkins Cem. at Winright. (sic) (Eldon J. May, "App. Anc." col. in the Pikev. App. News Express; 11/23/1984, II, P. 1:1-3); (thus the Winright of Winright Sta. was the grandson of the above Winright and gt. grandson of Henry, Sr.;
Winright (sic) Adkins, age 23, acc. to 1860 Census of Pike Co. Son of Winston Adkins, a Virginia-born farmer, age 55 and his wife, Hannah. Winright was born in Kentucky and was then living with his parents nr. the Hamilton Store PO. There were at least two other Winwright Adkins(es) (sic) living in the vic. of this po, acc. to the 1860 Census.
Another Winright Adkins was born 1825, son of Henry & Betsy Thacker Adkins and grandson of Winright. Marr. Sarah Boney. (May, _op. cit._)
WOLF FORK OF BRUSHY RUN (of Johns Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): (John-May-acquired-50-acres)
Thomas P. May acquired 5 acres on Wolf Pen Fk. of Brushy Run (surv. 7/2/1860) (Bk. 60, P. 424) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1478);
WOLFPEN BRANCH (of Left Fork) (Pike Co.) (F735 37°16' (Lat), 82°39' (Long); Named for the pen there to catch wolves that was built by the owner, Wm. Johnson. The wolves were eating his livestock. (Acc. to Frances Sowards, 10/16/1977 from Leonard Roberts); Wolfpen Hollow on Long Fork. Named for the large number of wolves that denned here. (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, for Leonard Roberts); "Where my gt. grandfather Wm. Johnson had a wolf pen to catch wolves." (Frances Sowards, letter to me, 3/4/1989);
WOLFPEN BRANCH OF LEFT FORK (of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Pike Co., Ky): Wm. Johnson, Jr. built a pen in here to catch wolves that were troubling his livestock. 19th cent. (Frances Sowards, Etty, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);
WOLFPEN BRANCH OF ROAD FORK (of Brushy Fork of Johns Creek) (Pike Co, Ky): Jos. Ray acquired 25 acres on this, surv. 10/27/1903 (Bk. 121, P. 19) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1622);
WOLF PEN FORK OF HURRICANE Creek (Pike Co., Ky): (F78) Henry Keathley acquired 100 acres here, surv. 10/12/1857 (Bk. 57, P. 398) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1412);
WOLFPIT (Pike Co.): (Pron. "Woolf/p(ih)t")
Acc. to Shirley Looney, Oma Coleman Johnson's father had told her that his father and he dug wolf pits there to trap the large no. of wolves in that section that were preying on the livestock. In giving directions, people would refer to such landmarks as wolfpits, etc. Hence it became a commonplace name. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 7/19/1918, Warren R. Kaley, declined; 1/16/1919, Ernest R. Nestor. Disc. eff. 1/31/1930-? (Mail to Regina) (NA); On Marrowbone Creek, below Hellier. Spelled two words. Coal mine town. By c1954, mines in area had closed and pop. had returned to farming for living. Broad bottom at that point. Had a country store then. (Gerald Griffin, "Plundere
WOLFPIT (Pike Co.): c 3 mi. up Marrowbone Cr.
Earlier called Cedar for a large cedar tree there. Renamed for the large infestation of wolves. (Source: J.M. Johnson, 94, to Arthur L Long, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); Cedar po was est. 12/18/1874, Henry E. Coleman...Disc. 10/31/1881 (NA);

A large mining camp in the 1930s. Years before the camp was est., several trappers built a pen to trap the wolves who were killing their hogs, sheep, and other livestock. The place soon came to be called Wolfpen. (sic) (Myrtle Kelley, one of the Pikev. Col. students who contributed to Folk Tales of the Cumberlands, mimeo. booklet, n.d., n.p.) (check: is she talking of Wolfpen or Wolfpit?)...
WOLFPIT (Pike Co., Ky): Mining camp. Was originally Wolf Pen, named for the capture of a wolf by an old settler. (Paul Ratliff, Rockhouse Creek, letter to me, 6/13/1989);
WOLFPIT (Pike Co., Ky): "This hamlet & former coal town with dpo is on Ky. 195, at the mouth of Wolfpit Br. of Marrowbone Cr., 9 mi. sse of Pikev. The stream for which it was named is said to have been named in turn for the pits dug there to trap the large number of wolves that used to prey on local livestock. The Wolfpit po was est. on 1/16/1919 and Ernest R. Nestor was the 1st pm." (Book- P. 323);
WOLFPIT CREEK (Pike Co., Ky): "My grandfather Coleman, he owned all of Wolfpit at this time. His name was John Coleman. Grandpa would sit and tell us how Wolfpit got its name many of times. This was back in 1860s. And these people would go to the head of creek and they had built pens at the mouth of the creek. They would drive these wolves out of the creek into the pen to capture 'em. That's how the creek got its name. There were only horse trails to get there. They traced them wolves out with their horses. If the wolves got a chance they would bite the horses on the legs.
This pit was made out of logs. This would usually happen in the fall. They'd be gangs of 'em he said. I don't remember exactly what he said they did with 'em. I guess they used 'em for food and clothing.

