BATH COUNTY (Ky): 56th county org. Named for the many mineral springs there. (BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Historical Booklet & Prog Bicentennial, 1974, P. 16); Named for a numbe: of medicinal springs mostly in the se & s par: of the co. (Richards, P. 3); Est. out of Mont Co. by leg. act, 1/13/1811. At the edge of th App. plat. O'ville, the co. seat=48 mi. e. of Lex. & 80 mi. w. of Ashland. 277 sq. mi. Pop. (est. 1985=c. 10,000) Only 3 inc. cities: O'ville, Salt Lick, & Sharps.

By 1935, only 8 po's remained: the 6 now in operation plus Yale & Zilpo.

B. co. created by leg. act. 1/13/1811.
BATH COUNTY (Ky): 277 sq. mi. Est. 1811 from part of Mont. Co., the 56th county formed in Ky. From its orig. terri. were taken parts of Morgan Co. in 1822 and Menifee Co. in 1869. The few po's in this terri. are thus excluded from this article.
ANDERSON (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 8/8/1881, Anderson Johnson (error in the name?); 8/29/1881, Wm. A. Johnson...Disc. 7/6/1883 (mail to Youngs Springs) (NA); The postmasters: Wm. A. Johnson, Jos. R. McKinney, & Jos. G.F. Williams all lived s. of the Licking R., c. 1 mi. sw of the later Zilpo Po and nearly 2 mi. n. of the future Yale Po. This suggests that this po was in that vic., above the Ragland farms; Acc. to Anderson Johnson, 7/20/1881, this proposed po would serve com. of Licking Union. Its prop. name was Licking. It would be 1 mi s of the Lick. R. and 4 mi e of Caney Creek, 8 mi nne of Slab po. (SLR
Bald Eagle (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 2/25/1837 with Lemuel M. Stone. Disc. 6/18/1838; Re-est 7/17/1849, Wm. A. Lane. Disc. 8/28/1851; Re-est. 2/21/1861, Jos. Willson; Disc. 1/21/1863; Re-est. 1/21/1874, Jos. Willson; Disc. 7/6/1874 (NA); On Bald Eagle Creek which had been settled in 1780 by Moses Sharp, Rev. War vet & spy (or scout) for Dan'l. Boone. 
(Richards, P. 42); A small settlement c. 4 mi e. of Sharpsburg and is still locally referre to be this name tho' the store is gone. Named for the creek that joins Flat Creek here. 
(Mrs. Lewis); Acc. to the 1839 PO map, the po was c. 6 mi. ese of Sharpsb., at the mouth of Bald Eagle, a branch of Flat Creek.
The Bald Eagle name is now applied to a rural nghbrd. Acc. to Jos. Williams (?), 3/21/1874, this po was on the e. side of Flat Creek, 2 mi w of Reynoldsville po, 5 mi e of Sharpsburg po, 5 mi s of Berbee (?) po. (SLR);
BETHEL (Bath Co.): Means "house of God". Named for the log church in the Longview Cem. The cem. was est. before the commu. was est. Vil. on old stage route betw. Mt. Sterling & Maysvi (Ky. 11), 10 mi. from O'ville. Laid out c. 181 Longview Cem. is no. of Bethel. Graves go back to c.1780....(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Program, Bi centennial, 1974, P. 24); Acc. to John W. Crouch, 12/19/1898, this po was 4 mi s of the Licking R., 1½ mi w of Big Flat Creek, 5 mi ne of Sharpsburg po, 5 mi sw of Sherburne po, and 2 air mi from the county line. (SLR);
BETHEL (Bath Co., Ky): Laid out in 1817. On Flat Creek. Inc. at one time. Derivation of its name has never been confirmed but it's believed to have been named for an early church, a log building which, acc. to trad., was the 1st in the vic. and was located in an old cem. Several stones dated as early as 1780, 1815, 1816. DK when bldg. was constructed. (P. 434) Longview Cem. est. 1890 on Ky. 11, just n. of Bethel. Well maintained. (P. 438) (Richards, 1961)
Bethel churches refer to the place Jacob dedicated as the "House of God", the second most frequently mentioned (after Jerusalem) community in the Bible. (see Harpers BIBLE DICTIONARY, Pp. 69)....

Bethel (Bath Co.) was laid out as a town in 1817. Acc. to trad., the 1st bldg. was an old log chu. on the site of the present cem. A colored sch. in a hol in a sect. once thought to be known as Jennyville. It's now a jhs. (Virgaline Lewis, notes on some Bath Co. P. N. sent to me, 6/19/1978)
BETHEL (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 12/2/1843, Geo. North...(NA); on Ky. 11, 5 mi. \( \frac{3}{8} \) of Sharpsb 1st laid out 1817. (P. 434). An early hotel. dk origin of name but acc. to trad., may hav been named for early Bethel Church which was 1st bldg. This was an old log structure with an adjacent cem. DK when 1st erected. Cem. may be as old as 1780 acc. to at least one dated monu. there....(Richards, ILL. HIST... 1961, P. 434). ("Bethyl / th / AL") (Mr. Lewis, 6/24/77)
BETHEL (Bath Co., Ky): From the Book, P. 22:

"This vil. extending along a 1 mi. stretch of Ky. Il is 8 mi. nw of O. Acc. to trad., the vil., lst laid out in 1817, was named for an early log chu. located in the present Longview Cem. just n. of town. The cem. is said to date back to 1780. The po was est. by Geo. North on 12/2/1843. The ubiquitous name Bethel for chu's. in the US refers to the place in the Holy Land that Jacob dedicated as the 'House of God.' It is the 2nd (after Jerusalem) most frequently mentioned place in the Bible."
CAVERUN (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Creath Evans, 2/27/1902, this prop. po would be 4 mi n of Yale po, 7 mi s of Salt Lick po, 6 mi e of Youngs Springs po, 1/8 mi w of the Licking R., 2 mi s of Caney Creek, 30 ft w of the rr. On 1/19/1905, Geo. W. Abbott pet. for a site 280 yds n to a pt 4 mi s of Cogswell po. On the Licking Val. Ry. Acc. to Albert R. Alfrey, 2/9/1911, this po was 1 mi s of the Licking R. and 1 mi e of Caney Creek, 3 mi n of Yale po, 50 ft from the rr, & 2 mi from the co. line. (SLR);
CAVERUN (Bath Co., Ky): PO est. 3/21/1902, Creath Evans...Disc. 10/13/1913 (mail to Yale) (NA); Big and Little Cave Run(s) are streams which join the Licking R. about 1 1/2 mi. n. of the Menifee Co. line in the extreme s.e. part of the co.; In the vic. of the older RaglandsPO which, with the rr depot, was at the mouth of Big Cave Run. (Mrs. Lewis);
COSTIGON (sic) (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 5/21/1867, Jesse R. Piersall; 4/27/1871(?) T.W. Piersall... 7/24/1874, T.W. Piersall; Disc. 2/15/1875 (NA); Wm. Costigan, a pioneer settler of Owingsv. c1814? (Memories, P. 19) Wm. Costigan dug Owingsville's 1st well nr. the 1st ct. hse. in 1814. (Richards, P. 113); Spelled Castigan by Thos. U. Fann in his thesis, UK, "An Econ. Hist. of B. Co.", 1937 in which (P. 25) he states that he, in 1814, built the first public well in O'ville. She dk where this was but has seen references to it, somewhere in the vic. of Salt Lick. (Mrs. Lewis);
COSTIGAN (Bath Co., Ky): A Miss Sallie Costigan lived, for many years, in a cabin in the vic. of White Sulphur Springs, c. 5 mi. ne of Olympian Springs and on Clear Creek. This settlement was first made in 1833. Other early settlers were Thos. J. Young and Sam Hearndon. Later this area was bought by Lafayette Yeates who developed it as a health resort. (Van Buren Young, ms. Hist. of Bath Co., 9/1/1886) Thus I think this was in the vic. of Young's Springs PO (q.v.) and probably its forerunner. Piersalls lived ene of the Y.S. PO. Also Lafayette Yates was the 1st pm of Highland PO so this po may also have been in that vic. The Willses lived sw of Y.S.
Richards spells his name Costigan. (P. 113) and Castigan (P. 57). Also mentions a Pvt. Albert Castigan in Capt. Jas. Ewing's Co. of the 3rd Regt. of Ky. Foot Vols. in the Mex. War. (P. 558); Acc. to Jesse R. Piersall, 4/25/1867, this prop. po would be serving what was locally called White Sulphur Springs and would be 7 mi e of Olympian Springs po, 8 mi w of Hightower po, 14 mi from the Owingsv. po, ½ mi e of Clear Creek, and 6 mi w of the Licking R. (Probably) only a store and tavern. (SLR);
CRAIGS (Bath Co., Ky): Craigs Settlement was near Forge Hill named for the local family of John Craig who lived across Slate Creek. John's son Joshua married Rebecca Warren. (Pp. 104-5) John lived in the vic. of Prickly Ash Cr., nr. the Wyoming Rd. (P. 79) Craigs owned land n. of Wolf Trap Br. (P. 98) (Sallye Lathram Hines, Deep Roots, Lex., Ky., 1964); Thus the po may have been e. of Slate Creek & the mouth of Naylor Br. and ne of Slate Val. and the Slate Val. Chu. Not shown on any map.
CRAGGS (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 7/21/1887, Felix Warren, pm:. Disc. eff. 3/15/1907 (mail to Owingsville) (NA); Acc. to Mrs. Lewis, it's now a part of the Salt Lick area. There's nothing there now and no one knows it by this name.

