THE POST OFFICES OF ESTILL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Estill County's 256 square miles and estimated 15,000 residents are located where the Outer Blue Grass meets the western edge of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Fields, southeast of Lexington. Its seat, Irvine, is twenty two road miles east of Richmond in neighboring Madison County and forty seven miles from downtown Lexington, via Ky. 52 and US 25.

The county is drained exclusively by the main course and branches of the Kentucky River which passes through from the southeast to the northwest and forms its northwest border with Madison County. One of the Kentucky's principal tributaries, the Red River, forms the county's northern border with Clark and Powell Counties. Other Kentucky River branches which figure prominently as reference points for most of the county's settlements are Station Camp Creek, Millers Creek, Crooked Creek, and Drowning Creek (the last named forming part of the county's western border with Madison County.)

Estill became Kentucky's fiftieth county when it was organized from the eastern section of Clark and Madison Counties in 1808. It was named for Capt. James Estill, a native Virginian and early Madison County settler who was killed in March 1782 by Wyandotte Indians at the Battle of Little Mountain near Mt. Sterling in what traditionally has been called "Estill's Defeat." Taken from Estill County's original territory between 1839 and 1888 were all or part of seven other counties.

This study will deal only with the sixty one post offices located within the present limits of the county which, for convenience, has been divided arbitrarily into eight geographic areas.
A. Post Offices in the Greater Irvine Area

Irvine [Irvən], Estill's county seat, is a fourth class city with an estimated population of 2,900. It lies on Ky. 52 and the Kentucky River, opposite the mouth of Station Camp Creek. It was laid out as a town in 1811 on some twenty acres deeded by Gen'l. Green Clay and named for another Madison County pioneer, Col. William Irvine. After surviving the battle that had taken his friend, Estill's life, Irvine went on to become clerk of Madison's county and circuit courts and a Virginia legislator, and to serve as a member of the Kentucky Statehood Conventions of 1787-8. The county's first post office was established here as Irvine or Estill Court House on March 10, 1813 with Elijah Broaddus, the first postmaster, and became simply Irvine in March of 1817.

The county's other incorporated city and its second largest community is Ravenna [Rəˈvɛnə], a former headquarters town of the Louisville and Nashville (L&N) Railroad's Eastern Kentucky Division. It is separated from Irvine by the narrow Chamberlain Branch, a north bank tributary of the Kentucky River. When the L&N decided to extend its tracks to the eastern Kentucky coal fields, the logical choice for its switching yard and maintenance shops was Irvine, but local objections sent the company a mile southeast of town to the farms then owned by the Cockrell and Park families. The land was purchased and the shops and yard were completed in 1915. In that year, the Ravenna Realty Company was organized by John D. Sawyer to railroad dispose of the company's land by sales of lots to its employees for homes and businesses. A town was founded and named for the realty firm which is said to have been named by its secretary, Kate H. Sawyer,
for a city in Ohio. (The latter is said to have been named around 1808 by its proprietor for the Italian city he had once visited.)

The Ravenna post office was established on May 12, 1916 with Mrs. Hallie T. Vaughn, postmaster. Many families were attracted to this place and it enjoyed a rapid growth, reaching a population estimated at over 1,000 by Jan. 18, 1921 when it was incorporated. By 1950 the railroad was still the community's main economic base, but with the replacement of steam with diesel engines in 1954 and the removal of the L&N shops to Louisville, the town's economic importance declined. The post office was discontinued in 1972, and Ravenna's 790 residents are now served by a branch of the Irvine post office. In other ways the two cities seem to be so physically and economically related that they are often referred to as "the Twin Cities", a name used by several businesses in both cities.

Two settlement-post offices named for their locations relative to Irvine are West Irvine and South Irvine. Though both offices recently closed (West Irvine in 1982 and South Irvine in 1975), the communities they served are alive and flourishing, each with its own elementary school. The West Irvine post office was established on Aug. 24, 1909 with W.D. Richardson, postmaster, on the now defunct L&N tracks between the present Ky. 52 and the Kentucky River, one mile west of downtown Irvine. The post office of South Irvine, between Station Camp Creek and the Kentucky River, a mile south of Irvine, was established on May 22, 1922 with Luther Young, postmaster.

The post office of Stump served a railroad station and community called Calloway Crossing at the end of Ky 1840, over a mile west of its junction with Ky. 89, ½ mile east of the Kentucky River, and three miles
northwest of downtown Irvine. It was established on Jan. 22, 1920 with Carrie S. Elkin, its only postmaster, and closed in Nov. 1931. Why it was named Stump is not known; there have been no known Estill County families of that name.

B. Post Offices in the Station Camp Creek Area

Station Camp Creek, which joins the Kentucky River opposite Irvine, gave its name to the second oldest post office in the county. Station Camp was established on March 27, 1828 by James Scrivner at or near the site of a Shawnee Indian camping ground and trading post called Ah-wah-nee (deep grassy place). In 1769 Daniel Boone was the first of many pioneers to stay here enroute to the bluegrass, and the creek, one-third of a mile east, may have been named by him for that reason. The post office was discontinued in 1843, re-established in 1878 by Capt. John J. Wilson on the present Ky. 594, five miles south of Irvine, and closed for good in 1969.

On Dec. 13, 1880 James W. Parsons established the post office of Drip Rock in Jackson County, 3/4 mile from the Estill County line. It was named for the steady dripping of spring water from a ledge of limestone rocks near the old Drip Rock School, several hundred yards south. After several short distance moves within Jackson County in the 1930s, the office was relocated, on March 4, 1939, at a point 200 yards inside Estill County by its postmaster Ethel Harrison. When it closed in June 1974 it was in a store on Ky. 89, 0.4 miles from the Jackson County line and twelve miles south of Irvine.

In the bottoms of Station Camp Creek, seven miles south of Irvine, Jonah Park Wagers established a post office on May 14, 1891 and named it Wagersville for himself. It closed in 1972.
On May 14, 1891, to serve a settlement on Station Camp Creek, just below the mouth of Sparks Branch (twelve miles south of Irvine), John P. Alumbaugh established the Post Office. It closed in Oct. 1895. On April 8, 1909 it was re-established as Powell after Allen Powell, its new postmaster. When, for some reason, the Powell post office in 1926 was moved some two miles down the creek to Slick Ford, John Alumbaugh's son, Daniel and fellow property owners petitioned for another office to serve their community, and a second Alumbaugh post office opened on Sept. 22, 1927. The two offices operated two miles apart until Powell closed in 1950 and Alumbaugh closed in 1959.

On Ky. 89, half a mile up Middle Fork of Station Camp Creek and 8½ miles south of Irvine, was the aptly named post office of Estilco. It was established on June 2, 1920 with John Henderson as postmaster, and closed in June 1931.

C. Post Offices in the Millers Creek, Upper Kentucky River, and Barnes Creek Area

Millers Creek heads where Billey Fork and Big Sinking Creek meet at the Lee County line, near the Crystal post office, to form this 6½ mile long east bank tributary of the Kentucky River. The stream is said to have been named for a pioneer Mr. Miller who ran a grist mill at some point on its banks. A very early Millers Creek post office was established on Feb. 18, 1825 at an unknown site, with Jacob Meadows, postmaster. From Aug. 7, 1839 through July 1842, an aptly named Mouth of Millers Creek post office served that vicinity.
Another Millers Creek post office, also at an unknown location, operated from Nov. 11, 1850 (with John M. Lyle, postmaster) to Feb. 1853. This was re-established on Oct. 12, 1865 by Thomas J. Harris, probably at or just below the mouth of the creek. After an intermittent existence at several local sites, the post office came to occupy a site on the L&N tracks, at the northern edge of the Kentucky River bottoms, one mile below the creek's mouth and 5½ miles ese of Irvine. Here it closed in Jan. 1968.

