BLACKBURN (Union Co., Ky.): 50 acres. 12/29/1879, I.W. Garr, 1/22/80. John V. Cromwell --- 4/30/88, Rukt. M. Brown, Disc. 8/10/88, (p. to Shawneetown, Ill.), re-ent. 5/28/90, John Beaver --- 7/25/04, Martin J. Beaver, Disc. 4/30/07 (m. to Shawneetown (Por)).
BORDLEY (Union Co.): 1878, po est. c. 1 mi. from town, Wm. Ross=pm. He named it for a friend he'd known in England. C.W. wrecked havoc on thriving vil. In 1865, merchants returned...(P. 15) (from MORGANFIELD SESQUI-CENTENNIAL HIST'L. PROG., 8/30-9/4 (1951);
PO est. 1828 about 1 mi. from the present site (i.e. 1886) of the vil. by Wm. Ross, 1st pm who named it for a friend in England. Later he moved to Madisonville and Chas. Ross succeeded him. The po was moved in 1858. Prior to 1858, Richard Mart, an employee of Ross's, bought some land at the present site of Bordly and sold it in turn to Jas. P. Woodring and Jacob
Sheuse Strouse. In the fall of 1858, they est. a store there and the po was transferr to it. Then Mart also opened a store in the vic...(P. 721)...several churches...(P.772) (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY. 1886);
BORDLEY (Union Co.): c. 7 mi. e. of Sturgis, nr Webster Co. line. 1st pm was Bordley Ross. DK why his name was chosen for po and vil. Several yrs. after po est., a store was opened by Pete Woodring c. 2 mi. from po. This store is at the present site of Bordley. An important trade center after the CW...po est. c. 1 mi. from later site of town in 1828. Wm. Ross was pm/ PO move from orig. site in 1858. Nearly destroyed in CW Decline resulted from ICRR arr. in co. for it bypassed the vil. by 2 mi. Some bldgs. removed to nearby Pride (q.v.)....(UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, cl941, Pp. 191-3); po est. 9/6/1831, Wm. F. Ross (or earlier). Disc. 8/18/36; Re-est. 10/26/41, Robt. H. Davis...9/24/58, Jas P. Woodring; Disc. 11/30/65; Re-est. 3/6/66,
BORDLEY (Union Co.): ("B(aw)rd/lee") Now: vacant store bldg. and a Chu. of Christ and c. ½ dozen homes. DK origin of the name. Never heard of such a family in the county. DK of any Ross(es) there. Some Woodrings live in that area but never heard of Pete. (Earl Bel interview, 8/27/1978);
BOXVILLE (Union Co.): ("B(ah)x/v(ih)l") DK origin of name. DK of Lincoln Agin(s) or David Springer. Now: 1 store recently built. Still referred to by the Boxville name by oldtimers. 6-7 homes on the xrds. Camp Breck took most of the land. (Earl Bell, interview 8/27/1978);
BOXVILLE (Union Co., Ky.) "Boxville got its name in this way: Lincoln Agin moved into the community and set up as a shoemaker in a house of such size and shape that people called it the 'Box' House. But success at his trade won him respect, and when in the 1850's Agin, along with David Springer, bought the first five acres for a contemplated town, it was thought fitting to name it 'Boxville.'" (UNION COUNTY--PAST AND PRESENT, WPA, Ky. Writers' Project, 1941, P. 193) (More on this town given, Pp. 193-94....)
BOXVILLE (Union Co.): c. 7 mi. e. of Morganfield. On Rts. 56/141. David Springer opened a gen'l. store there in the 1850s. Pop. (c. late 1930s) = 250.... (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, 1941, Pp. 193-4); po est. 7/14/1868, Lincoln Agins...(NA)

In 1858 the land in vic. was owned by Louis Ash. Also in 1858, Calvin Agin, a shoemaker, moved to site and opened shop in a little box house. It came to be locally derided as Boxville. Blue & Coffman bought out Ash c.1861. Town of Boxville was founded 1865. Agin and David Springer bought 5 acres in the new town. Tob. factory-main econ base in latter 19th cent. "Later absorbed by Camp Breckinridge." Sch. built 1880.... (P.16) (from MORGANFIELD. SESQUICENT. HIST'L. PROG., 8/30-9/4 (1951);
BOXVILLE (Union Co.): The land here was owned in 1858 by Louis Ash. In that yr., Calvin Agin, a shoemaker, moved to the site of the present vil. and "opened business at his trade in a little box house. It soon became somewhat noted, and was called, in derision, 'Boxville.'" Ash was soon "bought out by Blue & Coffman" and in late 1865 plans were in effect to est. a town there. Agin and David Springer bought the future town site. Springer built a blacksmith shop. Neel & Neel opened a store and Agin another store. Other stores and shops were built there. In 1870 or '71, Agin est. a tob. factory...(P. 665)... Sch. built c.1880. Also used for chu...c.188(
it was a trading ctr. for area farmers and tob. factory was its prin. industry. (P. 66
(HIST. OF UNION CO., KY., 1886); disc.
1942; (F-725);
BUFFALO CITY (Union Co.): po est. as Commercial Point 7/10/1872, John F. Alloway. Disc. 10/16/1874; Re-est. 4/16/86, Coquere Whitecotton... changed to Commercial, 4/18/94, Sarah S. Gill. Disc. eff. 9/30/1903 (papers to Sturgis) (NA); Never heard it called Buffalo City and dk why it would have been called this. Oldtimers in the co. still refer to it as Commercial Point ("Kə/mer/shəl/ Point") Local people refer to themselves as living in Sturgis. It's on the edge of Sturgis. On Tradewater R. Never heard it called just Commercial. Given as Commercial Point in the 1870s Atlas. Assumes it was named
for its being a shipping port on the river. Now: nice homes for about 1 mi. along the road, thickly settled. No store. Not in the Sturgis city limits. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
BUFFALO CITY (Union Co.): (aka Commercial Pt.)
Small hamlet on Tradewater R. nr. Sturgis. Before the C.W. this site was a shipping pt. on that river. Pioneers discovered a 2 in. vein of salt 2 or 3 ft. below the surface of the ground provided a buffalo & deer lick. Thus it was named Buffalo Lick or Buffalo City. aka Crossroads. Settlement dates to about 1860 with 3 families, the Mitch, Reynolds, and Smallwood. Store and blacksmith shop, church, more homes joined them. In 1870 the name Commercial Point chosen for the place by Augusta Talbott and inc. under this name. By 1881, had saw & planing mill, flour mill, tob. factory, several stores, sch... (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, 1941, Pp. 194-5);
Camp BREECKINRIDGE (Union Co., Ky.); est.
as army camp in 1941, later became a
training base for 40,000 soldiers, a
Bob corps. center. 32,000 acres. (Earle
Bell, 8/27/78);
CASEYVILLE (Union Co.): po est. 8/6/1838, John Casey...(NA); Named for Nicholas Casey (or his family), pioneer settlers. Name first applied to the steamboat landing, then to the town. A thriving commercial town in the early 1870s, on the Ohio R. bottoms. Fire and floods in the lst half of the 1880s (P. 800) "devastated it" (P.789) and led to the settlement of the adjace hills...(P.780) Inc. by act of Ky. Leg. and app. 12/21/1837, acc. to ACTS 1837/8, Pp. 22-3 (Pp. 790-1). Peter Casey, the son of Nicholas Casey who came to Am. before the Rev. and settled in Va. Peter was ne in Va. and was a Rev. War vet. Peter supervised a land survey in
Union Co. in 1785. He had been granted land in what would become Union Co. for his war services. "He located land at the mouth of Highland Creek," below the present site of Uniontown, also on Caseys Creek, a branch of Highland Creek and on both sides of the Tradewater at its confluence with the Ohio R. He died in Morganfield but the date is unknown....(Pp. 43-4) Caseyville was founded by Nicholas, son of Peter (near Harrods Fort, 1790. Died 2/24/1863.) Moved his family to the Caseyville site in 1826.
