SPENCER COUNTY, KY: 192 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1824 from parts of Nelson, Shelby, and Bullitt Co's. and named for Capt. Spear Spencer, a veteran of most of the post-Rev. War Indian campaigns who was killed in the Battle of Tippecanoe." (Book-P. 278); Nothing was taken from S. Co. to form another co. It was the 77th in order of formation. Boundaries were unchanged since the co's. formation. The Salt R. extends thru central S?Co. in a westerly direction. Prin. tribs: Brashears, Simpson, Elk, Big and Little Beech; and Plumb Creeks. Brashears Creek heads at the confl. of Clear and Bull-skin Creeks and joins the Salt R. at the sw edge of Taylorsv; the 77th co. org. 193 sq. mi. Org. 1/7/1824 from sections of Nelson, Shelby & Bullitt Co's. 1st attempt at settlement in the vic. of present Taylorsv.
was shortlived. In 1778, after 2 yrs., settlers were attacked by Indians. Rolling to hilly terrain. Mostly agri. co. Lou. Cinci. & Lex. RR extended tracks from Bloomfield to the line's main tracks at Shelbyv. thru Taylorsv, a distance of 26.7 mi in 1881 (later L&N). Tracks were abandoned in 1952. Many co. residents commute to Jeff. Co. Tourism with Taylorsv. Lake, a Salt R. impoundment in 1982. 3,050 acres. Pop. (1990)=6800. (KY. ENCY. 1992, Pp. 841-42); Till the impoundment of Salt R. to form T'ville. Lake, the county's economy was based on agri. & commuting to indust. jobs in the Lou. area. (Al Cross "Making Waves" LCJ MAG. 5/8/83, Pp. 24-33, 24);
SPENCER CO. (Ky.): In the path of increased suburban movement from E. Jeff. Co. with the filling up of available space in Bullitt and Oldham Co's. Industrial workers from E. Jeff. Co. looking this way for "unspoiled, relatively cheap land." But county lacks modern highway. Named for Spear Spencer, a rifle co. captain killed at Tippecanoe. County est. by Ky. Leg. in 1824, the 77th in Ky....(John Ed Pearce, "Spencer Co." in his Focus on Ky. ser. LCJM, 4/16/1978, Pp. 10ff);
ASHE'S CREEK (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 11/3/1851, Jacob J. Lindle; 9/24/1852, Alden J. Quint; Disc. 9/4/1855 (POR-NA); [aesh/až Kreek] is now in the middle of the Taylorsv. Lake, so it's now extinct. Had an old country store that drew business from all over this area. Widespread clientele. DPO. (Mary Frances Brown, 7/15/1978); Ashes Creek U. Chu. built in 1910. Removed in 1976 for the lake; The area e of Wakefield. Much is now under the lake. Harmon G. Snider lived & died here;
BRIER RIDGE CHURCH (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 8/8/1879; James Walker; Disc. 12/22/1879 (POR-NA); Acc. to Jas. Walker, 7/1979, this prop. po would be 6 mi s of Little Mount po, 7 mi w of Mt. Eden po, 3/4 mi n of Salt R & ½ mi s of Beech Creek. (SLR); Named for the ridge. This & Possum Ridge and Hickory Ridge are in the area betw. Ky 44 and Van Buren. The po was probably named for the chu. (Mary Frances Brown, interv., 7/15/1978); The Briar Ridge (sic) vic. was first called Leatherman's Settlement for Christian and J. Leatherman who acquired 2100 acres of the old Jas. Patton Survey in 1795. On Little Beech Creek. Briar Ridge Bap. Chu. (Brown, hist. P. 206);
COLROSS (Spencer Co., Ky): PO est. 2/10/1890, Ida Davis; 8/13/1890, Emma Heady...Disc. eff. 12/31/1901 (Papers to Wakefield); Re-est. 8/4/1902, Allie Dugan...Disc. 4/30/1914 (mail to Wakefield) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Ida Davis, the name prop. for this po was Snider and it would serve the commu. of Ashes Creek (sic), 3 mi s of Salt R., ¼ mi e of Ashes Creek. In Sept. 1894 illeg. signat. pet. for a site ch. 1 mi e to a pt. 3 mi s of Salt R. and 1 mi e of Ashes Creek, 5 2/3 mi e of Wakefield po, 5 mi w of Greenschapel po. Acc. to Allie Dugan, 7/7/1902, this po was 5 mi w of Green Chapel po, 6 mi e of Wakefield po, ½ mi n of Ashes Creek. (SLR); Colross was only po (1896 Gaz.); No families of this name in any 19th cent. records;
CRENSHAW (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 10/31/1904, Wm. E. Brumley; 2/23/1912, Wm. T. Jackson; 3/19/1914, Arthur Z. Crenshaw; Disc. 8/15/1916 (mail to Taylorsville) (POR-NA); Acc. to W.E. Brumley, 8/1/1904, the name prop. for this po was Brumley's Store and it would be mi w of Waterford po, 4½ mi of Smithville po, 5 mi e of Mt. Wash. po, on the w bank of Dutchman Creek & 3 mi n of Salt R. (SLR); Acc. to Lake (1882) J.T. Crenshawe & Geo. Crenshawe lived betw. Dutchmans Creek and the co. line, just s of the Waterford-Floyd Fk. Tpe. Acc. to Ibid., Wm. Brumbly (sic) lived between Dutchman & Goose Creeks, a little over 1 mi s of the Crenshaws;
CRENSHAW (Spencer Co., Ky): Grandison Crenshaw marr. Judith Bridwell Spet. 1831. John T. Crenshaw marr. Lilly Ann Nutt in Dec. 1866. Geo. Crenshaw marr. Rebecca Jane Fidler in Jan. 1871; David Thos. Crenshaw (1865-1942) is buried in the Valley Cem. on Rt. 44, 1 mi. e of T'ville. David Thos. his wife was Lillie (nee Foreman, 1870-1938); Jeremiah Vardaman Crenshaw was ne Bullitt Co. in 1816, son of Nelson & Susannah (Cremor) Crenshaw. He was admitted to Shepheardsv. bar. In 1893 he campaigned for state rep. from Bull. & Spen. Cos' as an indep. and upset the Democ. contender W.H. Ellaby. An eccentric & pol. maverick. One term then returned to his home on Salt R. and died 1909, age 93. (Joellen Tyler Johnston "Jeremiah Crenshaw Rode a Mule to Campaign for Office" SALT R. ARCadian, 5/90, Pp. B7,16);