Somewhere in the extreme southern part of the county, between Station Camp Creek and the Kentucky River, perhaps just north of Granny Richardson Springs on the southern flank of Barnes Mountain, was a shortlived post office called Jamaica (Jan. 21, 1901 to June 30, 1903) with only two postmasters, John Reece and Henry W. Jolly. The derivation of its name, like its location, is not known.

On the Lee County line, at the head of Millers Creek, is the active post office of Crystal. It was established on June 10, 1903 by James H. Howell but was first called Simcoe. In June 1906 it was renamed Crystal but closed in August of the following year. A month later Charles R. Watson petitioned for the transfer of his Lee County post office of Donnelly, 2½ miles east, to a point directly across Billey Fork from the Crystal site, still in Lee Co., but gave it the Crystal name. This office closed in Oct. 1915. The following March, Achilles D. Howell re-established the Crystal post office, returning it to the Estill County side of the Fork where it has continued to serve families of both counties on Ky. 52, fourteen miles ese of Irvine. Its present building of roughly 100 square feet is one of the smallest post office facilities in the country. The origin of the Simcoe, Crystal, and Donnelly names is not known.
The hamlet, active post office, and defunct L&N station of Pryse
is on the east bottom of the Kentucky River, half a mile above the
mouth of Millers Creek, 7½ miles ese of Irvine. It was preceded by
the shortlived post office of Cedar Grove (Aug. 8, 1876 to Feb. 11,
1878), about 3/4 mile up the river. (This post office did not serve
the Cedar Grove Neighborhood between Sand Hill and Pea Ridge, north­
west of Irvine). After a successful career as a Lee County merchant
and coal operator, welsh-born David Pryse (ne 1834) acquired several
hundred acres of choice Kentucky River farmland in this area and built
one of Estill County's first brick homes. On March 9, 1904 he estab­
lished and named the Pryse post office. In 1916, a few hundred yards
above the post office, the Olium Refining Co. opened a refinery for
the production of gasoline and kerosene supplied from several eastern
Kentucky pools. Following an explosion three years later, Olium's
holdings were acquired by the Great Southern Oil Refining Co. which
sold them to the Texas Oil Co. in 1926. A company town built here was
called Texola. In 1945 Texas Oil sold its property to the Ashland Oil
and Refining Co. which discontinued production two years later.

Though of unknown origin but of some possible Lee County signifi­
cance, the name Leighton was applied in March 1907 to a post office just
over the line, in the Ross Creek area of Lee County. In 1913 it was
moved to Estill County, 3/4 mile west of the creek, to serve a community
and its school then known as Big Spring. After at least seven more
short distance moves, it located at its final site in a store on Barnes
Mountain and Ky. 851, a little over a mile from the county line and 12½
miles southeast of Irvine, where it closed in July 1956.
Two post offices, Ola and Doe Creek served the Doe Creek community at the foot of Barnes Mountain, just across the Kentucky River from Ravenna. Or, to be more precise, on the present Ky. 851, four miles southeast of Irvine. Ola was established on May 7, 1909 with Sarah A. Sandlin as postmaster. According to local tradition, its name (derivation unknown) was drawn from a hat. Following the Post Office Department's instructions to choose a short name for their new post office, some residents met in Mrs. Sandlin's store; they jotted down several short names on slips of paper and dropped them into a hat. Ola was selected. The office was discontinued in July 1919 but was re-established as Doe Creek on April 14, 1931 with George McKinney, Jr. as postmaster. It operated for only a few years. It had, of course, been named for the 3 1/2 mile long Big Doe Creek which extends from the north flank of Barnes Mountain to the Kentucky River just northwest of the post office site. The name has been attributed to the pioneer killing of a big doe on its banks.

On July 29, 1912 Elias Brewer established a post office inexplicably called Shade. This soon came to serve the community around J.A. Durbin's store on the west bank of Buck Creek, a mile south of the Kentucky River and opposite Pryse. Several local moves, with the appointment of different postmasters, brought it finally to a site on the south bank of the river, half a mile above Buck Creek and nine miles south east of Irvine. The post office closed in March 1957 and the community it served is now loosely called Buck Creek.

The last post office established in the county was the shortlived Allview which Zula L. Davis maintained from March 23, 1935 through Aug. 1938. This has not been precisely located but is known to have served
Barnes Mountain families between Doe Creek and Leighton. The name's derivation is also not known. Was it a descriptive name, or could it have derived from one of the area Alcorn (Allcorn) families?

D. Post Offices of the Furnace Area

For much of the nineteenth century the northeast section of Estill County was distinguished for its high quality iron production. Thriving communities, with their own post offices, grew up around each of the three charcoal-burning furnaces--Estill, Cottage and Fitchburg--near the Powell County line. From each furnace pig iron was hauled by ox cart to the Red River Iron Works at what is now Clay City (in Powell Co.) to be made into tools and utensils for shipment down the Kentucky River to the Cincinnati and Louisville markets. However, their relative inaccessibility and the difficulty of shipping the iron to its markets, combined with the competition of better ore sources elsewhere in the country led to their brief tenure and ultimate abandonment. Other than the furnace ruins nothing remains at these sites today.

The steam-powered Estill Furnace at the head of Furnace Fork (of Millers Creek), less than 1 mile from the county line, and 12½ miles northeast of Irvine, was built in 1830 by Thomas Deye Owings. By its final blast in 1874, an estimated 100 families lived in the community called simply Furnace, just east of the furnace itself. The first post office to serve this vicinity was Mountain Spring which was established on Feb. 7, 1854 by Ludwell Lowery, a mill owner and tavern keeper on Furnace Fork. Shortly thereafter the office was moved a bit east, and in March 1857 was renamed Estill Furnace with Jessee W. Jones,
postmaster. It closed in March 1864, but was re-established as Furnace on June 21, 1882 with Charles W. Russell, postmaster. After serving a relatively isolated rural settlement for nearly a century, it closed for good in 1975.

**Cottage Furnace** was in a very isolated area at the head of Tickey Fk. of Cow Creek, ½ mile from the county line and 13½ road (but only 5½ air) miles north east of Irvine. This pyramidal shaped structure was built in 1853 by John C. Mason and James L. Wheeler of large sandstone blocks, thirty five feet high, and resembled a stone cottage. It operated mostly with slave labor and then with freed black labor till 1879.

On March 20, 1864 Wheeler established the Cottage Furnace Post Office to serve the community that was also known as Marbleyard for its site at the end of Marbleyard Ridge. This operated until April, 1861. On July 23, 1879, about the time the furnace ceased production, another post office called Union Hall (for reasons as yet unknown) was opened to serve the area east of the furnace. After a number of site changes and an unsuccessful attempt in 1904 to change its name to Japan, ended its days in April 1943 at a site between the head of Cow Creek and the Powell County line. An attempt in 1907 by Walter G. Smyth to re-establish a post office, to be called Marble, closer to the furnace itself was unsuccessful when its authorization was rescinded.

The Fitchburg Furnace, the third in order of construction, was on Furnace Fork, over 2½ miles ssw of the Estill Furnace. Also known as the Red River Iron Furnace, this steam-powered, air blast furnace was built in 1868/9 as a single stone structure with two stacks designed by Fred Fitch and named for him and his brother Frank who operated the
furnace for the Red River Iron Manufacturing Co. The Fitchburg Post Office was established on Sept. 9, 1870 with Thomas Edgar Park as postmaster but closed in June, 1874 when the furnace was discontinued. It was re-established on Jan. 4, 1894 to serve the village of Fitchburg which had been chartered in 1871 and survived the closing of the furnace. But nothing survived the final closing of the post office in June 1955. Only the furnace ruins, now listed in the National Registry of Historic Places, remains.

