

SOME PIKE COUNTY PLACE NAMES: LEONARD ROBERTS' CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE KENTUCKY PLACE NAME SURVEY

While Leonard Roberts' contributions as a folklorist, teacher, storyteller, and editor-publisher are well known and have been described at some length by others, his interest in the place names of Pike County and his involvement with the Kentucky Place Name Survey may still be unfamiliar to most of his colleagues and admirers. Sharing the goal of a county-by-county inventory and analysis of Kentucky's named places, he undertook, in 1971, to supply information to the Survey on the Pike County sample in Field's Guide to Kentucky place Names.^{*} To this end, he encouraged the county residents among his Pikeville College folklore students to interview their neighbors and relatives for recollections of the places and features of their communities, especially for accounts of the origins and historic significance of their names; to his student assistants he assigned the determination of geographic coordinates for all places and features on current topographic maps; he personally took up the search for elusive names data among fellow Pike County Historical Society members and other county residents of his acquaintance.

The information, thus derived, on a sample of 172 Pike County named places is here presented as it was turned over to the Survey by Prof. Roberts. The parenthetical notes in the entries are by way of interpretation and supplementation

from other sources. The accuracy of many of the student and other contributions is open to question but though discrepancies with other data are revealed in some cases, no attempt is made here to indicate authenticity. Space limitations justify the liberal use of abbreviations in the entries, ordinarily a regrettable practice. Footnotes refer to the alphabetized bibliography of informants at the end of the entries; no citations mean that the data came directly from Prof. Roberts' notes in which no sources are given. My special thanks goes to Prof. Roberts' daughter, Mrs. Rita Kelly, a graduate student in Folklore at Western Kentucky University, the curator of her father's place name and other collected material, for her considerable help and encouragement.

Key to entries: Name of place or feature; 7½ min. topographic map on which it is located; geographic coordinates; location and description of place or feature; derivation of, and other data on, the name.

- / ADAMS BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Hellier) (37°17'46"N, 82°24'59"W at source; 37°16'43"N, 82°23'45"W at mouth) Nearly 2 mi. long, it joins Elkhorn Creek from the n, some 2½ air mi. ene of the Ashcamp P.O. It was given as Mack's Branch on old deed books but was apparently renamed for Martin Adams, the first settler.

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- ✓ 2. ADAMS BRANCH OF LEFT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°16'29"N, 82°38'16"W at source; 37°16'26"N, 82°39'29"W at mouth) One mile long, it joins Left Fork 2 air mi. ne of the Etty P.O. This name is in error and should be Ams Branch as it was named for Ammerson Mullins, an early settler.³⁷
- ✓ 3. ANDERSON BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK(Jenkins E.) (37°13'49"N, 82°33'11"W at source; 37°13'17"N, 82°32'38"W at mouth) Extends for 2/3 mi. s. to Elkhorn Creek, 1 air mi. ne of the Shelby Gap P.O. It was settled by [and probably named for] Tom Anderson from N.C., ca. 1800.²⁵ [Identified as Shop Branch on the Pound 15 m. top. map, 1912 which probably refers to a large blacksmith shop nr. the mouth of the branch. It has locally been known as Anderson since before WWI.]
4. ANNA O. YOUNG CEMETERY (Millard) (37°26'03"N, 82°28'57"W) Just nw of the jct. of Ky. 1460 (The Upper Chloe Creek Rd.) and US 460, on the n. bank of the Levisa Fk. It is the site of the old Pike Golf Course.
- ✓ 5. ARGO (Hurley) (37°28'50"N, 82°03'48"W) A coal mining commu. and p.o. on Ky. 194, 1½ mi. up Knox Cr., at the mouth of Camp Creek. Named for the Argo brand of starch.³⁸ [It was est. 1906^{7/13/1906} where Middle Elk Cr. joins Knox Cr., at what was soon to be called the Middle Elk Station (now Bill Siding) on the Big Sandy & Cumberland RR, and was moved, in 1936, to its present site.] It closed on 6/30/1986. E El;
Hurley
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- ✓ 6. ARNOLD FORK OF INDIAN CREEK (Wheelwright, Dorton) (37 20'59"N, 82 38'22"W at source; 37 20'27"N, 82 37'04"W at mouth) ^{is} 1.3 mi. long, ^{and} ~~it~~ joins Indian Creek 2½ mi. from its

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confluence with Long Fork of Shelby Creek and some $2\frac{1}{2}$ air mi. w. of the Virgie P.O. Though given as Arnold Fork on modern maps, local people inexplicably call it Anderson Fork.

7. ASHCAMP (Hellier) ($37^{\circ}15'58''N$, $82^{\circ}26'06''W$) Hamlet-po centered at the jct. of Ky 195 and 197, at the mouth of Ashcamp Br. of Elkhorn Cr., $4\frac{1}{2}$ air mi. w. of Elkhorn City. Both stream and P.O. [est. 1870] were likely named for the ashes found there by early settlers who attributed them to an old Indian campsite [or to the local ash trees which, before 1900, attracted a fairly large scale logging operation there.]

8. B.F. JOHNSON SCHOOL (Wheelwright) ($37^{\circ}15'49''N$, $82^{\circ}39'26''W$) On the Left Fk. of the Long Fk. of Shelby Cr., just above the mouth of Isom Br., and ca. 1.4 air mi. ne of Etty P.O. The graded sch. in this 1 rm. frame structure on B.F. Johnson's land, was disc. in 1967. For the next 2 yrs., the bldg. was used for a pvt. kindergarten. It was torn down in 1970 and the property reverted to the heirs of B.F.'s son, S.F. Johnson.²⁷

9. BAILEY BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) ($37^{\circ}17'05''N$, $82^{\circ}42'25''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}16'38''N$, $82^{\circ}41'48''W$ at mouth) Heads 0.4 mi. e. of the jct. of Floyd, Pike, & Knott Co's. and extends for less than a mi. se to the Right Fk., 1 mi. w. of the Speight P.O. A century ago this was known as Sebastin Branch (sic) for Sebastin Johnson, its owner and first settler. After his death, it was renamed for his son and heir, Bailey.¹⁵

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10. BAKER HOLLOW (Jenkins E.) (37°13'03"N, 82°31'19"W at source; 37°13'31"N, 82°31'50"W at mouth) Heads some 500 yds. from the Va. state line and extends nw for less than a mi. to Elkhorn Cr., $\frac{1}{2}$ air mi. sw of Hylton Church. Named for Jesse Baker, its first settler and owner.²⁵

✓ 11. BEEFHIDE CREEK (Jenkins W., Jenkins E., Dorton) (37°14'18"N, 82°38'50"W at source; 37°17'21"N, 82°35'55"W at mouth) Heads in Letcher Co. and extends roughly nne for $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to Shelby Cr. at Myra. "Hunters passing through this area killed a wild bull. They couldnt carry it all so they skinned the bull and climbed a big tree to stretch the hide so the animals couldnt get to it. They needed the skin so they put wood ashes in a pit and put the skin in there with the heavy side out. This made the hair come out. They worked the skin until it got flexible and made clothing, tents, etc. from it. Some other hunters come through and saw the hide in the tree and said that creek would be known as Beefhide because of the big beef hide." See my Kentucky Place Names, Lexington: U. Press of Ky., 1984, P. 18 for other accounts]

12. BELCHER (Elkhorn City, Hellier) (37°20'30"N, 82°22'25"W) Hamlet with p.o. centered at jct. of US 460 and Ky. 80, at the mouth of Ferrell Cr., $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi. nnw of Elkhorn City. The p.o. was est. in 1908 and named by its first pm Elbert Belcher for his father George W. Belcher, the first storekeeper.^{1, 16}

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13. BENT BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Meta) (37°35'19"N, 82°23'18"W at source; 37°34'10"N, 82°26'19"W at mouth) Heads in the w. flank of Bent Mt. and extends for 3½ mi. wsw to Johns Creek at Meta. US 119 follows this stream from Meta to the mt.

"The creek makes a very sharp curve, almost like a horseshoe bend, around the mountain." ² [I'm assuming the informant meant the horseshoe curve made by Johns Creek where it is joined by Bent Branch, but I don't know of the mt. to which he referred.]

14. BIG BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°15'32"N, 82°41'52"ⁿ at source; 37°16'30"N, 82°41'08"W at mouth) Heads 500 yds. from the Letcher Co. line in sw Pike Co. and extends 1½ mi. nne to Right Fk., above the Speight P.O. Named for its fullness during high water.

15. BILLY COMPTON BRANCH OF ISLAND CREEK (Pikeville) (37°24'47"N, 82°34'09"W at source; 37°25'56"N, 82°33'16"W at mouth) Extends 1.7 mi. ne to Island Cr. at Pigeon. Named for Billy Compton in 1852 "because he donated the land to a poor family." It has probably retained this name to distinguish it from another Compton Br. of Island Cr., 1½ mi. below.]

16. BLACKBERRY CREEK (Matewan) (37°33'09"N, 82°12'01"W at source; 37°36'28"N, 82°09'48"W at mouth) About 5½ mi. long, it extends nne to join Tug Fk. River ½ mi. above McCarr. It was named for the profusion of blackberry patches found there by the first settlers.¹³

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17. BLACKBURN BRANCH OF LEFT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°17'01"N, 82°38'00"W at source; 37°17'00"N, 82°39'30"W at mouth) Extends 1.3 mi. due w. to join Left Fk. 2½ air mi. nne of ETTY P.O. Named for an early settler.³⁷

18. BLAZE BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Jenkins E., Dorton) (37°14'13"N, 82°35'11"W at source; 37°15'46"N, 82°34'28"W at mouth) Extends 2.1 mi. in roughly ne direction to Shelby Cr. 1 mi. s. of Dorton P.O. Two possible explanations: "In the early days, people would mark the path they traveled by blazing trees, and this branch was a straight blaze (from Pound Gap) to Beefhide [nearly two mi. w.]"²⁵ "When the sun sets in the west, it seems to set the entire hollow into blazes of red color. The setting sun thus gave Blaze Branch its name."¹⁵

19. BOBS BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°17'22"N, 82°41'42"W at source; 37°16'38"N, 82°40'45"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. se to Right Fk. at Speight P.O. Named for Bob Johnson, an early settler.³⁷

20. BOOKER BRANCH OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Jenkins E.) (37°15'52"N, 82°36'19"W at source; 37°14'27"N, 82°37'18"W at mouth) Extends nw along the Letcher Co. line for 1 mi. Named for Booker Mullins, an early settler.¹⁵

21. BOOKER HOLLOW (off Long Fk. of Shelby Creek) (Dorton) (37°19'47"N, 82°37'14"W at source; 37°19'24"N, 82°37'04"W at mouth) Just above the Geo. F. Johnson Ele. School and 2 air mi wsw of Virgie. Named for Booker Elkins.

