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Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle co., Ky.

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General History and Points of Interest.

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Rockcastle county was created in 1810 from parts of Lincoln, Pulaski, Madison, and Knox counties, and was the 52nd in order of formation. It was named for Rockcastle River, which borders it on the S. E. It is situated in the S. E. central part of the state. In 1880 the population was 9, 670; in 1936 it is 16,000. Mt. Vernon, the county seat, is situated on the Knoxville Branch of the L. & N. R. R., 129 mi. from Louisville; and on Highway US 25 and US 150.

The L. & N. and the Greyhound bus lines give excellent transportation facilities. The population of Mt. Vernon is about 1,600. Nearby towns are Brodhead, 7 mi. N. on Route 150; and Livingston, 10 mi. S. on US 25.

✓ The Rockcastle River Narrows. are 30 mi. S. W. of Livingston, Ky. and near the mouth of the river. The stream has become so blocked up with rocks, varying from a ton to the size of a large house, that in many places a canoe cannot pass. The Narrows are one-half mi. long and the water is from 10 to 100 ft. deep. The obstruction is so perfect that the largest size fish from the Cumberland River cannot pass through to the Rockcastle. Rockcastle River is 75 mi. long, empties into the Cumberland River, and is

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full of excellent fish. Along the river are favorite hunting and fishing grounds, visited by persons from a distance.

✓ Saltpeter Cave is located 8 mi. N. E. of Mt Vernon, 4 mi. N. of Pine Hill station on the L. & N. R. R., and 7 mi. N. E. of Livingston on highway US 25. From this cave which was discovered by John Baker, an early pioneer, saltpeter was obtained from which to manufacture gun-powder during the Civil War. Saltpeter Cave extends entirely thru a spur of Big Hill "Mountain", and is approximately three-quarters of a mi. long. The N. entrance is 21 ft. high, and the S. opening is 15 ft. in height. Several large rooms branch off the main chamber, and it is said the end of one of the rooms has never been reached. Veins of saltpeter ranging from 10 to 39 in. in the thickness were mined during the Civil War, and oxen were used to haul out the saltpeter. Carts and wagons were driven entirely thru the cave, and marks from the horns of the oxen are still visible on the walls. The road from entrance to entrance was so level and straight that it is said the oxen were taught to pass thru the total darkness without a driver. Various rooms and passages in the cave have been given such names as Devil's Race-track, and Junior Lodge Room. A fine spring of running water is in Devil's Race-track.

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✓ There are seven coal mines 15 mi. S. of Mt. Vernon on US 25, with coal veins from 29 to 40 in. thick. Two of the mines are across the Rockcastle River from the highway, and the coal is put across the river by buckets and cables. This coal has little sulphur, less than 1 percent.

✓ The oldest house in Mt. Vernon was built in 1810 by Steve Langford, and was a hotel during the stage-coach days. It is free to the public. It is located on Route 150 in Mt. Vernon, opposite the court house. Steve Langford was the first to settle Mt. Vernon.

✓ The battle of Camp Wild Cat was fought on Wild Cat Mountain, 4 mi. S. W. of Livingston, Ky. The mountain is 3 mi. long, and about 1 mi. wide. The lookout tower and ladder still remain on the battle field. The battle was fought in October 1861. The trenches are about 4 ft. deep, and about 2 mi. long.

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Mr. Billy Poynter, Mt. Vernon, Ky.
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GREAT SALTPETER CAVE

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This great cave, located about 15 miles from Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on land owned by Mr. John Lair of Renfro Valley fame, is one of Kentucky's famous caves.

The Great Saltpeter cave was discovered in 1790, about nine years before the discovery of the famous Mammoth Caves in Kentucky, by a man by the name of Baker, who discovered the Great Saltpeter Cave in what is now the Crooked Creek community about 15 miles from Mt. Vernon. The local story has it that upon finding the entrance to this huge cavern, Baker, bearing a pine torch, took his wife and children inside to do some exploring. Once deep inside, his torch was accidentally extinguished, leaving the group engulfed in stygian darkness. Having no way of relighting the torch, the family wandered around inside for three days before finding their way out again. It is said that they might never

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have got out had it not been for Mrs. Baker. She remembered that it had been raining outside and that all of their feet had been extremely muddy when they entered. Getting down on her hands and knees and feeling over the cave's dry floor, she located small pieces of wet mud which had fallen from their feet and in this manner backtracked to the entrance.

