ALZEY (Henderson Co.): po est. 5/21/1878, G.A. Chandler...Disc. 6/23/92; Re-est. 6/6/94, Thos. W. Harmon...Disc. 12/15/1919 (mail to Smith Mills) (NA); Named by Chas. Cline of Mt. Vernor Ind. (just across the Ohio R.), a storekeeper there, and named for his old home in Germany. Alzey was a river town. (Spalding Trafton in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); Cline was 2nd pm, 6/3/1878; acc. to POR his name was sp. Klein... (NA); "Severely damaged in the 1937 flood". Not on the river bank but in the flood plain. Floods caused departure of so many resi-dents that store had to close. (ANNALS & SCANDALS...1976, Pp. 254-5);
ALZEY (Henderson Co.): ("(Ah)l/zee") No longer exists. So badly destroyed by the 1937 flood that it was never rebuilt. Tho' still on maps. Area people still remember the name. (cf county jailer, J.T. Southard, from that vic.) (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/78);
ANTHOSTON (Henderson Co.): p.o. est. 6/26/1884, Wm. P. Roll...Disc. eff. 10/15/1902 (papers to Henderson) (NA); Named by some learned settlers of that place from the Greek word 'anthos'. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20, 1922); Settlers took the name from the Greek word for flower. (175th anniversary of Ky., Henderson, Ky., 1967, P. 16); 1st called officially Bloomington in early 19th cent. gen. store, MD, sch. saloon, colored chur. Renamed when petitioned for po since Ky. already had a Bloomington po. Named by Dr. H.H. Farmer, MD who translated Blooming to anthos (Greek) "poetically translated 'city of flowers.'" He was a Greek scholar. Bellfield Bapt. Chur. org.
1889. New bldg. constructed in 1940s. DK origin of name but may be derived from old Bell Cem. and a nearby spring...Chur. still there but stores & po gone....(THE ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, Pp. 203-4); acc to dr. farmer's grandson, dr. used to throw the women folk because he's friend would converse at the dinner table in Greece. (Maralea Arnett, in gen., 10/19/78);
ANTHOSTON (Henderson Co.): ("(Ae)n/th(ah)s/\tan") lst called Bloomington but dk why. ("Blum/(ih)\tan"). Dr. Farmer, MD, renamed it for the Greek word for flower or blooming. He didn't like to practice medicine so he had a farm there and donated the land for the ls chu. When they learned from the POD that the new po couldn't be called Bloomington because there was another with that name in Ky., it was his suggestion to use the Greek word. Acc. to Dr. Farmer's grandson who didn't know why it was called Bloomington.... (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978);
AUDUBON (Henderson Co.): ("(Aw)d/ə/ˈbæn")
Now a part of the city of Henderson tho' a separate town at one time. Named for John J. Audubon who had a home there at one. Annexed 1905. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978);
AUDUBON (Henderson Co.): po est. 1/5/1891, Anthony W. Howard. Disc. 2/7/1895 (mail to Henderson) (NA); Name of the e. end of Henderson (city). Annexed by Henderson c.1910-12 (ch Named for John J. Audubon, the naturalist, who lived in this city for years and ran a mill there. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); Vil. just e. of the old boundary of city of Henderson. Acc. to trad., John Jas. Audubon built 1st house in vic. (on present nw corner of Loeb & Shelby Sts). Cotton mill built 1883 ushered in pop. growth. Furniture co. est. 1886. Annexed by H. 1905. (THE ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, Pp. 204-5);
BASKETT (Henderson Co.): p.o. est. 5/14/1890. Wm. H. Baskett... (NA); c. 7 mi. e. of Henderson. Most people referred to it (c. 1925) as Baskett Sta. Vil. est. 1888 in response to the sinking of a mine shaft by Baskett Coal Co. and a rr that was begun that yr. Coal co. bought 10 acres & built homes to induce workers to settle there. RR completed thru in early '89. Named for Jesse Baskett from whom the land was bought to est. the vill. He owned all the land surrounding the commu. at one time. 1st store built 1888 by R.C. Armstead. ...("Hist. of Baskett Sta., Ky." ms. for the Henderson Co. Hist. Soc. 1926)
BASKETT (Henderson Co.): ("B.(ae)s/kət") Has often been called Baskett Sta. but now called just Baskett. DK which of the 2 Basketts it was named for. DK the relationship of John & Jesse. Now: Bapt. chu., were 2 stores 1 is closed now. There's talk about building a coal conversion plant there. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Dwight Norma is retired storekeeper, 69, ran local store 1 yrs. Considered "Mayor". (Bill Powell, "Synthetic Fuels: Three Towns Face the Unknown" LCJ, 6/15/1980, Pp. B1:1-6, 4:1-6);
BASKETT (Henderson Co.): Vil. on heavily forested hill overlooking a very fertile val. c. 7 mi. e. of Henderson. Named for one of the valley's earliest settlers, Jesse Baskett. Baskett Coal Co. began a shaft for a coal mine 1888. St. Louis Ry. built thru 1888. Coal co. bought 10 acres of presentday Baskett. 1st store 1888, R.C. Armstead. Coal co. built homes for workers....(THE ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, Pp. 207-8);
BASKETT (Henderson): Named for the late John Baskett & his sons who owned much land in that vic. (Spalding Trafton in letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); Named for John Baskett & his sons who had settled in that vic. and owned much land there. (175th Anni. of Henderson-Ky., Henderson, Ky. 1967, P. 16) Acc. to 1926 Hist. of Baskett Sta. (q.v.), John Baskett's dates=3/18/1798-5/6/1865. He was buried on his farm nr. the (hex) vill.