Other post offices in the Furnace area were Patsey, Cobhill, Willow Tree, Pilot, Pitts, and a second Mountain Springs.

The Patsey post office was established on July 31, 1882 when that section of Estill was in Powell County. It was named for its first postmaster, Patsey Wells, through whose efforts, we're told, the office was acquired. After several moves over much of the area between Furnace and Billey Fork (of Millers Creek), the office reached its final location, a little over a mile from the Lee County line and 15½ miles east of Irvine, where it closed in 1970.

Cobhill, on the ridge between Furnace and Woodward Creeks (in the Millers Creek watershed), 11½ miles east of Irvine, continues to serve a fairly large rural area from Lillie and Olney Rogers' store. It was named for early settlers, Henry and Samuel Cobb, the sons of a Caswell, N.C. migrant, Jesse Cobb who lived on the ridge and served as the magistrate of this section till his death in 1836. The brothers, born in Estill County soon after 1800, became large area landowners, farmers, and loggers. It is not known if their name identified a local settlement before Achilles D. Howell established the Cobhill post office on March 30, 1898; nor is it known why its name has always been spelled with only one "b". Though once thickly settled by loggers and ore miners
for the nearby Fitchburg Furnace, the area was depopulated with the
decline of those industries before 1900. Descendants of the early
settlers have since returned to their old family homes and now over
a hundred families maintain residences here.

Willow Tree, probably an aptly named post office, operated from
March 9, 1906 through Feb. 1935 at several sites in the vicinity of
the mouth of Rogers Fk. of Cow Creek, 6½ miles northeast of Irvine.

On May 16, 1910, J.W. Hall established the Pilot Post Office in
the vicinity of the South Fk. of Red River in Powell County. In Dec.
1933 it was moved over the line to a point 1 mile within Estill Co.,
at the head of Woodward Creek (a Billeys Fk. branch), three miles
north of Patsey. It closed in 1973. It may have been named for one
of several Pilot Knobs (landmarks or guiding points for early
travelers) in Powell County but was not the one from which Daniel
Boone is said to have first viewed the bluegrass area in 1769.

The Pitts Post Office served Tipton Ridge near the junction of
Ky. 52 and 213, seven miles east of Irvine, from Aug. 18, 1912
through July 1935. It was named for one or more local families,
perhaps that of George Washington Pitts (1843-1922).

A second Mountain Springs post office operated from 1933 to 1936
about a mile from the Powell County line and some four air miles
southeast of the Estill Furnace.

E. Post Offices of Northern Estill County

Eight post offices were located in the area north of the Kentucky
River and White Oak Creek. The oldest of these was Woodward Creek.
On July 28, 1879 Leroy Sams established this post office which he
named for its location at the head of a five mile long south bank
tributary of the Red River (not to be confused with the Billey Fk. tributary referred to above). Both creeks probably honored the family of Bartlett Woodward who was among the first generation of magistrates appointed for the county in 1809.

In May 1886 Leroy's son, John had the post office name changed to Sams. For several years, until it closed in 1914, it occupied one or more sites in the vicinity of the junction of the present Ky. 82 and 89, 6 ½ miles nwm of Irvine, just east of the L&N station of Harg. On Sept. 23, 1915 Edith Patrick re-established the post office as Hargett at Harg Station, ¹ mile west of the junction, though the community it served continued to be called Sams. After several moves back and forth between the station and the junction, the office ended its days in Sept. 1943 in a store just south of the junction. While Harg Station is said to have been named for Harg Allen, the Hargett post office may also have honored a local boy, Hargett Withers who, according to tradition, happened to have entered Mrs. Patrick's store at the time a postal inspector was seeking a name for the office. Today the community, called Hargett, is served by the Three Way general store at the junction and the nearby Hargett Elementary School.

A post office called Engle operated from March 6, 1882 to Sept. 1893 in the northwest corner of the county, some 300 yards east of the Kentucky River and three miles west of the present Ky. 89. It was named for the family of James F. Engle, who established the office and ran the local ferry.

A post office serving the early settled rural community long known as Spout Springs was established on April 14, 1886 as Hardwick with William J. Barnett, postmaster. For some reason Spout Springs was not acceptable as the post office's name, but it is not known why Hardwick,
the name of the pioneer family of John Hardwick, was selected instead. The office closed in Oct. 1889. It was re-established on Aug. 5, 1892, with John M. Elkin, postmaster, and given the Spout Springs name for the never failing limestone springs from which people on the stretch of Ky. 89, between Hargett and the Powell County line, still get the best tasting water around. In 1895 the two words of the name were combined, and the post office, on Ky. 89, a little over a mile from the Powell County line and 10½ miles north of Irvine, was known as Spoutspring until it closed in Nov. 1937.

The name Iron Mound was given to a post office established by Shipton Stephens on Jan. 10, 1890, 1½ miles from the Red River (the Clark County line) and a little less than ten miles nnnw of Irvine. It may have been named for a local Indian mound on the old Indian war trace between Station Camp and Indian Old Fields in southeast Clark County. It closed in July 1925.

The Fox post office operating from April 11, 1890 through April 1953 was on the present Ky. 1886, a little over a mile northeast of the Kentucky River and 12½ miles northwest of Irvine. William W. Hall, its first postmaster, probably named it for one or more families that descended from pioneers Benjamin or William Fox.

Washington Grant Patrick had proposed several names for the Kimbrell post office he established on June 20, 1902 on the present Ky. 89, two miles northeast of Sams-Hargett. Neither Sugar Loaf, for the imposing elevation a mile south, nor Patricksburg were acceptable. Instead, the name/a pioneer family and the local Methodist church was chosen. This post office, 8½ miles northeast of Irvine, closed in Nov. 1937.
The rural neighborhood locally called The Forks was served by the Palmer post office from Dec. 2, 1914 to Nov. 1967. For its last thirty years it was located on Ky. 89, about half a mile from the Clark County line and Red River, and 10½ miles northwest of Irvine. Since William H. Rice, the first postmaster, was unsuccessful in having the name Harris, that of several local families, applied to the office (the name was already in use by a Lewis County post office), he submitted that of another local family, James and Farinda Palmer's.

On Nov. 27, 1916, the Palmers' son Austin established a post office several miles east to serve the community and L&N station of Cressy. With the office's closing in May 1945, the community, 0.6 miles from the Red River and 10½ miles northwest of Irvine, is again known as Cressy. The origin of either name is not known. Could Parvin be a blend of Palmer and Arvin? The Arvins were another Estill family but are not known to have lived in the northern part of the county.

F. Post Offices of West Central Estill County

West Central Estill County, for our purposes, includes seven post offices in the vicinity of the old and new routes of Ky. 52 between Irvine and the Madison County line. The oldest of these, Winston, was established on June 19, 1865 by Henry C. Smith, the then local storekeeper and magistrate, and is still in operation. It is now on old Ky. 52, just south of the new highway, 1½ road miles from the county line, and 6½ miles west of Irvine. The community it has served was first called Newman Stand for the local family of Samuel W. Newman (1804-1873). It is believed by some that Winston was named for a family that owned land there for a brief time before moving further west in Kentucky.
From Feb. 27, 1883 to Oct. 1892 Weeden M. Witt was the only postmaster of an office he named Weeden that served the Cedar Grove community less than half a mile north of Clear Creek (just south of new Ky. 52) and three miles west of Irvine.

The Fains, Richard and Nathan, ran the Fainville post office, midway between Winston and Rice Station (5½ miles west of Irvine) from April 24, 1888 through June 1905.