Although the country surrounding was sparsely settled at that time, word of this discovery reached the ears of a Dr. Brown of Lexington who, on exploring the cave, found it to contain a rich deposit of nitrous earth then known as "peter dirt", a substance used to make saltpeter which, in turn, is used to make gunpowder.

Excited over his find and in the hopes of developing an important industry in Kentucky, Dr. Brown immediately got on his horse and rode to Philadelphia, where he revealed news of his and Baker's discovery to the Philosophical Society of America, which was founded by Benjamin Franklin; and sought its aid in developing this cave into a saltpeter mine. That Dr. Brown was at least partially successful on this trip is to be seen in old records now in the possession of John Lair of Renfro Valley, which revealed that for several years afterward, saltpeter was sent to Philadelphia by boat and packhorse to be turned into gunpowder. Gunpowder, made from saltpeter mined in this cave in Rockcastle County, was used in three wars - The War of 1812, The Mexican War, and the War Between the States.

This cave, which enters the mountain on one side and winds around to come out on the other side, and which is approximately one-half mile in length and 1,000 feet underground, still contains many evidences of the mining operation which was carried on for nearly three-quarters of a century. Well preserved wooden conduits used to carry the saltpeter outside where it was further refined by boiling, still exists.

The Great Saltpeter Cave also contains many natural wonders. There's the "Frozen Cascade," which appears as a waterfall of rock; "Devil's Race," a long narrow winding corridor of grotesque formations; a waterfall, a spring and numerous other natural curiosities formed long ago by the action of water on limestone. At places, the cavern narrows for short distances to open up into gymnasium-sized rooms with tremendous domes where sounds echo and re-echo in weird and spectacular reverberations. This great cave, with a constant temperature of 64 degrees and always filled with pure fresh air, free from dust and dampness, has been used for church meetings, square dances, and meetings of fraternal organizations. Another section of the cave near the spring once sheltered a moonshine still. Close by it is a pit called the "pig pen", where hogs were kept and fed or mash from the still.

The cave also has its fair share of legends, including tales of murder, ghosts and high adventure. Although it has been known about 155 years and frequently used and visited over this expanse of time, much of it still remains unexplored. Not many people have the courage to take off the main passageway to probe narrow corridors such as "booger branch" and others which lead off into darkness so thick it can almost be cut with a knife.

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SALTPETRE CAVE

Located a few miles from the barn at Renfro Valley in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, is the famous Saltpetre Cave. Supposedly discovered in 1792, it was not known until 1797 that this cave contained rich deposits of saltpetre, from which nitre is extracted for the purpose of manufacturing gun powder. During the War of 1812 and the Civil War, saltpetre was mined for this purpose.

At the cave, until comparatively recent years, there were to be seen large vats as well as the remains of ox-carts. Oxen could enter the cave with their carts and emerge upon the other side of the hill, a long distance away. There may still be seen the markings of their horns at various points upon the roof of the cavern. During the Civil War, people living for miles about drove their livestock into the roomy interior of Saltpetre Cave and remained there with them for days at a time, while the soldiers were in the vicinity.

Within the cave there are to be found names scratched upon the walls, several of them ante-dating the Civil War by years. The story has been handed down that old settlers found the name D. Boone carved upon a tree and also upon a rock in the immediate locality of the cave. This gave rise to the belief that Boone used this cavern as a hiding place back in the year 1770, while he was waiting for his brother Squire to return from North Carolina with ammunition and supplies.

When the revenue officers became obnoxious in the mountains, the cave became a favorite location for moonshine stills. Today there are parts of the wreckage of a moonshine still to be seen. Just beyond is a rock pen, where it is said that the moonshiners kept their hogs and fattened them on "still slop."

Saltpetre Cave is located about eight miles from Renfro Valley, which is beset by U. S. Highway 25 at a point three miles from Mt. Vernon and fifteen miles from Berea.

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Nigger Creek ✓

(Same as Dix or Dick's River)

"In Rockcastle County, in the country of Broadhead, an old tale has persisted from pioneer days." --- "The author of the book "The Old Wilderness Road" has incorporated it in his account of that tale. A party of pioneers camping near a creek were attacked by Indians. A negro boy called Dick, of the party being killed. The creek became known (as it is today) as Nigger Creek."

