Torrent. X. miss. schools incl. Hazel-G. Acadm. in 1880 which was acquired in 1888 by the Nat'l. Xian. Bc of Missions... Mining & timbering gone by WWII. Tourist attraction now with prox. to Red R. Gorge, Sk Bridge, etc. Pop. (1970)=5669, (1980)=6700, (1990)=6500. (KY ENCY. 1992, Pp. 962-63); Nath'l. Wolfe (1808-1865) was an "advocate of neutrality for Ky in the C.W." (Ibid., P. 962); The Red R. Val. bounds part of the co. on the n. "rimmed by nearly vert. cliffs." (McG. & Currens);
WOLFE COUNTY, KY: 223 sq. mi. "Wolfe Co. was est. in 1860 from parts of Breathitt, Morgan, Owsley, and Powell Cos. and named for Nathaniel Wolfe (1810-1865), who represented Jefferson Co. in the Ky. leg. (1853-55 and 1859-63)." (Book-P. 323); cf Commonwealth 2/10/1862. The county's name was changed to Zollicoffer for the C.W. general by the Ky. Provisional Govt; County's streams mentioned in Collins II=Gilmore's, Parched Corn (sic), Upper and Lower Devil's Creeks. (P. 762);
WOLFE COUNTY, KY: Wolfe Co. taken from Breathitt, Morgan, Owsley, and Powell Co's. in 1860 and then 210 sq. miles. Gained 90 sq. mi. more from Morgan Co. on 12/18/1865 and lost 70 of these on 2/17/1866 to M. Co. and the rest to it on 2/20/68. Thus back to 210. Lost 10 sq. mi. to Menifee Co. 5/1/1869. Lost 10 to the formation of Lee Co. 3/1/70. Gained 40 sq. mi. from Morgan Co. 4/4/78. Lost 10 more to Menifee Co. 4/22/80. Lost 10 more to Lee Co. 5/24/90 when its current 220 sq. mi. area was fixed. (Long); gained 10 from Breathitt.
WOLFE COUNTY, KY: Pion. families: Irish-born Michael O'Hair ca. 1800 settled his family at the site of Haze Green. His daughter Eleanor B. marr. Wm. Trimble (ne 1787). Another daughter Sibby B. marr. Wm. Lacy (ne 1790). Andrew Pence acquired land on Holly Ck in 1830. John, Wm, and Ambrose Holland had land on Holly Ck. Sam'l. Rose settled betw. N. Fk. and Holly Ck. Jeremia Lovelace, Nathan Gibbs, Samuel Henry Hurst (the latter in Breathitt Co.) Then came: Elkins, Days, Richmonds, Hortons, Cecils, Roses. Kashes were in there by 1840. Other families by 1870: Combs, Mize, Shackelford, Tutt Cox, Childers, Byrd, Booth, Collier, Lindon, Catron, Miller, Terrill, etc. (Early and Modern, Pp. 3-6);
Bacon Belly Hole (Wolfe Co., Ky.) "My husband has gone swimming many times in a deep hole near the home of his grandparents and they called it 'Bacon Belly Hole.' Here's how it got its name: a family in the vicinity was caught stealing meat from neighbors' smokehouses, and they finally learned that this family had hidden all of the stolen meat on a huge ledge just above this hole of water in the creek. From then on it was called Bacon Belly Hole." (Mrs. Charlotte W. Sorrell, Wolfe Co., Ky. 1960. Collected by Leonard Roberts from one of his students at Morehead St. U. He allowed me to copy this from her typecopy, 5/24/1971)
BAPTIST (Wolfe County, Ky.) Est. 1917. Named for Prim. Baptist church "located in a lovely beech grove, a hundred yards from the post office". Church was built in the 1830s and founded by the Revs. Duff and Lykins who had come from Va. (Quimby, SCRATCH ANKLE, P. 33 from postmaster.) (F3832); Rural settlement with store & church. c. 4 mi. ne of Campton. PO in the store est. 1915 and named for the old Prim. Baptist Church nearby. By 1923, the commu. had 1 chur., 1 store, 1 sch., & a mill. (Mr. Wells in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 11/14/1923); PO est. 4/9/1917, Roscoe E. Wells...(NA);
BAPTIST (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This settlement with eponym just off Baptist Fk. of Stillwater Ck, 3 (air) miles of Campton, was named for the Stillwater Old Bapt. Chu., which was org. there in 1837 by Wm. Lykins and Daniel Duff. The po was est. on 4/9/1917 in Roscoe Wells' store, with Wells as pm, and closed in 1974." (Book-P. 13); Abraham Swango (1790-1865), son of Sam'l. and Eliz. (Johnston) Swango. After W of 1812 service he settled on land he acquired on Stillwater Ck. With his wife Deborah he deeded 2 acres for the site of the Prim. Bap. chu. that gave its name to the po. (Other Swango family data....) (Acc. to Bess Rose Miller, 104 Cranewood Dr, Trenton, O. 45067 in KY EXPL. Vol.16 (7), 12/01-1/02, Pp. 36-8) More on family... (Ibid., Vol. 10 (5), 10/1995, Pp. 106-7);
BAPTIST (Wolfe Co.): ("B(ae)p/təst") DK the origin of the name unless it was for the big chu. there. They've mostly stripped that whole country out by now. A smaller chu. as well as the big chu. and a few homes are all that's left there. Commu. certainly preceded the est. of the po in 1917. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); The Baptist Fork of Stillwater Creek was named for the Prim. Bap. Chu. org. there in 1837 by Wm. Lykins & Dan'l. Duff on 2 acres donated by Abraham Swango. Nr. the po. Later his son Chap(man) Swango est. a seminary on what became Seminary Creek (a br. of Stillwater) before the C.W. (Early & Modern Pp. 6-7);
"BAPTIST (Wolfe Co.): ("B(ae)p/t(ih)st")
Assumes it was named for a Baptist church. The DPO was discontinued in 1976 or '7. Now: church, but it's used only for annual homecoming. Residents commute to Campton. No other use is being made of the building. DK the age of the building.
Bill Chambers (né c.1850s) was the preacher. The post office stayed in the Wells family until it was discontinued. His daughter, Golden Wells Allen, was the last postmaster. PO had been in a store est. by Roscoe. Store was discontinued after his death while the post office continued. No store there now.
Doesn't think it ever had another name. Still called Baptist. Farming community...Golden's mother, Carrie Chambers Wells celebrated her
90th birthday last week and is not well. She and Golden still live in Baptist. (Mrs. Hazel Booth, Campton, Ky. interview, 8/11/1978); Acc. to 1900 Census, Sam'l. J. Wells (48) lived with wife Martha (37) and his son Roscoe (20) in Stillwater Prec. #6; Acc. to 1920 Census, Roscoe C. Wells (39) & wife Carrie E. (31) lived in Still. Mag. Dist. #6, but no S.J.; No Fields listed in the 1920 Census; In 1905, Roscoe Wells ran a store at Stillwater owned by G.B. Rose. (Early and Modern P. 6);
BAPTIST (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to S.J. Wells, 6/15/1916, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Fields and it would be ~8 mi w of Red R. and 2 mi w of Stillwater Ck, 4 mi e of Campton po, 4 mi s of Stillwater po, 4 mi w of Landsaw po. // Acc. to Roscoe C. Wells, 4/27/1917, it was 6 mi s of Red R, 1½ mi s of (main) Stillwater Ck, but on one of its forks running a little sw, 4 mi of Camp. po, 3 mi w of Landsaw po, 4 mi e of Mt. Cent. RR. // Acc. to R.C. Wells, 7/24/39, it was 3½ air mi. an 7½ rd mi from Breathitt Co, maybe at the mouth of Chambers Fk. of Baptist Fk, 3½ mi s of Stillwater po, 3½ mi w of Landsaw po, 4 mi e of Campton po, 5 mi n of Hollomv. po. (SLR);
BAPTIST (Wolfe Co.): Until 1917 when the Baptist post office was established by Roscoe C. Wells, the community was called The Stillwater Fork and the nearest post office was at Stillwater, 4 mi. away. Wells petitioned for the post office in his store and named it for the Prim. Bapt. Church 100 yards from his store. Church had been established in 1837 (on 2 acres donated by Abraham Swango) by Wm. Lykins & Dan'l. Duff, 2 Prim. Bapt. preachers, who called it Stillwater Old Bap. Church. Grist mill across the road from the store-post office in 1917+. Golden W. Allen succeeded her father when he retired in 1947 and she served until she retired in 1974 when the post office was discontinued. The church.

Roscoe Wells
building now "sits desolate". Store is vacant. Now: only homes and farms; just a residential settlement.....(Letter from Mrs. Golden Allen of Baptist, 3/3/80);

I have a photo. of one of the P.O. bldgs (filed with the Golden Allen material) [so advise Patera]. The 3 Stillwater Forks in that area that became Baptist were Swango, Hollon, & Chambers, each 2 mi. long. The Baptist po was est. to facilitate mail delivery since roads to the Stillwater po were so bad. Wm. H. Chambers (informant's grandfather) was one of the Bap. chu.'s pastors. (Golden Allen, pm (1947-1974), in letter to me, 3/3/80);
BEARPEN HOLLOW (Wolfe Co., Ky): extends n. c. 1 mile, w. of Campton, Ky. A narrow val. through which extends a "narrow rocky and creek bottom road" called Bearpen Road. Somewhere up the hollow James Hammon and his family built and set traps to catch bears. Thus its name. (Wolfe Co. Hist., EARLY AND MODERN HIST. OF WOLFE CO. compiled by the Wolfe Co. Womens Club, Campton, Ky., n.d., P. 115, acc. to Wm. A. Hammon of Xenia Ohio, 11/29/1956)
 Loot KNAP (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Kiser Wilson, 4/28/1902, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Walter and it would be ¼ mi n of the Red R, 3 mi e of Johnson Ck (sic), 4 mi s of Netty po, serving a small vil
// On 4/16/1912, Mollie Haddix pet. for a move 400 yds n to a pt 1 mi from the Red R, ½ mi from Frozen Ck, 2½ mi from Burkhart po, 3½ mi e of Lee City po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/39, it was 1 rd and air mi from Morgan Co, 50 yds n of Red R, 1½ mi w of Burkhart po, 3 mi e of Lee City po, 2 mi sw of Burg po. (SLR);
BELKNAP (Wolfe Co.): po est. 6/11/1902, Kiser Wilson... (NA); ("B(eh)l/n(ae)p") nr. Lee City
Used to be a Belknap Co. from whom people ordered merchandise. Thinks the co. was located in
the county. Thus it was a familiar name to county residents. No families of Belknaps in the county. Arthur (A.B.) Kash, a sch.tchr. quit to work for the company as a salesman.
Later he became County Ct. Clerk for 20 yrs. Still alive, in his late 80s. DK whether the company was named for this commu. or v.v. Think it's an active po. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978);
BELKNAP (Wolfe Co.): Mrs. Bertha Lindon was last pm when the po was disc. c1972. No one there could recall how the name originated. (Mrs. Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979); Acc. to 1900 Census, Elcana Walter (50 lived with wife Martha A. (49) in the Lee City Prec. Jas. S. Walter (46) lived with wife Lida J. (?) (40) in the Hazel Gr. Prec;
BETHANY (Wolfe Co.): Po est. 2/4/1928, Lina M Miller..(NA); Named for the Biblical Bethany after an orphanage was established there. (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); The Bethany Childrens Home is on 500 acres with chu., sch., store, hosp., farm, dairy, garden fire dept., dorms, po, homes for staff. Originally called the Bethany Orphanage. ("Bethany Children's Home: A Unique Place" in Nature's Wonderland, Red R. Recreation Guide, Supplement to CLAY CITY TIMES, Spring, 1978, P. 22);
BETHANY (Wolfe Co.): ("B(eh/)th/ə/nee")

Bethany Childrens Home. The agency owns hundreds of acres. Ralph Burnett is their farmer. They have a chu., dorms, po. Miss Marjorie Burt is still alive...The home was founded in 1926. Nothing there before the home was est. Mr. Lockard gave Miss Burt a small plot of land...Miss Burt is in her 90s Mr. E. Walter Dean is the present director...

(Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978)
BETHANY (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Lina Miller, 3/21/27, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Burt and it would be ca. 2-3 mi n of the Ky. R., at the mouth of Bee Br. of Holly Ck, ca. 1½ mi from the Breathitt Co. line, 4 mi nw of Calla po, 2 mi s of Hollonv. po, 2 mi n of Pence po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/1939, it was l air and 1½ rd mi from Breathitt Co, 500 ft e of (main) Holly Ck, 300 ft s of Bee Branch, 1½ mi n of Pence po, 2 mi s of Hollonv. po. (SLR);
BETHANY (Wolfe Co., Ky): Childrens home est. 1926. An orphanage. Marjorie Burt was its 1st director. Several bldgs. incl. one for the po. Named by the pres. of the Chicago Evangelical Inst, Mrs. Iva Durham Vennard, for the Biblical Bethany. Miss Burt had "graduated" from there. The local chu. was dedicated in 1938. Hospital was completed in 1942. Other bldgs. there by 1957 incl sch., boys' dorm, employees' cottages, pastor's home, 200 acre farm. Self supporting store & po. (Early & Modern, Pp. 48-50); The po was in operation by 1/1996 on the e side of Rt. 1261;
BLOODY CREEK (Wolfe Co., Ky): On the Breathitt Co. line Trib. to N. Fk. (Ky R) nr the Hurst po. Acc. to the late Mr. Bee Childress, it was named for the defeat of a band of marauding Indians at the site of the Bloody Ck. Sch. by a party of Virginians. Several Indians were shot in the ck. where their blood "stained the waters for several hundred yards downstream. (Nevyle Shackelford, "Bloody Ck. in W-B is in Rugged Area" LEX. LEAD. 6/15/1964, P. 3:1-8);
BOOTH (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Tobe Booth, 3/1/1895, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Viola and it would be 3 mi w of the N.Fk. (Ky R), ½ mi s of Lower Devils Ck, 6 mi sw of Campton po, 6 mi e of Fincastle po, 6 mi se of Torrent po. Not a vil// Acc. to Thos. Booth, it was 3 mi n of N. Fk, ½ mi w of Devils Ck, 2 mi from co. line, 3 mi e of Whisman po, 6 mi se of Torrent po// Acc. to Mrs. Eliz. Whisman, it was re-est. 3 mi n of the Ky R, 1 mi w of Lower Devils Ck, 1 mi from co. line, 4 mi sw of Grannie po (see map)// On 10/1/47, Dudley F. Whisman, act. pm, pet. for a move 3/4 mi se to a pt 1 mi from Lee Co,
¼ mi w of Lower Devils Ck, 1 mi e of Little Fk of Lower Devils Ck, 17 mi sw of Campton po, 1 air mi sw of Grannie po, 4½ mi e of Fincastle po, 6 mi s of Rogers po. In Nov. 1948, Alford Whisman, act. pm, pet. for a move 3½ mi nw to serve a locality aka Whisman, 1½ air & rd mi from Lee Co, 1½ mi e of Walkers Ck, 2 mi sw of Devils Ck, 12 mi w of Campton po, 6 mi s of Rogers po. (SLR);
BOOTH (Wolfe Co.): "was so-named because it was established in the home of Tom Booth in a very rural area, but it served a large area for many years, being moved from one home to another as the years went by." (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 6/30/1978); po est. 11/12/1895, Tobe Booth; 10/30/1896, Thomas Booth; Disc. 7/31/1920 (mail to Whisman) (NA); Was the po re-est. in 1940 for, acc. to P&G, it closed in 1955?; Booth Ridge was named for the local family of Wm. Booth Jr. who lived there till his death. (Taylor Booth, probably a grandson, in Early & Modern, P. 71);
BOOTH (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Tobe Booth (29) and wife Laura (23) lived nr Thos. Booth (34) and wife Ellen (33) and other Booths and Whismans (incl. Wm (41) and wife Vina (39). No Viola. In the Torrent Prec; Probably so named for there were more Booths there than any other family. Tom Booth was the 1st pm (sic) and was probably instrumental in getting the po est'd. Few of his many descendants are still around in the co. Taylor Booth is cousin. Eliz. Whisman was its last pm. She wanted to move to Camp. so badly but couldn't till the po was closed. She was still alive by 1978. (Hazel Booth, interv., 8/11/1978);
BURKHART (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to John L. Burkhart, Mar. 1909, this prop. po would be serving a locality called Birtha in Morgan Co, 2½ mi n of Red R, on Johnson Ck, 4 mi w of Insko-Adele, 2½ mi from Belknap po. In Apr. 1909, Ibid. gave the same info. as above.// Acc to Clemma Lindon, 10/28/1915, this po, still in Morgan Co was 2 mi from Johnson Ck, ½ mi from co. line, 3 mi from the O&K RR, 2 mi from Belknap po, 4 mi from Dale po.// Acc. to Ibid., 1/2/17, it was still in Morgan Co, 2 mi n of Red R, 1 mi e of Johnson Ck, 3/4 mi from co. line 2 mi ne of Belknap po, 5 mi e of Dale po, 3 mi sw of Netty po.// On 7/22/19, Margaret E. Walter pet. for a move 7/8 mi s to a pt in Wolfe Co., 150 yds n of Red R
\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi from the co. line, \(3\frac{1}{2}\) mi e of the O&K RR, \(\frac{1}{2}\) mi ne of Belknap po, 3 mi sw of Netty po, eff. 8/1/1919 for greater convenience// On 5/14/28, no sign. pet. for a move \(3/4\) mi e (and still in Wolfe Co.) to a pt 40 yds e of Red R, \(\frac{1}{2}\) mi from the co. line, 4 mi e of the O&K RR, \(1\frac{1}{2}\) mi se of Belknap po, 3 mi w of Gent po 3 mi s of Burg po// Acc. to Shelby Risner, 7/26/39, i was 1 air mi from the co. line, 100 yds n of Red R, \(1\frac{1}{2}\) mi e of Belknap po, 3 mi s of Burg po. (SLR);
BURKHART (Wolfe Co.): po est. in Morgan Co. 7/16/1909, John L. Burkhart...into Wolfe Co. 8/4/1919, Margaret E. Walter...(NA); ("Berk/h(ah)rt") This and Belknap are adjoining communities on Red R. Good farm land. Thickly settled area. Active po. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Named for prominent family and po still serves a large area. (Hazel A. Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979); The po was suspended by Jan. 1996. Had been on Ky 1094; Acc. to 1900 Census, John L. Burkhart (25) & wife Nerva (19) & son Hargis (2) lived in Lee City Prec, next to Dikes (Harlen) 27, & wife Lizzie, 25. No Birtha;
BURKHART (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This po is located on Ky 1094, at the mouth of Poor Branch of Red River, 14½ (aimie) of Campton. It was est. on 7/16/1909 and named for the family of John L. Burkhart, its 1st pm." (Book-42);
CALIFORNIA CAVE (Wolfe Co., Ky): "A cliff shelter, at the east end of Mullins Point overlooking Upper Devil Creek. Was a hide-out for guerillas during the Civil War."