BEALS (Henderson Co.): po est. 7/3/1903, Gardner Porter; Disc. 5/8/1905; Re-est. 2/19/1924, Jos. E. Simons...(NA); Named for a local family named Beal. Small freight depot on the L.H. & St. L. Ry. Voting prec. of this name too. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel 4/20/1922); Named for John Beals. (H.C. Pentecost, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/18/1925); 1st called Beals' Switch for Mr. Beals who had a sawmill there and made runners for boats. Even earlier, residents called it Deer Path. Sloans Chapel Church & Griffith Creek Sch. Now 2 stores, 2 churches, well maintained homes, attractive town divided by L&N rr tracks. Peak in 1920s with 4 stores, grist mill, res., brickyard, sawmill, other businesses. (ANNALS & SCANDALS...1976, Pp. 208-9).
BEALS (Henderson Co.): ("Beelz") Might have been called Deer Path, Ms. Arnett admitted after I asked about it. Beals Switch was a switching place for trains. Now: 2 gro., 2 chu's. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978);
BLUFF CITY (Henderson Co.): po est. 7/10/1872. Jas. R. Ronton...Disc. 12/31/1909 (mail to Hebbardsville) (NA); Small mining town on the Green R. Named for its location on a high bluff overlooking that river. (Spalding Trafto in letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); Some homes & businesses before 1872 when po est. c. turn of cent. with store, 2 room sch., sawmill ferry, coal mine. Now: 2 churches. (ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, P 210);
BLUFF CITY (Henderson Co.): ("Bl(uh)f S(ih)t/ee") Located on a high pt. on Green R. Now: homes (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Also now: 2 chu's. but not sure if store is still open. (Jean Ray, ibid)
Breitschin (Henderson Co., Ky): P.O. est. 9/29/1891, Otto Breitschin, Assrc (no p. sent). 12/15/1891 (P.O.2);
CAIRO (Henderson Co.): po. est. 8/1/1840, Albert G. Walker. Disc. eff. 10/31/1903 (paper to Henderson) (NA); Settled 1851. Inc. 1873. 7 mi. from Henderson. Named by the 1st postmaster for Cairo, Ill. (M. Ladd, WPA, c.4/1941); c.184 the 1st known business at the site was Wm. H. Hancock's blacksmith shop. Walker's 1st name offered to POD was rejected. His 2nd suggestion Cairo, was accepted. Farming community. A no. of tobacco stemmeries in early days...(Mrs. Ben Niles, ms, 1931, reproduced in ANNALS & SCANDAL OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, Pp. 210, 212); (572)
CAIRO (Henderson Co.): "(Ka'/r(oh)"") Knows no connection betw. this Cairo and the one in Ill. DK origin of the name. Other local people weren't able to tell informant. (Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978); Inc. 1/11/1873 (AC 1873, Vol. 1, P. 108);
CANOE CK. (Henderson Co, Ky): In early settlement days it was navigable only for Indians in their canoes. (Spalding Trafton, letter to unm A, Steel 14/20/22).
CARLINBURGH (Henderson Co., Ky) = PO, est. 6/22/86, Bluford E. Carlin, 4/18/87, Mrs., Belle Carlin, 1/28/91, Mr. H. Carlin, 10/21/89, Geo. J. Walker, n.ch. to Carlinburg 5/5/04, Smither Rogers, 1/30/97, John P., Vannada. Disc 1/31/07 (PO, to Stanley, Davies Co.) (POR); F 761: -i air mile from Ohio R. e 1 mi. from Davies Co. Line
CASH (Henderson Co., Ky): P.O. Est. 61151

1881. David B. Clay. O: Sc. 11/20 7.152 (P. to
Niagara) (PO R)
CORYDON (Henderson Co.): po est. 9/1/1849, Joh.
N. Dorsey... Disc. 6/18/62; Re-est. 2/11/71,
Edward S. King...(NA);  John N. Dorsey, MD,
built 1st house there, 1848 and with his bro.,
Wm. L. Dorsey, est. 1st store. At the forks of
Morganfield, Henderson, and Sulphur Springs-
Boxville Rd. In 1850 Wm. laid out town in lots
John was 1st pm. John's wife, Patsy Atcherson
Dorsey, sister to David Rice Atcherson (US Sen
...), named the town "Sweet Corydon" from the
pop. ballad of that day. "Corydon was a very
common name, in pastoral poetry, for a shep-
herd." Corydon, Ind. has same origin. 1st traai
into town 2/1886 on Ohio Val. RR which was sol
to ICRR 1889. Had bank, news, mills, tob. fact
Basically agri. commu. 10 mi. s. of Henderson.
Birthplace of Gov. A. B. (Happy)
Chandler, 7/18/1899 (?), Condon
Court. (Some old ancestral
notes, and, P. S. M.)
CORYDON (Henderson Co.): John Nicholas Dorsey, MD., a native of this vic., son of Noah & Ann Hall Dorsey. 1848 built home nr. jct. of the Henderson-Morganfield and Mt. Vernon-Poole's Mill Rds. in a settlement of 3 log cabins. He became pm in 1849. Acc. to trad., his younger bro., Wm. L. Dorsey laid out town. The bros. opened store there. Named for pop. ballad of that day, "Sweet Corydon". "Following the trad of pastoral poetry in calling a shepherd 'Corydon'" (P.213) Name was suggested by Dr. Dorsey's wife, Patsy (Atcherson) of Owensboro. Located on 2 hills but the 1st businesses were est. on low swampy ground, on stilts high enuf for a horse & rider to proceed under them.