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- ✓ 22. BOOKER FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Dorton) (37°17'54"N, 82°34'16"W at source; 37°19'58"N, 82°33'30"W at mouth) Extends 2½ mi. roughly n. to Caney Cr. at a point 2½ mi. s. of Caney's confluence with Shelby Cr. Named for Booker Elkins.
- ✓ 23. BROAD BOTTOM (Broad Bottom) (37°32'03"N, 82°35'35"W) Hamlet with disc. p.o. est. 1924²², a little more than a mi. e. of the Floyd Co. line and 3½ air mi. nw of Pikeville. Named for its site in a level area across the Levisa Fork from US 23.²²
- ✓ 24. BRUSHY FORK OF JOHNS CREEK (Thomas, Varney, Meta) (37°35'43"N, 82°24'36"W at source; 37°40'51"N, 82°35'25"W at mouth) Heads just w. of Bent Mt. and extends roughly nw to Johns Creek at Thomas, on the Floyd Co. line. Acc. to Patsy Bowling, "it was so full of weeds one could hardly pass through."
- ✓ 25. BUCKFIELD SCHOOL (Pikeville) (37°24'14"N, 82°31'09"W) A disc. 1 rm. sch. just e. of the C&O RR tracks and across Shelby Cr. from Collins, 2 air mi. ne of the Robinson Creek Sch. It's said to have been named for its site in a swampy field once favored by deer.
- ✓ 26. BUCKLEY(S) CREEK (Broad Bottom) (37°30'41"N, 82°29'50"W at source; 37°30'10"N, 82°31'58"W at mouth) Extends for 2 mi. wsw to the Levisa Fk. of the Big Sandy R. across from the old Pikeville Airport and 1½ mi. above the vil. of Coal Run. Named for an early owner.²¹

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✓ 27. BUCK LICK SCHOOL (Wheelwright) ($37^{\circ}15'12''N$, $82^{\circ}40'40''W$)
Named for its location just below the mouth of Bucklick Fk.
(of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Cr.), at Etty. This 1
rm. ele. sch. was built in 1915 on land owned by Daniel
Bentley, Sr., and Joe Trivette was the first teacher. When
it closed in 1967, the property reverted to Bentley's heir;
the building was torn down and a home was erected on the site.³

✓ 28. BUCK TACKETT BRANCH OF LONG FORK of Shelby Creek
(Wheelwright) ($37^{\circ}17'32''N$, $82^{\circ}38'19''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}18'20''N$,
 $82^{\circ}38'25''W$ at mouth) Extends 0.7 mi. to Long Fk., $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. sw
of the Hartley P.O. site. Named for an early settler³⁷
[probably of the family of progenitor William Tackett.]

✓ 29. BURK BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Dorton, Wheelwright)
 $37^{\circ}16'55''N$, $82^{\circ}37'40''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}17'57''N$, $82^{\circ}36'32''W$ at
mouth) This may earlier have been known as Buck Branch. It
extends for 1.8 mi. ne to Shelby Creek across from Myra Sta.
(on the C&O) and $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi. below Myra P.O.

✓ 30. CABIN FORK OF DORTON CREEK (Dorton) ($37^{\circ}17'50''N$,
 $82^{\circ}33'56''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}16'56''N$, $82^{\circ}34'18''W$ at mouth) One
mi. long, it joins Dorton Cr. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. above the latter's con-
fluence with Shelby Cr. at Dorton. "There once was a man
who lived with his family at Dorton Creek. One day the man
was stricken with smallpox, and to prevent his family from
getting the dreaded disease, he left them and went to the
head of another hollow. There he built a small cabin and
stayed the duration of his illness. The only time that any-

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one came near him was when someone brought him a remedy or food and left it on the outside of his door. Unbelievably he survived the smallpox and went back home to his family. Ever after that the hollow where he built his crude little cabin was known as Cabin Fork."

31. CANEY CREEK CHURCH (Dorton) (37°21'16"N, 82°33'14"W)

An Old Regular Baptist Church named for its site $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. up Caney Cr. from Shelby Cr. It was organized Aug. 1906 by 6 members who had been dismissed from the Enterprise Church.

32. CEDAR CREEK (Pikeville) (37°28'53"N, 82°33'52"W at source; 37°28'46"N, 82°32'41"W at mouth) Extends e. to the Levisa Fk. across from the lower end of Pikeville. Cedar trees noted by army officers during the Civil War gave it its name and led to the establishment of one of the area's earliest saw mills.

33. CHESTNUT POINT CEMETERY (Meta) (37°34'23"N, 82°25'59"W)

On the n. side of US 119, some 600 yds. e. of the Meta P.O. Named for the local chestnut trees.

34. CHIMNEY ROCK HOLLOW (Dorton) On Long Fk. of Shelby Cr. Not otherwise located. "Named for a huge rock quarry at its head from which people would haul huge flat rocks to build their chimneys."

35. CHLOE CREEK CHURCH (Millard) (37°27'08"N, 82°28'35"W)

An Old Regular Baptist Church, est. 1915, and a member of the Union Ass'n. It was named for its location at the mouth of Road Fk. of Upper Chloe Cr., 2 mi. n. of US 460. (see below)

- ✓ 36. CHLOE GAP (Millard) ($37^{\circ}27'59''N$, $82^{\circ}28'44''W$) [The gap through which Ky. 1460 passes between the head of Lower Chloe Cr. and the head of Road Fk. of Upper Chloe Cr. Lower and Upper Chloe are two separate and appropriately named streams joining the Levisa Fk. of the Big Sandy R. some $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles apart. The following acct. collected by Prof. Roberts, but for which no source has yet been found in his papers, is probably a folk etymology but it's the only attempt to derive the name that I know of.] "Back in the days when pack peddlers were prevalent in this area, one happened to be coming through Chloe when his horse took sick and died. It happened in the area of the present Chloe Gap. The name of the horse was 'Chloe' and its front feet was (sic) pointing toward upper Chloe (sic) and its hind feet toward lower Chloe (sic). This is the reason for the names."
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- ✓ 37. COAL HOLLOW (Pikeville) ($37^{\circ}28'32''N$, $82^{\circ}31'58''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}28'57''N$, $82^{\circ}32'01''W$ at mouth) Within the lower city limits of Pikeville, extending 0.7 mi. to the (site of the old) Lower Bridge over the Levisa Fk. before the diversion of that stream. It was named for the large deposit of coal there.
- ✓ 38. COLLIER ROCK (Wheelwright) ($37^{\circ}18'23''N$, $82^{\circ}40'20''W$) A rock some 60-70 ft. long on top of a hill just w. of the Abel Tackett Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Cr., just within the Floyd-Pike Co. line, and 2 mi. w. of Hartley. It was either named for a man who, before the Civil War, would lay out on rock and is now buried in the Flatwoods section of the county

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- ✓ between Dorton and Hellier,³⁷ or for a man who sought refuge in a cave on the rock to avoid Civil War service.⁴³
- ✓ 39. COLLINS (or COLLINS STATION) (Pikeville) (37°24'05"N, 82°31'05"W) On the C&O RR, just w of US 23, and 2½ mi. ne of the Robinson Cr. P.O. First located some distance below its present site on land owned by Old Bob Collins for whom it was named.
- ✓ 40. COWPEN CREEK (Broad Bottom) (37°33'12"N, 82°31'56"W at source; 37°31'46"N, 82°34'37"W at mouth) Extends 3 mi. ^{sw}se to the Levisa Fk., across from Mossy Bottom and just below the Weddington Plaza Shopping Ctr. Named for the Rev. War Battle of Cowpens, S.C., Jan. 17, 1781.³⁵
- ? 41. DOG FORK OF HURRICANE CREEK (Pikeville) (37°28'34"N, 82°35'10"W at source; 37°29'42"N, 82°35'04"W at mouth) Extends 1½ mi. n to Hurricane Cr., 0.4 mi. s of Owsley. "In the early days people said they wouldnt live there because it wasnt worthy enough for a dog."
- ✓ 42. DRAFFIN (Hellier) (37°20'25"N, 82°23'47"W) Hamlet with ^AP.O. on Russell Fk. of the Levisa, at the mouth of Pond Cr. and 1 3/4 ^{3 1/4} air mi. ~~se~~ of the mouth of Marrowbone Creek. The community was first called Pond Creek [and was probably served by the Pond P.O. (1906-1911, 1915-1916)]. For some reason this name could not be used when a new p.o. was est. in 1917. It is not known why Haynes Barren^{tt}, the area mail carrier, suggested Draffin for there are no such families in the county.¹⁷

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- ✓ 43. ELIMER (or ELIMER STATION) (Dorton) (37°15'04"N, 82°33'46"W)

On the C&O RR and US 23, at the mouth of Threemile Br. of Shelby Cr., 2.3 mi. s of Dorton P.O. Named for Eli & Myrtle Newsome, owners of the site.

- ✓ 44. ELKHORN CITY (Elkhorn City) (37°18'14"N, 82°21'04"W)

[A 4th class city ~~city~~ of some 1440 residents] on the Russell Fk. of the Levisa, less than a mi. from the Va. state line and 14 air mi. se of Pikeville. The vic. was first settled ca. 1810 by Wm. Ramey, a native of N.C., and the community that grew up there was early called Elkhorn probably for the creek that joins the Russell Fk. just below the city's schools (see below).