The post office of Rice Station on old Ky. 52, 4½ miles west of Irvine, and the L&N station itself, just south of it, were the early twentieth century commercial center for the west central part of the county. The station was named for Charlie Rice who deeded the land for the tracks and depot to the Richmond Nicholasville Irvine and Beattyville (later L&N) Railroad. The tracks were completed to this site in 1890, and on Dec. 16, 1891 the Rice Station post office was established by John M. Kerby, the postmaster. It closed in 1974.

On Sand Hill, two miles northwest of Weeden and 5½ miles northwest of Irvine was the Witt Springs post office. This was established on Sept. 2, 1904 in Eugene Witt's store with William L. Witt, postmaster. It was named for their pioneer ancestor, Virginia-born Elisha Witt (1759-1834) and a large sulphur spring in the vicinity which furnished water to local residents and was later used for picnics and other social gatherings. The office closed in 1956. This is not to be confused with the Witt post office, eight miles south.

Two post offices served the Trotting Ridge section just north of Ky. 52, a mile east of Drowning Creek (the Madison County line) and about eight miles wnw of Irvine. The first, just west of the ridge itself, was established on Jan. 23, 1906 by Sarah Rogers Newman. Her proposed
name of Dog Walk was unacceptable to the postal authorities and Derwood (possibly corrupted from Deerwood) was recorded instead. For family illness reasons it was closed in Feb. 1913. In August of the following year Mrs. Newman's Trotting Ridge neighbors got another office established for the vicinity (with James G. Hendricks, postmaster) and called it Cantrill. This was discontinued in Nov. 1918. Both names remain unaccounted for; there were no Derwood or Cantrill families in the county. However, it has been said that the Trotting Ridge was named because its residents were accustomed to moving about at a jogging pace somewhat faster than a walk.

From April 23, 1921 through Nov. 1938 a post office called Reges [Ree/djæs] served the Louisville and Atlantic (later L&N and now defunct) station of this name, a mile east of the Madison County line and 1½ miles south of Winston. Virgil Turpin was the first postmaster. The name has no known local significance so it is assumed it was brought in by the railroad.

G. Post Offices of the Crooked Creek-Upper Drowning Creek Area

Eight post offices served a fairly large area (south of the above group of offices) along the Crooked Creek valley (a tributary of Station Camp Creek) and the uplands between it and Drowning Creek.

On Oct. 22, 1883 John M. Walker established a post office called Bluebank, for the local slate banks on Crooked Creek, probably a mile above (west of) Station Camp Creek and 3½ miles southwest of Irvine. In the early summer of 1893, John P. Miller moved the post office about a mile north to his store in the center of the prosperous community of Wisemantown, on the present Ky. 499, and renamed it for the community. The Wisemantown site had been settled early by Abner and Jake, two of the sons
of Estill County pioneer, Abner Sr., who had extensive antebellum holdings in the Crooked Creek Valley and nearby Pea Ridge, including a large orchard which furnished a local distillery and spa. The post office closed in March 1957.

In early 1904 the Blue Bank name was again proposed for a post office on Crooked Creek, a short distance above John Walker's old office. But this office, established on March 27, with John T. Parsons as the first postmaster, was called Witt instead. This Witt preceded the Witt Springs post office on Sand Hill by several months and may have been named for another branch of Elisha Witt's Estill County descendants. Some years later the office was moved half a mile north of the creek to Ky. 499, a mile west of Wisemantown where it, too, closed in March of 1957.

Imprecisely located just east of Drowning Creek and some 8½ miles wsw of Irvine was the post office of Alger. It was established by Maggie E. Craig on Dec. 14, 1891 to serve a community and railroad station called Little Rock. The proposed name, Thomas, for one or more local families, was already in use by a Floyd County office, and Alger, for reasons unknown, was chosen instead. It closed in Aug. 1896.

Another early L&N station served by a post office was Kings Station, about two miles northeast of Little Rock-Alger and 6½ miles west of Irvine. The post office was established as Kings Station on Feb. 6, 1894 with Claiborne F. Tharpe, postmaster. The station was probably given its name by the railroad. It was discontinued in Sept. 1902.

Some 3½ miles up Crooked Creek (and Ky. 1139) from the old Bluebank post office and just north of Zion Mountain (the county's highest elevation) was the post office of Noland. Named for a prominent Estill County family that descended from the pioneer brothers Jesse and James
Noland who had arrived in the future county about 1800, the office was established on March 29, 1901 with Schuyler B. Garrett as postmaster. According to the 1939 site location report the community it then served was known as Thomas. It closed in Feb. 1962.

Three relatively shortlived and imprecisely located post offices in the area between the head of Crooked Creek and the Madison County line were Reeves, Blackburn, and Vogel.

The Reeves post office, about a mile east of Drowning Creek and probably one mile south of Alger, operated between Sept. 3, 1910 (Amos Richardson was the first postmaster) and Sept. 1919. It was named for an Estill County family that may have descended from John Reeves. On May 26, 1930 Mrs. Curraleen Winkler re-established this post office as Blackburn, possibly at the same site, and named it for an area family. It closed at the end of 1945.

From July 20, 1918 through April 1920, the Vogel post office (whose name source is not known) served the Knob Lick area south of Drowning Creek and just east of the Madison County line, several miles sw of Reeves-Blackburn.

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H. Post Offices of the Red Lick/Area

Red Lick Creek, another major Station Camp Creek tributary, heads in southeast Madison County and joins the main stream a mile above the old Station Camp post office. It drains most of southwestern Estill County. Five post offices served this area.
The oldest of these was the very short-lived Leanah post office (April 28, 1870 to Oct. 20, 1870) whose only postmaster, William D. Howard, local storekeeper and magistrate, named it for his daughter Leanah. Its location, other than being half a mile northwest of the creek, is not known.

About a mile up Locust Branch of Red Lick Creek, near the Madison County line, the Locust Branch post office was established on July 14, 1874 with Richard M. Johnson, postmaster. Several moves later it arrived at a site half a mile below the branch, just south of Red Lick (and 13 miles southwest of Irvine) where it closed in July 1960.

Nearly seven miles south of the Estill County line, the Jackson County post office of Sand Springs was established in April 1879 by Henry H. Gabbard. In early 1886, for reasons unknown, he moved it some distance northwest, to a point on or by Kissie Hill in Estill County, two miles east of Locust Branch and a mile southeast of Red Lick Creek (ca. twelve miles southwest of Irvine). It took the name Kissie for the hill and a nearby Red Lick branch. The origin of this name is not known but Kissie was not an uncommon nineteenth century female given name in eastern Kentucky. The office closed in June 1887. Gabbard was its only postmaster.

A post office called Jinks was established on Feb. 6, 1900 on the north bank of Red Lick Creek, above the mouth of Jenkins Branch (ten miles southwest of Irvine). It was probably named by its first postmaster, William L. Harrison, for the local descendants of Morgan Jenkins (or Jinkins), a Civil War veteran, though the curious spelling is unexplained. It was discontinued in Jan. 1939 but was re-established at or near its original site in May 1947 and remained in operation till the mid 1970s.
Finally, a post office called *Happy Top*, established on Nov. 8, 1904 with John W. Coyle, postmaster, operated till Sept. 1911 somewhere on the west flank of Happy Top Mountain, a five mile long, 1500 foot high ridge that parallels much of Red Lick Creek on the southeast. This name has also been applied to a fairly large rural neighborhood between Jinks and Drip Rock (ca. 12-13 miles south of Irvine), once noted for its moonshining activity. The late county historian, Hallie T. Johnstone once described the ridge as a healthy place due to its "pure unadulterated mountain air."

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Of Estill County's sixty one post offices, only eleven served settlements with definable boundaries and concentrated populations. Two--Irvine and Ravenna--identify still officially designated cities. The rest of the offices, most in stores and a few associated with railroad stations, served named rural neighborhoods.