1827. Soon it was called **Casey's Landing**, a steamboat supply depot. He was a state legislator and arranged for the town's incorporation. (Pp. 46-7) (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY., 1886);
CASEYVILLE (Union Co.): Peter Casey proj. of the Union Co. Caseys. He surveyed the land in Union Co. in 1785 after which he returned to Harrods Ft. There his son, Nicholas was born in 1799. In the mid 1820s, Nicholas est. Caseys Landing and near the mouth of the Tradewater R. and operated there a woodyard and a ferry. "In 1828, he dug the 1st icehouse betw. Lou. & N.O. Presently boats bound up and down the river began to tie up at Caseys Landing for provisions. This place became known as Caseyy in 1837 by Leg. act. "largely" thru Nicholas influence as a state legislator then. (P.16
Fast developing trade ctr. due to its str. location. "Successive disastrous floods... reduced the (once) prosperous settlement to but a ghost of its former self." 1860 = pop. of 623. In 1900 = 217. In 1940 = 67. In early days of county, it was probably the most prosperous town in the co. with many businesses. Also a woolen mill and a tob. factory, newp., and bank. By 1940, only 2 gro's., rest. and beauty parlor, Meth. Chu. & sch. were left. (P.169). Mulfordv. is within the city limits of C'ville. Called the "highwater suburb of Caseyv." (P.17) (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, Ky. Write: Proj. 1941);
CASEYVILLE (Union County, Ky.) Founded by Nicholas Casey "who secured its charter and establishment of the Caseyville Precinct when he was in the Legislature in 1838. Combined with the town is Mulfordtown...the high water suburb of Caseyville." (Louisville Times, 3/14/1941, filed LFPL) Pop. c1940=67. (ibid) ("Ka/see/v(ih)l"). Had been a thriving riverport. Now: Union Sand & Gravel Co. has an office there. No store anymore; the old storehouse still stands. Otto Hieronymous was the last storekeeper...No Caseys left in the county... (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
CASEYVILLE (Union Co.): At the confluence of the Tradewater & the Ohio R's. 1st settler= Peter Casey, 1785. He later established ferry landing, tavern. 1st called Caseys Landing. Renamed 1837 Caseyville. Floods. Only 67 pop by 1940. Now all but extinct. (John Ed Pearce "Union Co." (Focus on Ky. series in) LCJ MAG. 6/11/1978, Pp. 10ff, 14);
COMMERCIAL POINT (Union Co.): On Tradewater R.: a river, landing a few mi. sw of Sturgis and 5 mi. from the mouth of the Tradewater. A shipping port for area coal mines as early as 1884. (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA Ky. Writers' Proj., 1941, P. 120); Inc. as such 4/30/1884 (ACTS, 1883/4, Vol. 2, P. 586);
CULLEN (Union Co.): p.o. est. 2/11/1885, Jos. G.W. Cullen...Disc. eff. 6/30/1906 (mail to Bordley) (NA); Was located on road betw. Bordley & Morganfield, c. 2 mi. from Pride. By 1940 only 1 small store, a broom factory, and ¼ doz. homes. At one time called Weaver City for the Populist Presidential candidate. A sch since discontinued. First called W.C. it was est. "during the period of the Greenback excitement." At one time this precinct was the only dry one in co. (before 1886)...(UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, c1941, Pp. 195-6);
CULLEN (Union Co.): 3 mi. from Bordley, a thriving vil. which was est. "during the period of Greenback excitement and named for the Greenback candidate for Pres., Weaver City." c.1885, had a store, blacksmith shop, grist mill... (P.723 of HIST. OF UNION CO., K 1886); ("K(uh)l/ean") DK where it is tho' has heard of it. DK why n.ch. from Weaver City nor when/why first called Weaver City. Now called Cullen. Strictly farming commu. Now: nothing. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
CULLEN (Union Co.): Trade ctr. c. 2 mi. from Pride and 6 mi. from Little Union. By 1940, virtually extinct, with only 6-8 families and 1 store and a broom factory. Sch. closed. 1st called Weaver City for James B. Weaver, populist Pres. candidate in 1880. (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA Ky. Writers' Proj., 1941, P. 195);
CURLEW (Union Co., Ky): Po. est. 9/13/185
David C. James, 2/21/60, Risley Ht.
Brigham. N - c h. Curlew miner 9/24/60
& 16/1'd. Disc 5/13/61, Re-est. as Curlew
1/27/06, John W. Robinson, 6/30/06, Wm
H. Pollard -- Disc. 1934 (Por); (6177)
Big mines + a co. store, named for mine
owner, now: just homes. (Earle Bell, 8/27/
1978);
COPRESS (Union Co., Ky): Pu. est. 1/15/1829. John D. Davis, 2/2/39. Hosea A. Pierson ... 4/20/64. Francis H. Shouse. Disc. 8/25/65 (Por);
DEKOVEN (Union Co.): Site was part of tract 1st surveyed by Peter Casey in 1785 below the present site of Uniontown...in the Tradewater watershed. Suspected coal in that area. John Willworth arrived with party in spring of 1839 and traveled up Hines Cr. to a ridge. Spotted a nearby Ind. vil. in a val. betw. 2 ridges. "As (he)gazed at the Ind. vil. in the haze of an early spring dawn, he was dumfounded (sic) by the magnificent natural beauty of the scene and being a true lover of nature, it brought back the half forgotten memories of a home in sunny France, so as his enraptured gaze lingered upon the scene he exclaimed softly 'DeKoven', a French word loosely translated, meaning vil. or camp among the hills." (Nannie G. Reynolds, WPA ms on DeKoven, 4/1941)
DeKOVEN (Union Co.): Willworth later returned to that site and became superintendent of mining operation that was est. there. A settlement was begun on what was called Coon Ridge and this was the beginning of DeKoven, c. ½ mi. from present site of town. RR line thru c. 3/4 mi. from town but soon town shifted to the rr and the Coon Ridge site was abandoned. Early growth dependent on mines. When mining activity "ceased" town's prosperity came to end and it became "sleepy little village." ... (Nannie G. Reynolds, WPA ms. on DeKoven, Ky. 1/4/1941, inc. 3/16/1886, (ACTS, 1885/6, Vol. 1, P. 771)
DEKOVEN (Union Co.): c.1870 it had a gen. store, po, sch., 2 hotels, Masonic Lodge, and a pop. of 200+ RR ran betw. DeK. and Ohio R. Town's dev. was a result of the opening of a coal mine in the area. The Ohio Val. Ry. shipped coal from local mines on this line. Also a trade ctr. for area farmers due to its location on the rr and the river. (Pp. 806-7 of HIST. OF UNION CO., KY., 1886);
("Dee/k(oh)v/ən") Mining town. Now: T&M Mine shut down 2 yrs. ago, store, Masonic Lodge, chu's., community bldg. Still locally called this. The "DeKovan" spelling in the 1870s Atlas was an error. DK origin of the name. No area families of this name. (Earl Bell, 8/27/1928).