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WILDCAT MOUNTAINS, in Rockcastle County, was named, it seems, in honor of the "bobcats" which inhabited and still inhabit its forested slopes, finding safe retreat in its caverns and crannies."

... Traces of earthworks, overgrown by brambles and pawpaw thickets are telltales of the battle once fought here.

Vol. II, Collins Hist. of Ky. p. 692 - 10/21/1861.

The Battle of Camp Wild Cat, or Rockcastle Hills, was fought not far from Livingston," in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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ROCKCASTLE COUNTY POST OFFICES

- ✓ 1. MOUNT VERNON or ROCK CASTLE (sic) or LANGFORD (it is not clear by which of these names the post office was established)
9/26/1811, James A. McClure; 8/21/1815, Elisha Smith....
- ✓ 2. SCAFFLE CAIN (sic) 7/27/1837, George Houke; 9/13/1837, John Todd; Disc. 7/8/1842; Re-est. as Doddville, 8/23/1852, Richard L. Myers; changed to Scaffold Cane, 7/21/1853, Moses Easley; Disc. 3/16/1858; Re-est. 6/30/1858, Wm. B. Sain; Disc. 10/30/1860; Re-est. 2/5/1861, Henry S. Reed; changed to Dunlap, 7/25/1861, Richard L. Myers; 6/18/1862, Wm. L. Cook; Disc. 1/9/1863; Re-est. 2/10/1864, John M. Clary; Disc. 8/25/1865; Re-est. as Scaffold Cane, 8/17/1874, Wm. D. Hudson; Disc. 1/29/1875;
- ✓ 3. FISH POINT- 5/13/1840, Thomas W. Pope; Disc. 1/20/1846; Re-est. 2/12/1867, Benedict Swope; Disc. 12/29/1868; Re-est. 11/3/1870, Benjamin Goodin; 2/13/1874, George D. Brownlie; 7/31/1877, Maggie Smith; 2/25/1879, A.W. Myers; changed to Livingston Station, 8/4/1879, George D. Brownlie (or was it 7/4/1879?); changed to Livingston, 5/11/1882, George D. Brownlie; 9/27/1882, George D. Cook....
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- ✓ 4. ROUND STONE (sic)- 3/18/1856, James Sayers; 1/19/1858, Thomas J. Hays; 2/23/1859, Jesse Fish; Disc. 5/2/1861; Re-est. 4/18/1878, Alfred Owens; 5/4/1880, Miss Mary M. Griffin.... 4/9/1888, Robert E. Elkin; Disc. 5/31/1893 (papers to Wildie);
- ✓ 5. GOOCHLAND- est. in Madison Co. 4/1/1856, Chiswell D. Gooch; 5/18/1858, James D. Ballard; 9/8/1858, Wm. J. Goldin; Disc. 7/3/1863; Re-est. in Rockcastle Co. 1/5/1864, James D. Ballard; 6/6/1866, Morgan Forbush; ... (into Jackson Co. 3/9/1900); return to Rockcastle Co. 5/24/1905, John A. Anglin; 8/30/1907, James Lunsford....
Disc. 1934
- ✓ 6. RANDALL- 2/9/1864, Moses Easley; Disc. 8/25/1865;
- ✓ 7. LEVEL GREEN- 8/15/1866, Milton Denny; 7/24/1868, Jasper N. Brown; Disc. 6/29/1869; Re-est. 2/15/1870 or '71, Miles F. Brinkley; 2/13/1874, Thomas W. Gibson....
Disc. 1955

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY POST OFFICES (2)