Only five (Irvine, Prysc, Crystal, Cobhill, and Winston) survive as independent post offices. Ravenna's post office is but a branch of Irvine's. Fifteen closed since 1960, ten since 1970.

Twenty seven offices were named for local/area persons or families; eight referred to geographic features in the area while to another eleven were transferred the names of nearby places or features; two distinguished local activities; and one honored a city in a nearby state. The derivations of twelve are not yet known. Four (the first Miller's Creek, established in 1825, Leanah, Jamaica, and Allview) have never been precisely located.

Two post offices--Marble and Barns Mountain (sic)--were established but never operated. Marble has already been discussed. Barns Mountain was authorized in Oct. 1920 to serve a section of that large south Estill County neighborhood, perhaps in the vicinity of the future but shortlived
Allview. The mountain is said to have been named for a resident, Napoleon Bonaparte Barnes who came from Virginia very early in the nineteenth century. His family were to distinguish themselves in nearly every phase of the county's history.

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5. MOUTH OF MILLERS CREEK-- 8/7/1839, Benj. F. Orlan (?); Disc. 1/8/1841; Re-est. 5/17/1841, Edward Stockton; Disc. 7/28/1842

6. PROCTOR-- 4/4/1843, Nathan Jacobs; Disc. 5/16/1845

7. MILLER'S CREEK-- 11/11/1850, John M. Lyle; Disc. 2/10/1853; Another Miller's Creek p.o. was est. or re-est. 10/12/1865, Thos. J. Harris; 9/18/1866, Bowles H. Sale; Disc. 11/15/1870; Re-est. 7/22/1872, Achilles Kelley; Disc. 8/6/1873

8. MOUNTAIN SPRING-- est. in Owsley Co. 2/7/1854, Ludwell Lowery; (into Estill Co. soon thereafter with Mr. Lowery as pm); ch. to Estill Furnace, 3/26/1857, Jesse W. Jones; Disc. 3/4/1864;


10. WINSTON-- 6/19/1865, Henry C. Smith; Disc. 5/9/1870; Re-est. 2/10/1871, Andrew J. Tharp; 12/17/1886, Henry G. Witt; Disc. 3/15/1888 (papers to Waco, Madison Co.); Re-est. 6/2/1888, Wm. T. Tharp; 10/7/1922, Wm. Wells...

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12. FITCHBURG -- 9/9/1870, Thos. Edgar Park; 8/30/1871, W.R. Fitch; Disc. 6/17/1874; Re-est. 1/4/1894, Maggie C. Groves; Disc. 7/7/1897 (mail to Millers Creek); Re-est. 11/21/1910, J.M. Stewart; 10/17/1912, B.F. Chatman.

   Disc 4/14/1955 (m to Ravenna)

13. LOCUST BRANCH -- 7/14/1874, Richard M. Johnson; 12/21/1874, Wm. C. Bicknall.

   Disc 7/31/1960 (m to Panola)


   Disc 4/14/1893 (m to Vaughn's Mill)

16. VAUGHN'S MILL -- 7/24/1879, James Locknane; 1/12/1881, Isaac K. Mize, Jr. (into Powell Co.)

17. MILLERS CREEK -- re-est. 5/6/1884, Achilles Kelley; 10/19/1889, S.B. Neal.

   Post disc 11/10/88 (m to Ravenna)

18. SAND SPRING -- est. in Jackson Co. 4/17/1879, Henry H. Gabbard; changed to Kissie (in Estill Co.), 2/26/1886, Henry H. Gabbard; Disc. 6/20/1887 (papers to Locust Branch).


20. ENGLE -- 3/6/1882, Jas., F. Engle; 5/12/1884, Mary E. Engle.

   8/7/1893, Hannah R. Davis; Disc. 9/22/1893 (papers to College Hill);
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20. FURNACE-- 6/21/1882, Charles W. Russell; 7/26/1883, Wm. C. Symson...

21. WEEDEN-- 2/27/1883, Weeden M. Witt; Disc. 10/26/1892 (papers to Rice Station);

22. BLUEBANK-- 10/22/1883, John M. Walker; 2/1/1887, Stephen B. Gunn; changed to Wisemantown, 6/20/1893, John P. Miller; 1/31/1919, Victor L. Witt.... Disc. eff. 7/21/1957 (m. to Irvine)


24. HARDWICK-- 4/14/1886, Wm. J. Barnett; Disc. 10/16/1889, (papers to Vaughn's Mill);

25. FAINVILLE-- 4/24/1888, Richard Fain; 1/11/1895, Nathan Fain; Disc. 6/12/1905, effective 6/30/1905 (mail to Rice Station);

26. IRON MOUND-- 1/10/1890, Shipton Stephens; 6/21/1904, Cyrus C. Elkin; 5/9/1923, Frank Stone; Disc. effective 7/31/1925 (mail to Parvin);

27. FOX-- 4/11/1890, Wm. W. Hall; 12/11/1894, Geo. W. Amerine.... Disc. 4/10/1953 (m. to Irvine)

28. ALUMBAUGH-- 5/14/1891, John P. Alumbaugh; Disc. 10/11/1895, (mail to Drip Rock); Re-est. 9/22/1927, Daniel B. Alumbaugh...

29. WAGERSVILLE-- 5/14/1891, Jonah Wagers; 3/29/1898, Lewis C. Fowler; 9/14/1898, Jonah Wagers...
ESTILL CO. POST OFFICES (4)

✓ 30. ALGER-- 12/14/1891, Maggie E. Craig; 8/7/1893, Wesley Thomas; 9/26/1893, Maggie E. Adams; Disc. 8/24/1896 (mail to Panola);

✓ 31. RICE STATION-- 12/16/1891, John M. Kerby; 1/8/1898, Solomon R. Wilder; 3/13/1906, Wm. R. Rice....

✓ 32. SPOUT SPRINGS-- 8/5/1892, John W. Elkin; n.changed to Spoutspring, 4/12/1895, Washington G. Patrick; 1/30/1897, Ulysses G. Elkin... 12/23/1904, Henry Winburn; Disc. 7/13/1905, effective 8/14/1905 (mail to Kimbrell); Re-est. 6/22/1907, Geo. J. Ware; 12/23/1911, Franklin Margison...

✓ 33. KINGS STATION-- 2/6/1894, Claiborne F. Tharp; 3/14/1896, John H. Ogg... 1/23/1902, Eva L. Turpin; Disc. 9/2/1902, effective 9/30/1902 (papers to Rice Station);

✓ 34. COBHILL-- 3/30/1898, Achilles D. Howell; 10/13/1900, Ellen Hall....

✓ 35. JINKS-- 2/6/1900, Wm. L. Harrison; 11/11/1905, Colonel W. Logsdon...

✓ 36. JAMAICA-- 1/21/1901, John Reece; 5/5/1903, Henry W. Jolly; Disc. 6/22/1903, effective 6/30/1903 (papers to Wagersville);

✓ 37. NOLAND-- 3/29/1901, Schuyler B. Garrett; 9/11/1905, Oscar B. Garrett; Disc. 2/16/1962 (m. to Irvine)

✓ 38. KIMBRELL-- 6/20/1902, Washington G. Patrick; 12/23/1915, Owen Patrick... 10/5/1929, m. to Currie; Disc. 11/30/1937 (m. to Irvine);

✓ 39. SIMCOE-- 6/10/1903, James H. Howell; changed to Crystal, 6/2/1906, James H. Howell; Disc. 8/15/1907, effective 8/31/1907 (mail to Donnelly); Re-est. 3/31/1916, Achilles D. Howell; 8/28/1920, Vernon Abney...

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✓ 40. PRYSE-- 3/9/1904, David Pryse; 11/19/1904, John Stewart....