Dekoven (Union Co.): In 1839 a Frenchman, John Willworth discovered coal and started a mining camp which he called DeKoven meaning, in his native tongue, "vil. among the hills." The beauty of the terrain so reminded him of home for the vil. is surrounded by "towering hills." Only the busi. section & a few homes are on the level; the rest are on the hillsides or at the top of the hills. In the 19th cent. the vil. housed a sch., hotel, sawmill, stores and shops. C. Mining always main industry. The Ohio Val. RR (ICRR) built thru in 1886 to dev. coal resources in that and other areas along the line. Pop. & bldg. boom after WWI. Pop. reached c.1100 by early 1920s. Mines closed in or soon after 1924 and pop. declined dramatically. Highway freight-
ing brought an end to successful rr. By 1938 the ICRR had closed its depot & freight sta.
there. Pop. declined by 90% in the late 1930s.

...(Nannie G. Reynolds of DeKoven, Ky. ms.
for WPA that was included in UNION CO. PAST &
PRESENT, WPA, c1941, Pp. 172-80); po. est.
6/13/1871, Warren Howell. Disc. 8/17/76; Re-
est. 4/8/80, Amzie W. McMican...(NA); D\'sc 1954
DEKOVEN (Union Co.). Until 1924 this was one of w. Ky.'s largest coal mining commu's. with a peak pop. in the early 1920s of 1500. By 1954 only one store left, a grocery. This may have been Ky's "first really important mining (town)...and at one time it was the largest." Coal was discovered in the vic. in 1827. This attracted prospectors from Va. one of whom was John Willworth, a native of Flanders. "The hills rising back from the river so reminded him of his native Flanders that he called the location DeKoven which literally translated from the Flemish means 'among the hills.'"
Some mining was done in 1834 but shortlived.

"A settlement was started and from it DeKoven emerged... in 1859 the first major effort to get out the coal was started... a dummy line was laid from the coal mine to the Ohio R., a mile away... in 1872. Coal was hauled by rail to the river and there dumped into barges for farther movement... in 1886, a full-fledged rr (now a spur of the IC) was extended thru town. DeK. was such an important freight point that it became a div. hdqtrs. of the rr: (po was est....)

Town expanded. Sawmill was set up, a brick-
yard started.....(In 1881) Dr. G.P. Kelsey (realized) his dream of a rr for Union Co. (the 1st train of the Ohio Val. RR arr. in DeK. in 1886)" Mine closed after 1924 when the company decided it could/would not meet miners' demands for increased wages. Over 250 houses were torn down or moved and the town was almost abandoned."En- croaching farm land...."(Joe Creason "De- Koven, Once Coal Capital and Now a Ghost, Hopes to Make a Comeback" LCJ, 10/17/1954, III P. 3:1-6);
DRAKE'S GROVE (Union co., NY) 5 Pa. est. 7/10/1872. Benj. M. Drake, Oisc. 3/13/73. Re-est. 2/16/74. Augustus Brooks, Oisc. 12/14/74. Re-est. 9/3/79, WM. C. Melton, Oisc. 9/21/80 (POR);
EARLE C. CLEMENTS JOB CORPS CENTER (Union Co.) is the new name for what had been the Breckinridge Job Corps Center. Renamed for Earle C. Clements, ex-Ky. gov. & US sen. On 10/22/80. (LCJ, 10/23/1980, P. A1:6);
EBERLEY (Union Co., Ky); PO. est. 2/8/1887. John W. Muncester, Disc. 11/3/1889 (P. to Sullivan) (PO).
FLOURNOY (Union Co.): po est. 6/5/1886, John R. Thompson... (NA); ("Fler/noi") Named for local family. DK who was prog. Judge L.C. Flournoy, Sr may have been the 1st but dk. Now: no indication of its past existence. A home. Doubts if local people now know the name anymore. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978); disc 1942
(C to Waverly) (Por): Too Yde, from Webster Co. F69;
GRANGERTOWN (Union Co.): po est. as Granger, 12/28/1900, Wm. L. Sullivan; Disc. 12/15/1908 (NA); 1 mi. from Sturgis, on Rt. 85. Named for Andrew M. Grainger. Settlement named 1st called Graingertown and later spelled Grangertown. He was ne. on Tradewater R. and moved to Union Co. in 1880 and built home nr. present site of town. In 1886 or 1895 (check), the Cumberland Coal Co opened mine in area and built tram rd. for movement of coal to Caseyv. on river. A grist & saw mill was built by Grainger's father, also Andre M., in 1844. Pop. (mid 1930s)=340....(UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, c1941, Pp. 186, 196);
GRANGERTOWN (Union Co.): ("Ghrændj/er/town" DK origin or hist. Never heard of Cumb. Coal Co. Still called Grangertown. DK when the Grangers came. Now almost suburban Sturgis. No Grangers now live in this co. Was a coal mining commu. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
GROVE CENTER (Union Co.): po est. 5/20/1887, Chas. H. Omer...(NA); Almost in center of co. (ICRR and Rt. 130. c. 6 mi. from Morganfield. Before rr arrived, Isaac Hooper farmed much of the land at this site. Wm. Hooper was 1st store owner. A farming trade center. pop. (mid 1930s) =180.... (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, 1941, Pp. 196-7); ("Ghr(oh)v S(eh)n/ter") Name preceded the est. of the po in 1887. DK how old the place is or who were 1st settlers. Now: store, gun dealer, Meth. & Bapt. chu's. Still called Grove Center. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978); Po. as GROVE CENTRE (1887-1893) then as GROVE CENTER (1893-1957)
Gum Grove (Union Co., Ky): P.O. 7/11/1844, John Dyer; Disc. 5/13/62; Ren. Est. 9/19/73, Lewis J. Smith, 3/18/74, Benj. F. Perkins 10/17/78, John W. Perkins, Disc. 10/15/02 (P. to Morganfield) (POR);
HARMONIA (Union Co.): po est. 9/8/1855, Wm. Harmon; Disc. 7/28/1857? (NA); ("H(ah)r/m(oh)/nee/ə") DK where it was or how it originated. Never heard of the place. Nothing there now. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
HEARIN’S STORE (Union Co., Ky): PO. est. 2/21/1861, Robt. Hearin; Disc. 7/4/1865 (P.O.R.);
HENSHAW (Union Co.): c.12 mi. n. of Sturgis, at jct. of Rts. 85/130. On ICRR; Named for Wm. Henshaw, pioneer settler who built 1st home at the site and was one of the biggest farmers in co. Farming trade ctr. Pop. (mid 1930s)=250.... (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, 1941, Pp. 197-9) PO est. 3/18/1887, Wm. M. Henshaw...(NA); The place is still full of Henshaws. DK when they arr. Now: 2 stores, body shop, Xian.Chu... ("H(ie)n/sh(aw)") (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978); DISC, 1960. RB from 1960-64;
Huntsville (Union Co., Ky): P.O. est. 7/20/54, Henry A. Hentsch, 5/14/57, Nicholas W. Culver, 6/22/59, Wm. W. McCunley, disc. 9/8/59 (Por);
Herman (Union Co., NY); po. est. 2/11/182

Jas. R. Sabiston, 10/31/88, Bedford

Duncan -- 9/15/02, Jas. M. Cottingham.