Stilts used for hitching posts. Powell Sch... (P. 214) Early industries incl. tobacco stemmery (1853), flour mills, coal mine (1884). Ohio Val. RR came thru 1886. Sold to ICRR in 1889. (P. 218) Hotel, bank, lodges, opera hse. (p. 216) Other stores, newp., etc. (P. 218). Now: bank, po, but mostly a residential sub­urb. A.B. Chandler, a native... (P. 219) (ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976);
CORYDON (Henderson Co.): Named by Mrs. J.N. Dorsey, wife of Dr. Dorsey, early settler, for the love-sick swain mentioned in Virgil. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); ("K(ah)r/-a/da/n") (Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978); 1st settled by Dr. John B. Dorsey, 1847. Then called Woods Settlement and consisted of 3 log cabins. In 1850 Dorsey's brother, Wm. L. Dorsey, laid out the town. Dr. Dorsey was the first pm. It was named by Mrs. Dorsey. The 1st sch. was Powell Sch. taught by Baxter Cheateam (sic). W.B. Pentecost built a tob. factory there in 1853. Inc. 1867. Ohio RR. arr. 1887... (Unpub. hist. of town sent
by Jas. W. O'Nan, P.O. Box 25, Corydon, Ky.
to Delphine Haley, 6/18/1975;
DIXIE (Henderson Co.): ("D(ih)x/ee") Most of the present site was a part of the grant to the Harrodsburg Seminary and they held it till 1836. Then 2 men bought practically all of the site: Wm. Q. Dixon and Wm. S. Sutton. Dixon's descendants still live there. The Dixons wanted to name it for themselves but Dixon in Webster Co. had been named a short time before this place applied for its po so it was named Dixie instead, close enough, and it was in the so part of the co. Geo. Washington Dixon, the 1st pm, was Wm. S. Dixon's son. Knows of no other name for it. (Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978);
DIXIE (Henderson Co.): What's given on some lists as Little Dixie is the same place. It was given this qualifier because it was felt locally that it was necessary to distinguish betw. Dixie and Dixon in Webster Co. Little Dixie was to avoid confusion with Dixon, a much larger place. Tho' this name is used now Ms. Arnett & others prefer simply Dixie.

"Hist. of Dixie, Ky." compiled by Maralea Arnett, Corydon, 1971....Store closed last year. Sch. bldg. used now for mtgs. and chu. Pop.=c.150-200, about what it was at peak. Victim of improved roads....(Maralea Arnett, resident, interview, 10/19/1978);
DIXIE (Henderson Co.): po est. 9/15/1879, Geo. W. Dixon... Disc. eff. 11/30/1907 (mail to Corydon) (NA); "So named because it is in the 'sout end of the county, and for Dan. Emmett's minstrell song—'Dixie.'" (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); lst settled, befo: 1841, probably by Wm. Q. Dixon & Wm. S. Sutton. Their descendants still live in vil. Wm' son, Geo. est. lst store & po at the jct. of the Mt. Vernon & White Licks Rds. Named Dixie since near: by Webster Co. already had a Dixon. During peak 1890-1910, vil. had 5 stores, 2 sch., 2 church: 3 MDs, mill, hotel, several blacksmith shops, ice house, lodge hall, etc. Improved roads & a
devastating fire reduced the town to 1 store on site of the 1st Dixon store; run by M&M Harry Wheeler. Born here were Ewing Galloway, ex-news editor of Colliers and Jesse Tapp, ex-pres. of Bank of America... Also a commu. ctr. there, and Dixie Meth. Chur. (ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, Pp. 220, 222);
EUTERPE (Henderson Co., Ky.) p.o. est. 6/20/02, Paris M. Walker, disc 4/14/06 (mto Herbardsville) (Por); large store run by Paris and Arthur Walker, OK why they chose it. Euterpe was the muse of music. (Carnett & Ray, Henderson, Ky. Interw, 10/19/1978; C179)
GENEVA (Henderson Co.): Wm. Walker arr. this vic. with family from Geneva, Switz. Liked it and settled. At that time, one home and a blacksmith shop run by Mr. Brown....Early, nearly all the site was owned by a Mr. Alves and was mostly timbered. Walker started a gro
Then called Cross Roads. PO est. and he became pm. Was told that since already a Xrds. po in Ky. he would need to find another name. He suggested his birthplace. Died 1868 and wife succeeded him as pm....("Geneva" article in the HENDERSON GLEANER, 4/11/1926, examined by me in ms. form, in Henderson Co. Libr., 10/19/1978); Wm. S. Walker was 2nd pm from 7/6/1860 till disc. 6/18/1862 (POR);
GENEVA (Henderson Co.): ("Djøn/eev/ə"). The Am. Elect. Power Corp. never built its plant there. It was prevented for environmental reasons. 1st called Walkers and Cross Roads. Now: 3 chu's., a trailer camp county airport is nearby, locally still called Geneva. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Only one store now, a gen'l. store run by Leonard & Ann Patterson. A synthetic fuel plant has been proposed for location on 6000 acres betw. here and Henderson... (Bill Powell, "Synthetic Fuels: Three Small Towns Face the Unknown" LCJ, 6/15/80, P. B1:1-6, B4:1-6)
GENEVA (Henderson Co.): p.o. po est. 6/7/1860;
John D. Pernett...Disc. 6/18/62; Re-est. as
Genevia, 1/25/70, Miss Charlotte Walker...n.ch.
to Geneva on or before 5/2/1881, Wm. A. Sisson
...(NA); Named for Geneva, Switz. (Spalding
Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922);
(Check whether the Am. Electric Power Corp.