(Source: Mrs. Richard C. Parsons, Millard, Ky. ne Wolfpit Creek, on how Wolfpit Creek got its name, in "Pike Co. Tales: Interviews by Teresa Coleman", a stud. of L. Roberts, Pikeville Coll. O.H. interviews, She's from Millard, Ky. in CUMBERLANDS, Vol. 15 (1), Spring 1978, Pp. 22-5, 24);
WOODMAN (Pike Co.): (pron. "Wood/man"). The Ritter Lumber Co. had its headquarters there. (Eva Powell, interview, 8/16/1977); po est. 10/9/1908, Wheeler Blankenship...(NA) The W.M. Ritter Lumber Co. of Huntington, WV. had a planing mill at Woodman. This was a mill vil. at which the firm maintained office a store and a p.o. (Hannibal Albert Compton, LOOKING BACK ONE HUNDRED YEARS: A Brief Stor of Buchanan Co. & Its People, c.1958, P. 29) (at Pikev. City Libr.) The W.M. Ritter Co. was later a part of the Georgia Pacific Corp. The Ritter Co. had a planing mill at Lower Elk, Ky.; Woodman is at the mouth of Lower Elk Fk. of Knox Creek;
WOODMAN (Pike Co., Ky): Prop. name Wheeler. Wheeler Blankenship, pm. 6/1908. 2½ mi. e of Argo, 3½ mi. w of Tug Fk., 90 ft. from Knox Creek, 17 ft. from Big Sandy & Cumb. RR. 2/16, 1909, Wheeler B. 60 ft. from Knox Cr. 2/22/17, C.L. Daugherty, to serve commu. called Lower Elk, 100 ft. from Tug Fk. (sic), 500 ft. from Lower Elk Creek. 10/24/1927, Wheeler B. Now commu. is known as Woodman too. 2½ mi. from Tug Fk., 20 ft. from Knox Cr. Move 40 rods f from old site, to Wheeler's store. 6/24/1939 R.L. Varney. 2000 ft. by air & road to Mingo Co. line. Woodman has its own rr sta. on N&W 300 ft. w. of Knox Cr. 25 ft. n. of Lower Elk Cr. (Site Location Rept.)
7/24/1939, R.L. Varney. 1700 ft. ne of rr sta
9/7/45, Earl L. Justice. Moved 1320 ft. 3, 40
ft. s of Lower Elk Cr., 3060 ft. e of N&W Ry.
sta. 3/1/1946, R.L. Varney. Moved 1/3 mi
nw, ½ mi. s. of Tug R. and 50 ft. s. of Lower
Elk Creek. (Ibid.);
YARDLEY (Pike Co., Ky): Probably a coal camp in the Orinoco area. Probably used the Orinoco po. (c.1936) (WPA);
YEAGER (Pike Co., Ky) PO est. 9/10/1899, Arthur W. Steelman; 5/4/1901, Wm. B. Steelman ...(NA) (DPO) On Little Creek, just e. of US 23 and 2 miles below (ene of) the Robinson Creek po; Disc. 3/31/1956 (m. to Pikeville); Not a local name. Was it named for an early coal operator? (Marie Justice, 3/25/1989); 2/18/1909, Adam Damron, 50 yds. from Shelby Creek, 3 4/ mi. ne of Rob Cr. PO and 5 mi. s. o Shelby PO. 1/11/1913 A.B. Call, 4 mi. s. o BSR, 200 yds. e. of Shelby Cr., 3 3/4 mi. e. of Rob Cr. PO, 350 yds. e. of SV&E RR tracks. 8/1/1939, ABC, Yeager Sta. (C&O) 340 yds. e. of rr sta. 150 yds. se of Shelby Cr., 50 yds.
sw of Little Cr. 2½ mi. n. of Rob Cr. PO, 5 mi s. of Shelbiana.  7/12/1948 Mrs. Carla Kinney, serves commu. of Sookeys & Little Creek. 200 yrd.s. e. of US23/119. No longer rr sta. at Yeager. 350 ft. e. of Little Creek, 1½ mi. n. of Rob Cr. PO. (Site Location Report); OK why (Low. Newsom, Oral Robert Brantham, 7/29/89); No Arthur & Wm. Steelman listed in 1880-1910 Censuses; Informant thinks it might have been named for Alex'r. Yeager, not local, pre-coal and maybe connected with rr. (Albert Bartley, interview, 9/23/1989);
YORKTOWN (Pike Co., Ky):  James M. York ne Dec. 1847 in Ky. was Pike Co. judge in 1900. Check: could community have been named for him? Inc. c. 1959 to prevent annexation by Pikeville. cf Joan Johnson, a resident. (c. 1984); Now a part of Pikeville. Named for the family of Judge York's son, Charley, who owned it and lived there ca. 50 yrs. ago. Charley's son, Bill, owned York Furn. store in the 1930s. The judge, a lawyer, may have owned prop. there too. Johnson Mem'l. Cem. there and York Cem. on the river above Y'town. (Marie & David Justice, 3/25/1989); James M. York, a lawyer, lived in Pike. Mentioned in 1910 Census as age 62. Son Charles York, a merchant, was age 30 in 1910. Charley's son Bill (called Willy) was age 6.
YOUNCE BRANCH (of Rights Fork of Long Fork of Shelby Creek, Pike Co.): Given as Yonts Br. on Wheelwright Top. Map. (F735) and in Fields Guide. Named for a pioneer family from S. Ca who est. a sawmill at its mouth and owned much acreage of timber. (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson for Leonard Roberts) Solomon Yonts (c.1860)?

Yonts (or Younts) Branch was named for descendants of pioneer Wm. Yonts, Sr. (probabl ne 1770s in NC. He had at least two sons, Wm. Jr. & Solomon. (Dorcas Hobbs' "App. Anc APP. XPR-NEWS, 8/25/1979, II P. 1:3);
No Yonts, Younce, etc. mentioned in 1850-1880 Censuses

John W. Yonts and wife Caroline lived betw. Henry D. Ray (27) & Elisha Damron (28) and nr. other Damrons, John W. Ray (36), other Rays, Littles, McCowans, in Shelby E.D. (1910);
ZATTOO (Pike Co., Ky): Ali Farley lived at the top of Blackberry Mt. and owned the land on Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek. ("éI/leye") DK of Zattoo. Ali was bro. to Lewis. Lewis was father to Ransom (Tobe) Farley, Herb's father. Lewis moved to Blackberry Creek and owned the Ali Br. (Stearl Hatfield, Blackberry Creek, interview, 8/12/1989); Ali Farley lived se of Randolph McCoy who lived se of Stephen Adkins, John Murphy, etc. Then came the Butchers, then Dan'l. Scott (to/ Pond Cr.). (Thus Zattoo may have been on Blackberry Fk. of Pond, on top of Blackberry Mt., above Turkeytoes;
Aly Farley's neighbors in 1880 were: Riley Norman, James Farler (sic), John Scott, Randolph McCoy (of H-Mc feud fame), John Blackburn, Jacob Blackburn, other McCoys, Hiram Bevins, on Blackberry Fk. of Pond; Aly Farley lived on Blackberry Mt. DK of a Zattoo PO. (Dorothy Smith, Mudlick Br. of Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek, interview, 8/2/1989);
There was once a post office at the mouth of Peter Fk. of Blackberry Creek, below the New Alma Chu. DK the name. (Willard Cook, McCarr, Ky., interview, 7/22/1989); Herbert Farley, a resident, didn't know of this. (Interview, 7/22/1989); Neither of above had ever heard of a Zattoo PO as run by Ali Farley.
ZATTOO (Pike Co., Ky): PO est. 10/22/1883, Ali Farley; Disc. 3/18/1884 (p. to Edgartown) (NA); Aly Farley was the son of Sam'l. Farley who died in 1876; Acc. to 1884 Postal Rt. map, Zattoo was 4 mi. nnw of Edgarton (Ky) and 7 mi. se of Rud'Bud (by road); Aly Farley, a farmer, age 63, in Pond Enum. Dist. (1910 Census); 10/6/1883, Ali (sic) Farley, 1/8 mi. e. of Pond Cr., 6-7 mi. n. of Peter Cr., 6-7 mi. s. of Red Bud PO, 8-9 mi. w. (sic) of Hatfield PO, 8 mi. w. of Tug Fk. not a vil. (Site Location Report); Aly (sic) Farley lived on Pond Creek. His wife was Nancy Bevins. (Scalf, E.KENT. Vol. 8(1), 6/1972, P.21)
ZATTOO (Pike Co., Ky): Aly Farley (1845-1920) and wife Nancy (Bevins) lived on Blackberry Fk. of Pond Creek and are buried in the Farley Cem. there. They had three children: John B. Farley (1867-1944), Pricy Farley (Mrs Crit Scott), (1869-), and Roland T. Farley (1884-) (Alley, Williamson Genealogy, P.101); Reference is made to Dr. Zattee Cushing, MD, Law. Co., Ky. coal industry pioneer and co-founder of the Law. Co. Mining Co. c1840s. (Wolfford, P. 35) Listed as Z. Cushing in 1850 Law. Co. Census (but not in 1860, 1880). In 1850 he was age 47 and ne, NY. Had 3000 acres. Wife was Nancy A. Cushing (29) and children:
Mary, M.L., and Romana, V. (9,7,5), all girls.
Zattu Vinson Leslie, son of James & Nancy Leslie, was ne Ashland, Ky. 7/13/1886. Moved to Waterville, Wash. 1903. Died 1950 and was buried nr. Seattle. (Cleveland: Lesley-Leslie, Pp. 79-80). The po was obviously not named for him; but his name suggests that it might have been given someone's given name. But whose?...; Zatto Cushing c. 12/8/1839 witnessed a will, Louisa, Ky; in 1846 he was a candidate for town justice, Louisa; Zatto was a Just. of Peace 10/1842; Zatoo (or Zatee?) Cushing mentioned in court records, Law. Co. c.3/1843;
ZEBULON (Pike Co., Ky.)
Zehb lăn (Nowland Hall, d.j. for WLSI, radio station, Pikeville, 2/25/77). On Raccoon Cr. 37°32' (Lat), 82°28'15" (Long). Named for Zebulon Pike. (Leonard Roberts); Zebulon P.O. 37°30'50" (Lat), 82°28'30" (Long); Moved to the mouth of Burning Fork in 1941 from the mouth of Coon Creek. (Leonard Roberts); (pron. "Z(eh)b/yal/ăn") From Zebulon Pike. (Eva Powell, interview 8/16/1977); For Zebulon Pike (1779-1813), New Jersey-born US army officer. Mission to trace Miss. R. source and headwaters of Ark. & Red R's. 1805-6. Disc. Pikes Peak. Killed 4/27/1813 in attack on York, Canada... (Hiway marker in Pike Co. ct. hse yard, acc. to GUIDE, No. 808, P. 123):
ZEBULON PO (Pike Co., Ky): 2/5/1906 Mary Thompson. 6 mi. sw of Meta PO and 5 mi. ne of Pikev. PO, On e. side of Coon Cr. 2/22/1909 Mary Thompson. 50 ft. e of Coon Cr. and 6 mi. sw of Johns Creek. 8/3/1923, Mary T. commu. of Mouth (of) Burning Fork. 270 ft. w. of the fork, 6 mi. nw of Raccoon PO. 10/23/1937, Gladys Maynard moved po to site 1½ mi. sw of orig.-site previous site. 2 mi. w. of Coon Cr. and 4 mi. from Pikev. PO, 6 mi. sw (sic) of Raccoon PO. (Site Location Report); Zebulon rural branch po was disc. 7/1976;
ZEBULON (Pike Co.): 6/9/1880, John L. Hubbard...Disc. eff. 10/14/1905 (mail to Meta); Rest. 3/21/1906, Mary Thompson...(NA); Named for Zebulon M. Pike. (Source: Mary Ratliff 76, to Arthur L. Long, for Leonard Roberts) Disc. 9/30/1959 (mail to Pikeville) (NA);

