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From my continuing research on the derivations of Kentucky's place names, I have learned, among other things, to avoid jumping to obvious conclusions on the basis of the names themselves; that little can be revealed about places solely from their names; that the derivations and meanings of the names are not inherent in them; and, most significant of all, that the names alone will tell us nothing about why they, rather than some other names, were given to the places.

On more thorough investigation, many names whose derivations seemed obvious on the surface turned out to have entirely different explanations. In many instances I was surprised to learn that a time-honored or traditional account had no basis in fact. Some names like Mousie, Coldiron, Mt. Savage, Duty, Cheap, Crum, Ordinary, Lionilli, Brightshade, Alpha, Delta, Zula, Lovely, Miracle, Awe, Wonder, India, and America which seem so unusual that colorful stories must account for them had, in fact, more mundane derivations—the names of founding families, early settlers, or other persons or places the namers wished to honor.

Many names I've learned were simply imported from other places whence the first settlers had come or commemorated some events of significance to the namers and had
nothing to do with the places they were given to. Even such seemingly obvious descriptive names as Long Creek, Elk Fork, Pleasant Hill, Lovely, Cane Creek, and Little Branch sometimes proved to have had commemorative or incident origins that were not apparent in the names.

Some names turned out to be corruptions of earlier names. It's been said that Cannon Creek, a branch of Yellow Creek in Bell County, was first called Canyon Creek. And Firecoal Branch of Middle Fork of Quicksand Creek in Knott County had nothing to do with coal mining, though it's located near one of the largest coal producing areas of the country, but was originally Firescald and refers to a forest fire that, in early settlement times, had left scalded some of the vegetation on the banks of that stream.

I've also learned that, contrary to the assumptions of some authorities on Indian names, many Kentucky names (Helechawa, Thealka, Willailla, Chenoa, Teges, Muncy, Cisco, and Seco) that appear to have had an Indian origin had other derivations. Some were corruptions of non-Indian names and some just resembled the popular conception of an Indian name. Some which may have had authenticated Indian derivations elsewhere were brought to their Kentucky places by their founders or namers and had no real Indian significance in Kentucky. (I've come to reject as explanations for these names in Kentucky those given for them elsewhere.)
The following are the more or less authenticated derivations of a sample of eastern Kentucky place names which belie the popular assumptions often suggested by the names themselves. "Eastern Kentucky" comprises some forty three counties generally considered in the so-called "Cumberland Plateau" section of the state.

Most of the place name surprises in our sample were derived from the names of founders, first settlers, or other persons or families which had some significance in the early history of the places or those whom the namers wished to honor.

We may start with the Adair County settlements of Neatsville, Neatsburg, Bliss and Weed. The now extinct community and post office of Neatsburg, also known as Little Cake, less than a mile south of the Green River in the northeast section of the county, was not a tidy little place but was named, in 1895, for the family of its postmaster, Schuyler Neat. The nearby hamlet of Neatsville was named for an apparently related family that has lived in that area since the very early nineteenth century. While the establishment of the Bliss post office, three miles west of Columbia, in 1900, may have been an occasion of great contentment for its patrons, it is said to have been named for a local school teacher who had recently come from Louisville. Not an undesirable plant but its first postmaster (1901),
Charles Weed Sparks, Sr. was the source of Weed, the name of a hamlet and extinct post office in the far western part of the county.

No wall gave its name to the eastern Casey County hamlet of Walltown but the family of Jake and Robert Wall on whose 700 acre tract it was founded over a century ago.

Near the Dale Hollow Lake in southeast Cumberland County is the community known as Chestnut Grove or Frogue. The latter is not a fanciful way of spelling frog but the name of the local storekeeper when the post office was established in 1904. While his family originally pronounced its name "Frawg" and some descendants now use the soft "g", the community's name has always been pronounced "frohg". About ten miles north of Frogue is the site of the Cumberland County post office of Claywell which was also named for a local family and not for the quality of the local soil.

While the local tradition persists that the name of the once prosperous Floyd County coal town of Wheelwright derived from a remark made by an early community booster about the need to get the local wheels to rollin' right," it was actually named for Jere H. Wheelwright, the President of the Consolidation Coal Company from 1911 to 1919. Similarly, there is nothing about "duty calling" or any such admonition to account for several Upper Big
Sandy Valley streams and knobs that were named for one or more families called Duty.

A local battle between a band of Shawnees and some early settlers no longer accounts for the name of the Martin County village-post office of Warfield which historians now tell us was named for John Warfield of Virginia who came there early to develop the area salt works.

Though the Pike County hamlet and post office of Hellier, a once incorporated trade center for area coal camps, was, indeed, a pretty wild place in the 1920s, it was actually named for one or both of the Hellier brothers, Ralph Augustus and Charles Edward, natives of Bangor, Maine, who developed the area coal fields around 1900.

That Civil War artillery accounts for the names of several Kentucky communities has no basis in fact. The Cannon post office in Knox County was established in 1901 by Henry L. Cannon who named it for his family, while the name of Jeremiah M. Cannon, an early Boyd County settler, was given to Cannonsburg, a community south of Ashland, as early as 1840.

Not a dance but the family of Richard Waltz gave its name to the now defunct post office of Waltz in northern Rowan County. And not the bird but a local family, perhaps that of Dan Parrot, accounts for the hamlet and post office of Parrot in Jackson County. The descendants
of the Rev. Richard Barrier, pioneer preacher, gave their name to the hamlet and recently closed post office of Barrier in eastern Wayne County. The Whitley County village, post office, and railroad station of Rockholds was named for its first store-keeper and postmaster, Thomas Rockhold, and was first known as Rockhold's Store. No one made a bet on the Estill County post office of Wagersville, but Jonah Wagers, who established it, simply named it for himself.

The coal town-post office of Evanston in Breathitt County was not named for the city north of Chicago, or any other city, but for Everett J. Evans of Paintsville who helped acquire the local coal reserves for the Pond Creek-Pocahontas Coal Co. The residential community of Bronston south of Lake Cumberland in Pulaski County was named for Nicholas Brown in whose store the post office was established in 1882.

