ASPIN (Simpson Co., Ky): 1 mine of Franklin, on the Gold City Rd.
Named for large aspen tree in front yard of house across driveway.
Isaac Temple & fam. owned farm, store, blacksmith shop. P.O., run by son,
Moran E. Temple. Was in this store part of old store block. was converted
to garage. (Mrs. Lillie Holland Reed
from Hallie Lewis McFarlin, p.197);
(4-157)
AS PEN (SIMPSON Co., KY): PO est. 9/21/1904, Moran, P. Temple; Disc 9/29/06
(to Franklin) (POR);
BLACKJACK (Simpson) PO spelled as one word and est. 8/4/1902, Perry T. Stamps; Disc. eff. 9/29/1906 (mail to Salmons) (NA); "This ham-on my 171, 3½ (ain') mi. he of Franklin was named for the black jack or scrubby oak say lines allegedly used to erect the local schoolhouse. The PO was est. 8/14/1902 and Perry T. Stamps. The storekeeper was the only PM, it closed in 1906. The name has been spelled as both one word and two." (Book p. 26).
BLACK JACK (Simpson Co.): With this spelling. Acc. to Richard A. Spears in an interview with the editor of the Franklin Favorite, he was told by his grandfather, Jacob Spears, how the commu. was named. "Jacob Spears and several other settlers in the eastern part of Simpson Co. decided that a sch. bldg. was needed in their commu. These citizens cut scrubby oak saplins (sic) which were called black jack saplins and erected a bldg. After the bldg. was completed they decided to call it Black Jack." the lst store was built there c. turn of cent. and run by Perry Stamps. Store today operated by Ronnie Spears. (Beach-Snyder, Franklin & Simpson Co.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS 1819-1975, c.1976, Pp. 24-6);
BLACKJACK (Simpson Co.): Has seen this spelled both as one word and as two; it probably should be spelled one word. Named for blackjack saplings that grew there. There was a grove of these trees there when 1st settled and named. (Pron. "Bl(ae)k Dj(ae)k") (Mrs. James Beach, Sr.; interview, 7/22/1978); Citizens used black jack sapling to build a one rm. log school hse. Thus the name. The 1st chu. services were held here also. Now: Blackjack Gro. and Blackjack Bap. Chu. (Mrs. Beach, letter to me, 9/8/78);
Drakenet (Simpson Co., Ky): Po. est. 5/26/1884, Delias O. U. Bailey; Disc. 12/2/1888 (R. H. Temperance) (POR); 1911. Few co. residents even heard of it. Assumes it was named for beach. (Mrs. Beach);
FRANKLIN (Simpson Co.): Town founded as the county's seat in 1819 or 1820 on land purchase from Wm. Hudspeth and called Franklin. Log ct. hse. built 1820. Legend of how the site was chosen...(P.7) Chartered as town 12/18/1867...

(FRANKLIN AND SIMPSON CO.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, compiled by Mrs. James Beach, Sr. and Jas. Henry Snyder, c1976, Pp. 7-13);
"When Leg. formed county, it authorized comm'n to purchase site for co. seat. Three owners of land sought to sell site. Water source essential. Wm. Hudspeth dug well here, but it was dry. He hauled water secretly to fill well, sold 62 acres. Water primed well and it was used many years. Town surveyed, 1819, made co.
“This 4th class city & seat of Simpson Co. is on my 31w, 3 mi. W. of I-65 and 10 & mi. SSW of downtown Louis. It was founded in 1819/20 as the co's seat on 62 acres purchased from Mr. Smith and probably named for Benj. Franklin. There is no evidence to support an often-encountered local contention that it was named for a local MD. The PO was est. on 9/29/1822 by John W. Simpson.”
The significance of the name Franklin for places in Missouri and elsewhere, reflecting its popularity (see Ramsay, "The P.N. of F. Co Mo"...Pp. 14-5).... Probably named for Benj. Franklin but there are some in the county, notably Mrs. Milliken, who thinks it was named for a local physician. There's no mention of such a physician in Alvis Hunt's articles on the doctors of the county. These appeared in the F.F. (Frances Richards, interview, 5/17/72:}
FRANKLIN (Simpson Co.): Named for Benj. Franklin but why? Not named for any local physician. (Mrs. Jas. Beach, interview, 7/22/1978); The act (1/28/1819) establishing the co. included provision for the "selection" of a site for its seat. ... Acc. to trad., 3 sites were suggested: (1) nr. Ditmore's Ford on Drakes Creek; (2) on site of old fairgrounds no. of Franklin; (3) land owned by Wm. Hudspeth, 1½ mi. from Drakes Creek. The latter was chosen: ... 62 acres bought from Hudspeth. Named Franklin for Dr. Benj. Franklin, a county resident. Chartered 11/2/1820. ... (Dorothy Steers, "Franklin Created as Planned Town by Act, Jan. 1819" FRANKLIN FAVORITE, 6/29/1962, p. 1.)
FRANKLIN (Simpson Co.): (Pron. "Fr(ae)nh") (Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr., 7/22/1978); Est. 11/2/1820, (ACTS, 1820, P. 19); po est. 9/29/1822, Robert W. Simpson... (NA);

Brewer by (Doors) in no. One known. For sale.