This vil. with a rural branch of the Pikev. PO extends over 2 mi. along US 119 and Burning Fk of Raccoon Cr. from the foot of Town Mt., 1 ½ mi. ne. of Pikev. to the mouth of Burning Fk. The po, est. on 6/9/1880 with John L. Hubbard, pm, was for yrs. located at the jct. of US 119 and Burning Fk. It was named...for Zebulon M. Pike, US Army officer-explorer and the discoverer of Pikes Peak." (Book-P. 328)
Christopher Columbus Maynard from New River, Burke Co., NC. In 1796 settled on what's now Arthur Maynard's farm on Brushy Fk. (of Johns Cr.) Only Blackburns & Clays were there before him, while the Leslies were already nr. the mouth of Sycamore, 3 mi. over the hill from Maynard's settlement. His son James Maynard later moved 3 mi. up Brushy to a pt. just above the mouth of Spankum Br. either in or just before 1814 when his son Christopher ("Kit" or "One-Eyed Kitty") Maynard was born. In 1815 James built home 500 yrd$ up the creek. Scotts, McCoys, & Williamson's arr. in the area about this time. Benjamine (son of Alden) Williamson lived 1 mi. down the creek from

where is another Maynard farm?
2 mi. below mouth of Spannurn.
Isham Mullins is mentioned in Pike Co. Deed Book A, 1820-1828;
The Pikeville asst. postmaster in the late 1920s-early 1930s was probably T.M. Riddle not Kiddle. But check with Sweaney... Prof. T.M. Riddle, a tenant at the old Pikeville Acad. School, College St.
Sarah Katherine ("Kate") Potter, nee Johnson, nee 8/29/1883. Taped interview with her in Prestonsburg, Ky. 4/19/1974 at the home of D & M Ira Potter, Mays Branch.

(ask her how she came by her nickname "Kate")

She had bros. John & Ben F. Johnson (see Pike N-App. Expr. 10/24/1979, P. 7:3)
Sarah Vanover, 77, listed in 1910 Census as living in Upper Elkhorn Enum. Dist. Ira Potter, 24, also listed in same dist. in 191 With wife Sarah C., age 24.
Ample Sanders Calhoun nee 7/16/1896 on the right hand fork of Sycamore Creek, daughter of Thos. Jefferson Sanders and Malinda Ellen McCoin Sanders, granddaughter of Wade and Hannah (Potter) Sanders and gr. granddaughter of Thos. J. Sanders. The latter settled at The Flatwoods at the head of Sycamore. In 6/1921 Ample marr. Jas. Orlin Calhoun who died in 1953. She was a sch. tchr. For a while both ran a store at Hardy. (Alice Kinder on Ample, Mt. Roots col. in App. News-Xpr., 1/30/1980, III Pp. 1, 4, 10);
Robert Damron owned land on the Left Fk. of Caney Creek (of Shelby) (1901-02 Rept. of the Ky. Dept. of Mines, P. 410);
"Generally speaking, the term mining town refers to an agglomeration of dwellings and other structures grouped about a mine. The company either owns or controls, through subsidiary orgs., the land on which the buildings are erected, incl. the co. store, the tipple, the dwellings, the chu., the sch., the po, and sometimes even the burial ground. Such a com. is typically uninc., altho' it maybe a part of a larger inc. municipality." (Mack H. Gillenwater, "Cult. & Hist'l. Geog. of Mining Settlements in the Pocahontas Coal Field of S. WVa 1880-to 1930" Diss-Geog. U.Tenn. 1972, P. 39)
"Ahamlet is a small uninc. place of less than 150 people." (Ibid., P. 40, acc. to G. Trewartha, "The Uninc. Hamlet" Annals of Assn of Am. Geog'rs., 1942, Pp. 32-3); Village is "an agglomeration of pop. larger than a hamlet but smaller than a town, with a pop. ranging from 150-1000." (Ibid., P. 41, acc. to J.A. Alexander, Econ. Geog., Prentice-Hall, 1963, P. 525); Town if the pop. is betw. 100-2500 and "has add'l. urban features beyond those of a vil." (Ibid. from Alex'r., P. 526); Towns offered "a (greater) variety of goods and services than (that) offered (by) vil. & hamlets." (Gill-Pp. 41-2);
"In 1906, the real dev. of the coal ind. in the BSV began. Hundreds of coal mining towns both large and small sprang up around the mining operations in the narrow isolated valleys." (P. 286). "The...1920's was a period of retrenchment. A large percentage of the mining co's. in the BSV went bankrupt, operators lost their investments and coal miners and their families suffered great hardships...." (P. 287) (Chapman, Diss., 1945)
Fordson Coal Co. had mines at Hardy, Stone, Pinson Fork, McVeigh, c.1925; Pond Creek Coal Co. had mines here, c.1921.