✓ 41. WITT-- 4/27/1904, John T. Parsons; 11/3/1904, Geo. P. Richardson....

Disc. eff. 3/31/1957 (m. to Irwin)

✓ 42. WITT SPRINGS-- 9/2/1904, Wm. L. Witt; 5/29/1914, Henry T. Hardy; 8/25/1920, Wm. J. Witt...

Disc. eff. 1/31/56 (m. to Irwin)

✓ 43. HAPPYTOPE-- 11/8/1904, John W. Coyle; 11/8/1905, Elias W. Hargraves; Disc. 9/30/1911;

✓ 44. DERWOOD-- 1/23/1906, Sarah J. Newman; Disc. 2/15/1913 (mail to Bybee);

✓ 45. WILLOWTREE-- 3/9/1906, Wm. V. Abney; 3/25/1911, Grover Cox...
3/20/1917, Hood Tipton; Disc. 6/14/1919 (mail to Ravenna);
Re-est. as Willow Tree, 3/6/1920, Albert G. Tuggle; 6/19/1924, Hood Tipton...

Disc. eff. 2/28/35 (m. to F/H)

✓ 46. LEIGHTON-- est. in Lee Co. 3/27/1907, James B. McGuire; 1/5/1912, Rachel Coin... sometime between 1913 and 1915 it came into Estill Co. 2/5/1915, Abram P. Estes....

Disc. eff. 7/11/56 (m. to Shade)

✓ 47. MARBLE-- 9/28/1907, Walter G. Smyth, order rescinded 2/28/1908;

✓ 48. POWELL-- 4/8/1909, Allen Powell; 4/5/1911, Sarah A. Sandlin...

Disc. eff. 1/31/50 (or 51) (m. to Aulinary)

✓ 49. OLA-- 5/7/1909, Sarah A. Sandlin; 6/16/1910, Jonah J. Crow...
4/3/1917, Mitchell Cole; Disc. 7/15/1919 (mail to Ravenna);

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50. WEST IRVINE-- 8/24/1909, W.D. Richardson; 10/9/1914, Shiloh Noble.

51. REEVES-- 9/3/1910, Amos Richardson; 5/6/1916, Bessie Cox; Disc. 9/30/1919 (mail to Panola);

52. SHADE-- 7/29/1912, Elias Brewer; 6/6/1913, Wm. P. Durbin; Disc. 3/7/1957 (m. to South Irvine)

53. PITTS-- 8/18/1912, Benedict M. Lanald; 5/2/1914, Wm. A. Alexander; Disc. eff. 3/31/35 (m. to Ravenna)

54. CANTRILL-- 8/18/1914, James G. Hendricks; 5/13/1916, Thos. W. Turpin; Disc. 11/15/1918 (mail to Rice Station);

55. PALMER-- 12/2/1914, Wm. H. Rice; Disc. 11/2/1947 (m. to Irvine)

56. HARGETT-- 9/23/1915, Edith Patrick; Disc. eff. 9/30/43 (m. to Irvine)


58. PARVIN-- 11/27/1916, Austin Palmer; 11/5/1927, Berry Stone; Disc. 11/4/1947 (m. to Irvine) -- Disc. 5/12/45 (m. to Palmer)

59. VOGEL-- 7/20/1918, Esther Richardson; Disc. 4/30/1920 (mail to Panola);

60. STUMP-- 1/22/1920, Carrie S. Elkin; Disc. effective 11/14/1931 (mail to Irvine);
ESTILL COUNTY POST OFFICES (7)

61. ESTILCO-- 6/2/1920, John Henderson; 2/1/1924, Daniel C. Alcorn; 8/17/1926, Wm. R. Lynch; Disc. effective 6/15/1931 (mail to Wagersville);

62. BARNs MT.-- 10/13/1920, Nathaniel G. Arvin, rescinded

63. REGES-- 4/23/1921, Virgil Tirpin (sic); 11/28/1922, Henry Friend.... Disc. 11/20/1926 (m. to Rice Sta.)

64. AUDRA-- 5/5/1922, Hugh T. Williams... To Lee Co. 2/22/1929;

65. SOUTH IRVINE-- 5/29/1922, Luther Young; 5/8/1925, Simpson M. Ingram...

66. BLACKBURN-- 5/26/1930, Mrs. Curraleen Winkler; 6/13/37, Mrs. Elliott Candell; Disc. eff. 12/31/37 (m. to Rice Sta.)

67. DOE CREEK-- 4/14/1931, Geo. McKinney, Jr.;

68. Allview-- 5/23/1935, Mrs. Zula L. Davis a ch. 6/2/1935; Disc. eff. 8/31/38 (m. to S. Irvine) when she resigned;

69. Drip Rock Est. in交通 Co. 12/13/1860, James W. Parsons; 9/11/76, Francis R. Davidson.... To Estill Co. 3/14/1939, Mrs. Ethel Harrison (a ch. 1/7/38), Wm. R. Clark (a ch. 8/20/12, Floyd Fowler a ch. 9/2/60, mrs. Geraldine Marbury a ch. 12/27/68
Today only three post offices remain in Estill County. Irvine 40336; Ravenna 40472 and Winston 40495. The following report is based on records obtained from the National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D.C. The report doesn't list the mail services or postmasters for Irvine from 1812 to 1833. (Postmasters at Irvine between 1812 and 1833 will be listed in another report). Crystal Post Office, located on the county line of Estill and Lee, was the last post office to be closed in Estill County. Today limited window hours are provided at the Ravenna and Winston post offices.

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ALGER
Maggie E. Craig 14 December 1891
Wesley Thomas 7 August 1893
Maggie E. Adams 26 September 1893; discontinued, mail to Panola 24 August 1896.

ALLVIEW
Mrs. Zula L. Davis Assumed charge June 2, 1935. Discontinued August 5, 1938. Mail to South Irvine

ALLUMBAUGH
John P. Allumbaugh 14 May 1891; discontinued, mail to Drip Rock 11 October 1895
Daniel B. Allumbaugh 10 October 1927; resigned March 31, 1933
Albert T. Arvin 5 October 1933
Margaret Ruth Winkle 20 June 1944
Edward T. Arvin 23 September 1948, discontinued 15 April 1959, mail to Wagersville

AUDRA
Hugh T. Williams 7 June 1922, retired 11 January 1940
Ruth Childers 1 February 1940. Post Office moved to Lee County February 23, 1940

BARNES MOUNTAIN
Nathaniel G. Arvin 13 October 1920; recinded

BLACKBURN
Mrs. Furraleen Winkler 26 May 1930; discontinued 18 May 1937; mail to Reges; order recinded 8 June 1937
Mrs. Eliza Caudill 26 October 1937; discontinued 16 January 1946; mail to Rice Station.

BLUEBANKS
John W. Walker 22 October 1883
Stephen B. Gum 1 February 1887; changed to Wisemanstown 20 June 1893, John P. Miller, Postmaster

CANTRILL
James G. Hendricks 18 August 1914
Thomas W. Turpin 13 May 1916; discontinued 15 November 1918; mail to Rice Station.

Cedar Grove
Elias M. Pryse 8 August 1876
John H. Henry 1 October 1877
Achilles Kelley 26 October 1877; discontinued 11 February 1878.

COBHILL
Achilles D. Howell 20 March 1898
Ellen Hall 13 October 1900
John S. Watson 5 March 1904
Albert W. Estes 7 August 1907
George W. Hall 28 June 1910
Allie Howell 12 May 1914
Benjamin Hall 11 March 1920
George W. Hall 1 November 1924
Mrs. Florence Rogers 21 February 1936
Lillie A. Patrick 30 August 1960

COTTAGE FURNACE
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CRAWFORD
David Snowden 3 February 1832
Elihu Ashcraft 17 May 1833
Samuel Plummer 28 July 1834
Benjamin McGuire 3 June 1835; discontinued 28 April 1843.