Disc 9/29/06 (m to Waverly) (POR); F725
HITESVILLE (Union Co.): Est. 1850 by Henry Hite who ran its 1st store. Named for him. (M. Ladd, WPA, 4/1941); ("H(ah)⇔(eye)ts/v(ih)l") c. 4 mi. ne of Morganfield. Had a sch. & store. Now: just farming area and several homes. Named for Hites family. They are numerous in that area. Not: Huitsville—a error. (Earl Bell, interview; 8/27/1978); 1st settled by Jos. Buchman, Robt. Wincoff, & the Hites. 1st spelled Heits. Progenitor = Martin Lambert Heits who came from Lorraine, France. (Morganf. Sesqui. Hist; Prog. 8/30-9/14/1951);
HITESVILLE (union co., ny): po. est. as Huitsville 4/16/1886, Presley Pritchett, 6/5/66, John Graham -- 7/31/77, Robt.A. Griggs, n. ch. to Hitesville 4/13 1878, bur'd. 7/25/78, Emma F. Griggs, Disc. 8/15/06 (m. to Uniontown) (po)
Hoy (canton Co) P.O. est. 3/11/1908, Sylvanus Holeman, postmaster residing 6/3/10. On last day P.O. re-established as Arnoldon by bid. Disc 10/15/10 (m. to Sturgis) (PO1); (F-675); station on the Morganfield - Atlanta Rd. (1905+), only area farms. RR right-of-way acq. from Henry Arnold's farm. After the station opened, a store was est. by Bain Holeman + Sam + Fred Arnold. Short lived
operation, ceased in 1940. (WPA = Union Co.
Towns + Villages);
Lindley's Mills (Union Co., Ky.): Re-established as Berry's Mill 2/9/1842, Dan'l. S. Berry, 2/12/56, Jacob W. Indell, Disc. 2/26/57. Re-established as Lindley's Mills 3/8/66, Disc. 2/18/68 (POR). (F58)
LONGWOOD (Union Co., NY): 100. est. 7/31 1837, Burgess B. Long, 1/17/41, Albert G. Long, 2/21/55. G. G. Green; Disc 4/29/1856 (por); (2725)
Mt. Zion (Union Co, NY): PO est. 1811,
Josiah Williams was the 1st or 2nd land
pm, 3/25/33, Jonathan J. Williams - Disc
8/19/1847 (POR);
MORGANFIELD (Union Co.): Site was part of 1500 acre land grant to Gen. Dan'l. Morgan for mil. services in Rev. War. Surveyed by Peter Casey in 1783 or '85. Never visited by Morgan. Later acquired by Presley O'Bannon, the husband of Morgan's granddaughter, Mitilda (sic) Head. Jeremiah Riddle, agent for O'Bannon settled on site c.1802. (P.12). First settlers attracted 1 spring later called Morgan Springs though at 1st was known as Riddle's Spring. Three places considered for co. seat: this place, Uniontown, & Caseyville. Acc. to trad., they were entertained so well by Riddle whose site they chose to visit first that they declined to visit the others and reported to the Leg. that this was their choice. The commu. was first
called Morgan's Field. Within a short time, the 's had been dropped and the 2 words written together to form Morganfield....

(From MORGANFIELD SESQUICENTENNIAL HIST'L. PROG., 8/30-9/4(1951), Pp. 12-3);
MORGANFIELD (Union Co.): Gen. Dan'l. Morgan secured mil. warrant of 1500 acres at this site in the spring of 1783. He died 7/6/1802. His daughter marr. Morgan Herd and their daughter Matilda Herd married Presley Nevill O'Bannon. While in the Ky. Leg. representin Henderson Co. in 1811, the latter was influential in securing passage of the act creating Union Co. Included in the act was the appointment of comm'n. to find a permanent seat. On 5/29/1811 they recommended the site of Jeremiah Riddle's home, the 1st bldg in what became Morganfield, near Morgan's
Spring. Laid out later in 1811. Named for Gen. Morgan, the orig. owner of the site. On 12/22/1811, it was platted by Jas. Townsend. ...(Betty W. Threlkeld, ms. hist. of M'filed, c.1935, KHS. Libr., Union Co. Vert. Files); Riddle settled on O'Bannon's land in 1802. He was the 1st settler of what became M'filed. The town was chartered 3/16/1870. Other data supports Threlkeld. ...(Kathryn Adair Cromwell: ms, "Ky. Towns" ser. for the Ky. Fed. of Homemakers Clubs, 1936, in Ibid.);
MORGANFIELD (Union Co.): Dan'l. Morgan ne N.J. 1736. Died Winchester, Va. 1802. Vet. of Fr. & Ind. War & Rev. Member of US Cong. from Pa. 1795-9. (Acc. to New Am. Cycloped. & repro. in this vol. Pp. 445-6) He was granted land in what later became Union Co. for his mil. services. Land was surveyed in 1783 by Peter Casey. After his death, his heirs had possession of it. A niece married Presley O'Bannon. He & his agent, Jeremiah Riddle were influential in locating co. seat there. (P.446) Morganfield was named for Brig Gen. Dan'l. Morgan. Almost in the county's center. Selected seat 5/28/1811. O'Bannon's
plan for the town was presented to the Co. Ct. 12/23/1811 and approved. Riddle's home was on the site before this date. (P. 448)...
Charted 3/16/1870...(P. 451) (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY. 1886);
MORGANFIELD (Union Co.): The water from Morgan Springs was "said to have healing powers. Named for Dan'l. Morgan, ne 1736 in N.J. Vet. of Fr. & Ind. & Rev. Wars. Awarded his grant after land surveyed in 1783. About that time he retired from the mil. In US Congress 1795-9. Died 1802. His niece married Presley O'Bannon, an Irishman, who planned at that site a 50 acre city called Morgan Springs. Named seat of new Union Co. 5/28/1811 because of its location in the center of county. Co. Ct. authorized to est. town there. O'Bannon's plans submitted to the Ct. 12/23/1811... Inc. 3/16/1870... ("Morgan Springs: A Story Behind the Naming of Morganfield" by Judy Jenkins, HENDERSON GLEANER, n.d.) 5/15/77, The Tri-County Forward...