ELK CREEK (Spencer Co., Ky): A country store here, 5 mi n of Taylorsv., till 1983. Store then moved from old t new Ky 155. Called the Elk Creek Gro. and Grill and is run by Yvonne Tipton and her husband. (Al Cross "Making Waves" LCJ MAG. 5/8/1983, Pp. 24-33, 24.); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., pop. 125. Robt. J. Jewell was pm and storekeeper;
ELK CREEK (Spencer Co.): Po est. 5/1/1856. Sam'l. Clark.. Disc. 7/7/57; Re-est. 2/2/58, James Caruthers; Disc. 3/1/58; Re-est. 6/12/1858, Stephen A. Neale...(NA); 7 mi. from Taylorsv. Now: ½ doz.+ homes, church, store-filling sta. and groc-rest. combo. (Personal obs., 7/1978); "(Eh)lk Kreek") Named for the creek which was named for the many elk there in early times. DK when/by whom 1st settled. The Clarks are no longer there.... (Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978);
ELK CREEK (Spencer Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo extends along Ky 55 for \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi betw. Ky 155 and 1169, 4 (air) mi n of Taylorsv. It was named for its location on Elk Creek, a branch of Salt R. where many elk had been observed in pion. times. The po was est. on 5/1/1856." (Book-P. 91); Acc. to P&G the po closed in 1947; Acc. to Robert J. Jewell, 12/26/1898, this po, as Elk-creek was 50 yds. e of Elk Creek, 3 mi se of Wilsonv. po, 6 mi nw of Taylorsv. po, 2 mi w of Normandy po, 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) mi from the co. line.|| Acc. to Mary Susan McGehee, 7/27/1939 this po was 50 ft w of Ky 55, 200 yds. e of Elk Creek, 3 mi w of Normandy po, 6\( \frac{1}{2} \) mi n of Taylorsv. po. (SLR);
HOWSER (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 2/10/1892, Samuel R Houser; 8/21/1897, Junius D. Love....Disc. eff. 3/15/1900 (papers to Vanburen) (POR-NA); Acc. to Samuel R. Howser, 1/28/1892 the name prop. for this po was Valle Home and it would be 8 mi s of Mt. Eden po, 8 mi n of Chaplin po, 3 mi w of Van Buren po. On the n bank of Salt R. and 150 yds. ne of Timber Creek. Not a vil. Acc. to S.R. Howser, 9/21/1897, he pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w to a pt. 300 yds n of Salt R., 2 mi e of Snider po, 6 mi w of Vanburen po, 6 mi s of Mt. Eden po, 2 mi from the co. line. On 12/18/1897, Junius D. Love pet for a site ch. 2 mi e to a pt. 3 1/2 mi w of Van Buren po 3 3/4 mi e of Snider po, 7 mi sw of Mt. Eden po, 300 yds. of Salt R. and 3 1/2 mi w of Crooked Creek. (SLR);
HOWSER (Spencer Co., Ky): Jacob Howser (ca. 1761-11/21, 1847) was husband of Mary Brad Howser (12/28/1814 to 12/15/1900) was the husband of Nancy. Both are buried in Stodghill Farm Graveyard betw. Mt. Eden and Little Mt. (KY. ANC. Vol. 23(1), Summer 1987, Pp. 12-15, 14).
HOWSER (Spencer Co., Ky): Acc. to 1896 Gaz., this was then only a po; Sam'l. R. Howser was the son of B.H. Howser; Sam'l. R. Howser (1856-1923) is buried in the Mt.-Eden Cem. B.H. Howser, who died in 1913, is too; Jacob Howser was ne Maryland ca. 1771. In the mid 1790s he brought his family to Ky and ran a water mill on the Ky. R. Then to Lou. and finally to Mt. Eden. His family were German-speaking till they came to Mt. E. He was the son of a Dunkard preacher. He died 1847. Many descendants. (Mary Frances Brown, THE HIST. OF SPENCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, McDowell Pub. Co., 1990, Pp. 234-5);
HOWSER (Spencer Co., Ky): B.H. Howser, a miller, may have been born in Spencer Co. in 1833. He owned the Mt. Eden Flour Mill. B. Howser was ne Jess. Co. and to Spencer Co. in 1818, a farmer. He lived on Hickory Ridge and w of Dutchman Branch. John Howser lived on Ten Mile Creek. John Howser, Jr. lived just swpf the Mt. Eden city limits. S.R. Howser lived on Little Beech, next to a dist. and sawmill, just w of the mouth of Blue Stone Creek, nr. W. McClain, Rosa Richardson, H.H. Cleaveland, J.S. Hedden. This is due s of Mt. Eden (Lake Atlas, 1882); This family came from around the Mt. Eden area. (Brown, interv., 7/15/1978);
HUGO (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 4/19/1898, Albert Sullivan; Disc. eff. 11/30/1901 (papers to Mt. Eden) (POR-NA); Acc. to Albert Sullivan, 3/27/1898, the name prop. for this po was Sullivan and it would be 3 mi s of Mt. Eden po, 3 mi sw of Wayside po, 5 mi n of Van Buren po, 5 mi n of Salt R. and 1 mi w of Crooked Creek. (SLR);
LITTLE MOUNT (Spencer Co.): PO est. 2/14/68, Janathan J. Marattay...Disc. eff. 7/31/1906 (mail to Taylorsville) (NA); Now: poolroom-rest., filling sta., church, c. 10 homes, several abandoned businesses, 6 mi. from Taylorsv (Personal obs., 7/1978); ("L(ih)t/ɔl Mownt")

From Snake Run Branch, if you look up to the orig. site of the Bapt. Chu., it was a mount. Named for the church, 1st considered calling the vil. Walnut Grove for the walnut trees in the vic. but this name was never applied. The chu. was at first 2 mi. out in the country where founded in 1801. Now it's in the center of the vil. ("W(ah)l/nət Gr(oh)v"). ("The Chronology
of a Country Church: Little Mount Baptist. 1801-1976" by Mary Frances McClain Brown) (Ibid., interview, 7/15/1978); Marattay ("Mar/(ae)t/ee") orig. not sp. with a term. "y". The Marattays came from Pa. to the Springfield area. Still here. The Marattay store on the corner is abandoned along with another old store....Now: Matherly's Rest. with a gro. He took his pool tables out. In 1868= about the time the Marattays came here. The po was in the Marattay store. Gone are the po and country sch. Always called Little Mount.... The old Marattay po was at Little Mt., in the same store.