[Since Elkhorn was already in use for a p.o. in Taylor Co., the local p.o., ^{on Oct. 16} est. in 1882], was given the name Praise for Camp "Praise the Lord", a tent colony that the evangelist, Geo. O. Barnes had set up for a revival the year before. A large banner with the camp's name hung nr. its entrance. Yet the community itself remained Elkhorn, and City was added to it with its dev. as a coal town and the est. of the Elkhorn City sta. on the C&O RR in 1907. Later the hi.sch. was named

Eff. 9/1/52 Cumberland. In 1952 local pressure for a uniform name led to the renaming of the p.o. and the sch. Elkhorn City.^{8,17}

- ✓ 45. ELKHORN CREEK (Jenkins E, Jenkins W, Clintwood, Hellier, Elkhorn City) (37°12'57"N, 82°38'25"W at source; 37°18'03"N, 82°21'18"W at mouth) Heads at Dunham within Jenkins' n. city limits (Letcher Co.) and extends for some 26 mi. ene to Russell Fk. of the Levisa at Elkhorn City. Named for the abundance of elk on the creek.²⁵ "Some pioneer hunters shot an elk and left it lying where it had fallen. A few yrs. later (other men) came to this cr. They found the elk's horns and called the place Elkhorn."⁸

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- ✓ 46. ENTERPRIZE CHURCH (Wheelwright) (37°20'08"N, 82°38'04"W)

At the mouth of Turkey Pen Br. of Indian Cr., 0.4 mi. e of the old Wales P.O. An Old Reg'l. Baptist chu. est. in Apr. 1889 with M.T. Hopkins as moderator and Alex Johnson as clerk.³⁹

[The reasons for the specific application of this name and its odd spelling are not known. A no. of independent Baptist churches in e. Ky. have been called "Enterprise."]

- ✓ 47. ETTY (Wheelwright) (37°15'08"N, 82°40'38"W) Hamlet & P.O.

at the head of Left Fk. of Long Fk. of Shelby Cr, in the sw part of the co., a mi. from the Letcher Co. line. The commu. was first called Long Fork. The p.o. was est. [in 1881] as Tackitt (sic) [probably for the family of Abel Taokitt] and was changed to Etty [in 1904 by Jas. W. Wright, pm] to honor Tiny Etty Wright.³⁷

- ✓ 48. FISHTRAP (Millard) [Since 1964 this hamlet with p.o. has been 2½ mi. up Jonican Br. of the Levisa Fk., 6 air mi. e of Pikeville. The p.o. was est. in 1873 at a site unknown, but by 1886 (acc. to the Hoeing Map of SE Ky) it was on the n. bank of the Levisa opp. the mouth of Russell Fk. (later the site of Millard). Over the yrs., the p.o. has had several sites incl. the mouth of Hurricane Cr. and, until 1964, with the construction of the Fishtrap Dam & Reservoir, at the mouth of Jonican.]
Acc. to 1 acct., just below the Fishtrap Dam site, "there is a whirlpool there that if any fish or people got caught in it there was no way out; therefore, it was called 'Fish Trap.'" ³⁵
Another trad. refers to the local method of catching fish by setting traps in the river in the vic. of the dam site.¹⁷

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- ✓ 49. FLAT FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Dorton) (37°17'27"N, 82°32'21"W at source; 37°17'50"N, 82°32'51"W at mouth) One of the head forks of Caney, ca. 1 mi. long. It was named for its level terrain, a comparative rarity in the region.
- ✓ 50. FLATWOODS (Dorton) (37°16'51"N, 82°31'17"W) A Kentucky commonplace for a large wooded, level tract of land. This is between Dorton and Hellier, in the sw part of the co.
- ✓ 51. FLATWOODS LOOKOUT TOWER (Dorton) (37°17'07"N, 82°31'35"W) Built by the CCC in the 1930s and named for its location in the n. part of the Flatwoods. Alt. 2846
- ✓ 52. FLEMING BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Dorton) (37°16'17"N, 82°33'41"W at source; 37°16'24"N, 82°34'34"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. w to join Shelby Cr. just ^{1/3 mi.} s of the Dorton P.O. (and the jct. of old and new US 23/119.) Named for David Fleming.
- late 53. FOREST HILLS (Williamson) (37°38'28"N, 82°17'16"W) Hamlet & p.o. on Ky. 308 and the Road Fk. of Pond Cr. The po was est. as Road Fork in 1924 some 0.4 mi. above its present site and named for its location on this stream, some 2 mi. from its mouth. It was moved and renamed in May 1959.
- ✓ 54. FROZEN CREEK (Meta, Millard) (37°28'20"N, 82°26'26"W at source; 37°30'15"N, 82°26'58"W at mouth) It extends 3 mi. n to Raccoon (Coon) Creek, 1½ mi. n of the Raccoon P.O. The name was suggested by the creek's contrast with Coon Cr. whose much trafficked road kept the larger stream ice free in the winter.

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- ✓ 55. FROZEN CREEK SCHOOL (Meta) (37°30'10"N, 82°27'14"W)

A 2 rm. ele. sch. named for its site $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. up Frozen Creek.

[Until it recently closed] it served local families which refused to allow their children to travel down to the road (Ky. 1441) on Coon Creek to catch the bus for the larger area consolidated school.

- ✓ 56. GARDEN VILLAGE (Millard) (37°25'15"N, 82°27'55"W) A resi-

dential subdiv. betw. US 460 and the Levisa Fk., just below

the mouth of Peyton Br. and over $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. ^{1 1/2 mi.} nw of the Russell Fk-Levisa confluence (at Millard). This is believed to be the

site of Liberty, the proposed first seat of Pike Co. (1822).

The commu. was founded in 1945 by Wm. E. Justice, a Millard

native, on land he had acquired from the Bevins heirs and

named for a place he had once visited in NY. He felt the name

was descriptively appropriate for the new commu. ²⁰

from info. obtained from Alice Kinder

- ✓ 57. GRANT TACKETT HOLLOW (Dorton) (37°19'21"N, 82°35'46"W at

source; 37°19'41"N, 82°36'08"W at mouth) A little over $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.

long, it joins Long Cr. a mi. below the Geo. F. Johnson Sch.

Until recently it was known simply as Tackett Hollow. It was

named for the son of Harvey Tackett for whose father, George,

the feature had originally been named.

- ✓ 58. GRAPEVINE CREEK (Lick Creek) (37°27'30"N, 82°16'08"W at

source; 37°25'35"N, 82°22'12"W at mouth) Extends w, then sw,

for 6 mi. to join the Fishtrap Lake impoundment of the Levisa

Fk, 4 mi. above the Fishtrap Dam. It was named for a large

grapevine that some early settlers had split to make fence

rails. ¹¹⁴

middle income housing

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- ✓ 59. GRASSY BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (Meta) (37°30'09"N, 82°23'46"W at source; 37°30'53"N, 82°26'16"W at mouth) It extends roughly w for 3.7 mi. to Raccoon Cr., 1½ mi. n of the Raccoon P.O. Named for the unusually large amt. of grass along the branch.
- ✓ 60. GREASY CREEK (Millard, Hellier, Dorton) (37°20'28"N, 82°30'00"W at source; 37°25'00"N, 82°27'18"W at mouth) It follows a 7 mi. course roughly ^{NNE} ne to the Levisa Fk. at Sutton, 1½ mi. below Millard. Named for a local slaughter house "that specialized in getting the fatty part of the kill."
- ✓ 61. HACKNEY CREEK (Jamboree, Harman) (37°22'48"N, 82°11'16"W at source; 37°22'04"N, 82°13'50"W at mouth) Heads just inside Buchanan Co., Va. and extends se for 3 mi. to the Levisa Fk. within a mi. of the state line. Named for the family of early settler Thomas Hackney, an Englishman, whose members still live here and on nearby Little Hackney Creek.²
- ✓ 62. HEAD OF ROBINSON CREEK SCHOOL (Wheelwright) (37°22'26"N, 82°38'20"W) Est. in 1906 on Rob Newsom's land and named for its site on Robinson Cr., a mi. e of the Floyd Co. line. (see below) It closed in 1960.
- ✓ 63. HELLIER (Hellier) (37°17'15"N, 82°28'17"W) Hamlet & P.O. A once inc. trade center for area coal camps, 8 mi. up Marrowbone Cr. from its confluence with the Levisa Fk. at Regina. ^{Russell} (1871-1906) Named for Ralph [Augustus] Hellier, a Bangor, Me. native, who was responsible for getting the C&O RR to extend its line [from Whitehouse to Elkhorn City with a branch on Marrowbone, 1902-06].^{10,33} ^{like Harry Cassill} [Others believe that the town was named for Ralph's brother, Charles Edward, or for both of them, co-developers of the area's coal fields, c.1900.] ^{a Boston lawyer}

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- ✓ 64. HONEY FORK OF FERRELLS CREEK (Elkhorn City) (37°22'08"N, 82°20'48"W at source; 37°20'48"N, 82°21'18"W at mouth) Extends 1½ mi. s to Ferrells Cr which joins Russell Fk. at Belcher, 1½ mi. w. Named for the profusion of honeysuckles along its banks.²⁷
- ✓ 65. HUNT BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Meta) (37°31'20"N, 82°23'04"W at source; 37°31'46"N, 82°23'08"W at mouth) Extends ½ mi. n to Johns Cr., 1 air mi. w of Deskin. Named for a local family.
- ✓ 66. HURRICANE CREEK (Millard, Lick Creek) (37°28'16"N, 82°22'09"W at source; 37°25'49"N, 82°23'11"W at mouth) Extends over 3 mi. s to the present Fishtrap Lake, some 3 mi. above the Fishtrap Dam. Earlier called the Hurricane Branch of the Levisa Fk. Named for the effects of^a heavy windstorm.⁴
- ✓ 67. HYLTON (Jenkins E.) (37°13'48"N, 82°31'25"W) Hamlet with extinct p.o. on Ky. 197 and Elkhorn Cr., at the mouth of Hylton Hollow, 6½ mi. sw of Ashcamp. The po was est. in 1914 with Alexander Moore, pm, and named for Robert Hylton.¹² [Prof. ^{disc. 10/31/1957.} Roberts' informants seem to have erred in stating that this po was a transfer of the nearby Oreknob PO (see below), for the latter was in operation until 1918.]
- ✓ 68. HYLTON CHURCH (Jenkins E.) (37°13'46"N, 82°31'18"W) At the mouth of Hylton Hol. An Old Reg'l. Baptist chu. org. July 12, 1947 with E.M. Mullins, moderator, and J.M. Gibson, clerk.²⁶
- ✓ 69. HYLTON HOLLOW (Jenkins E.) (37°13'12"N, 82°30'54"W at source; 37°13'47"N, 82°31'16"W at mouth) Heads some 500 yds. from the Va. line and extends nw for a mi. to Elkhorn Creek at Hylton. It was named for Noah Hylton who once owned all the land in there.²⁶