A Mullins Pt. School in the vic. The Falls of the Upper Devil Creek are 2 miles e. of the cave, at Mary. Mary is on Ky. 2028, c. 3 mi. s. of the jct. with Ky. 15 (Rob't. E. McDowell, RE-DISCOVERING KY., Ky. Dept. of Parks, 1971, P. 76)
CALLABOOSE (Wolfe Co., Ky): "There was a woman named Calla who had a penchant for making moonshine, and she had enough clout to get a p.o. named for her. But somehow the spelling came out 'boose' instead of 'booze.'" (Hazel Booth, Campton, Ky., 1/6/1979)
"A particularly rugged terrain distinguishes the area drained by Big Calaboose Creek (Wolfe Co., Ky), often referred to by old-timers as the Calaboose Country. It has long been called that, they say, because this territory is so wild and rough, the river so full of shifts and rocks that it all resemble a calaboose or jail—a place with no way out of it." (Allesa Clay High, PAST TITAN ROCK, U. Press of Ky., 1984, P. 24);
CALLABOOSE (Wolfe Co.): po est. as Hardeman, 6/19/1909, Geo. W. Hardeman; ch. to Callaboose, 4/3/1911, Geo. W. Bumgardner. Disc. 1/31/1914; Re-est. 9/25/1915, Sam'l. L. Noble...(NA); For years in the midst of a very wild, remote section of the county nr. a natural bridge and deep gorge. Inaccessible. "About a century ago, a party of settlers from Tenn. & N.C. moving westward thru Ky., came to Stillwater Creek. The creek was up, and beyond it were vertical cliffs. They followed it down to the Red River. The river was up, and beyond it were perpendicular mts. They followed the river for several miles and came to Swift Creek. The creek was up
and 'hit were no better' than Red River. So the settlers turned in their tracks, went up Swift Creek, and finally broke across. They left the name of Calaboose behind them; it is from the Spanish and means a place of detention!" The big bridge at C. is called the Light House.....(Clark B. Firestone, "Adventure in the Wild Land of Calaboose" CINCINNATI STAR, 10/18/1929);
CALABOOSE, CALLABOOSE (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This epo was on the ridge w of Big Calaboose Creek (a branch of the Red R), 3 (air) mi n of Campton. The name is said to have been applied early in the 19 cent. to the then inaccessible and inhospitable creek, whose steep-sided ravine was virtually impossible to get out of when the creek level was high. This apparently reminded some early travelers of the Spanish word calabozo meaning a 'place of detention.' The local po was est. on 6/19/1909 as Hardeman, probably for its first pm Geo. W. Hardeman, but in Apr. 1911 it assumed the name Callaboose. No one seems to agree,
even now, on the proper spelling of the name. Occasionally one still comes across the folk etymological account of the female moonshiner named Calla who somehow got the po named for her." (Book-P. 45);
CALLABOOSE (Wolfe Co.): ("K(ae)l/ə/būs")
Takes in Upper and Lower Callaboose. The roads into there keep to the ridges. Very thickly populated and reasonably accessible to Campton. Three stores in the area. She thinks it was a nickname. She's not familiar with Hardeman... She's never come across this as a family name in the county. People still call it Callaboose.... (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); "...the name... was given to the ridge country in early days because 'if you ever got in there it was awfully hard to get out again.'" (Howard Hardaway, "Hardaway Finds it Steep. Going in Wolfe Co." LCJM, 3/25 1945);
CALLABOOSE (Wolfe Co.): "There was a woman named Calla who had a penchant for making moonshine, and she had enough 'clout' to get a po named for her. But somehow the spelling came out 'Boose' instead of 'booze'. (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 1/6/1979); Sky Bridge, a natural bridge, is nearby. Also gorge, Swift's silvermine. Home of wildcats and rattlers, relatively inaccessible. (P. 16) Legend: pioneer settlers from NC & Tenn. traveling to the w thru this area arr. at Stillwater Creek which was at high tide and the cliffs beyond it were vertical & steep....
They named the place Calaboose which, in Spanish, "means a place of detention." (Clar: B. Firestone, BUBBLING WATERS, NY: Robt. M. McBride, 1938, P. 167) Mid 1930s—had a saw and grist mills, p.o. (....) (Ibid., P. 168);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city and the seat of Wolfe Co. is located on Ky 191 (old Ky 15), just s of the Mt. Pky....Acc. to trad., when Nim Wills arrivec at the present site of the ct. hse, he saw the remains of an old camp that he assumed had been made by Jonatha Swift on one of his famed silver mine adventures. Soon a settlement grew up around the site and was called first Camp Town and then Campton, while the local stream still bears the name Swift Camp Creek. The po was est. as Campton on Jan. 16, 1867 with Francis M. Vaughn, pm, and the town was inc. in 1870." (Book-P. 48
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co.): Site of camp. Earlier called Camptown, earlier still called Camp Fork. (Harry M. Caudill, interview, 7/26/1972; "K(ae)m\(\text{n}\)/tan") Confirmed Nim Wills. 1st called Soldiers Camp Town for the soldiers who had camped there. Then eventually shortened to Campton. DK whose soldiers had camped there. Before the C.W. Swift had his camp there too (cf highway marker) Swifts Camp Creek is the local stream. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Inc. 3/17/1870 (ACTS, 1869/70, Vol. 2, P. 445);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co.): The courthouse was built on the site of Jonathan Swift's camp. The town was 1st called Camp Town. (Mrs. Taylor Booth, "Griffith Renews 150-Yr. Old Search for Swift's Gold Mine" LEX. LEADER, 5/22/1965, P. 8:2); po est. 1/16/1867, Francis M. Vaughn...(NA); "The area on which our courthouse (sic) was built and surrounding environs was first called Soldiers Camp Town, shortened to Campton many years ago." (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); Nim Wills was the 1st white settler, late 18th cent. 1st called Swifts Camp. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co.): "A settlement sprang up on the site of an old camp, said to have been built and occupied by one John Swift, while pretending to work a supposed silver mine, located somewhere in the roughs below. From this camp site, the little town took the name Camp Town, or Campton, and the creek that meandered through it was named Swifts Camp Creek or Swifts Creek." (J.M. Gevedon, "Drake's Carding Mill on Swift's Ck. Carded Wool" in the Sesquicentennial Supplement to the LICKING VALLEY COURIER, 1922-1972, 10/12/1972 P. 13:01);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co.): postmaster is Herbert Miller who lives on Bear Pen Rd. (c. 6/1977); 1st white settler=Nim Mills. When he arr. saw on the present site of the courthouse, evidence of an old campfire. So settlement called Campton or CampT Town. "The camp was believed to have been made by John Swift and his men when they were searching for silver. The nearby creek, which now runs through the town, was named Swift Creek for this supposed camp of John Swift." (1860-1960 Centen. Celebration of Wolfe Co., Ky., Souvenir Book, 9/2-5/1960, P.7 Creation of city of Campton approved by G.A. 3/17/1870... (Ibid., P. 46)
v\textbf{CAMPTON} (Wolfe Co.): Named by early settlers for the remains of "an old camp ground where many men had obviously stayed a long time and burned much fire wood." Some have thought this was John (sic) Swift's camp and it was thus first called \textit{Swift's Camp} and the local stream was called \textit{Swift's Camp Creek} and, later, \textit{Swift Creek}. (Harry Caudill, "Oral Traditions Behind Some Ky. Mt. Place Names" REG. OF THE KHS, Vol. 78 (3), Sum., 1980, Pp. 197-207, 204);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to his family trad., Fielding Hanks, bro. to Nancy Hanks (Abraham Lincoln's mother), was the 1st settler of this vic., then in Floyd Co. (ch.), later in Morgan Co., and now in Wolfe Co. where he built a log cabin 1818. He was one of the founders of Morgan Co. in 1823. Ne c. 1783/4 in Prince Wm. Co Va. and died in 1861. Was one of the 1st mag's. of Morg. Co. 1823. (Joe Nickell, MORGAN CO: THE EARLIEST YEARS, W. Lib: The Courier Pub. Co., 1986, P. 8);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, this inc. vil. had a pop. of 350. Mrs. F. Horton was pm. Other businesses; Acc. to 1879-0 it had a pop. of 140; Its 2000 pop. = 424; Fielden Hanks (1783-1861), a War of 18 vet., built the 1st home in Camp. 1818 and was one of Morgan Co's. 1st mag's. His daughter Annie marr. Jas. Cox, son of John. (Scott E. Sallee in KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (9), Mar. 1998, Pp. 85-87); Fielden Hanks in 1818 arr. at a camp for men seeking the Swift silver mine in nearby Red R. Gorge. Built 1st perm. home there. Among his children, with wife Lydia (Harper) Hanks were Cuthbert Million, called "Cud" (1814-1892). [In 1853 he was the 1st pm of Swiftville po, acc. to POR] Cud was one of the largest landowners in the greater C. area. He was most
"instrumental" in est. W. Co. and was thus called "The father of Wolfe Co." Gave land for the ct. hse and jail and was the co's. 1st sheriff. In the Ky. leg. in 1864, rep. his dist., and later was W. Co. jailer. (Scott E. Sallee, W. Ky. U, Box 8145, 1 Big Red Way, B.Gr, 42101. in KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (1), 5/1997, Pp. 70-113); Nim Wills was the 1st settler of Campton. Was named new county's seat as it was centrally located. (KY ENCY., 1992, P. 962-3); Campton is 68 rd mi ese of downtown Lex. via Mt. Pky; Electric Mfg. Inc. (1969);
CAMPTON (Wolfe Co., Ky): On Ky 191 and 15, just s of the Mt. Pky. Traditionally thought to have been 1st called Camp Town for the remains of a camp allegedly made by Jonathan Swift. Nim Wills was its 1st settler. Was named the new co's. seat at the outset for its central location. Inc. 1870. "Isolation inhibited growth." Mt. Cent. RR arr. 1907. Was its e. term. till ceased op. in 1928. Center of oil drilling for awhile and then again in the 1950s. 6th cl. city with 1970 pop. of 419, 1980 pop. of 486 and 1990 pop. of 484. (KY ENCY. 1992, P. 159);
THE DAYS (Jesse Taylor and Floyd): were a pion. Red R family. Their prog. was John (1760-1837), ne Lunenburg Co., Va. who died in Morgan Co., Ky. A Rev War vet. Marr. Rebecca Howe in 1782. Rec'd a mil. warrant of 200 acres of Ky. land in 1784 and moved to it in 1810. It was nr Morgan Co's Caney Fk. Lists children.... Floyd Day was a son of Wm. & Phoebe Elender (Gibbs) Day. William (1821-1884) was a grandson of John thru Jesse C. Jesse Taylor Day (1846-192: was Floyd's bro. and marr. a daughter of J(ames) G(reenville) Trimble, the H.Gr. merchant. Floyd co-owned with nephew Kelly Bruce Day the store (1888-90: Taylor also ran a grist mill on the Red R. and a livestock & lumber busi., a sawmill, and coal mines, the
DAYSBORO (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This hamlet with recently closed po lies on the Red R. at the jct. of Ky 191 and 1953, 9 1/2 (air) mi ene of Campton. The po was est. as Daysborough in Morgan Co. on 3/5/1878, with Nathan H. Salley, pm, and named for Floyd Day, a merchant and later timber producer who, in 1889, was to build the Mt. Central RR. This po was disc. in 1880 and re-est. at its Wolfe Co. location in 1886. The spelling was simplified to its present form in 1893." (Book-P. 79);
DAYSBOROUGH (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Nathan H. Salley 2/15/1878, this po was then in Morgan Co. and was serving the commu. of Dayton. Acc. to N.W. (?) Salley, 4/11/1878, the Ky. leg., on 4/1/1878, took a strip of Morgan Co. and added it to Wolfe Co. Incl. was this po, 100 yds. n of the Red R. and 3/4 mi n of Gilmore Creek, 3 mi e of Hazel Green po. (SLR);
DAYSBORO (Wolfe Co.): po est. in Morgan Co. a:
9/23/80; Re-est. in Wolfe Co. 7/13/86, Sam'l.
C. Alexander... ch. to Daysboro, 5/3/1893, Jas.
H. Sebastian...(NA); Floyd Day was ne Breathit
Co. but spent most of his life in Wolfe Co.
Merchant till 1892. The Mt. Cent. RR was built
to ship timber to his mills at Natural Bridge,
Clay City, & Beattyville. His heirs still own
his once timbered land. The terminus of the rr
was Campton Jct., built by Day in 1898....(Mrs
Taylor Booth, "Railroad Spanned Era of Indus-
try in Wolfe" LEADER LEX. 3/20/1965, P. 9:4-6)
DAYSBORO (Wolfe Co.): ("Daz/b(uh)r/ə"). Sparsely settled so it could hardly have been called a town. Had a sch. Named for Floyd Day who built the rr. Probably very little there before the rr was built to that site. Had: rr sta. and sch. Now: several homes and good farmland. Locally still called Daysboro. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); 

Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, Daysboro was 12 mi ne of Campton. A.M. Nickel was pm and Oscar Fallen had a gen. store; No Daysboro listed in 1883-4 Gaz; No Daysborough in 1879-80 Gaz;
DAYSBORO (Wolfe Co., Ky): 1st called Dayton but since there already was a Dayton po (in Campbell Co.), Ky. it had to be called something else. Founded by the Day bros. Frederick Newington (ne 3/12/1844) who ran a gen. store in Campton and Col. Lexington Morgan Day (ne Lee Co., Va. probably in the late 1840s. To Campton in 1871 and co-ran the store with his bro. Later Lexington moved to Beattyv. and practiced law. Both Days were Confed. vets. (Mrs. W.E. Back in Early and Modern Hist. Pp. 103-4); Acc. to 1880 Census, Lexington M. Day (52) a lawyer, lived with wife Callie (36) in Prec. #2. Frederick N. Day (36), a merchant, lived with his wife Zarilda (28);
DAYSBORO (Wolfe Co.): Floyd Day built the Mt. Central RR 1889 to move timber from his lumber camps in Powell & Wolfe Co's. to his mills. Abandoned 1903 Plans to abandon it in 1903 met with citizen opposition and Day responded to petition to extend the line to Campton Jct. for both pass. & freight service. Operated in this capacity till 1928. A narrow gauge rr. (1860-1960 CENTEN. CELEBRATION OF WOLFE CO., KY. SOUVENIR BOOK, 9/2-5/1960, P. 13); Named for the Floyd Day that had the big lumber co. and built the Mt. Central RR. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978);
DAYSBORO (Wolfe Co.): Named for Floyd Day. Did of anything there before Day built his rr to that pt. Just a rr stop with whatever was necessary to maintain it as such, the usual inst. found in rr yards, and some homes. Nothing there now but maybe 1 or 2 homes. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); The Days bro came together from Va. in 1871. Ran the Day Bros. gen. store in Campt. FND marr. Zarilda Wills in 1872. They later moved to the site of the future Daysboro which was 1st called Dayton. Already in use so po was called Daysb. FND worked for Floyd Day in his H.Gr. store ca. 1880. Moved to Winch. and then to Lex. where he died in 1923. (Early & Modern, P. 103);
DAYSBOROUGH (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to S.C. Alexander, 6/28/1886, this po was on the n side of the Red R, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Gillmore Ck, 2$\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Sellers po, 3 mi se of Hazel Green po, 5 mi n of Gillmore po, serving a vil. of 50 pop.// Acc. to J.H. Sebastian, 9/12/1893, the po, now Daysboro, was serving the locality still known as Daysborough, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Red R (in its val.), $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Gillmore Ck, 3 mi e of Hazel Green po, 2$\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Sellers po// Acc. to Esther Keeton, 10/24/39, this rest. po was 400 yds n of Red R, 2$\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Hazel Green po, 4 mi nw of Helechawa po; 3$\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Rexville po. (SLR);
DESSIE SCOTT CHILDREN'S HOME (Wolfe Co., Ky): was est. in Breathitt Co. Moved to Pine Ridge on Ky. 15 in Wolfe Co. in 1950. Occupied the site of Methodist-sponsored Alvan Drew School which had operated from 1913-1947. This school was begun by Mrs. M.O. Everett, a missionary, and was named for an exponent of rural education. Started as 1 rm. school. Later added student-operated farm, blacksmith and print shops, grist and planing mills. 1947 fire destroyed it. Closed. (Updated Guide to Ky. His Highway Markers, compiled by Dianne Wells & Mary Lou S. Madigan, KHS, No. 1712.)
DESSIE-SCOTT-CHILDRENS HOME (Wolfe Co., Ky): On Ky 15, 5 mi n of Camp. Using the girls' dorm of the ex Alvan Drew Sch. Home was est. by its present director Miss Esther Pushee at Little in Breathitt Co. in 1934. But a fire there in 1940 destroyed bldgs. and killed 9 kids and a housemother Dessie Scott for whom the rebuilt sch. was named. Little's inaccessibility caused Miss P. to look elsewhere for the home's re-establishment and, finding it for sale, bought the Alvan Drew fac. in 1950. (Acc. to Miss P. in Early & Modern Hist. Pp. 51-52);