However, since the po was run by the Warrens, I think it may have been on Rose Run on or just n. of US 60, halfway betw. Polksv. & O'ville. For when the po closed, its papers were sent to Owingsv. rather than to Salt Lick.
CRAIGS (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Felix Warren, 6/23/1887, this proposed po would be 5 mi e of Owingsv. po, 5 mi sw of the Lick. R., l\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi e of Slate Creek, and would serve a vil. of 70. (SLR);
EASTVILLE (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 3/3/1851, Ephraim Goodwin; Disc. 6/15/1859 (NA); Acc. to 1884 Atlas, E. Goodwin lived on E. Fk. in the vic. of the E. Fork Chu. (tho' the chu. is not so identified on that map) Acc. to Richards, Pp. 471-2, an early hotel and dance hall was run by Eph Goodan (sic) o E. Fk. So Eastville Po may have been on E. Fork in the vic. of the chu.
FLEMING'S POND (Bath Co., Ky.) After their defeat by the Indians at Blue Lick, 8/2/1782, the survivors began their retreat to Boonesborough. On the night of the day on which the battle occurred, Capt. Fleming, injured in the battle, spent the night at a pond near the home of Thomas Knight in the town of Sharpsburg. It's since been known as Fleming's Pond. (Iva Lewis, Bath Co., Ky., one of Leonard Roberts' folklore students at Morehead State U 1959)

Not listed in Field's Guide.
FORGE HILL (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 5/6/1892, James A. Anderson...Disc. eff. 2/28/1907 (mail to Owingsville) (NA); May have been named for its proximity to the old Forge Mill betw. Slate Val. & Wyoming. The mills was built by James Williams of Wyo. Nearby Slate Cr. was dammed to provide water power for it. A flour mill. Mill later owned & run by Banks M. Goodpaster and his descend­ants. Since closed. (Memories, P. 44); The old Forge Hill Sch. was ½ mi. se of Slate Cr. on the present Forge Hill Rd., c. 1 mi. n. of the Old Va. Chu., 5½ mi. ne of 0.
Forge Hill was so-named because the noted Forge Mill was located at the foot of this high hill. (Sallye Lathram Hines, Deep Roots Lex., Ky., 1964, P. 104); Acc. to James A. Anderson, 4/19/1892, this proposed po would be 2 3/4 mi n of Craigs po, 4 mi s of Wyoming po, 5 mi e of Odessa po, 2 1/2 mi s of the Licking River, and 3/4 mi w of Slate Creek. (SLR);
GILL'S MILLS (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 9/11/1832. Thompson L. Parks; 11/21/1836, Harrisor Gill; 5/11/42, Marcus Gill. 2/14/1855, Wm. M. Ragland; Disc. 9/20/1859; Re-est. 1/20/60, Oliver P. Maxey; 5/30/62, Wm. M. Ragland; Disc. 7/31/1863; Re-est. 9/23/65, Wm. M. Ragland (in Rowan Co. 4/2/1866, Chas. P. Brown. Disc. 4/28/1881 (NA);