"Pond Creek Coal Co. began ops. c.1913, on the completion of the rr from Williamson to McVeigh. However, much of the coal and some surface in this area was purchased before 1900 by agents of financial interests in the big cities." (Clyde Runyon, letter to me, 1/6/1980);
Henry Ford bought the Pond Creek Coal Co. in Feb. 1923. It became the Fordson Coal Co which included mining camps, company houses mines. In the stretch between Hardy and McVeigh. Some 1300 persons lived in the co. houses along that stretch. These houses were 2 family, 2 story frame bldgs. rented by the coal co. Ford sold out in 1936. (Bob Hill, "'Garden Spot'--Ex-Miner Recalls Old Days When Coal Camp Bloomed" LCJ, 11/8/78, P. Bl:3-6)
On 12/28/1922 the Ford Motor Co. completed the purchase of Pond Creek Coal Co. lands, plants, equipment in Pike Co. for $10 m. Thos. P. Davis was the pres. of the PCCC. Since 1920 Ford had been buying Pond Creek coal to transport to its Detroit factories. Acc. to LCJ, 12/23/1922, the Pond Creek Coal Co. is primarily a Boston, Mass.-owned corp. They acquired the lands and opened the mines some 15 yrs. before. The firm was operating 8 mines in Pike Co. with a daily output of c. 15,000 tons. The company owned 6000 acres (sic). Their Ky. office was at Stone, Ky. Ford wanted coal for its fuel supply. (AP release, 12/28/22)
Ford tried to buy the Elkhorn Coal Corp. holdings in Floyd, Mag., & Letcher Co's. but considered its 22 m. $ asking price too steep. (LCJ, 12/23/1922). Acc. to news item in the LCJ, 3/31/1923, the Fordson Coal Co., Inc. was formed to manage all Ky. and W.Va. coal activities for the Ford Co. Ford acquired Peabody land and property in Clay, Leslie, Harlan, Perry, Letcher Co's. Pond Creek Coal Co. controlled 28,000 acres in Pike Co. (sic). Acc. to LCJ, 3/27/1937, the Fordson Motor Co. of Dearborn, Mi. purchased the Fordson Coal Co. properties in Pike Co. on 3/22/1937 for c. $4.7 m.
Henry Ford and son Edsel bought the Pond Crk (Pike Co.) mines in 1924 from the Pond Creek Coal Co., their original developers. About then Ford bought properties in Clay Co. They were consistent with Ford's "policy of controlling and producing all the raw materials required in the manufacture of automobiles."

On June 1936, Ford sold the Pond Creek properties to the Tierney interests—the widow and sons of Lawrence Tierney—which had for some time run the mine at Sharondale. The Tierneys est. a company called the Eastern Coal Co. to run that operation. 

("Tierney Company Buys Pond Creek Mines of Fordson" PIKE CO. NEWS, 6/11/1936, P.1:3, Sec. 2, Part 2.)
The Pond Creek Coal Co. was inc. 11/26/1911 in Maine. By c1919 it owned 28,654 acres of coal land in Pike Co. G.L. Stone was Chair. of Board. His home was Brookline and office was in Boston. The Pond Creek corp. offices were in Portland, Maine, and the mine's home office was in Stone, Ky. R.S. McVeigh of Cincinnati, O. was Vice Pres. (Moody's, 1919, P. 1035);
James & Eliz. Elkins (she was nee Priest) lived at the present Jefferson Elkins farm on Brushy Fk. (Johns Creek). (Maynard, "Hist'l. Notes" col. in App. Xpr. 12/15-22/1977, P. B4:3); Jefferson Elkins (c1912) lived betw. W.W. Lowe and Heenon Maynard (at the mouth of Spankum) (Ibid. 8/18/1977, P. A19:5-6);
"Consolidation (Coal Co.) repurchased the stock of the Sandy Val. & Elkhorn Ry. Co. on 7/1/1923 and operated the road until 6/30/1925 at which time it was sold to the C&O Ry. Co."

(Beachley, hist. of the Consolidation Coal Co. P. 62)
Benj. Williamson settled 1795 on Tug Fork, at the mouth of Pond. He was the grandfather of the first Wallace J. Williamson. Also just before 1800 John Williamson settled in the Johns Creek country. (P. 148) Benjamin's son was Benj. Jr. His sons incl. WJW, a Catlettsb. businessman. (P. 150) (Ely, THE BSV 1887);
Reuben Mead acquired 50 acres on Jinneys Fk. (surv. 4/19/1841) (Bk. 8, P. 124) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1481); Benj. Mead acquired 100 acres on Jenneys Creek (1/14/1848) (Bk. 24, P. 403) (Ibid); Reuben Meade acquired 50 acres on Coker Branch (2/10/1846) (Bk. 18, P. 132) (Ibid); Wm. Mead acquired 166 acres on Mikes Branch (4/21/1867) (Bk. 72, P. 478) (Ibid. P. 1482);
Isaac Greer acquired 200 acres on Beefhide Creek which were surveyed on 5/24/1858 (Bk. 57, P. 406) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1277); and 100 acres on same (sur. 5/23/58) (Bk. 57, P. 459) (Ibid.); James Greer acquired 150 acres on Cabin Fk. of Dorton Creek (sur. 5/26/1858) (Bk. 57, P. 417) (Ibid.).
Isaac Moore, early settler, owned much of Elkhorn Creek land, died in Va. in the CW. (Chas. F. Moore, his gt. grandson, Shelby Gap, Ky., interview, 4/1/1989);
James Madison Ramey, Sr. (ne c. 1783-died 1859) from Scott Co., Va. Lived on Coon Creek where some of his descendants continue to live. Included were his sons John Ramey (10/10/1841-9/9/1903), Jos. B. Ramey (1852-12/16/1938), (Jeanette Elswick in Pike Co. Hist. Papers #5, 1983, Pp. 56-8);
Henry Phillips was his family's prog. in the Tug Fk. val., at least by 1810. Ne Penna. in the 1760s. Acc. to Rev. Cecil Phillips, Box 85, Burnwell, Ky. 41518. (Dorcas Hobbs "App. Anc." col. in the App. News-Xpr. 11/24/1979, P. 7:4);
Benj. Young acquired 86,000 acres on Elkhorn Creek (8/29/1865) (Bk. 69, P. 253) (Jillson, 1971, P. 1842);
Robert Walters lives in the Town & Country Shopping Center. Age mid 80s. Bro. to Walter P. Walters. He owned the stockyard at that site, before WWI. Sans leg but never learned to walk on crutches. Ask him about Peter Fk. (RB Maynard & Walter Parsons, interview, 7/15, 1989)
A Ms. Pat Quiggin, Dept. of Anthro., UK, 830 Furlong Dr., Lex. Ky. 40504. Some 7 yrs. ago she interviewed RB Maynard for info. on some early area families. (RBM, interview, 7/15/89)
Clarence "Pic" Picklesimer, age late 80s. Physically ill but still mentally sharp. Knows a lot of Pikeville area hist. Had been a local businessman. (R.B. Maynard, interview 7/15/1989);
Bill Ramsey lives in the cut by the rr as it goes up Stonecoal from Coal Run. 437-4579. He heired a lot of coal land on Brushy, etc. Managed Ballard Weddington's estate. Retired now. Can tell me about Brushy and maybe about the area along the Levisa below Pikeville. (RB Maynard & Walter Parsons, interview, 7/15, 1989);
The Right Fork of Brushy Road is paved till Rays Store at the foot of Fords Mt.
Orrison, John C. and Asa H. Runyon, sons of Adron Runyon heired land on Pegs Br., Grants Br., and Meetinghouse Br. of Pond Creek in 1859. (Pike Co. Will Book A, comp. by Faye Burke;
LEVISA FORK (of Big Sandy River) (Ky): "The La Visee, or Levisa, fork, as commonly called or Louisa, as sometimes erroneously called, is said to mean the picture, design, or representation. It was so called by an early French explorer in the region, from Indian pictures or signs, painted on trees, near the head of the stream." (sic) (John P. Hall, TRANS-ALLEGHENY PIONEERS, 1st edit., 1886, P. 47);
LEVISA FK. (Pike Co., Ky): Pioneer Mathias Harman "executed bond to make a deed (in 1796) to land 'on Levicy River below Ivy Creek'...." (Scalf, KLF, P. 77);