The Alvan Drew Sch. at Pine Ridge was est. there 1911 by the Womens Home Missionary Soc. of the Meth. Chu. Mrs. M.O. Everett acquired land from the owners of the Broadhead and Garrett Lumber Co. which had a local sawmill.
Mrs. Lizzie Copp of Richwood, Ohio gave money on condition that the sch. be named for her father Alvan Drew who was involved in educating rural youth. The sch. opened in 1913. Several superintendents... O'Rear Dorm was destroyed by fire in 1947 so the sch. was closed. (Bernice Lusby Craft of Houston, Tex., a former student in KY EXPL. Vol. 10 (4), 9/1995, Pp. 102-03);
DUNN (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 4/8/1910, Rhoda Allen; Disc. 7/31/1912 (mail to Lee City) (POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, Rhoda Allen (41) and her husband Cal (?), a merchant, lived in the Lee City Prec. Near a Robert A. Dunn (25) & his wife Lizzie (22). No Golden Allen; Wolfe Co's. family prog. was Andy John Dunn who settled on Stillwater. His sons were Wm. Geo., Andy, Isaac, Tom, Bill, and Sam. George produced most of the co's. Dunn descendants. (Early and Modern Hist. P. 107); Acc. to no sign, 3/1910, this prop. po would be 4½ mi se of Red R, 4½ mi se of the O&K RR, 6 mi se of Lee City po, 5½ mi ne of Taulbee po. (SLR);
EASTIN TOWN (Wolfe Co., Ky): 5 mi w of Camp. a ghost town. Site was acquired in 1898 by Swann-Day Lumber Co from Capt. S.B. Smith and Wm. Lusk to process area timber. Sawmill there was owned and run by the Eastin Bros. (Sim, Charlie, & Dudley) nr the confl. of Pigeon Roost & Meadow Br. Fks. of Lower Devils Ck. Pop. was ca 250 in a few yrs. Smith and Derickson were in charge of the logging. Logs brought to the mill by tram roads. Another sawmill at Wm. Booth's. A narrow gauge betw. E.T. and his sawmill along Lower Devil. Lumber hauled by dinky to the Walkers Ck. Spur of the L&E for shipment to the Bluegrass. 2 gro (1) Roy Smith's and (2) Dustin Eastin (2) and Rube Chapman's gen. store. In ca. 10 yrs. town ended with timber depletion. (Mrs. Taylor Booth in undated Lex./newsp. in KHS Lib. W. Co. vert.)
EASTIN TOWN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Site of big sawmill on Devils Ck. nr the Lee Co. line. Dudley Eastin's train ran on wooden tracks from here along the cliffs to the jct. of Booth and Big Andy Ridges in W. Co. then down to Walkers Ck. to jct. with the L&E. Shipping lumber to the Blue Grass ca. 1907. (KY ENCY. Vol. 12 (7), 1/1997, P. 2); Narrow gauge betw. Devils Ck and Walkers Ck crossing Big Andy Ridge to join the L&E at the Walkers Ck. Spur. (Taylor Booth in Clay Cy. Times, 12/4 1975, P. 16:5-6); E-town: 1000 acre now uninhab. tract. Rugged terrain. Depletion of timber and no inst. suppor led to town's abandonment. (Hazel);
EIGHTH BRANCH OF RED RIVER (Wolfe Co., Ky): about a mi. s. of Helechawa and the Mt. Pky. I've still not been able to learn what it is the eighth branch from and if there are any other numbered branches of Red River. It is approx. the 8th branch of the river, on its s. side above the town of Hazel Green. Is this a clue? Letters to Wolfe Co. authorities have gone unanswered as has two letters to the Hele. pm.; In the extreme e section of Wolfe Co. Extends for 1 mi. ene to the Red River c. 1 mi. s. of Hele. (F110e)
FLAT (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This settlement with po lies at the head of Cave Br. of the N. Fk. of the Ky R, 5 (air mi's of Campton. Part of Stephen Campbell's 7000 acre Rev. War mil. patent, it may 1st have been called Crackers Neck, probably for a 'neck of land that runs down in a bend in the river.' Until the po of Flat was est. on 3/1/92, with Squire P. Kash, pm, the commu. was aptly known as Flatwoods. Some yrs. ago Ky. newspaperman Nevyle Shackelford recorded the unfounded tale of the Hessian soldier named Dompflecraeker whose services in the Am. Rev. after deserting the British were rewarded with a large tract of land in this area. One day while picking haws on his new land a sharp..."
thorn pierced his neck and killed him. As the story goes, the place was called Crackers Neck 'not because the unfortunate man died from a wound in the neck, but because it was Cracker's neck of the woods.'" (Book-P. 102);
FLAT (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Squire P. Kash, 2/6/1892, this prop. po would be \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi s of Devils Ck, 2 mi n of N.Fk. (Ky. R), 7 mi s of Campton po, 6 mi w of Lane po

Acc. to Maggie Crawford, 7/25/1939, it was \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi from the Lee Co. line, 3 mi n of the Ky R, 2 mi s of Mary po 3 mi n of Williba po, 5 mi e of Grannie po, 4 mi w of Hurst po. (SLR);
FLAT (Wolfe Co.): po est. 3/1/1892, Squire P. Kash...(NA); On the Lee-Wolfe Co. line just above the waters of Mill Branch (named for A.J. Cable's water-powered grist mill). For some unknown reason, the community was, back in the 19 cent., known as Cracker's Neck. (sic)...(Nevyle Shackelford, "Oldtime 'Blab' Schoolhouse Still Stands Above Waters on Lee-Wolfe Co. Line" LEX. HERALD-LEADER, 8/13/1961);
FLAT (Wolfe Co.): ("Fl(ae)t") Active po. Haze. Bradley=pm. Nice homes. Church. 1st called Flatwoods from the lay of the land. PO was est. without the "woods". There may then have been a Flatwoods po somewhere else in Ky. It was called Flatwoods before the po. was est. in 1892....Not on a good road...still locally called Flat. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 7 mi from Campton. Levi Couch was pm;
FLAT (Wolfe Co.): On the edge of Lee & Wolfe Co's. ("Fl(ae)t") It was called Flatwoods before the po was est. The orig. name was Crackers Neck ("Kr(ae)k/erz N(ek)k") Never able to learn why it was called that but there is a neck of land that runs down in a bend in the river. Informant's pat. gt...grandfather settled that whole country on a Rev. War vet' patent of 7000 acres of flat to rolling land. He was Stephen Campbell. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); A[ibid.](ibid.)
FLAT—(Wolfe Co.): On the Cracker's Neck community on Cow Hoof Branch (by the Lee Co. line) (sic): "...a somewhat apocryphal yarn has it that during the Rev. War a Hessian soldier by the name of Dompflecraeker decided he thought more of the Am. than Brit. cause. ...He deserted his reg't., joined the Continental's and fought long and hard....(For his services, he) was granted a parcel of land in the wilds of this area. Arriving from somewhere in Va. in the fall of the yr., D. found a large thorny hawthorn thicket loaded with ripe red haws on his property. In tryin to gather himself a mess of this sweet wild
fruit, a sharp thorn pierced his neck veir and he died before he could get help. The story holds that for a long time the area was known as 'Flecracker' and then later given the name 'Cracker's Neck,' (sic) not because the unfortunate man died from a wound in the neck, but because it was Cracker's neck of the woods." (Nevyle Shackelford, "Unusual Incidents Account for Many Odd Names of Ky. Areas" LEX. LEADER, 5/29/1962, P. 5);
GILLMORE (Wolfe Co.): po est. as Gilmore, 9/17/1877, Jas. H. Vest...(NA); In a "wide, fertile bottom land drained by Gillmore Creek, a trib. of Red R. and traversed by the Salyersville extension of the Mt. Pky." (LEX. LEADER, 7/25/1964, P. 18:3-5); ("Gh(ih)l/m(aw)r") She has seen it spelled both with one "l" and with 2 and dk how it should be spelled. Now: several families of Lacys there....On the Red R The Vests are no longer in Wolfe Co. Never heard of a person or family named Gillmore in the co. But there could have been one man it was named for, but she dk who. DK if chu. or store is still there. Has never had another name by Gillmore. (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978);
GILLMORE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, James Gillmore, 61, and wife Eliz. 43, lived in Lee City #1 Prec; No Gillmores were listed in the 1880 Census; Gillmore Creek was so identified in the act creating the co. in 1860; In 1836 Rebecca Gillmore marr. Wm. Caskey (1816-?) (Early and Modern, P. 316);
GILMORE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Named for James & Enoch Gilmore who lived on Grassy Creek in the present Wolfe & Morgan Co's. The creek, school, and po were named for them. They were probably descendants of James Gilmore, ne 179 who married Anne Day in 1818 in Floyd Co., Ky. Acc. to a letter to Buck Scalf by Mrs. Virgil A. Barnes, 6205 Nasco Dr., Austin, Tex. 78757 10/21/1966, in Scalf's Families Files, PCC, Libr. Spec. Coll.'ns.)
GILLMORE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 12 mi se of Campt. and had a pop. of 300. David Lindon was pm. Angline Ely was gro. Caesar Lindon had a grain & livestock business. E.B. Little was a distiller. Howarc Little had a grain & livestock business. Other businesses; Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was 15 mi se of Camp. Pop. of 75. Jas. H. Vest was pm, farmer, cooper, and druggis. R.T. Bean & Co. express agents. N.B. Graham distiller. Robt A. Kash had a flour mill. E.B. Little dist. Rob't. F. Ely was a shoemaker. Other businesses; Acc. to 1879-80 Gaz., it was 15 mi se of Camp. Pop. of 50. Jas. H. Vest was pm, bookseller, cooper, & farmer. Robt A. Kash had a flour mill; This po may have been suspended in 1993 and was on Rt. 1094.
ILLMORE (Wolfe Co., Ky): On 4/23/1901, J.C. Lindon pet. for a move ¼ mi nw to a pt 1½ mi w of Red R, 50 yds w of Gillmore Ck, 3 mi from co. line, 3 mi w of Lee City po, 4 mi n of Paxton po. Acc. to Scott Nickell, 12/4/1911, it was 3 mi e of Red R, 100 ft w of Gillmore Ck, 3½ mi from the co. line, 3 mi e of the O&K RR, 4 mi ne of Paxton po, 3 mi se of Lexie po. On 6/22/23. Esther Brooks pet. for a move ½ mi st a pt 2 mi e of Red R, on the e side of Gillmore Ck, 2 mi n of the co. line, 2½ mi nw of the O&K RR, 3 mi ne of Paxton po, 2½ mi w of Lee City po. Acc. to Mrs. Stella Ely, 1/10/27, it was 3 mi w of Red R, 50 yds e of Gillmore Ck, 3 mi n of co. line, 4 mi n of Paxton po, 4 mi n of Wilhurst po, 3½ mi se of Lee Cit
On 1/2/1933, Ibid. pet. for a move 375 yds n to a pt 3 mi w of Red R, 30 ft e of Gillmore Ck, 2 mi. from the co. line, 3 mi w of the O&K RR, 5 mi n of Paxton po, 3½ mi nw of Wilhurst po, 4½ mi ne of Lee City po. Acc. to Ellen Vancleave (sic), 7/26/1939, it was 4 rd mi from Breathitt Co, 60 yds e of Gillmor Ck, 3½ mi nw of Lee City po, 5 mi e of Malaga po, 5 m s of Daysboro po, 7 mi n of Paxton po. (SLR);
GLENCAIRN (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 9/15/1893 with James A. Spencer, 1st pm; 3/17/96, Clarence Fulks; 10/21/97, Geo. W. Spradling; To Powell Co. 11/19/97 and back in Wolfe Co. on or before 9/10/1903; 9/10/03, Rachel Spradling. 8/8/1912, Girtha Hutson; Disc. 2/28/1914 (mail to McCormick); Re-est. 2/9/1920 with Geo. W. Spencer. Disc. 1940 (POR-NA); A sta. on the L&E, 10 mi. from Campt. Jas. A. Spencer was pm. J.M. Daniel & Co. had sawmill. (1895-6 Gaz); ["ghlehn/kaer/ən"]. Used to be a large com. with a big rooming house. DK why so named. In a glen, a low area betw. big hills that towered over it. (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); Located in a glen or cove "where you couldn't see the ground for 'cairns' (stones)." (Ibid., letter to me, 6/30/78);
GLENCAIRN (Powell Co., Ky): On 11/9/1897, Geo. W. Spradling pet. for a site ch. 450 yds sw into Powel: Co. (from Wolfe Co.), 3 mi e of Slade po, 4 mi w of Torrent po, ½ mi e of Red R., ½ mi ne of Mill Creek, 600 yds. e of Glencairn Sta. on the L&E RR. On 6/11, 1903, Rachel Spradling pet. for a site ch. 80 rds e to a pt. 1¼ mi e of McCormick po and 4 mi w of Torrent po, 3¼ mi sw of Rogers po, 50 yrds. s of Red R., ¼ mi w of Mill Creek. To serve rr sta. with only 1 perm. resident. Flag sta. But would serve 10 pop. in the area. (SLR);
GLENCAIRN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Junius (?) Allen Spencer, 1/1893, this prop. po would be 1/8 of a mi s o Red R, on the n side of Graining Block, on the K.U. RR (sta=Glencairn), 3 mi e of Slade po, 4 mi w of Torrent po, 5½ mi w of Zachariah po// On 10/22/12, Girtha Hutsol pet. for a move 300 ft w to a pt 50 yds w of Graining Block, 55 yds s of L&E RR, 100 air yds from the co. line (see map)// Acc. to G.W. Spencer, 10/4/19, it was 150 ft e of Graining Block Fk, 7 mi s of Red R, ½ mi from co. line, 100 ft e of L&N (sta=Glencairn), 2½ mi s of McCormick po, 5 mi n of Torrent po, 3 mi w of Rogers po (No agent at the sta.)/ Acc. to Lillian M. Spencer, 7/25/39, it was 2000 ft from P. Co, 20 ft n of L&N's Glencairn Sta, 200 ft ne of Graining Block Fk of Red R, 1 mi se of Natural Bridge po, 4 mi ne of Rogers po.(SLR
GOSNEYVILLE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Matilda A. Shackelford, 1/1/1904, this prop. po would be 1 1/2 mi w of Red R, 1/2 mi ne of Stillwater Ck, 6 mi ne of Camp. po, 4 mi n of Stillwater po, 4 mi sw of Valeria po. // Acc. to Ibid., 2/4/09, it was 1 1/4 mi s of Red R, 1 mi n of Stillwater Ck, 6 mi n of Camp. po. // Acc. to Ibid., 1/18/1917, it was 1 1/2 mi s of Red R, 200 yds n of Stillw Ck, 2 1/2 mi n of Stillw. po, 5 mi ne of Callaboose po, 4 1/2 mi s of Valeria po. // On 2/7/36, Ruth Tutt pet for a move 1/2 mi ne to a pt 1/2 mi s of Red R, 1 mi n of Stillw Ck, 4 mi s of Valeria po, 3 1/2 mi nw of Stillw. po. // On 8/5/36, Ibid. pet. for a move (on 8/1/36 to better accommodate patrons) 1/2 mi sw to a pt 1 mi s of Red R, 1/4 mi w of Stillw. Ck, 3 1/2 mi n of Stillw. po, 5 1/2 mi s of Valeria po, 3 1/2 mi w of Trent po. // On 4/6/37, Thos. H.
Tutt pet. for a move 192 rods ne to a pt 3½ air and 5
rd mi from Morgan Co, ½ mi s of Red R, 1 mi nw of
Stillwater Ck, 3½ mi nw of Trent po, 4 mi ne of Stillw.
po, 5 mi se of Valeria po. (SLR);
GOSNEYVILLE (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 2/23/1904 with Matilda A. Shackelford....Disc. 1941 (POR-NA);
["ghahz/nee/vihi"] Named for the family. (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); C.H. Gosney was the 1st pm (sic). Earlier the vic. was served by the Spradling po nr the old Spradling Bridge. The commu. was 1st called Bethel. Chas. Humphrey Gosney was n Grant Lick in Butler Co, Ky To W. Co. in 1877. A blacksmith. Died 1929(?) (Acc. to Mrs. Mazie Read Cox of Cushing, Okla. in Early & Modern Hist., Pp. 109-10; The only Gosney fam. listed in 1900 Census was Charles (42) with wife Malisie (45) and a no. of children, in the Clifty Prec. #7; The vic. was 1st called Bethel and was owned by Thos. Kelly Tutt, Gosney's father-in-law. Gosney was called "Trojan" (Cox, op.cit.);
GRANNIE (Wolfe Co.): "was named for an elderly lady whom every one knew and loved and lovingly called 'Grannie'; Mrs. Laura Swango. She had asked so many times that a p.o. be made closer to her home than Campton which was some distance away. So finally the Federal Govt. agreed to put one in that community and the pm at Campton was asked to submit a name. Every name he sent in was not acceptable due to their already being a p.o. by the names submitted. So one day when he had received a negative answer for about the tenth time, he turned around and saw Grannie Swango passing and he said, 'I'll send in the name of 'Grannie and so he did and it was accepted." (Mrs. Bert K. Cecil, letter to me, 6/9/1969);
GRANNIE (Wolfe Co.): po est. 2/16/1921, Henry Gentry...(NA); ("Ghr(ae)n/ee") DK why so named Henry Gentry's son, Charley, still lives there. She thinks it was supposed to have been spelled Granny. The POD was sent in so many names and rejected them all as already in use elsewhere in Ky. Finally this name was submitted and it was accepted. Doubts it was named for a particular 'granny. She'll ask Charley...Henry had a store there. Now: store is gone. Stripping in that section of the county. So it's more or less deserted. Many homes gone too....She vaguely recalls Laura Swango but not too much about her. Nor that she ever lived at Grannie. (Hazel Boot interview, 8/11/1978);
GRANNIE (Wolfe Co.): PO est. c. 9 mi. from Campton by Henry Gentry, in a rural area. He submitted 3 names to the POD, Grannie, Hop, and Jump. Grannie was accepted. The po was disc. c. 1946 (check). (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979); Disc eff. 6/30/1946. Acc. to Henry Gentry, 4/17/20, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Gentry and it would be 1½ mi n of Lower Devil Ck, 10 mi n of N.Fk. (Ky R), 4½ mi from co. line, 3 mi e of Booth po, 5 mi from Campton. On 10/27/28, Taylor Cable pet. for a move 100 yds e to a pt 5 mi n of Ky R, 2 mi e of Devils Ck. Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/39, it was 2 mi s of Steel Bk, 5 mi s of Camp. po. (SLR);
HARDIMAN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign., 8/1909, this prop. po would be 1 mi sw of Callaboose Ck, 6 mi s of Red R., 5 mi ne of Mt. Cent. RR and its Camp. Sta, 5 mi w of Gosneyv. po, 5 mi nw of Stillwater po. In April 1911, G.W. Bumgardner pet. for a move ½ mi n to a pt 5½ mi n of Campton po, 2½ mi s of Red R, 5½-6 mi sw of Gosneyv. po, 6 mi s of Valeria po. [check sp. of Hardiman]. (SLR)

