

BELCOURT (Webster Co.): po est. 9/28/1893,
Wesley A. Ashby; Disc. eff. 3/15/1907 (mail
to Slaughtersville) (NA); (R-39)

BLACKFORD (Webster Co.); Began as farm trade ctr. Origin of name is not known but probably named for the family of Sen. Black of Critt. Co. for whom Black Creek in Critt. Co. was named. In 1886 rr came thru and built a large switch yard. Vil. grew from this. Peak from 1905-1917. Much damage from 1913 flood, the depression, and especially the 1937 flood and later a disastrous fire. Now only 1 store, ap and a curtain shop. Bank closed several yrs. ago. Some 20 homes left. (Elvis Holt, letter to me, 2/26/80); (F58)

BLACKFORD (Webster Co.): po est. 8/29/1887,
Jas. M. Clement... (NA); Still commu. with
active po. (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a
letter to me, 5/1/1979); Named for a Trade-
water R. crossing called "Black's Ford". A
small vil. called Blacksford (sic) grew up
at that site. It was named for Rich Black who
owned a farm on the site. In 1887 a sta. was
est. there on the recently completed Ohio Val.
RR and named Blackford. (~~The-ICRR-acquired-the~~
~~line~~) In 1896 the ICRR acquired the line which
by then had become a part of the Chesapeake,
Ohio & SW RR. DK when the town was founded.
(acc. to letter from Robt. W. O'Brien of ICG C
Chicago, Ill., 1/31/1980);

CENTERTOWN (Webster Co.): (Pron. "S(eh)n/ter/
town") was more prominent than Providence.
People would go from Madisonville to Centertown
rather than Providence in the early days. DK
exactly where it was, on Tradewater River.
(Harold Ledbetter, interview, 10/1/1977);

Ohio Co ?

CLAY (Webster Co.): A coaltown. Named for Henry Clay. John David had the 1st store there. The 1st school there, 1859, taught by Wash Cook. Agri. area.... ("A Bit of Hist. of Webster Co., Ky." by Linda Bennett, 13, student at Dixon H.S., in a local newsp., date=? on file in KHS Libr., Webster Co. Vert. files examined by me, 10/22/1978); po est. in Union Co. as Ashland, 7/6/1837, Thos. W. Powell..Disc. 9/25/44; Re-est. 1/24/50, Wm. F. Bray...Disc. 9/28/53; Re-est. 3/31/54, Joel Blackwell; ch. to Clay, 12/20/54, ibid.; Disc. 11/30/65 (By 1860 ~~(had become a part of)~~ the new Webster Co.)

was in

CLAY (Webster Co.): Inc. as Claysville 2/25^r/₁₈₆₀ and became Clay in 1872. "The 1st po was Winstead thought to be in honor of an early merchant and county clerk, Mr. Bush D. Winstead." Clay was named for Henry Clay. A farm trade ctr. now with 4 chu's. The L&N tracks from Clay to Providence were recently removed. ICGRR still provides some service. Ashland is a country chu. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. ne of Clay. (Elvis Holt letter to me, 2/26/1980);

-CLAY (Webster Co.): Named by local Whigs for Henry Clay. Inc. as a town sometime in the 1860s. The town grew up nr. a watering place on a route followed by teamsters hauling goods betw. Caseyville and Providence. At one time an important tobacco center... (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a letter to m 5/1/1979); Inc. as Clayville, 2/25/1860 (ACTS, 1859/60, Vol. 2, P. 227); po of Winstead est. 3/9/1866, Bush Winstead; ch. to Clay, 6/20/1866, Basil Watson...(NA); Bush D. Winstead ne 7/1837 and died 1/17/1867. 1st circ. clerk of Webster Co. Was a Clay Co. merchant. (Perrin, 3rd ed. 1886, Pp. 287-8);

DIAMOND (Webster Co.): 4 mi. n of Clay on
KY 109. Began in 1906 "when the 3 Palmer Bros.
opened a coal field (sic) there."...Now a
sleepy place. The mines and business estab-
lishments are closed. Chu. is still active.
(Elvis Holt, letter to me, 2/26/1980);