(1/10) hundred. Good. Acetate
GEDDES (Simpson Co., Ky): station on the L&N RR. Named for Maj. James Geddes, asst. gen. mgr. at Nashville when he died in 1914. He joined the rr company before 1864. (Ole Reliable, "Our Place Names are Personalized" THE L&N EMPLOYEES' MAG. 2/2/1956, Pp. 20-3, 46)
GOLD CITY (Simpson Co.): Now: store. Feed mill is closed. (Pron. "Gh(oh)ld S(in)t/ee") Farming commu. Change of site not of name: from Temperance to Gold City. (Mrs. James Beach, Sr., interview, 7/22/1978); "Many yrs. ago, while digging a well where the present store is located, rocks were found which looked like they might contain gold. They did not." The 1st store was opened in the 1880s. There were 2 stores there in the 1900s and a feedmill sometime in the early 1900s. Now: Gold City Gro. and nearby Barnes Sch. (Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr., in a letter to me, 9/8/78);
Golds
city (Simpson Co., Ky.): “This
hamlet 8.5 mi. lies at the foot of mts. 265
and 622, 6 1/2 (air) mi. e. of Franklin.
While digging a well, several resi-
dents uncovered rocks thought to be
gold-bearing but found, in fact, to be
valueless. Yet for a while people were
excited about the find, thinking they
had come upon a major gold area. On
2/8/1886 the Temperance Po was moved
to this site and named Gold City. (It was
dissolved in 1909, ” (Book, pp. 118-9).
GOLD CITY (Simpson Co.): "In the early 1800's while digging a well nr. the site of the 1974 Gold City store, residents found that several shovels of dirt contained rocks which glistened like gold. Citizens who saw the rocks thought they were gold so they had them analyzed. There were small traces of gold but nothing of any value. Due to this incident, the commu. was called Gold City." (P. 27). In c.1974, the Gold City Store was owned and operated by M.&M. Harold McClary...(Pp. 27-8) (Beach-Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.—A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976);
GOLD CITY (Simpson Co.): po est. as Temperance Mount, 2/8/1859, Wm. Cross; Disc. 12/23/1862; Re-est. 7/9/1868, John J. Chapman Disc. 12/28/74; Re-est. as Temperance, 5/20/1884, Hettie Barnes; n.ch. to Gold City (at the same site-?) 2/8/1886, Jos. A. Chapman, Jr. ...Disc. 12/31/1909 (mail to Franklin) (NA); A Mr. Chapman found what he thought was gold there. It later turned out to be fools gold when sent to be analyzed. People were excited about the find, thinking they had come upon a major gold area. Called the po "Gold City." (Frances & Mary Ellen Richards, interview, 5/17/1972);
HICKORY FLAT (Simpson): 6 mi. e. of Franklin. The 2nd oldest po in co. (next to Frank.) Named for its location in an attractive grove of young hickory trees. In the midst of fertile farmland. Sam Hatfield was succeeded as pm after many years by his son Jack. The po was discontinued briefly during the CW and may have been maintained a short distance from the site for a few years by Dan'l. Smith maybe at Smith's Pond. Samuel also owned a store. In the latter part of the 1840s Hatfield and Smith ran a store at the S.P. site. Earlier, Dan'l. McGuire had a store there too. c.1819, John B. Smith of Smith's Pond,
a surveyor, laid out Franklin. Hickory Flat Institute... Shady Grove and McKendrie Chap Bapt. and Meth. churches, resp. (From newspaper article in FRANKLIN FAVORITE, 2/3/1896, reproduced is ms. form in KHS Vert. Files, Simpson Co.):
HICKORY FLAT (Simpson Co.): po est. 3/7/1836, Sam'l. Hatfield. Disc. 7/6/64; Re-est. 7/10/1872, Ibid. ...(NA); 6 mi. e. of Franklin. Named for its location in a "grove of young hickory trees surrounded by fertile land." PO disc. 1939 (mail to Franklin). Sam'l. Hatfield also ran a store there....(Pp. 15-6) (Beach & Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976);