Acc. to S.H. Noble, 4/12/1915, the prop. name for this po was Rohit (?) and it was serving the Callaboose locality, 1½ mi n of Red R, 1 mi w of Swifts Camp Ck, 3 mi n of Mt. Cent. RR, 5 mi n of Campton po, 5 mi sw of Gosneyv. po, 6 mi w of Stillwater po. On 10/4/34, Lillard Tolson pet. for move 558 rods s to a pt 100-300 yds n of Bear Br, ½-1 mi e of Swifts Camp Ck, 4-5 mi n of Camp. po. (SLR); $x \times 207312 = 1.74$ mi.
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Laid out by Wm. Trimble in 1825 on land he bought in 1821-3. 1st called Trimble's Store for his, the 1st store, there. He named the town for a place in Alabama and the hazel nut bushes "that covered a large part of the area." He was the 1st pm, storekeeper, cattle & hog raiser, land dealer, and slaveholder. The town was est. 1849. He was son of Davi and Lucy Lacy Trimble and was ne Greenbriar Co, Va. 1/1/1787. To Montg. Co, Ky with parents in 1797. Vet. of the War of 1812. Died 10/2/1870. Was father of J. Gree Trimble. Considered the founder of H. Gr. (Irene McLin Keller in Early & Modern Hist., Pp. 272-3); Hazel Greer a settlement & po in Madison Co., Ala. po est. 1829. Probably named for local hazel nuts. Acc. to Ala's. WPA guide, P. 329;}

*Mar. Eleanor B. d. of
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Founded by Wm. Trimble on 500 acres of land he settled in 1814. Ran local store. At the time he laid it out he was visited by the Rev. Jos. Nickell who suggested he name it for Hazel Green, Ala. where he had lived. Pop. (1890s)=350. The H. Gr. Acad.... Town is on the N. Fk. of the Red R. with 5 gen. store and other stores, saw & grist mill, Taylor Day's mill. Spencer Cooper was called "Bret". H.F. Pieratt was pm. Green Trimble lived here for 53 yrs and now (1895) lives in Mt. S. He was Wm's. son.... (KY EXPL. Vol. 13 (6), 11/1998, Pp. 22-5); Wm. Preston Trimble (1818-1905), son of Wm. Trimble (1787-1870) & Eleanor (O'Hair). WPT marr. Sarah (Sally) Kash in 1843. (Early & Modern, P. 274);
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1880 Census, J. Taylor Day (33), a merchant, lived with his wife Roe B (29) nr Floyd Day (24), a merchant (living alone) in the Hazel Green Prec; J(ames) Green(ville) Trimble, son of Wm, was ne 1823. He was his father's asst. pm of H. Gr. and ran local store. Moved to Mt. S. 1876 and died 1919. (Early & Modern Hist., Pp. 289-91); Place had a pop. of 77 in 1870 (Collins II, P. 762); The site was 1st settled by Michael O'Hair & family in 1800 (KY ENCY. 1992, P. 962); The acad. was founded in 1880 but was acquired by the Nat'l. Xian B'd. of Miss. in 1888. (Ibid.);
Hazel Green (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, as Hazle Green this place was in the e part of the co., 10 mi NE of Camp. Pop. 200. H.C. Herndon was pm & insur agent, Hazle Green Mill. G.B. Swango gen. store. J.T. & F. Day gen. store. G.W. Cox & Co. mills. Other businesses; Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, Hazel Green was 10 mi NE of Campton and had a pop. of 300. H.F. Pieratt was pm, gen'l. storekeeper and livestock dealer. Many businesses. The orig. plat of this town was recorded on 1/22/1849. The Acad. was est. 1880. Its 1st bldg. was erected 1884. (For a hist. of the Acad. see Pp. 21-8 of Early & Mod. Hist.; An Act to inc. the town of Hazel Green lists its trustees, boundaries...Approved by the G.A. 3/10/1856. (ACTS, 1855/6, V. 2, Pp. 162-64);
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co.): "Hazel Green Academy founded 1880 by 3 local citizens each of whom contributed $500 for the erection of a school bldg. and the employing of a teacher. At that time there was no other school within a radius of some 50 miles...." Fully accredited... (1860-1960 CENTEN. CELEBRATION OF WOLFE CO., KY. SOUVENIR BOOK, 9/2-5/1960, P.17); Swango Springs there, c.1900 (the 1890s and early 20th cent.), a well known spa attracted people from all parts of Ky. Three hotels in town accommodated them. (Sesquicent. Supplement to the LICKING VAL. COURIER, 1822-1972, 10/12/72, P. 16);
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co.): ("Haz/el Ghreen")

Named for the predominance of the hazel bushes that grew in the area. Developed faster than Campton, and local people hoped it would become the county seat. Now: the Academy; used to have a hosp. there; old homes are in good condition; several stores. Never heard of another name for it. (Hazel Booth; interview, 8/11/1978); Inc. 3/10/1856 (ACTS, 1855/6, Vol. 2, P. 162); Named by Green Trimble, pioneer, for himself and the hazel nut trees that grew along the Red R. c. 1829. (anon. in letter to Delphine Haley, 6/23/1975);
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co.): ("Hāz/əl Ghreen")
Named for a woman who had a log school there at one time, precursor to the academy. Informant sounded sure of this and said he would send more info. on her which he thought he had in his possession. He never did. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); Named on acct. of the lush green meadows dotted with hazel-nut bushes (sic). Taylor Day, a wealthy & influential citizen who was instrumental in est. the Academy. (Hazel Booth letter to me, 1/6/1979);
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co.): Hazel Green Acad, in the commu. Geo. Buchanan=director. 75-100 pupils enrolled in grades 9-12. 32 acre campus 80% of pupils from Wolfe & adjacent counties. Half of its budget rec'd. from the Disciples Christ Church. ("It's Work that Satisfies" BEREA ALUMNUS, 9-10/1975, Pp. 3-5); The Acad. was org. 1880 by J. Taylor Day, Wm. O. Mize, & Green Berry Swango. For many years this was the only college prep. sch. in that whole area (Highway marker at entrance of school, on Ky. 191/203, acc. to GUIDE, No. 175, P. 28);
HAZEL GREEN (Morgan County, Ky.) p.o. est. 1/28/1829 with Wm. Trimble, p.m. At that time, it was in Morgan Co. By 1/30/1857, it was spelled Hazle Green; on that date it became a part of Wolfe Co. with Christian B. Needham as p.m. Disc. 11/8/1865. R-est. 2/1/1866 with Wm. O. Mize, p.m. Disc. 1/7/1868. Re-est. 2/13/1868 with James Lacy. (check this last date) (Acc. to the National Archives)

\( \times \) as Hazel Green, 2/7/1889, with Spencer Cooper as p.m. (Ibid.)
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co., Ky.) "I have always heard that Hazel Green got its name in the following way: The first man who ever saw that part of the country found the place covered with hazelnut bushes. The man's son was with him and their last names was (sic) Green, thus, with the combination of bushes and the explorers it became known as Hazel Green."

(Charlotte W. Sorrell, Wolfe Co., Ky. 1960. Collected by Leonard Roberts from one of his students at Morehead St. U. He allowed me to copy this from her typewritten copy.)
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to A.C. Nickell, 1/3 1899, the po was 1/4 mi e of Red R, 1 mi e of Lacy Ck, 1 mi from co. line// On 5/21/14, Jas. Hollon pet. for a move 100 ft s to a pt 1000 ft n of Red R, 1500 ft n of Lacy Ck, 2 mi from co. line, 3 mi w of Daysboro po, 3 mi e of Toliver po, 4 mi n of Lexie po//Acc. to Myrtle Miller, 7/26/39, it was 1 1/2 rd mi from Morgan Co, ca. 1/4 mi ne of Red R, 3 mi n of Trent po, 3 mi w of Daysboro po, 3 mi e. of Toliver po, 5 mi s of Mize po. (SLR);
HAZEL GREEN (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This recently dis-inc. vil. with po is on the Red R., centered at the jct. of Ky 191, 203, and 1010, and 71/2 (air) mi n.e. of Campton. An early settled commu., its po was est. on 1/28/1829 as Hazle Green and named for the lush green meadows dotted with hazel shrubs. It was inc. as Hazel Green in 1856 and the po name was changed to this spelling in 1889."

(Book-P. 135); Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz. this place, as Hazle Green, was an inc. vil. in n.e. W. Co., 10 mi from Camp. and had a pop. of 80. Taylor Day gen. store & Wm. Mize gen. store; Acc. to 1879-0 Gaz, Hazle Green had a pop. of 150 and was 10 mi from Camp. H.C. Henderson was pm. Gen. stores: (1) Floyd Day, (2) Taylor Day. A.T. Day's hotel. D.S. Gadsey's saw & flour Mill. J.H. Pieratt was saddle & harness maker, J.L. Wilson was cabinetmaker...
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Jas. Franklin Wilson, 6/6/1900, the 1st names prop. for this new po were Dykes, then Monk, but it opened as Neola 100 yds n of Red R, 2 mi s of Caney Ck, 100 ft n of the O&K RR (still under construction, to be completed by 9/1/1900 and sta. not yet named) a vil. of 50 pop, 3 mi nw of Lee City po, 3 mi se of Daysboro po, 2½ mi se o Sellars po// Acc. to J.F. Nelson, 3/21/1902, it was 1 1/8 mi n of Red R, 60 yds n of L&E RR, ¼ mi from co. line, 3 mi n of Lee City po, 3½ mi ne of Daysb. po, 3 mi e of Sellars po// On 4/10/1903, Squire P. Kash pet for a move 514 yds w to a pt 2½ mi ne of Lee City po 2 3/4 mi w of Insko po, 2 3/4 mi s of Sellars po, 50 yds n of Red R, 1½ mi e of Gillmore Ck, 204 yds from
the O&K depot. Not a vil.\h On 5/18/1922, C.B. Moore pet. for a move 800 ft sw to serve a locality aka Helechawa with its O&K sta. of that name (while po was still Neola, and it was 120 ft s of Red R, 20 ft from the rr, 1 mi from co. line, 3 mi sw of Sellars po, 2 mi ne of Lee City po. Acc. to Ibid., 6/14/23, the po was now also Helechawa and was 150 ft s of Red R, 1 mi from co. line, 21 ft n of O&K, 3 mi sw of Sellars po, 4 mi ne of Lexie po, 2 mi ne of Lee City po. Acc. to Ibid., 8/15/39, it was 1 rd mi from M. Co, 1/8 mi s of Ky 191, 150 yds se of Red R, 2 mi w of Insko po, 3 mi se of Daysb. po, 3 mi s of Sellars po, 2½ mi n of Lee City po. (see map)\h On 4/21/44, Mrs. Lana Dykes pet. for a move 300 yds ne to a pt.
60 yds n of Red R, 400 yds from the co. line, 2½ mi w of Insko po, 3 mi e of Daysb. po, 2½ mi n of Lee City po. Eff. asap// On 7/6/44, Ibid. pet. for a move 300 yds ne to a pt 60 yds n of Red R, 500 yds from M. Co, on the s. side of Ky 191, 3½ mi s of Sellars po, 2 mi n of Lee City po, 2½ mi w of Insko po, 2½ mi e of Daysb. po// On 9/15/1945, Ibid. pet. for a move l50 yds e to a pt 120 yrds n of Red R, ½ mi from co. line, 2½ mi w of Insko po, 2 3/4 mi e of Daysb. po, 2½ mi n of Lee City po. Eff. 10/15/45.

Purpose: to vacate the prop. of E.L. Jacobs who need the space occupied by the po. (SLR);
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co): (heh/lee/chæ/wah)
Hamlet with apo just off the Mt. Pky. and nr. the Morgan Co. line. Est. c1900 as sta. on Ohio & Ky. RR and named for Helen Chase Wal­bridge, the d. of the pres. of the rr. He is said to have "coined the name by combining parts of her name. . . . . Over the yrs., people have seen fit to supply other explanations for this unusual name. It has been suggested that the sta. was named either for an Indian maiden or Tecumseh's bro., 'The Prophet,' or for someone's 3 children, Helen, Chas., and Walter or for Walbridge's 2 children Helen & Charlotte. (He did have a daughter, Adele, whose name was
given to another station nearby). Acc. to another pop. acct., in pioneer times the one rd. to that place was a dirt road so bad that people would say it was hell-each-a-way. In a related trad., 2 travelers got lost in that vic. One, spotting two roads branching off from the one they had been following, asked the other which way to go. I dont know, said the other, it seems to be hell each way." (Wolfe Co. Woman's Club, EARLY AND MODERN HIST. OF WOLFE CO., Campton 1952, P. 8; Mrs. Berta K. Cecil, Hazel Green Ky., letter, 6/9/69)
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky): Helen Maria Chase (1815-1864) was the youngest sister of Samuel P. Chase. She married Henry B. Walbridge of Lockport, NY in 1839. Henry was trained as a lawyer who later became an Epi. minister. The Walbridges lived in Lockport at least until 1844 and moved to Toledo, O. between 1844 and 1853. By Dec. 1867 Walbridge had 5 children, incl a son Willie, then a student at Racine Coll. (Was this W. Delancey?) (Leigh Johnsen, Sr. Assoc. Editor, The Salmon P. Chase Papers, Claremont Graduate Sch., Cal., letter to me, 3/4/1997);
"Helechawa, a depot in Wolfe County, was operated by Charlie Moore, for many years. This was not an Indian name as many people surmise but was coined by the O & K's first chief executive, for his daughter, made by taking the first four letters of her first name, the first two of her middle name, and the first two of her last name. Her name was Helen Chase Waldridge. W. Del Waldridge was the first chief executive of the road, from New York; and the last one was Guy M. Leslie."

(EARLY AND MODERN HISTORY OF WOLFE COUNTY, compiled by Wolfe County Woman's Club, Campton, Ky. Mrs. Roy M. Cecil, Chairman of
the Committee for Compilation, n.d., P. 8.)
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky): Helen Maria Chase (1815-1864 was Salmon P. Chase's youngest sister. She marr. Henry B. Walbridge of Lockport, NY in 1839. Henry was a lawye turned Epi. clergyman. Betw. ca. 1844 and 1853, they moved to Toledo, O. By 1867 the Walbridges had 5 children, incl. son Willie, then a student at Racine Coll. (Leigh Johnsen, Senior Assoc. Ed of the Sam'l. P. Chase Papers, Claremont Grad. Sch., Cal. in a letter to me, 3/4/1997); The Neola po was in the John B. Hollon gen. store(now gone). (KY EXPL. Vol. 8 (3), 8/1993, P. 11); Helechawawa is a vil. with po, depot, sch., gen. stores, 2 area coal mines run by Miller and Bruce Rose. Farming commu; Acc. to a 1/19/1990 PO Info. file, this po was suspended 4/22/1988;
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co.): Construction of O & K RR tracks began 1889. 1st run started at Cannel City 7/10/1901 and crossed Wolfe Co. for 27 mi. Disc. 1933. By July 1910, extended from Caney Creek to Licking R. in Morgan Co. The depot in Hele. was run by Charlie Moore. Name derivation is precisely what was given to me by Mrs. Cecil in her 1969 letter....He was W. Del Waldridge but this may be a sp. error. and he was from N.Y. He was the 1st chief exec. of the rr. The last was Guy W. Leslie. (1860-1960 CENTEN. CELEBRATION OF WOLFE CO., KY. SOUVENIR BOOK, 9/2-5/1960, Pp. 12-13);
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky.),
Named for Helen Chase Wallbridge, the daughter of a coal co. pres. (R. Gregory Caudill and Shelby W. Nease, "Railroad Recollections in RECOLLECTIONS: A Journal of the Appal. O.H. Proj., at Lees J.C., Jackson, Ky., Vol. 1 (4), Summer, 1975, P. 25.); "...was coined by the O & K's first chief executive in honor of his daughter, Helen Chase Walbridge. He combined the lst four letters of her 1st name the lst 3 of her middle name and the lst 2 letters of her last name to form the word 'Helechawa.'" (Mrs. Berta K. Cecil, Hazel Green, Ky. letter to me, 6/9/1969);
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky.)
Was named for the daughter of the pres. of
the Ohio & Ky. Railway: Helen Chase
Walbridge. (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me,
9/21/1971).

"A traveller came to a little community in
Wolfe Co. He asked a resident which was the
better way out of the settlement. The question
ed man answered, 'Well, Sir, it's Hell each
way.' The phrase became the name of the
community, Helechawa." (Mrs. Geneva Thompson
MS for Geo. Boswell, MSU, cl965, from Farmer
H. Bashford of Frenchburg, retired school
tchr.)
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co.): Station on the O&K RR betw. Jackson & Cannel City and named for Helen Chase Walbridge, the daughter of the RR company's 1st chief exec., W. DeL. Walbridge from NY. (Helen Price Stacy, "Those Wonderful Days of the O&K!" SELECTIONS FROM MORGAN CO. HIST. Sesquicent. vol. by Helen Price Stacy & W. Lynn Nickell, vol. 1, P. 234 ('H(eh)/lee/chaw/w(ah)"") Never heard of Neola. DK if anything at the site before the rr came in. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); No one she talked to anywhere in the co. had ever heard of Neola. (Mrs. Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979);
Acc. to G. C. Banks, emer. prof. at Morehead State U., a native of Wolfe Co., near Helechawawa, "he heard as a boy...that Helechawawa was the name of an Indian maiden, perhaps the daughter of a chief." (Creason, LCJ, 5/5/1966, P. A-11). Though Mrs. Cecil gave me the true derivation of this name, she cited "a funny incident tied in with this name. A traveling salesman came to Helechawawa via train...and when he got off someone asked him about his trip. He replied, 'It is truly 'Hell each way. (Mrs. Berta K. Cecil of Hazel Green, Ky. in a letter to me, 6/9/1969);
HELECHAWA (Wolfe County, Kentucky)

"The station at Neola Post Office (Wolfe Co) was named Helechawa after the daughter of the president of the Ohio and Kentucky Railroad—Helein Chase Walbridge." (Elmer G. Sulzer, GHOST RAILROADS OF KENTUCKY, Indianapolis: Vane A. Jones, Co., 1967, P. 45.)