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- ✓ 70. HYLTON SCHOOL (Jenkins E.) (37°14'09"N, 82°31'21"W) On Elkhorn Cr., $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. n of Hylton PO and church. In operation from 1902 to 1961 when it consolidated with Sycamore Sch., $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. ne.³⁴
- ✓ 71. INDIAN CREEK (Wheelwright, Dorton) (37°19'40"N, 82°39'46"W at source; 37°20'25"N, 82°35'38"W at mouth) Heading less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from the Floyd Co. line, it extends for nearly 6 mi. to Long Fk. some 750 yds. above ^{the latter} its confluence with Shelby Cr. It was named for a variety of peach grown locally by Henry Newsom. Not a free stone peach, it has been used for pickling and canning whole. no.
- ✓ 72. ISOM BRANCH OF LEFT FORK of Long Fk. of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°15'57"N, 82°40'46"W at source; 37°16'17"N, 82°39'24"W at mouth) Extends for a mi. e to Left Fk., 1.8 air mi. ne of Etty P.O. Named for an early settler. ^{from Mullins}
- ✓ 73. IVY FORK OF UPPER CHLOE CREEK (Millard) (37°28'14"N, 82°28'02"W at source; 37°27'52"N, 82°27'33"W at mouth) Extends for $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. se to Upper Chloe, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi above the site of the old Upper Chloe Cr. Sch. It was settled in 1849 by Geo. Justice who had come from Grapevine, and was first called Justice Fork. He secured a patent to some 50 acres of land there in 1850 while his son, William C. Justice, secured a additional 286 acres in 1871. "In 1948 when the stripping of coal began, Fat Auxier began working on this fork and changed (its) name to Ivy Fork because of the profusion of mountain ivy that covered the mountain on one side where he was stripping." ⁶

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- ✓ 74. JOHN BROWN FORK OF BOX FORK of Robinson Creek (Wheelwright) (37°21'21"N, 82°39'08"W at source; 37°21'57"N, 82°38'59"W at mouth) Extends for 2/3 mi. to Box Fk., one of the 2 head forks of Robinson Cr. Named for Va-born John Brown, a settler who married into the local Newsom family.⁴⁵
- ✓ 75. JOHN GREER BRANCH Unlocated. Not shown on any published map. Reported by student, Patsy Bowling, who said it had been named for its first settler who, by 1970, was over 100 years old and still living.
- ✓ 76. JOHN MOORE BRANCH OF RUSSELL FORK of the Levisa Fk. of the Big Sandy River (Elkhorn City, Hellier) (37°18'37"N, 82°23'23"W at source; 37°18'45"N, 82°21'36"W at mouth) Two mi. long, it joins Russell Fk. from the w, across from Beaver Bottom, and its lower section forms Elkhorn City's nw city limits. It was named for its first settler.²⁷
- ✓ 77. JOHNSON MEMORIAL CEMETERY (Pikeville) (37°26'46"N, 82°31'27"W) [On the e side of US 23/460, within the limits of the new 6th class city of Yorktown, a mi. s of Pikeville's city limits.] The cem. was est. by O.T. Hinton, etal. who named it for Jip Johnson, an early landowner.
- ✓ 78. JONANCY (Dorton) (37°18'59"N, 82°34'59"W) Coal town extending for 1 mi along old US 23/119, but is centered at its po just below the mouth of Elswick Br. of Shelby Cr., 1½ mi s of Virgie. In 1917 the Ky. Block Fuel Co. built a side track, p.o., commissary, and rr sta. here for its Elwood Mining Co. The po was named for one of the firm's officials, a man named Joe, and his little daughter, Nancy.³⁶ Or it was named for Jonancy Osborne. (Source

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not given). [Acc. to Linda Bartley, the pm, it was named for Joe Hudson, a bookkeeper, and Nancy Ratliff, a timekeeper for the Ky. Block Fuel Co. at the time it was est. in 1919.]

- ✓ 79. JUSTICEVILLE (Millard) (37°24'47"N, 82°27'07"W) Sub-division betw. US ~~23~~/460 and the Levisa Fk., 5 mi. se of Pikeville. It was founded in 1946 by Wm. E. Justice (1907-1977) and named for McClelland Justice from whom he had purchased the land. ²⁰
- ✓ 80. KETTLECAMP BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Hellier) (37°17'33"N, 82°24'08"W at source; 37°16'43"N, 82°23'01"W at mouth) Extends 1.7 mi sse to Elkhorn Cr, 3 mi. w of Elkhorn City. Old kettles found there were said to have been used by some Indians to gather sugar from local maple trees. ^{11.5}
- ✓ 81. KINNEY BRANCH OF CANEY CREEK (Dorton) (37°21'21"N, 82°32'19"W at source; 37°20'53"N, 82°32'55"W at mouth) About 3/4 mi. long, it joins Caney Cr. from the ne, a little over a mi s of Caney's confluence with Shelby Cr. Named for George Kinney.
- ✓ 82. KINNIKINNICK HOLLOW (Broad Bottom) (37°32'57"N, 82°34'36"W at source; 37°32'25"N, 82°35'10"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi sw to the Levisa Fk. at Blair Town, 2.8 river mi. above the Floyd Co. line. Allegedly named for an Indian. Many artifacts have been found in the vic. of an old Indian burial ground in the hollow. ^{yy}
- [In my Kentucky Place Names (Pp. 160-1), I cite Lewis Co. historian, Wm. M. Talley's belief that this name, as applied to the Ohio R. trib. of Kinniconick, was derived from a Shawnee

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- ✓ word for willow bark. And I quoted George R. Stewart's assertion (in American Place Names--NY: Oxford U. Press, 1970, P. 240) that the name refers to "a substitute for tobacco, or the plant producing it, used by various Indians and by frontiersmen...(and) was applied to...places where the plant was abundantly found....Though originally an Algonquian word it got into English and French, and was distributed by speakers of these languages more than by Indians."]

- ✓ 83. LACKENS BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Broad Bottom, Pikeville) (37°29'20"N, 82°33'29"W at source; 37°30'33"N, 82°32'51"W at mouth) Extends 2 mi. nne to the Levisa at the site of the old Coal Run Station and p.o., across the r. and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. above the present city of Coal Run. It was named for a local family. [Could this have been Lycans or Lykins, the only known Pike Co. families with names approaching in sound that of the stream? for I have no record of a Lackens family in the county.]

- ✓ 84. LAUREL FORK OF UPPER PIGEON BRANCH of Elkhorn Creek (Jenkins E., Dorton) (37°15'26"N, 82°32'04"W at source; 37°14'49"N, 82°31'20"W at mouth) Extends for less than a mi. se to Upper Pigeon, $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. from where the latter joins Elkhorn Cr., less than a mi. below Hylton, Named for the abundance of mountain laurel along this stream.²³

- ✓ 85. LICK BRANCH OF MARROWBONE CREEK (Hellier) (37°20'29"N, 82°26'43"W at source; 37°19'55"N, 82°26'08"W at mouth) Extends $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. se to Marrowbone Cr. at Venters, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. up the creek. Named for several deer licks on its banks.¹⁹

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86. LICK FORK OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Dorton, Jenkins E.) (37°14'08"N, 82°35'27"W at source; 37°16'19"N, 82°36'28"W at mouth) Flows from a large rock, that was a popular deer lick, n for 3½ mi. to Beefhide Cr., 1½ mi. from its confluence with Shelby Cr. at Myra.²⁵
87. LICK FORK OF SOOKEYS CREEK (Pikeville) (37°24'07"N, 82°33'03"W at source; 37°24'21"N, 82°32'16"W at mouth) Two-thirds of a mi. long, it joins Sookeys Cr. from the w, 0.4 mi. from Shelby Cr. Named for the natural salt lick on this stream.
88. LIONILLI (Dorton) (37°15'38"N, 82°36'41"W) A recently closed p.o. 2½ mi. up Beefhide Cr. from Myra. The name submitted to the P.O. Dept. in 1921 by an Ill.-based firm was to have been its state's name spelled backwards but the written "S" must have looked like an "L" to some clerk who misrecorded it and the error was never corrected.³⁸
89. LITTLE BRANCH OF CANEY CREEK (Dorton) (37°20'17"N, 82°33'47"W at source; 37°20'20"N, 82°33'21"W at mouth) Extends e for ½ mi. to Caney Cr., 2 mi. above its confluence with Shelby Cr. Named for Dennis Little, an early settler.
90. LITTLE DIXIE (Pikeville) (37°27'41"N, 82°33'34"W) A settlement on Ky. 1426, less than 1½ mi. up the Right Fk. of Island Cr., just sw of Pikeville. Named for a Confederate camp there during the Civil War.
91. LIZZIE FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Dorton) (37°17'40"N, 82°33'34"W at source; 37°19'26"N, 82°33'27"W at mouth) Extends 2 mi. n to Caney Cr. Named for Liz Robinson, a resident, and earlier called Liz's Fork. It is also said to have been the first place on Caney to have tin lizzies; there were two of them.