MORGANFIELD (Union Co.): p.o. est. 2/5/1811
and Morganfield C.H. Ebenezer Boggs... (NA);
When Union Co. est. 1811 out of Henderson Co.
this place was "made co. seat." Named for Gen.
Dan'l. Morgan, land owner. He was a Rev. War
officer having served from 1775 to 1781. (High-
way marker in courthouse yard, acc. to GUIDE,
No. 1250, P. 279); Gen. Dan'l. Morgan, Rev.
War officer, was name sake. 1500 acres nr. here
were inherited by his granddaughter Amelia Hear.
Her husband, Presley O'Bannon was instrumental
in having the county est. by the Ky. Leg. and
Morganfield was made seat in 1812. Ohio Val. RR
arr. 1886 to provide outlet for area coal to
Henderson & Evansv. markets. Industrial park
betw. town and Breck. (Camp) Job Corps Ctr. Manu-
uf. cuts metal & tubing. (John Ed. Boone)
MORGANFIELD (Union Co.): ("M(aw)r/ghən/feeld") Thinks that Dan'l. Morgan's niece married Presley O'Bannon but not sure it wasn't his granddaughter. 1st called Morgan Spring. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
MULFORDVILLE (Union Co.): ("M(uh)1/ferd/town") Maybe a part of Caseyville now, tho' may not be politically incorporated with it check... Still locally called Mulfordtown. DK origin of the name. It had been laid out (cf Atlas). Now: homes, mobile homes, no businesses, Less than ¼ mi. from Caseyv. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
OWL TOWN (Union Co., Ky) : Shortlived f
in the Highland Ch. bottoms nr. the bridge
store, blacksmith, & several homes destri
ed by a flood in 1832 or '33. (Curtis: Union
Co. Towns + Villages, p.8) (F701 or F659) nr. Hitesville
PRIDE (Union Co.): "Village..literally created by the coming of the Morganfield & Atlanta (RR), the right-of-way through the area having been granted only on condition that a station be established at that point. Real estate developers were active, lots were sold, and the town of Pride began to exist in fact. /"But the town prospered only as long as dependence was placed on the rr. When in the late twenties highway trucks made their appearance and began to move the region's produce directly to market, the importance of Pride as a trading ctr. decreased almost to the vanishing point." (Sulzer, GHOST RR OF KY. P. 150); The M&A RR was inc. 5/8/1905. It was "operated by L&N(RR)
as a proprietary company until July 16, 192 when it was merged with the parent company. The Providence to Morganfield route was completed by 4/1/1906. Extended to Earlington.... (Ibid.)
PRIDE (Union Co.): small farming vil. c. 9 mi. e. of Sturgis (as the crow flies) but c. 18 mi. from there on Rt. 141. On the Morganfield & Atlanta RR for which a sta. was est. there c. 1905. Land for sta. was bought from D.T. Pride and on his land town was laid off. Dr. J.W. Watson built 1st home there & T.J. Hearin opened 1st store. Some of the bldgs. and local inst. were removed from nearby Bordley (q.v.) Business began to decline after highways successfully took trade away from rr. Last traj thru and rr tracks removed 12/1939. By 1940, only c. d@z. homes, 2 stores. Most pop. in farming...(UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, 1941, Pp. 201-2);
PRIDE (Union Co.): Created by Morganfield & Atlanta RR which secured right-of-way in 1905. 1906=Pride Improvement Co. est. land bought from Mr. & Mrs. D.T. Pride. Town laid out. 1st home was Dr. J.W. Watson's who also ran a store nr. the depot. Hotel, several businesses moved from Bordley. Trucks proved too much competition for rr and the last freight run was made in 1939. Tracks removed 1940....(P.16) (from MORGANFIELD SESQUICENT. HIST' L. PROG., 8/30-9/4(1951);
PRIDE (Union Co.): ("Pr(ah)\leftrightarrow (eye)d") DK what was there before the rr came thru in 1905. Now: depot, 2 stores, chu. It's still called Pride. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
RALEIGH (Union Co., Ky): on the Ohio R. one of co.'s 1st ship. pts., before the c. w. nothing anymore, at one time had 3 dry goods stores, 3 warehouses, hotel, blacksmith shop. Old Indian graveyard (m't field. -Seaqui. Hist. 1. 1869. 8130-91/4/ 1951. pp. 14-15); now farmland. 1970 flood took away last house. (Earle Bell, 8/27/78
RALEIGH (Union Co, Ky): est. 1826
5/18/1832, WM Waggener, 6/22/1833, Cyrus C. Jones, Disc 12/10/35 (POR); PO est.
as Rockaway 5/14/47, to S. B. Cockrill, 
Mayor to Raleigh 3/10/48, Nath'l. Ashby 
... 8/30/59, Thos. D. Alsop, Disc 11/30/65-
Ren est. 6/15/66, Absalom P. Mitchell ... 
6/12/90, John Von Cissell, Disc 9/30/01
(P.O. to Blackburn) (POR) (F-278)
REDMON (Union Co., Ky.): Po. est. 6/3/1901. Jas. E. Redmon, 01'50. 101'5/02 (P. to Morganfield) (P502)
SAINT VINCENT (Union Co.): po est. 10/4/1880

Ernest-Hosbach... (NA) ("Sānt V(ih)n/s(eh)nt")

Strictly Cath. commu. DK origin of the name but it was that of academy est. in 1821 by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. They est. their acad. at a site 5 mi. from Morganfield. They called it "The Acad. of St. Vincent." It was several hundred yards from the later rr sta. The acad. bldg. has since been torn down exc. for a new section that had been added to it after it had been sold to someone else. Some of the classrooms of St. Peter's Sch. of Waverly are here. Local people were upset when the acad. bldg. was torn down. The chu. there was called Sacred Heart chu. and it's still active. There's also a rest
home there-"Res-Care."....(Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);  P.8.  of sc.  1967
The SACRED HEART OF JESUS, at St. Vincent, Union Co., Ky. est. by Fr. Elisha J. Durbin nr. the site of an old log chapel, the only place for worship by Catholics w. of Breck. Co. (Bill Cunningham, FLAMES IN THE WIND, Nashville: McClanahan House, Inc., 1981, P. 99)
SEVEN GUNS (sic) (Union Co., Ky); po est. 8/4/1873, Wm. A. Hudson....Disc. eff. 1/14/1905 (m. to Morganfield) (NA); ("Sehv/ən Ghuhmz") DK where it's located. Nothing there now. Assumes it was named for seven gum trees in the vic., but don't really know.