While Kentucky has had its share of names commemorating other places (most foreign countries and their capitals and U.S. states and major cities have been represented), a number of these names have nothing to do with the places they seem to identify. The extinct post office now serving the Lee County hamlet of Tallega was established in 1886 as America and was named for its first postmaster Ms. America Crawford. The Floyd County post office of German was named in 1909 by its first postmaster, Francis W.
Crider for his son, German. India A. Miles was the only postmaster of the shortlived post office of India in Greenup County (1900-1901). The Pike County post office of Canada was not named for the country but for one or more local families who have also spelled their name Kennedy. While the Mason and Bracken County city of Germantown was named in 1795 for its Pennsylvania-German settlers, the nearby community of Frenchtown, now a part of the city of Dover, was named by and for John E. French who laid it off in the early nineteenth century.

Pittsburg was the name applied to a Laurel County coal town and railroad station in the 1880s, and while it came to be known as "the Pittsburg of the South" in probable anticipation of its industrial potential, it was actually named for the pioneer Pitman family. No doubt they also saw the economic value of the name.

The settlement and extinct post office of Lot, just north of the Tennessee line in Whitley County, was first called Boston, not for the Massachusetts city but for Francis Faulkner, pioneer settler, who was locally called "Boss".

While we take for granted that some of the Long Creeks (and other stream generics) were named for families of Long, it is rare that we find a Little Branch named for a person, but Little Branch of Caney Creek in Pike County we know was named for Dennis Little, an early settler.

Smallridge Cemetery on Friendship Creek in Boyd County was named for Commodore P. Smallridge.
Derivational errors are often made when names have been misspelled. Chesnut Branch of Sexton Creek and the Clay County hamlet-post office of Chesnutburg were named for the local descendants of Uncle Ike Chesnut, an old Indian fighter and pioneer settler. The inadvertent inclusion of a "t" in the middle of the name has led to the obvious assumption that the branch and community were named for the kind of trees that at one time grew in profusion throughout southeastern Kentucky. Strait Creek, a branch of Williams Creek, in northwest Boyd County, is still inappropriately misspelled Straight Creek on government maps. Anything but straight, it was, in fact, named for one of the prominent Strait families of that county.

It is easy enough to assume that the last letter of Cottongim, the name of an old post office and railroad station in Clay County, is in error and that the place was named for a local factory for separating cotton fibres. But the office, established in 1918, was named for John Lucas Cottongim (whose South Carolina ancestors had spelled their name Cottengim.) This is a case where knowing the pronunciation of the name [k'ot'ən'gim] can prevent any confusion about its derivation.

A local family of Weedons and not any deliberate attempt to analogize with such obviously commemorative names as Fredonia accounts for the name of Wedonia, a community founded when the Maysville-Lexington Railroad was built through Mason County around 1870.
Some years ago I identified several hundred places in eastern Kentucky that were named for women. I found some surprises here too. I learned that the Nell post office in Adair County was named for the family of its first postmaster, Edward Martin Nell, a descendant of John Nell, pioneer Adair County settler. The two Letcher County post offices of Polly and Tillie were also named for local families.

At opposite ends of Wayne County are the Alpha and the Delta post offices. Alpha, established over the line in Clinton County in 1852, was named by John M. Davis for a female member of his family. Delta was named in 1906 for Delta Casady Hammond, the daughter-in-law of its first postmaster. In 1975 the Alpha post office assumed the postal duties of the nearby Zula post office which had been named in 1901 for Zula Frost, the ten year old daughter of a local resident.

The extinct coal town of Viva in Laurel County was named for an early resident, Viva Thompson. The Floyd County post office of Wonder was named for Wonder Scott, who later married Jerry Stevens and moved to Texas. Mousie, a village and post office in Knott County, honors the late Mrs. Mousie Martin Gibson who had been so named in reference to her older sister Kitty. Mousie, incidentally, is not an uncommon female name in eastern Kentucky and can be traced back to the Civil War. Nepton, the name of a Fleming County
hamlet and post office, was not a corruption of Neptune, nor referred to a family of that name, but when applied in 1881 honored James Slicer's recently deceased infant daughter, Penelope, known as "Neppie". It was first called Neppie's Town but the Post Office Department's preference for short, one word names led to Nepton.

Here are some more curious place names derived from personal names that, in themselves, can also be considered unusual:

The Harlan County village-post office of Coldiron was named for the family of pioneer settler Elihu Coldiron. Nearby Looney Creek honors its first settlers, one or more families named Looney. Ages, another Harlan coal town, was named for an obscure Mr. Ages. In 1912 the Miracle family of Bell County gave its name to a post office and railroad station on the Cumberland River. Maplesville, an extinct Laurel County post office, was not named for the local trees but for the family of its first postmaster, William R. Maples. Beartown, a settlement on Mauk Ridge, in Elliott County, was named for local families that spelled their name Bear though Census records inexplicably spelled it Bare. The Powell County post office of See, as well as Sees Branch of Christy Creek in Rowan County and several streams, a church, and a cemetery in Lawrence County were also named for local families.
The section of the city of Flatwoods, in Greenup County, that centers around the Advance School was, for a while, known as Cheap for a post office by that name established in 1918 and named for an old blind Methodist preacher, the Rev. John Cheap. The Martin County village and post office of Lovely, across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River from West Virginia, was once known as Smoky Bottom and later South Kermit, but was renamed for local storekeeper, S.L. Lovely when the post office was established in 1931. Other families of Lovely furnished the names of streams in Harlan and Breathitt Counties.

On the Kinniconick Creek in Lewis County was the settlement and old post office of Crum. Folk etymological explanations referring to its relative insignificance or its status as "but a crumb of its nearest neighbor, Petersville," have long obscured its more likely derivation from the family name of Crum, still commonly met throughout northeastern Kentucky.

Contrary to popular assumption, the Elliott County post office of Edsel, established in 1929, was not named for Henry Ford's son and successor as president of the Ford Motor Company but for a local resident, the nephew of the first postmaster, Wade Blevins. Even so, when the ill-fated Edsel car was introduced in 1957, a plan to launch its advertising campaign from this place was
considered but scrapped when it was found that the local roads were too bad to allow an Edsel car to be driven there."

Ermine, now a sawmill town and residential suburb of Whitesburg but once a Letcher County coal camp with post office, was not named for the fur-bearing animal but for one or more of three men, Ermine Hall, the son of the first postmaster; Ermine Webb; or Ermine Craft." The Mason County hamlet-post office of Orangeburg was founded in 1796 and first called Williamsburg. To avoid confusion with the seat of Whitley County, it was renamed in 1836 for a local tailor, Providence Orange Pickering.