"Many years ago there was only one road leading to the gen'l. store. It was a dirt road and so treacherous that people would say it was hell each way." (local legend)
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co.): "Contrary to popular belief, Helechawa was not intended for 'Hell-each-Way.' A man by the name of Chase was working in the area during the time that railroads were being built in the area.

...Mr. Chase had a daughter, Helen (Hel) (Cha) and Wa was part of Wanita." (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); named for Helen Chase Wallbridge, d. of W. Delancy Wallbridge (sic) (- Mrs. Dorothy Murphy, Librarian, Morgan Co. High School letter to me, 2/2/1970).
The folk etymol. of HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky.)
"Back in the early days when they didn't have good roads, there was drimmer on his way to Campton, Ky., and he lost his way or didn't know the way and he called out to farmhouse and asked the farmer about the best way to Campton. The old farmer cited him two ways to go. And finally the farmer studied it a moment and said it didn't matter which way you go--it's hell each-a-way." (Henry P. Scalf, personal interview at his home, 4/21/1971).
HELECHAWA (Wolf Co.): C.B. Moore was station agent there from 1902 to 1933 when the rr service was disc. In 1922, he was appointed pm at Neola and succeeded in getting that name changed to Helechawa, the name of the rr station. Acc. to his daughter, Mrs. Ruby M. Lewis of Hele. She confirmed the origin of the name from Helen Chase Walbridge. (Jay Jay in LEX. LEAD. reproduced in LOU. TIMES), 5/17/1940); (Phon. "Helechawa")"
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 191, just east of its jct with Ky 205, and just off the Mt. Pky., 11 (air) miles east of Campton. It was established ca. 1900 as a sta. on the long defunct Ohio & Ky RR and named for a daughter (sic) of its 1st pres, W. Delancey Walbridge of NY. For reasons probably known only to him, he coined the name by combining parts of her name Helen Chase Walbridge. The po was established on 9/18/00 as Neola (derivation unknown) with James T. Wilson, pm, and changed in 1922 by the then pm and long-term sta. agent Charley B. Moore, to conform to the station's name. Over the yrs people have seen fit
to supply other explanations for this unusual name. It has been suggested that the sta. was named for either an Indian maiden or Tecumseh's bro 'The Prophet'; or for someone's three children Helen, Charles, and Walter; or for Walbridge's 2 daughters Helen and Charlotte. (He did have another daughter whose name was applied to another sta. Adele.) Acc. to another pop. acct. in pion. times the one rd to that place was a dirt rd so bad that people would say it was hell-each-a-way. In a related trad., 2 travelers got lost in that vic. One, spotting 2 rds branching off from the one they had been following, asked the other which way to go. I dont know, said the other, it seems to be hell each way." (Book-Pp. 136-7);
HELECHAWA, probably the most original and certainly the most provocative place name in America, was applied around 1900 to a railroad station in Wolfe Co., Ky. The local post office still bears this name which has inspired its share of folk etymologies, the most popular of which alludes to the bad condition of its early roads—"going in and coming out, it's hell each-a-way." Actually it was named for Helen Chase Walbridge, the daughter of the railroad's first president.
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co.): ("Hæ/1(ih)ch/ə/w(ah)"
DK about Neola. DK why called that. cf a local
person. An old bldg. that may have been a
hotel or rooming house that's been used as a
store and for other things since then, is
still standing and was probably built at the
time the rr came through. She dk if anything
there before the rr. (Hazel Booth, interview,
8/11/1978); ("Hæl/ehch (ə/w(ah)")
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co.): Both Everett and Mrs Back agreed that this place was named for 2 daughters of Wallbridge, Helen and Charlotte rather than for Helen Chase. They didn't know of this, nor of another daughter called Adele.

(interview, Jackson, Ky. 6/30/1978); ("H(eh)/(eh)ch/ə/w(əh)"). (ibid.);
HELECHAWA (Wolfe Co., Ky): "A traveling salesman came to Helechawa via train...and when he got off someone asked him about his trip. He replied, 'It is truly Hell each way.'" (Berta K. Cecil, 6/9/1969) Acc. to 1900 Census, Abner Dykes (50) lived with wife Matilda (47) in Lee City Prec. #1. No Neola;
HIGH FALLS (Wolfe Co.): A hamlet with cabins, blacksmith shop and store. "Ginseng plantations" and a waterfall. (Clark B. Firestone, BUBBLING WATERS, NY: Robt. M. McBride, 1938, P. 166); po est. 7/17/1924 with Capt. T. Drake, 1st pm; 4/27/31, John W. Sparks..Disc. 1933 (POR-NA); ["ha:/fawlz"] ½ mi from Meadow Branch po (sic) (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); In a box canyon of Devils Ck. A "deep gorge" with "sheer cliffs." 60 ft waterfall. Rec. spot for area people in the late 1920s. (Chas. Hayes in KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (8), 2/1998, P. 12); Settlement with po, gen. stores, some homes, waterfall. Later it was on the Mt. Cent. route. (Hazel Booth in Lex. Leader No Capt. Drake of High Falls in 1920 Census;
HIGH FALLS (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to C.T. Drake, Apr. 1924, this prop. po would serve the High Falls Sta. on the Mt. Cent. RR, 200 ft w of Swifts Ck, 8 mi sw of Red R, 75 ft w of the rr, 3½ mi w of Camp. po, 1 3/4 mi e of Pine Ridge po, 4 mi e of Rogers po// On 6/1/31, John W. Sparks pet. for a move 200 ft se to a pt 6½ mi s of Red R., 2 mi w of Swifts Ck, 3½ mi w of Camp. po, 1½ mi e of Pine Ridge po, 3 mi e of Rogers po. (SLR);
HOLDERBY (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 3/6/1866 with James P Holderby, its only pm. Disc. 6/14/1867 (POR-NA);
HOLLONVILLE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Dora Hollon, 1908 this prop. po would be on Holly Ck, 3 mi from Peartree Lane, and Vortex po's, 3 mi s of Landsaw po. (see map) // On 11/8/24, Robt. E.B. Sewell pet. for a move 1 3/4 mi s to a pt. 4 mi e of Ky R, 20 ft e of Holly Ck, 3 m from the co. line, 3 mi e of Vortex po, 4 mi w of Wilhurst po, 3 mi n of Pence po. (already moved)// Acc. t. Ibid., 8/7/39, it was 4 mi n of Ky R, 4 1/2 mi s of Landsaw po, 2 mi n of Bethany po, 4 mi se of Vortex po, 4 1/2 mi w of Wilhurst po// On 12/31/49, Mary E. Terrell, act. pm, pet. for a move 0.2 mi s to a pt. 2 air & 8 r mi from B. Co, on Holly Ck, 6.1 mi n of Ky R, 2 mi nw of Bethany po, 3.9 mi e of Vortex po, 4.4 mi s of Landsaw po, 6 mi w of Wilhurst po. (SLR);
HOLLONVILLE (Wolfe Co., Ky): John Hollon, Sr. was a pion. settler of W. Co. His home was on Swango Fk. of Stillwater. Wife was Charity Brewer Hollon. Their daughter Rebecca was the 1st child born in the co. (in 1802). She marr. Andrew Pence. Wm. Hollon was ne 1804. He and John Hollon Jr. were sons. John Sr. ran a trading post. John Sr. settled on Holly Ck. in 1804. His dates (1777-1854) (Early & Modern, Pp. 119, 116); John Hollon was his family's W. Co. prog. and the co's 1st permanent settler. Settled on Holly Ck at least by 1801, Ne Va. 4/24/1777 and died on Holly 11/25/1854. (Clay Hollon in Ibid., P. 116); The co's. 1st settler: Built home on Swango Fk of Stillwater and ran a fur and trading post and once owned ¼ of the co. (Capt. Jas. T Hollon of Hazel Green in Ibid., P. 128);
HOLLONVILLE (Wolfe Co., Ky): John Hollon (1774-1854) & wife Charity Brewer (1777-1874) (Ky. Anc. Vol. 27 (2), Aut. 1992, P. 121); Acc. to 1900 Census, Dora B. Hollar (21), a tchr., lived with her husband Thomas (22) nr other Hollons, incl. Amanda (56) and nr Goodlaw, a (55) miller, in the Holly Vot. Prec. #5;
HOLLONVILLE (Wolfe Co.): po est. 6/4/1908, Doris Hollon... (NA); "Was named because so many Hollons abounded in the area." (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); ("[H(ah)]l/v(ie)"

In the Bethany area. In fact, they're about adjacent to each other and both still have their po's. Farming comm. Tobacco. No stores in the val. incl. Bethany. Used to have a store at H'ville, run by M&M Van Cleve. He died 1976. There's always been Hollons in Wolfe Co., a pioneer family. And they probably always were in that vic. She'll find out who were the 1st Hollons in there from Mrs. Electa Brewer, age 87.... (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Disc 1966.
HOLLY CREEK (Wolfe Co., Ky): Same commu. as Hollonv. DK name origin. Wonders if it were named for holly trees. Many of them in the county. Doubts if it derive from Hollonv. Good farmland and people well off there (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); Andrew Pence acquired land on Holly Ck. 1830. John, Wm, and Ambrose Holland owne land on H. Ck. (Early and Modern, Pp. 3-4); The ck. was so identified in the act creating the co. in 1860;
LACY CREEK (Wolfe Co.): ("La/see Kreek")
Lacy=correct spelling. Settlement extends along the creek....Still called by this name (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); John Lacy of Lacy Ck. had a wife Axie. Geo. W. Carson was long time co. judge He was half bro. to Ellen Lacy who marr. Geo. W. Phillips. Ellen was the daughter of John & Axie. (So, was Carson the son of Axie?) John Lacy from Greenbrier Co., Va. to Ky and settled on what became Lacy Ck. and marr. Sarah Porter. Early & Modern Pp. 164, 166); Rose Cem. a fam. cem. at Lacy Ck. Oldest: John Rose (1761-1843) & wife Rebecca (1763-1835) of pion. family. (E.T. Rose in Early & Modern, P. 190
John Lacy was 1st settler on Lacy Ck, in early 19 cent (KY ENCY, P. 192);
LACEY CREEK (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. W. Carson, 10/16/1889, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Exe' (ch. sp.) and it would be serving a locality of this name, but not a vil., 4 mi due w of Gillmore po, 9 mi due e of Campton po, 5 mi se of Stillwater po. (SLR);
LACY CREEK (Wolfe Co.): What was later called Lacy Creek was 1st settled c.1800 by John Lacy from Greenbrier Co., Va. His dates (acc. to inscription on tombstone in Carson Graveyard) =12/1/1764-1/19/1844. (1860-1960 CENTEN. CELEBRATION OF WOLFE CO., KY. SOUVENIR BOOK, 9/2-5/1960, P. 9); Commu. extends thru the Lacy Cr. valley for c.15 mi. & c. 2 mi. betw. mt. tops. Farming area: tob. corn, hay, gardens. 16 families and c. 64 persons in com. (Nancy Gibbs of Lacy Creek in t.p. for me at PCC, spring, 1972); po est. as Lacey Creek, 11/3/1889, Geo. W. Carson; Disc. 7/20/1894 (papers to Hazel Green) (NA);
LACY CREEK (Wolfe Co.): John Lacy of Greenbrier Co. (sic) (now W.Va.) Came to Montg. Co. but dk when. Moved to the present Wolfe Co., Lacy Creek, named for him, when this was probably in Montg. Co. ... (EARLY AND MODERN HIST. OF WOLFE COUNTY, compiled by the Wolfe Co. Woman's Club, Campton, Ky. Mrs. Roy M. Cecil, Chair. of Compilation Comm., 1952, P. 164); The John Lacy of Lacy Ck was father of Wm. Lacy (Early & Modern Hist/. P. 5); Acc. to 1880 Census, Geo. W. Carson (50) lived with mother Axey Lacy (74), no wife but children & grandchildren. Axey may be Exey;

wm lacy (ne/1790) man, sibby B., d. of Michael O'Hair of H. Cr.
LANDSAW (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This resi. settlement with ep extends along Ky 15 and Stillwater Ck, a br. of Red R.; se from a pt opp. the mouth of Murphy Fk, 4½ (air) mi e of Campton. The com. which predated the est. of the po in operation from 1898 to 1957, was named for the promi nent local family whose W. Co. prog. was Wm. Landsaw (ca. 1774-1826), a native of Greenbrier, now in WV, who brought his family to this vic. in 1809." (Book-P. 166); The po closed 12/31/1957. Eli C. Cash (?) was 1t 2nd pm 6/14/1904, succeeded by Edgar T. Kash 9/28/05 & Ottis N. Kash 10/25/35 and Mrs. Lillian D. Kash 12/3/4C Last pm=Jas. Dalton. (POR-NA); Wm. Landsaw (ca. 1774- 1826) ne Greenbriar Co, Va. & died W. Co. Mar. Eliz. Murphy. To Stillwater Ck 1806. Issue: John, Jas, Albert etc. (KY EXPL. V. 11(5), 10/96, P. 92);
LANDSAW (Wolfe Co.): po est. 3/22/1898, Chas. O Cardwell....(NA); PO disc. 12/31/1957 (NA);
Wm. Landsaw, progenitor of the family in Wolfe Co. was ne Greenbriar (now W.Va.) c.1774. Died on Stillwater Creek, Wolfe Co., Ky. 1826. He settled first in Fleming, Ky. (sic). In 1808, he bought "a large tract of land on Stillwater. (built home) and moved his family (there) in 1809...This embraced all the land that is now o: Murphy Fork (named for his parents-in-law...) and Landsaw....(P. 165) Wm.'s son=James Landsaw ne Wolfe Co. 5/15/1811 on Stillwater Cr. and died 5/28/1895...(P.166) James' son, Daniel D. Landsaw, was ne on Stillwater 3/10/1854 and die
in Okla. in 1931. He taught sch. and ran a
country store on his grandfather's place.
He was a Wolfe Co. judge... (P. 167). Lorenz
Dow Landsaw was another of Wm's. sons. Wm's
wife=Eliz. nee Murphy. L. (called "Dow")
was ne on Stillwater, Jan. 1813 and died ar
was buried on Lower Devils Creek, 1874. He
bought land on Hunting Fk. of Holly Creek,
Wolfe Co. in the middle or late 1830s and
lived there till after the CW. (P. 168) Last
pm of Landsaw po=Jas. Dalton, 10/18/1957-
12/31/1957) ("Early and Modern Hist. of
Wolfe Co." compiled by Wolfe Co. Womans
Club, Campton, Ky. Mrs. Roy M. Cecil, Chair
of the Compilation Comm., 1952).
LANDSAW (Wolfe Co., Ky): Lee Rose Store here, ca. 1934-1935;


LANDSAW (Wolfe Co.): ("L(ae)nd/s(aw)"