Was corrupted to Guns but dk why. (Earl Bel: interview, 8/27/1978); (F675c) Xrds. commu. at jct. of Seven Guns Rd. (sic) & Holman Hill Rd., 4 air miles s. of Morganf. Seven Guns Chu. (sic) is gone too. Given as guns on all top. and highway maps and the road is also so identified. But given as Gums in WPA 1941 hist. of the county....
SIX MILE PO (Union Co., Ky); po est. 6/25/1840, Isaac Jones; Disc. 5/23/1849 (NA); 1849 (P+9)
SLIM ISLAND (Union Co., Ky.)
600 acres of rich farmland. (CJ&T MAG. 3/10/1974, P. 10ff)
SPRING GROVE (Union Co.): po est. 11/16/1876, John W. Hall. Disc. eff. 7/31/1906 (mail to Morganfield) (NA); Small vil. on Rt. 56, 7 mi. w. of Morganfield. Thriving trade ctr. before rr came (in 1888) to co. in 1886. Vic. 1st settle by Solomon Blue in 1803, from Va. Coal mine opened there 1861 by Jas. Stanfield, an English man that influenced growth of town. Decline. Only 10 homes by c1940. ... (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, c1941, P. 203); The spring was filled up years before c1940. (Ibid.)
SPRING GROVE (Union Co.): C. 5-6 Mi. from Shawneetown Ferry on the road to the ferry landing from Morganfield. May have been settled as early as 1803 by Virginians named Blue. An Englishman named Jas. Stanfield opened a mine there in 1861. In 1868 Hall & Owen started a store. By 1885, it had 2 stores, grist mill, 2 MDs, wagon & blacksmith shop, many fine homes. Nearby sch. & Pres. chu. & Bapt. chu....(P. 683) (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY., 1886);
SPRING GROVE (Union Co.): Named for "a nearby spring in a grove which supplied water for the first settlers." (M. Ladd, WPA, 4/1941); ("Spr(ih)hr(oh)v") DK the origin of the name. Had a coal mine 3/4 to 1 mi. from S.G. Still called S.G. Now: 1 store; Alva Toombs Const. Co. has storage bldg. there. They keep their equipment there. Offices in Morganfield. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
STURGIS (Union Co.): Founded 1886. Industrian town. Product of coal and rr. In 1886, the Cumb. Iron & Land Co. was org. Ohio Val. R from Henderson to Princeton arr. here in late 1886, having arr. at Morganfield on 5/1/1886. By then, Sturgis site was farmlan (P. 119) Soon laid out with great "prospect for coal mining." (Ibid.) Est. by Cumb. Iron & Land Co. In 1886, the Ohio Val. Coal & Mining Co. was org. to handle the mining interests of the Ohio Val. RR and Mining Co. Sam'l. P. Sturgis was the gen. mgr. of the new firm. "In his own name (he) purchased options on several farms, embracing 600
acres in all, adjacent to the right-of-way of the rr." Meanwhile, the Cumb. Iron & Land Co. was interested in this land to establish a town and was able to secure Sturgis' options. Colonel Giles, the firm's resident mgr., platted the town. Acc. to one acct., the town was not named for Samuel but for his sister, wife of Dr. Kelsey, nee Alida Livingston Sturgis. The town was named by Giles who wanted to honor her as "she had been kind to him at the time of his wife's death in Lou., and because, for many years, she and Dr. Kelsey had made him a
welcome guest in their home." (Pp. 120-1) Town inc. 1890 (P. 121) In the heart of coal producing area (P. 125) In 1890, Giles acquired extensive coal lands in the vic. and est. the Sturgis Coal & Coke Co. Other co's. soon organized. (P. 126) (UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, Writers Proj. 1941);
STURGIS (Union Co.): Sam'l. P. Sturgis, son of Chas. E. Sturgis. Charles, an MD, came from Md. in 1833 to Ft. Wayne, Ind. Sam'l. P was ne Ft. Wayne, 1855. Sam'l. arr. in Union Co. in 1876. Worked for the Shotwell Coal Co. and the Ohio Val. RR Co. in DeKoven. Was made sec. of the latter co. in 1884.... (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY. 1886, P. 604);
("Ster/djas") 1st pm was Hammack not Hann-reach. Founded by Sam'l. P. Sturgis. Not muc hist. on this place. DK if named for him. Now: thriving city with pop. c. 2500. DK whe est. or how old. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27 1978);
STURGIS (Union Co.): Airport built WWII to train AAC pilots. In 1886 the Cumb. Iron & Land Co. est. the town as center for its coal mining operations. Chartered 1890. By 1900 may have had as many as 1258 pop. Today Islar Creek Coal Co. has 2 mines in the vic. Also grain industry. Now prosperous, growing town with a future...(John Ed Pearce, "Union Co." in Focus on Ky. series in LCJMag. 6/11/1978, Pp. 10ff); Laid out 1890 by Sam'l. Wm. Sizemore, died 3/1941, age 87. (obit. in LOU. TIMES, 3/28/1941);
STURGIS (Union Co.): po est. 2/17/1888, Stephen C. Hannreach (sic) ...(NA); Developed by rr & coal mining. Founded 1886. Not named for Sam'l P. Sturgis but for the wife of Dr. Kelsey. Believed to have been named by Col. Giles "who wished to honor Mrs. Kelsey because she and Dr. Kelsey had been so very kind to him at the time of his wife's death." Stephen C. Hammack was 1s pm ... (from MORGANFIELD SESQUICENT. HIST'L. PROG: 8/30-9/4 (1951);
SULLIVAN (Union Co.); p.o. est. 8/6/87, John F. Quirey; (NA); This area 1st served by a pe called Eberly (sie) RR thru in 1888. John F. Quirey & a Mr. McGraw gave right-of-way on condition that rr be built through their land. This was to be an extension of line from Henderson to DeKoven that was projected thru Marion to Princeton. Deed signed 8/10/1882. Built. Completed by 1887 and Quirey Sta. was est. At the time the commu. consisted of several farm homes and Quirey Sch. In 1887 A.M. "Mike" Sullivan bought 1188 acres of timber land from the Smallwood Estate to develop and his brother Frank opened a store—may have been a commissary for the timber workers. n.ch. to honor the bros.