ever built the largest generating plant in the
world nr. here. C. 1971 the Corp. bought 5000
acres in this vic. and also acquired the right
of way for its transmission lines to the edge
of the vil. ("The Right Resources, and Plenty
of Hustle, Brought Henderson an Industrial
Bonanza" by Bill Powell, CJ&T, 1/2/1972, Bl:1-6
4-5)

Po. misc. 1965 (r-750)
GENEVA (Henderson Co.): 1st called Walkers, the Cross Roads since at jct. of Henderson & Smith Mills and the Diamond Island & Corydon Rds. In the 1880s, the vil. had c. 4-5 stores, grist mill, blacksmith shop. Today, a nearby wildlife preserve. Famed residents: Lyman Ginger, Super. of Publ. Inst., Ky.... (ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY., 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, Pp. 222, 224);
HEBBARDSVILLE (Henderson Co.): Named for Chas. Hebbard, blacksmith and one of the early settlers of that vic. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); po est. 2/25/1840, Abram Hatchitt...(NA); One of the earliest settlers was Craven Boswell who bought 10,000 acres & moved family there, 1807. Named for Chas. Hebard (sic), an early blacksmith there. Geo. McCormick built early undershot mill (grai & lumber) on Lick Creek in 1808 or '9. Local coal mines ceased operation in 1970s. PO disc. 1973; Mrs. Frances (wife of Pruitt) Priest was last pm. Only 1 gro. store left and nearby sch. and 2 churches....(ANNALS & SCANDALS...1976, Pp. 224, 226); (F 666 + 589)
HEBBARDSVILLE (Henderson Co.): ("H(ie)b/
\overline{ordz/v(ih)l}") (Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978);
HENDERSON (Henderson Co.): Later the 20 m. acres bought by Col. Henderson from the Cherokees was confiscated by the Leg's. of Va. & NC and in 1778 the Transylvanians were compensated by 200,000 acres, comprising most of what later became Henderson Co. The Red Banks were evident as such from the river. The squatters settlement was called Red Banks....

HIST'L. SKETCH OF HENDERSON CO, revised for WPA from the papers of Susan Starling Towles, and incl. passages from Mr. Starling's history...
HENDERSON (Henderson Co.): Named for Col. Richard Henderson, Rev. War officer, who laid out the town. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); Settlement 1st called Red Banks and later renamed for Col. Henderson who...laid out the town. (17th anniversary of Ky., Henderson, Ky. 1967, P. 16); po est. 10/1, 1801, Geo. Holloway... (NA); industrial town: furniture, plastics factories... (Bill Powell, CJ&T, 1/2/1972, P. Bl: 1-6, 1-2); Gen. Sam'l. Hopkins and Col. T. Allen laid out the town of Henderson. He had come to Ky. in 1797 as agent for the Transylvania Co... (Highway marker on Ky. 54 betw. Zion & Henderson, acc. to GUIDE, No. 717, P. 98);
HENDERSON (Henderson Co.): ("H(ien/der/ sən") (Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978); Est. by an ordinance dated 8/9/1797, declared legal & incorporated 1/21/1840 (ACTS 1839/40, P. 54); See also Act of 1/6/1812 (ACTS, 1812, P. 319). Named for Col. Rich'd. Henderson;
HENDERSON (Henderson Co.): 12/1778, the Va. House of Delegates granted 200,000 acres of Ky. land betw. the Green & Ohio R's. to the Rich'd Henderson (Transylvania) Co. In the 1790s, Henderson's heirs and other members of the co. decided to est. town on the grant. Chose a site long known as Red Banks for the high red bluffs overlooking the Ohio R. Apparently, some cabins and a small stockade had already been built there by settlers with no title to the land. Gen'. Sam'l. Hopkins was hired by the Transyl. Co. to lay out the town and did so with the help of Thos. Allen, a surveyor. They completed the survey 4/6/1797. Named
the new town for Col. Henderson. Hopkins & his family were among the first to occupy the land he'd rec'd. for his services. Town inc. 1810 with 160 pop. Town boasted the 1st municipal park w. of the Alleghenies. Richard Henderson was ne Hanover Co., Va. but early moved to N.C. where studied law and became assoc. just. of western dist. of NC. The Richard Henderson Co. est. 8/27/74. With his associates, he entered into treaty with the Cherokees at the Sycamore Shoals of the Watauga R., Tenn. 3/17/75 and bought 20 m. acres for 10,000 pounds.... (Ms. of Susan Starling Towles for the Henderson Co. Hist. Soc. c1920s, in possession of Mrs.)
HIGHLAND LICK PO (Henderson Co., Ky):
Operated from 1806-1806 (P&G); Est. 7/1/1806
with Philemon Richards, pm (POR-NA); Acc. to
Jillson (I, P. 393), Philman Richard acquire
400 acres on Caney Creek in Henderson Co.
which were surveyed 4/25/1805. (Book 26, P.
22); No mention of the man or of Highland
Lick in Starling (1887); Philemon Richards
is listed in the 1810 Census for Henderson C
KING MILLS (Henderson Co., NY) - Geo. King brought farm line from Hickman, Ky. Built a van quist mill + later the site was called King mills, most of his sons lived in Condon. (Cardinal "Ancestral" notes - Condon Centennial Issue, n.d., p-15); on Highland Ck. + the Union Co. line, 1/2 mi. n.w. US 60. (F-725);
KING'S MILLS (Henderson Co.): James H. King, a miller and merchant, founder of this commu. Ne Va. 1800. Died in Hickman, 1863. In the 1850s he moved his family to Hickman Co., Ky. (HIST. OF UNION CO., KY. 1886, Pp. 649-50);

Peter F. Cohen, disc 2/13/79, re-est. as Kings Mills 12/5/91, Robt. L. Cinnamond - 7/27/95, Randal T. Culver, disc 1/14/05 (m. to Warren Ly, Union Co.) (POR);
LONG'S CAMPING (Henderson Co., Ky.), P.O.
est. 9/2/1862, W.M.S. Cooper, 2/9/16 y.,
O.G. Martin, Disc. 3/12/164 (Por);
McDonald Landings (Henderson Co., Ky.):

Po. est. 5/8/85, Frank McDonald, 8/28/89, James E. McDonald. Div. 4/30/109 (m. to general's dau.)