DIXON (Webster Co.): Inc. 2/6/1861 as co. seat of Webster. Named for Archibald Dixon, Lt. Gov. of Ky. 1844-8. Laid out on Ambrose Mooney's land; he donated it for the ct. hse. A Virginian, Wm. Jenkins, is said to have been 1st settler of co. on a Rev. War land warrant. He est. stage coach stop and tavern at Dixon site in 1794. Called the Halfway House. On the road, following an old Indian trail betw. Tenn. & St. Louis... (Letter from Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. to me, 5/1/1979);

DIXON (Webster Co.): Named for Archibald Dixon, lt. gov. of Ky. 1844-8 and US Sen., 1852-55. He filled Henry Clay's unexpired term after his death. Laid out on land owned by Ambrose Mooney who donated the site for the ct. hse. Wm. Jenkins, the 1st promoter of the town, in 1794 built the famed Halfway House, stagecoach inn... (KY. A GUIDE TO THE BLUEGRASS STATE, Fed. Writers Proj. of WPA, Ky. c1939, U.Ky., reprinted NY: Hastings Hse 1954, P. 317); po est. as Dixon CH 7/24/1860, Wm. Herron..Disc. 11/8/1865; Re-est. 12/15/65 John K. Thomasson....(NA); APO (F188)

DIXON (Webster Co.): Named for Archibald Dixon of Henderson, son and grandson of Rev. War (~~xxxx~~) officers. Arch. was a lawyer, lt. gov. of Ky., member of the State Const. Convent., appointed to complete Henry Clay's unexpired term in the US Senate. Success in keeping Ky. Union but neutral in the C.W. Laid out on land owned by Ambrose Mooney (Mrs. J.M. Baker of Dixon, "Hist'l. Webster Co." paper for the Henderson Co. Hist. Soc., ms. in KHS Libr., Webster Co. Vert. Files, examined by me, 10/22/1978); ("D(ih)x/on") (Maralea Auneff, 10/19/78);

DIXON (Webster Co.): Named for Archibald Dixc
ne Caswell Co., NC, 4/2/1802. Came with
parents to Henderson Co., Ky. 1805. Admitted
to bar, 1824 and began law practice in Hender
son, Ky. Ky. Leg. 1830. Lt. Gov. 1843....Died
4/23/1876 and buried in Fernwood Cem. (BIOG.
DIR. OF THE AM. CONG. 1774-1961, P. 815);

ELMWOOD (WEBSTER CO) = po. est. 6/14/75

Andrew Brooks, disc. 1885 (F39) on the
Ltr RR, just w. of E. end of Deer Ck, - 2
mi. from Hop-Co. line. also a r.r. sta

FREE UNION (Webster Co.): po est. 12/12/1877,
Wm. J. Driver...Disc. eff. 1/15/1907 (mail to
Dixon); (A 88)

HARPE'S HEAD ROAD (Webster Co., Ky) (F764c)

"...the head of Big Harpe was soon placed by the avengers on the Red Bank Road near Robertson's Lick on the Tradewater-Green River divide, either nailed in a tree fork or spitted upon a trimmed sapling, and henceforth the road became 'Harpe's Head Road.'" (Ila Earle Fowler, "The Tradewater River Country in Western Ky." REG. OF THE KHS, Vol. 32, Oct. 1934, Pp. 276-300, 280)

HEARIN (Webster Co.): po est. 10/24/1889,
Chas. Owen; 1/28/1892, Geo. W. Hearin; 2/6/
1903, Robt. E. Hearin; Disc. 11/15/1905 (mail
to Clay) (NA); (F69)

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LISMAN (Webster Co.): post est. 4/13/1888, Lynn B. Nichols... (NA); Once incorporated. On a train line from Dixon. Had grist and saw mills post office, several stores, depot, MD, shops, sch., chu., lodge halls. Once called Shiloh but renamed for a Mr. Lisman... (Betty Williams Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979); Begar as a sawmill town and was named for Bill Lisman, an early settler, along with families of Rice, Price, Baker, Humphrey, Villines. On Ky. 270. Once known as Shilo (sic). No businesses now. The last store closed recently. Pres. chu. is still active after 130 yrs. Once inc. but dk when. Perhaps in the 1880s. (Elvis Holt, letter to me, 2/26/1980);