LITTLE MOUNT (Spencer Co., Ky): Named for a chu. that was org. 67 yrs. before. Xrds site. Thaddeus Connolly owned a store in a local walnut grove. He sold the store to Jess Marattay, nephew of Caleb Marattay. Caleb came here in 1837 from Wash. Co. The po was est. in Marattay's store in Feb. 1868. Jess was the 1st pm. Walnut Grove was the 1st name considered for the com. but Little Mount (for the chu.) was chosen instead. The trees are gone. Chair factory. (Brown's hist., Pp. 198-9
LITTLE MOUNT (Spencer Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo at the jct. of Ky 44 and 1795, 5 (air) mi ene of Taylorsv., was named for a Bap. chu. founded in 1801 some 2 mi away. The chu. is believed to have been named for its location on a slight rise. The possibility of calling the place Walnut Grove for the local trees was considered and turned down. The po was est. in the Marattay store on Feb. 14, 1868 with Jonathan J. Marattay, pm, and closed in 1906." (Book-Pp. 175-6 Acc. to Jas. R. Marattay (sic), 12/28/1898, this po was 6 mi s of Salt R., 2 mi s of Beech Creek, 6 mi N of Taylors. po, 2 air mi from c. line. (SLR);
LOVEVILLE (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 7/31/1879, Wm. A Fletcher; 5/31/1880, Edward Marshall; 9/12/1882, John H. Love; Disc. 12/12/1882 (mail to Taylorsville) (POR-NA); Acc. to W.A. Fletcher, 7/18/1879, this po, as Lovesville (sic) would be on the n side of Salt R and 5 mi s of Beech Creek, 8 mi from Little Mount po, 8 mi from Mt. Eden po. Not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to Lake Atlas, 1882, this po was just below the mouth of Candy Branch of Salt R. at the w.c. edge of Mt. Eden Prec. A saw & grist mill; J.A. Love in the Loveville po area was a farmer. He was a native of Oldham Co. and came to Spencer Co. in 1852. W.T. Love lived just n of John H. Love on the e bank of Salt R., just e of the rd that parallels the r. on the e, and just n of Mitchels Run. This is s of the Lovesville po (sic). (Lake, 1882);
LOVEVILLE (Spencer Co., Ky): Named for a local family, the Love(s), who are still in the county. (Brown, interview, 7/15/1978); The Loves moved from the Van Burens area to the Waterford area. The post was on the Salt R. Josephus Love came to Spencer Co. in 1847. Junius was his son and Junius' son was John Henry, Sr. (Brown, hist., P. 223); Junis A. Love (1816-1897);
MARRATAY (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 8/13/1902, Geo. G. King; 1/2/1904, Frank M. Brookshier; 3/29/1906, Jas. W. Mills; Disc. 8/15/1910 (mail to Snider) (probably sp. Marrattay) (POR-NA); Acc. to G.G. King, the name prop. for this po was Gilbert but it was called Marrattay instead (sic). It would be 3 mi se of Little Mount po, 5 mi sw of Mt. Eden po, 3½ mi n of Snider po, 3½ mi n of Salt R., 1½ mi e of Beech Creek. 9 mi e of the rr sta. at Taylorsv. (SLR); On 2/13/1904, Frank W. Brookshier pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w to a pt. 4 mi s of Salt R and 1 mi s of Beech Creek, 4 mi sw of Little Mount po, 3 mi n of Snider po. (SLR); Acc. to Lake Atlas, 1882, G.G. Gilbert was a Taylorsv. lawyer and Spencer Co. native; James Gilbert rep. the co. in the Ky. Hse. in 1846. (Collins II);
A number of Marattays are buried in the Valley Cem. nr Taylorsv. Gilberths lived in the Rivals area. (Brown, P. 188); Dr. R.S. Gilbert was a Waterford MD (Lake, '82); Sam'l. Gilbert Moved to Taylorsv. in 1829, acquiring prop. there. He also co-owned a Brashears Creek mill for yrs. till 1848. His nephew was Jas. Gilmore Gilbert, a state leg. Jas.'s son Geo. Gilmore Gilbert was a Spencer Co. atty., St. Sen., & US Cong. from 8th Dist. for 4 terms, incl. Speaker of Hse. Geo. Gilmore Gilbert died 1909. His son Ralph was also in US Cong. The Gilberths lived on Salt R. (Brown, Pp. 262-3);
J.J. Marattay (sic) ne Springfield, Ky. in 1840. He was the son of James H., a Pennsylvanian, ne 1801 who came to Ky. as a baby. James was a saddler and later a druggist and was Wash. Co. assessor. He died 1870. J.J. was also a druggist. ca. 1866 J.J. moved to Little Mount where he became a farmer and merchant. Had 340 acres. He est. the Little Mount po in 1867. By 1886 he was still pm. His children included: James, Samuel, etc. (Perrin, 6th ed., 1887, P. 824); J.J. Marattay (sic), a Little Mount merchant, was ne Wash. Co. To Spencer Co. in 1867 (Lake Atlas, 1882);
MASSEY’S MILL (Spencer Co., Ky): "A small hamlet was formed around an old mill at this point in the 1850s, and (the) place was named after Edward Massey, member of the Legislature from Spencer County." (M. Ladd, "Place Names" WPA ms, 4/1941) (the only Massey's Mill community I know of is/was in Warren Co. Check....)