An early Clay County settler named Bright Short built his home and store at the confluence of Otter and Goose Creeks. The shade of three giant hemlock trees in his front yard made it an attractive stopping place for Goose Creek travelers who came to refer to it as Bright's Shade. When a post office was established there in 1883 this name was accepted by the postal authorities who omitted the apostrophes and combined the two words to form Brightshade.

Personal nicknames have also furnished some eastern Kentucky place name surprises. Inexplicably considered of Indian derivation by some, the name applied to the Upper and Lower Teges Creeks and the hamlet-post office of Teges in Clay County was actually the nickname of early settler Adoniram Allen. So fastidious and particular was this New Hampshire-born Revolutionary War
veteran that his neighbors found him tedious and, in their mountain articulation, took to calling him "Tedious Allen." On some early maps the creeks were actually identified as Tedious.

No pomp and even less circumstance led to the naming of the Morgan County post office of Pomp in 1891 for Walter D. "Pomp" Kendall, a resident. Several names for a northeast Pulaski County post office had been rejected by the postal authorities. While some other possibilities were being discussed at the local store, a young man, Henry Whitaker, whose nickname was Squib, came in and someone suggested they submit his name. They did and it was accepted.

The late Cratis Williams once told me how the Lawrence County post office of Sacred Wind, near where he was raised, got its name. It was named by its first postmaster, James N. Sturgill, for his father, a Baptist preacher, "it is said not for his preaching/for (his) flatulence from which he suffered from time to time and his admirable artistry in relieving himself."

So numerous are the Combses in Knott County that to avoid confusion it has long been necessary to give nicknames to the several Combs families in the county. One family is called the "Bear Combses", probably for some event in the life of an ancestor, and this name was recently given to the Bearville post office and hamlet northwest of Hindman.
While the above and a number of other eastern Kentucky place names suggest fanciful accounts but are actually based on the names of local residents, several places have names suggesting family names but had some other derivations. Burfield, a rural neighborhood and extinct post office in Wayne County, was probably named for a field of cockleburrs half a mile north of the post office site. Genet, a Powell County post office in operation from 1900 to 1930, was named for a species of apple tree, of the winter spy variety, found in the area. The extinct Menifee County post office of Fagan, in the old charcoal producing area that supplied the pre Civil War iron furnaces of Bath, Estill, and Powell Counties, was not named for a local family, much less a character in a Dickens novel, but for the guide pole in a charcoal pile.

A number of eastern Kentucky communities--mostly coal towns--were named by combining the names of two or more persons involved in their early history. Kilday, in Harlan County, was named for Mssrs. Killebrew and Davis of Nashville, Tennessee who established the local King Harlan Coal Company mines in 1916. The Harlan County village-post office of Dayhoit was named in 1921 for two predecessor post offices of Day and Wilhoit. Day was a local family and Wilhoit was named for Roy Wilhoit, the founder of a local coal company. Allock, the camp and post office for
the Carrs Fork Coal Co. in Perry County was named for its owners, J.B. Allen and H.E. Bullock. Local Napier families and a Mr. Foreman, an official of the Lincoln Coal Co., combined their names to form Napfor, the name of another Perry County coal town and post office.

Justell, now a part of the Floyd County village of Betsy Layne, was founded in the early 1920s byMessrs. Justice and Elliott, the owners of the local coal company.

In 1906, three men--Coleman, Marlow, and Gorman--are said to have established a coal camp they called Comargo for them. Yet some have traced this name to the legendary Comargo Indian tribe that is supposed to have moved to the area following the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals. (It is not to be confused with the town of Camargo in Montgomery County that was probably named for a Mexican town by Mexican War veterans.)

Then there's Kellacey, a Morgan County settlement-post office named for the brothers Kelly and Asa Cox; Elimer, in Pike County, named for local landowners Eli and Myrtle Newsome; Davella, a Martin County post office named by David Delong for himself and his wife Ella; Willailla, a Rockcastle County post office named for Will Owens and his wife Ailla. Will and Dee Albright, the sons of a local farmer, may be the source of the Rockcastle County hamlet-post office of Wildie. Or it may have been named for the sons of a Mr. Lumm, an engineer on
the old Kentucky Central (later L&N) Railroad that had established a station there around 1883. In 1926 storekeeper Edd Sheppard combined his nickname Shep with the name of local resident Ola Burton and submitted Shepola to the Post Office Department. While the Jackson County village of Gray Hawk may have been named for the many gray hawks observed in the area at the time its post office was established in 1853, it was more likely named for local families of Gray and Hawk.

The names of at least a dozen places in the region were invented by combining elements of the names of single individuals. A trio of Bell County communities were named from the spelling out of given initials: the post office and ex coal camp of Arjay from coal operator R.J. Asher; Tejay, another coal town, from T.J. Asher, one of the pioneers in the development of the logging and mining industries of the upper Cumberland region; Jayem, the post office that used to serve the suburban hamlet of East Pineville, from J(ohn) M(arshall) Robsion, Sr., Kentucky's 9th District Congressman at the time it was established in 1925. The initials of first postmaster William A.B. Davis gave rise to Wabd in Rockcastle County.

The extinct Lewis County post office of Awe suggests a setting of scenic wonderment and, indeed, it once inspired a Vanceburg newspaper editor, John S. Mavity, to wax poetically about the awe-inspiring site of the
towering hills above the Straight Fork Valley. Actually it was named by and for its first postmaster Anthony Wayne Everman.” Jonsee Station on the Cumberland and Manchester Branch of the L&N Railroad near the site of the old Cottongim post office (Clay County) was named for John C. White who had donated the right of way and depot site.

At least two eastern Kentucky examples of acronyms from the first syllables of personal names can be cited. The Knott County post office of Anco was named by and for its first postmaster Anderson Combs. Helechawa the name of a Wolfe County hamlet and post office, was first applied in 1900 to a station on the defunct Ohio and Kentucky Railroad. It was created by combining the first syllables of the names of Helen Chase Walbridge, one of the daughters of the railroad’s first president. Contrary to popular belief, it was not named for the condition of the local roads, or for an Indian maiden.

Several places were named by merely combining the given and family names of single individuals. Lerose, a hamlet-post office in Owsley County, was named for Lee C. Rose, local landowner. The now defunct coal camp of Bellcraft, just north of Whitesburg (Letcher County) was named for Belle Craft, the wife of the camp’s builder. The nearby village-post office of Mayking was named for a May King though there is little agreement on her actual
identity. She was probably the daughter of an early settler named King or the wife of the local coal operator; or, according to one local historian, she may have been the then recently deceased girl friend of a postal official who had suggested her name after he had turned down all the local names that had been submitted. (However, postal historians tell me that such an occurrence is most unlikely.)