LISMAN (Webster Co.): W.C. Lisman ne in what
now Webster Co. on Deer Creek. Son of John
Lisman. John was ne Indiana 1795. In 1810
John moved to Henderson Co., Ky. where he was
a blacksmith. In 1819 he moved to Hopkins,
later Webster Co. Remained a blacksmith. Died
1866. W.C. Lisman, his son, arr. Deer Creek
at age 20 and was also a blacksmith. Then a
farmer....(Perrin, 3rd ed. 1886, P. 273);

(F-494)

LITTLE ZION (Webster Co.): was named for the local chu. which was org. in 1884. When the po was est. Mr. Ellick Stone suggested the name Luzon. After the po closed, the community again became known as Little Zion. Frank Vickers ran a gen. store and made coffins. Isom Eadens was blacksmith. Had a sch. & c. 15 homes, MDs(2). Now only 4 houses and chu. It is 4 mi. n. of Dixon on KY ~~883~~. (Elvis Hol letter to me, 2/26/1980); 983

LUZON (Webster Co.): po est. ^{as Luzon} 9/28/1901, Louis
A. Stone; Disc. eff. 8/15/1906 (mail to Dixon
(NA); LITTLE ZION. At the jct. of KY 983 and
the Free Union-Tilden Rd. & Sisk Rd. Acc. to
Chester Bojanowski on Dom. Geog. Rept., sub-
mitted 3/7/1969, the commu. may have been
known as Luzon at one time but is now called
Little Zion and has been for at least 50 yrs
It may be that Luzon is the local pron. of
L.Z. The chu. is Little Zion too. He recom-
mended official recognition of Little Zion.

ONTON (webster com): Acc. to trad, it

should have been named orton in 1882. Dr

Franklin Telford ped. for a po to secure a

much vs. 100 clerk apparently count

decrypter his handwriting so recorded

! + as ontary. orton was local farm that

owned most of the v's. They'd acc. it

from gen. + John Camp, Mathias Ray.

notes + Rich'd. Annville II. in 1882.

comm. is bounded on n by Deer ch,

on s. by Pitman ch, on e by Queen R,

it on W. by US 41. Pion. fam's. = Ashby,
Timmons, Cobb from mil. land grants
for Rev. war vets. (Louise R. Fleming
The Heyday of Ontario, c 1984, McDowell
in O'boro P-L.); PO closed 4/26/74 c level
Am = Gwendelyn Cates 9/1971. (Ibid. p-63);

ONTON (Webster Co.): po est. 9/28/1882, Frank
lin P. Tilford...(NA); 1st called Orton for
an early family. Another Orton in Ky. forced
the adoption of Onton instead for the local
po. The first chu. there was called Mt.
Olive..(Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a
letter to me, 5/1/1979); On KY 147. Pop. of
c. 300. Now: store, vol. fire dept., 2 chu's.
and homes "lining the road for about a half-
mile." (Bill Powell, "Opponents of Green River
Coal Dock Refuse to Yield" LCJ, 7/19/1980, P.
A1:1-5); pu-disc 1974

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ORTIZ (Webster Co.): post. 4/9/1900,
Kendrick J. Cates...Disc. 2/28/1910 (mail to
Sebree) (NA);

POOLE (Webster Co.): The brothers John Huston and James Poole (1st cousins to Sam Huston of Texas) (sic) arr. here from Nelson Co. in 1826. Had been granted 2400 acre tract for mil. services. John was a millwright and est. a horse-powered grist mill. And a brick factory. Town 1st called Poole's Mill, then Poolesville. Renamed Poole when the po opened. Wm. W. Poole, John Huston's son, was the 1st pm. By 1855, there was a store, 2 taverns, blacksmith shop, jail, and 4 tob. factories. (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me 5/1/1979);