McGEES MILLS (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 6/9/1836, Thos. Thurman; Disc. 4/18/1839 (POR-NA); This family came into the co. with the land grants. (Brown, interv., 7/15/1978); John McGee, legatee of Thos. McGee, was issued a land grant for 460 acres on 10/13/1783 on the n. bank of Salt R., above the mouth of Cane Creek. The grant was signed by Gov. Patrick Henry in 1785. John's father Patrick Sr. came to this part of Ky. from Pa. before 1785. John's son, John brought his wife Eliz. to the Waterford area. Other McGee descendants lived in this vic. (Brown, P. 227); On Yoseloff, McGhee's Mills (sic) is mostly w and a little n of Taylorsv;
MOUNT EDEN PO (Shelby Co., Ky): Acc. to B. Hedden, 5/23 1884, the po was 2 mi s of Beech Creek. It was changed to Spencer Co. (SLR); (Spencer & Shelby interco. feat) "This vil. with po is on Ky 44/53, midway (10 mi) betw. Taylorsville and Shelbyv. The beauty of the countryside and the fertility of its soil made it a most attractive place to early settlers who are said to have compared it with their conception of the biblical Eden. In pion. times its site may have resembled a mt. to thos who viewed it from a distance. The po has moved several times across the co. line since it was est. on 6/8/1831, with Vincent Redman, pm, in Spencer Co. to which it returned for good in 1917." (Book-P. 205); APO
MOUNT EDEN (Spencer Co., Ky): Acc. to T.M. Yenowine, 5/8/1885, this po was 225 ft. from the Shelby Co. line and 1½ m i n of Little Beech Creek. On 5/5/1917 Blanche Collins pet. for a site ch. 75 yds. se to a pt. ....Reason for move: the bldg's. owner wanted to use it for another purpose and wouldnt rent it for a po anymore. On 6/21/1917 Blanche Collins pet. for another site change. (SLR);
MOUNT EDEN (Spencer Co.): po est. 6/8/1831, Vincent Redman (or earlier) ... into Shelby Co. after 4/1857 and back from Shelby Co. before 8/3/1861, Wm. Burnett ... Disc. 4/10/1874; Re-es 6/22/74, Sam'l. S. Cox ... into Shelby Co. after 3/1884 and back before or om 4/22/85, Thos. M. Yenowine ... return to Shelby Co. 10/3/1891 ... to Spencer Co. 5/25/1917, Blanche Collins ... (NA); 10 mi. e. of Taylorsv. Inc 1846. (John Ed Pearce, "Spencer Co." (Focus on Ky. series), LCJM, 4/16/1978, Pp. 10ff, P. 38); Inc. 1/29/1846 (ACTS, 1845/6, P. 100); A-PO
MT. EDEN (Spencer Co.): Had a pop. of c. 400 in c.1940. Acc. to trad., named for the beauty of that area in every direction from the vil. "The verdure of the woodland and field with the productivity of the soil, a veritable eden was believed to have been found, to which was prefixed the word 'Mount'..." (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, Pp. 8-9); Named for the beautiful view of the country in every direction" (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me, 11/14/1971); Settled in the 1840s and named for its scenery which reminded early settlers of the Garden of Eden. (Libbi Powell, "Town Names have Interesting Lessons" Shelbyv. SENTINEL-NEWS, 10.27/197 P. A3:1-4);
MOUNT EDEN (Spencer Co.): ("Mownt Eed/ən"). In pioneer times, it may have resembled a mt. to those who regarded it from a distance. Mt Moriah Bapt. Chu. there. The vil. is divided; it's now in both counties. The hiway or Main St. divides it. Used to be a sch. in the Shelby Co. side that children in Spencer Co. also attended. When tuition payments became economically impractical, Spencer kids were bused to Taylorsv. A branch bank was recently est. on the Spencer Co. side. One chu. in each co. DK which of the 2 parts of the vil. is larger. Active po im Spencer Co. Now: bank, sch., 2 churches, supermarket (Spencer). Four
ed 1846. DK whether Mt. Eden people consider themselves more on county than the other. Ecom. base=agri. trading ctr. (Mrs. Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978);
NORMANDY (Spencer Co., Ky): Solomon R. Norman was ne Spencer Co., 1823. Son of Abner Norman. The latter came with his parents to Ky. in 1793, settling on Elk Creek. They were Isaac and Hannah (Gage) Norman. By 1886 Solomon R. owned 400 Spencer Co. acres in the same prec as his grandparents settled. He was a J.P. Isaac was one of the 1st trustees of the Elk Creek Bap. Chu. in 1794. Solomon's children incl: Abner E., Richard V., et (Perrin, 6th ed., 1887, P. 748); Solomon R. Norman (1823-1897); Richard Van Dyke Norman (1847-1917). Isaac Norman (1765-1828) and wife Hannah Gage (1762-1845). Solomon Norman (1823-1897) is bur. at the Elk Creek Burying Ground. Richard was probably son of Solomon. Isaac's son Abner marr. Frances Northmore; was probably Solomon's father; (Ky. Anc. vol. 22(4), Sp '87, p.26.