Other Rowan co. pm were 4/3/1867, Jonathan M. Lewis. 1/5/1877, Newton Johnson Disc. 4/28/1881
On the Licking R. in the vic. of the later Yale PO. The Gill's Mill was built c. 1809 by Sam'l. Criswell Gill. (Richards, P. 568). A grist mill and later saw mill. Water-powered. A major supply of lumber for that area, shipping large quantities down the river to Cinci., etc. markets. His eldest son, Harrison Gill was a pm. Later the Yale PO was est. here. At its peak Yale had larg sawmill, several large stores, po, 2 grist mills, 2 hotels, other businesses. Prosper­ous river town. (Ibid., Pp. 446-8);
HIGHLAND (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 8/9/1850, Lafayette Yates; 7/22/1853, John H. Todd; Disc. 11/28/1853; Re-est. 3/20/1860, John C. Wills; Disc. 10/8/1861 (NA);
ILES. MILLS (Bath Co., Ky): (Pron. "i:lz")
Turn right from there to Carl Shrout's store. Named for Wm. Isles (sic), ne Va. 1798. To Ky as a young man. Settled here. Acquired the mill from its builder, a Mr. Morgan. Had been constructed very early 19th cent. (On P. 569, Richards said the mill had been built c.1810 on the Licking R., in the vic. of the later
Moores Ferry and was named for Wm. Isles. The Isles Cem. is nearby. Wm. died 1/12/1846. A hotel here to accommodate long distance customers of the mill. The mill continued for some yrs. after his death until it ceased op. in 1912. At this pt., acc. to trad., cannon balls from the Bourbon Furn. were shipped down the Licking R...to the Battle of N.O. (Rich-453-5);
ILE'S MILLS (Montgomery Co.): Thos. Isles, at least by 1819 (was pm). He was ne Penna. His name was probably Isles. The po was named for Thomas Isles, ne 1765 and died 1840. He was in Montg. Co. by 1800... (KY. POST OFFICESm 1794 1819, Submitted to KHS Libr. by Thelma M. Murphy, Indianapolis, Ind, n.d.);
LICKING (Bath Co., Ky): PO est. 9/12/1883, James C. Hamilton; n. ch. to Flatcreek (sic) 1/16/1884, same. Disc. eff. 5/14/1906 (mail Mt. Sterling) (NA); Hamilton's home was on the Flat Creek Rd. about 7/8 mi. n. of US 60. This po may have been in this vic. Acc. to G. Hamilton, 5/21/1885, the Flat Creek po (formerly called Licking, was 12 mi w of the Licking River and 20 yards w of Flat Creek (stream), 8 mi w of Owingsv. po. (SLR) Acc. to Parnes C. Hamilton, 8/25/1883, the name proposed for his new po was Flat Creek but it was called Licking instead, and it would be 6 mi sw of Owingsv. on the e bank of Flat Creek, ca. 10 mi s of the river. (SLR);
(Richards, P. 3); the creek on which located. Creek
king R. across from Sherburne.
(ues, P. 49); The po was 0.2 mi. from
Montg. Co. line, on US 60, 6 mi. w. of 0.
The creek crosses the co.
Capt. James Young's home was somewhere on the waters of Flat Creek but its exact location is not known. c.1811. The first county court was convened here. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Bath Co. and one of the largest landowners. Home was in the w. part of the county. (Richards, Pp. 44, 49)
LITTLE FLAT (Bath Co., Ky): PO & Ngbd. The po was est. 7/24/1844 with Thos. Hawkins as 1st pm...Disc. 3/11/1859; Re-est. 9/4/66...Disc. 1/15/1884 with papers to Sherburne in Fleming Co.)(NA).... On Little Flat Creek which joins the Licking R. n. of Bethel. On the Licking R. at the mouth of Little Flat Creek (for which it was named) in ne corner of the co., across the r. from Fleming Co. 3 mi. nne of Bethel and 15 rd. mi. n. of 0. Serves the Little Flat Ngbd.
Richards also mentions Thos. Isles (sic) (P. 47) who was commissioned by the Gov. as a member of the 1st County Ct. c1811, and also as an early sheriff. (P. 356)
LITTLE FLAT (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Jos. G. Vice, 8/14 1866, this p.o. was 3 mi e of Sherburne po, 4 mi e of Upper Blue Licks po, 6 mi n of Moorefield po, 4 mi nw of Bethel po, on the s bank of the Licking River and t n bank of Little Flat Creek, serving a vil. of 34. (SLR);
MARSHALL (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 4/28/1847, Levi Fratman....Disc. eff. 7/31/1905 (mail to Salt Lick) (NA); Served a commu. that since the 1840s has been known as Polksville. On US 60, c. 5 mi. e. of 0. Town laid out in 1844 by Robt. Warren, who had erected the first home there and named for the then US Pres., James K. Polk. (Memories, P. 42); on US 60 & Cow Creek. Po called Marshall. Also: store, blacksmith shop, chu., sch. (Richards, 477-8); The Marshall po was serving the commu. of Polksville and wa ¼ mi n of Cow Creek, 2½ mi sw of Vail po, 5 mi ne of Olympia po (SLR);
MIDLAND (Bath Co.): (Pron. "M(uh)d/lan[d]")
Once laid out for a town. Local people still refer to it as that. Now: gro. store, ceramic shop, main entrance to Cave Run Lake (826/60) bake shop, lot of trailers. Thickly settled with shops, active church. rr comes thru there but not a freight stop. Terminal was always a Salt Lick. But no longer. Midland was a place where they refueled the trains with coal & oil and watered the engines. Ky. 826 used to be called the Gills Mill Rd. on old records. Then for yrs. it was called the River Rd. The road to Yale. (M&MR Robt. Lewis, interview, 6/24/1977);
MIDLAND (Bath Co.): 1st called Midland City. Said to have been named by the C&O crew who operated the local freight trains betw. Lex. & Ashland and this place was halfway betw. these two cities. At this site was a turntrack for trains as well as a hotel, depot, coal bins & water tank...(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet, Bicentennial, 1974, P. 31);
MIDLAND (Bath Co.): small commu. first called Midland City. Allegedly named by C&O RR crew for its location midway betw. Ashland and Lex. Took 2 days for this trip. A hotel and a depot at the forks of the M and crew would spend nite there. Across the tracks from the depot was a sawmill. The land across the road from the mill was sold off in lots c. 1890. School. (...) (Lucille Evans, "C & O. Railroad Crew Named Midland City" BATH CO. NEWS-OUTLOOK, 8/24/1961 Sect. 3, P. 3:4-7).
MOORE'S FERRY (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. W. McDonal (sic), 9/18/1888, this prop. po would be on the s. side of the Licking R., 2 mi e of Indian Creek, and would be serving a vil. of 75. Acc. to John Otis, 2/10/1909, the po was 1½ mi n of Cow Creek and 3/4 mi s of the Licking River, 4 mi n of Salt Lic po, 1½ mi s of Colfax po, 3 mi w of Ramey po, ½ air m from the co. line. (SLR);
MOORES FERRY (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 10/3/1888, Geo. W. McDonald...Disc. 4/15/1913 (mail to Salt Lick) (NA); Named for early settler, a Mr. Moore who operated a ferry across the Licking R. Several stores.... (Richards, ILL. HIST...1961, Pp. 452-3)) Nghbrd. along the ben of Licking R. Named for Mr. Moore who ran a ferry there across r. to Grange City, Fleming C Thriving commu. till c. 1900 with po, several stores, hotel, Isles Mill. Mill closed town declined. Now: 2 gen. stores, 2 churches, cem., some nice homes...(BATH CO. MEMORIES; 1811-197 Hist'l. Booleet & Program, 1974, P. 43);
MOORES FERRY (Bath Co.): (Pron. "M(aw)rz F(eh)r/ee") Now: church & store. Ferry is no longer in use. (Mrs. Robt. Lewis, interview, 6/24/1977); "This hamlet with dpo is now on Ky. 211, ½ mi. s. of the Licking R. and 7½ mi e. of 0. It is apparently the relocation of a thriving late 19th cent. com. that centered on a Licking R. ferry owned by a Mr. Moore & a po in operation from 1888-1913." (Book, P. 202);
OAKLA (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 9/11/1888, Maguire Saunders; Disc. 3/25/1890 (papers to Wyoming, NA); small settlement on SR1602, c. 2 mi. of jct. 1602/111. No one seems to know how name originated. Local people pron. it oak/lee and agreed that the spelling of the local church, Oakla, is correct: the Oakla Church of God. (Chester Bojanski in Dom. Geog. Report for BGN, submitted 11/5/1970); (pron. "(Oh)k/lee") Has seen it spelled with a term: "a" and "ey" DK the orig. sp. DK why so named. There are Oakley families in co. now. New road built & bypassed it. Now: the Oakla store and a chu. (Mrs. Robt. Lewis, 6/24/77);
OAKLA (Bath Co., Ky.) 5 mi. sw of Hillsboro.
(38°14'53" N, 83°43'30" W) Presented for consideration at the 7/13/1971 meeting of BGN, Docket 151. Unapproved variant=Oakley. (Check after 8/1/1971 if this was approved). Listed by Field, #142, as a populated community in N Bath Co. and called Oakley. "USGS reports that local people agree that the spelling of the name of this community is Oakla; a sign on the local church shows this spelling; the variant spelling is shown on USGS, AMS, county, and the Daniel Boone NF maps; not in a USNF."
OAKLEY (Bath Co., KY): Acc. to Maguire Sanders, 8/4/1888, the name proposed for this new po was Oklahoma and it would be $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Wyoming po, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Licking River, and on the e bank of Indian Creek. (SLR);
ODESSA (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to John S. Anderson, 3/29/1888, this proposed po would be 3 mi sw of Wyoming po, 7 mi ne of Owingsv. po, 6½ mi se of Sherburne po, 3 mi of the Licking River, and on the n. side of White Oak Creek. (SLR);
ODESSA (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 4/16/1888, John S. Anderson...Disc. eff. 1/2/1907 (mail to Owingsville) (NA); On Ky. 1944 (the White Oak Tpk.), c. 2 1/2 mi. ne of Pittsburgh. At one time "a thriving business ctr., with po, grist mill, blacksmith shop, stores, sch. & Bapt. chu. c. 7 mi. n. of O. (Memor. P. 46); On the White Oak Pike, c. 3 mi. sw of Wyoming. "There is now no one living who knows the origin of the unusual name which was given this vil." Rural trade ctr. for area farmers, with dpo, Bapt. chu., blacksmith shop, W.T. Anderson's grist mill, John S. Anderson's store. (Richards, P. 480);
OLYMPIA (Bath Co.): The terminus of the "shortest lived railroad in Ky." a 6 mi. narrow gauge rr between Olympia and Owingsville. Olympia by then was on the C&O RR 1915-1918. ...(Elmer G. Sulzer, GHOST RAILROADS OF KY., I'polis, Ind., 1967, P. 78); On heavily timbered and ore-rich land by 1881 when rr came thru Resources exploited. Thriving commu. betw. 1876 & 1885. Shops & stores and many homes. When resources were depleted, stores & shops closed and people moved away...(BETH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist. Booklet & Prog., Bicen. 1974, P. 34); ("(oh) i(h)m (py a)" (Mrs. Robt. Lewis, 6/24/77.) now: lumber yard and store. (Ibid.)
OLYMPIA (Bath Co.): Inc. 4/15/1882 (ACTS 1881, Vol. 2, P. 505); "This hamlet with po is centered on the jct. of Ky. 36 & the C&O RR, 4 mi. se of O. A town was laid off here sometime after 1876 and po named Puck, for reasons unknown, was est. on 11/28/1881, with Thos. J. Eubank, pm. By the following Mar., the po had been renamed Olympia for the Olympian Springs health resort, 2½ mi. s., and the town was inc. as Olympia that April 15." (Book, P. 221); 3rd mi. se of O'He
OLYMPIA (Bath Co.): p.o. est. as Puck, 11/28/1881, Thomas J. Eubank; n.ch. to Olympia, 3/3/1882, James Case...(NA); Named for the nearby Olympian Springs, early health and rec. resort. Town laid out sometime betw. 1876-84, Church, school, depot, p.o. by 1884. "...strung out in two long lines parrelling (sic) the right of way of the Elizabethtown, Lexington, and Big Sandy Ry." From here iron ore mined in vic. was shipped to furnaces in the Ashland area. Also shipping point for lumber milled locally. Resources depleted by turn of cent... (Richards, ILL. HIST...1961, Pp. 462-5).
OLYMPIA (Bath Co., KY): Acc. to Thos. J. Eubank, 11/14 1881, the proposed name for this new po was OLympia but it opened as Puck and was 2 3/4 mi n of Olympian Springs po, 1/4 mi w of Rose Run, and on the south side of the Etown & B.S. RR. A vil. of 75. (SLR); Acc. to James Case, 5/5/1882, the p.o. of Olympia was serving commu. of Case's or Mud Lick Station and the EL&BS sta of Olympia, and was 1/8 mi w of Rose Run (stream), 5 w of Vail po, 2 3/4 mi n of Olympian Springs po, on the s side of the EL&BS RR, 5 mi se of Owingsv. po. On 3/7/1914, Effie Roberts pet. for a site ch. 75 air yds n. On 4/2/1934, Press Blevins pet. for a site ch. 250 ft. n. On 7/13/1934, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 250 ft. s. Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/1939, the po was Ky 36.
On 1/26/1945, Marietta Tackett pet. for a site ch. 47' ft east. On 5/7/1947, Nevada Copher pet. for a site change 600 ft east. On 6/4/1947, Ibid. pet. for a site 600 ft east. (SLR);
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co.): Several accts. (trad.) of its hist. Nothing ever recorded. 1st settler may have been Wm. Ramsey in 1796 who built boarding house and cottages. Said to have been known as Mud Lick Springs until c.1800 when Col. Thos. Hart renamed it Olympian Springs "probably for the tall peak there called Mt. Olympus." He built hotel. Springs with healing waters publicized and attracted people from...stagecoach stop there by 1803. Col. Thos. Deye Owings bought propy. but leased it to others...(P.35)Henry Clay, Hart's son-in-law, said to have been an owner. Racing, dancing, parties, etc. at hotel. Fashionable place for vacations. Hotel since gone....That vic. is now called Mud Lick.
(P.36) The hotel was torn down in the early 1940s....(P.35) (BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Prog., Bicentennial 1974); Acc. to O.W. Grimes, 5/18/1868, the Olympian Springs po was 150 yards n of Mud Lick Cree 1 mi e of the Howards Mill po, 5 mi w of Costigan po, 8 mi from the Owingsv. po. (SLR);
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co.): Col. Thomas Hart developed the resort and replaced its earlier name of Mud Lick with Olympian Springs. Built hotel. Resort was called "The Bath of Ky." was one of the first and most famous of the 19th cent. watering places. ....Fashionable resort. In 1807 Cuthbert Banks bought the prop. in 1807. After W. of 1812, Col. Thos. Dye Owings "acquired the prop. and for the next 15 or 20 yrs. leased it to various proprietors...." (sic)....(J. Winston Coleman, "Old Ky. Watering Places" THE FILSON CLUB Q. Vol. 16, 1942, Pp. 1-26, 2-5);
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co.): Bath Co. was named in 1811 for the mineral springs at Mud Kikk which was later renamed Olympian Springs. "The waters/of the several springs was renowne, for its therapeutic value and the ailing supposedly needed only dip into or sip the potent water to be restored to full and robust good health." (Joe Creason, "The Owingsville House That Named the Town" CJ, 11/2/1970, P. B-9); (pron. "(Oh)l(ih)m/pyan Spr(ih)anz") cf Jimmy Richardson, Co. atty. who is from there. (Mrs. Robt. Lewis, 6/24/1977);
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 12/13/1811, Wm. Bashaw. Disc. 10/11/1833; Re-est. 5/5/36, Owen W. Grimes; Disc. 10/2/38; Re-est. 7/21/42, Harrison Gill. Disc. 11/30/65; Re-est. 2/15/67, Owen W. Grimes; Disc. 10/12/1868; Re-est. 1/25/69, Owen W. Grimes. Disc. 9/5/82 (mail to Olympia) (NA) "One of the first places for early society to meet for elegant balls and drinking and bathing in healing mineral waters... was Olympia (sic) Springs. There were cabins at the springs as early as 1791, but it was decades later, when a large resort hotel was built, that the spa reached social glory." (Helen Price Stacy, "Progressive, Yet Retains the Old" col. 2/26/
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co., Ky): "Nothing remains of this 19th cent. vacation & health resort on Ky. 36, 7 mi. se of O. It has been said that Wm. Ramsey, having discovered 8 different mineral springs here, which he collectively called Mud Lick Springs, built a boaring hse. and cabins. Around 1800 Col. Thos. Hart acquired the prop., renamed it Olympian Springs apparently for Mt. Olympus, a 1200 ft elevation a short distance to the se (which in turn undoubtedly referred to the mythical home of the Greek gods), and built a hotel. On 12/13/1811, the O.S. PO was est. with Wm. Bashaw, pm, and operated intermittently until
1882 when its papers were transferred to Olympia, 2½ mi. n. Now the site is again called Mud Lick for nearby Mud Lick Creek. Most maps and atlases today spell the name Olympia Springs." (Book, P. 221);
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co.): Named by Col. Thos. Dye Owings, 8 mi. se of Owingsville. "in suggestion of Mt. Olympus, mythical home of the Greek gods, and the site of an encampment of Am. troops under Col. O. during the War of 1812." (Bird C. Greer, WPA ms, c1941) (source: article in the LOU TIMES, 5/2/1921 which stated that Col. O. had org. the 18th US Infantry to fight in the War of 1812, and referred to the mineral springs there.)
OLYMPIAN SPRINGS (Bath Co.): The Olympian Springs Hotel was 3 mi. from Olympia Sta. on the C&O RR. 100 rooms and 8 different mineral springs. Henry Clay once owned the springs. The mineral waters included: salt sulphur, alum & copperas, epsom, soda, black sulphur, and chalybeate. Countless cures and benefits. Hotel wrecked 1947. Country store.... (Mrs. Charlie Brooks, "Olympian Springs Hotel Once Mecca for Tourists" BATH CO. NEWS-OUTLOOK, 8/24/1961, Sect. 2, P. 5).
Olympian Springs (Bath Co.): Jimmy Richardson Co. atty., owns the land. c. 10 yrs. ago, he bottled the water and sold it to the city of Morehead. The springs are still there though the hotel bldg. is gone. Just a farming area now. Richardson is actually from Mud Lick. DK why called Mud Lick. Jimmy is running for Dist Judge. (Mrs. Robert Lewis; interview, 6/24/77)
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co.): (pron. "(Oh)/(ih)nz, v(ih)l") "Deye" is proper spelling; dk why discrep. Bldg. still stands on the corner of Main & Court Sts. Now used for apts. and houses the Owingsville Banking Co. Had been a hotel... (Mrs. Robert Lewis, interview, 6/2/1977); O. was laid out and est. as a town and named co. seat in 1811. Named for Thos. Deye Owings.
p.o. est. as Bath Co. C.H. or Owingsville, 7/1/1814, Edward Stockton; 3/9/1816, Richard Menifee until 1/1817....(NA)
Inc. 1829 (Collins)