✓ 92. LONG FORK OF SHELBY CREEK (Dorton, Wheelwright) (37°17'10"N, 82°39'46"W at source; 37°20'20"N, 82°35'07"W at mouth) So named because, at 8 mi. from its forks (1.3 mi ne of the Speight PO) to Shelby Cr (just n. of Virgie), it is the longest trib. of Shelby. Including its 2 head forks, Right and Left, as well as their several head forks which rise ^{just} short of the Letcher Co. line, the stream actually extends some 12 mi. ^{virginia-born} The brothers-in-law, Wm. Johnson and Wm. Tackett, are said to have been its first settlers. ^{In 1817} Tackett received a land grant for the lower half of the fork and Johnson for the upper half. ¹⁸⁴³

✓ 93. LOVERS LEAP (Pikeville) [~~A scenic outcrop imprecisely~~ ^{A high rock} located ^{down from the east} on Chloe Ridge, overlooking ~~the~~ Pikeville Ele. Sch. on Chloe Cr., within the Pikeville city limits.] In 1970, student Pauline Owens of Buchanan Co., Va., quoted for Prof. Roberts the account of this feature prepared some years before by S.A.H., one of the Pikeville College student contributors to a mimeographed booklet entitled "Folk Tales of the Cumberlands": A high rock on a hill e. of Pikeville. There's a legend long in oral tradition "...about a beautiful Indian princess and a brave young chief who were very much in love, but because they were of different tribes and (because) of the many tribal differences they were never allowed to marry. One day the princess and the chief met at their favorite meeting place on a big rock on the side of the hill. They both decided that there were very few reasons for their living so they clasped hands and jumped from the big rock.

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- ✓ They fell down among the soft green foliage to their happy but terrible death. ("This big rock still rests on the side of the hill e. of Pikeville and the story is told to the strangers who come to this little mountain town.")

94. LOWER WALES SCHOOL (Wheelwright) (37°19'32"N, 82°38'28"W)

late
About a mi. up Turkeypen Br. of Indian Cr., 1½ mi. e of the Floyd Co. line. It operated from 1932 to 1967. Fon Tackett was the last teacher. [It obviously derived its name from having served the Wales community.] (See below)

- ✓ 95. MARSHALL BRANCH OF LONG FORK (Wheelwright) (37°17'28"N, 82°41'53"W at source; 37°17'46"N, 82°39'52"W at mouth) Extends 2 mi. e to Long Fk. at a point 2 air mi. wsw of the old Hartley P.O. Named for an early settler.³⁷

- ✓ 96. MARSHALL BRANCH CHURCH (Jenkins E.) (37°12'23"N, 82°34'57"W) Located ^{some 750 yds.} ½ mi. up Marshall Br. (which joins Elkhorn Cr. at the site of the old Jewell P.O., on the Letcher Co. line). (Not the same Marshall Br. as the school, below). This Free Will Baptist chu. was org. in 1919 by Winston Smith who came to this vic. from N.C. Before the start of the building's construction in 1929, chu. meetings were held in a sch. house at that site. The bldg. was completed in 1939.

- ✓ 97. MARSHALL BRANCH SCHOOL (Wheelwright) (37°17'45"N, 82°40'04"W) Half mi. up Marshall Br. of Long Fk., for which it was named. In existence from ca. 1915 to 1967. The bldg. was torn down and a Church of Christ was erected on the site.⁴¹

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98. MAYO VILLAGE (Pikeville) (37°27'09"N, 82°31'35"W)

A resi. commu. between US 23/460 and the Levisa Fk., 1 mi. s of the Pikeville city limits. It was named for its location on the Mayo Trail (which is US 23 between Paintsville and Jenkins) which had been named for early 20th cent. e. Ky. industrialist, John C.C. Mayo.

99. MEATHOUSE FORK OF JOHNS CREEK (Belfry) (37°31'11"N, 82°29'21"W at source; 37°31'57"N, 82°22'05"W at mouth)

Extends e for 5 mi. to Johns Cr. at the site of the old Deskins P.O., 3 mi. n of Kimper. Early settlers, hunting for wild game in the area, made a room to cure their meat for preservation.²¹

100. MEATHOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD (Belfry) Extends along the above mentioned stream. Named for an early slaughterhouse referred to by its patrons as "The Meathouse."⁷

101. META (Meta) (37°34'13"N, 82°26'15"W) Hamlet, with recently closed p.o., centered at the jct. of US 119 and Ky. 194, 6 air mi. nne of Pikeville. Informant Orethia Miller implied that it was named for its site between 2 hills.²⁴

[However, ex pm Mrs. Winnie P. Murray believes that the po, when est. in 1896, was named for Meta Smith, a W.Va. girl who was visiting the family of Tom Ford, the pm-designate, at the time a name was being sought for the new office. Tom later declined the position and Sam'l. M. Ford became the first pm.]

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102. MILLARD (Millard) (37°24'28"N, 82°26'18"W) This vil. with disc. p.o. is centered where the Russell and Levisa Fks. of the Big Sandy R. join, 6 air mi. se of Pikeville. Until the po was est. [in 1892] it was called simply "The Forks." It was named for Millard Hamilton, the son of Nelson Hamilton.⁴ [Actually, acc. to local authorities, Millard was son of Louise A. Hamilton, the first postmaster, and Wm. Harvey Hamilton, and the grandson of Nelson Hamilton. The po was disc. in 1965.]

103. MILLER CREEK (Broad Bottom) (37°33'07"N, 82°31'24"W at source; 37°35'40"N, 82°31'26"W at mouth) Extends for 3.2 mi. n to Johns Creek, 2½ air mi se of Gulnare PO. Named for a man who was drowned at the mouth of this stream,²⁴ or for Charles Miller who, ca. 1790, killed an Indian on this creek.¹⁸

✓ 104. MILLERS CREEK (Lick Creek) (37°26'30"N, 82°18'46"W at source; 37°24'55"N, 82°20'06"W at mouth) Extends over 2½ mi. sw to Fishtrap Lake, 2 air mi. s of the present Phyllis PO. Named for a family of local settlers.⁴

105. MISSOURI BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Thomas) (37°38'35"N, 82°35'35"W at source; 37°39'19"N, 82°35'14"W at mouth) A little over 1 mi. long, it extends n, then ene, to Johns Cr. just below the McCombs PO. An extended Blackburn family from Va. were on their way to St. Louis, Mo. when they found it necessary to stop here for the winter. Later, one couple stayed behind when the rest continued on their way to Missouri and the stream was named for the destination of their departed

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✓ relatives.^{21, 24} A related acct. reported by the late Henry P. ("Buck") Scalf of Stanville, Ky. was included in my article "Trad'l. Accts. of Some E. Ky. Place Names": "In the 1830s the Blackburn family decided they were going to move to the state of Missouri....And they came out of Va. and down Johns Creek and when they got to the mouth of Missouri Creek--it didnt have its name then--one of the leaders of the Blackburn family said, 'Well this is Missouri. Not goin' any further. This is Missouri.'" ** Which account is true is anybody's guess.]

✓ 106. MOSSY BOTTOM (Broad Bottom) (37°31'48"N, 82°34'46"W)

A settlement with disc. p.o. aptly named for its site in the low lying area between the C&O tracks and the Levisa Fk., across the river from US 23/460 and opp. the mouth of Cowpen Cr., some 3 (air) mi. nw of Pikeville. The po was est. ^{3/80} On 1906 with Tobias Wagner as pm. Wagner came to the US from Germany ^{settled in P. Co. in the late 1850's} when he was 18, fought in the Civil War, and later became a Pike Co. judge. ^{The} [Nearby Wagner Station ^{of the C+O} was also named for him.] In 1920 Grace Wagner became pm and moved the office across the river to the mouth of Cowpen. It closed ^{may 1942} in 1940.

✓ 107. NELSE (Millard) (37°24'14"N, 82°26'25"W) ^{P.O.} ~~Settlement~~ on the s bank of the Levisa Fk., across the Russell Fk. from Millard. Named for Nelse Bevins, the oldest resident, who once ran a ferry at Millard.²²

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108. NEWSOME BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (Wheelwright)

(37°21'23"N, 82°38'16"W at source; 37°22'13"N, 82°37'52"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. ne to Robinson Cr., 1½ mi. from the Floyd Co. line. It was first called Phenia Branch for the wife of Robert Newsome, the owner and settler of the branch for whom it was renamed. ¹⁰

✓ 109. OPEN FORK OF BENT BRANCH of Johns Creek (Meta)

(37°34'34"N, 82°22'34"W at source; 37°35'07"N, 82°23'50"W at mouth) Extends 1½ mi. nw to Bent Br. nr. its head. Named for the open land along its banks.

110. ORCHARD BRANCH OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Dorton) (37°15'49"N, 82°35'24"W at source; 37°16'23"N, 82°36'26"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. wnw to Beefhide Cr. about 1 mi. n of Lionilli. Named for the local apple orchards.

111. OREKNOB (Probably Clintwood) An unlocated disc. p.o. somewhere ne of Hylton, in operation from 1887 to 1918. Its name is said to have been chosen after Lee Vanover had found traces of ore on a ^{nearby} knob. ¹²

✓ 112. OWL BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Dorton) (37°16'07"N, 82°33'16"W at source; 37°15'39"N, 82°34'23"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. wsw to Shelby Cr., 1½ mi. s of Dorton. "Named for the many owls that, at one time, had lived in the cliffs at the head of this hollow. Settlers couldnt sleep at night for their hooting. So some men killed all the owls they could find." ¹⁵

✓ 113. PANTHER BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Jenkins E.)

37°14'03"N, 82°32'55"W at source; 37°13'30"N, 82°32'00"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. se to Elkhorn Cr., 1 mi. sw of Hylton. Name derived from the sighting of a wild panther in that area, ca. 1885.

✓ 114. PAULEY (Pikeville) (37°29'41"N, 82°32'07"W) Commu. ^{residential}

(with disc. p.o. est. 1922) on the w bank of the Levisa Fk., opp. the mouth of Ratliff Br., now within Pikeville's n. city limits. Named for a prominent Pikeville area family.

✓ 115. PENNY (Dorton) (37°21'33"N, 82°33'42"W) Hamlet on Shelby Cr., ½ mi. w of the mouth of Caney Cr. and 3½ mi. ne of Virgie. The disc. p.o. was est. in 1909 and named for Orville Roberts' daughter, Penny who was killed there by some unknown animal or person.