Hazel Green, a young girl who later married a Mr. Cornett and died shortly thereafter, is the source of the name of a Laurel County school which is sometimes confused with the Hazel Green Academy in the village of Hazel Green in Wolfe County that was named for the prevalence of hazel nut bushes in the vicinity.

Aflex, a Pike County coal town-post office just south of Williamson, West Virginia, was named for A.F. Leckie, the president of the local coal company.

Other "combination names", but derived from places rather than persons, include Littcarr for a hamlet-post office at the mouth of Little Carr Fork (one of the Kentucky River head streams). The Post Office Department had instructed that the preferred name of Little Carr be shortened to a single word. Burnaugh, the name of a hamlet on the Big Sandy River in Boyd County, combines that of the nearby Burgess Station (named for George R. Burgess, landowner and justice of the peace) and the
Kavanaugh post office (probably named for a local chapel or for a nineteenth century Methodist bishop, Hubbard H. Kavanaugh)."

Then there's Barridge, a Perry County post office, that combined the names of A.F. Barbieux, the local coal mine superintendent, and Green Ridge, the name of the local railroad station.

The names of several eastern Kentucky coal towns are acronyms of the initial letters of the local coal company names. Manco (Pike County) is short for the Manufacturers Coal and Coke Co. Esco (Pike County) was named for the Elkhorn and Shelby Creek Coal Co. Seco (Letcher County) stands for the South East Coal Co. Vicco (Knott County) was established as Montago for the Montgomery Creek Coal Co. and renamed for the Virginia Iron Coal and Coke Co. Nearby is Wiscoal for the Wisconsin Coal Co. Hardburly (Perry County) was named for the Hardy Burlingham Mining Co.

Several names are but the reversed spelling of other names or words of local significance. The coal town and post office of Lennut was named for its site at the entrance to a railroad tunnel just northwest of the Hazard (Perry County) city limits. Nada in Powell County was established for its mill workers by the Dana Lumber Co. who gave it the name to avoid confusion with another Dana, a post office and community in Floyd County. It's generally believed that a Post Office Department clerk had misspelled
Sionilli as Lionilli when processing the request of an Illinois-based company for its state name for a Pike County post office. As what happens in such cases, no attempt was made to correct the error. The name of a Mr. Oliver, the engineer in charge of the construction of the Cincinnati and Southern (now Southern) Railway through McCreary County, was given to a local station and post office but it, too, was reversed and then inexplicably misspelled Revelo.

A popular vacation site, the late Dick Howard's fishing camp (Dick's Camp) on Kinniconick Creek in Lewis County, became Camp Dix when an older post office in the area was moved here in 1935.

Several eastern Kentucky places bear names that seem genuine enough but were actually inadvertent corruptions of the names that were intended for them. When Oliver L. Robinson applied for his Martin County post office he submitted the name Marie, probably for a family member, but the postal clerk recorded it as Moree. This was apparently acceptable to Mr. Robinson. An Elliott County family of Holcoms had given its name to a community on Hurricane Creek. In 1893 the local post office was established as Halcom, an error never corrected. When the post office was later moved to nearby Wallowhole Creek, the community came to be locally known as Wallowhole. Betty Gap Ridge (Menifee County) in the Daniel Boone National Forest, just south of the recently created Cave Run Lake, was named for the local Beatty family. Just why it became Betty is not known.
Britt Maxie is said, by some, to have submitted his own name for a Lawrence County post office but a postal clerk apparently misread it as Mazie and by this name the post office has been known since 1899. Others, though, have argued that it was named for the elderly mother or grandmother of the local preacher. Neither Greenup County's Cane Creek nor any of its local derivatives were named for cane brakes along its banks but for local families that spelled their name Cain. In 1883 a Greenup County post office was established and named for Daniel Callihan. While the local pronunciation of his name is preserved in the spelling of the post office name has always been, inexplicably, Danleyton.

Postal authorities are said to have simplified the spelling of Clarence and Charlotte Lamoreaux's name offered for a post office then in Laurel County but later removed to Rockcastle County, and it has always been known as Lamero.

This has never been confirmed but, according to Jillson's The Big Sandy Valley, Pound Gap in Pine Mountain, through which many of eastern Kentucky's earliest explorers and settlers traveled from their Virginia homes, was first known as The Sounding Gap. This name, he said, was given to it by the Indians allegedly for the "hollow sound which attends the tapping of many of the faulted, and hence suspended, ledges all along Pine Mountain, and particularly in the gap." Pound, here, obviously has the same meaning
and, if Jillson is right, one can easily see how Sounding could have been corrupted to Pound.

Some corrupted names were deliberate. Williba, a Lee County hamlet-post office, is said to have been named for the English town of Willoughby, the ancestral home of some early settlers. Retaining its original pronunciation, the name may have been shortened to permit it to be placed on the rubber stamp used to cancel the mail. The Cumberland County post office of La See (in operation from 1925 to 1944), was named for his pioneer family by its first postmaster, William A. Lacy.

Some names that may seem to be corruptions, however, turn out not to have been. For example, the name applied to the post offices of Fed (in Floyd County) and Feds Creek (in Pike County) is not a nickname for, or a corruption of, Fred, but an old mountain given name of its own. The Floyd County post office, established in 1881, may have been named for Fed Akers, a local man, but was renamed Hi Hat in 1943 for the area’s principal coal company employer. Feds Creek, a tributary of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, which gave its name to the Pike County post office (spelled one word on instructions of the Post Office Department) honored an old man named Fed of whom nothing else is known.
To the several "Indian-sounding names" we've already considered that turned out to have had other derivations, we might add Chenoa and Thealka. While Chenoa, Illinois was of probable Cherokee origin, Chenoa, Kentucky, a Bell County coal town, was named, in 1894, for W.A. Chenoa who established the local cannel coal mine and post office. The hamlet and post office of Thealka was first called Muddy Branch but was renamed, in 1911, for Mrs. Alka Mayo, the daughter of Cap't. Greenville Meek of Paintsville, the owner of a fleet of Big Sandy River steamboats. One of his boats, built in 1899, was to have been named "The Alka" for his daughter, but a sign painter accidentally ran the letters together and it came out Thealka.