Never incorp. Vil. is on US 60/41, 85 jct. A no. of local businesses c.1940 incl. restaurants, garage & service stations, hotel, stores, po, tele. system.... (Geo. T. Brown, WPA ms. and in UNION CO. PAST & PRESENT, WP. c.1941, Pp. 181-3);
SULLIVAN (Union Co.): 1st called Quirey Sta. when it had a store and 2 homes and served neighboring farms. N.ch. in 1887 to Sullivan in gratitude to Sullivan Bros. for bringing rr thru commu. (from MORGANFIELD SESQUICENTENNIAL HIST'L. PROG., 8/30-9/4(1951); (p.14)

Now: roller rink, rest., bowling alley, motel, garage, po, churches, other businesses and home (Personal obs. 8/1978); ("S(uh)l/ə/vən"). Now: gen. store, garage, very modern bowling alley, large skating rink, rest. closed, chu. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978);
SULLIVAN (Union Co.): Pyro Mining Co. has coal mines in vic. (John Ed Pearce, "Union Co." LCJ MAG., 6/11/1978, Pp. 10ff, 45);
SULPHUR SPRINGS (Union Co., Ky): Po. est. 7/10/1829, Sam'l. Lewis -- disc. 12/26, 1835 (por);
Topeka (Union Co., Ky) = po. est. 3/26/1891
Andrew E. Kennedy; disc. 12/2/1911 (mail to Boxville) (Pop 12); Topeka 40 mi;
ULA (union co, Ky): PO, est. 2/18/1901, Frank S. Haas, 8/7/02, WM B. Hammer, Disc. 10/15/02 (p. to Morganfield) (por one little Union (p) + chu. (1483);
UNIONTOWN (Union Co.): po est. as Locust Landing, 5/13/1834, Philander Berry; ch. to Locust Port, 12/7/1836, Ibid. ... ch. to Uniontown, 3/1/1842, Thos. B. Holt...(NA);
By 1818, there was a house at Francesburg site; it was lived in and possibly built by a Mr. Jones. Benj. Berry laid off a town at this site and named it Francesburg. DK why. Philander Berry laid off a town a short distance away and called it Locustport "named without any special reason." Until 1819, what later became Uniontown had been called variously Mouth of Highland and Carthage and The Rocks. Philander Berry sold his land to Enoch James and Wm. David from Mt. Vernon. Rivalry. Friends prevented a duel
from being fought by them. Two towns united. Named **Uniontown** 2/12/1840. The towns had been separated by what's now Division St. A river port: major shipping port for Union, Hopkins, Webster, and parts of Henderson Co's. In 1886 bypassed by rr. Pop. declined by 1920. Almost destroyed by 1932 tornado. And again by 1937 flood of Ohio R....)(from MORGANFIELD SESQUICENT. HIST'L. PROG} 8/30-9/4(1951); (pp.13-14)
UNIONTOWN (Union Co.): Cap factory and bargeload complex on the Ohio R. Sought the county seat in 1870 when Morganfield was making plans to replace its old ct. hse. The Uniontown had some 1275 pop. to M'field's 467. On the banks of the Ohio R. Its hist. begins 1808 when 2 villages were established Francisburg was chartered in 1819 and Locust Port nearly 20 years later. Rivalry. Acc. to local legend, Wm. David of Locust Port & Isham Bridges of Francisburg "prepared to fight a duel (over) some argument. But friends intervened, the two settled the matter over a drink, and out of this amicable
ending came an agreement to combine the two warring towns into one." Uniontown was chartered in 1840. Peak of prosperity in the late 19th cent. Reg'l. ferry services across the Ohio R. and scheduled stops at the wharf for river freight and pass. traffic. Had the county's 1st newsp. and public school. Economic "setback" when the rr bypassed the town and "river traffic dropped." in the early cent. Depression and 1937 flood nearly destroyed it and town "never really recovered.... (John Ed Pearce "Union Co." LCJ MAG. 6/11/1978, Pp. 10ff);
UNIONTOWN (Union Co.): In 1818, there was a house at the site of U'town in what was later known as Francisburg. Mr. Jones lived there and had probably built it some years before. The town was est. at this site on part of a 600 acre tract left to the Berry heirs. (Martin Berry arr. there in 1818) By 1819, the settlement (was-called-various) had been called by various names--"Mouth of Highland" "Carthage", and "The Rocks" (P.510) Benj. Berry, one of the heirs, laid off a town on the upper 200 acres of the estate, to be called Francisburg but no one knows why. (Ibid.)
Philander Berry heired the lower 200 acres and he too laid off a town and called it Locustport. 200 acres of open land betw. them. Then Enoch James and Wm. David arr. from Mt. Vernon, Ind. and bought Philander land. Rivalry developed betw. the 2 towns leading to much "serious trouble." After a duel was aborted, a plan to unite the town was presented and accepted and the new town was aptly named Uniontown. Act of incorporation as Uniontown was passed by the Ky. G.A. on 2/12/1840. (P.511) Town in the midst of rich farming country... (P.512) HIST. OF UNION CO., KY. 1886);
UNIONTOWN (Union Co.): Thriving river town in 19th cent. In earliest times it was called by riverman "the Mouth of the Highland" for the creek at whose mouth it was located, and as "The Rocks" for the large sandstone rocks along the bank (with) a little ways below Utown. Someone aspired to est. a town by these rocks to be called Carthage. By 1808, only 1 house was here. But at the Utown site, 2 homes were located already, owned by Cooper and Austin. So it had already been settled by then and had its landing. A mere frontier outpost unt. 1819. (P150) In 1819, Ky's. G.A. charted
a town at that site to be called Francesburg (sic) on land owned by Benj. Berry & Peter Casey. By then, it had been surveyed and laid off, acc. to the charter itself DK whom the town was named for. Spelled with an "e" in act of inc. in 1819. Thus, it's conjectured that it was named for the wife or a daughter of Benj. Berry. But it was "more likely" a "misspelling." "In 181: Francis Berry, Sr. sold to Wm. Berry part of a tract of land that had originally been granted to Andrew Waggener by the Commonwealth of Va. In all likelihood, therefore the town was named for Francis Berry, Sr."
Francisburg (sic) was again inc., by the Ky. Leg. 1/17/1839. (P.151) The adjacent town of Locust Port (sic) was also chartered in 1839. "The existence of these towns side by side and their incorporation within a mo. of each other suggests some sort of previous competition and explains the quarrel that took place later. (P. 152) Locust Port was est. on land owned by Peter and Philander Berry. It had already been laid out. A short time after the town was chartered, Enoch James and Wm. David acquired ownership of the site. (Ibid.) Acc. to trad., Uniontown
was est. as result of "quarrel" between Wm. David of Locust Port and Isham Bridges of Francisburg. "These two men were on the verge of settling their differences by a duel when a friend of both interfered and succeeded in settling the dispute without bloodshed. It was at this time—and apparently it had something to do with the dispute—that the plan for uniting the two towns was proposed and agreed upon." The 2 towns were united by an act passed by the G.A. in 1839-40 session. "Because of the happy solution of the contention betw
between these 2 rival towns the newly incorporated place was named Uniontown..." (Ibid.) A steamboat landing in 19th cent. a major shipping pt. for Union, Hopkins, Webster and part of Henderson Co's. Agri. shipments--livestock, corn. And later a fueling sta. after the area coal mining mines were opened... (P.153) (UNION CO. PAST AND PRESENT, WPA Ky. Writers' Proj., 1941);
UNIONTOWN (Union Co., Ky.) Two apparently rival towns, Francisburg and Locust Port were incorporated, side by side, in 1839 (Francisburg, for the second time). Tradition traces the establishment of Uniontown to a quarrel between William David, of Locust Port, and Isham Bridges, of Francisburg. These two men were on the verge of settling their differences by a duel when a friend of both interfered and succeeded in settling the dispute without blood shed. It was at this time—and apparently it had something to do with the dispute—that the plan for uniting the two towns was proposed and
agreed upon, and in the 1839-40 session of the Kentucky General Assembly an act was passed uniting the two towns. Because of the happy solution of the contention between these two rival towns the newly incorporated place was named Uniontown. The present Division Street formerly separated the two towns."