NORMANDY (Spencer Co.): po est. 1/13/1881, Solomon R. Norman; 8/2/83, Richard V. Norman (NA); ("N(aw)r/m(ann/dee") Named for Solomon R. Norman. DK why it wasn't named Norman. The Normans are gone. RR stop. DPO. DK what's there now. People still refer to it by that name. (Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978);
Acc. to Solomon R. Norman, 11/23/1880 this prop. po would be 2 mi e of Elk Creek po, 6 mi w of Little Mount po, 2 mi s of Brashears Creek, just e of the tracks of the Cumb. & O. RR (N. Div.), 5½ mi n of Taylorsv. (SLR); Acc. to Ruby A. Stout, 7/31/1939, this po was 500 ft. s of tr rr sta, 5 mi n of Taylorsv. po. (SLR); On 3/11/49, Christine Grau, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 100 yds. w to a pt. 2 mi w of Brash. Creek, 8 mi n of T'ville. po. (SLR);
NORMANDY (Spencer Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this was 5 mi n of T'ville. L&N sta. shipping stock and farm prod's. Pop. 42. S.R. Norman was pm. Two gro. stores: (1) Jas. S. Jewell (2) R.V. Norman. Jas. P. Beard gen. store, Fields and Hawkins had flour & corn mill. Richard Hammond was wagonmaker; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., pop. 50, 5 mi n of T'ville. Two gen. stores: (1) Ashby & King, (2) Jas. S. Jewell. Stout and Davis had flour mill, 2 blacksmiths;
RIVALS (sic) (Spencer Co.): Village on Brashears Creek. Here was an old mill that goes back to the c.1780s. In the mid 1930s it was still in use serving the area. Water-powered from the creek... (Bayless Hardin in WPA ms); Acc. to Geo. W. Sloan, 5/25/1900 this po would serve Vandykes Mills and would be 3 mi sw of Figg po, 50 yds. e of Brashears Creek, 2½ mi e of Normandy po, a vil. of 100. Acc. to Thos. Van D. Davis, 1/26/1919, this po was serving a commu. now known only as Rivals, the e side of Brashears Creek, 2½ mi e of Normandy po, 1 mi e of Elk Creek po, 1¼ air mi from the co. line. (SLR
RIVALS (Spencer Co., Ky): "This epo was on Ky 1169 and Brashears Creek, 4½ (air) mi nne of Taylorsv. A water-powered gristmill was built around 1790 at this site by the bros. Elijah and James Van Dyke, and a Vandykes Mill (sic) po was in operation there from 1848 to 1872. On June 23, 1900, the Rivals po was est. with Geo. W. Sloan, pm. Chas. L. Stout, then the mill's owner, is said to have submitted 3 names to the POD. One of these is not recalled. Stout's preference was Boneset for an herb that, brewed with whiskey, makes a good tonic that was used locally as a medicine. In his search for a third name, he spied on a shelf in the local store. a box of shotgun shells with the name
Rivals on the label. Rivals was accepted. Less likely is the explanation that the name was derived from the rivalry of the pion. Van Dyke bros., which led to James's starting another name further down the creek. The Rivals po closed in 1915." (Book-P. 252);
RIVALS (Spencer Co., Ky): Peter Van Dyke arr. in the area 1785. In 1790 he built the Van Dyke Mill here where Guist Creek joins Brashears'. Wm. Jewell built the mill. Saw & carding mill. The bros. Elijah & Jimmy Van Dyke argued and Jimmy built another mill 1 mi down Brashears at the mouth of Buck Creek. DK date. The 1st mill operated for 170 yrs. A no. of owners incl. th 2 Chas. Stouts. Water-powered. Torn down in 1960. Near the mill was the Boneset Dist. Boneset is "am herb that when brewed with whiskey made a tonic." This name was once offered for the com. Chas. L. Stout submitted 3 names to the POD: Boneset, another unrecalled, and in looking for the third name he spotted a box of shotgun shells with the trade name Rivals. The latter was selec ed for the new office. Vil. on both sides of Brashears Creek. (Brown. hist.. Pn. 184-5):
RIVALS (Spencer Co.): Po est. 6/23/1900, Geo. W. Sloan...Disc. 5/31/1915 (mail to Taylorsville) (NA); One acct. of the name--"At the time the po was est., they were trying to determine a name for it. And while they sat around, this man glanced up on his store shelves and saw the box of bullets that had the name 'Rivals' on it..." But it may also have been derived "from the rivalry betw. the Van Dyke Bros. They had est. a mill there and there was a falling out in the family and one went further down the creek and started another mill." Van Dyke Mill was one of the county's oldest businesses, in the very early 19th cent. Elijah Van Dyke, one of the bros., is buried there....Acc: to Mrs.
By 1790, there was a sufficiently large settlement of pioneers in the north end of the county to justify a grist mill. Such a mill was built at Rivals by Elijah Van Dyke and his brother Jimmy sometime after 1789 or 1790. The Van Dyke Mill was built on the confluence of Guist ("Gh(ih)st") and Brashe Creek on the northwest corner. Wm. Jewell was millwright. Van Dyke, Van Buskirk, and Jewell were all involved. Information on the mill was provided by Chas.
Dawson Stout...he has compiled a very complete hist. of (the mill)." The mill is gone....(On P. 70): "The name Boneset was once considered as a name for the community. However, when a po name was needed, Chas. L. Stout was asked to submit 3 names from which one would be chosen. Boneset was one; the 2nd name cannot be recalled. Searching about for the 3rd name, Mr. Stout noticed a trade name on a box of shot gun shells--Rivals. He submitted the 3 names and Rivals was chosen by
the committee for the name of the po." Chas. L. Stout & Sons were one of the mill's owners. (P.69) A swinging bridge across Brash-ears Creek. The community was on both sides of the creek. The bridge is still there.... The Boneset Distillery was est. nr. the mill. ("B(oh)n/s(eh)t") "Boneset was an old herb that when brewed with whiskey made a tonic. As there were no drugstores...within 3 to 500 miles, whiskey was used as a medicine for both men and animals."...(P.70) Th Van Dykes Mill po at one time served Little
Mount as well as the mill vic. itself. DK of a Camden community or po. (Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978); Van-Dykes Mill po was est. 1/14/1848, John B. Veech; 1/24/185? John C. Vandyke (sic) ...later spelled Van Dyke's Mill (c.1857) ...Disc. 8/21/1872 (NA);
**RIVALS** (Spencer Co.): This is the correct spelling. It was never spelled merely **Rival** The Van Dyke (sic) Mill was located at the present Rivals location. It was not originally at the mouth of Guist. The **Vandyke's Mill** was in a gro. store. The brothers' name was spelled 2 words. Chas. Levi Stout owned the mill in 1900 when the **Rivals** was est. He was not storekeeper. The mill closed in 1948. Chas. L. Stout bought the Van Dyke Mill c. 1887. He had a series of joint owners over the years. There were 2 mills at one time. Two bros., Elijah and Jimmy, owned the original mill together. They had a disagree-
ment, and Jimmy built his own mill at the confluence of Brashears and Guist Creeks, below Rivals. The Rivals community was once known as Boneset. Chas. Stout and two other men were asked to name the p.o. Three names were suggested, among them 'Rivals'. In the discussion Mr. Stout had glanced at the store shelves, noticed a box of shotgun shells with the name 'Rivals', suggested it as a name and the other two men agreed. I am sure this information is correct. It was given to me by Chas. Dawson Stout, a grandson of Chas. L. Stout, and son of Elli ••••" (Mary Frances Brown, letter to me, 12 1/1980).