Another name that does not belong on lists of aboriginal names is Savage. Both the extinct post office of Savage in the Stockton Valley of eastern Clinton County and the community that grew up around the Mt. Savage iron furnace in Carter County were named for probably unrelated pioneer families of Savage that owned these properties. The Martin County village and post office of Tomahawk was not named for any Indian activity in the area but for a newspaper in the county seat of Inez, some three miles east.

Here are some more eastern Kentucky place names whose derivations are not what they seem. In December 1936, Alice Meade, the twelve year old daughter of a local school teacher, named a Floyd County post office Blue Moon for a
brand of perfume, a bottle of which she had just received as a Christmas present. While it's possible that the coal town-post office of Three Point (Harlan County) refers to three nearby hills, it's more likely that it was named for the Three Point Coal Corp. which operated the local mine. The company's name, in turn, refers to quality, service, and dependability, the three standards of excellence it claimed for its operation and product.

Trinity, a post office, railroad station, and community in the Ohio River bottom of Lewis County, across from the city of Manchester, Ohio, was named for the three islands (only two of which have since survived the river's historic floods), collectively called The Manchester Islands, that were long regarded by rivermen as one of the Ohio's most distinctive landmarks.

While Kentucky voters as a whole have traditionally supported Democratic candidates, there have long been pockets in eastern Kentucky, even entire counties, that have been Republican strongholds since the Civil War. One of these apparently was in the Rockhouse Creek section of Letcher County where the post office of Democrat is said to have been named, in 1902, for postmaster Elhanan King, the only Democrat in a staunchly Republican precinct.

Horse Creek which joins Goose Creek just south of Manchester, in Clay County, was named for the wild horse weeds that grew in profusion there, some of the plants as high as ten to twelve feet. Similarly, a variety of
local peach was the source of the name of Pike County’s Indian Creek. Along Crummies Creek, one of the headwater streams of the Cumberland River, in Harlan County, someone reportedly once spotted a herd of buffalo (or deer) with crumpled horns. In Kentucky, any animal with crumpled horns is still called a crummie. One of Kentucky’s several “number names” is Twenty Six applied to an old Morgan County post office. It is said to have been named for the year (1926) its application was submitted to the Post Office Department and for its being the 26th in a list of 25 names suggested for the office. While the name Ordinary, given to an extinct Elliott County post office, inspired a local tradition about the place being so ordinary it would be hard to find a good name for it, it more likely refers to a local tavern. (Pioneer taverns were often called ordinaries.

Conclusion: As I implied in my opening statement, the proficient place names researcher generally refrains from accepting unquestioningly a derivation suggested by the name itself. When at all possible he visits the place, seeks out local historians who may have first-hand knowledge of its early development, including the way it got its name; he may even luck out and discover the namer himself or gain access to some documentary account of the naming—in a letter or journal entry in a local archive or in the possession of a descendant.
He compares what he has learned locally with what may already have been recorded in more official depositories -- state or county libraries or archives. By interviewing as many local persons and examining as many local documents as he can, he checks on the consistency and reliability of his data. In short, he employs the methods of the research historian. For the record, or for any preliminary publication of collected data, like my Kentucky Place Names (University Press of Kentucky, 1984), he distinguishes between authenticated derivations and those about which he is not certain, qualifying the latter as tentative or conjectural, and trusting that his or others' more diligent future research can realize the elusive authentication.

In our Kentucky place names investigations we are still at the stage where, at best, we can offer only tentative explanations from partially verifiable sources. However, I feel we now have sufficient and reliable enough information to at least discredit some of the widely held notions about some of our place name origins, and in this presentation I trust we have succeeded in doing this.

Footnotes

2. Allan M. Trout, "Greetings!" col. in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, Nov. 7, 1941


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PLACE NAME DERIVATIONS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM-KY. CASES

From my continuing research on the derivations of Ky.'s p.n., I have learned, among other things, to avoid jumping to obvious conclusions on the basis of the names themselves: that little can be revealed about places solely from their names; that the derivations and meanings of the names are not inherent in them; and, most significant of all, that the names alone will tell us nothing about why they, rather than some other names, were given to the places.

On more thorough investigation, many names whose derivations seemed obvious on the surface turned out to have entirely different explanations. In many instances I was surprised to learn that a time-honored or trad. acct. had no basis in fact. Some names like Mousie, Coldiron, Mt. Savage, Duty, Cheap, Crum, Ordinary, Lionilli, Brightshade, Alpha, Delta, Zula, Lovely, Miracle, Awe, Wonder, India, and America which seem so unusual that colorful stories must account for them had, in fact, more mundane derivations—the names of founding families, early settlers, or other persons or places the namers wished to honor.

Many names I've learned were simply imported from other places whence the first settlers had come, or commemorated some events of significance to the namers and had nothing to do with the places they were given to. Even such seemingly obvious descriptive names as Long Creek, Elk Fork, Lovely, Pleasant Hill, Cane Creek, and Little Branch sometimes proved to have had commemorative or incident origins that were not apparent in the names.

Some names turned out to be corruptions of earlier names. It's been said that Cannon Creek, a branch of Yellow Creek in Bell Co., was first called Canyon Creek. And Firecoal Branch of Middle Fk. of Quicksand Creek in Knott Co. has nothing to do with coal mining, tho' it's located near one of the largest coal producing areas of the country, but was originally Firescal and refers to a forest fire that, in early settlement times, had left scalped some of the vegetation on the banks of that stream.

I've also learned that, contrary to the assumptions of some authorities on Indian names, many Ky. names (Helechawa, Thealka, Willailia, Cheno, Teges, Munky, Cisco, and Seco) that appear to have had an Indian origin had other derivations. Some were corruptions of non-Indian names and some just resembled the popular conception of an Indian name. Some which may have had authenticated Indian derivations elsewhere were brought to their Ky. places by their founders or namers and had no real Indian significance in Ky. (I've come to reject as explanations for these names in Ky. those given for them elsewhere.)

The following are the more or less authenticated derivations of a sample of e. Ky. p.n. which belie the popular assumptions often suggested by the names themselves. (E. Ky. comprises some 43 counties generally considered in the so-called "Cumberland Plateau" section of the state.)

Most of the p.n. surprises in our sample were derived from the names of the founders, first settlers, or other persons or families which had some significance in the early hist. of the place or those whom the namers wished to honor.