- ✓ 8. PINE HILL- 4/16/1867, Rees B. Ward; Disc. 7/7/1869; Re-est. 1/25/1871, Wm. R. Dillion; 8/6/1877, Cassius Crooke; 6/26/1884, J.B. Cass; Disc. 12/9/1884 (papers to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 10/2/1885, George W. Fagan; 9/7/1886, T.G. Taylor....
Disc. 1963, as R.B. 1963-1974
- ✓ 9. BRODHEAD- 5/14/1868, Elsworth O. Farris; 12/9/1868, John F. Conn.... given as Broadhead (~~after-the-Gi~~) in the early 1870s; 7/26/1870, Thomas S. Frith; 3/29/1889, James R. Cass; name changed to Brodhead, 2/20/1890, James R. Cass; 3/27/1893, Alfred J. Price....
AFO
- ✓ 10. GUM SULPHUR- 2/8/1870, Archibald Alexander; Disc. 2/2/1874; Re-est. 7/6/1874, A.J. Alexander; 12/27/1876, Robert H. Frith.... 5/14/1907, Wm. R. Smith; Disc. 1/21/1908, effect. 2/15/1908 (mail to Brodhead); Re-est. 3/31/1910, James T. Lawrence; 2/11/1913, Arch C. Taylor; 7/24/1917, Emmet B. Taylor; Disc. 6/14/1919 (mail to Crab Orchard);
- ✓ 11. REIDSVILLE- 6/18/1878, Thomas L. Scott; 11/15/1878, Mrs. Pleasant B. Johnson.... 12/17/1883, Zachary T. Cook; Disc. 12/8/1884, (papers to Conwayton);
- ✓ 12. CULPEPER (sic)- 7/19/1880, Samuel McClure; 4/24/1884, Albert Minks; 10/8/1884, Joseph Cromer; Disc. 3/3/1885 (papers to Line Creek, Pulaski Co., Ky.); Re-est. as Culpepper, 3/14/1891, Milton H. Doan, order of appointment rescinded 5/9/1894);
- ✓ 13. ANDREW- 10/8/1880, Andrew J. Henderson; 7/30/1884, John A. Potts; Disc. 12/15/1884 (papers to Wildie);
- ✓ 14. CONWAYTON- 2/29/1884, Wm. Hart; name changed to Conway, 10/7/1884, Wm. Hart; 11/17/1886, W. Waldo Hart.....
Disc 12/14/1990
- ✓ 15. MARETBURGH- 3/27/1884, Benjamin F. Sutton; 7/19/1886, Wm. S. Cummins.... 12/6/1886, Benjamin F. Sutton; name changed to Maretburg, 4/27/1892, Alice Bethurum; 8/12/1893, Emma F. Cress....
Disc 1955

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ROCKCASTLE COUNTY POST OFFICES (3)

- ✓ 16. MOBLEY- 8/11/1884, Andrew T. Todd; 5/12/1885, Marshall McCormick; Disc. 11/3/1886 (papers to Conway);
- ✓ 17. WILDIE- 10/20/1884, Andrew J. Henderson; 4/2/1886, Jesse Fish....
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- ✓ 18. LANGFORD- 11/13/1884, Moses N. Langford; Disc. 11/17/1887 (papers to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 4/22/1890, Ella F. Langford; 11/12/1892, Dempsey G. Crudup; 12/10/1897, Davis L. Carter; Disc. 2/28/1914 (mail to Wildie);
- ✓ 19. ORLANDO- 2/9/1885, Wm. M. Owens; 8/31/1885, Martin Fabin; 10/29/1885, James L. Bryant; Disc. 11/30/1885 (papers to Langford); Re-est. 3/18/1887, James M. Reynolds; 2/28/1888, Thomas J. Chesnut....
Disc. 11/19/1888
as a CPO (LN 190)
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- ✓ 20. WABD- 6/17/1886, Wm. A.B. Davis; 2/10/1887, Wm. D. Livesay; Disc. 5/28/1891 (papers to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 1/30/1897, Sally Searcy; 3/18/1910, Nannie Payne.... 2/28/1916, Squire Kinley; Disc. 10/15/1917 (mail to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 7/28/1921, Arthur Payne; 3/28/1922, Roy Norton, acting; 11/7/1922, Clell Norton....
Disc 1955
- ✓ 21. WITHERS- 6/18/1886, Mary A. Withers; 10/24/1889, John G. Mullins....
Disc 1951
- ✓ 22. DISPUTANTA- 6/25/1886, Henry H. Wood; 12/2/1891, Sarah S. Wood....
Disc 1978

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY POST OFFICES (4)