SNIDER (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 4/4/1894, James M. Walker; 7/7/1914, Chas. E. Walker; Disc. 2/29/1916 (mail to Taylorsville) (POR-NA); Acc. to James M. Walker, 3/16/1894, the name prop. for this po was Watterson and it would be 5 mi nw of Howser po, 6 mi sse of Little Mt. po, 6 mi n of Colross po, ½ mi n of Salt R. and ½ mi s of Little Beech Creek. Not a vil., 7 mi ene of Taylorsv. (SLR); J. Snider was ne Spence Co. in 1838. He was a farmer in the Mt. Eden po area. Jacob Snider lived and owned land in the nc edge of Briar Ridge in the Little Mt-Mt. Eden Prec's., so of Little Beech Creek. A no. of Sniders lived in the vic of Ash Creek in the s. part of the co. Incl: Eli, John S.W.D., Jas. H., R.C., Budd. Many lived in vic. of store next to John Tichenor, just e of Ash Creek, up a trib of Colross (line 1922).
SNIDER (Spencer Co., Ky): The Sniders lived on Briar Ridge. Adam was Spencer Co's. Snider prog. He died there in 1836. This was a different line than Harmon's Geo. Wm. Snider (1811-1907) was one of Adam's sons. Geo Wm's. grandson (son of Solomon) was co. Judge Ernest J. Snider. (Brown, hist., P. 207); This commu. was on Ky 248 with the Walker Sch., a nearby church and a store just w of the sch. N of Salt R., 1½ mi e of the jct. of 248 and 1416, 5 3/4 mi e of Taylorsv. (1949 state highway map);
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer Co., Ky): "This 6th cl.city and seat of Spencer Co. is centered at the jct. of Ky 44 & 55, 25 (air) mi se of downtown Lou. By 1790 homes were being built here and in 1799 a town was laid out and named for Richard Taylor, the owner of a grist mill and a large tract of land at the confluence of Brashears Creek and Salt R. However, since the plat was not recorded until 1814, this is considered the year of founding. (sic) The po was est. on 10/1/1817 with Mastin B. Shelburn, pm, and the town was inc. in 1829. Acc. to co. historian, Mary Frances Brown, the name Belgrade was also suggested. 'The way the creek meanders around the town it leaves a tract of land that is somewhat bell-shaped and that was considered at one time.' But T'ville was the locally preferred name." (Book, p. 291)
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer Co.): Laid off in 1799 while still in Shelby Co. on land of Richard Taylor who owned grist mill and much land at the mouth of Brashears Creek & above jct. with Salt River... (HIST. OF SHELBY COUNTY, KY. Written, Compiled, & Edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1929, P. 61); In the Salt R. Val. Betw. Salt R. & Brashears Creek. 1st called Belgrad, then Spencer, and then Taylorsville. (Bayless Hardin, WPA ms); po est. 10/1/1817(?), Martin B. Shelburn... (NA); Inc. 1/29/1829, (sic) (ACTS, 1829, P. 180) see act of 3/10/1856 incorporating it (ACTS, 1855/6, Vol. 2, P. 198); 7/12/1817
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer Co., Ky): Centers at the jct. of Ky 44 and 155. Laid out in 1799 and named for Richard Taylor, land and local grist mill owner. Where Brashear Creek joins the Salt R. 1st settled by 1790. Inc. 1/22 1829. Bapt. Chu. there by 1794. Economy mostly depend on county's farm prod'n. and recent tourism. The Salt R. was impounded in 1982 to form a 3050 acre Taylorsv. Lake. 6th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 774, following a steady pop. decline. (KY ENCY. 1992, P. 872); The lake is 18 mi long with 3050 surface acres. Mostly in S Co. but some of it in adjacent Anderson & Nelson Co's. 75 mi shoreline. T'ville. Lake St.Pk. being developed 1991. To be completed by 2/92. (LEX. HER-LEAD. 9/29/91, P. D14:1); Opened to the public in '83. Purpose: primarily flood control & recreat. (AP, 7/16/1989);
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer Co.): Army Corps of Engineers has been building a $40 m. dam on the Salt R. just s'w of town. Work has ceased pending court decision on suit to stop the dam for good....lst visited 1776 by explorers who came up the Salt R. from the Ohio R. to this site. By 1790 homes were being built her richard taylor's grist mill here by 1799. Town named for him. Inc. 1814 and plat recorded in Shelbyv. The Cumb. & Ohio (now L&N) RR was built thru in 1882 connecting the county to Lou. Trains ended run in 1952....The town was est. here because of its location on Salt R. at the head of navigation and for Taylor's Mill, the area's first. (John Ed Pearce, "Spencer Co." LCJM, 4/16/78, Pp. 10ff);
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer County, Ky.) Named for "Richard Taylor, prop. of a grist mill and owner of a large tract of land on Brachear's Creek on which the town was laid out." (Elmer G. Sulzer in letter to me, 11/14/1971) "It is very well known here and shown in the hist. of the co. and co. records, that Taylorsville was conceived and proposed as a town of Shelby Co., along about the beginning of the 19th cent., but was not plotted and formally laid out and authorized until 1814 or about 10 years before the county of Spencer was est. in 1823." (Letter by Geo. L. Willis, Sr. of Shelbyv. to LCJ, 11/16/1934);