12/30
HICKORY FLAT (Simpson Co.): "Store bldg. is still standing but has been closed since 1966. Another bldg. across the road (east of store) which in early yrs. was used as a blacksmith shop and in later yrs. as a garage is also closed. Even tho' there is no activity in the community it is still well-known and referred to as Hickory Flat. Shady Grove Bap. Chu. which is located some distance from the store is still active." (Mrs. James Beach Sr., in a letter to me, 9/8/1978);
MIDDLETOWN (Simpson Co.): This hamlet lies at the jct. of Ky 100, 1103 and 665, ½ mi. E of the Logan Co. line, and 7 mi. W. of Frank (air). Jas. W. Baird is said to have opened a store on the Logan Co. side of the line around 1856. By 1869 the com. had shifted to its present location. It was served by 2 PO's: Milliken's Store, est. on 9/17/1878, by Geo. H. Milliken. The store Kept and 1st PO, which was disb. in 1884.
and Stowers, in up'n. in gas. Stowers's store from 1881 to 1910. Their precise locations are not known. Neither is the date of application of the Middleton name. We are told the names were not used interchangeably. The company may have been named for its original location about halfway between Racine, Ville and Franklin, or for Thos. Middleton, who early rep. the Co. in the Bey. (e.g.) (Book, p. 196).
Hickory Flat (Simpson Co., Ky.): "almost nothing remains of this once prosperous node, hamlet at the foot of my 100 and 622, 5½ (air) mile of Franklin which was named for its location in a grove of young hickory trees. The post was estd on 3/7/1836 by the storekeeper Sam'l. Harfield who became the 1st P.M. It was disce in 1939." (Book, p.139);
HICKORY FLAT (Simpson Co.): Now: boarded up stores, no active store. (Pron. "H(ih)k/ɾe/ fl(ae)t"), farming commu. (Mrs. James Beach, Sr., interview, 7/22/1978); Hickory Flat Store, c 6 mi. e. of Franklin. Run by Kerley & R.S. Jackson, c. turn of the century. It closed 1966. Still standing by 1976. At one time there was also a warehouse, grist mill, blacksmith shop.... (Mrs. Henry Clay Smith, in FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO. REFLECTIONS OF 1976 AND A SUPPLEMENT TO A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, compiled by Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr. & Jas. Henry Snider, 1977, Pp. 188-9);
HILLSDALE (Simpson Co.): NE part of the co. Probably over a cent. old. Allie Cook=1st storekeeper....(Beach-Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976, Pp. 23-4); po est. as Hilsdale (sic) 9/28/1893, Eugene Murry (sic)...Disc. 12/31/09 (mail to Franklin) (NA); 1st located in Allen Co. Had: 3 stores, grist mill, po, creamery, distillery, sch., churches, tele. switchboard, etc. By 1976, only 2 churches & a sawmill were left. J.E. Link-pm, c1897 in his store....Nearby was Stillhouse Hol. On Lick Cr. Apples & peaches hauled by wagon for brandy. Whiskey also distilled there. Much lore....(Marie Pitts
Hobby (Simpson Co., Ky.): Po. was es.
6/21/1898 & Thos. Turner, order
reinacted 9/15/1898 (Por);
MIDDLETON (Simpson Co.): By 1874, there were 2 stores, hotel, 3 mechanic shops, and a tannery. In 1876 James W. Stowers opened his store and in 1878 Geo. H. Milliken opened his store. The 1st sch. in commu. Little Spring Sch., was est. c1857....A 4 yr. h.s. was closed in 1940. The ele. sch. closed in 1957. Now: Shugart Bros. store, a white and a Neg. Bapt. chu's. (Mrs. James $ Beach, Sr., in a letter to me, 9/8/1978); Thos. Middleton briefly served the county in the Ky. G.A. in 1824;
MIDDLETOWN (Simpson Co.): Halfway betw. Russellville and Franklin, c. 10 mi. from each. (Pron. "M(ih)d/əl/tən") DPO. Now called Middleton but in the past had been called Millikens Store or Stowers P.O. Stowers no longer live-in that vic. No longer any Millikens in the vic. (Pron. "M(ih)l/ək/ənz St(aw)r") (Mrs. James Beach, Sr., interview, 7/22/1978); J.B. Finn owned store there, in 1899. (FRANKLIN FAVORITE, cited in FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO. REFLECTIONS OF 1976 AND A SUPPLEMENT TO A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, compiled by Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr. and Jas. Henry Snider, 1977, P. 189); J.M. & Sam Wright built a store here in 1898...(Jas. Edward Wright, in interview).
MILLIKENS STORE (Simpson Co.): po est. 9/17/1878, Geo. H. Milliken...Disc. 8/4/1884 (mail to Prices Mill) (NA); Named for the prominent Milliken family. Geo. Milliken owned and operated the store there. The po was in his store. (Frances & Mary Ellen Richards, interview, 5/1, 1972);
NEOSHEO (Simpson Co.): PO est. 9/6/1895, Wm. C. Yates. Disc. eff. 2/28/1907 (mail to Franklin (NA)); 1st area settled in the co. Early commu. called the Georgia Settlement, acc. to J.J. Jepson in an article in the Simpson Co. files. Wm. C. Yates=pm, 1895 and may also have operated a store there... (Beach Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.—A POIURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976, Pp. 22-3);