We may start with the Adair Co. settlements of Neatsville, Neatsburg, Bliss, and Weed. The first 2 were not tidy little places but were named for 2 related families of Neat. While the est. of the Bliss PO in 1900 may have been an occasion of great contentment for its patrons, it's said to have been named for a local sch. tchr. who had recently arrived from Louisville. Not an undesirable plant but its 1st pm, Charles Weed Sparks war the source of Weed.
No wall gave its name to the e. Casey Co. hamlet of WALLTOWN but the family of Jake & Robt. Wall on whose 700 acre tract it was founded over a century ago.

Near the Dale Hol. Lake in se Cumberland Co. is the community known both as CHESTNUT GROVE and FROGUE (Frohg). The latter is not a fanciful way of spelling frog but the name of the local storekeeper when the po was est. in 1904. While his family originally pronounced its name "frawg" and some descendants now use the soft "g", the community's name has always been pronounced "frohg".

About 10 mi. n. of Frogue is the site of the Cumb. Co. po of CLAYWELL which was also named for a local family and not for the quality of the local soil.

The once prosperous coal town of WHEELWRIGHT in Floyd Co. was named for Jere H. Wheelwright, the pres. of the Consolidation Coal Co. from 1911-1919. Nevertheless, the local trad. persists that the name derived from a remark made by an early community booster about "the need to get the local wheels to rollin' right."

Similarly, there's nothing about "duty calling" or any such admonition to account for several Upper Big Sandy Valley streams and knobs but one or more families called DUTY.

Some people still tell the unconfirmed story of the local battle between the Shawnee Indians and some early settlers to account for the naming of the Martin Co. vil. & po of WARFIELD, but the place was actually named for John Warfield of Va. who came there early to develop the area salt works.

Though the Pike Co. hamlet-po of HELLIER, a once incorp. trade center for area coal camps, was, indeed, a pretty wild place in the 1920s, it was actually named for one or both of the Hellier bros., Ralph Augustus and Chas. Edward, natives of Bangor, Me., who developed the area coal fields around 1900.

The old tale of the pm who, instructed by the postal authorities to select a 1 syllable name for his new po, submitted RAIN, HAIL, SNOW, & FROST, is true in Ky. When, in 1886, the Greenup Co. community of MT. ZION was instructed to choose another name for its po, Benj. F. Kidd did, in fact, submit these words, but only FROST was then not already in use. The 3 other po's., RAIN, HAIL, and SNOW had all been named for local families.

No one made a bet on the Estill Co. po of WAGERSVILLE, but Jonah Wagers, who est. it, simply named it for himself.

Civil War artillery has long accounted for the names of several Ky. communities but none seem to have any basis in fact. The CANNON po in Knox Co. was est. in 1901 by Henry L. Cannon who named it for his family, while the name of Jeremiah M. Cannon, an early Boyd Co. settler, was given to CANNONSBURG, a community s. of Ashland, as early as 1840.

The coal town of EVANSTON (Breathitt Co.) was not named for the city n. of Chi., or any other city, but for Everett J. Evans of Paintsville who helped acquire the local coal reserves for the Pond Creek-Pocahontas Coal Co.

While Ky. has had its share of names commemorating other places (most for countries & their capitals, US states & major Am. cities have been represented), a number of such names have nothing to do with the places they seem to identify.
The extinct po serving the Lee Co. hamlet of TALLEGA was est. in 1886 as AMERICA and was named for its first pm, Ms. America Crawford. The Floyd Co. po of GERMAN was named in 1909 by its first pm Francis W. Crider for his son, German. India A. Miles was the only pm of the shortlived po of INIA in Greenup Co. The Pike Co. po of CANADA was not named for the country but for one or more local families who've also spelled their name Kennedy.

PITTSBURG was the name applied to a Laurel Co. coaltown & rr sta. in the 1880s and while it came to be known as "the Pittsburg of the South" in probable anticipation of its industrial potential, it was actually named for the pioneer Pitman family. (No doubt they also saw the economic value in the name.)

While we take for granted that some of the LONG CREEKS (and other stream generics) were named for families of Long, it's rare that we find a LITTLE BRANCH named for a person, but (the) Little Branch of Caney Creek in Pike Co. we know was named for Dennis Little, an early settler.

SMALLRIDGE CEM. on Friendship Creek (Boyd Co.) was named for Commodore P. Smallridge.

Derivational errors are often made when names have been misspelled. CHESNUT BRANCH of Sextons Creek and the Clay Co. hamlet-po of CHESNUTBURG were named for the local descendants of Uncle Ike Chesnut, an old Indian fighter and pioneer settler. The inadvertent inclusion of a "t" in the middle of the name has led to the obvious assumption that the branch and community were named for the kind of trees that at one time grew in profusion throughout se Ky.

STRAIT CREEK, a branch of Williams Creek, in nw Boyd Co., is still inappropriately misspelled STRAIGHT CREEK on govt. maps. Anything but straight, it was, in fact, named for one of the prominent Strait families in that county.

Some years ago, I identified several hundred places in e. Ky. that were named for women. I found some surprises here too. I learned that the NELL po in Adair Co. and the POLLY and TILLIE po's in Letcher Co. were actually named for families.

At opposite ends of Wayne Co. are the ALPHA and the DELTA po's. ALPHA, est. over the line in Clinton Co. in 1852, was named for a member of John M. Davis's family. DELTA was named in 1906 for Delta Casady Hammond, the daughter-in-law of the 1st pm. In 1975 the ALPHA po assumed the postal duties of the nearby ZULA po which had been named in 1901 for Zula Frost, the 10 yr. old daughter of a local resident.

The Floyd Co. po of WONDER was named for Wonder Scott.

MOUSIE, a vil. & po in Knott Co., honors the late Mrs. Mousie Martin Gibson who herself had been named in reference to her older sister Kitty. Mousie, incidentally, is not an uncommon female name in e. Ky. and can be traced back to the C.W.

Here are some more curious p.n. derived from personal names that, in themselves, can also be considered unusual:
The Harlan Co. vil-po of COLDIRON was named for the family of pioneer Elihu Coldiron. Nearby LOONEY CREEK honors its 1st settlers, one or more families named Looney. The Harlan Co. coal town of AGES was named for a Mr. Ages. In 1912 the local MIRACLE family of Bell Co. gave its name to a po and rr sta. on the Cumb. R.

MAPLESVILLE, an extinct Laurel Co. po, was not named for local trees but for the family of its 1st pm, Wm. R. Maples. BEARTOWN, a settlement on Mauk Ridge in Elliott Co., was named for local families that spelled their name Bear tho' Census records inexplicably spelled it Bare.