POOLE (Webster Co.): On the Webster-Henderson (line. c. 1/3 of residents live in Henderson Co. 1st settler was John Poole from Nelson Co. in 1826. Built horse-powered grist mill. Place 1st called Poole's Mill. His son, Wm. was pm in 1855. 16 mi. from Henderson....(P.230) 4 tob. factories betw. 1880-1900. Today: bank, po, 2 gro. stores, rest. antique shops, milling co., other businesses..pop. now at its highest level. (P.232) (ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976);

POOLE (Webster Co.): po est. as Poole's Mill,
in Henderson Co. 1/29/1855, Wm. W. Poole; into
Webster Co. when est. in 1860 with ibid. . . .
ch. to Poole, 6/26/1894, Robt. D. Cates. . . (NA
Wm. W. Poole, ne 11/9/1822, Nelson Co., Ky.
son of John Poole a native of Ireland. The
family arr. in the present Webster Co. (then
Henderson Co.) in 1826 and bought several
hundred acres in vic. of what became Poole's
(sic) Mills. John, a millwright, was ne 1776
and died 1862. Wm. was a merchant at Poole's
Mill, 1855-73. Then a farmer. Became pm, 1855
. . . . (Perrin, 3rd ed. 1886, P. 280);

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POOLE (Webster Co.): On US41. Named for John & Stacy Poole who, in 1806, arr. to take up 1000 acres. Town est. on this land. They came from Shenandoah Valley, Pa. (sic) John was a millwright. The town was 1st called Poole Mill but later renamed Poole. Aka for a while as the 16 Mile House. ("A Bit of Hist. of Webster Co., Ky." by Linda Bennett, 13, Dixon H.S. student, in local newsp. date-? in KHS Vert. Files, Webster Co., examined by me, 10/22/1978);

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PRATT (Webster Co.): po est. 4/23/1901,
Noble M. Ashby; Disc. eff. 6/30/1905 (mail to
Sebree) (NA); Now called Petersburg. Black-
smith shop still standing. (Betty Williams,
Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979);

PROVIDENCE (Webster Co.): R. Savage, a Virginian, and his wife were 1st settlers, 1820. This was then a mil. grant s. of the Va. grant to the Transylvania Co. Rich farming area. Soon attracted other settlers. He opened trad. post, the 1st store in the area at the jct. of 2 Indian trails. 1st called Savageville. Renamed Providence c1830 and chartered in this name on 2/18/1840. Acc. to trad., An old trader traveling from Henderso to Madisonv. with a load of whiskey & apples wrecked his wagon but local farmers repaired it and gathered up his goods and helped him on his way. When arr. at Mad. he was asked how he had fared crossing the Savage hills,

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and answered that he didnt rightly know but
it must have been an act of Providence.
(....) (Jack Hudgions, "Webster Town at One
Time Called Savageville, Ky." HENDERSON
GLENER, 8/14/1940);

July

~~WEBSTER~~ PROVIDENCE (Webster Co.): In the heart of the w. Ky. coal field. Plastics products plant was main industry in c1968. Inc. 2/16/1840. ("City Manager Needed, Providence Believes" LCJ, 3/18/1968, P.B1:5-6
On part of large tract settled c.1795 by Col. & Mrs. Givens. 1st store built there by Mrs. Givens' bro., Richard Savage. In 1805, Richard Parker & his wife, natives of Gate Co., NC (sic) arr. on large tract, 1 mi. e. of Providence. In the midst of fertile farm country as well as coal fields....("A Bit of Hist. of Webster Co., Ky. " by Linda Bennett, 13, stud at Dixon HS, undated newsp. clipping examined

by me, 10/22/1978, in Vert. Files, Webster
Co., KHS Library);

PROVIDENCE (Webster Co.): L&N RR reached this pt. 11/1/1882. (Kincaid A. Herr, LOU. & NASH. RR, 1850-1963, 1964, P. 74); "Originally named Savageville....The (Providence) name is supposed to have been suggested as an expression of 'gratitude for God's merciful providence in times of distress'. Also probably suggested by Providence, R.I." (M. Ladd, WPA, 4/1941); Est. 2/18/1840 (ACTS, 1839/40, P. 222); inc. 3/1/1860 (ACTS, 1859/60, Vol. 2, P. 502);

PROVIDENCE (Webster Co.): po est. in Hopkins Co. 10/16/1828, Eleazer Givens...into Webster Co. when est. in 1860...(NA);