Now: store closed. (Pron. "Nee/(oh)/shee/(oh)"
(Mrs. Jas. Beech, Sr. interview, 7/22/1978);

Standing:

Chur. is active: Sulphur Spring Bapt.
Chur. still locally called Neosheo.
PARADISE SCHOOL (Simpson Co., Ky): NE sect. of the county. Founded early 19th cent. on site purchased from John Crow. The 1st structure of logs was called Crow School. In 1871 a new school was built there by a Mr. Alexander who had purchased the Crow farm. He declined to name the school for himself and suggested Paradise as a place where children would feel good about going there. Building was also used for church services & Sun. Sch. Describes interior and mentions several teachers....One rm. ele. sch....(Ruby W. Eldridge, "Paradise School Days" BACK HOME IN KY., 7-8/1986, Pp. 41-2)
PEDEN'S MILL (Simpson County, Ky.)
Built in mid 19th cent. and discontinued c. 1924. Operated by members of the same family thru its entire history. Mill torn down 1940. (THE BULLETIN of KHS, Vol. 1 (2), P. 6, 12/75)
Pilot Knob (Simpson County): 400 feet, 815/11890, Pliny A. Wright; Dist. 4/118
1891 (P. to Franklin) (p. or)
PRICES MILL (Simpson Co.): po est. 4/30/1879, Marion L. Fugate...Disc. 12/31/1909 (mail to Franklin) (NA); The 1st Prices Mill was built in 1844. DK when the 1st store was built. PO was in the store. Store closed 1973 but bldg. is still standing (c.1974). This last store was called Ruth Cothern store. 2 stores there at one time. Union Hall Hi. Sch. in commu. (pp. 30-3). Mill on the Red R. in sw. part of the co. Built 1844 by J.C. Price. Original dam was of logs. Served customers from both states. Close to the state line. Equipped to grind flour & meal. After a lot of owners and a long hist., the mill was torn down in 1971. In late yrs. the mill was called the Triple Bridge
Milling Co. for the 3 bridges over the Red R. below the dam. (Pp. 110-13) (Beach & Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976); "This hamlet is called the Red River, at the site of Ri 591 + (885.7 (land) mi. WSW of Franklin. It was named for a water-powered flour mill built by T. C. Price in 1844. The Po was est on 4/30/1879 by Manion & Auguste, Po. It closed in 1909." (Book, p. 243)
PRICES MILL (Simpson Co.): Was a log sch. on the n. side of the river, a Union Chu (Chu. of Christ, Meth., Bapt.) which later became a Meth. chu...In the old days, there were three stores, one on the n. side of the river and 2 on the s. side of the river. PO-gen'l. store opp. the mill....("The Prices Mill Story" FRANKLIN FAVORITE, 5/27/1955);

PRICES MILL (Simpson Co.): (Pron. "Pr(ah)s(eye)s M(ih)l"). Store boarded up now and there's nothing there anymore. Had an old water-powered flour mill for which the town was named. Still referred to by this name.

(Mrs. James Beech, Sr., interview, 7/22/1978)

"The old mill has fallen into ruins, some parts were torn away, others just collapsed. The store bldg. is still standing but has been closed for a no. of yrs."