4th class city c. 1870; 1400 pop.
1st settled shortly after the turn of 18th cent. 1st house is known to have been built c. 1803 by Harrison Conner. Several homes there by the time the town was officially est.
Thos. Deye Owings arrived in Bath Co. in 1800 to run the Bourbon Furnace which had been re-organized in 1795. For the furnace workers, he built homes, dam, grist mill, store, and a community grew up around the furnace. He acquired sole ownership of the furnace. (P. 497) He later served in the county in the Ky. House & Senate, and as: just. of the peace, circ. judge, and sheriff. (P. 498) near Balti., Md. 3/6/1776. Served as a col. in the War of 1812 Later moved to Texas and participated in their fight for independence. Died there on 10/6/1853. (Pp. 302-4) (Richards, 1961);
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co., Ky): Thos. Deye (sic) Owings to Bath Co. from Md. 1800. Ironmaster, ran the Bourbeū Iron Works 4 mi. SE of O'ville. 4 times state rep. and a state sen. Town named for him in 1811. The Owings House was built for him 1811-14 by Benj. Latrobe who "redesigned the interior of the US Capitol after the Brit. burned it (in the) War of 1812..." (Highway marker in O'ville, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1193, P. 259).
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co., Ky.): "Two wealthy, respected families, the Ewings and Owings vied for the honor of naming the county seat. Finally, it was agreed that whoever built the finest home would have the privilege of giving the town a name. As the houses were under construction, public opinion wavered back and forth. Both houses were pretentious for the era. Bricks for each were made on the scene by slave labor. The walls of each house were almost three feet thick. The Owings house, now converted into a business building on Owingsville's Main Street, still has the beautiful transom over the front entrance, that is identical with one in the White House designed by Pierre Charles L'Enfant. Many
believe the house was designed by L'Enfant. A spiral stairway fashioned in Baltimore, Md. and brought by ox cart through the Cumberland Gap was the deciding factor in settling contest (sic). This staircase remains a tourist attraction at the Owings House. A large formal ball was held at the Owings House celebrating the victory of Col. Thomas Dye Owings...." (....incl. a local story...) (Mrs. Geneva Thompson, ms for Geo. Boswell, MSU, c1965, from Mrs. Merlie Spencer Bryan)
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co.): 1st settled by Harrison Conner but named for Col. Thomas Dye Owings. (one of series of unidentified and undated articles on bluegrass area communities. Pop. of c. 1500 (c1974) (P. 16). Acc. to trad. the new county's seat was to be located in Catletts Flat, 1 mi. s. of present site of O'ville but this idea was discarded in favor of present site. Commissioners reported its selection of present site 6/24/1811 and the town was called Owingsville for Col. Thos. Deye Owings who had given 169½ acres. 31½ acre were given by Rich'd. Menefee (sic). Located.
48 mi. e. of Lex. on level land on top of hill. 1011 ft. above sealevel. Harrison Conner built 1st house c.1803. 6-10 homes before co. est. and town founded. These included Menefee's and the Owings House....(P. 18)....Owings and Menefee, Sr. "owned adjoining properties and each had donated a part of their land for the town and each felt they should have the honor naming it. One acct. given is that they agreed that the right to name the town would belong to the one who erected the finest home in the shortest time. The Owings mansion was started in 1811 and completed in 1814....Rich'd. Menefee lost and....The structure is of Georgia Colonial
design..." (P. 65) po est. 7/1/1814, Edward Stockton... (NA and P. 81); (BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Program, Bicentennial, 1974);
On the naming of Owingsville: Col. Thomas Dye (sic) Owings and Richard H. Menefee shared ownership of the townsite when a name was sought. Both "were building pretentious homes. The people of the community agreed that the one completing his home first should give his name to the town. It seems Col. Owings' home was completed first." (Bath Co. News-Outlook, 4/29/1901, Fann, thesis, 1937, p. 22)
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co.): Laid out 10/1811 and named for Thomas Dye Owings who owned part of the site. The rest of it was owned by Richard Menefee. To determine for whom the town would be named, the two had a race to build the finest home in the shortest length of time. Owings won and his house still stands on Main St. Had been used for a hotel, apart, house, doctors office, liquor store... (article on Bath Co. in LEX. LEADER, 6/30/1938, Sect. 2, P. 36:1-4)....
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co., Ky): "This city & seat of B. Co. is on a plateau, 1 mi. n. of I-64. Acc. to trad., the new co's. seat was to be located in Catletts Flat, 1 mi. s. but this was rejected in favor of the present site where several important families had already est. their homes. Among these were Richard Meniffee & Thos. Deye Owings, each of whom donated land for the new seat and town laid out in 1811. To determine for which the town would be named, these 2 well est. gentlemen agreed to race "to build the finest home in the shortest time." Owings won. Owings, a Marylander, had come to B. Co. c. 1800,
distinguished himself as an ironmonger, and was to represent his co. in the W. of 1812, and later in the State Leg. The po was org. on 7/1/1814 as Bath Co. Hse. or O. with Edw Stockton, pm, and the town was inc. in 1829 (Book, P. 223);
OWINGSVILLE (Bath Co.): The Owings House built in 1844 now houses the Owingsville Banking Co. (Helen Price Stacy, "Progressive, Yet Retains the Old" col. 2/26/1975.) The house still stands opp. the courthouse square. Once the center of social & cultural life of the area. Often visited by famous persons like Henry Clay. O'ville on a high plateau in the middle of the co. Most of the land owned by 2 men, Thomas Dye Owings and Richard Menifee (sic), each of whom wanted the co. seat to be named for him. To avoid further wrangling, it was decided.... (Joe Creason, "The Owingsville House that Named the Town" CJ, 11/2/70.)
PIB (Bath Co.): Called Lick Branch until c.1905 for the rocky branch flowing thru there. Aka Fairview for the small rural church on a hill overlooking the valley. McClure's po was in the store he owned from 1902-08. Sent list of names to POD, incl. McClure & Pebble. The latter chosen since already a McClure po in Ky. ...(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Program, 1974, P. 50); ("P(eb)ble" and "far/uyū") (Mrs. Robt. Lewis; 6/24/77);
PEBBLE (Bath Co., Ky): "This settlement with dpo lies where Ky. 1602 crosses Lick Br., 8 mi. n. of O. Until 1905 the com. was called Lick Branch for the rocky stream that joins the Licking R. some 2 mi. n. and was also known at times as Fairview for the chu. on a nearby hill. In 1905 John G. McClure, the storekeeper, applied for a po. As his name was already in use an alternative suggestion, Pebble, for the texture of the stream bed, was adopted instead. The po closed in 1922.' (Book, Pp. 228-9);
PEBBLE (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 12/22/1905, John G. McClure. Disc. eff. 1/31/1922 (mail to O'ville) (NA); Located east of East Fork on the East Fork-Oakley (sic) Rd. (Richards, ILL. HIST...1961, P. 471). Until 1905, called Lick Branch, named for the rocky branch flowing thru that area. Aka at times as Fairview for the rural church on the hill. J.G. McClure ran country store there 1902-08. Was asked in 1905 to open a p.o. in store. Sent list of names incl. McClure and Pebble to POD; Pebble chosen since another McClure already existed in Ky...
(Irene Stewart, "Pebble Named for Rocky Creek that Flows There", BATH CO. NEWS-OUTLOOK, 8/24/1961 sec. 2 P. 4:6-7)
PEBBLE (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to J.G. McClure, 9/25/1905, the proposed name for his new po was Fairview and it would be 3½ mi se of Sherburne po, 4 mi n of Odessa po, 1½ mi s of the Licking River, 2 mi w of Indian Creek, serving store, sch., chu., and shop & a pop. of 25-30. The po was next to chu., shop, and store (all in separate bldgs.) and across Lick Branch from the school. (SLR);
J. PEELED OAK (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 3/31/1834, Thos. Ficklin; Disc. 2/29/1846; Re-est. 8/19/47, Wm. Walker...Disc. 4/11/55; Re-est. 12/14/55, John W. Tomlinson...Disc. 11/8/65; Re-est. 2/12/66, Amanda Hazelrigg; Disc. 2/14/68; Re-est. 8/10/69, Wm. H. Reid..Disc. 2/15/74 (NA); "...is said to have taken its name from the fact that an early settler in that section, to establish a boundary line, peeled the bark from a chestnut oak and thereby gave to this section its name." Many sawmills there in 19th cent. "abundance of fine timber" and thriving tanning indust..... (Richards, ILL. HIST... 1961, P. 465).
PEELED OAK (Bath Co.): (pron. "Peeld Ohk")
(Mrs. Robt. Lewis, 6/24/1977); now: church.
"Little remains of a once thriving vil. on the present Ky. 1331, 5½ mi. ssw of O. Acc.
to trad., early settlers happened upon a large chestnut oak tree at the edge of a nearby stream, the bark of whose trunk and every limb had been thoroughly peeled. It was assumed that this had been done by Indians or perhaps by a pioneer to mark a boundary line. The local po was est. 4/26/1822 and operated with many intermissions until 1874." (Book, P. 229);