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer Co.): ("Tāl/ərz/v(ih)l") Named for landowner. Other candidate for name Belgradē ("B(əh)l/grað") "The way the Beshears Creek meanders around the town it leaves a tract of land that is somewhat bell-shaped and that was considered at one time." It was never actually called Belgrade or Spencer. It was laid out in 1799. DK who laid it out; probably not Taylor. At the jct. of Beshears Creek & Salt R., which is why the town had so many damaging floods at one time.... (Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978);
TAYLORSVILLE (Spencer Co., Ky): The order establishing the co. seat stipulated that it be called Spencerville. Taylor Basye owned land on the west side of Brashears Creek. (Brown, hist., P. 65); Taylorsville's po is only one of two still active. The other is Mt. Eden;
TENMILE CREEK (Spencer Co., Ky): Joins Beech Creek n. of Possum Ridge. (F486e) in the northeast part of the county. Heads ½ mi. from the Shelby Co. line. Beech Creek is a Salt R. trib. Tenmile Cr. is 8½ mi. up Beech Creek (acc. to top. map); No one seems to know the derivation of this name but it is guessed that it may refer to the distance from its source to the center of Taylorsville, which is 10 miles. This seems logical to informant for, she says, "there are no points of significance in any other direction." (Mary France Brown, Taylorsville, Ky., letter to me, 3/30/1987)
WAKEFIELD (Spencer Co., Ky): J.T. Wakefield lived just before the Civil War. (Brown, hist., P. 241); Wm. Smiley died in 1843. Other Smiley's in S. Co. before the CW; Acc. to 1850 Census, Wm. Smiley was a 27 yr. old farmer in Dist. #1. Also Smileys lived nr Wakefields in Dist. #1 and 2. incl. Jas. Wakefield (59) nr W. Smiley (34), both farmers; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., Smileytown was 5½ mi s of T'ville. J.A. Houghlin was pm and J.M. Houghlin was storekeeper; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this was an L&N sta. with Smileytown po with J.A. Houghlin pm & gen. storekeeper, J.D. and J.W. Wakefield had a gen. store and were rr agents; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Wakefield was on L&N, 5 mi s of T'ville. Pop. 25. Dr. Benj. McClaskey was pm, rr & exp. agent. Gould Houghlin had gen. store. Reuben B. Money & R. Rezin Elder had another gen. store. Other businesses.
WAKEFIELD (Spencer Co., Ky): M.W. Wakefield (1822-1892 and W.B. Wakefield (1859-1925) are buried in the Valley Cem;
WAKEFIELD (Spencer Co.): po est. as Smiley-town, 3/3/1856, Jesse Kendall. Disc. 9/2/62; Re-est. 4/14/1863, Matthew Wakefield...ch. to Wakefield, 8/10/1885, John D. Wakefield...(NA: ("Wakefield"). Now: DPO, country store, Bapt. & Christian churches. Smileytown was named for a family, as was Wakefield. She thinks (but dk for sure) that Smileytown was a little further down the road from Taylorsv. ("Sm(ah) (eye)/lee/town"). The Wakefield were a rather large family. She'll check Matthew & John's relationship. No Wakefields left in the county; some in Shelby Co....(Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978); disc. 1942
SMILEYTOWN (Spencer Co., Ky): Acc. to Jos. A. Coughlin, 10/20/1876, this po was 3 mi s of Salt R. (SLR); Acc. to John D. Wakefield, 6/9/1885 this po, as Wakefield was serving the commu. of Smileytown, 5 mi n of Bloomfield po, 5 mi s of Taylorsv. po, 5 mi e of Fairfield po, 2½ mi w of Salt R. and 1 mi w of Ashes Creek, 75 ft. e of Bloomfield Br. of the C&O RR. Wakefield was a flag sta. Also: a country store. Acc. to Robt. Y. Simpson, 9/5/1909, this po was 3 mi s of Salt R and 2½ mi w of Hacks Creek, 5½ mi nw of Colross po, 20 ft. e of rr, 1½ mi from co. line. On 11/3/1913, E.V. Greer pet. for a site ch. 300 ft. n to a pt. 2 mi w of Salt R, 2 mi nw of Jacks Creek, 5 mi s of T'ville. po, 50 ft. n of rr, 1 (air) mi e of co. line. On 3/17/
1919, W.L. Moore pet. for a site ch. 357½ air ft. se to a pt. 1½ mi from Jacks Creek, 1¼ (air) mi n of the co. line. (Acc. to Chas. Yates, 1/30/1932, this po was in the depot, 3 mi se of Jacks Creek, 5 mi se of Taylors. po, 12 ft. e of the L&N. (Acc. to Mrs. Annie Briggs, 7/24/1939, the po was on the w side of Ky 55, 600 ft. n of Wakefield Sta., 2½ mi ne of Simpson Creek, 3 mi s of Salt R., 5 mi se of Taylorsv. po. (SLR); Wakefield /Station and Smileytown po are shown on Lake 1882 map. With store-po. J.W. Wakefield ne Spencer Co. in 1851. J.P. Wakefield ne Spencer Co. 1846. M.A. Wakefield ne Spencer Co. 1837. The 1st two were merchants; James Wakefield rep. the co. in the Ky. Hse. 1840, 1841. (Acc. to Collins II);
VAN DYKE (Spencer Co., Ky); po est. as Vandyke's Mill.
1/14/1848, John B. Veech; 1/24/1855, John C. Vandyke;
1/27/52, Dan'l. S. Wise; 10/19/52, John C. Vandyke;
(By 1857 it was being spelled Van Dyke) 11/19/1857,
Saul A. Russell; 11/23/1858, John C. Vandyke; 3/7/68,
Jos. G. Duvall; 12/31/1869, Pierson W. Torr; Disc.