(POR); (4750)
McKinley's Landing: (Henderson Co., Ky); P.O. Est. 5/20/1870, Jas. C. McKinley. Diss. 5/31/1872 (POR);
NEWRY (Henderson Co., Ky) : Po. est. 8/21/66, Char. E. Becker, Dlse. 11/7/68 (por)
NIAGARA (Henderson Co.): po est. 9/27/1881, John W. Porter. Disc. eff. 7/14/1906 (mail to Robards) (NA); Named for Niagara Falls, N.Y. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/2 1922); 1st called Tillotson's Precinct, the voting center for area residents, named for Jas. Tillotson, ne 1800. After his death, it was called Cross Plains presumably for its sit at jct. of what's now Ky. 416 & 136. Import. town with tob. stemmery in the 1880s. Acc. to Mrs. Shelby Grossman it may have been named for a falls in the Basin, an area owned by the Porter family at the time it was named. Today 2 chur, ele. sch., store, sawmill, 2 auto rep. shops, several other businesses... (ANNALS & SCANDALS... 1976, Pp. 227, 229);
NIAGARA (Henderson Co.): "N(eye)/(ae)gh/rə\'\'

Was called Cross Plains and Tillotsons Prec. The latter name was in use after the Niagara name was applied to the vil. Thinks that the 1868 atlas (sic) shows Tillotsons Prec, named for a local family. "T(ih)l/ət/sənз". DK progenitor. Tillotsons still live in the area. DK why called Niagara. A very growing commu. due to its prox. to the Big Rivers & Anaconda plants. People want land for homes there but few landowners are willing to sell. Also a fire dept, there. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Now: Independent Bap. Chu., sch. store, Meth. Chu. (Jean Ray, ibid.);
Onionville Road (Henderson Co., NY): "...someone stopped at the store and asked for vegetables and the only thing they had were onions. And he was so disgusted that he went back that night and lettered 'onionville' on the roof. And the Henderson Road Dept. still labels that road Onionville Rd." (Manalea Arnett, interview, 10/1978)
POPP CREEK (Henderson Co., Ky): "felt many ponds along its course."
(Crafton in letter to Steel, 4/20/22).
STEAMPORT (Henderson Co., Ky.): P.O. est. 1/28/1850. Thos. Gates ... n. ch to Primrose 4/19/61, Wm. W. Hollies, Disc 11 (30/65) (POR)
PLEASANT HILL (Henderson Co., Ky.): PO.
est. 7/19/1850, Achilles J. Norment (?);
Disc 10/7/1851 (POR), (fs 89)
By Rush (Henderson Co., Ky) - PO est. 4/21/1900, Henry S. Smith, Jr. Disc. 10/15/02 (PO to Henderson) (POR)
RANGER'S LANDING (Henderson Co., Ky): McKinley, a station, was est. on the McLean Co. side of Green River in 1895 (sic-?). Here was a store, po, blacksmith shop run by a Mr. Smith. Jim Bottoms ran the ferry across the river from McKinley to the Henderson Co. side where a commu. was later est. called Ranger's Station. The McKinley PO was moved to Comer, Ky. The ferry was then named for Morris Ranger, a NY State native, who built a tob. handling plant at this site before the C.W. He became the most important businessman in the area. At Ranger's Landing was: the tob. factory and a hotel.
("The Ferry with a Past" ms. in the Henderson Co. vert. files, Owensboro P.L., no date, no author mentioned. Examined by me on 11/11/1987)
RANGER'S LANDING (Henderson Co.): DK when 1st settled. Named for Morris Ranger of NY, renowned tobacco and cotton dealer of that time. On the L&N RR in southern part of the county. He built a large tobacco factory at the site. (M. Ladd, WPA, c.4/1941); Arnett confirms the above. Ranger arr. 1862 & built a large tob. factory but went bankrupt by the end of the Cl Ferry there into the 1950s...(ANNALS & SCANDAL OF HENDERSON CO., KY. 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, P. 233); po est. 6/18/77, Gustavus A. Ligon; Disc. 11/6/77 (NA);

See info on R.L. in Henderson Co. file (from
Anon. ms. in Owensboro R.L.).
REED (Henderson Co.): ("Reed") cf ANNALS & S. In flood zone because of its location betw. the Green & Ohio R's. Recent talk of getting nat'l. flood insurance but local magistrate voted against it because he feared this would completely destroy the town because it was situated on too low a level to be eligible for that kind of insurance. Now: 2 stores, Cath. chu., interdenom. chu., po. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978);
REED (Henderson Co.): po est. 10/3/1891, Geo. Kerrick...(NA); given as Reed's. Named for Dr W.H. Reed, who owned much land in that vic. A rr sta. and po. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); May have been named for a Dr. Reed, a Spottsville physician in the 1880s who owned much land in the Reed vic. Sold the land when he moved to Texas. PO is current...(ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO KY. 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, P. 233 Now: po, rest-gro., cabinet shop, garage, c. doz. homes, large farms in the vic. (Personal obs. 8/1978); 2589
RICHLAND (Henderson Co., Ky): est. 5/21/1832, John H. Priest, disc. 9/12/185 (POR);
ROBARDS (Henderson Co.): The Dir. of the Ky. Geo Surv. also pointed out in 1906 that the proper spelling of this place is Robards, the name of a well-known Ky. and Mo. family. When nothing was done about correcting this by late 12/1909, he sent a rather indignant letter to the Dir. of the USGS about a Wash. Board knowing more about local places and their names than local people did. Even tho' in 1906, the Robards pm had indicated that the proper sp. was Robards, the US Geog. B'd. again sent an inquiry, this time to the pm at Henderson, who, in Jan. 1910, reaffirmed the terminal "s" was proper. To a similar inquiry, Mr. Sugg, the co. clerk, 1/11/1910, also reaffirmed that the place was named for J.D.