Founded by Richard Savage who arr. there, 1820. Built home and trading post and laid out town. Inc. 2/18/1840. At that time there were 140 pop....(Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979); Est. 2/18/1840 (ACTS, 1839/40, P. 222); Inc. 3/1/1860 (ACTS 1859/60, Vol. 2, P. 502);

ROLAND'S LANDING (Webster Co., Ky): On the Green River (at the end of Wright Rd.), w. of Wrightsburg. Named for a local family. (Maybe that of James Allen Roland) c. 1870s. (Louise P. Fleming, WRIGHTSBURG OF YESTERYEA c. 1986 by her and published by Sam McDowell (examined by me in the Owensboro P.L., 11/12 1987)).

SEBREE (Webster Co.): Named for Col. Sebree. On the L&N RR. Agri. commu.... ("A Bit of Hist. of Webster Co., Ky." by Linda Bennett, 13, student at Dixon H.S., in an undated newsp. clipping, examined by me, KHS Libr., Webster Co. Vert. Files, 10/22/1978); Fred Creasey, Mayor. Pop.=c.1000, acc. to Mayor C. Agri. town. Also Shane Mfg. Co. and a seed corn processor. Many residents commute to Anaconda and Big Rivers Reid plant. On the L&N RR....Sebree Dock Loading Co. which loads coal for area firms. (Article by Judy Jenkins in the HENDERSON GLEANER, c.1977, on file in the Henderson P.L., examined by me, 10/19/78);

SEBREE CITY (Webster Co.): 1st settled 1869. Laid off and became attractive to settlement when the L&N RR came thru. Site also influence by the location of mineral springs there. Before the rr came in, it was called Springdale. Pop. (c.1898)=c.2000. Tobacco factories then. The weekly newsp. there at that time was the only one in the co. 2 mi. from river. Its landing was Eastwood, a shipping pt. Livestock & poultry were shipped there. (P. 117). (THE GREEN RIVER COUNTRY FROM BOWLING GREEN TO EVANSVILLE; edit. & comp. by W.P. Greene, Evansville, Ind., 1898); Inc. 2/22/1871 (ACTS 1871, Vol. 1, P. 268);

SEBREE (Webster Co.): E.G. Sebree was born nr. Trenton, Todd Co., Ky. 1817 of Va.-born parents. Was a Trenton merchant, then a farmer. Helped develop the coal lands of Hopkins Co. He was influential in building the Evansville Henderson & Nashv. RR which was 1st chartered as the Henderson & Nashv. RR Co. in 1853....The line was completed after 1867. No a part of the L&N. which acquired it in 1878. He was the 1st pres. of the St. Bernard Coal Co....(Battle & Perrin CO'S, OF TODD & XIAN, 1884, Pp. 330-2);

SEBREE (Webster Co.): Founded 1868 by Wm. Scott & Col. E.G. Sebree of Trenton. First called McElroy's Gap before it was laid out as a town. It was laid out and called Springdale but another town of this name in Ky. caused a change of name to Sebree in 1869 for Col. S. Inc. 1871. L&N completed by 10/1868. At one time there were some 40 businesses incl. tob. factories, hotels, livery stable, blacksmith shop, and stores. Bank.. (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979);

SEBREE (Webster Co.): Named for Col. E.G. Sebree (died 11/18/1905), "One of the principals in the building of the first rr to serve Hopkins Co." and a director of the St. Bernard Mining Co., pioneer coal mining co. of W. Ky. 1st pres. of that firm. Came from Trenton, N.J. (From his obit. in the Earlington Bee, 11/23/1905, acc. to THE HIST. OF EARLINGTON KY. ~~III~~-cent. publication, 1970, P. 37). PO est. as McBride, 8/25/1869, Jas. H. Priest ch. to Sebree, 3/8/70, Ibid. ... (NA); (F637)