(x 2 mi. from the mont. co. line)
PEELED OAK (Bath Co.): "It is recorded that an early settler, in order to establish a boundary line, peeled the bark from an oak tree and that is how it got its name. According to the late Mrs. Carrie Myers, as told to her by her father, there was this big oak tree that had been peeled from top to bottom; every limb on it, big and little, had been carefully gone over and not one bit of bark had been left, and it is believed that it was done by the Indians. But there it stood, this giant oak tree, stripped of every vestige of bark, right by the roadside and at the edge of the branch a little stream rarely ever dry, even in the driest of seasons, being fed by several never
failing streams...Peeled Oak has been the name since the commu. (was) first settled. There were numerous saw mills and tanning industries (sic) and the community was heavily populated until its timber was gone." (BATH COUNTY MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Program, Bicentennial, 1974, P. 38); Acc. to Will H. Reid, 11/20/1869, the Peeled Oak po was serving Thomlinson's Old Store in the Mud Lick Prec., 3½ mi e of Slate Creek, 3½ mi e of Howards Mill po, 7 mi s of Owingsv. po (SLR);
PEELED OAK (Bath Co.): "Now this big oak tree had been peeled from top to bottom; every limb on it, big and little, had been carefully gone over, not one bit of bark had been left, and the supposition was that it must have been done by Indians. But there it stood...right by the roadside and at the edge of Peeled Oak Branch, a little stream rarely ever dry, even at the driest season, being fed by several never-failing springs.....The name Peeled Oak has been the name of this community since first settled....It has never been known by any other." Cut down before the turn of the present century since badly decayed. School there.....
PITTSBURG (sic) (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 7/8/1854, Skidmore Field; Disc. 1/16/185? (NA); sp. Pittsburgh in Richards who placed it as a po & commu. on upper White Oak Creek nr. where the road comes to the creek from the sw. (1961, P. 523); Spelled with "h" on the 1884 Atlas where it was located on White Oak Cr., 0.3 mi. w of the head of Naylor Cr. 0.6 mi. ssw of Upper White Oak Xian Chu., 2 mi. e. of Reynolds. On the White Oak Tpk.*, 5 mi. n. of O. A scattered ngbd. centering on PO, the upper sect. of which is now called White Oak. (Memories, P. 45);

* now Ky 1944
Pittsburg is now known as **White Oak**. (Calvin Anderson's bio. of Rube Fields, Bath Co. News-Outlook, 8/24/1961, III P. 3:1-3)
PRESTON (Bath Co.): p.o est. 8/21/1882, as Crooks, Wm. H. Reid...n.ch. to Preston, 1/29/1913, Mollie Nixon....(NA); Preston Station founded 1881 and named for Wm. Preston who then owned the land and who donated the right-of-way to the E.L. & B.S. Ry. Co. on condition that the firm "est. and maintain a sta. and name it for him." P.O. est. there as Crooks for a prominent area family. Name later ch. to Preston. Vill. that grew to a pop. of 250 grew up around the sta. "Was the point of delivery for freight consigned to Owingsville" and passengers too. For some time the shipping pt. for lumber products cut and sawed in the area. (Richards, ILL. HIST ...1967; Pp. 259-61).
PRESTON (Bath Co., Ky): Late Crooks, Mollie Nixon was pm (3/3/1913) In Sept. 1913, Ibid. pet. for a site of 120 yards n to a pt. 70yds n of the C&O rr and Presto Station, 3 mi w of Olympia po, 5 mi s of Owingsv. po, ca. 500 yards e of Mill Creek. On 3/25/1925, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 654 ft. s (SLR);
PRESTON (Bath Co., Ky): "This hamlet with C&O RR sta. is 3½ mi. s of 0. It was founded in 1881 as Preston Sta. and named for Wm. Preston who donated the right-of-way to the then Eliz. Lex. & Big Sandy Ry. on condition that a sta. named for him be maintained there. The local po was est. 8/21/1882 as Crooks for a prominent area family and renamed Preston in 1913." (Book, P. 242);
PRESTON (Bath Co.): c. 5 mi. s. of O'ville. Founded c. 1881 and named for Wm. Preston, large landowner who would donate the right-of-way to the E.L. & B.S. Ry. if they'd est. sta. there and call it for him. They did. Later po was est. and named Crooks for the Crooks family, important area family. Later, po renamed Preston. Had as many as 250 pop. at one time. This was the freight distribution sta. for O'ville on the rr. The shipping pt. for lumber & products for that whole area. ...(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, P. 37); "Preston"

Now: Depot, couple of stores, church (Mrs. Lewis, 6/24/77)
The Crooks family first settled in the vic. of the Springfield Chu. Alfred H. Crooks moved his family to the Peeled Oak-Little Slate Creek section of the county. Had 3 sons: Jim, Robt., & Sam. (Richards, P. 467)

Acc. to Wm. H. Reid, 8/1882, the proposed names for this new po were Peald Oak (sic) and Preston and it would be serving Preston Station on the C&O's Lexington & Big Sandy RR. But it was est. as Crooks and was 3½ mi w of Olympia po, 4 1/6 mi e of Stepstone po, 5 mi se of Owingsv. po, 1½ mi e of Slate Creek. (SLR);
PRICKLY ASH CREEK (Bath County, Ky.) Path of a destructive tornado, 5/28/1943 "which up-rooted nearly all the timber in its course and destroyed every house over which it passed."