Alleged to be a "colloquialization" of the French le visa (picture or design). Acc. to trad. it was named by a French trader for the many paintings of birds and (beasts)animals found on rocks and trees along the river's banks. (Mitchell Hall, Hist. of Johnson Co. Vol. 1, P. 164); 

From Tills, E.S.V., 1923; p.42
LEVISA FORK OF THE BIG SANDY RIVER (Ky.): (Pron. "Lev/eye/see") "The Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River—that has been a disputed name for ever so long. All the oldtime maps show Levisa Fork being from Louisa (pron. "Lu/eez/ee") on up to Paintsville clear to the head, up to Russell's Fork. But all the later people and all the documents and papers refer to it as "Big Sandy to the Levisy." There seemed to be some mixup on it. But anyway, Levisy, as I've been told, was named after some old pioneer woman.... But I would think Levisy Fork would be the fork that would run into the river about 5 or 6 miles above Pikeville, where the town of
Millard's located. I always called that Levisey Fork that heads back agin' Grundy, Va. From there would be the Big Sandy. But not many historians will have it thataway. They want it all called Levisey, all the way down to Louisey. And then they say that's Big Sandy River. When you hit Louisey, on down, is Big Sandy River. So that's (would) still be a bone of contention, I suppose, among writers and historians as to which is which." (Rufus Reed, interview, 8/1/1971);
Wallace Williamson doesn't see how Levisa can be a corruption of Louisa. Levisa is a spelling well-attested to as early as 1810. Can't think of any way the shift could have occurred (Interview, 4/24/1971); Levisa drains c. 567 sq. miles in Pike Co. (Norwood Rept. 1903, P. 424);
On LEVISA FORK of the Big Sandy River (see Bob Kennedy article in the Big Sandy News, 7/6/1972, P.2:5-6, q.v.).
LEVISA FORK of BSR (Ky.): 140 mi. long from source in Va. at 37° 09' 06"N, 81° 54' 05"W, flows nnnw into Ky. to join the Tug Fk. to become the BSR at Louisa at 38° 07' 05"N, 82° 36 06"W. To validate mapped and documentary application of name, acc. to Dec. List #7503, 7-12/1975, P. 10. Officially declared variant names Lavisa Fk. (a misspelling), Louisa Fk., and West Fork. Heads 65 mi. above Pikeville; Levisa Fork was identified as such as early as 1804 (Deed Book A, Floyd Co.).
LEVISA Fork (of the Big Sandy River (Ky.): Dr. Thos. Walker camped at present site of Paintsville, 6/7/1750. Discovered French cabins at the mouth of Paint Creek. Named stream Louisa for the daughter of King George II and sister of the Duke of Cumberland. (Highway marker at jct. of Ky. 40/581, acc. to GUIDE, No. 903, P. 153); Dr. Thos. Walker, in his Journal, entry of 6/7/1750, mentions having named this stream Louisa River. This (orig.) name "was retained until about 1825, but there is evidence of corruption as early as 1775....There seems to be no other explanation of the change from Louisa to the present Levisa, except it must have been the illegi-
Hility and misspelling of the early records. It is easy to turn an 'o' and a 'u' into a 'v'. One such phonetic spelling picked up by hasty transcription, especially if it was an official document and given wide circulation, would do irreparable damage to a name. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 25-6);
Sen. Doug Hays introduced bill in Ky. Leg. last week to change the name of the Levisa Fk. to the Big Sandy R. (FCT, 2/25/1954)

State Sen. Doug Hays of McDowell, Floyd Co. "introduced a resolution in the 1954 G.A. to change the name Levisa to Big Sandy. The resolution made official a name the people were commonly bestowing" This is Res. #28, Ky. ACTS 1954. Chap. 260, P. 680. (Scalf, KLF, P. 437, Ft. #11)
"The Tug Fk. probably received its name as a direct result of the Sandy Creek expedition. The most commonly held theory for the naming of the Tug Fk. is probably inaccurate. This theory holds that the men on the Sandy Creek exped. of 1756 killed two buffalo upon their entrance into the area and hung their hides to dry. During the retreat after the mission had been aborted some of the men were reported to have cut the hide into strips of 'tugs' and ate them, hence the name 'Tug Fork' (Withers, 1895). Journal accts. by members of the exped. state that the buffalo were
killed and hung to dry but do not discuss the above act. The first reporting of the cutting up of the hide into strips does not occur until much later, after all the members of the expedition had died. Two alternative explanations exist for the naming of this branch of the river. Virgil A. Lewis (1906: 262) states that the name comes from the fact that members of the expedition were constantly tugging at oars in an area known as 'The Roughs of the Tug.' The most likely explanation, however, is that the Tug Creek was named from a Cherokee word, tugulur, which
TUG FORK: Was 1st called Laurel Creek, or at this was the name given to it by Dr. Walker in 1750. It was considered but a fork of the Great Sandy Creek. "The name was never current and remained only an obscure entry in Walker's journal for six years" (until Lewis' expedition against the Indians in the Ohio Val.) (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 41-3); By the mid 1770s, the Tug Fk. was being called The North Fork of Sandy and the East Fk. of Sandy River. With the Levisa then called the South Fork Sandy (later the West Fork). (Scalf, The Stepp/ Stapp Families of Amer. 1976, Pp. 338-9);
TUG FORK (of the Big Sandy River). Strips of leather theory (to starve off starvation) is unacceptable to Wallace Williamson. No one has ever come across the word from that period with that meaning. Not in any dictionary. Probably a mythical (i.e. folk or popular) derivation. Neither does he accept tug as paddling a canoe. He doesn't know what the origin of the river's name is. May be derived from the word "tug"-but he doesn't know what that word means. Many names are derived from misunderstanding of something else. Corruptions. (Interview, 4/24/1971)
TUG FORK OF BSR (Ky): 135 miles long from its source in W.Va. at 37°16'38"N, 81°26'07"W, flows ne to join the Levisa Fk. to form the BSR at Louisa at 38°07'05"N, 82°36'06"W. Approved over Tug Fk. River acc. to BGN Dec. List #7503, 7-12/1975, P. 10; The Tug heads in the Flat Top Mts. of Va. Extends nw to join Levisa at Louisa. The Tug separates Ky. & Va. "For a short distance in that sect. known locally as 'The Roughs.'" Tug is 154 mi. long and Levisa is 160 mi. (Chapman, Diss., 1945, Pp. 10-11);
TUG FORK OF THE BIG SANDY RIVER (Ky.): Long Hunters (sic) traveled along this stream down from Va. "killed deer and hung their skins in trees. Dried deer skin was called 'tug'. On the return trip the hunters were starving and they took these skins down and made soup over them." (Source: Douglas Galbraith, Paintsville, Ky. to Myrtle Jenkins, Johnson Co., Pikeville Col. student for Leonard Roberts, 1969);