(Mrs. James Beach, Sr., in a letter to me, 9/8/1978)
RAPIDS (Simpson Co.): po est. 6/17/1880, John R. James...Disc. 10/31/1919 (mail to Franklin (NA); 8 mi. e. of Franklin. 1st called Palmyra but the name was changed to avoid confusion with another po in Ky. with that name. Thriving community by the turn of the cent....(Pp. 16-9) (Beach & Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976);
PALMYRA (Simpson Co.): po est. 10/7/1850, Wm. B. James. Disc. 12/5/54; Re-est. 7/9/1868, Geo. E. Alderson; Disc. 8/27/69 (NA); DK why named Palmyra. Renamed to avoid confusion with another Palmyra PO in Ky. at that time. Now: store. (Pron. "R(ae)p/ədz" and "P(ae)l/m(eye) (ah)/ræ") (Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr., interview, 7/22/1978); c1874: several shops & a gen. store. In early 1900s, 3 gen. stores, drug store, 2 blacksmith shops. Now: Ramseys Gro. with gas pumps. No one knows why either name. Active commu. and everyone calls it Rapids. (Mrs. Beach in a letter to me, 9/8/1978);
SALMONS (Simpson Co.): po est. 11/14/1893, John W. Stallard...(NA); Named for the Salmo family. Nr. the site of Cedar Bluff College. John Stallard ran the 1st store there. Lum Vance had a store where the po was at. PO was disc. in 1955 with mail to Franklin... L&N RR passed thru Salmons. Completed 1859. On the line from Louisv. to Nashv. (Pp. 28-30) (Beach-Snyder, FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO.--A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, 1819-1975, c.1976); PO named for a very rich and prominent man in the area. (Frances & Mary Ellen Richards, interview, 5/17/1972);
SALMONS (Simpson Co.): Nothing there now. (Pron. "S(aem)anz"). Off US31W. Now only boarded up places. (Mrs. Jas. Beech, Sr., interview, 7/22/1978); Jct. of US31W, no. of Franklin & the Salmons Rd. It's a store run by C.J. Cartwright, 1907 to the mid 1940s. (Ms. Lois Russell, interviewed by Mrs. Beach and in FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO. REFLECTIONS OF 1976 AND A SUPPLEMENT TO A PICTURE OF PROGRESS compiled by Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr. and James Henry Snider, 1977, P. 193);
SALMONS (Simpson Co.): Named for prominent Franklin family. In early times, 3-4 stores, L&N RR sta., blacksmith shop, and hotel. Now: no businesses of any kind, or sch. Active chu & commu. ctr. is still there.... (Mrs. Jas. Beach, in a letter to me, 9/8/1978); “This hamlet & epo lies at the fork of my 143y & the Ut. RR’s main line, 2½ (air) mi. N of Franklin. The po was est. on 11/14/1893 by John W. Stalnaker, the 1st storekeeper, a. m., and named for a prominent Franklin fam. The po was dis. in 1955.” (Book 1870-1950: 262);
SCHWEIZER (SIMPSON Co., KY) - P.O. Box 31291 (1900, Cincinnati, Ohio), Disc 6/30/1909 (mail to Franklin) (Por.)
SIMPSON COUNTY, KY: "When Simpson Co. officially began in 1819, Wm. Hudspeth's land promised the best site for a co. seat, if an adequate water source could be developed on the tract. According to legend, Hudspeth filled a dry well with creek water the night before the formal selection. His land was approved. Surprisingly, Hudspeth's nocturnal water-work apparently primed the well, for it supplied Franklin, the town which grew around it, with a dependable source of water for decades." (Jas. Russell Harris, "Simpson Co: A Personal Reflection" THE BULL. OF THE KHS', Vol. 17(3), June 1991, P. 6);
STOWERS (Simpson Co.): Stowers po est. 6/20/1881, Jas. W. Stowers...Disc. 10/15/1910 (m. to Franklin) (NA);
TEMPERANCE (Simpson Co.): po est. 6/17/1886, Sam'l. P. Wright...Disc. 1/31/1917 (mail to Franklin) (NA); Mr. Jim Wright was a teetotler and a great temperance man but it's doubtful if this fact can be credited for the name. It was called this before his time. DK why it was called Temperance Mount because it's so flat; but it was called that. (Mary Ellen & Frances Richards, interview, 5/17/1972); Jas. Wright was 2nd pm, 4/4/95-9/15/1909 (NA);
TEMPERANCE (Simpson Co.): J.M. & Sam'l. Wright built store here in 1884. Had: store, post office, drygoods store with milliner, grocery, hardware store, grist mill, blacksmith shop, scale house, wagonshed, & team barn. Most of the community burned in 1930. A store was built at a different site. By then, residents were going to Franklin for shopping. (Jas. Edward Wright, in FRANKLIN & SIMPSON CO. REFLECTIONS OF 1976 AND A SUPPLEMENT TO A PICTURE OF PROGRESS, compiled by Mrs. Jas. Beach, Sr. & Jas. Henry Snider, 1977, Pp. 194-5); 2-3 mi. from Gold City. J.M. Wright = sam's son. Mrs. Beach will check for more info. from J.M.'s grandson. (Pron. "Th(eh)m/persons"). (Mrs. Jas.