✓ 116. PETTYS FORK OF LEFT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°14'35"N, 82°39'08"W at source; 37°15'56"N, 82°39'17"W at mouth) Extends 1.2 mi. nnw to Left Fk., 1½ mi. below Etty P.O. Named for an early settler. It is now called Riddle Fork for a family of Riddles who moved there in recent years.³¹

117. PEYTON(S) BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (or PEYTONS CREEK)

(Millard) (37°26'20"N, 82°26'41"W at source; 37°25'07"N, 82°27'45"W at mouth) Extends 2 mi. ssw to Levisa Fk. just sw of Garden Village. Two possible explanations of the name: either named for Peyton Slone, a resident, who died in 1892, or "for Peyton Justice who was hanged on Shelby Cr. because his sons hid out to keep from going to the Civil War. His wife brought his body home in a sled. This was in 1863."⁴

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✓ 118. PHILLIPS BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Meta) (37°32'37"N, 82°22'43"W at source; 37°32'04"N, 82°22'40"W at mouth)

Extends 0.6 mi. s to Johns Cr., $\frac{1}{2}$ air mi. nw of Deskins. ^{no road PO}

Named for a local family [probably the descendants of Zachariah & Elizabeth Phillips, pioneer settlers].

✓ 119. PILGRIMS REST CHURCH (Dorton) (37°16'08"N, 82°36'41"W)

A Reg'l. Bapt. chu. on the w side of Beefhide Cr., 0.6 mi. below the Lionilli P.O. It was org. with 8 members on Sept. 8, 1923.

✓ 120. PISO ('Pai, so) (Varney) (37°38'09"N, 82°28'03"W) P.O.

at the mouth of Big Lick Br. of Brushy Fk. of Johns Cr., (10 air mi. ne of Pikeville.) Bud Williamson est. the po in 1904. ^{on right bk. of} ^{4/27/}

The names he submitted to the PO Dept. were twice rejected as they were already in use in Ky. One day, at the Joe P.O. (the nearest one at the time) he noticed an almanac on the counter (and it had) an ad for Piso Pills. He submitted this name and it was accepted. ⁴²

121. POLECAT HOLLOW (probably Matewan) Unlocated but near Ransom, Ky. Home to 5 families. Kern Hatfield says he was so plagued by polecats when he moved to the last house that he named the hollow for them. ¹⁴

✓ 122. (the) POMPEY CREEKS (Millard) North bank branches of the Levisa Fk. UPPER POMPEY (37°28'00"N, 82°24'23"W at

source; 37°26'09"N, 82°24'51"W at mouth) extends 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. s to the Levisa, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. above the Fishtrap Dam. LOWER POMPEY

(37°27'39"N, 82°25'29"W at source; 37°24'51"N, 82°25'21"W at mouth) extends 3 mi. s to the Levisa at the site of the

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi.
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Millard P.O., ca. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. below the Fishtrap Dam. Both were named for a local settler.⁴

- ✓ 123. POOR FARM BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Pikeville) ($37^{\circ}27'59''N$, $82^{\circ}32'35''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}28'50''N$, $82^{\circ}32'18''W$ at mouth)

[Before the recent diversion of the Levisa Fk., it extended for 1 mi. nne to that stream just below the Lower Bridge, within Pikeville's w. city limits. The dry bed, now entirely within the city's limits, will soon be developed for homes.] About $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. up the br. was the county's work farm for which it was named.

- ✓ 124. POPLAR BEETREE HOLLOW (Wheelwright) ($37^{\circ}15'06''N$, $82^{\circ}39'19''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}15'34''N$, $82^{\circ}39'38''W$ at mouth) Extends 0.3 mi. nw to the Left Fk. of the Long Fk. of Shelby Cr., over ^{across the left side of the} 1 mi. ~~ene~~ of Eddy P.O. Named for a bee tree that was once found there.

- ✓ 125. RACCOON CREEK (Meta, Millard) ($37^{\circ}28'30''N$, $82^{\circ}22'52''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}33'38''N$, $82^{\circ}27'55''W$ at mouth) Extends for nearly 12 mi. w, nnw, and n to Johns Cr., 2 mi. w of the Meta P.O. Generally considered to have been named for the many raccoons caught there in the early days.⁴ Less likely is the account that an early settler had sold the cr. for a coon dog and a rifle.²¹ [The sale of a large tract of land for a dog and a rifle, considered of inestimable value to the e. Ky. pioneer, is a pop. folk motif of the region.] Since the creek has long been known as Coon Creek, the whimsy that its name was derived from an early settler named Coon is still occasionally heard from imaginative residents.

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- ✓ 126. RANSOM (Matewan) (37°33'59"N, 82°11'18"W) This hamlet, whose recently closed p.o. was est. ^{on 5/16/1898 by Wm J. Hatfield, Pm.} in 1898, is 4½ mi. up Blackburn Cr. from the Tug Fork R. Though Prof. Roberts' source, Kern Hatfield of Ransom (through his son, student Terry Hatfield) averred that it was named for its postmaster,¹⁴ [postal records reveal that no Ransom Hatfield ever had charge of that office. Wm. J. Hatfield is officially registered as the first pm. Acc. to other sources, though, it was named for a Ransom Hatfield, local resident.]
- ✓ 127. RED CREEK (Millard) (37°27'09"N, 82°27'18"W at source; 37°25'42"N, 82°28'41"W at mouth) Extends 2 mi. sw to the Levisa Fk., ca. 1½ mi. above the mouth of Shelby Cr. In the 19th cent., a coal mine caught on fire somewhere in the vic. giving a red glow to the creek.^v
- ✓ 128. REGINA (Hellier) (37°21'57"N, 82°24'50"W) Hamlet with A p.o. centered at the jct. of US 460 & Ky. 195, where Marrowbone Cr. joins the Russell Fk., 9 air mi. se of Pikeville. "A p.o. was approved for the area [in 1895] and people were standing together trying to decide on a name for it. A traveling salesman came along on foot from Regina, Canada and told them how beautiful Regina, Canada was and asked them why didnt they name it Regina, and so they did." [This is supposed to explain the name's peculiarly British pronunciation Ra'dzen, ə.]

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129. ROAD CREEK (Hellier, Elkhorn City, Lick Fork) (37°22'46"N, 82°20'42"W at source; 37°21'17"N, 82°23'26"W at mouth) Extends 4½ mi. sw, then w to the Russell Fk. of Levisa, 2 mi. above the mouth of Marrowbone Cr. The creek is said to have been moved to make room for a road.²⁷

✓ 130. ROB FORK OF CANEY CREEK (Dorton) (37°21'14"N, 82°31'10"W at source; 37°20'41"N, 82°32'46"W at mouth) Extends w for 1½ mi. to Caney Cr. 1.3 mi. above the latter's confluence with Shelby Cr. Named by and for Rob Damron who gave a team of horses and a wagon for the land.

✓ 131. ROBINSON CREEK (Pikeville, Dorton, Wheelwright) (37°21'56"N, 82°38'59"W at source; 37°23'07"N, 82°32'39"W at mouth) Heads less than a mi. from the Floyd Co. line, e. of Ligon, and extends for nearly 8½ mi. e, n, ne, and e to Shelby Cr. near the jct. of new and old US 23. ^{US 23 + Ky 122} Named for Joseph Robinson, pioneer settler, who received a govt. grant for land there.^{1,31} ^{said to have been}

✓ 132. ROB NEWSOM CEMETERY (Wheelwright, McDowell) (37°22'31"N, 82°38'18"W) Just n of Robinson Cr., less than a mi. from its head, and less than ½ mi. s of the Floyd Co. line. Named for Rob Newsom and now owned by his heirs. The date of its origin is not known but several graves bear the year 1861. ^{of the dead} Some are known to be Civil War casualties. There are yet grave sites vacant and the cem. is active.²⁹

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- ✓ 133. ROUGH HOLLOW (Jenkins E.) ($37^{\circ}14'02''N$, $82^{\circ}30'21''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}14'09''N$, $82^{\circ}31'07''W$ at mouth) Extends 1 mi. w to Elkhorn Cr. below Hylton. "This hollow was very narrow and the land was mostly hillside. The road wound around the side of the hill and was very rocky and rough." ²⁶
- ✓ 134. SANG CAMP Unlocated. Not shown on any published map. Reported by student Lynn Tilford from her grandmother, Victoria Anderson: "This small settlement got its name from the fact that ginsang (sic) was so abundant in the area that people from all around were coming in and digging it and selling it. The people then started calling it Sang Camp. The name still sticks, although the root is not so plentiful."
- ✓ 135. SCOTT BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Meta) ($37^{\circ}35'36''N$, $82^{\circ}27'45''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}35'25''N$, $82^{\circ}29'24''W$ at mouth) Extends 1.9 mi. sw to Johns Cr., some 3 mi. above the site of the old Mayflower P.O. Named for its owners, Jim and Dick Scott, who staked it off and bought it for 50¢ an acre. ?
- ✓ 136. SHELBIANA (Millard) ($37^{\circ}25'31''N$, $82^{\circ}29'35''W$) Commu. and p.o. (est. 1905) named for Shelby Creek (q.v.) which flows into the Levisa Fk. at this point, 3 mi. s of Pikeville. The site was first settled by an Adkins family.¹
- ✓ 137. SHELBY CREEK (Millard, Pikeville, Dorton, Jenkins E.) ($37^{\circ}12'41''N$, $82^{\circ}33'27''W$ at source; $37^{\circ}25'36''N$, $82^{\circ}29'50''W$ at mouth) Heads just n of Shelby Gap and flows for some 28 mi. roughly nne ~~(XXXXXXXXXX)~~ to the Levisa Fk. at Shelbiana. It was named for Isaac Shelby, Kentucky's first governor.