TUG RIVER (sic) (Pike Co., Ky): So named by "some of General (then Major) Andrew Lewis' soldiers returning from the Big Sandy expedition of 1756, when they became so straightened for food that they had to boil and eat their rawhide buffalo thongs and tugs to keep from starving." (John P. Hall, TRANS-ALLEGHEN PIONEERS, 1st edit., 1886, P. 47);
TUG FORK OF BSR (Pike Co., Ky): The Tug Fk. drains c. 226 sq. miles in Pike Co. (Norwood Rept., 1903, P. 433);
In 1757 a detachment of Va. troopers were sent to est. a fort at the mouth of the 'Great Sandy'. Trad. tells us that they camped one night at what was called 'Burning Springs', killed two buffaloes and hung their skins on a beech tree near the blazes from the water. They endured many hardships on this journey. On their return, when they reached the burning stream the buffalo skins were cut into tugs and each trooper was given a strip of the hides. From that incident trad. tells us the Tug Fork rec'd. its name. "(WPA notes, from LOU. TIMES, 10/21/1927, from Collins Vol. II, P. 679);" or long though
THE DERIVATION of Kentucky place names always has fascinated me. For instance, why would you think that the river which separates Kentucky and West Virginia ever would have been named the Tug Fork? Legend explains it this way:

Shawnee raiding party. On their return, the Virginians ran out of provisions in the vicinity of the east fork of the Big Sandy River. Desperate for food, they cut up buffalo hides into strips, called "tugs" and ate them. In Virginia, they are
TUG FORK (of the Big Sandy River) (Ky): Acc. to Scalf (KLF) the stream's name could have been derived from one or both of two historic events: (1) "the futile and mismanaged Sandy Creek Expedition of 1756" which ended somewhere on that stream betw. Pond Creek and Rockcastle R. "The soldiers were reduced to boiling strips of buffalo hides, called 'tügs' for sustenance. As the memory of the culinary concoction was associated with the river upon which they were forced to eat it, they called the river Tug." (P. 24) (2) "On descending the river the expedition came to the joining of the
two forks of the stream, and the Cherokees accompanying the expedition suggested the making of canoes to carry them.... They went to work, and Maj. Lewis (the commander) gave orders also for the building of a large canoe to carry provisions.... After it was decided to abandon the exp., the canoes were used in their retreat up the river to the forks where they were originally constructed. The exhausted soldiery spent many weary hours tugging at the oars of the large and perhaps unmanageable canoe. Often a boatman would be required to call upon his boating partner for renewed effort. He
would say: 'Tug, tug.'" (Pp. 24-5) These were trad. accts. with perhaps some basis. (P. 25); Dr. Thomas Walker may earlier have named it Laurel Creek "but for some reason the name did not persist." (P. 437)
Lack of consistent identification of the principal streams of the Big Sandy system until 1902. While BSR generally identified the main stream from Louisa to the Ohio R., and Tug Fk. of the BSR designated the east branch above Louisa, the west br. was variously identified as West Fork, Louisa, Lavisa, and Levisa. Of the forks of the west branch, the s. fk. has always been Russell Fk. but the n. fork has been Louisa or Levisa. On Sam'l. Lewis' 1816 map of US the n. fk. is identified as Louisa Creek but the west branch is unnamed. On Luke Munsell's 1818 map also 1863, The Simpson map (Corps of Env't Mil. Map of Ky + Tenn.) + KIS 1875 map.
map of Ky., H.S. Tanner's 1825 map of Ky. & Tenn., J.H. Colton & Co.'s 1856 map of Ky and J.T. Lloyd's 1863 map of Ky. (and other maps) designate the n. fk. as Louisa and the west branch as West Fork.

David H. Burr's 1839 Tenn. & Ky. map identifies the w. branch as West Fk. but doesn't give a name to the n. fk. above Millard. (\textit{imxtkm})

In the 3 maps that don't identify the w. branch the assumption is that this was considered but an extension of the main stream and probably thus bore the BSV name.
Maps of the region based on the 1874/5 surveys of Maj. Wm. E. Merrill, Corps of Engineers label the w. branch as Louisa Fork. But in 1887 the KGS's state map gave both the w. bank and its n. fork as Levisa as did subsequent Corps of Eng. maps (altho occasionally spelling it Lavisa and even Leviza.) The Corps seems to have applied the Louisa name to the w. fork till 1886 and Levisa (occasionally with Louisa, interchangeably) thereafter. Till 1890 when Levisa is used alone.

This all occasioned a decision by the BGN to approve formal use of Levisa over Louisa for the w. branch and its n. fork.
BIG SANDY RIVER. 264 km (164 mi) long. Heads in Va. at 37°09'06" N, 81°54'05" W, flows into Ky. to the Ohio R. at Cat burg. 38°25'00" N, 82°35'45" W. 1975 decision revised. Variants: Lavisa Fork, Levisa Fork (former decision in part), Louisa Fork, West Fork. A 1954 joint decision of the Ky. Gen'l. Ass. changed name of Levisa Fork to Big Sandy R. (Docket 197, USBGN for consideration at 5/13/75 mtg. P. 10)
BIG SANDY RIVER: See Wm. Elsey Connelly's explanation of the naming of the Big Sandy R., the Levisa Fork, and Tug Fork in Kerr's HIST. OF KY. Acc. to Eva Powell, Pike Countians call their branch of the river the Big Sandy rather than Russell Fork. (Interview, 8/16/77);

"...You know how the old 'u's' were made. And people just thought... instead of a 'u' that was a 'v', so they just called it that."...