The section of the city of Flatwoods, in Greenup Co., that centers around the Advance School was, for a while, known as CHEAP for a po by that name est. in 1918 and named for an old blind Meth. preacher, Rev. John Cheap.

The Martin Co. vil. & po of LOVELY, once known as Smoky Bottom, was renamed (when the po was est. in 1931) for local storekeeper S.L. Lovely.

Contrary to popular assumption, the Elliott Co. po of EDSEL, est. in 1929, was not named for Henry Ford's son and successor as pres. of the Ford Motor Co. but for a local resident, the nephew of the 1st pm, Wade Blevins. Even so, when the ill-fated Edsel car was introduced in 1957, a plan to launch its advertising campaign from this place was considered but scrapped when it was found that the local roads were too bad to allow an Edsel car to be driven there.

An early Clay Co. settler named Bright Short built his home and store at the confluence of Otter and Goose Creeks. The shade of 3 giant hemlock trees in his front yard made it an attractive stopping place for Goose Creek travelers who came to refer to it as BRIGHT'S SHADE. When a po was est. there in 1883, the name was accepted by the P.ofD who omitted the apostrophe s and combined the 2 words to form BRIGHTSHADE.

Personal nicknames have also furnished some e. Ky. p.n. surprises. Inexplicably considered of Indian derivation by some, the name applied to the Upper and Lower TEGES CREEKS and the hamlet-po of TEGES (Clay Co.) was actually the nickname of an early settler Adonirum Allen. So fastidious and particular was this New Hampshire-born Rev. War vet. that his neighbors found him tedious and, in their mt. articulation, took to calling him "Tejus Allen." On some early maps the creeks were actually identified as Tedious.

The lateGratis Williams once told me how the Lawrence Co. po of SACRED WIND, near where he was raised, got its name. It was named by its 1st pm, James N. Sturgil, for his father, a Baptist preacher, "it is said not for his preaching but for (his) flatulence from which he suffered from time to time and his admirable artistry in relieving himself."

A no. of e. Ky. communities--mostly coal towns--were named by combining the names of 2 or more persons involved in their early history: KILDAV for Killebrew & Davis who est. the local mine. DAYHOIT for Day & Wilhoit. ALLOCK for Allen & Bullock. NAPFOR for Napier & Foreman. JUSTELL for Justice and Elliott. COMAR GO for Coleman, Marlow & Gorman.

Then there's KELLACY for the bros. Kelly & Asa Cox. ELIMER for Eli & Myrtle Newsome. DAVELLA for David & Ella DeLong. WILLAILLA for Will Owens and his wife Ailla. WILDIE probably for Will & Dee Albright.
The names of at least a dozen places in the region were invented by combining elements of the names of single individuals. A trio of Bell Co. communities were named from the spelling out of given initials: the po & ex coal camp of ARJAY from coal operator R.J. Asher. TEJAY, another coal town, from T.J. Asher, one of the pioneers in the dev. of the logging and mining industries of the upper Cumby region. JAYEM, the po that used to serve the suburban hamlet of E. Pineville, from J(ohn) M(arshall) Robison, Sr., Ky's. 9th Dist. Congress-man at the time it was est. in 1925.

The extinct Lewis Co. po of AWE suggests a setting of scenic wonderment and, indeed, it once inspired a Vanceburg newspaper editor, John S. Mavity, to wax poetically about the awe-inspiring site of the towering hills above the Straight Fork val. Actually it was named by and for its 1st pm, Anthony Wayne Everman.

At least 2 e. Ky. examples of acronyms from the syllables of personal names. ANCO for the 1st pm Anderson Combs. And HELECHA'NA, the name of a Wolfe Co. hamlet & po. It was first applied in 1900 to a sta. on the now defunct Ohio & Ky. RR. It was created by combining the first syllables of the names of Helen Chase Walbridge, one of the daughters of the rr's 1st pres. Contrary to pop. belief, it was not named for the condition of the local roads or for an Indian maiden.

Several names are but the reversed spelling of other names or words of local significance. The coal town and po of LENNUT was named for its site at the entrance of a rr tunnel just nw of the Hazard city limits.

NADA was est. for its mill workers by the Dana Lumber Co. who gave it the name to avoid confusion with another Dana po (in Floyd Co.)

It's generally believed that a POD clerk had misspelled SICNILLI as LIONILLI when processing the request of an Illinois-based company for its state name for a Pike Co. po. As what happens in similar cases, no attempt was made to correct the error.

Several e. Ky. places bear names that seem genuine enough but were actually inadvertent corruptions of the names that were intended for them.

When Oliver L. Robinson applied for his Martin Co. po he submitted the name MARIE, probably for a family member, but the postal clerk recorded it as MOREE.

BETTY GAP RIDGE (in the Dan'l. Boone Nat'l. For.) was named for the local Beatty family. How it became Betty we don't know.

Neither Greenup Co.'s CANE CREEK nor any of its local derivations were named for cane brakes along its banks but for local families that spelled their name CAIN. Why the corruption we don't know.

Some corrupted names were deliberate. WILLIBA, a Lee Co. hamlet & po, is said to have been named for the Engl. town of Willoughby, the ancestral home of some early settlers. Retaining its orig. pron., the name may have been shortened to permit it to be placed on the rubber stamp used to cancel the mail.

The Cumby Co. po of La See was named for his pioneer family by its 1st pm, Wm. A. Lacy.
Some names that may seem to be corruptions, however, turn out not to have been. The name applied to the po's of FED and FEDSCREEK is not a nickname for, or corruption of, Fred, but an old mt. givenname of its own.

To the several "Indian-sounding names" we've already considered that turned out to have had other derivations, we can add Chenoa & Thealka.

While CHENOA, Ill. was of probable Cherokee origin, CHENOA, Ky., a Bell Co. coal town, was named in 1894 for W.A. Chenoa who est. the mine & po.

The hamlet-po of THEALKA was 1st called Muddy Branch, but was renamed, in 1911, for Mrs. Alka Mayo, the daughter of Capt. Greenville Meek of Paintsville, the owner of a fleet of Big Sandy River steamboats. One of his boats, built in 1899, was to have been named "The Alka" for his daughter, but a sign painter accidentally ran the letters together and it came out Thealka.

Another name that does not belong on lists of aboriginal names is SAVAGE. Both the extinct po of SAVAGE in Clinton Co. and the community that grew up around the Mt. SAVAGE Iron Furnace in Carter Co. were named for, probably unrelated, pioneer families of Savage that owned these properties.