(UNION COUNTY -PAST AND PRESENT, WPA, Kentucky Writers' Project, 1941, P. 152) (more on these towns given, Pp. 150-67, 184)....
UNIONTOWN (Union Co.): ("Yūn/yān/town") cf 1870s Atlas for mention of Francisburgh.... Never heard of a Locustport. DK why called Francisburg(h). Never heard of the site called Mouth of Highland or Carthage. Has heard of The Rocks but this is on Ky. 56 to Shawneetown, c. 10 mi. w. of Uniontown. Named for some big rocks there. U'town was a shipping port on the Ohio R. with distilleries, tob. warehouse. Now: trad. ctr., grain elevator, dam to prevent flooding. Bad floods in 1913, 1937, 1946. (Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978) Inc. 2/12/190 (Acts 1839/0, p. 166) See also act of 11/16/60 incorporating (Acts 1859/0, u. 1, p. 269).
WAVERLY (Union Co.): Farming trade center on both sides of Rt. 60. When commu. est., the site was known as The Crossroads because it was jct. of the Madisonville and Henderson-Beaver Dam Rds. That jct. was site of store est. John & Arthur Donnelly c1815. AKA then called Donnelly Store; later called Paynesville when the Donnellys sold out to Jack Payne (1776-1858), Md. born pioneer. Soon other stores and busi. services and homes were b'lt. Town laid out c1869 or '70 under direction of Hugh McElroy. Deciding that Crossroads was too common a name, he called the new town & po Waverly, allegedly for his New Orleans nephew Waverly Greathouse.
Ohio Vall.

RR came thru in 1886. Little more than a x-settlement till the turn of the 20th cent. In the 2nd decade of 20th cent., it enjoyed its peak pop. =c.475. Declined since...(UNI CO. PAST & PRESENT, WPA, c1941, Pp. 184-90);
po est. 6/16/1876, Daniel Brown...(NA);
Founded on what was called the Big Spring Tract along Casey Cr. and betw. that and the Smith Hill. Named Waverly in 1869 or '70. The vill. was est. at the crossroads but (marked) its focus soon shifted to the road to Morganfield. The ICRR passes thru town....(This and other WPA acct. prepared by Mary L. Smith from Mary B. Pike, etal, WPA ms, c.11/1941);
WAVERLY (Union Co.): ("Wä/ver/lee") DK the origin of the name. No families of such name DK when called The Crossroads. DK when Payne arr. Was a rural trad. ctr. Had a bank, resta., stores. Now: bank, stores, growing commu. A Mr. Paulsen, contractor-home builder. New homes....(Earl Bell, interview, 8/27/1978); New homes being built around this place. (John Ed Pearce, "Union Co." LCJ MAG. 6/11/1978, Pp. 10ff, 12);
WAVERLY (Union Co.): site was 1st called The Crossroads at the jct. of Henderson & Marion, Madisonville & Uniontown Rds. 1st store est. by John & Arthur Donnelly and their mother and then was called Donnelly's Store. After they sold out, the site was called Paynesville. The old site of Waverly was several blocks from the present site. (P.17). Earliest settlers of site may have been the Greenwells in 1800 and Delan, c.1805. Waverly founded on part of Big Spring Tract (a major source of water for area farms). The tract, owned by Mr. Taylor of Newport, Ky. was divided into farms (c.1869) and a little settlement was est. at the Crossroads. Taylor's
agent, Hugh McElroy, thought it should have a name. Several possible accts. of choice of Waverly: Some say it was named for Walter Scott's Waverly novels by some readers. Acc. to others, "a group came through, saw the beautiful rolling country and said this reminds me (sic) of my beautiful home--what is that, asked one. Waverly, the prettiest place in the world. Then Waverly it would be." McElroy felt that Crossroads was "too common place" for a po name. It's generally accepted that he chose the name presumably for Waverly Greathouse, a nephew of his who lived in New Orleans. But it wasn't until 6/16/1876 that the po was est. at Waverly with David Brown as 1st pm. Ohio Val. RR came thru 3/31/86 &
depot was built \( \frac{1}{4} \) mi. from vil. (P.18)....
(from MORGANFIELD SESQUICENT. HIST' L. PROG.,
8/30-9/4(1951);
WAVERLY (Union Co.): The site was first called Cross-Roads, even before the 1st home was built because it was here that the Henderson & Beaverdam Rd. (later the Henderson & Morgan field Rd.) crossed the road betw. Madisonv. & Francisburg. Aka Donnelly's Store for John & Arthur Donnelly and their mother from Ireland (P.637) They were wagon-peddlers who arr. at the xrds site and built a log cabin and operated a store in it for the next 2 yrs. Across the road, Nath'l. J. Floyd whose parents came from Md. est. another store. Sam'l. Willett bought the land on both sides of the road and
he sold it in 1820 to Horace Bell who had a cabinet shop in Donnelly's store...(P. 638)....Vill. had a steam-powered flour & (mill)grist mill called the Big Spring Mills or Waverly Mills built in the summer of 1870 and operated by the firm of Byrne & Byrne and subsequently by others ....(Pp. 643-4) Hugh McElroy was the agent for the buyer of the land in c. 1869 or '70. Land was divided into farms. At the crossroads a town was laid off and lots were sold. McElroy wanted a po and needed a unique name; determined there w
as yet no po in Ky. named Waverly. He suggested this name and it was accepted by the villagers over Donnelly's Store (sic), Crossroads, or Paynesville, another name it went by (for Jacky Payne), an early settler who came from St. Marys Co., Md. in the late 18th cent. But for some time, even after it had its name, it could not secure a po. In c.1875-6 citizens petitioned for the po.... (Pp. 645-6) (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY. 1886);
John Payne, a Waverly area farmer, was near St. Marys Co., Md. 1776. To Union Co. in 1811. Died 1858. (Ibid., P. 654);
YUBA (Union Co); po. est. 7/3/1900. Rufus K. Baker; disc 2/15/05 (m. to Cullen) (pol), (-69);
Some Union Co., Ky. schools: Sageracket Sch., 1 rm. nr. the Webster Co. line; Persimmonsville and Tootyville also identified extinct commu's. betw. Pride and Boxville. Fairview Sch. was 1 rm. sch. just across the rd. from the present Moffett's Lake. "I grew up with Bill Moffett's girls and once briefly attended Fairview. My gt.-uncle Chas. Decatur Oglesby was on the sch. b'd." cf Miss Prudy Oglesb of Clay, Ky. who taught for yrs. in Union Co. schools, incl. Fairview for further info. on the old schools. (Ms. Charlie Irwin Briggs, Venice, Fla., letter to me, 1/28/1985)