CRYSTAL
Ruby C. Howell 14 December 1923
Martin Bailey 16 December 1925; resigned 24 September 1932.
Mrs Bertha Smyth 18 January 1933
Mrs Nancy E. Crabtree 13 January 1939; retired 30 April 1961.
James L. Durbin 23 May 1961; resigned 5 April 1962.
Daisy Combs 15 August 1962; retired 1991; post office closed.

DEERWOOD
Sarah J. Newman 23 January 1906; discontinued 15 February 1913; mail to Bybee

DOE CREEK
George McKinney Jr 14 April 1931

DRIP ROCK
Post Office changed from Jackson County March 4, 1939
Mrs. Ethel Harrison 6 January 1938
James R. Clark 23 March 1943; retired 31 October 1959.
Floyd Fowler 13 September 1960; retired 27 December 1968
Geraldine Marcum Assumed charge acting Postmaster 27 December 1968.

ENGLE
James F. Engle 11 September 1882
Mary E. Engle 12 May 1884
Elizabeth Engle 4 June 1884
Hannah R. Davis 7 August 1893; discontinued 15 June 1931, mail to Cobb Hill.

ESTILCON
John Henderson 2 June 1920
Daniel C. Alcorn Acting Postmaster 1 February 1924.
William R. Lynch 17 August 1926; discontinued 15 June 1931, mail to Wagersville.

ESTILL FURNACE
Changed from Mountain Springs 26 March 1857
Jesse W. Jones 26 March 1857; discontinued 4 March 1864.
Fainville
Richard Fain 24 April 1888
Nathan Fain 11 January 1895; discontinued 30 June 1905, mail to Rice Station.

ESTILL FURNACE
Changed from Mountain Springs 26 March 1857
Jesse W. Jones 26 March 1857; discontinued 4 March 1864.

FAINVILLE
Richard Fain 24 April 1888
Nathan Fain 11 January 1895; discontinued 30 June 1905, mail to Rice Station.

FITCHBURG
Thomas Edgar Parke 7 September 1870
C.R. Fitch 30 August 1871; discontinued 17 June 1874; established 4 January 1894
Maggie C. Graves 4 January 1894
C. Tipton 29 May 1897; discontinued 7 July 1897, mail to Millers Creek.
J.M. Stewart 21 November 1910
B.F. Chatman 17 October 1912
James Arthur 12 May 1919
Elma D. Smyth 22 April 1924; discontinued 1 July 1955, mail to Ravenna.

FOX
William W. Hall 11 April 1890
George W. Amerine 11 December 1894
Nelson E. Curtis 3 May 1895
John S. Moberly 21 June 1899
Marion F. Hall 13 December 1900
Sidney Webb 7 November 1905
George W. Powell 9 September 1907
John P. Stone 7 February 1913
Pryse C. Fike 2 November 1914
Jesse C. Richardson 5 June 1916
William W. Hall 28 March 1917
Herbert B. McIntosh 20 May 1920
Homer P. Wilson 1 February 1924; retired 30 April 1953; discontinued 30 April 1953,

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|             | Colman Farthing       | 17 August 1905                           |
|             | Elias W. Hargraves    | 8 November 1905; discontinued 30 September 1911. |

| HARDWICK    | William J. Barnett    | 14 April 1886; discontinued 16 October 1889; mail to Vaughn's Mill. |

| IRON MOUND  | Shipton Stephens      | 10 January 1890                          |
|             | Cyrus E. Elkins       | 21 June 1904                             |
|             | Carrie Elkins         | 28 December 1905                         |
|             | John R. Stevens       | 28 June 1907; order rescinded 31 August 1907. |
|             | Berry Stone           | 31 August 1907                           |
|             | Howard Hill           | 11 February 1916                         |
|             | Oliver Wood           | 12 March 1918                            |
|             | Frank Stone           | 9 May 1923; discontinued 31 July 1925; mail to Parvin. |

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Mrs. Julis C. Thomas  25 June 1947

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(Mouth of Millers Creek)
Benjamin F. Oreas 7 August 1839; discontinued 8 April 1841; re-established.
Edward Stochton 17 May 1841; discontinued 28 July 1842.

MILLERS CREEK
John M. Lyle 11 November 1850; discontinued 10 February 1853.
Thomas J. Harris 12 October 1865
Bowles H. Sale 18 September 1866; discontinued 15 November 1870.
Achilles Kelly 22 July 1872; discontinued 6 August 1873.
Achilles Kelly 6 May 1884.
S.B. Neal 19 October 1889.
Elisha L. Cockrell 3 May 1893.
Achilles D. Howell 29 June 1895.
George W. Cole 19 May 1897.
Thomas H. West March 1901.
George W. Congleton 30 March 1914.
Sid Chatman 24 May 1918.
James A. West 18 March 1921.
H.W. Neal Acting 21 December 1927.
James A. West 18 March 1929.
Harry W. Neal 10 March 1930; resigned 14 February 1933.
Walter Roscoe Samples 15 October 1934; retired 31 October 1949.
Mrs. Flora H. Barnes 8 March 1950; retired 31 January 1968; discontinued 31 January 1968; mail to Ravenna.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS
Sudwell Lowery 7 February 1854; name changed to Estill Furnace 20 March 1854.
Ora Clay Frazier 3 March 1935; discontinued 23 November 1935; mail to Cobbhill.

NOLAND
Schuyler B. Garrett 29 March 1901.
Oscar B. Garrett 28 September 1905; retired 31 May 1954.
Mrs. Marie E. Mason Acting Postmaster 25 June 1954.
Lettie E. Walton  Acting Postmaster 1 March 1960; discontinued 7 February 1962; mail to Irvine.

OLA
Sarah A. Sandlin  7 May 1909
Jonah J. Crow  16 June 1910
Thomas J. sparks  31 January 1911
Brock Campbell  3 October 1911
Mitchell Cole  3 April 1917; discontinued 15 July 1919; mail to Ravenna.

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**OLD LANDING**
Martin P. Moore  5 October 1855
Benjamin T. Goe  25 January 1859; discontinued 30 October 1860; re-established 22 July 1862
William J. Ashcraft  22 July 1862; discontinued 21 July 1863; re-established 22 May 1865.
John P. Brinegar  22 May 1865.
William J.C. Hamilton  15 March 1866.
Tobias E. Smith  16 May 1866; discontinued 2 November 1866; re-established 22 February 1869.
William S. Thacker  22 February 1869; discontinued 29 August 1870; changed to Lee County

**PALMER**
William H. Rice  23 December 1914
Wilbert Moores  16 November 1936
Jesse C. Thomas  14 August 1942; retired 31 January 1957.
Mrs. Eva L. Thomas  Acting Postmaster 4 February 1957; retired 3 November 1967; discontinued 3 November 1967, mail to Irvine.

**PARVIN**
Austin Palmer  27 November 1916
Berry Stone  20 March 1928; died 18 April 1932.
Mrs. Bertha A. Rice  30 June 1932
W.G. Patrick  Acting 9 November 1932; discontinued 26 May 1945; mail to Palmer.

**PATSEY**
Mary E. Johnson  12 March 1886
Lida H. Baker  5 July 1887; transferred to Powell County 6 March 1888; re-established 4 September 1888.
Isaac S. Sparks  4 September 1888
Sarah F. Sparks  23 September 1891
John Huff  14 April 1896
James R. McQuinn  13 July 1897
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PILOT
Post Office moved from Powell County December 1933.
Mary Etna Martin Assumed charge acting Postmaster 27 December 1933
Lernray J. Martin 29 June 1948

PITTS
Benedict M. Lanald 8 August 1912
William A. Alexander 2 May 1914
Isaac McIntosh 9 January 1923
Tipton E. Alexander 25 April 1928; resigned 15 October 1932
Omer McIntosh Confirmed 21 February 1933; appointment recinded 25 June 1935; discontinued 22 June 1935, mail to Ravenna.