The Martin Co. vil. & po of TOMAHAWK was not named for any Indian activity in the area but for a newspaper in the co. seat of Inez, some 3 mi. east.

Here are some more e. Ky. p.n. whose derivations are not what they seem:

In 12/1935, Alice Meade, the 12 yr. old daughter of a local sch. tchr., named a new Floyd Co. po BLUE MOON for a brand of perfume, a bottle of which she had just rec'd. as a Xmas present.

While it's possible that the coal town & po of THREE POINT refer to 3 nearby hills, it's more likely that it was named for the Three Point Coal Corp. which operated the local mine. The firm's name, in turn, refers to quality, service, & dependability, the 3 standards of excellence it claimed for its operation and product.

TRINITY, a po, rr sta., & commu. in the Ohio R. bottom of Lewis Co., across from the city of Manchester, O., was named for the 3 islands (only 2 of which have since survived the river's historic floods), collectively called The Manchester Islands, that were long regarded by rivermen as one of the Ohio's most distinctive landmarks.

While Ky. voters as a whole have traditionally supported Democratic candidate there have long been pockets in e. Ky., even entire counties, that have been Republican strongholds since the C.W. One of these apparently was in the Rockhouse Creek section of Letcher Co. where the po of DEMOCRAT is said to have been named, in 1902, for pm Elhanan King, the only Democrat in a staunchly Republican precinct.

HORSE CREEK which joins Goose Creek s of Manchester (Clay Co.) was named for the wild horse weeds that grew in profusion there, some of the plants as high as 10-12 ft. Similarly, a variety of local peach was the source of the name of Pike Co.'s INDIAN CREEK.

Along CRUMLIES CREEK, one of the headwaters of the Cumb. R., in Harlan Co., someone reportedly once spotted a herd of buffalo (or deer) with crumpled horns. In Ky., any animal with crumpled horns is still called a crummie.
One of Ky's, several "number names" is TWENTY SIX applied to an old Morgan Co. po. It's said to have been named for the year (1926) its application was submitted to the POD and for its being the 26th in a list of 25 names suggested for the office.

While the name ORDINARY given to an extinct Elliott Co. po, inspired a local trad. about the place being so ordinary it would be hard to find a good name for it, it more likely refers to a local tavern. (Pioneer taverns were often called ordinaries.)
Mousie, Coldiron, Mt. Savage, Duty, Cheap, Crum, Ordinary, Lionilli, Brightshade, Alpha, Delta, Zula, Lovely, Miracle, Awe, Wonder, India, America

Long Creek, Elk Fork, Pleasant Hill, Lovely, Cane Creek, Little Branch

Cannon Creek (1st called Canyon)

Firescoal Branch (orig. Firescald)

Helechawa, Thealka, Willailla, Chenoa, Teges, Muncy, Cisco, Seco

Neatsville (Adair Co.) Long Creek

Neatsburg (Adair Co.) Little Branch (Pike Co.)

Bliss (Adair Co.) Smallridge Cem. (Boyd Co.)

Weed (Adair Co.) Chesnut Branch & Chesnutburg (Clay Co.)

Walltown (Casey Co.) Strait Creek (not Straight Creek) (Boyd Co)

Chestnut Grove, Frogate (Cumberland Co.)

Claywell (Cumberland Co.) Nell (Adair Co.)

Wheelwright (Floyd) Polly (Letcher)

Duty (Upper Big Sandy Val.) Tillie (Letcher)

Warfield (Martin Co.) Alpha (Wayne, formerly Clinton Co.)

Hellier (Pike Co.) Delta (Wayne Co.)

Rain (Whitley Co.) Zula (Wayne Co.)

Hail (Pulaski Co.) Wonder (Floyd Co.)

Snow (Clinton Co.) Mousie (Knott Co.)

Frost (formerly Mt. Zion) (Greenup Co.)

Wagersville (Estill Co.) Coldiron (Harlan Co.)

Cannon (Knox Co.) Looney Creek (Harlan Co.)

Cannonsburg (Boyd Co.) Ages (Harlan Co.)

Evanston (Breathitt Co.) Miracle (Bell Co.)

America (Tallagga) (Lee Co.) Maplesville (Laurel Co.)

German (Floyd Co.) Beartown (Elliott Co.) (not Bare)

India (Greenup Co.) Cheap (Greenup Co.)

Canada (Kennedy) (Pike Co.) Lovely (Martin Co.)

Pittsburg (Laurel Co.) Savage (Clinton Co.) and Mt. Savage

(Carter Co.)
Rennick (2)
Edsel (Elliott Co.) LaSee (Cumberland Co.) (Lacy)
Bright's Shade, Brightshade (Clay Co.)
Teges Creek, Teges (Tejus Allen) (Tedious) (Clay Co.)
Sacred Wind (Lawrence Co.) Fed (Floyd Co.) (Hi Hat)
Kildav (Harlan Co.) Feds creek (Pike Co.)
Dayhoit (Harlan Co.) Chenoa (Bell Co.)
Allock (Perry Co.) Thealka (Johnson Co.) (The Alka)
Napfor (Perry Co.) Tomahawk (Martin Co.)
Comargo (McCreary Co.) Blue Moon (Floyd Co.)
Kellacy (Morgan Co.) Three Point (Harlan Co.)
Elimer (Martin Co.) Trinity (Lewis Co.)
Davella (Martin Co.) Democrat (Letcher Co.)
Willailla (Rockcastle Co.) Horse Creek (Clay Co.)
Wildie (Rockcastle Co.) Crummies Creek (Harlan Co.)
Arjay (Bell Co.) from R.J. Asher
Tejay (Bell Co.) from T.J. Asher
Jayem (Bell Co.) from (ohn) Twenty Six (Morgan Co.)
M(arshall) Robsion, Sr. Ordinary (Elliott Co.)
Awe (Lewis Co.)
Anco (Knott Co.)
Helechawa (Wolfe Co.) from Helen Chase Walbridge
Lennut (Perry Co.) (tunnel)
Nada (Powell Co.) (Dana)
Lionilli (Pike Co.) should have been Sionilli (Illinois)
Morse (Martin) (Marie)
Batty Gap Ridge (Menifee Co.) (Beatty)
Cane Creek (Greenup Co.) (Cain)
Willibba (Lee Co.) (Willoughby)
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America (Tallega) (Lee Co.) Maplesville (Laurel Co.)

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