Robards, "the 1st businessman of prominence there. After the rr was built—was known as Robards Station. The Acts of the Ky. Leg. 1887-8 show P. 69, an amendment to the Charter of the 'Town of Robards'..." However, it wasn't until Nov. 1924 that the POD saw fit to change the name to Robards. (xBGN files
ROBARDS (Henderson Co.): po est. as Robard's Sta. 6/2/1868, J.D. Robards...n.ch. to Robard, 11/29/82, Thos. M. Eakins...n.ch. to Robards, eff. 11/16/1924, Chas. E. Branson...(NA); In 1891, the Co. Clerk responded to Henry Gannett the Geographer of the USGS, that the proper spelling was Robards not Robard. The pm, R.T. Page, agreed in 1906 though he admitted the POD still spelled it without the "s". The RR spelled it Robards. It was named for its founder, J.D. Robards (which the clerk had also indicated in 1891) (BGN files, Washington, DC); RR town and po. Named for J.D. Robards who owned much land in that vic. and operated a tobacco factory at that place. (Spaldingrafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922);
ROBARDS (Henderson Co.): The Anaconda Aluminum Co. factory on the Green R. at Robards was built by ALCOA, c1971. (check...) (Bill Powell CJ&T, 1/2/1972, P. B1:1-6); Started as site of a race track by 1810 until after 1840. Named for J.D. Robards who built 1st home & store there in 1867. Also ran a tob. sterrmery RR thru in 1869 spurred growth. 3 coal mines opened in the 1880s. Often called "The Sanctified Town" for Lucy Furman's novel of a relig. sect in existence there in late 19th cent; "Stories of a Sanctified Town"... (ANNALS & SVANDALS....1976, Pp. 236-8);
ROBARDS (Henderson Co.): ("R(ah)b/ərdz") which is the way the family pronounced its name. Named for the family that had the 1st store and mine there. Now: gen. store, sch., 3 chu's. Outsiders anxious to buy land there for homes but local people wont sell, want to keep the place small. Very close to the Anaconda plant. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Inc. 3/24/1882 (ACTS 1881, Vol. 1, P. 979);
SCUFFLETOWN (Henderson Co.): "A tavern located at that point in the early days was a rendezvous for rough characters where they got drunk and had numerous scuffles or fights, and therefore was called 'Scuffletown.' It is on the Ohio River in the north end of the county." (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); po est. by this name, 9/3/1868, John W. Folden... Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Reed) (NA);

Founded c. 1800 by Jonathan Scott who ran a tavern there. He's reported to have been a loud aggressive person who encouraged others like him to express themselves. Tavern became mtg. place for river men who often engaged in free-for-all fights. (M. Ladd, WPA, c1941);
SCUFFLETOWN (Henderson Co.): "From 1800 to 1804 Jonathan Stott kept a tavern at a good landing place on the Ohio R., above the mouth of Green. Since he kept a good supply of liquor, it became a rendezvous for flatboatmen and others on the river. Often a general fight developed after several hours of drinking, and the place rec'd. the name of Scuffletown." Tob. stemmery opened 1860 and a steam grist mill & blacksmith shop were soon est...PO disc. following the 1913 Ohi R. flood. The town was completely destroyed by the 1937 flood... (ANNALS & SCANDALS OF HENDERSON CO., KY. 1775-1975, by Maralea Arnett, 1976, P. 254);
SCUFFLETOWN (Henderson Co.): ("Sk(uh)f/ol/town") "Supposed to have gotten its name because so many rowdies and river rats would have fights every Sat. night there." One of the earliest towns on the river. Been washed away by floods so nothing there now. There was a commu. there with a chu. Farming commu. The Scuffletown name goes back to c.1800 but cant confirm with evidence. Never heard another name for it. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978);
SCUFFLETOWN (Henderson Co.): c.1880 (Lake Atlas) on the Ohio R. due n. of Zion PO and 2-2\(\frac{1}{4}\) mi. e. of Newburgh Ferry. In the Point Dist. Prec. #7. Almost due n. and a little to the west of Spottsville, nne of Round Pond. Had a tob. factory, factoryete, store etc.
SMITH MILLS (Henderson Co.): Pop. of c. 500.
Now: cafe, gro. store and Pearson's Trading Post which serves root diggers and trappers with supplies. Owned by Judson Pearson, 58, APO. (...) (Nandy Shulins, for A.P. "Hidden Trading Post Stocks Tricks of Trade for Trappers, Diggers" LEX. HER. 9/10/1980);
SMITH MILLS (Henderson Co.): ("Sm(ih)th M(ih)lz") (Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978); po. est. as Smith's Mill, 2/5/1920, wm. n. Allen (NA)
SMITH MILLS (Henderson Co.): 1st called Roelosson's Settlement for its founder, Wm. Roelossôn, a Hessian soldier who fought for the British in the Am. Rev. Deserted and joined the Americans. re-named for Robert Smith, Sr., his son-in-law. Robt. was son of Thos. Smith of Westmoreland, Pa. who brought his family to settle the mouth of the Green R. He died 1796. His widow then moved the family to Roelossen's Settlement inland. Robt. was ne c. 1784. Robt. fought in War of 1812. Served as mag., sheriff, & sch. commissioner. He operated horse-powered gristmill for which the vill. was renamed Smith's Mill; later ch. to Smith Mills. Located c. 6 mi. from Corydon and
Waverly, Geneva, and Alzey. On high rolling land above flood stage. At jct. of Henderson Morganfield and Mt. Vernon roads; these towns & Uniontown are about 12 mi. from S.M. The commu. is locally called "The Point". The county's 2nd po was est. here in Robt's home with his son Hosea as 1st pm. Tobacco stemmery in late 19th cent. Large vein of coal mined here in 1st half of 20th cent. Prosperous commu. in 19th & early 20th cent. with bank, lodgehall, MD & DDS, rec. room, a no. of retail stores and shops...(ANNALS & SCANDALS, 1976, Pp. 239,241);
SMITH MILLS (Henderson Co.): post est. as Smith's Mills, 12/23/1830, Hosea Smith (or earlier)...