Spread out over a long area on the road betw. Campton & Jackson. Houses on either side of the rd. Farming commu. Named for a family of Landsaws in the area tho' none are there now. DK any of their given names. Cardwell not a local family. Now: used to be a few stores but are gone. Only homes... (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Named for Wm. Landsaw who est. the po. Many yrs. ago, the Landsaw family moved to Okla. and never returned to the co. (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/79);
LANDSAW (Wolfe Co.): ('L(ae)nd/s(aw)" Acc.
to grandmother of Nevyle Shackelford, it was
named for his gt.gt. grandfather, Lorenzo
Dow Landsaw, but dk if this is so. He was re-
lated to the famed preacher for whom he was
named. His namesake was a hellraising preach-
er who held camp meetings all over the south.
The commu. preceded the est. of the po. The
Landsaws were in here since the 18th cent....
On Stillwater Creek. DK what's now at the
Landsaw site. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview,
7/8/1978);
LANDSÅW (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Charles O. Cardwell, early 1898, this prop. po would be 6 mi s of Red R, 300 yds e of Stillwater Ck, 3 mi se of Stillw. po, 7 mi nw of Paxton po, 6 mi sw of Hazel Green po. On 1/9/1936, Ottis N. Kash pet. for a move 100 yds w to a pt 5 mi s of Red R, 150 yds e of Stillw. Ck, 3½ mi from co line, 2½ mi n of Malaga po, 3 mi se of Baptist po, 3½ mi s of Stillw. po. On Landsaw Ck. Moved to the highway for public convenience, eff. 4/1/36. Acc. to O.N. Kash 7/25/39, it was 2½ air & 3 rd mi from B. Co., on the side of Ky 15, 75 yds e of Stillw. Ck, 6 mi w of Red R, 3 mi s of Stillw. po, 2½ mi n of Malaga po, 4 mi w of Lexie po, 2½ mi e of Baptist po. On 12/30/40, Lillian D. Kash pet. for move 2000 ft s to a pt ca. 3 mi s of
Red R, 1300 ft e of Stillwater Ck, 3 mi from co.line 2.1 mi nw of Malaga po, 2.3 mi se of Stillwater po, 2 1/5 mi e of Baptist po. Moved on 12/16/1940. (SLR)
LANE (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 3/5/1880 with Isaac Elkins, 1st pm; 12/23/80, Jas. B. Elkins...4/26/07, Jonathan R. Elkins; Disc. 4/15/1914 (mail to Vortex) (POR-NA); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 7 mi s of Camp; Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was 12 mi s of Camp. A small po but not vil; Acc. to 1900 Census, John R. Lane (24) lived in Clifty Prec. #7, next to Jacob Crain. John Lar (32) & wife Margaret (29) lived in Stillwater Prec. #6. Isaac Elkins (47) & wife Laura (40) lived next door to Johnathan Elkins (64) & wife Susie (40) in Holly Vot. Prec. #5. Jas. B. Elkins (41) & wife Sarah E. (33) live in Hazel Green Prec; Jas. F. Lane (38) & wife Hester A. lived nr John R. Lane in Clifty #7; No Lane family listed in 1880 Census;
LANE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Isaac Elkins, 11/18/1879, the lst names prop. for this new po were Holly (locality name), Elkinsville, and Tynersville, and it would be 1/2 mi w of Holly Ck, 4 mi n of Ky R, 7 1/2 mi from Campton po, 2 1/2 mi w of Frozen Ck po. Not a vil.// Acc. to J.R. Elkin 2/4/1909, it was 4 mi n of N.Fk (Ky R), nr the forks of Holly Ck, 1/2 mi n of Holly Ck, 7 1/2 mi from Campton po, 5 m from co. line, 5 mi se of Vortex po, 3 1/2 mi w of Hollonv. po. (SLR);
LEE CITY (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This recently dis-inc. town, now but a hamlet with po, is on the Red R. and Ky 1094, just e of its jct. with Ky 205, 11 (air) mi e of Campt. The po was est. as Red River on 7/23/79, with Robt. G. Rose, pm, and renamed Lee City in 1887, by which name the town was inc. in 1888. The derivation of its name is not known. The possibility of its having been named for Lee Co. is limited by the 12 mi that separate it from that co. line. It is even less likely to have been named, as has been popularly assumed, for Leeborn Allen a prominent Wolfe Co. atty, born in 1887." (Book-P.168)
Taylor-Booth's uncle named Lee, who came from Lee City, claimed that the place was named for him, an influential lawyer. But an elderly man said last week that this place was called Lee City long before Lee Allen was born. Allen was born c.1898. (PO was est. as Lee City in 1887.) It could have been named for Lee Co. It's on the Red R. Still some roses in Lee City. She had never heard it called Red River. Now: 2 stores, 8-10 homes right in the vil. and other homes scattered around in the area nearby. Mrs. Fred Prichard runs one of the stores. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978);
LEE CITY (Wolfe Co.): po est. as Red River, 7/23/1879, Robert G. Rose; ch. to Lee City, 4/29/1887, Ibid. ...(NA); "Lee City is said to have been named in honor of a prominent lawyer, native of that area, who later moved to Campton and became a legend in his time. His name was Lee Allen." (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); May have been named for the pres. of the rr that ran thru there, but not sure. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, Red River was a small hamlet with a pop. of 50;
LEE CITY (Wolfe Co.): A ch. in name. ("Lee S(ih)t/ee") (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); Named for prominent Campton atty. Lee Allen. Implies that he came from L.C. and had started his practice there....(Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979); Inc. 4/16/1888 (ACTS, 1887, Vol. 3, P. 22); Leeborn Allen, ne 1887, was admitted to the Ky. Bar in 1910 and practiced in Campton. (Cheryl Jones, Librarian for Public Services, UK Law Libr., letter to me, 1/14/1981);
LEE CITY (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 12 mi e of Capler; The place had 10 stores in 1903; APO on Ky 1094; Jas. Rose, son of Robt. and Mary (Moore) Rose, acquired 5000 acres of the site of Lee City from his father-in-law Alex'r. McQuinn. Acc. to the 1860 Census James (42) was living with McQuinn (then 76). (Early and Modern, P. 193);
LEXIE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to W.L. Elkins, 7/1909, the first name proposed for this new po was Rose Valley and it would serve the locality of Lacy, 3½ mi se of Red R, on Lacy Ck, 3 mi w of the O&K RR, 3½ mi w of the Hele. Sta., 3½ mi se of Hazel Green po, 5 mi e of Trent po, 3½ mi nw of Gillmore po. In Sept. 1913, no sign. pet. for a move 1½ mi se to a pt 5 mi w of Red R, on Lacy Ck 4 mi e of Malaga po, 4 mi ne of Landsaw po, 5 mi se of Hazel Green po, 6 mi w of Hele. Sta. (on the O&K) On 10/24/1938, Mrs. Maud Childers pet. for a move 800 yds se to a pt 5½ mi e of Red R, 100 ft e of Lacy Ck, 6 mi w of the Hele. po, 3 mi e of Malaga po. Eff. 11/15 1938. (SLR); Cora E. Wolfe
LEXIE (Wolfe Co.): po est. 7/1/1909, Willis L Elkins... (NA); ("L(eh)x/ee") Knows nothing about this place. Located beyond Valeria. She will check on this for me. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); "Lexie po was discontinued so long ago that no one could remember where I was located." (Hazel Booth, letter to me; 1/6/1979); One of the 4 sons of Jim and Sarah (Rose) Elkins was a Lexie. Sarah may have been the d. of John & Nancy (Nichols) Rose. [Check....] (Early & Modern, P. 189);
MALAGA (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Eli C. Kash, 12/12/04, this prop. po would be on the e side of Stillwater Ck, 2½ mi ne of po, 2½ mi s of Peartree po, 3 mi sw of Paxton po. On 2/7/24, Josie L. Miller pet. for a move ½ mi s to a pt 8 mi w of Red R, 200 ft w of Stillw. Ck, 1½ mi n of the co. line, 3½ mi s of Landsaw po, 3 mi e of Hollonv. po. Eff. now. Miller was act. pm and wanted to move the po to her home. On 12/24/25, Maude Rose pet. for a move 5/8 air mi n to a pt. 50 yds e of Stillw. Ck, 1½ mi n of the co. line, 3 mi s of Landsaw po, 4 mi n of Wilhurst po. Eff. now for patron convenience. (SLR);
MALAGA (Wolfe Co.): po est. 3/1/1905, Lulu Hurst. (NA); ("M(е)l/əгh/ə") DK origin of the name. She'll check. Now: dispersed on a creek. Farms. Old homes. Used to be some nice stores, no longer. . . cf S.B. Allen, Jr. (i.e. Seaburn Allen) of Malaga, a retired military man. . . . (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Mrs. D.C. Rose, the last pm, didn't know why it was called Malaga. It is now Campton Rt. 1. (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979);
MARY (Wolfe Co.): Po est. 9/5/1901, Jarrett C. Taulbee...(NA); ("Mary") Active po now another location from orig. site. Ms. Taulbee kept the po in her home....The po has been in the Taulbee family for many years. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); ("Mary") DK who named for but will check with local woman, Mrs. Bishop (Ida) Taulbee. Now: near Flat, on the creek. Nice brick homes. Large store is gone. 1 or 2 churches...Still called Mary. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Probably named for the wife of the 1st pm. (Hazel Booth, lett to me, 1/6/79);  

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MARY (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Jaret Taulbee (sic) (34) lived with wife Jane (34) and daughter Mary E. (12), etc. in Mag. Dist. #8, nr Hollons, Kings, Terrells, and other Taulbees, etc. Jonas Taulbee (37) lived with wife Emma J. (36) in the same precinct;
MARY (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc/ to J.C. Taulbee, 12/31/00, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Antioch and it would serve a locality of this name, 3½ mi n of the Ky R, 20 yds s of Devils Ck, 2 3/4 mi sw of Vortex po, 3 mi e of Flat po, 5 mi w of Lane po// On 2/22/1919, Sarah E. Taulbee pet. for a move (no data given) to a pt. 6 mi n of Ky R, 25 yds e of Devils Ck, 2 mi n of Flat po, 4 (?) mi sw of Vortex po, 4 mi from the co. line// Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/39, it was 150 ft se of Devils Ck, 2 mi n of Flat po, 3 mi w of Hurst po, 3 mi sw of Vortex po. (SLR);
MEADOW BRANCH (Wolfe Co., Ky): "Within a mi of Campt. "Meandered through a long val. before it shed over a large boulder, rushed another mi. to, fall over a high cliff, and meandered on to flow into Upper Devils Ck. Many people would not remember the p.o. My Gt. Uncle Rev. C.H. Garrison was pm and also had a store. When he died many yrs. 'ago the po was disc. A narrow gauge rr ran by his store a small train we called 'The Little Dinky' made a run from Campt. to Campton Jct. every day." (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 6/30/1978); A Meadow Branch ngbd. is shown on W. Co's C&N map, but no date;
The Mt. Central RR was a 12.31 mi long narrow gauge line built by Floyd Day's Swan-Day (sic) Lumber Co. to ship lumber to its Clay City sawmill via the L&E. It extended from Campton Jct. up the mt. (via Switchbacks) then down Chimney Top Ck to the Red. R. At local request, the line was later extended along Pine Ridge to Campt. Reached Pine Ridge in the spring of 1906 and Campton by the fall of 1907. Op. ended 1928 and rails were removed 1930-1. Line's headquarters was at C. Jct. where it joined the L&E. (Sulzer, Ghost RR, Pp. 27-32); Geo. M. Davie named the L&E stations incl: Glencairn, Monica, Argyle, etc. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (7), 1/1998, P. 45);
NEOLA (Wolfe County, Ky.) p.o. est. 9/18/190
with James J. Wilson as the 1st pm... Name
changed to Helechawa, 8/5/1922 (check....)
with Charley B. Moore as p.m., as of 9/2/
1922. (Acc. to the National Archives)
Hele. was the rr sta. at Neola/p.o. Named for
the d. of Helen Chase Walbridge. (P.45) The O & K RR was disc. when
"cannel coal resources played out, the forest
resources of the Licking R. region became ex­hausted, and passable roads made their appear­ance in Breathitt and Wolfe Counties...."(P.47)
(Elmer G. Sulzer, GHOST RR IN KY., I'polis, 1967);
PARCH CORN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Not Parched Corn as given on the top. maps and in Field. (F570w) "I don't know how it got to be called that, but back when times were hard and mountain people couldn't get hold of coffee, they'd parch corn real brown, pound or grind it if they had anything to grind it on, and make coffee. I never tasted it, but I've parched many a skillet full of hard shell corn. Put in a little lard and salt, stir it until every kernel swells up and turns brown. ... We had an old hand mill and we'd even grind that plain old parch field corn and eat it with sugar and milk for cereal. The heat would make it brittle, and was almost like
eating a potato chip--very crisp when cooked all the way through." (Interview with Lily May Ledford in Allesa Clay High's PAST TITAN ROCK, U. Press of Ky., 1984, P. 80);
PENCE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Andrew Pence acquired land on Holly Ck. in 1830. (Early and modern, P. 3); Acc. to Sam Pence, 5/26/1914, this prop. po would be 2 mi n of N.Fk. (Ky. R), 1 mi from co. line, 4 mi e of Key po, 200 yds e of Holly Ck.// Acc. to Ibid., 1/8/17, it was 1½ mi n of Ky R, 150 yds w of Holly Ck, 800 yds from co line, 4 mi w of Calla po, 5½ mi s of Vortex po.// Acc. to Andy Lockhard, 9/26/39, it was 40 ft n of Pence Br, on (main) Holly Ck (in 1927), 1½ mi s of Bethany po, 3 mi s of Hurst po. (SLR);
J PENCE (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 1/14/1915, Sam Pence, 1st pm; 2/11/1928, Andy Lockhard.... Disc. 1942 (POR-NA); |
"pihns"] Family came into these parts early, took up a |
land patent with some early Landsaws while this was |
still a part of Va. (Nevyle Shackelford, interv., 7/8/ |
1978); Pence Branch was named for the family of Andrew |
Pence who lived on it, 9 mi from Camp. (Boone Pence in |
Early & Modern, Pp. 176-77); ["pense"] nr Bethany. |
(Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); (For some Pence Br. folklore |
see KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (10), 4/1998, Pp. 94-5); Andrew |
Pence (1798-1878). Sam Pence was ne 1880, son of Felix |
and grandson of Andrew. Andy & family on Pence Br. |
(Early & Modern Hist., Pp. 116-7, 176);
PENCE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Named for pioneer settler, Andrew Pence (1798-1878) who arr. here in 1823. Community is c. 9 mi. se of Campton. DPO (mail to Bethany) Andrew to Ky. from Ill. His ancestors from Va. or NC He bought 640 acres in present Wolfe Co. in the 1820s from Mr. Burse Ayres, on Holly Creek. Land was identified as Pence Branch. Andrew marr. Rebecca Hollon (1806-1887) in 1823. She was the 1st white child born in the county. (A HIST. OF THE PENCE PLACE NAMES AND EARLY PENCES IN AMERICA, compiled & pub. by Monroe Conger Pence, Mt. View, Cal., 1961, P. 11)
PENCE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Eliz. Gibbs Pence, wife of Feli Pence. She ran the po & store there, ca. 1931 & earlier. Pence Br. Sch. closed in '1965. Bldg. is now a tobacco stripping shed. (Larry Helton, Jr., 6570 Crest Circle, Middletown, O. 45042, in KY EXPL. Vol. 16 (10), Apr. 2002, P. 5);
PENIEL CHURCH (Wolfe Co., Ky.)(F570c)
A Biblical name, supposedly (but not given in Harpers Bible Dictionary). Check further ....

However, there is (in ibid., P. 537) a reference to Penuel...
PINCH-EM TIGHT CLIFF (Wolfe Co., Ky): "... also has inspired some tales. Because of its height and narrowness, some say it was a favorite haunt of moonshiners, who could see approaching revenue men in time to escape.

One grandmother offered this explanation of how Pinch-Em Tight got its name: 'Years ago, I guess even years before my daddy was born, there was an old woman and her family that lived up one of those hollers in Red River. Some called her 'Devil,' 'Devil Sal,' or Devil Woman of Red River,' and she was supposed to have been very mean to her family. She made rot-gut moonshine and beat
her children pretty badly. I've always heard she killed her husband, and nobody who lived in those hollers would have anything to do with them. They had to get on top of Pinch-Em Tight Cliff. There's a crack that goes up just a very steep slant, and in the middle of this crack is a very narrow place, and in another place there's a great big boulder. We picked huckleberries on top of that cliff many times and gathered pine knots to burn. I remember how momma used to scramble over this big boulder first and drag us little ones after her. At the tight place we didn't have any
Devil Sal took her whole family and went huckleberry picking on top of Pinch-Em Tight Cliff and had two great big ten quart buckets. So they had an awful time getting her through this tight place going up. Then they got her buckets full of huckleberries and started back down. She had the mistake of letting all her children go first. She came last, and as I said, she was very mean to them and I doubt they had very much feeling for her. Anyway, coming down she got in a twist some way in this narrow spot. She had slipped her buckets of huckleberries up on her shoulder so she could
brace herself and she got a twist in there. She couldn't get loose and the family ran off and left her. And she stayed there in for several days until she lost enough weight, I reckon, to get down through the tight place. So they called it Pinch-Em Tight ever since.'" (Allesa Clay High, PAST TITAN ROCK, U. Press of Ky., 1984, Pp. 56-7);
PINE RIDGE (Wolfe Co.): ("P(ah)/n/(eye)n/ R(ih)d.j") The Laceys owned much land there at one time. This name is given on maps in the 1880s. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); Enjoyed a small oil boom in c.1920. (Elmer Sulzer, GHOST RAILROADS OF KY., P. 31);

Comm. founded in 1856 but later "became a logging center". Mostly small farms till ca. the 1890s when lumbering dev’d. Swann-Day Lumber Co. The narrow gau Mt. Cent. RR was built 1907 betw. the L&E and Camp. via Pine Ridge. (KY ENCY, 1992, P. 962-3);
PINE RIDGE (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is centered at the jct of Ky 15 and 715, 3½ (air) mi wnw of Campt. It was named for its location on a ridge dominated by scrub pine and nr the Rock Bridge section of the co. said to contain 'one of the largest strands of eastern white pine in Ky.' The po was est. on 3/6/1907, with Henry C. Lacey, pm." (Book-P. 235);
PINE RIDGE (Wolfe Co.): ("P(ah)<—(eye)n R(ih)dj") Had an academy there taught by M&M Woodward from Texas, c1920, until 20 yrs. ago .... Closed after a destructive fire. Now a childrens home occupies the property & facilities. Also small store. It's on a ridge (She thinks it's the highest area in the county). Scrub pine trees dominate the landscape. A farming area... nr. the stand of white pine (cf Shackelford's article....) in Tight Hol., ½ mi. from Pine Ridge. "When you get down there you can't see out (for) those big trees, and it's virgin timber. I think maybe the Forest Service has taken it over now and I guess that's the reason none of the big trees
have been cut." She thinks there was a commu. before the po was est. in 1907. She knows of no Lacys there now. She never heard another name for it. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978);
PINE RIDGE (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign., Jan. 1907, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Rash (sic) and it would be ½ mi e of Mill Ck, 7 mi s of Red R, 100 yds s of the Mt. Cent. RR and ca. 100 yds s of the Pine Ridge Sta, 2 mi ne of Rogers po, 6 mi e of Glencairn po, 5 mi w of Campton po. Serving a vil. of 25 pop// On 4/24/39, Geo. W. Andrew pet. for a move 0.8 mi se to a pt on Ky 15 (Ky 11 goes thru it) ca. 6 mi sw of Swifts Ck, 5.4 mi nw of Campton po, 2 mi ne of Rogers po// On 12/5/39, Retta S. Childers pet. for a move ¼ mi nw to a pt 3½ air & 5 rd mi from Powell Co, on the s side of Ky 15, 1 mi n of Mill Ck, 7 mi s of Red R, 6 mi w of Campton po, 2½ mi sw of Rogers po// On 4/26/41, Vergie B. Henry pet. for a
move 100 yds sw to a pt 6½ mi s of Red R, 4 mi nw of Swiss Ck (sic), 4 mi from co. line, 5 mi nw of Camp. po, 3 mi n of Rogers po. Eff. 6/1/1941. (SLR);
PINE RIDGE (Wolfe Co.): The Alvan Drew Sch. was founded there in 1911 by Mrs. M.O. Everett of Shoulderblade, Ky. Closed 1949. A boarding school on some 300 acres. By 1960 it housed the Dessie Scott Children's Home... (1860-1960 CENTEN. CELEBRATION OF WOLFE CO., KY. SOUVENIR BOOK, 9/2-5/1960, P.19); po est. 3/6/1907, Henry C. Lacey... (NA); In the Rock Bridge sect of Wolfe Co., a few mi. from P.R., is said "to be one of the largest strands of Eastern (sic) white pine" in Ky. (Nevyle Shackelford, "Large Acreage of White Pine Timber in Wolfe Co." LEX LEADER, 12/11/1964);
RED RIVER (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Robert G. Rose, 7/11/1879, this prop. po would be 200 yds n of Red R, 6 mi w of Gillmore Ck, 6 mi se of Daysborough po, 6 mi ne of Gillmore po. On 1/4/87, Ibid. pet. for a move (no data) to a pt 100 yds n of Red R, 8 mi se of Hazel Green po, 5 mi n of Shockey po. (SLR); Acc. to Jas. H. Dunn, 11/20/1911, this po, as Lee City, was ca. 80 yds e of Red R, 1 mi from co. line, 27 rod from the O&K RR, 3 mi e of Gillmore po, 3.3 mi w of Belknap po, 2 mi se of Neola po, 3 mi n of Rosefork po. Acc. to Edna J. Rose, 7/24/39, it was 1 air & 3 rd mi from Morgan Co, 2 mi s of Ky 191, the Red R. goes thru the town, 2.3 mi s of Helechawa, 2 mi w of Belknap po, 3.66 mi n of Rosefork. (the st. hiway betw. Ky 191 and Rosefork is under construction)
On 4/22/1950, Mrs. Edna Rose Arnett pet. for a move 170 yds e to a pt. 0.5 air and 2.1 rd mi from Morgan Co, 200 yds e of Red R, 3.6 mi n of Rosefork po, 2.5 mi w of Belknap po, 1.9 mi s of Hele. po. (SLR);
RIDGEWOOD JUNCTION (Wolfe Co., Ky.): 4 mi. from Natural Bridge, the jct. of the L&E and the Red River & Beattyville Southern Ry. (a narrow gauge line). "The line penetrates a timbered territory sw for 9 miles to the picturesque town of Ridgewood. Quantities of staves are manufactured at Ridgewood Jct. and shipped to the Eastern markets."