(Iva Lewis, Bath Co., Ky. student of Leonard Roberts, Morehead State U., 1959)

Field #142
The Ragland (oil Field) in Bath & Menifee Co' was opened in 1897. (P. 152-3) Low prices so forced its discontinuation. (P. 156) (Thos. U. Fann, An Econ. Hist. of B. Co., Ky., UK, thesis, 1937); Acc. to a Mr. McKee, 3/1/1867, the Raglands po would be 1½ mi w of Gills Mills po (across the river, on the w bank of Licking R. Samuel P. Atchison would be pm. (SLR);
RAGLAND (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to the map in Sulzer's Ghost RR, P. 73, Ragland was on the Licking R. at the mouth of Big Cave Run. It was a sta. on the Licking R. Ry. (32 mi. long, narrow gauge rr, inc. 1896 by the Sterling Lumber Co. Joined the C&O at Salt Lick. Extended for 12 mi. se to Yale to serve the lumber mill there. It followed the river. It was renamed the Licking Val. Rl in 1899 at a receiver's sale. New owners es the Yale Lumber Co. which built another mill at Yale. By 1902 the line had extended to Morgan, 14 1/2 mi. from Yale. (P. 73) The rr "was opened to" Yale in 4/1897. RR hdqtrs. were also at Yale. (P.77) RR ceased 1913 & tracks were removed. (P.78)
RAGLANDS (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 3/6/1867, Sam'l. P. Atchison...Disc. 2/10/1870 (NA); Local family. A stop of the "Little Dinky RR betw. Yale & Salt Lick which was est. to serve the Ragland Oil Fields. (When was oil disc. & first dev. here?) ; Acc. to 1884 B. Co. Atlas, J.A. Ragland lived on the Licking R. 2-2½ mi. above the rr tracks; Wm. Ragland lived 2 mi. above J.A.; and T.C. Ragland lived -1 mi. above Wm.
Ragland was a rr stop (with depot) on the old Licking Val. RR betw. Salt Lick & Yale. (P.449); T.C. Ragland "for many yrs. was noted for his hospitality and congeniality... many yrs. ago his home on the Upper Licking became the stopping place of people from all sections seeking health or pleasure and every one who was a guest at his home soon came to hold him & his wife in the warmest regard. Hi neighbors all swore by him and he was easily the first citizen of his com. The Ragland Oil Field took its name from him, the first well being drilled near his home but not on his farm. He was a son of Thos. C. Ragland, the eldest of 15 children, being born in 1835 and dying in 1903." (Richards. Pp. 449-50)
REYNOLDSVILLE (Bath Co.): P.O. est. 2/25/1874

Tilford Moores...Disc. 4/9/83; Re-est. 1/20/86, Morton Harper...Disc. eff. 6/30/1904 (mai.
to Sharpsburg) (NA); On the Owingsville-
Sharpsburg Tpk. Laid out 1870 and named for
Dr. Jos. Reynolds, a native Virginian, who
built the first home and practiced medicine
there. Once a thriving vill. with [c.\underline{\textit{pop.}}100.
(...)] (Richards, ILL. HIST...1961, P. 481).

Town laid out in 1870 by Dr. Jos. Reynolds who
came here from Va. and built home. c. 9 mi.
from O'ville. On Ky. 36. Farmers trade ctr.
Pop. over 100 at peak. Large gen. store, po,
blacksmith shop....(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-
1974, P. 47);
REYNOLDSVILLE (Bath Co.): (pron. "R(eh)n/v(ah)l") Named for Dr. Jos. Reynolds, practicing physician; at least she thinks he practiced there. He built the 1st house there. She dk why named for him other than possibly for this reason. DK that it was ever called anything else. (Mrs. Robert Lewis, interview, 6/24/1977);

Run'le = 4.7 rd. nr. nw of Ow'ville. Acc. to Tilford Moores, 4/14/1876, this po was 2 mi e of Flat Creek, 5 mi w of Owingsville po. // Acc. to Morton Harper, 6/30/1885, the po was re-est. that year at the same site. (SLR);
RICE'S CROSS ROADS (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 8/4/1840, Hiram G. Barnes; Disc. 8(?) /28/1840. Re-est. 8/4/1841, Robt. Pringle; 2/18/1842, Rezin (sic) R. Rice... Disc. 10/23/1843 (NA). Rices were a Bath Co. family in 19th cent.

The first Rice's Cross Roads was est. in Bath Co. on 12/29/1832 with Razien R. Rice, pm; the 1/16/34, Robt. M. Elliott; 9/21/36, Razien R. Rice; 7/5/38, Elijah Bailey; n.ch. to Licking and in Fleming Co. 2/6/1839, Jas. Montgomery; 4/2/40, Robt. M. Elliott; 8/16/42, John C. McGlasson; Disc. 4/28/43; Re-est. 12/10/44, Washington McIntire; Disc. 8/23/1845 (NA). This preceded est. of Rowan Co.
Rices lived in the area just s of what later became Moores Ferry, acc. to the 1884 Atlas. Thus Rice Xrds. may have been just s. or se of M.F. Across from Rowan Co. which was still Fleming Co. in the 1840s, some 4-5 mi. n of (or below) Salt Lick.
RICE'S CROSS ROADS (Bath Co., Ky): On the Licking R., about ½ mi. ne of Salt Lick, and 9 mi. ese of O'wille., just e. of the mouth of Salt Lick Creek. The Licking PO was on the s. bank of Triplett Creek, 6 mi. ne of Rice's Cross Roads and 9 mi. sw of Triplett (later Morehead) PO. (before 1856 in Fleming Co., then in Rowan Co.) (Acc. to 1839 PO map of Ky.) The Licking PO was in the vic. of the present Farmers in Rowan Co. Probably the forerunner of the Farmers PO which was est. as such in 1849. Farmers = 1½ mi. e. of the Bath Co. line & the Licking R., on US 60 and some 6 mi. from downtown M'd. The Farmer's PO was est. in Fleming Co. on 8/28/
with John B. Zimmerman, pm.... (NA);
SALT LICK (Bath Co.): p.o. est. as Vail, 1/17/1882, James M. Colliver; n.ch. to Salt Lick, 8/9/88, James M. Colliver...(NA); Town and creek named for the many "saline springs" in vic. Found by early settlers. (P. 425). By 1884 a depot. PO then was Vail. Also at that time 3 stores and some scattered homes. Then only a vill[crossroads. By turn of cent., a fairly thriving town based on timber resource production: rr ties and staves for whiskey barrels. On C&O RR. Today the prim. ind. center of co. & a trade center for surrounding agri. area. (P. 425.) (....) (Richards, ILL. HIST... 1961,
SALT LICK (Bath Co.): Inc. 2/16/1888 (ACTS 1887/8, Vol. 1, P. 318); 6th class city with esti. 400 pop. From Book, P. 262: "6th cl. city with po is centered at the jct. of US60 & Ky. 211, 7 mi. e. of O'ville and only yards from the Licking R. Before it was laid out as a town in 1884 and named for the many salt springs in the area to which deer had come to lick, it was a xrds settlement with a po called Vail (that had been) est. 1/17/1882 with Jas. M. Colliver, pm. The po was renamed SL on 8/9/88, several mos. after the town was inc. under that name."
SALT LICK (Bath Co.): Laid out 1884 and named for the many salt springs to which deer came to lick. 9 mi. e. of Owingsv. on US 60. At first a few scattered homes, Salt Lick depot, Vail post and several stores. Later saw mills and lumber yards. Grew after discovery of the nearby Ragland Oil Fields which employed many local & area persons...(P.25) On the C&O RR. Today, a thriving town with a no. of businesses, school, churches, bank...Marie Campbell=pm (1974). Vol fire dept...(P.28)...(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'1 Booklet & Prog., Bicentennial, 1974); ("SALT LICK") ("VAIL ") du why called Vail. On of any 100 families of that name (Mrs. Robert Lewis, 6/24/77)
SHARPSBURG (Bath Co., Ky): On 1/4/1902, J.H. Sharp pet. for a site ch. 142 ft. w. || On 6/2/1906, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 150 ft s. || On 12/2/1913, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 17 ft e. || Lula Sharp was pm ca. 7/24/1939. (SLR);
SHARPSBURG (Bath Co.): Est. 12/21/1825 (ACTS 1825, P. 103) Inc. 1/9/1852 (ACTS 1851/2, P. 716); 6th cl. city with est. 340 pop.;