- ✓ 23. COOKBURGH- 2/7/1887, Jephtha Mullins; Disc. 9/9/1887 (mail to Goochland); Re-est. 5/7/1890, Schuyler B. Forbus; (by now the name was spelled Cookburg); 7/2/1895, Thomas Daugherty (by now it was in Jackson Co. but back into Rockcastle Co. by 7/30/1897); 7/30/1897, Joseph J. Drew; 11/1/1905, Solomon Griffin; ...
Disc. 1933
- ✓ 24. RULO- 1/7/1888, Thomas J. Cress; 11/19/1889, Sarah Gentry; Disc. 5/29/1890 (papers to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 8/6/1892, John W. Marler, order rescinded 5/9/1894;
- ✓ 25. PONGO- 1/20/1888, George W. Nichols; 7/21/1904, Sarilda E. Warren; 7/7/1905, James Q. Hayes.... 5/2/1912, Walter Owens; Disc. 4/30/1912 (mail to Cedarville);
1913
- ✓ 26. QUAIL- 2/16/1888, Willis G. Proctor; 1/30/1904, David E. Proctor);
Disc. 1955
27. MINGO- 4/13/1888, Ulysses G. Baker; changed to Climax, 8/30/1888, Ulysses G. Baker; 2/6/1890, Granville C. Clark....
Disc. 6/1/1988
- ✓ 28. SNYDER- 1/17/1889, A.H. Finck; 1/29/1889, Austin Fink (sic); Disc. 7/26/1890 (papers to Orlando); Re-est. 9/20/1890, D.H. Winsted; 1/13/1891, Sumner B. Day; 5/23/1893, Geo. W. Jones; Disc. 10/17/1893 (mail to Conway);
- ✓ 29. CEDARVILLE- 6/20/1890, John G. Rogers; 2/6/1894, Martha J. Renner....
Disc. 1945
- ✓ 30. RASPBERRY- 3/9/1891, George W. Pittman; Disc. 10/19/1905, effective 11/15/1905 (mail to Hansford);
- ✓ 31. BLOSS- 6/22/1891, Harvey Chaney; 6/2/1923, James Chaney....
Disc. 1963
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32. HANSFORD- 8/7/1891, Will F. Hansford; 10/11/1892, John W. Kirby.... 2/5/1917, Malinda C. Bullock; Disc. 5/15/1918 (mail to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 5/27/1919, Mary S. Bullock; 3/2/1929, Herbert W. Bullock;
Disc 1955
- ✓ 33. NIPP- 2/10/1892, Joel L. Rash; 5/24/1893, John Baker; Disc. 12/9/1893, (mail to Livingston);
- ✓ 34. INO (?) - 10/4/1893, John W. Hoskins; Disc. 3/2/1899 (mail to Morrill, Jackson Co.);
- ✓ 35. BRAYS- 5/17/1895, Horace G. Edwards, order of appointment rescinded 7/22/1895;
- ✓ 36. EVANSVILLE- 6/21/1895, John G. Rogers; changed to Shirley, 10/19/1895, John G. Rogers; 8/24/1896, Elizabeth Mize; 6/26/1897, Jonathan Speaks; Disc. 4/21/1898 (mail to Line Creek);
- ✓ 37. ROCKFORD- 2/24/1898, Isaac Todd; 6/13/1902, John W. Todd....
Disc. 1935
- ✓ 38. McCRACKEN- 7/3/1900, Isaac McCracken; Disc. 5/14/1910 (mail to Johnetta);
39. WARD- est. in Pulaski Co. 2/23/1901, James H. Cooper; to Rockcastle Co. 4/25/1903, John L. Cooper; name changed to Billows, 12/11/1909, John L. Cooper; 6/20/1912, Sarah Decker; Disc. 6/30/1913 (mail to Linecreek); Re-est 1934 → 1949
40. BOONE- 2/27/1901, John B. Coyle; 10/19/1906, James H. Lambert.
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Disc. 1974
- ✓ 41. HIATT- 10/15/1901, Andrew C. Hiatt; 3/3/1911, Elizabeth Smith
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Disc. 1933

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✓ 42. OTTAWA- 12/18/1902, Simeon L. Cummins; 7/7/1905, Moses W. Braughton....

Disc. 1955

✓ 43. MORRILL- 1/15/1903, J.C. Simpson; 9/7/1904, Addie Simpson; 5/23/1905, Wm. J. Simpson; Disc. 10/20/1905, effective 11/15/1905 (mail to Bighill, Madison Co.) (sic);

→ Jackson Co.

✓ 44. JOHNETTA- 2/1/1904, Wm. P. ^{Neaton} Gilkeson; 3/23/1906, Wm. C. Scott; 5/4/1908, John W. Chasteen....