(other Smiths served as pm)...Disc. 10/6/59; Re-est. 11/15/59, Persen Latta; Disc. 6/18/62; Re-est. 2/25/63, Noah Humphrey... Disc. 7/30/64; Re-est. 6/19/65, Wm. F. Thornberry...n.ch. to Smith Mills, 5/22/1893, Benj. F. Utley...(NA); Named for Col. Robert Smith, officer in War of 1812 who participated in Battle of New Orleans 1/8/1815. He ran a horse mill for grinding corn into meal at this site and also a steam-operated sawmill. He was also local magistrate for that district. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922);
SPOTTsville (Henderson Co.): 1st called Knights for an early settler. Acc. to early records, John Knight from Knox Co., Ind. rec'd deed of land nr. the Falls, 1/1/1801 from Sam'l. McCrary. In 1812, Isaac Knight bought 100 acres from Henry Purviance, just n. of Green R. and near the Falls. So it was first named for one of these. Spottsville may have been so-named c. 1830 by John Spotts, a builder of mills in that vic. He identified his home by this name in a letter dated 5/30/1830 (P. 2). Letters addressed to this named place in 1832 reached it. PO est. 5/4/1858 with Robert S. Eastin. While Spottsville remained
the official name, the vic. was often nick-
named. Quarrymen in 1834 lived in shanties betw. the foot of the hills from which they got their rock and the river nr. the dam, and the area was often called Shanty. The Locks was applied locally after these were built. (P.3) In 1822, Maj. Sam'l. Spotts, US. bought c. 1400 acres at the site. In 1829 he sent his 2 nephews John & Geo. Spotts of Wilmington, Del. to the site to build a grist and a saw mill at the site, specifically on the bottom to the bluff, c. 1/4 mi. below the falls. (P.4) These were in opera-
tion by 5/1830. Already by this time, there was a settlement there. Maj. Spotts then also opened a coal mine in the vic. (P. 5) 

Maj. Sptts died 1833 in New Orleans where he was surveyor of the port... (P. 6)(....) 

(Ms. hist. of Spottsville, by Alice Cheane McDaniel, in KHS Henderson Co. Vert. File, date-? examined by me, 10/22/1978);
SPOTTSVILLE (Henderson Co.): On Green R. c. 8 mi. from its mouth. 1st called Knights for either John Knight of Knox Co., Ind. or Isaac Knight. John acquired land nr. the fall 1/1/1801 from Sam'l. McCrary. Isaac bought 100 acres on Green R. in 3/1812. In 1822, Maj. Sam'l. Spotts of the US Army bought some of the Rich'd. Henderson grant, 1406 acres under the John Williams claim. In 1829, his 2 nephews, John & Geo. Spotts of Wilmington, Dej. arr. to build saw & grist mills on a flat under the hills to the bluff. They were in operation by 5/1830. Maj. Spotts built 2 homes there then. n.ch. to Spottsville, 1830 by John Spotts to locate his steam mills. Maj. Spotts was appointed surveyor of the Port of N.O. by Pres. Jack
son. He is said to have fired the 1st shot at the Battle of N.O. And fought in the Indian wars with Jackson. He died 1833. Lots laid off in 1860. RR arr. 1888. In latter half of 19th cent., people began building on hills and the town was more or less relocated on the hills from the flats under the bluff.... (Alice Cheaney McDaniel, "Spottsville-Henderson, Ky." for the Henderson Co. Hist. Soc., 1928); repr. in Annals and Scandals 1976, pp. 243-8;
SPOTTSVILLE (Henderson Co.): po est. 5/4/1858, Robert S. Eastin; Disc. 10/25/59; Re-est. 7/20/1860, John W. Letlemire... Disc. 4/4/62; Re-est. 3/17/68, Thos. R. Long; Disc. 2/1/70; Re-est. 6/26/71, James G. Hendricks...(NA); Est. c1860 and named for Maj. Sam Spotts, pioneer settler, W. of 1812 vet. who was given land on the Greer R. (M. Ladd, WPA, c4/1941); Now: garage, cafe, homes, on Green R. (Personal obs. 8/1978); ("Sp(ah)ts/v(ih)l") (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Inc. 3/18/1871 (ACTS, 1871, Vol. 2, P. 242);
SPRINGDALE (Henderson Co., Ky): Authorized the establishment of a town on the lands of Powhatan M. Robertson, Elijah G. Sebree, Wm. H. Scott, and Chas. Seymour to be known as Springdale. They were also expected to have a plan for that town recorded in the Co. Clerk's office in 6 months. (ACT of 2/17/1858) (ACTS, 1857/8, Vol. 2, P. 348)
THREE MILE HOUSE SCHOOL (Henderson Co., Ky): 1 rm. So named for site 3 miles from the "edge of Henderson." On the then Corydon Rd. nr. Canoe Creek. (Martha Alma Martin Mitchell, on the school, in HIST. OF HENDER­SON CO., KY. pub. by the H. Co. Geneal. & Hist'l. Soc., 1980, Pp. 248-9); Given as Threemile School on the Henderson 15 min. top. (1916) but not on subsequent 7½ min. maps, and is 3 miles from the center of town, just n. of Finley Add'n. (sw of (vd, and air))
THREE MILE ISLAND (Henderson Co., Ky): (F499) is 2 1/2 mi. long, in the Ohio R., just off the Indiana shore. 2 1/2 mi. above the mouth of the Green R. [cured this at one time have been 7 mi. long?] (below newburgh.