Acc. to Book, P. 268: "6th cl. city with PO is on Ky. 11, 9 mi. wnw of O. Moses Sharp (1747-1820), a Rev. War vet. from Va. who had settled in the area in 1780, laid out the town in 1814 on his land. He is said to have named it Bloomfield for the "luxuriant growth of vegetation and the profusion of wild flowers which grew in the open spaces of what was then a vast forest." However, the po est. there on 1/16/1821 was by Josiah Reed was named for Sharp. The town was formally est. by Ky. Leg. in 1825."
SHARPSBURG (Bath Co.): 12 mi. from Mt. Sterling and 12 mi. nw of Owingsville on Ky. 11. Founded by Moses Sharp & Abraham Penix in late 18th cent. Laid out 1814. 1st called Bloomfield but later renamed for Moses Sharp. Sharp was ne in 1757. A Rev. War vet., he was a spy for Dan'l Boone. To Ky. in 1780 and settled at Bald Eagle where raised his family. Laid out Sharp and gave land for ct. hse & streets. Died in 1820. 19th cent. had a carding factory, tailo: shop, coffin factory, flour mill, stores... bagging and woolen factories. Today: bank, po 3 gro. stores, 3 filling sta., 2 hardware stores, 1 tractor sales, 1 rest., 1 drygoods store, pop.=310.... (BATH CO. MEMORIES...1974 Pp. 22-3);
SHARPSBURG (Bath Co.): Named for Moses Sharp, a Va. planter who settled at the site in 1820. He named the community Bloomfield but shortly after his death, the residents changed the name to honor him. He laid off the town and named its streets and donated the land. (on of series of unidentified and undated articles on bluegrass area communities...); (pron. "Sh(ar)ps/berg") (pron. "Blüm/feeld")
The small settlement of Bald Eagle is (met-the) 3-4 mi. from Sharpsb. Still referred to by the name tho' no store left there. Bridge over the creek there called the Bald Eagle Bridge. (Pron. "B(ah)ld Eeg/-l"). The creek flows roughly s-r
Now sparsely settled. She dk if Sharp named i that. Acc. to AN OUTLINE HIST. OF BATH CO., the 1st houses in Sharpsburg were built in 1814 by Jas. Milroy & Jos. Yeater. Town was laid out in 1814. DK why Sharpsburg was re-named for Moses Sharp if he wasnt the 1st settler. (Mrs. Robert Lewis, interview, 6/24/1977);
SHARPSBURG (Bath Co.): 1st called Bloomfield for the "luxurious growth of vegetation and the profusion of wild flowers, which grew in the open spaces of what was then, a vast forest." (sic) Early settlers included James Milroy and Jos. Yates. Nearby, on what is now Long Branch, Moses Sharp built his cabin home, 1780. He donated the site of Sharpsburg and it was named for him. He was buried on a ridge nr. the town. (Mrs. Lou Bradshaw Lacy of Owingsville, ms. "Some of the Historical Spots in Bath Co. and its Early Hist." KHS Bath Co. Vert. Files);
SHARPSBURG (Bath Co., Ky): Had early great promise of developing into the county's main industrial town. Had a pop. of 700 in 1880, with a rope works, several clothing factories a furn. factory, saw & planing mill, brick kilns, flour mill, newsp., other businesses. No railroad and faster growth of nearby Mt. Sterling and Owingsville led to its decline. (Pp. 160-61 in Fann's thesis, 1937);
SLATE CREEK (Bath Co., Ky): Named for the slate rocks on its banks. (Richards, P. 3); The first significant settlement in Bath Co. may have been made on Slate Creek, at the mouth of Nailors Branch in 1783 by Hugh Sidwe along with Thos. Clark & brother, and a Mr. Ballard. (Richards, P. 41); The creek joins the Licking R. at Wyoming. (Ib. P. 42); The creek crosses the co. from sw to ne. The com. called Slate Valley with its store & Slate Val. Xian Chu. are on Ky. 111 betw. Prickly Ash Cr. & Naylor Br. (sic-on maps), c. 2½ mi. ne of 0. Number of homes on both sides of rd. (obs. c1977);
SLATE FURNACE (Bath Co., Ky.) "The first iron furnace (in Ky.) was built in 1791 near Owingsville on Slate Creek. It was built by John Cackey Owings, Jacob Myers, and John Breckinridge. Cannon balls were made here; the were hauled in wagons to Iles' Mills, on Licking River, and there put in flatboats and conveyed in that way to New Orleans. Gen. Jackson used them against the British. Stoves and other utensils for the early homes were made of the iron that was produced at this pioneer furnace. Louis Philip (sic) of France came to Bath Count in 1814, and during the time he was here he (xx)
SLATE CREEK IRON WORKS (Bath Co., Ky): PO est 1/1/1807, Peter Davis....Disc. ? (NA) Served the old Slate or Bourbon Furnace, the 1st to be est. w. of the Alleghenies. The 1st po of what became Bath Co. In 1775 Elias Tobin built a cabin on the site of the later furn., at the mouth of Mill Creek. Ruins of the furn. can be seen on the w. side of Ky. 36, c. 2 mi. se of the presentday O. city limits. "Rich deposits" of iron ore on the Slate Creek watershed were the basis of a fairly extensive mining ind. in the early 19th cent. upon which the co's. early economy was largel depended. The furn. was erected in 1791 on
Slate Creek, just below the mouth of Mill Creek. First blast 1793. Around it grew up a community for its workers—homes, stores, post office. The store (local) was the first in the county.
SPRINGFIELD CHURCH (Bath Co., Ky): The orig. chu. was log structure built in 1792. Burned in 1807 and replaced by brick bldg. On Hinkston Creek nr. the Montg. Co. line. A large cem. surrounds the chu. Many pioneer settlers of this sect. of Bath & Montg. are buried here. ("Rev. John Dabney Shane's Interview with Mrs. Sarah Graham of Bath Co.' transcribed for pub. by Lucien Beckner, THE FILSON CLUB; HIST. Q. Vol. 9, 1935, Pp. 222-241, 224-5);
SPRINGFIELD CHURCH (Bath Co., Ky): In the extreme nw corner of the county between Stoops and Sharpsburg. Org. c. 1797...
(Gladys Robertson ms. on old Montg. co. chu's WPA)
STAMPER (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 4/24/1911, Wm A. Brown. Disc. 7/15/1913 (mail to Cave Run) (NA); Named for a prominent Bath Co. family. Descendants of John or Jonathan Stamper, a pioneer preacher. Now in Cave Run Lake. Acc. to no sign., 7/1911, the Stamper po at Caney Furnace was 36 rods s of the Caney Sta. of the Licking R. Ry, 4¹/₂ mi e of Salt Lick po, ½ mi w of Lick. R., 36 rods s of Caney Creek, 2 mi w of Ragland po. In 9/1912, Wiley Alfrey pet. for site ch. but didn't say how far or in what direction to a spot 150 ft from the LV Ry, 400 ft from Riverside Sta. (rr), 4 mi sw of Cogswell po, 3 mi w of Cave Run po, 6 mi se of Salt Lick po, 400 ft s of the river. 3¹/₄ mi e. of Caney Creek. (SLE)
STRINGTOWN (Bath Co.): A small mining camp near Olympia and very close to the mines in that vicinity. Mostly consisted of 1 and 2 rm. cabins. c. late 1890s. (Miss Lizzie Swartz, "Stringtown was a Mining Camp..." BATH CO. NEWS-OUTLOOK, 8/24/1961, P. 5 of Sect. 2, Cols. 6-7). There were several Stringtowns in the county. The section of Owingsville where the Lewises live was once called Stringtown, aka Frogtown. But dk why. (pron "Str(ih)town" and "Fr(oh)gh ± Fr(aw)gh/town

The S'town in my sample, tho., is just off 7, Slate Cr., sw of O'ville. Now: nothing, just the road and homes. Farming area. DK what used to be there. People still refer to it as the Stringtown Rd. (M&M Robt. Lewis, 6/24/1977);
SWEET (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 4/21/1900, Lemuel Sweet; Disc. eff. 2/28/1905 (mail to Moorefield, Nich. Co.) (NA); Lemuel Sweet was a 19th cent. landowner in the E. Fk-Little Flat-Pebble section of the co. (Richards-P. 472); Acc. to 1884 Atlas, Lemuel Sweet lived on the s. side of Little Flat Cr. & the rd. betw. Bethel & Little Flat Po., just sw of the po. So we may assume that Sweet Po was in the extreme n. sect. of the co., nr. the Nich. Co. line and superceded the L.F. Po.
SWEET (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Lemuel Sweet, April 1900, the proposed name for this new po was Little Flat, and it would be on the s side of Little Flat Creek, on the s. side of the Licking River, 3 mi nw of Sherburne po, 4 mi se of Sprout po, 4 mi s of Davidson po. (SLR);
VAIL (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to James M. Colliver, 12/27/1881, the proposed name for this new po was Ogg, and it would be at the Salt Lick Depot, 2½ mi e o: Marshall po, 4 mi w of Farmers po, 5 mi n of Youngs Springs po, 1 mi sw of Licking River and ¼ mi s of Salt Lick Creek. (SLR); Acc. to Sherman Gullett, 7/20/1904, the Saltlick po was ¾ mi w of Salt Lick Creek, Licking River, 150 yards e of Salt Lick Creek, 150 ft. s of Salt Lick Sta. (depot) on the C&O. The village's 1900 pop. was 225 but now it had 600 residents. (SLR);
WICKLIFFE FORGE (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to H.J. Templeman the place was locally called Mariah Forge and was 4 mi w of the Licking R. and on the w side of Slate Creek, 4 mi ne of Owingsv. po, 4 mi s of Wyoming po. (SLR);
WICKLIFFES FORGE (Bath Co., Ky); po est. 2/19/1845; Joshua Ewing; Disc. 5/28/1846; Re-est., but not sure where, as Wicliff (sic) Forge 6/8/1868, Henry J. Templeman; Disc. 1/21/1870 (NA); Robert "Old Duke" Wickliffe of Lexington bought most of the land around the Bourbon or Old Slate Furn. From him, Maj. John C. Mason bought the land and ran the fur till it closed in 1838. (Memories, P. 53); Robt. Wickliffe of Lex. in the late 1820s-30s acquired the old Bourbon Furn. and leased it to local businessmen. (Richards, P. 97);