Disc. 1984

✓ 45. SANDSPRING- 7/25/1904, Marion L. Denham; 5/23/1905, Mary Dewhouse; Disc. 10/26/1905, effective 11/15/1905 (mail to Hansford); Re-est 9/18/25, Rome Graves; 11/27/25, Louisa Graves; --- Disc 1963

✓ 46. GAULEY- 7/30/1904, Hardin Sams; 3/31/1905, Francis M. Ponder; --- Disc. 1933

✓ 47. DUDLEY- 12/14/1904, Tebbs Dudley; 3/19/1906, Louis J. Reams.... 1/20/1910, Henry C. Owens; Disc. effective 12/31/1927 (mail to Orlando)

48. BURR- 11/14/1905, Wm. M. Owens; ---

Disc 1957

✓ 49. BROMO- 12/22/1905, Balzora Shutts; 12/15/1909, Rose Chandler....

Disc 1939

50. SPIRO- 12/22/1905, Wm. H. Owens; 1/28/1918, Thomas B. Dillingham....

Disc. 1955

✓ 51. ROBINET- est. in Jackson Co. 5/12/1906, James L. Allen; in Rockcastle Co. 4/18/1907, James L. Allen; 10/17/1912, Irvan B. Miller (sic); Disc. 10/31/1914 (mail to Cooksburg); Re-est. 12/22/1930, James M. Griffin;

Disc 1937

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ROCKCASTLE COUNTY POST OFFICES (7)

✓ 52. LABO- 5/19/1906, James D. Davis, order rescinded 9/13/1906;

✓ 53. RAVENWOOD- 5/19/1906, J.G. Reppert;

✓ 54. GAP- 9/1/1909, Rosa Payne; Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Orlando);

✓ 55. STOKES- 1/15/1914, Eugene Stokes; Disc. 5/31/1914 (mail to Mt. Vernon);

✓ 56. THREELINKS- 11/8/1915, Wm. A. Phillips; 10/16/1922, Lee Ward...

Disc 1957

✓ 57. WILLAILLA- 2/24/1916, Wm. J. Brown; 3/6/1918, Wm. H. Owens....

Disc 1973

✓ 58. LUNER- 10/27/1921, Valinchia C. Cromer; 2/28/1930, Mrs. Hester Logsdon;

Disc 1972

✓ 59. WELLHOPE- 10/27/1921, Eugene Stokes; 10/6/1925, Florence Clontz;

Disc 1957

✓ 60. HUMMEL- 6/11/1923, James A. Franklin; 1/21/1927, Emanuel Reynolds....

Disc 1954

✓ 61. JEPHILL, 9/5/1924, Benjamin J. Ponder; changed to Jep Hill, effective 2/1/1929, d.k. the postmaster then, probably Mr. Ponder....

Disc 1952

HOPEWELL
1827-1831 →

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY POST OFFICES (8)

✓ 62. BUMMER- 9/18/1925, Wm. Drew; ... Disc. 1950

✓ 63. HORSE LICK- 10/8/1927, Dora Robinson; ---
Disc 1951

✓ 64. ELEM - (1935-1937)

✓ 65. LAMERO - (1925-1992)