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- ✓ 138. SHELBY GAP (Jenkins E.) (37°12'46"N, 82°33'26"W) A hamlet with p.o. at the jct. of US 23/119 and Ky. 197, less than ½ mi. se of the head of Shelby Cr. for which it was named. [The p.o. was est. on the Letcher Co. line as Jewell in 1882 and was moved 1½ mi. down Elkhorn Cr. and renamed Shelby Gap in 1914.]
- ✓ 139. SHOP BRANCH OF UPPER PIGEON BRANCH of Elkhorn Creek (Jenkins E.) (37°14'34"N, 82°31'45"W at source; 37°14'27"N, 82°31'03"W at mouth) Extends e for ¾ mi. to Upper Pigeon ca. 250 yds. from Elkhorn Cr. Named for Geo. Moore's gun shop on this branch (c. 1898) He and his friend, Silas Craft, were well known for their rifles for which they won a prize at the St. Louis Fair.²⁶
- ? 140. SHOT BRANCH OF RUSSELL FORK (Elkhorn City) (37°20'02"N, 82°20'58"W at source; 37°19'35"N, 82°22'03"W at mouth) Extends a little over 1 mi. wsw to Russell Fk, 1½ mi. nw of Elkhorn City. Mistakenly given as Shop Branch on the published maps, it is said to have been named for its use by area men for target practice.²⁷
- ✓ 141. SIDNEY (Belfry) (37°37'17"N, 82°21'19"W) Hamlet with p.o. centered at the jct. of US 119 and Ky. 468 and the mouth of Road Fk. of Big Cr. The po (est. in 1892) was named for the grandson of Thos. B. Pinson, the first pm.
- ✓ 142. SLICK ROCK FORK OF FERRELL CREEK (Elkhorn City) (37°20'33"N, 82°19'58"W at source; 37°20'52"N, 82°21'06"W at mouth) Extends w, then nnw for 1½ mi. to Ferrell Cr., 1½ mi. e of the Belcher P.O. Named for a huge boulder at its head.²⁷

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7. 143. SLICK ROCK HOLLOW (Hellier) About 5 mi. up Marrowbone Cr. but is not shown on any published map. [Perhaps a local name for some other named feature.] Named for solid slick rocks in its course. Only 2 families settled in there.¹⁹
- ✓ 144. SLONES BRANCH OF LEVISA FORK (Millard) (37°25'43"N, 82°26'34"W at source; 37°24'29"N, 82°26'01"W at mouth) Extends 1½ mi. sse to the Levisa, ½ mi. above the mouth of Russell Fk. and the Millard Bridge. This feature and the local Slones Branch (C&O RR) Station were named for James Slone^{sr.}, the earliest settler, and the largest slave owner in the county.⁴
- ✓ 145. SMITH CARTER HOLLOW ^{Branch of Right Fork} Unlocated. Not shown on any published map. Reported by student Ruth Hatfield from her mother, Lizzie Hackney. Named for an old man who lived at its mouth.
- ✓ 146. SOOKEYS CREEK (Pikeville) (37°24'37"N, 82°33'23"W at source; 37°24'18"N, 82°31'55"W at mouth) Extends 1½ mi. se to Shelby Cr., less than 1 mi. w of Collins. Named for its first settler, Mr. Sukey Toole (c.1805). The spelling difference has not been explained.^{1,23}
- ✓ 147. STILLHOUSE BRANCH OF HOOPWOOD BRANCH of Right Fork of Island Creek (Pikeville) (37°28'13"N, 82°34'18"W at source; 37°27'44"N, 82°34'21"W at mouth) Half mi. long, it joins Hoopwood ¼ mi. up from Right Fk., ½ mi. w of Little Dixie. The story goes that every time Federal Revenue agents came they had to bust up a moonshine still.

- ✓ 148. STINKING BRANCH OF JOHNS CREEK (Belfry, Meta, Millard) (37°29'52"N, 82°23'39"W at source; 37°31'32"N, 82°21'58"W at mouth) Extends 2½ mi. n, then ne, to Johns Cr, 1 mi. below the Kimper Sch. Named for the odor given off when game animals were brought here by early settlers to be skinned and their meat cured.²¹
- ✓ 149. STONE (Belfry) (37°35'09"N, 82°16'16"W) Coal town with ^{A.P.O.} p.o. on Pond Cr. & Ky. 199, 1 mi. ^{above} (s of) its jct. with US 119. The po was est. ^{on 10/17/1912} in 1912 ^{at Huddy} and named for an official of the Pond Creek Coal Co. ^{G.L.} [It may have been named for E.H. Stone, ^{of Brookline, mass} the President of the ^{Pond Creek Coal Co.} ~~Borderland Mines, a W.Va.-based coal firm, c.1904.~~]
- ✓ 150. STOPOVER (Majestic) (37°30'57"N, 82°05'29"W) Coal town with p.o. at the jct. of Ky. 194 and 2026, 1½ mi. s of Majestic. This was one of several names submitted in 1949 by S.H. Blankenship, the first pm, for travelers would often stop at this point to seek directions to the area's coal mines. [Acc. to others, the N&W RR est. a stop here for the Ritter Lumber Co.]
- ✓ 151. SUGARCAMP BRANCH OF LONG FORK of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°17'26"N, 82°38'33"W at source; 37°18'10"N, 82°38'54"W at mouth) Extends 1 mi. n ^{of} Long Fk. a mi. wsw of the old Hartley P.O. site. Named for a sugar maple orchard there owned by B.F. Johnson (ca. 1905) Trees were tapped and maple juice was boiled to make maple sugar.³¹
- ✓ 152. SUGAR CAMP BRANCH OF ROBINSON CREEK (aka SUGAR CAMP CREEK) (Pikeville) (37°24'37"N, 82°34'52"W at source; 37°23'30"N, 82°33'54"W at mouth) Extends se, then s, for 1½ mi. to Robinson Cr. 1½ mi. w of the latter's confluence with Shelby Cr.

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- ✓ Inexplicably ^{+ incorrectly} identified as Foundation Branch on an old top. map. Named for the camp est. at the mouth of the creek by ^{before 1849} the ^{pioneer} Thos. May family to tap the large number of sugar maples there.⁹
- ✓ 153. SWINEY BRANCH OF ELKHORN CREEK (Hellier) (37°17'15"N, 82°25'20"W at source; 37°16'24"N, 82°24'30"W at mouth) Extends 1½ mi. se to Elkhorn Cr. 2 mi. below the Ashcamp P.O. Identified in old deed books and on recent published maps as Little Branch, presumably for its length relative to other streams. It is now called Swiney for some local families.⁵
- ✓ 154. SYCAMORE BRANCH OF LEFT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright, Jenkins W.) (37°14'18"N, 82°39'27"W at source; 37°15'18"N, 82°40'06"W at mouth) Extends nw, then n 1½ mi. to Left Fk. ¾ mi. below the Eddy P.O. Named either for the abundance of sycamore trees on its banks or for one huge sycamore at its mouth, as recalled by Edgar Moore who lived there when a boy.²⁶
- ✓ 155. SYCAMORE CREEK (Hellier, Dorton) (37°16'52"N, 82°31'58"W at source; 37°15'21"N, 82°28'43"W at mouth) Extends 4.3 mi. se to Elkhorn Cr. just below the Sycamore Ele. Sch. and 3 mi. w of the Ashcamp P.O. Named for the number of sycamore trees there.¹⁰
- ✓ 156. SYCAMORE CREEK (Thomas, Broad Bottom, Meta) (37°36'26"N, 82°28'29"W at source; 37°37'43"N, 82°33'03"W at mouth) Extends 5½ mi. wnw to Johns Cr. at Gulnare. Also named for a large tree near its mouth. [Its trunk, said to be 10-12 ft. in diameter, was hollow, and the pioneer Leslie family may have used it as a temporary residence while building their first cabin.]

- ✓ 157. TERRY BRANCH OF LONG FORK of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°17'24"N, 82°39'06"W at source; 37°17'15"N, 82°39'32"W at mouth) Extends $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. nw to Long Fk., 2 mi. wsw of the old Hartley P.O. Named for a couple of ^{19 cent} early squatters who were buried there.³⁷
- ✓ 158. THOMPSON BRANCH OF RACCOON CREEK (meta) (37°32'56"N, 82°28'46"W at source; 37°32'38"N, 82°27'59"W at mouth) Extends $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. se to Raccoon Cr., a mi. below the Zebulon branch p.o. Named for local families.
- ✓ 159. THREEMILE BRANCH OF SHELBY CREEK (Dorton) (37°15'39"N, 82°32'30"W at source; 37°15'01"N, 82°33'48"W at mouth) Extends sw for $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. to Shelby Cr., ^{at} ~~just s of~~ Elimer. It's supposed to be 3 mi. either way from its mouth to Dorton, on the n, and Shelby Gap, on the s. [Actually it's only $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from Dorton.] A Threemile Sch. was located less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. up the branch.
- ✓ 160. THREEMILE RIDGE (Jenkins E.) (37°14'38"N, 82°32'50"W) Borders Threemile Br. on the s. Several of the n bank Elkhorn Cr. tribs. head at its s. flank.
161. THREE MILE HOLLOW Unlocated. Not shown on any published map. Named for its length by someone who had walked to its head and back.¹¹ [This is obviously not Threemile Branch, above. Actually, few "hollows" in the Big Sandy Valley are this long.]
- ✓ 162. TURKEYPEN BRANCH OF INDIAN CREEK (Wheelwright) 37°19'27"N 82°39'21"W at source; 37°20'11"N, 82°38'02"W at mouth) Extends e, ne, then n for 3 mi. to Indian Cr. at the Enterprize Chu. just below the site of the old Wales P.O. It was named for the