may have been in vic. of Caney Furn., c.1 mi. up Caney Creek from the lick, R. + ese of S. c. co-owned at that time by Joshua Ewing. —
WYOMING (Bath Co.): p.o. est. as Slate, sometime before 1830...n.ch. to Wyoming, 10/6/53, Robt. A. Caldwell...Disc. 9/30/1912 (mail to O'ville), (NA); Located at "confluence of Slate Creek & Licking R." Site orig. owned by Col. Thos. Deye (sic) Owings. Town laid out 1820. Folk legend offered to explain name: "Some yrs before the est. of the town, acc. to an old settler (ne. c.1810), a lone Indian wandered down Slate Creek to its mouth. The river then was at high stage and the Indian, who was friendly, sought help from the settlers to cross the turbulent river. Because of the high
stage of the river the settlers refused to provide him with a boat or a canoe or to risk the chance of ferrying him across, whereupon in apparent disgust he threw up his hands and exclaimed 'Wyomee', a word which had no meaning to the settlers, but from which time they gave the name Wyoming to the town." (P. 441) Though after it was named, it continued to be called Mouth of Slate for some time. "rendezvous of gamblers and counterfeiters. Very bad reput. for drinking, gambling, fighting...In early days of county, this was one of the indus. areas of county with its grist & saw mill. Pop.c. 300.
Also prosperous river town. In 1880s, fire destroyed much of the town and it never recovered. (Pp. 442-3) (Richards, ILL. HIST... 1961) now merely a few homes and a church. Modern farming area. (ibid. p. 446).
WYOMING (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to W.J. Huff, 3/17/1886, this po was on the n side of Slate Creek at the Licking River, 7 mi ne of Owingsv. po, 3½ mi sw of Grange City po. (SLR);
WYOMING (Bath Co.): (pron. "W(eye) (ah)/ oh/m(ih)η") The only acct. of its naming—she ever came across is what's given in Richards & the Bicentenn. booklet. Doesn't know anyone who would know the true origin of the name. cf Richards or Collins for the names of early settlers and thus trace if they came from the Wyoming Val. sect. of Pa. Now: nothing. Used to be a ferry there run by Herbert Snedegar and his father, Bruce before him. Not used in the last 50 yrs. No longer store. Local people still refer to it as Wyoming. Store, chur., & sch. are all gone. Had actually been a town some 50-55 yrs. ago. (Mrs. Robt. Lewis, interview, 6/24/1977);
WYOMING (Bath Co.): Laid out in 1820 on Col. Thos. Deye Owings' land. However, settlers there even earlier. Richards' acct. of name is given.... Rough place with many fights and some killings in early days. Had as many as 300 pop. Had hotel, saloon, stores, several mills and a carding factory, MDs and lawyers Ferry. In late 19th cent. most of town destroyed by fire and never recovered.... (BATH COUNTY MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Program, Bicentennial, 1974, P. 40); (IN c 2/30/1839 (Acts 1838/9, P.25-3)
The Yale Lumber Co. was one of the major lumber companies during the boom around Scranton area. The owners were from the NE, maybe Pa. This community was named for the co. (Mrs. Geneva Thompson ms. for Geo. Boswell, MSU, c1965, from Mrs. Belle Lyons Wells); Now under Cave Run Lake. Years ago was in midst of heavily timbered area. DK when or by whom 1st settled, sometime between 1790-1800. In 1807, after Sam'l. Criswell Gill & wife from S.C. settled o Salt Lick Creek and he built one of the county's 1st mills to grind corn; then started sawmill. Gill's Mill was the foreunner of Yale. (check). Other mills, lumber companies and oil companies
est. headquarters at this site. PO was est. & stores, shops, saloons, 2 hotels. Yale Lumber Co. with E.W. Strack as mgr. which maintained its own stores & homes for the workers....

(BATH CO. MEMORIES, 1811-1974, Hist'l. Booklet & Program, Bicentennial, 1974, P. 32);

The above substantiated by Richards, pp. 446-9 who says, that Gill came from So. Can. (p. 446) Yale once a thriving river town... (p. 448)
YALE (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Charles H. Eaton, 11/16/1896, the proposed name for this new po was Charlesto and it would be 25 ft s of the Licking Val. Ry tracks and Charleston Station, 2 mi n of Lonesome po, 4½ mi sw of Cogswell po, on the sw side of the Licking R., ¼ mi n of Beaver Creek. || On 12/8/1913, Chas. P. Johnson pet. for a site ch. 80 air rods s into Menifee Co., 10 rods s of the county line. || Acc. to Myrtle Cassity, 11/26/1917 the po was back in Bath Co. that month, 60 rods n of the co. line. || Acc. to Ibid., July 29, 1939, the po was ¼ rd and air mi from co. line, 200 yds w of Licking R., 3/4 mi nw of Beaver Creek (at its mouth), 4 mi s of Zilpo po. (SLR);
YALE (Bath Co.): p.o. est. 5/3/1897, Chas. H. Eaton, didn't serve; 5/7/97, John Morris, order rescinded on 6/4/97; back to Eaton till 7/12/1900....(NA); Lumber mill at Yale. Yale is 12 rr mi. from Salt Lick. 2 lumber mills. (P.73). Yale was the headquarters of the Licking Val. RR whose owners organized the Yale Lumber Co. c.1900-02. The rr had been extended to this pt. 4/1/1897. Before 1899, the rr was called the Licking Val. Ry. which had been inc. 1896 when est. by the Sterling Lumber Co. of Yale, where they had a large mill. (Pp. 73, 77) (Elmer G. Sulzer, GHOST RAILROADS OF KY., I'polis, 1967); p.o. disc.
Yale (Bath Co., Ky): A large mill owned by the Heywood Bros. and the Wakefield Co. of Boston, Mass. which "cut lumber for chairs and baby carriages (for) factories in Gardner & Wakefield, Mass. and Chi., Ill." Employed 500 men (Fann, 1937, P. 143 from News-Outlook, 4/11/1901) Licking Vall. RR Co c.1900 (Ibid.);
YALE (Bath Co.): (pron. "Yel ↔ Yal") Now under Cave Run Lake. Never had another name. DK where the Yale Lumber Co. came from or when (Mrs. Robert Lewis, interview, 6/24/1977); Yale now has only 1 home. The mill was moved from Scranton to Yale. Was closed when the timber was depleted and many people left the area. (Kathleen Perry, "Heritage Edition of MENIFEE COUNTY JOURNAL, 4/10/1974, P. 15:1-4) Site now under the Cave Run Lake. ½ mi. nw of the jct. of Men., Row. & Bath Co's. & the Lic. R. 2½ mi. beyond (above, s of) Zilpo on old Kj 826. (F621);
YOUNG'S SPRINGS (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Original Young, act. pm for Wm. H. Carragan, pm, 9/14/1885, this po was serving a place locally called White Sulphur Springs and was 1 mi e of Salt Lick Creek, and 4 mi w of the Licking River, 5 mi se of Vail po, 7 mi se of Marshall po, 5 mi s of the Salt Lick Sta. of the C&O RR. On 8/29/1903, Wm. Clayton pet. for a site ch. for the proposed Clayton po, formerly Youngs Springs po and instead would be called Young, 3/4 mi north (to/ Salt Lick) to a pt. 4½ mi s of Salt Lick po, 4 mi w of the Licking River, and almost 3 mi n of Salt Lick Creek. (SLR);
YOUNG'S SPRINGS (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 12/6/1876, John D. Young; 9/14/1879, J. Roe Young...10/23/1886, Original Young; name changed to Young, 1/27/1896, Wm. Clayton. 4/6/1906, Thos. J. Young, declined; 7/7/1906, Jonathan Denton; Disc. 11/15/1906 (m. to Salt Lick); Re-est. 1/26/1907, John Denton; Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Salt Lick) (NA); Before the turn of the cent. a "thriving com." with (grist) water-powered grist & sawmills, stores & po which had been named for Thos. L. Young, the springs' owner. Now part of the commu. of White Sulphur named for the white sulphur springs on Salt Lick Cr. (Memories, P. 39); W 35 = -½ mi. NE of Y, 5, 80.
ZILPO (Bath Co., Ky): Acc. to Zillie Power, 2/1/1921, the name proposed for this new po was Licking Union, and it would be serving the commu. of that name, 3/4 m: w of the Licking River, 5 mi e of Caney Creek, 3 mi n of Yale po, 3 mi s of Cogswell po. Acc. to Geo. H. Power, 7/27/1939, this po was 1½ mi s of Licking R., and 3 mi e of Caney Creek, 2½ mi s of Cogswell po, 3 mi n of Yale po. (SLR);
ZILPO (Bath Co., Ky): po est. 5/3/1921, Zillie Power (sic); 9/18/1927, acting, 11/4/1927, Geo. H. Powers, (sic)....Disc. 4/30/1954 (NA); Had a po, sch. & chu. and several homes. In the Licking R. bottoms, on old Ky. 826, c. 1 mi. from the river, 1 3/4 mi. n. of the jct. of Bath, Rowan & Menifee Co's. in thse corner of Bath Co., c. 22½ mi. se of O. At the edge of Cave Run Lake. Name now applied to boat ramp and rec. area of Cave Run Lake; Probably named for Zilla (or Zillie Powers, the 1st pm. This is aka Licking-Unic Now under Cave Run Lake. ("Zihl/poh") She was one of the 2 daughters of a Mr. Powers there. (Virgaline Lewis, 6/24/1977);
12/1895 issue of the Bath Co. OUTLOOK for some hist'l. data. An article on county po, 3/30/1894 OUTLOOK, c.1894 for article on the Owings Hse. Most of Richards' hist. was taken from the 1894 OUTLOOK. (Mrs. Robt. Lewis 6/24/1977);
AN OUTLINE HIST. OF BATH CO. c.1946 by Kathlee Bailey McNabb (now in a nursing home), incl.
"Being an Address Delivered by V. B. Young
Before the People of Bath Co., July 4, 1876"
Very brief mentions of the communities and only 1 or 2 things that Richards doesn't include.
(Mrs. Robt. Lewis, 6/24/1977);
Judge Van Buren Young of Owingville delivered this address before the people of Bath County, July 4, 1876 in honor of the centennial of American Independence. Relates largely to the history of Bath County, with biographical sketches, incidents, and anecdotes. Reprinted 22.5 cm., 48 pp., illustrations, printed wrappers. Owingville, Ky., 1946.
Acc. to Perrin's Hist., P. 553, Bath Co. was named for "the great number of mineral and medicinal springs within its limits." But, acc. to W.M. Linney Bath & Fleming Co's., Frankfort, 1886, P. 36 (cited by Thos. Uriah Fann's An Economic Hist. of Bath Co., Ky. UK thesis, 1937, P. 17), the Lansdownes, orig. owners of Olympian Springs, descended from the Earls of Bath, England, the latter famed for its mineral waters, and it was the Lansdownes who named the county for its mineral waters.