Rockcastle Co. communities

- had been white Rock*
- *1. Mt. Vernon (co. seat) ~~had been Langford~~ ⓪
 - *2. Scaffold Cane (dpo) *had been Dunlap; before that Doddville (org'd)*
 - *3. Livingston (po and com) *had been Fish Point* ⓪
 - *4. Roundstone (dpo) (com) ~~✗~~ ⓪
 - *5. Goochland (dpo) (com)
 - 6. Randall (dpo)
 - *7. Level Green (dpo) (com) ✗
 - *8. Pine Hill (com. & dpo) ⓪
 - *9. Brodhead (po, rr, com) ⓪ *← Stigalla Sta.*
 - *10. Gum Sulphur (dpo) (com)
 - *11. Reidsville (dpo)
 - 12. Culpepper (dpo) *← Culpeper*
 - *13. Andrew (dpo)
 - *14. Conway (po and com) *had been Conwayton* ⓪
 - *15. Maretburg (dpo and com) *had been Rabbittown* ⓪
 - *16. Mobley (dpo)
 - *17. Wildie (po and com) ⓪
 - *18. Langford (dpo) *
 - 19. Orlando (po and com) *had been* Brush Creek (po) Sta. (rr) ⓪
 - *20. Wabd (com. dpo) ⓪
 - *21. Withers (dpo) *now Mullins* (com) ✗
 - *22. Disputanta (po and com) ⓪ *Clear Creek (com)*
 - *23. Cookburg (dpo) (com)
 - 24. Rulo (dpo)
 - 25. Pongo (dpo) (com)
 - *26. Quail (dpo) (com) ✗
 - *27. Climax (com. & po) *had been Mingo* ⓪
 - *28. Snyder (dpo) (com)
 - *29. Cedarville (dpo) (com)
 - 30. Raspberry (dpo)
 - 31. Bloss (dpo) (com) ✗
 - *32. Hansford (dpo) (com) ✗
 - 33. Nipp (dpo)
 - 34. Ino (dpo)
 - 35. Brays (p.o. est. but never in op.)
 - 36. Shirley (dpo) *had been Evansville*
 - 37. Rockford (dpo and com) ✗
 - *38. McCracken (dpo)
 - 39. Billows (dpo) *had been Ward* ✗ (com)
 - *40. Boone (com. & po) ⓪ *at Boones gap*
 - *41. Hiatt (dpo)
 - 42. Ottawa (dpo) (com) ✗
 - ~~43. Merrill (dpo) ⓪ (Jackson co.)~~
 - *44. Johnetta (po and com) ⓪
 - *45. Sandspring (dpo) *ngbr.* (com)
 - 46. Gauley (dpo) *ngbr*
 - *47. Dudley (dpo)
 - 48. Burr (dpo) (com) ✗
 - 49. Bromo (dpo)
 - *50. Robinet (dpo)
 - 51. Labo (p.o. est. but never in op.)
 - 52. Ravenwood (dpo)
 - *53. Gap (dpo)
 - *54. Stokes (dpo)
 - *55. Threelinks (dpo) (com) ✗
 - *56. Willailla (po and com) ⓪
 - . 57. Luner (po) (com) ✗

- *58. Wellhope (dpo) (com) x
- *59. Hummel (com. & dpo) (O) (Langford sta.) ← Langford
- 60. Spiro (dpo) (com) x
- 61. Jep Hill (dpo) (com)
- *62. Bummer (dpo) (com) x
- *63. Horse Lick (dpo) (com)
- 64. Sparks (com)
- 65. Elem (com) (dpo)
- 66. Anglin Falls Ngbr.
- 67. Loman Hill (com)
- 68. Green Hill Ngbr.
- 69. Hickory Grove Ngbr.
- 70. Hurricane Ngbr.
- 71. Plea Ngbr.
- 72. Fairview Ngbr.
- 73. Gabbard Ngbr.
- 74. Walnut Grove Ngbr.
- 75. Crews Ridge Ngbr.
- 76. Hammonds Ngbr.
- 77. Gum Grove Ngbr.
- 78. Little Rock Ngbr.
- 79. Macedonia Ngbr.
- *80. Renfrow Valley (com) (O) (po)
- 81. ~~Buxy~~ Buckeye Ngbr.
- 82. Cove Ngbr.
- 83. East Fork Ngbr.
- 84. Maple Rock Ngbr.
- 85. Cummins Ngbr.
- 86. Sinks (com, rr)
- 87. Cave Ridge Ngbr.
- *88. Lamero (po) x (dpo)
- 89. Piney Branch Ngbr.
- 90. Pleasant Run Ngbr.
- 91. Red Hill Ngbr.
- 92. Crooked Creek Ngbr.
- 93. New Hope Ngbr.
- 94. Sikes Ngbr.
- 95. Blue Springs (com)
- 96. Calloway Ngbr.
- 97. Sand Hill Ngbr.
- 98. Rocky Bend Ngbr.
- 99. Beech Grove Ngbr.
- 100. Buffalo (com)
- 101. Long Branch Ngbr.
- 102. Whitaker Ngbr.
- 103. Freedom Ngbr.
- 104. Patton Moore Ngbr.
- 105. Rock Springs Ngbr.
- 106. Sayers Ngbr.
- 107. Owens Ngbr.
- 108. Chestnut Grove Ngbr.
- 109. Nigger Creek Ngbr.
- 110. Wilmot Chapel Ngbr.
- 111. Bee Lick (com)
- *112. Horsehoe Bend (manet
Loop) (com)
- *113. Copper Creek (com)

O = sample
x = reserve

Ngbr = 39 } excl.
Post = 2

NT = (71)