R. Jct. is 1 mi. from Torrent (in Wolfe Co.).

ROCK BRIDGE (Wolfe Co., Ky): "The only natural arch spanning a stream....The falls of Rockbridge (sic) Fk. cascade into a sylvan pool as clear as crystal with big ferns, moss, and lichen growing in profusion. The bridge is just below the falls and just above the Hell' Kitchen Stretch of Swift Camp Creek...." ("Only Natural Arch to Span a Stream" in Nature's Wonderland Red River Recr'n. Guide, Supple. to the Clay City Times Spring 1978, P. 12);

Origin: "The Natural Bridge of Va. type. Water leaked down by way of a joint through the rock floor of a stream above a waterfall, followed bedding, and emerged in the face of the falls. "Enlargement of this channel took place as the diversion changed from a seepage to a trickle and a small part of the stream, and ultimately the whole stream. A portion of the former face of the falls is left spanning the valley as the bridge."
Characteristic of this type is the presence of a falls or rapids just upstream." (P. 84) "Given a waterfalls capped with (Rockcastle) conglomerate, water leaked underground along a joint in the bed of the creek about the falls, worked along between layers, and emerged again in the face of the falls. Enlargement of this incipient channel gradually diverted the entire stream, leaving the former front of the falls as a span over it. (P. 77)...(Arthur C. McFarlan, BEHIND THE SCENERY IN KY. KGS Ser. IX, Spec. Pub. No. 10, 1958)
ROGERS (Wolfe Co.): No po was ever at Easton Town (sic). There was a small settlement there named for its founder, a Mr. Easton. It was a logging camp. Elihu Rogers was a blacksmith and had a shop here) at Rogers. Oklahoma was its orig. name. It was later, evidently in 1900, renamed for the blacksmith. Benton, Dock & Jeff Spencer were the 1st settlers. John Kincaid owned the first local store and p.o. He sold the store and Jeff or Oma Spence took over the p.o. The land here was sold to the settlers by a logging firm before 1900. ....Pop. now est. c. 500. (Eliz. Bryant, pm, Rogers, Ky. in letter to me, 11/8/1980);
ROGERS (Wolfe Co.): N.ch. from Oklahoma to Rogers c. 1900, 1st po est. at Rogers. Named for Elihu Rogers. Not sure if the place was called Rogers before the po was est. in 1900. Farms in the vic. before then and maybe one or more sawmills but no store or other industries. One or 2 rockmasons in the area. 1st settlers were John L. Lewis (grandfather of informant), Benton Spencer (her other grand-father). Jeff Spencer had the 1st store, a gen. store, and was an extensive land owner. Most residents used to work in oil fields in neighboring counties. Elihu Rogers had the 1st (business) blacksmith in vic.
DK about Dogtrot. But it could have been called this. PO was moved up to the present site from Tin or Tic Town, 5 mi. or so down the hill on Devils Creek.. (PM, letter to me 7/9/80);
ROGERS (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to S.P. Napier, 6/29/1900 the 1st name prop. for this new po was Oklahoma and it would serve a commu. of that name, 5 mi n of the Ky R, 3 mi se of Walkers Ck, a vil. of 13 families, 4 mi ne of Torrent po, 6 mi w of Campton po, 3½ mi e of Glencairn po// Acc. to J.D. Spencer, 4/27/07, it was still serving the commu. of Oklahoma, 4 mi from co. line, 7 mi n of Ky R, ½ mi n of Devils Ck, 2 mi sw of Pine Ridge po, 3½ mi ne of Torrent po, 3½ mi e of Glencairn po (see map)// On 2/1/34, Dillard L. Brewer pet. for a move 512 ft nw (and now the commu. was called Rogers for the po), 2½ mi ne of Red R, 1 mi sw of Mill Ck, 2½ mi ne of the L&N (nearest sta.=Glencairn), 2 mi w o
Pine Ridge po, 2½ mi se of Glencairn po. 2 3/4 mi fror the co. line// Acc. to Nannie Brewer, 7/31/1939, it was 3½ mi from Powell Co. on the s side of Ky 11, 3½ mi e of Graining Board Fk of Red R, 3 mi se of Glencairn po, 2 mi w of Pine Ridge po, 4½ mi ne of Zachariah po. (SLR);
ROGERS (Wolfe Co.): Now: 2 gro. & pumps, po, appliance store, school, homes...(Obser. 7/78
("R(ah)dij/erz") The Oklahoma name derived: some fellows were kind of rowdy. They wanted
to go west and went to Okla. And some came back here, c. 1920, talking so much about Okla.
So it was called Oklahoma. That was just a nickname. It never really had an official name until they named it Rogers. She'll find out which Rogers it was named for....Now: stores, chu., sch., several cemeteries....So it could have been nicknamed Oklahoma when it was already called Rogers or the men could have returned from Okla. before 1900. Dog Trot was
another nickname. ("D(ah)gh/tr(ah)t").... Community was also called Pumphead. "There were a no. of spinsters out there. I'll tell you, all they wanted to do was fight. As far as I know, none of them ever did kill each other (sic), but they kept them bloody and bruised a lot." To her knowledge no Napiers ever lived at Rogers, exc. for the 1st pm obviously. Napiers still live in other parts of the county. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978);
ROGERS (Wolfe Co.): po est. 8/16/1900, Sam'l.
P. Napier...(NA); "Rogers was first named Dog-trot (sic) because the mud was so deep planks had to be laid on tiers of rocks; as the year (sic) went by the community was called Pump Head because the roudies' (sic) chief diversion was fighting. For lack of a better name, it was called Oklahoma for many years. But when the po was established it took the permanent name Rogers so-named for an influential man in the area. Now it is a clean little 'town' with new and adequate school facilities, churches and new brick homes, and good people." (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 6/30/1978);
ROGERS (Wolfe Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Ky 715, 4 (air) mi w of Campton. The po was est. on 8/16/1900 with Samuel P. Napier, pm, and named for Elihu Rogers, the local blacksmith. The commu. was settled by the Spencers on land acquired from a logging firm and first called Oklahoma, it is alleged, after some local men had returned, with fond recollections, from that western territory." (Book-P. 255); Acc. to 1900 Census, Elihu Rogers (55), a blacksmith, lived with wif Eliza (52) next to Samuel Napier (44), a grocer, and his wife Delila (38) in the Torrent Prec. nr Whismans, Spencers, etc;
ROSE CEMETERY (Wolfe Co., Ky): A family cem. on Lacy Ck. Oldest buried there: John Rice (1761-1843) & wife Rebecca (1763-1835). Check other burials...Get precise location of this and nearby Carson Cem.;
ROSEFORK (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 12/21/1904 with Charles Rose; Disc. 3/31/1914 (mail to Lee City); Re-est. 7/11/1916, Sarah Rose; 8/12/20, Charles Rose.... Disc. 1957 (POR-NA); ["rohz/fawrk"] (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); Acc. to Charley Rose, 5/18/04, this prop. po would be on the n side of Red R, 30 ft n of O&K, 3 mi se of Lee City po, 4 mi ne of Simpson po, 5 mi of Taulbee po// Acc. to Sarah Rose, 5/1/16, it was 100 ft from Red R, 35 ft w of O&K (sta=Rose Fk), 3 mi s of Lee City po, 4 mi ne of Hampton, 4½ mi nw of Taulbee po// On 12/5/34, Marie Shockey pet. for move 600 yds se to a pt 20 yds e of Red R, 1 mi from co. line, 3 mi s of Lee City po, 2½ mi n of Moc po. Eff. 12/5/34// Acc. t Ibid, 7/1/39, it was 3/4 air & 1 rd mi from B. Co, 75 yds e of Red R, 3½ mi s of Lee City po, 3½ mi n of Moc 4 mi e of Simpson, 7½ mi w of Belknap po. (SLR);
SHOCKEY (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1880 Census, Elias Shockey (32) lived with wife July An (sic) (31) and d. Caroline (15-?), etc. in Prec. #7; Acc. to Elias Shockey, 2/10/1886, this prop. po would be on the e side of the S. Fk. of Red R, 4 mi se of Gillmore po. (SLR);
SILVERMINE ARCH (Wolfe Co., Ky): (F570w)  
SKY BRIDGE (Wolfe Co., Ky) Formerly known as The Lighthouse Bridge. In n. part of the co. On the divide between Parched Corn and Swift Camp Creeks, 7½ air mi. ne of the Natural Bridge (Powell Co.) "and overlooks the waters of Red R." For process of formation, see Arthur C. McFarlan, "BEHIND THE SCENERY IN KY. notes on file in Ky. P.N.-Misc."