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- ✓ pens residents used to catch the many wild turkeys there.⁴⁰
- ✓ 163. VANOVER HOLLOW (Jenkins E.) (37°12'30"N, 82°32'02"W at source; 37°12'59"N, 82°32'37"W at mouth) Extends n, then w for 1 mi. to Elkhorn Cr., over a mi. ene of Shelby Cr. ^{gap} Named for Huffy John Vanover, an early settler.²⁵
- ✓ 164. VENTERS (Hellier) (37°19'53"N, 82°26'16"W) Hamlet centered at the mouth of Lick Br., ca. 4 mi. up Marrowbone Cr. A p.o. was est. ^{on July 10 at or near the site of Regina} in 1882 and named for its first pm, Adam Venters, who owned most of the area at one time. Later he helped locate the C&O RR sta. there. The po was disc. in 1894 and re-est. in 1910 as Carmen for Willie Ratliff's daughter. The commu. is now identified soley as Venters.¹⁹
165. VIRGIE (Dorton) (37°20'06"N, 82°34'47"W) Vil. with p.o. ^{on} ^{my 6/10} on old US 23, 9 air mi. sse of Pikeville. The po, est. as Clintwood in 1890, shortly assumed the name of the 14 yr. old daughter of Wm. Orlando Butler Ratliff, a Pike Co. lawyer, merchant, timber dealer, and later county judge. Her younger brother, Albert Sidney Ratliff, was later a well respected Pikeville lawyer and businessman.³²
- ✓ 166. WALES (Wheelwright) (37°20'10"N, 82°38'17"W) This hamlet with recent^{ly} disc. po is on Ky. 122 and Indian Cr., just above the mouth of Turkeypen Br., 3.2 mi. w of old US 23. At the suggestion of local resident, Jim Anderson, the po, est. in 1907, was named for a small commu. in Giles Co., Tenn. which, in turn, had been named for the ^{div.} section of England.⁴⁰

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167. WHITES BRANCH Unlocated. Not shown on any published map but probably in the Long Fk. of Shelby Cr. system. It was named for early settlers who came here from central Ky. looking for salt licks.¹

168. WINWRIGHT STATION (Millard) (37°22'58"N, 82°26'28"W) A sta. on the C&O RR, on the w side of the Russell Fk. of the Levisa, 3 mi. s of Millard and ½ mi. n of the mouth of Winston Br. Named for a local settler, Winwright Adkins from Va.²²

169. WOLF PEN BRANCH OF LEFT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek (Wheelwright) (37°15'52"N, 82°38'11"W at source; 37°16'03"N, 82°39'17"W at mouth) Extends a mi. w to Left Fk., 2 mi. below the Etty P.O. Named because the owner, Wm. Johnson, made a pen there to catch wolves that were eating his livestock.³⁷

170. WOLF PIT (Hellier) (37°21'10"N, 82°25'23"W) Hamlet [ex-coal town with disc. p.o.] on Ky. 195, at the mouth of Wolfpit Br., 1½ mi. up Marrowbone Cr. The stream is said to have been named for the pits dug there to trap the large no. of wolves that used to prey on local livestock. The vic. was first called Cedar for a large local cedar tree.⁴⁶ [The Cedar P.O. was in operation from 1874-1881. The Wolfpit po was est. in 1918.]

171. YOUNCE BRANCH OF RIGHT FORK of Long Fork of Shelby Creek. (Wheelwright) (37°15'36"N, 82°42'22"W at source; 37°16'33"N, 82°41'53"W at mouth) Given incorrectly as Yonts Branch on published maps. One mi. long, it joins Right Fk. near its head, 1 mi. w of the Speight P.O. Named for a pioneer family of Younce from So. Car. who owned considerable timber acreage in

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✓ the area and operated a sawmill at the mouth of the branch.

This family has always spelled its name Younce.¹

✓ 172. ZEBULON (Meta) (37°22'00"N, 82°28'00"W) Vil. with rural branch of Pikeville P.O. Extends over 2 mi. along US 119 and Burning Fork of Raccoon Cr. from the foot of Town Mt., 1½ mi. ne of Pikeville, to the mouth of Burning Fk. The po, est. in ^{on 6/9/80}

1880, was for years located at the mouth of Burning Fk. It was named for Zebulon M. Pike, the US army officer-explorer who discovered Pike's Peak.³³ ⁽¹⁷⁷⁹⁻¹⁸¹³⁾ It closed as an indep. po. in 9/1959. The rural br. closed in 7/1976.

FOOTNOTES

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1. Victoria Anderson, 89, to student Lynn Tilford Johnson
 2. Lillian Belcher to student Roland Elswick, 1970
 3. Vernon Bentley to Prof. Roberts
student
 4. Bud Bevins, 82, to Arthur L. Long, 1970
 5. Ralph Childers, 73, to student Arthur L. Long
 6. Scott Coleman to Prof. Roberts, 1974
 7. George Eagle, Pikeville Coll. student, to student Kenny Garrett
 8. Madeline Elswick to Prof. Roberts, 1970
 9. Miriam Forsythe to student Arthur L. Long
 10. Troy Francisco, 84, to student, Arthur L. Long
 11. Lizzie Hackney to daughter, student Ruth Hatfield, 1969
 12. Hazel Hall, Frank Childers, & Edgar Moore of Hylton vic.
to Prof. Roberts
 13. F.M. Hatfield to student Terry Hatfield, 1970
 14. Kern Hatfield to his son, student Terry Hatfield, 1970

FOOTNOTES

- * The Kentucky Place Name Survey was initiated in 1971 to systematically investigate the more than 100,000 named places and features in the state as part of the then beginning effort to compile and analyze data on an estimated six million place names in the entire country.
- † Published by the Kentucky Geological Survey, Lexington, Ky. in 1961.
- ** "Traditional Accounts of Some Eastern Kentucky Place Names" Appalachian Notes, Vol. 13, 1985, Pp. 2-16

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15. A.S. Johnson of Dorton Creek, 80, to student Johnny Vancouver, 1970
16. Arlin Johnson, a kinsman of Bailey Johnson, to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
17. Bill Johnson, 87, of Draffin, Ky., to student Arthur L. Long
18. Malvray Johnson to his son-in-law, student Rodney Tackett, 1970
19. Nora Coleman Justice, 87, to student, Arthur L. Long
20. Alice Kinder to Prof. Roberts, Nov. 1980
21. Jack King to his grandson, student David Pinson, 1969
22. O.K. Long, 63, to student Arthur L. Long
23. Jim R. Miller to student Arthur L. Long
24. Orethia Miller to Prof. Roberts, 1971
25. Charles F. Moore to Prof. Roberts, Nov. 11, 1974
26. Edgar Moore to Prof. Roberts, Nov. 11, 1974
27. Mrs. John F. Moore of Elkhorn City to student Vicki Moore, 1970
28. Opal Mullins, the last teacher of B.F. Johnson Sch., to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
29. George Newsom, 89, Rob Newsom's son, to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 15, 1974
30. Milford Newsome, grandson of Robert Newsome, to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
31. E.J. Piclesimer, 81, to Arthur L. Long
32. Catherine Ratliff of Pikeville to an unidentified student, Dec. 14, 1970

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33. Mary Ratliff, 76, to student Arthur L. Long
34. Ample Sanders to Prof. Roberts, Nov. 11, 1974
35. Linda Lou Slone of Zebulon, Ky., from her^{grand}/mother, to Prof. Roberts, 1970
36. Mrs. Nora Smith to unidentified student, Dec. 14, 1970
37. Frances Sowards of Etty, Ky., B.P. Johnson's grand-daughter, to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
38. Robert Sweeney to Prof. Roberts, Nov. 1974
39. Benny & Mable Tackett to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
40. Fon Tackett, Principal of the Geo. F. Johnson School, in a research paper for Prof. Roberts, Oct. 15, 1974
41. Hazel White, last teacher of Marshall Branch Sch., to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
42. Edna Williamson, daughter of Bud Williamson, to Prof. Roberts, Nov. 1974
43. Booker Wright, 86, to student Arthur L. Long
44. A long time resident of Kinnikinnick Hollow to Prof. Roberts
45. Great Great grandson of John Brown, to Prof. Roberts, Oct. 16, 1974
46. J.M. Johnson to student Arthur L. Long

A Note on Leonard Roberts' Involvement With the Kentucky
Place Name Survey

While Leonard Roberts' contributions as a folklorist, teacher, storyteller, and editor-publisher are well known and have been described at some length by others, his interest in the place names of Pike County and his involvement with the Kentucky Place Name Survey may still be unfamiliar to most of his colleagues and admirers. The Survey was initiated in 1971 to systematically investigate the more than 100,000 named places and features in Kentucky as part of the then beginning effort to compile and analyze data on an estimated six million place names in the entire country.

Sharing the goal of a county-by-county inventory and analysis of Kentucky's named places, Professor Roberts undertook, in 1971, to supply information to the Survey on the Pike County sample in Thomas Field's Guide to Kentucky Place Names (published in 1961 by the Kentucky Geological Survey, Lexington, Ky.) To this end, he encouraged the county residents among his Pikeville College folklore students to interview their neighbors and relatives for recollections of the places and features of their communities, especially for accounts of the origins and historic significance of their names; to his student assistants he assigned the

determination of the geographic coordinates for all places and features on current topographic maps; he personally took up the search for elusive names data among fellow Pike County Historical Society members and other county residents of his acquaintance.

In all, he turned over to the Survey a list of 1280 place names for some 230 of which explanatory data were included. Most of the places were located by geographic coordinates whose preparation was undoubtedly an enormous task for the students assigned to it. His data on a sample of 172 Pike County named places will be presented in a future issue of Appalachian Heritage.

As all who knew and worked with Professor Roberts learned in their various dealings with the man, he was a most generous and enthusiastic contributor to others' interests and causes. Sometimes it was hard to tell whether he actually shared these interests or causes or if he was simply a nice guy responding to requests for assistance. As his own work schedule permitted, he would make himself available for workshops, educational forums, storytelling sessions, and the like, and would generally answer letters and phone calls as soon as he could. He was one of the few persons involved with the Kentucky Place Name Survey who could be counted on at almost any time to

secure needed information or put us in touch with other data sources in his county. He never seemed too busy to make the necessary phone calls or write the letters in an effort to track down some fact. On several occasions, he opened his archives to me and freely shared data that he or his students had painstakingly collected with little apparent thought of whatever possible future use he himself might wish to make of the material. Such was the selflessness of the man we honor in this special issue of Appalachian Heritage. I will always be grateful for his participation in the Kentucky Place Name Survey and wish I had had the opportunity to tell him so before he died.