POWELL
Allen Powell 8 April 1909
Sarah A. Sandlin 5 April 1911
Simp Warford 20 December 1915
Ancil D. Sandlin 23 July 1917
Isaac S. Fowler 22 August 1927
Miss. Martha Flynn 22 October 1935
Mrs. Martha F. Morris Name changed by marriage from Martha Flynn 1 July 1946; discontinued 3 January 1951, mail to Alumbaugh.

PROCTOR
Nathan Jacobs 4 April 1843; discontinued 16 May 1845

PRYSE
Russell Barnes 16 June 1924
Mrs. Lillian Arthur 3 April 1940
Mrs. Edna Bach 31 October 1947
Mrs. Lelia T. Taylor  Assumed charge 4 January 1957

RAVENNA  40472

Hallie T. Vaughn  12 May 1916
Rosa Stanley  Acting Postmaster 8 November 1919
Kate M. Redmond  Acting Postmaster 16 February 1920
Lewis C. Wilson Jr  1 April 1920
James M. Wolfinbarger  9 August 1921
Mrs. Hazel Snowden  Acting Postmaster 1 February 1930
Maggie Wolfinbarger  20 February 1931
Mrs. Beulah A. Foley  Acting Postmaster 15 May 1935; assumed charge 1 June 1935; nominated 4 February 1936; confirmed 11 February 1936; appointed by President 14 February 1936; commissioned signed 14 March 1936; retired 13 October 1972.

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**RICE STATION**

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### SAMS

- Changed from Woodwards Creek 6 May 1886.
- John Sams 6 May 1886
- Elijah King 8 April 1891
- Cleveland H. Sams 9 August 1909
- Hood Wise 3 April 1911; discontinued 15 October 1914. Mail to Iron Mound.

### SEANAM

- William D. Howard 28 April 1870; discontinued 20 October 1870.

### SHADE

- Elias Brewer 29 July 1912
- William P. Durbin 6 June 1913
- Simpson M. Ingram 27 January 1920
- Florence Dixon 4 February 1924
- John E. Davis 13 August 1930
- George Dixon 18 June 1931
- Mrs. Ollie B. Davis Acting Postmaster 31 August 1933; commissioned 27 April 1934.
- Mrs. Ollie B. Taylor Acting Postmaster 14 October 1939; commissioned 25 November 1939
- Mrs. Dowthula Fike Acting Postmaster 9 March 1945; commissioned 2 June 1945
- Roscoe C. Baker 7 January 1947; died 7 May 1950.
- Mrs. Ollie B. Taylor Acting Postmaster 3 August 1951; commissioned 19 October 1951.
- Discontinued 31 March 1957; mail to South Irvine.
**SOUTH IRVINE**
Luther Young 29 May 1922
Simpson M. Ingram 8 May 1925
Mrs. Alma Henderson Acting Postmaster 27 February 1931; commissioned 8 July 1931
Mrs. Dixie Kirby Acting Postmaster 2 July 1935; commissioned 12 September 1935; retired 31 October 1969.

**SPOUT SPRINGS**
John M. Elkins 5 August 1892
Washington G. Patrick 12 April 1895
Ulysses C. Elkins 30 January 1897
James H. Dawson 31 May 1898
Richard H. Curtis 24 February 1903
J.W. Barnett 3 November 1903; declined

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Post Office                  Postmaster              Commissioned

VAUGHN'S MILL
James Lockname               24 July 1879
Isaac Mize                   12 January 1881; became part of Powell County in 1888.

VOGEL
Esther Richardson            20 July 1918; discontinued 40 April 1920. Mail to Panola

WAGERSVILLE
Jonah Wagers                 14 May 1891
Lewis C. Fowler              29 March 1898
Jonah Wagers                 14 September 1898
Levi H. Flynn                 28 February 1902
Brown L. McGeorge            8 July 1911
Allen Powell                 21 August 1912
Mabel F. Scrivner            20 August 1914
Francis J. Wagers            21 November 1917
Wade Park                    Acting Postmaster 23 November 1925; commissioned 13 April 1926.
Miss Daisy Mae Brinegar      3 July 1943
Mrs. Bertha Isaacs           1 May 1947
Mrs. Nannie Parsons          Acting Postmaster 13 August 1954; commissioned 11 October 1954; died 14
                              October 1955.
Mrs. Daisy W. Flynn           Acting Postmaster 23 December 1955; commissioned 16 April 1956; retired 31
WEEDEN
Weeden M. Witt 27 February 1883; discontinued 26 October 1892. Mail to Rice Station.

WEST IRVINE
W.D. Richardson 24 August 1909
Shiloh Noble 9 October 1914
Everett P. Butler 10 September 1919
Pleasant Neal 14 July 1921
Bedie G. Hall Acting Postmaster 11 July 1922; commissioned 1 September 1922
Mrs. Pollie Slone Winn Acting Postmaster 1 July 1937; commissioned 1 April 1938

WINSTON
Henry C. Smith 19 June 1865; discontinued 8 May 1870. Mail to Waco, Madison County. Re-established 10 February 1871.
Andrew J. Tharp 10 February 1871
Henry G. Witt 17 December 1886; discontinued 15 March 1888; re-established 2 June 1888.
William T. Tharp 2 June 1888
William Wells Acting Postmaster 7 October 1922
William T. Tharp 11 February 1924; died 31 March 1945.
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WINSTON
Mrs. Opal Richardson 23 August 1945
Henry Thomas Hardy Jr Acting Postmaster 15 June 1949; commissioned 28 September 1949
Mrs. Doris C. Hardy Acting Postmaster 14 August 1951; commissioned 7 November 1951

WISEMANTOWN
Changed from Bluebanks 20 June 1893
John P. Miller 20 June 1893
Florence Riddell 19 February 1900; order recinded 4 May 1900; John P. Miller continued.
Victor H. Bonny Acting Postmaster 15 January 1953; assumed charge 31 December 1952
Thomas M. Bonny Acting Postmaster 15 January 1953
Charles Clay Rice 30 July 1953; discontinued 31 March 1957. Mail to Irvine

WITT
John T. Parsons 27 April 1904
George P. Richardson 2 November 1904
Jesse McGeorge 9 January 1906
Jesse B. Wilson 8 June 1908
Addie Gum 16 January 1913
Wilgus Richardson 29 March 1916
Edna McGeorge Acting Postmaster 25 March 1926; commissioned 15 May 1926. Discontinued
30 September 1935; mail to Wisemantown; recinded 27 September 1935.
Discontinued 31 March 1957. Mail to Irvine.

**WITT SPRINGS**
William L. Witt 2 September 1904
Henry T. Hardy 29 May 1914
William L. Witt 7 September 1920; deceased 8 October 1931
Miller Witt 1 December 1931; discontinued 31 March 1957. Mail to Irvine

**WOODWARDS CREEK**
Leroy Sams 25 July 1879. Named changed to Sams 6 May 1886

**HARGETT**
Edith Patrick 2 October 1915
Herbert B. McIntosh Acting Postmaster 15 September 1934; assumed charge 13 August 1934
Harry Witt 6 April 1935
Hickman Patrick Acting Postmaster 12 November 1938; commissioned 20 April 1939
Mrs. Mary T. Patrick 7 June 1941; appointment recinded 3 September 1941; discontinued 30
September 1943. Mail to Irvine.