(Ibid.);

The main BSR from Louisa to the Ohio R. is only 27 miles long.

The 2 forks head less than 20 mi. apart (Ely, 8/16)
BIG SANDY RIVER (Ky): Early called Sandy or Great Sandy River (or Creek). Shawnees are said to have called it the Mich-e-cho-be-ka-sepe (either Big Medicine R. or R. of Great Mystery) and at times called it also Metho-tosepe (river of many buffalo). The first use of Big Sandy River to identify it was in 1699 by the Earl of Bellomont. That is, it is the 1st written use of the name. Thus it is accepted that the stream had at least been named prior to that year, and maybe, to some extent, explored. (P. 23) Scalf does not accept Wm. Elseý Connelley's explanation that it was either named for Sir Edwin Sandys or his brother George. "Sir Edwin was highly popular with
the early Virginians, for he did much to obtain free govt. for them. Geo. introduced the water mill to the Va. colony." (P. 24) Early maps variously referred to it as the Big Sandy Creek or Great Sandy or Totteroy for the Toteros, alleged early Indian settlers in the val. "Connelley discounts the theory that the river was named because of a large accumulation of sand on its shores. That there were any huge deposits or continuous laving of its shores with sand is highly improbable from the very condition of the banks in early exploration times days. We know that the cane
and trees grew down to the river's edge and in many places joined their crowns across it. /Chatterawha succeeded Totteroy as the name of the river and both finally succumbed to the name Big Sandy." Yet Chatta. survived in trad. for many yrs. (P. 24); (Scalf, KLF)
The BSR as such includes the main stream betw. Louisa and the Ohio R., the west branch and its Russell Fk. extension. Locally this entire stretch has been called the BSR. While the Fed. Govt. declared Levisa the official name of the west branch, most of the people living in that valley have always referred to it as the BSR, and continue to do so. Seldom has the Levisa name (in any of its spellings) been popularly used to identify it—maps notwithstanding. (Hall, 1928, Pp. 164-7.)
THE BIG SANDY RIVER (Ky): "While no one can say with certainty just where the name of 'Big Sandy' originated, it is not a complete mystery as some would have you believe. The name could have come from the color of the river when in flood....It could have derived from a stretch of sandy beach./But by close examination of the different men who chose to write about our river and valley, we find that a majority of (the agree that 'Big Sandy' was named for Sr. Edwin Sandys. In 1699 the Earl of Bellomont, gov. of NY, in a letter mentioned 'The Big Sandy River' Actually, the name in the view of many historians dates to about 1618 to 1621. The name, in
the majority opinion, originated in Jamestown and was coined to honor Sir Edwin Sandys who is said to have brought about democratic govt. to the early colony. He was a liberty loving man, especially for his generation. Not only did he introduce 'self rule' to Va. (he) obtained for Virginians a written charter guaranteeing them a free govt. He realized the value of homes and families. He caused to be sent a shipload of maids to the men of Va. ...I believe('that') 'Big Sandy' was named for that progressive, farseeing, democratic humanitarian Sir Edwin Sandys!" ("The Name: 'Big Sandy' in Paul E. Ratliff, THE REAL BIG SANDY C. 1982 (all rights reserved) p.4)
BIG SANDY RIVER (Ky-W.Va.-Va.): Named for "the prevalence of sand bars in its bed." (John P. Hall, TRANS-ALLEGHENY PIONEERS, 1st edit. 1886), P. 46);
See Docket 193, released 12/10/74 for consideration at the 1/14/75 meeting of BGN, for Big Sandy River, Levisa Fork, Russell Fork, and Tug Fork, pp. 14-15. (xeroxed for Leonard Roberts), ... The BSR from Louisa to the Ohio is 24 mi. long. Heads at jct. of Tug & Levisa Fks. Declared official name, by BGN decision, acc. to Dec. List #7503, 7-12/1975, p. 10;
cf Cero Blackburn who lives in the old Mayflower Sc. building, on Ky. 194, above the mouth of Caney Fork. Ask him about Mayflower, Joes Creek, vic., and also Dean Branch where he used to live. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989);

cf Virgil Curry for info. on all of Brushy Fk. A retired school tchr. in his 80s. May not be well. Wife is also a retired tchr. He sold the Pike Co. Sch. Bd. the land for its consol. Brushy Ele.-Sch. building. This opened in 9/68. Turn right at the Brushy Mission from main Brushy to go up Left Fork, 2nd house on the right. (Ibid.)
Pike Co. P.N.S.  Mr. Calude Varney who owns the Piggly Wiggly store in South Williamson, Ky. knows that part of Pike Co. intimately. He's a cousin of Wallace J. Williamson. (Acc. to WJW, 2/27/74)

Check Add Thacker of Garden Village for further info. on the p.m. of the Millard Quad.

Floyd Canada, Huddy, Ky. and Bessie Lee of Toler (cf by Red Stanley)

Re-the Varneys, cf Mrs. Pricy E. Kimberlain, Box 19, Forest Hills. Family historian c.12/77 latest tel. dir: Road Fk. Rd. F.H. 237-7406
Glen Gibson, store on Johns Creek just below the mouth of Scotts Br. (631-1009), 6½ mi. up 194 from Gulnare store, past Mayflower & the mouth of Joes Cr. re- the Joes Creek RR area and Gibson Br. of Brushy. Add: RR, Pikeville. (RBM)

Mrs. Ollie Gibson, nee Scott, retired sch. tchr., lives on Brushy. No tel. Contact thru Crit Blackburn. McCombs PO (RBM)

cf Ernest Elliott, 89, Bowles Add. for Brush Fk. (RBM, 7/1989)

cf Ruthie J. or Eldon May, 256 Winright Rd., Pikeville (12/1987) for cem's. Also ask where Martha Johnson Cem. is on Marrowbone.

Leonard I. Damron, Sulphur Springs, Ark. 72768. Edit. of the Dameron/Damron Family Newsletter, for Damron PO, Damrontown, etc. Vol. 9 of this pub. has something on the po.
cf Dave Kendrick on Narrows Branch of Blackberry Fk. for Pond Creek coal camps.

cf Blain Varney, at the head of Tierney Hol. at the end of the blacktop, age 83, re. the upper Pond Creek area.

cf "Whistle" Mullins at the head of Pinson Fk (Octavia Hol.),

cf Peter Alley nr. Bluesprings re- Blackberry Creek

cf Banky Scott, son of Julius Scott, below Turkeytoes
Mr. Berl Dotson, Majestic, Ky. 41547 for info on that vic. (No listing in 1988-9 tel. dir.)