SLAUGHTERS (Webster Co.): A thriving tob. town at one time with 3 tob. factories and 2 flour mills, hotel; MD. cf Miss Ruth Nance, the town's historian. Tob. factories and flour mills are gone. Texas Gas Transmission plant here now as well as insurance co., 2 beauty shops, po, vol. fire dept., Monsanto Fert. plant, several service stations, funeral homes. A.C. Boyd, Mayor. Pop. 350. "It should rightfully be named Stiman (acc. to Ms. Nance) It would have been named Stiman if it hadnt been for Frederick Stiman's bad luck at cards. He and Gus Slaughter were two

of the earliest residents. Stiman opened a business..and Slaughter was a blacksmith here in the middle of the 19th cent. It was decided that the town should be named for one of them, but it was impossible to say which. The two chose to play a hand at cards, with the understanding that the winner would lend his name to the community. The winner was Slaughter. He didnt tarry here too long, however. Stiman, on the other hand, laid off the vil. in 1867. He was the 1st police judge and for 12 yrs.

the pm. He operated a brick kiln and built some of the finest structures in th town..." (.....) (From article in the HENDERSON GLEANER, c1977, by Judy Jenkins in the Henderson Co. Libr., examined by me, 10/19/1978);

5/15/1977

SLAUGHTERS (Webster Co., Ky.)" ..received its name as the result of a four-hour long poker game, during which one Gus Slaughter, a prominent citizen of the vicinity, won the right to give the town his name." (RR South, L&N MAG., 5/1949, P. 18). po est. in Hopkins Co. as Slaughtersville 1/29/1856, Henry A. Prather..(in Webster Co. when est. 1860); 11/1/60, Gustavus G. Slaughter...7/16/1914, Sallie E. Williams; n.ch. (sic) to Slaughter, 7/8/1915, Ibid. ... (NA); Inc. 4/4/1861 (ACTS Called Session, P. 237 of 1861) Named for G.G. Slaughter, early settler, acc. to Collins HIST Vol. 2, P. 755);

SLAUGHTERS (Webster Co.): 1st called Slaughtersville. First store there built by G.G. Slaughters in 1855. In that same year a blacksmith shop was opened by Wm. Stiman. They planned to est. a town here. Stiman preferred to built the town on the east side of the rr and Slaughters wanted it built on the present site. A flip of the coin would decide between them and the winner would have the town named for him also. Slaughters won. Laid off as a vil. in 1867 and Slaughters was the 1st police judge and a postmaster. (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979);

SLAUGHTERS (Webster Co.): Frederick (sic) W. Stiman, ne Minden, Prussia, 11/2/1836. To US 1854. In 1855 he opened cabinet makers shop in Slaughtersville.. Vil. laid off in 1867. By the 1880s he had become its oldest resident. 1st police judge and pm for 12 years. By the 1880s he was "involved in the manufacture & sale of wagons, plows, & farming implements".... (Ferrin; 3rd ed. 1886, P. 284); In late 1967 the

BGN decided on Slaughters "to conform to modern usage", reversing a former decision."

STANHOPE (Webster Co.): po est. 4/27/1892,
John L. Townsend...Disc. 2/14/1903 (papers to
Providence);

STEAMPORT (Webster Co.): ("Steem/p(aw)rt")
On the Green R. Was called Primrose when it
was in Henderson Co., before Webster Co. was
formed in 1860. Not a ch. in site but a ch.
in name. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/
1978); Est. 2/23/1837 (ACTS 1836/7, P. 293)

On the w bank of Green R., s. of the mouth
of Graves Creek. On the 1863 Civil War map
of Ky. & Tenn. its so-located and given as
Steamport; graves ck. F39(?)

TILDEN (Webster Co.): po est. 4/11/1878,
Jos. A. Justice...Disc. 4/30/1909 (mail to
Dixon) (NA); On Ky. 56, c. 3 mi. of US41A.
Noah Tapp was local storekeeper and under-
taker. (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a
letter to me, 5/1/1979); (F188)

VANDEBURG (Webster Co.): po est. as Mulberr
Grove in Hopkins Co. 5/8/1839, Beckley Jackso
...9/5/54, Philip D. Clayton; to Vanderburgh,
1/22/56, Ibid. 1/27/57, Thos. C. Clayton; int
Webster Co. 2/28/63, Ibid...ch. to Vanderburg
in the early 1890s...Disc. eff. 2/29/1908 (m.
to Dixon); 4 mi. se of Dixon. Inc. 2/15/1860.
Had then a pop. of 100, a Bap. chu., 2 MDs,
store, 2 taverns. CW battle of Burntmill (sic
took place here 1861. Said to have been the
1st battle fought in Ky... (Betty Williams,
Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979);