Tunnel Hill (Henderson Co., Ky.): on 41-A over a h.r.s. of Cairo, Ill. 40. The local tobacco fact was considered part of the Cairo commn. now (1975) the Tunnel Hill Plastic factory. OK why so named. Tho a hill there there's no tunnel. (mandated Burnett int Mr. 10/19/1978)
Disc est. 8/15/03 (P. to Alzeny) (POR);
"Yu/La" (Jean Ray, 10/19/78);
UTLEYVILLE (Henderson Co., Ky.): "P"

Utley po (1898-1905) (f.659) e. 250
yds. from Union Co. line; po est. 11/4/1898, Benj. F. Utley ... disc. 9/30/05 (m. to Uniontown, Union Co., Ky.) (P12);
UTOPIA (Henderson Co., Ky): The Shivers built a town, operated a manstore for a no. of years. Had their own water system + co-owned stores. Just a mining commu., they called it Utopia. (Maralee Arnett, 10/19/1978);
Vanada Landing (Henderson Co.): Named for John W. Vanada, a farmer on whose land the landing was located. On the Ohio River. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); Never heard of it. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978); Has come across this name on Census records and as a family name. Has heard it pron. "V(ae)n/(eh)d/ə") (Jean Ray, interview 10/19/1978); Vannada was a pioneer hunter in the lower Green R. valley (c.1790s) His descendants still live nr. Curdsville in Daviess Co. (The Hartford's, GREEN RIVER GRAVEL, 1983, Pp. 82-3)
WEAVERTON (Henderson Co., Ky.): Second of several end cities, named for A. B. Weaver, long ran local coal factory. (Trafton in letter to Steel, 4/20/1922) "Sticky road and store, it will just beyond tollgate so proprietor could have incoming traffic stop there without having to pay 10¢ toll, over 136. within city limits now. (Maralea Annett, interview, 10/19/78)."
Wells Store (Henderson Co., KY) Po est. 1/15/1930 — Disc 1937 (PoR).
WILSON (Henderson Co.): po est. as Wilson's Sta. 6/18/1886, Geo. W. Anderson...n.ch. to Wilson, 5/1/1894, John W. Mincaster; 12/19/95, Herbert F. Lancaster...Disc. eff. 2/28/1907 (mail to Corydon) (NA); "...The Ohio Val. RR...was completed in 1885. This went through the farm (of John Thomas Wilson) and because Mr. Wilson had assisted the Railroad...in obtaining rights of way through his land, the station was named Wilson, as a tribute by the rr co." It's c. midway betw. Corydon & Henderson. He was son of Sam'l. and Sarah (Ashby) Wilson and was raised nr. Corydon. (THE CORYDON CENTENNIAL ISSUE OF CARDINAL ANCESTRAL NOTES, n.d., P. 16);
WILSON (Henderson Co.): a small commu. on the ICRR. Named for Hon. J. Thomas Wilson, former state rep. and large landowner in that vic. (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/2(1922); Wilson Sta. commu. est. by J.T. Wilson on land east of Henderson-Corydon Rd. He had bought land on that road in 1879. Donated right of way to Ohio Val. RR for their run betw. Henderson & Princeton & convinced his neighbors to give their share too. Co. named its sta. for him. Farming com. Wilson ran a tob. factory & a gen. store. Disc. sch. (...) (ANNALS & SANDAI...1976, from ms. compiled by the J. Thos. Wilson family, Pp. 249, 251);
WILSONS STATION (Henderson Co.): is what it's usually called. ("W(ih)l/sənz Stā/shən"). Nothing much there now but the chu. DK of a Wilsonville po est. 1832 and disc. 1918 nr. Fisherv. DK of Fisherville. Named for Mr. Wilson who donated the sta. site to the rr. (Maralea Arnett, interview, 10/19/1978);
ZION (Henderson Co.): (Z(ah)/ən") (Jean Ray & Maralea Arnett, 10/19/1978); Started out as Graves Creek Chu. in 1815. Zion Bapt. Chu. was org. 1853. Commu. not named for the chu. Always called Zion. Commu. referred to as Zion by a letter writer in 1848 so the chu. was named for the commu. Now: big chu (has been) abandoned sch. hse. on the site of the orig. sch. Old stage coach stop for travelers betw. Henderson & Owensb. The only gro. stor there closed c. 5 yrs. ago and the only store left is opened only irregularly. A little rest. (Jean Ray, interview, 10/19/1978); A bedroom commu. for Henderson. On the old Shawneetown Trail (betw. S'town & Lou.) (Maralea Arnett, ibid.);
ZION (Henderson Co.): p.o. est. 6/29/1857, Theodore R.T. Fowlkes...Disc. 5/12/66; Re-est. 7/8/67, Andrew J. Dunn...Disc. 6/30/1913 (mail to Henderson) (NA); Named for the Biblical Zion... (Spalding Trafton, letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/20/1922); 1st bldg. in vic. was the Zion Bapt. Church 1853 on land donated by Miles Cooksey; lot later housed sch... bldg. shared with Meth. till they built their own chur. in 1870. Located on 1st road laid out in co., from Henderson (City) to Smith's Ferry. Nearby stage stop, c.1830. Jack Dunn may have been 1st store keeper. Had 2 tob. factories, 3 coal mines.... (ANNALS & SCANDALS, 1976, Pp. 251, 253);
ZION (Henderson Co.): Named for church in the middle of the woods. 6 mi. from Henderson. The 1st bldg. at the site was the Zion Baptist Chu. on land donated by Miles Cooksey, pioneer. Chu. on the site of early 20th cent. school. A little while after the chu. was built, James Paul built a blacksmith shop across the road and Jack Dunn later opened the 1st store. Later a school, tob. factory run there during the C.W. Cooksey owned most of the land.... (ms. on Zion in Henderson Co. Libr. Vertical files, examined by me, 10/19/1978); Inc. 4/30/90 (Acts 1889/90, Vol. 2, p. 633).

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