8/21/1872 (POR-NA); Acc. to Jos. G. Duvall, this po,
as Van Dyke's Mill was on the e side of Brashears
Creek, 4 mi nw of Little Mt. po, 6 mi from Taylorsv.
po. (SLR);
WAMBA (Spencer Co., Ky): po est. 4/27/1900, James K. Miller, order rescinded 9/10/1900 (POR-NA);
WATERFORD (Spencer Co.): po est. 2/4/1847, Milton McGrew...Disc. 9/19/1887 (papers to Elk Creek); Re-est. 10/6/87, James W. Sutt ...Disc. 2/15/1917 (mail to Taylorsville) (NA) ("W(âh)t/er/fârd") Plum Creek ran right thru the vil. and around it. The ford is where Hiwaj 44 now crosses the creek. So it was aptly named The McGrews are all gone now....Now: gro. and 2 churches. Still known by this name. DPO. (Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., it then had a pop. of 75;
WATERFORD (Spencer Co., Ky): Vic. settled ca. 1800 on Plum Creek, nr Salt R. In 1810 the Plum Creek U. Bap. Chu. was est. by 14 families under the leadership of Reuben Smith. Families: Weeks, Collings, Smith, Gunn, Crafford, Bolis, Goins, Sparks, Garrison, Osborne, Martin, McGrew, Conn, Green, etc. Rev. War vet. John Ringo. Had: several stores, mill, bank, canning fact. (ca. WWI), sch. Martins Store on Ky. 44 is gone. Charlie Jasper's store. Tichenor's Buggy & Harness sales. (Tom Watson "Waterford" SALT RIVER ARCADIAN, 7/89, P. B9:1-3); chu. was est. 1811 (Brown, P. 222);
WATERFORD (Spencer Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo at the jct. of Ky 44 and 1060, 4½ (air) mi w of Taylorsv., was aptly named. The old ford is where KY 44 now crosses Plum Creek, a trib. of Salt R. The po, est. on 2/4/1847, with Milton McGrew, pm, closed in 1917." (Book-P. 310); Acc. to Colie Williams, 12/24/1898, this po was 1½ mi n of Salt R, 200 yds. w of Plum Creek, 5½ n w of Taylorsv. po, 3 air mi from the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Clarence C. Taylor was pm and storekeeper. Another gen. store, 4 sawmills, other businesses; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., its pop. was 75. Had 2 sawmills, 2 chu's., sch. M.A. Malott was pm and storekeeper. J.L. Murray ran local sawmill;
WAYSIDE (Spencer Co.): po est. 5/27/1891, Joseph Best...to Anderson Co. 4/13/1898 (sic) and return to Spencer Co. 10/5/1904, David L. Johnson. Disc. 8/15/1909 (mail to Mt. Eden) (NA); ("Wayside" (eye)d) DK anything about it. Vaguely recalls, in her childhood, hearing of a Wayside Country Sch. DK where it was. (Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978);
WAYSIDE PO (Shelby-Anderson-Spencer Co's, Ky): PO est. in Spencer Co. 5/27/1891 with Jos. Best, pm...Disc. 8/15/1909 (mail to Mt. Eden) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jos. Best, 5/6/1891, this po was 4 mi e of Mt. Eden po, 4 mi w of Orr po, 4 mi n of Vandike po, 3 mi n of Salt R., 1/15 mi w of Crooked Creek. No vil. // Acc. to David L. Johnson, 10/24/1904, this po, late in Shelby Co., was then ca. 50 yds. w of Crooked Creek, 50 air yds. from the co. line. (SLR); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., thi was only a po;
WAYSIDE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 12/12/1887, Samuel S. Cox; 8/13/1889, Harry H. Elder; Disc. 2/17/1890 (papers to Mt. Eden);

9/12/1898, Sam'l. S. Cox; 5/24/1904, Chas. M. Cox; 10/5/1904, David L. Johnson.... P&G has Wayside po in Shelby Co. 1887-1890. Then in Spencer Co. 1891-1909. No mention of it in Anderson Co; Acc. to Sam'l. S. Cox, 11/16/1887, the name prop. for this po was Strom (?) & it would be 2½ mi from Mt. Eden PO, 5 mi nw of Orr PO, 6 mi s of Harrisonville, 1½ mi nw of Crooked Creek. On 8/17/1898, Ibid. pet. for site ch. 1½ mi nw of a pt. 7 mi e of Southville, 5 mi nw of Gee, 4 mi n of Salt R., 1 mi nw of Crooked Creek. Serving a country store.
Late in Anderson Co. Site ch. 1½ mi nw (sic) (apparently back to its orig. site-?), and ¼ mi from the co.line. (Acc. to Sam'l. S. Cox, 10/7/1898);
WAYSIDE (Spencer Co., Ky): The Rand McNally Atlas of 1907 shows this place on the w bank of Crooked Creek, just s of the Shelby Co. line.
WILSONVILLE (Spencer Co.): po est. 5/29/1832, John Hopkins (or earlier maybe)...Disc. 2/28/1918 (mail to Fisherville) (NA); po moved from Shelby Co. on or before 10/30/1841 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Andrew Kreutzer was pm and storekeeper. McDonald and Parris had saw & corn mill; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz., this place had a pop. of 30. Alex'r. A. Beard was pm and storekeeper farmer. Two gen. stores: (1) Dr. E.T. Ellison, (2) J.M. Heady; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz., Abe Beard was pm, J.M. Heady had gen. store as did Thos. Reagan;
WILSONVILLE (Spencer Co.): ("W(ih)l/san/v(ih)l")/Named for some prominent family in the commu. but she dk anything about it. No one in the place who could tell her about the family. No one by this name in the county now. Now: not much of a vil. DPO. May not even be a country store there anymore. She'll check or this for me...(Mary Frances Brown, interview, 7/15/1978); Acc. to Andrew Kreutzer, 12/28/1898, this po was on the s side of Plum Creek, 3 mi n of Elk Creek po, 5 mi sw of Normandy po, 2 air mi from the co. line. (SLR);