SKY BRIDGE (Wolfe Co., Ky): (F570n) "The largest and most popular arch of the seventy or more dotting the (Red River) Gorge."
(Ellesa Clay High, PAST TITAN ROCK, U. Press of Ky., 1984, P. 3)
SMITH VALLEY (Wolfe Co., Ky): 4 mi sw of Campton. One
mi long. (ca. 1978) owned by M&M Stephen Kincaid who
farm the bottom. Only one bldg. in the val, a tob.
barn. A 2 story home was burned down in the mid 1940s.
Sandy Ridge Rd. nearly encircles the val. This road is
betw. Campton & Beattyv. The 1st settler, at the head
of the val., was Capt. Sampson B. Smith, one of John
Hunt Morgan's officers. He acquired 400 acres in the
val. A Wolfe Co. tax commissioner in the 1880s. His
son, W.C. Smith, was a co. judge. Hazel Booth was a
granddaughter. ("Ruins of Homesteads of Pioneers Dot
5:1-5 & 11:1);
SPRADLING (Wolfe Co., Ky): PO est. 10/7/1881 with Byrd N. Spradling, 1st pm; 10/21/85, Mrs. Sarah E. Spradling ... 4/17/00, Chas. H. Gosney; Disc. eff. 5/30/03 (papers to Campton) (POR-NA); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 8 mi of Campton and had a pop. of 75. T.K. Tutt was pm and grocer, J.R. Crawford had a gen. store. J.H. Brown had a distillery, C.H. Garney was a wagonmaker. Other businesses; Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, This vil. was 8 mi from C. and had water-powered saw, corn, and carding mills (from Red R.), sch., Meth. chu. and a pop. of 100. B.N. Spradling was pm. R.H.D. Spradling & Son had a gen. store, corn & sawmill, and carding factory; H.D. Spradling built the local mill;
SPRADLING (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to B.N. Spradling, 9/12/1881, the prop. name for this new po was Spradling Mill and it would be on the n bank of the Red R, 2 mi n of Blackwater Ck, 5 mi sw of Blackwater po, 4 mi s of Campton po, 5 mi w of Hazel Green po, serving a rural ngbd. of 50-75 homes. On 1/9/99, Martha E. Spradling pet. for a move ½ mi n to a pt ¼ mi n of Red R, 2 mi n of Falling Water, 4 mi from the co. line, 8 mi e of Campton po, 6 mi sw of Maytown po, 3 mi w of Toliver po. On 5/16/00, Chas. Gosney pet. for a move 1 mi s to serve a locality called Gosneys Shop, 3/4 mi s of Red R, 1 mi e of Stillw. Ck, 4 mi from co. line, 6 mi ne of Camp. po, 3 mi w of Toliver po. (SLR);
SPRADLING (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1880 Census, S.M. Spradling (32) was a co. and circ. ct. clerk who lived with his wife Mattie A. (26) in the town of Campton. The only other Spradling then was Harvey (43) with wife Sarah E. (34) and son Bird N. (19) and Geo. W. (20), a nephew, living in Prec. #1;
SPRUCE GAP (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. 5/4/1877 with John F. Kelly, 1st pm; 8/30/77, John A. Long; Disc. 9/26/78 (POR-NA); ″sprus ghaep″ Betw. Rogers and Pine Ridge. Used to have a water-powered grist mill. Doesn't recall a gap in the hills but there's a "mighty deep valley on both sides." The commu. is in "a high place." Probably named for local spruce trees but hasn't noticed any lately. (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); Check on John Jackson Ponder (in Wolfe or Powell Co.) who marr. Susan Ann Kelly....; Acc. to 1900 Census, Zachary Ponder (44) lived with wife Fannie (41) in the Torrent Prec. Also Lawrence Ponder (63) with wife Belle (33) in same; No Ponders listed in the 1880 Census;
Spruce Gap (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to J.F. Kelley (sic), 4/10/1877, this prop. po would serve a locality called Ponder, 3 mi s of Red'R, ½ mi n of Devil Ck (sic), 6½ mi w of Campton po. (SLR); Did a Mr. Ponder run a loca store or shop?
STILLWATER (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was sometimes called Williamsburgh and was 3 mi se of Camp. Pop. of 10. John M. Rose had po & gen'l. store. Nancy Rose had a gristmill; Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 4 mi of Camp. 14 mi from nearest ship. pt. at Torrent. Pop. of 150. J.W. Rose was pm. S.H. Rose had gen. store. W.J. Rose had flour mill. Other businesses; The 1st settler on Stillwater Creek was David Rose (1785-1871), son of John. (E.T. Rose in Early & Modern Hist., P. 195); Wm. B. Rose est. W. Co's 1st gristmill at the falls nr the Stillwater Br. His son Silas Hogg Rose was a Stillwater storekeeper. Another son was John M. Rose (ne 1849). (Ibid., P. 182);
STILLWATER (Wolfe Co., Ky): David & Evoline Rose acquired James Kash's farm at the head of Stillwater. In the 1870 Census he's listed as age 89. Evoline was his 2nd wife. His first was Sarah. (Early and Modern Hist., Pp. 192-93); [stihl/waht/ɔr] Strung out along the road between Campton & Landsaw. (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978); S.H. Rose ran a grist mill and store here, est. 1886. Roscoe Wells ran the store here owned by G.B. Rose. (Early and Modern P. 6);
STILLWATER (Wolfe Co.): "was named for the creek that bisects the valley, which is so level that the creek seems to stand still except in times of heavy rainfall." (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); p.o. est. as Still Water (sic) 9/13/1860, Wm. W. Waterman; Disc. 2/14/1865; Re-est. as Stillwater 2/15/1875, John M. Rose...(NA); Dis. sc. 1957. Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz, it was on Stillwater Ck, 4 mi from Camp. J.M. Rose was pm and W.B. Rose had a mill; Acc. to 1879-0 Gaz, it was called Williamsburg and was 4 mi of Camp. Pop. of 10. John M. Rose was pm & gen'l. storekeeper. Nancy Rose had saw & flour mills. Other businesses;
STILLWATER (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to John M. Rose, 1/26/1875, this po was 50 yds s of Stillw. Ck, 4 mi e of Camp. po, 6 mi w of Hazel Green (sic) po. Not a vil. // Acc. to Ibid., 3/22/75, this po was serving the locality of Stillwater Bridge, on the w side of Still Ck, 6 mi w of Red R, 4 mi e of Camp. po, 6 mi w of Hazel Green (sic) po. // Acc. to S.H. Rose, 1/8/1917, it was 4 mi s of Red R, 40 ft sw of Stillw. Ck, 4 mi ne of Camp. po, 2 1/2 mi w of Trent po, 2 1/2 mi nw of Landsaw po, 4 1/2 mi ne of Mt. Cent. RR. // On 2/21/1917, H.E. Tyra pet. for a move (no data) to a pt 25 ft n of Stillw. Ck, 4 1/3 mi from co. line, 1 3/4 mi sw of Trent po, 4 mi ne of Camp. po, 2 1/2 mi nw of Landsaw po.
// On 12/16/1927, Geo. W. Lovelace pet. for a move
? 350 ft w to a pt 4 mi n of Red R, 100 yds sw of Trac
Fk of Stillwater Ck, 6 mi from co. line, 2.6 mi w of
Trent po, 4 mi e of Campton po, 3 mi nw of Baptist
po// Acc. to Audra Buchanan, 7/24/39, it was on Ky
300 ft n of Stillwater Ck, 4 mi e of Camp. po, 2½ mi
w of Trent po, 5 mi s of Gosneyv. po. (SLR);
Swiftville (Wolfe Co., Ky): po est. in Morgan Co. 11/5/1853 with Cud M. Hanks, 1st pm; 2/25/59, Hiram J. Baker (by now in Wolfe Co.), 11/3/1863, Rebecca P. Timmons; 9/19/1865, Andrew Lacey; Disc. 1/30/1867 (POR-NA); Swifts Camp Creek, now called simply Swift's Creek for the owner of the alleged silver mine. (ca. 1895) (KY. EXPL. Vol. 13 (6), 11/1998, Pp. 21-5, 22);
TIGHT HOLLOW (Wolfe Co., Ky): Quite inaccessible mt. gorge in the Dan'l. Boone Nat'l. Forest. It "preserves a segment of Ky. that is little changed from the days when D.B. first breached Cumb. Gap.... Other than a few abortive attempts (of the Transylvania Land-Go) at silver mining back in the mid 1800s and a little logging activity near the lower end, man's impact upon the area has been negligible." Boxed in canyon-by 200-300 ft. cliffs. Thick moss covered, rhododendron. Tight Hollow Creek. The hol. is only 3 mi long and 2 mi. "at its broadest.".... (Branley Allan Branson, "Tight Hollow, A Small Ky. Treasure" APPAL. HERITAGE, Winter 1993, Vol. 21 (1), Pp. 33-7)
TOLIVER (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Jefferson Beauregard McNabb, 2/3/1892, this prop. po would be serving McNabbs Store, ¼ mi n of Red R. and 1/8 mi n of Buck Ck, 2½ mi e of Maytown po, 4 mi w of Hazel Green po, 2 mi ne of Spradling po. Not a vil On 5/24/02, Benj Franklin Boling pet. for a move 1 mi se to a pt 100 yds n of Red R, 150 yds e of Chapel Br, 2 3/4 mi nw of Hazel Gr. po, 3¼ mi s of Maytown po, 3½ mi ne of Spradling po In Mar. 1908, Menifee Jackson Salley pet. for a move 450 yds e to a pt 200 yds n of Red R, 3 mi e of Hazel Gr. po, 3½ mi nw of Trent po Acc. to Jefferson B. McNabb, 1/9/17, it was 300 yds n of Red 50 yds n of Chapel Br, 1 3/4 mi from co. line, 3 mi w
of Hazel Gr po, 3 mi se of Maytown po, 4 mi e of Gosneyv. po. On 1/8/32, Joseph C. Crain pet. for a move 126 rods e to a pt 5 rods s of Red R, 4 rods w of Clark Br, 2½ mi from co. line, 3½ mi w of Hazel Gr. po, 3½ mi e of Maytown po, 3½ mi sw of Murphyfork po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/39, it was 3 3/4 rd mi from Morgan Co, 300 ft s of Red R, 3 3/4 mi se of Maytown po, 4 mi w of Hazel Gr. po, 4½ mi nw of Trent po, 5½ mi sw of Murphyfork po. (SLR);
TOLIVER (Wolfe Co.): po est. 3/1/1892, Jeff B. McNabb....(NA); ("T(ah)r/ver") Knows nothing about this place. No more McNabbs in the county. Never heard of a Tolliver in Wolfe Co. Now: homes. Sparsely settled now. Still known by this name but one seldom hears any mention of the place. Farming area. Tobacco. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it had 2 gen. stores: (1) Wm. Clark & Sons, (2) J.J. Hill; No Tolivers listed in 1880 Census; Acc. to 1880 Census, Wm. McNabb (50) lived with wife Nancy (55) & son J. Bennie Gard (18), etc;
TORRENT (Wolfe Co.): ("T(aw)r/ant") W.A.
Byrd, the 1st pm, was the one who built the local hotel. Very little there before he built that hotel. DK who named it but it was named for the big waterfall there. Used to be a boom town with houses all over the hills for it's a very pinched valley"...Now: only 2 homes & 2-3 trailers left. No store, dpo. Depot torn down. Still called Torrent locally. Locals have to go to Zachariah to get their mail, which is not over a mi. from Torrent. Byrd's hotel was the El Park Hotel. She feels that if Byrd "hadnt come on the scene...there wouldnt have been a vill. there." In the old days, there were several stores and the hotel
Excursion trains....Boom town. But busted very quickly when the trains quit running due to a lack of business....They soon took up the track. People started leaving the area. Many persons worked in the oil fields of adjacent Lee Co. When oil began to slack off, many of them began to leave the area too. DK the year it was disc. but it was around 1930. The rr was built thru in c.1897....A chu. of God is active. Buil right in front of the old tunnel opening. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978);
TORRENT (Wolfe Co.): po and rr station. Nearby was resort hotel called "El Park" which attracted guests from all over state & Cinci. area to view natural beauty of rock caverns & "profusion of wildflowers" & freedom from hay fever pollen. From c.1915 till hotel was destroyed by fire in 1935. Stores closed, po & rr sta. was abandoned.... (Helen Price Stacy "Isolated Spot in Wolfe Belies Past--" with data from Mrs. Cecil, 6/26/1974); The 1st hotel in Torrent was built between 1890-96 and run by W.A. Byrd. Hotel site of 15 acres bought in 1896 by J.T. Day of Hazel Green & B.F. McGormic of Lex. and El Park Hotel was built. Pop. resort hotel especially among hay fever sufferers & for conventions. Oil boom 1915. Boomed till de-
TORRENT (Wolfe Co., Ky): Summer resort "under a hill nr. ...a waterfall" attracted thousands of visitors.... The Torrent name was applied first to the site of "a string of camp cars housing convict laborers digging a (rr) tunnel...through a high bluff." Soon a 100 rm resort hotel, summer cottages, homes, stores, other businesses (p.o.), etc. were built in the vic. Also a depot Amphitheater. 100 ft waterfall. The depression of the 1930s pretty much ended things, even before the fire of 1935 that destroyed the hotel, depot, homes, and several busi's. Never rebuilt. Went to seed. Tracks removed. Tunnel caved in (?). Ghosted. But a store was built nr the depot site after the fire. (N. Shackelford: "The Town of Torrent is History..." Lex. Lead. 8/9/56, P. 20);
TORRENT (Wolfe Co., Ky): The falls may be 160 ft high in front of a 450 ft rock house used by Indians. The 100 rm El Park Hotel was owned by J. Taylor Day. Dance floor. Hotel burned 1927 (sic). Several local feature names: Hotel Hollow, Winding Stairway Hollow, Hay Fever Hollow. New 3000 sq. ft home with B&B accommodations was recently built by Fred & Kay Martin from Middletown, O. who had acquired 32 acres & the falls. (Lex. Her-Leader, 6/22/97, P. H1); The El Park Hotel was built ca. 1890 "after rr tunnel was cut through the mt." Byrd sold the hotel and it was remodeled "extensively" with dining rm and dance hall. (From Mrs. Cecil in an article by Helen Price Stacy 6/26/1974);
TORRENT (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. A. Byrd, 11/6/90, this prop. po would serve a vil. of 50 and the Torrent Sta. of the K.U. RR (tracks 30 ft e of po), ½ mi s of Walkers Ck, 10 mi w of Camp. po, 1½ mi ne of Zachariah po. Acc. to Valentine Chapman, 1/15/17, it was 12 mi s of Red R, 300 ft s of Parch Corn, 40 ft from the L&E Di of the L&N, 1 mi from co. line, 3 mi w of Fincastle po, 4 mi se of Glencairn po, 3 mi sw of Rogers po. Acc. to Porter S. Adams, 7/25/39, it was 1½ air & 2 rd mi from Lee Co, 50 ft e of L&N and 300 ft n of Torrent (rr) Sta 30 ft e of Torrent Ck, 7 mi s of confl. of latter with Red R, 2 mi ne of Zachariah po, 4 mi s of Glencairn po, 4 mi sw of Rogers po, 4 mi n of Fincastle po. (SLR);
TORRENT (Wolfe Co.): po est. 12/1/1890, W.A. Byrd....(NA); "Torrent was so named on account of the huge volume of water that falls from the highest cliff in the area. Winter or summer, it is a photographer's delight." (Hazel Booth, in a letter to me, 6/30/1978); Named for waterfall there. A great summer resort. RR built to that site. Now: only chu. and homes. Nothing there before Byrd built his hotel in the 1890s. (Nevyle Shackelford, interview, 7/8/1978); No trace of the old hotel. (John Ed Pearce, "Powell Co." (Focus on Ky. series) LCJM 7/16/78 Pp. 10)
TORRENT (Wolfe Co., Ky): At the head of the canyon out of Natural Bridge. Only way in/out was by L&E RR or up the side of the cliff. "Rugged cliffs and steep walls of the canyon." Two stores, hotel, shop, rr sta., 2 small homes, waterfall behind the hotel. Anticipating its resort status. (W.J. Lampton in an 1895 essay about a trip to W. Co., probably in the LCJ and repro. in KY. EXPL. Vol. 13 (6) 11/1998, Pp. 21-25; W.W. Howe was running the El Park Hotel in 1903 (B.W. Trimble in an essay on his trip thru Morg. & Wolfe Co's, 1903 in Ibid. Vol. 9 (7), 1/1995, Pp. 6-9);
TORRENT (Wolfe Co., Ky): "Almost nothing remains of this once prosperous resort commu. on Ky 11 in the narrow valley of the Middle Fk. of Red R, 6 (air) mi wsw of Campton. Around 1890 W.A. Byrd built a hotel at the site and on Dec. 1 of that yr. est. the Torrent po, aptly named for the huge vol. of water that still falls year round from the highest cliff in the area. The rr sta. & po closed in the 1930s." (Book-P. 296); Torrent sta. was 4 mi se of Glencairn sta on the L&N RR's E. Ky. Div.—Lex. & Maloney Br. (1921);
TORRENT (Wolfe Co.): ("T(aw)r/ənt") Named for Torrent Falls which was a big cascade whose waters made a big roar like a torrent.... Now depot is gone. The Torrent Chu. of God is a new chu. That's all that's there now. No store.. Maybe a couple of homes. (Dom Fig, interview, 6/17/1978) Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was or the L&E Ry and had a pop. of 100. Had 6 gen. stores: (1) A.J. Adams & Bro, (2) Mrs. R.T. Creech & Co., (3) Day & McLin, (4) W. Hobson & Son, (5) John D. Kincaid (6) E. Saulsberry, G. Wells & Co. saloon, R.E. Alexander gro & saloon, Torrent Lumber Co. 10 mi from Campton;
TRACE FORK OF STILLWATER CREEK (Wolfe Co., Ky): Named for Daniel Boone's trace or trail up the creek. (Early and Modern Hist., P. 195);
TRENT (Wolfe Co.): po est. 3/10/1904, John M. Trent...Disc. 2/28/1914; Re-est. 2/15/1915, Rebecca J. Edwards...(NA); ("Tr(i)e)nt") was probably named for the pm but dk. Still Trents in the county. DK if he was the 1st Trent (in the co. but will inquire. Now: homes but dk if a store. (Wolfe-Ge-) (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); Doesn't think there was anything there before the po was est. A family name. Still called Trent. (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); Acc. to 1920, John Trent (64) & wife Nancy (59 with daughter Eva (22) etc. lived in Torrent Prec. John M. Trent (49) & wife Eva (31) lived in Stillwater Mag. Dist. #6;
TRENT (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to John M. Trent; 2/12/1904, among the names prop. for this new po were: Trent, Ohair, Brown, Miles, Hall, Edwards, Taylor, Cold Iron, Malone, Burgins (?), Creech. Brewer, Samprels (?), Risner, Nanie, Bruce, Pery (sic), Murtry, Hickory Tree. It would be on Laurel Ck, 3½ m s of Red R, 2½ m ne of Stillw. po, 3 3/4 m sw of Hazel Gr. po, 4 m se of Toliver po// Acc. to no sig 4/14, it was 3½ mi nw of Red R, ¼ mi n of Laurel Ck, 2½ mi ne of Stillw. Ck, 3½ mi nw of Landsaw po, 3 mi e of Gosneyv. po// On 4/7/23, Rebecca J. Edwards pet for a move 350 yds sw to serve a small vil. 2½ mi e of Red R, ca. 50 yds e of Laurel Ck, 2½ mi ne of
Stillwater Ck, 4 mi sw of Hazel Gr. po, 3 mi e of Gosneyv. po// Acc. to Eva L. Trent, 12/10/25, it was 3 mi n of Red (sic), 70 yds e of Laurel Ck, 2½ mi ne of Stillw. Ck, 4 mi sw of Hazel Gr. po, 3 mi e of Gosneyv. po// On 2/2/34, Hala Brewer pet. for a move 330 yds se to a pt. 3 mi s of Red R (sic), 25 ft w of Laurel Ck, 2½ mi ne of Stillw. Ck, 4 mi sw of Hazel Gr. po, 5 mi s of Toliver po// On 8/9/35, Mary Tackett pet. a move 400 ft se to a pt on the n side of Laurel Ck, 2½ mi ne of Stillw. Ck, 5 mi from co. line, 3 mi s of Toliver po// Acc. to it was on the e side of Ky 191, sw of Hazel Gr. po.(SLR)
VALERIA (Wolfe County, Ky.) p.o. est. 8/30/1900 with Jacob S. Crain as the 1st p.m. Flotilla Murphy became postmaster 3/14/1907. (Acc. to the National Archives) ("Valer/ee/a") Spread out over a wide area. Mrs. Carmie H. Lane retired as the pm and was replaced by her son but she's still in charge.... DK the origin of the name; probably a female given name. There are several women of this name in the co. (check on an early Valeria Crain, c.1900) DPO. Now: no longer a store. Named still locally used. No pop. concentration. dispersed. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/78).
VALERIA (Wolfe Co., Ky): No Flotilla Murphy in the 1900 Census but there was a Hatilla Murphy (23), wife of Lon (?) (26) Murphy in Clifty #7 Prec;
VALERIA (Wolfe Co.): ("Və/l(æ)r/ee/ə") (Don Fig, interview, 6/17/1978); Probably named for the wife of the 1st pm. (Hazel Booth, interview, letter to me, 1/6/1979); Ben Helton ran the local gen. store (ca. 1919). Clifty Prim. Bapt. Chure. (KY EXPL. Vol. 11 (8), 2/1997, Pp. 93-94); Acc. to 1900 Census, Jacob S(heiman) Crain, 29, lived with his wife Mattie, 31, but no Valeria, in Clifty Prec. #7 Acc. to 1900 Census, Ben Helton (Benj. T.) (24), a laborer, lived with his father Henry (48) and Henry's wife Mary E. (41) in Clifty #7. But no Valeria;
VALERIA (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Jacob Sherman Crain, 3/5/1900, the 1st name prop. for this new po was Seitz and it would be 3½ mi n of Red R, 50 yds n of Clifty Ck, 3 mi nw of Spradling po, 3½ mi sw of Maytown po, 4 mi se of Pomeroyton po, serving a country store. Acc. to Benj. T. Helton, 7/26/39, it was ½ air & 1 rd mi from Menifee Co, 30 yds n of Clifty Ck, 3½ mi se of Pomeroyton po, 3½ mi w of Maytown po, 5 mi n of Gosneyv. po. On 11/13/1945, Eunice G. Center, act. pm, pet. for a move 3/4 mi se to a pt 1 mi n of Red R, 50 yds e. of Falling Water, 1½ mi from co. line, 3 mi sw of Maytown po. (Already moved.) (SLR)
VINA (Wolfe County, Ky.) p.o. est. 5/6/1912
with Forst R. Rudd, 1st p.m. Disc. 6/14/1913
with mail to Belknap. (Acc. to the National
Archives); Acc. to Mrs. Flora R. Rudd, June 1912, this
post was 50 yds from the Red R, 4 mi e of Belknap po,
5 mi w of Dale po, 7 mi se of Lee City (rr) Sta. (SLR).
VORTEX (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to Dudley Shackelford, 4/12/1893, this prop. po would be 5 mi e of N. Fk. (Ky R.), 40 ft w of Upper Devils Ck, 4 mi ne of Flat po, 6 mi sw of Stillw. po, 3 mi se of Camp. po. Not vil. // On 1/9/01, Benj. F. Harris pet. for a move 1 mi e to a pt. 5 mi ne of N. Fk., on Upper Devils Ck, 4 mi se of Camp. po, 4½ mi w of Lane po, 6 mi ne of Flat po. // On 8/13/19, Wm. E. Terrell pet. for a move 1 mi w to a pt 6¼ mi e of Ky. R, 100 ft n of Devils Ck, 3 mi se of Camp: po, 4 mi sw of Hollonv. po, 2 mi n of Mary po. Eff. asap for a better location. // On 6/1/1935, Grover Patton, act. pm, pet. for a move 500 yds e to a pt. 5 mi n of Ky R, 3 1/8 mi s of Camp.
po, 3½ mi nw of Hollonv. po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/29/39, it was 3½ mi from Lee Co, 20 ft s of Upper Devil Ck, 2 mi n of Mary po, 3 mi s of Campton po// On 5/1/1944, Frances Cable, act. pm, pet. for a move ½ mi s to a pt 3 mi n of Ky R, 40 yds n of Devils Ck, 2 mi n of Mary po, 3 mi s of Campton po, 5 mi w of Baptist po. 44) (SLR);
VORTEX (Wolfe Co.): po est. 6/21/1893, Wm. T. Tyler... (NA); ("V(aw)r/t(eh)x") Be'eyond Mary. Small commu. Used to be a store run by a Mr. Terrell who was also a sch. tchr. Farming com. DK origin of the name but thinks she can find out for me from Ida Taulbee of Mary. Vortex name is still in use. (Hazel Booth, interview, 8/11/1978); "...named from a creek that rampag during rainy seasons and was especially addicted to whirlpools. The po was discontinued a few yrs. ago when the pm, Mrs. Cliff Cable, reached retirement age." (Hazel Booth, letter to me, 1/6/1979); Store gone. (H. Booth, 8/11/78);
WHISMAN (Wolfe Co., Ky): Acc. to D.B. King, 12/1907, the 1st name for this new po was King and it would be serving a locality of this name, 5 mi n of Ky R, 1 mi e of Walkers Ck, 2 mi e of L&E RR and 4 mi se of Torrent Sta. & PO, 3 mi w of Booth po; Acc. to Daniel B. King 2/4/09, it was 5 mi n of Ky R, 1½ mi e of Walkers Ck, 1½ mi e of L&E RR, 1 mi from co. line, 3 mi w of Booth po, 4 mi n of Fincastle po, 4 mi e of Torrent po; On 8/1/21, Ibid. pet. for a move 900 ft e to a pt 5 mi n of Ky R, ½ mi s of Devils Ck, 1 mi from co. line, 1½ mi e of L&N, 5½ mi n of Fincastle po, 4½ mi se of Torrent po. Eff. 8/10/1921; See map 5/1925. (SLR);
WHISMAN (Wolfe Co.): Named for the many persons bearing this name in that area. (Hazel Booth letter to me, 6/30/1978); po est. 11/30/1907 Dan'l. B. King. Disc. eff. 9/15/1931 (mail to Fincastle) (NA); Re-est. in 1941; good in 1941; ["wihs/man"] (Hazel Booth, 8/11/1978);
The Wolfe Co., Ky. cliff shelters are locally known as "Ash Caves" which have been excavated by U.K. archaeologists. So-named "because of the thick layers of ash exposed by pot hunters, treasure seekers, and archaeologists in their 'digs'. These ash layers are the accumulation of countless prehistoric campfires." (Rob't. E. McDowell, EXPLORING KY., Ky. Dept. of Parks, 1971, P. 76)