Jack Hamilton, grandson of John N. Hamilton re- the Bass PO. (Ask Marie Justice how I can reach him)

Lewis W. Clevinger, 5879 Folkstone Lane, Orlando, Fla. 32807 re- Clevingers Store. ne 1930 in Pike Co. A grad. of Elkhorn City H.S. (c1983)
cf Bill Ramsey for lower Pikeville area, Levisa Fk., Brushy Fk. (RBM, 7/1989)

cf Robt. Walters, Town & Country Shop. Ctr., re Peter Fk. of Chloe. (Id.)

cf Inez Darbyshire lives just above the Hardy Ballpark, on the right side of the Blackberry Fk. Rd. (Acc. to her son, John Darbyshire of Black Gem, 9/2/1989)

cf Billy Scott, son of Hardy's pm, Alice Scott, 1930-1940s. He's in his early-mid 60s.

cf Blain May, upper Pond Creek

cf Betty Prater, Co. Ct. House for Pond Cr.
of Madge Adkins, Indian Creek, Virgie PO, Ky. a granddaughter of a Newsom. In her late 60s. She is sister to C.E. (Curt) Tackett, the Wales storekeeper. Widow of Lynford Adkins. for that area. (Acc. to Lawrence Newsom, Robinson Creek, interview, 7/29/1989);
cf Virgil Webb for Right Fk. of Brushy Fork. He lives just e. of Flag Fk. The 1st white house on the left after the forks of Brushy. (Crit Blackburn, interview, 8/8/1989)

cf Cline Burchett just below Gulnare. 3rd house on the right (only brick house) for that area. (Ibid.)
of C.B. Varney, age 94/5, at mouth of Road Fk. of Pond Creek. 1st house on the left going up the Fork. Contact his son Gifford Varney, in his 70s. (E.L. "Red" Stanley, Toler, Ky., interview, 8/26/1989);
Georgia Fields, a history teacher at Johns Creek H.S., Meta, Ky. Her students researched all the streams in the Johns Creek system. She lives on Ky. 194, across from the Magistrate's office and just below the pump station. A concrete retainer wall. (cf by Crit Blackburn, Brushy Fork, interview, 8/8/1989);

Francis (Fon) F. Tackett, Indian Creek, Virgie Ky. 41572, 639-2815.
cf Charley Johnson who now lives in Pikeville and hangs around the court house re- the Dorton area. He's in his late 70s. He was raised on Threemile. (7/1989, acc. to Law. Newsom of Rob. Cr., Ky)

cf Belvia Senters on Marshall Br. of Elkhorn Creek for this area. (Acc. to Albert Bartley & Chas. Moore, 1989)

cf Rosalie Scott Childers, who did a hist. of the Scott families re- the Scott place names of Pike Co., Ky. (cf by Crit Blackburn
James Mullins was born in 1793 in Franklin Co., Va. and was the son of Booker Mullins. (Julius Little, "Isaac Little and His Descendants" 1985, P. 4); Wm. H. Mullins acquired 50 acres on Three Mile Branch c. 1835 (or at least it was surveyed then) (Book I-2, P. 182) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 654); Booker Mullins got 50 acres on Lick Br. surveyed 7/18/1843 (Bk. 11, P. 194) (ibid); Booker also got 50 acres on Bear Fk. of Beefhide surveyed 2/18/1847 (Bk. 24, P. 406) (Ibid); Smith Mullins got 200 acres on Beefhide surveyed 12/7/49 (Bk. 28, P. 29) (Ibid); Smith got 150 acres on Bookers Br. surveyed 3/13/
1849. (Bk. 31, P. 100) (Ibid.); Smith also got 250 acres on Mullins Br. of Beefhide surveyed 11/27/1857 (Bk. 57, P. 399) (Ibid. P. 1525); John Mullins acquired 100 acres on Bookers Br. surveyed 10/8/1867 (Bk. 72, P. 480) (Ibid., P. 1526); (....)
Pond Creek Coal Co. of McVeigh, Ky. J.L. Snyder, Gen'l. Mgr. with office in Stone, Ky. n=900 miners. (J.W. Hall, Tales of the Mts., 1922, P. 17); Pond Creek Coal Co. of Stone, Ky. Officials incl. W.R. Davis, Gen'l. Super., and T.B. Davis (of NYC). No other names that would suggest Pike Co. coal camps. (Rept. of Dept. of Mines Ky. 1915, P. 249);
Shirley Looney (Eva Powell's 1st cousin) does Census enumerations throughout Pike Co. on a reg'l. basis in response to specific requests for surveys. Govt. pays her gas bill. She goes to most of the places on my Communities Sample list and said that Eva could accompany her to interview local persons re- the names. She has a copy of the sample lists and will take it with her on her trips. She knows all the pm. She's really interested in pn and willing to pursue this.

Jeanette Elswick, another local woman. Eva Powell can call on for help. Of E. City.

Her father am. then 1907.
cf Wm. A. Grimshaw, A HIST. OF PIKE CO., KY.
pub. in Catlettsburg in 1877.
PIKE CO. NEWS: 7/31/1925, 5/1/1925; 10/14/37, 10/14/1937, 5/2/1935, 12/11/1930 (not usable)

Pike Co. Irene

6/29/1917; 2/29-12/15/1924; 1-2/20/1925; 1931-1938

3/12-11/5/1926; 11/12/26-1927;
Mary Elizabeth Ferrell, 2075 N. Calle de Vida, Tucson, Ariz. 85715-4201. Retired in 1980 from the US Public Health Serv. Was a dietician. She now researches family history and is preparing two books: *The Tug River Valley Ferrells* and *The Seven Sons of Thomas Farley, Sr.* She is a 1950 grad. of Berea Coll. (Ky) (Acc. to Berea Alumnus, Summer 1993, P. 27:1)
Hist'l. info. in the PIKE CO. NEWS, 6/11/1936.
PIKE COUNTY

‘Paul Patton’ highway

Gov. Ernie Fletcher will officially dedicate the new U.S. 119 route in Pike County the “Paul E. Patton” highway. Fletcher will be joined by Patton, former first lady Judi Patton and other state and local leaders for the event at 4:45 p.m. Monday at the Pinson Family Bridge that crosses Raccoon Creek on U.S. 119. The new designation is for the section of U.S. 119 from West Virginia to the intersection of U.S. 23 in Buckley’s Creek. A portion of the highway is under construction.
HELLIER—James E., of Del Ray Beach, FL., formerly of Cold Spring Harbor, L.I., NY and Key Biscayne, FL. Born in Pikeville, KY, on February 11, 1904. He was a Kentucky Colonel. He was a graduate of St. Mark's School and Yale University, class of 1926. At the time of his retirement he was a Senior Vice-President of a Chemical Bank in NYC. Mr. Hellier was a member of the Varick Frissell Labrador Expedition to Churchill Falls in 1925 and participated in the discovery of Yale Falls. He was the beloved husband for 56 years of the late Charlotte Bristow Hellier, loving father of Carlotta Hartmann of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. and two stepsons, Samuel B. Hellier of McLean, VA and John R. Hellier of Old Lyme, CT. & proud grandfather of eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was a fine gentleman who was loved and respected by many. A memorial service will be held for the family at the Northport Rural Cemetery on Saturday, June 17. Contributions may be made in Mr. Hellier's memory to a charity of your choice.
PIKEVILLE — Add Thacker, 85, of Sutton, a retired grocer, father of Jim Thacker, died Monday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Services 1 p.m. today at Justice Funeral Home. Visitation after 8 a.m. today.

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