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VANDERSBURG (sic) (Webster Co.): Est'd & inc.
2/15/1860 (ACTS, 1859/60, Vol. 1, P. 429);

WANAMAKER (Webster Co.): po est. 5/2/1890,
Emma G. Sammons; Disc. eff. 1/15/1907 (mail
to Sebree) (NA); spelled Wannamaker by Mrs.
Williams. Named for John Wannamaker of NY,
who was then Postmaster Gen'l. Only pm was
Emma Sammons who had a small store there.
At one time, there were tob. factory, store,
blacksmith shop, and 10 homes there. Half mil
away was the local school. (Betty Williams,
Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979);

(F188)

WHEATCROFT (Webster Co.): Named for two brothers Sam'l. B. and Geo. E. Wheatcroft who were hired in 1849 by Col. John Bell to come from Pittsburg to Crittenden Co. to manage his coal mines.. (Betty Williams, Dixon, Ky. in a letter to me, 5/1/1979); "The Ky. Western Ry. Co. inc. 9/7/1899 to build a rr from Blackford on the ICRR to Dixon...18.37 mi. The track was completed and the road opened in 1/1901. (In 1902) it was conveyed to a proprietary company of the ICRR." (P.151) The run betw. Clay & Dixon failed to survive the 1930s. "Private & public highway carriers had absorbed practically all of the traffic that formerly went to the rr." (P.153) The line was "dismantled" in

1927. (Ibid.) (Julien, *op. cit.* p. 127)

WHEATCROFT (Webster Co.): Inc. 2/25/1902.

Began as a coal mine town. Elijah Cullen married Laura Wallace, widow of Dan'l. Wallace and daughter of Sam Blatton (?) Wallace (sic) in 1808. Cullen had an English-born partner, Erwin Wheatcroft. They began to mine the Wallace coal and later sold out to a N.J. firm that (~~adopted the name of Wheatcroft~~) took the name West Ky. Coal Co. Town named for Mr. Wheatcroft, who built rr to Dixon in 1909 (Tracks removed in 1934). He later sold out and returned to Engl. He was no kin to the Wheatcroft bros. that mined coal at Bells Mines nr Sturgis.... (Elvis Holt, letter to me, 2/26/1980);

WHEATCROFT (Webster Co.): Named for an English man, Horace Irving Wheatcroft who arr. here from Kansas, in 1898. He began building a rr from Blackford to Dixon in the fall of 1898 and opened mines nearby in early 1899 and laid out and founded the town about that time. In the fall of 1899 he began building a rr from Wheatcroft to Providence. He had bought most of the townsite from Lige Cullen. Cullen's daughter, Kate Doss, still lives there. (Otha H. O'Bryant (sic), in letter to Delphine Haley 6/26/1975);

WHEATCROFT (Webster Co.): On the ICRR, w. of Dixon, in the coal field. A coal town. Coal camps in the area. Named for Irving H. Wheatcroft, an Englishman who built rr from Blackford to Dixon. ("A Bit of Hist. of Webster Co Ky." by Linda Bennett, 13, student at Dixon H.S., in local newsp., date=? on file in the KHS Libr. Vertical Files, Webster Co., and examined by me, 10/22/1978); po est. 9/10/1900 A.S. Logsdon...(NA);

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WHEATCROFT (Webster Co., Ky): Irving H. Wheatcroft of
Blackford, Ky. was president of the Kentucky Western Ry.
(ca. 1901);

WILLIAMSPORT (Webster Co.): po est. in this
name 1/21/1892, Horace A. Williams..Disc.
1/18/94 (papers to Sebree) (NA);

much of Betty Williams material
came from mimeo'd. Hist. of Webster
Co., Ky., Prep. by the Homemakers Lesson.
5-11-71, copy to my. Libr., WKU by
Helen Crocker;