JOHNSON COUNTY, Ky 264 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1843 from parts of Floyd, Law., and Morgan Co's. and named for Gen. Richard M. Johnson (1780-1850), hero of the War of 1812, who later served in the US House of Rep. (1807-19 and 1829-37) and Sen. (1819-29) and as vice pres. under Martin Van Buren (1837-41)." (Book-P. 154); Ky's. 97th co. created by leg. act on 2/24/43 frc parts of Floyd, Law., & Morgan Co's. From it came parts of Magoffin (1860) & Martin (1870). Assumed present bounds. with formation of Martin Co. 9/1/1870; Amer. Standard plant opened on the w bottom of BSR in 1969. Manufactures plumbing fixtures. 5 mi s of Paint. (KY. ENCY., P. 708);
JOHNSON COUNTY, KY. (Branches of Blaine Creek drain the nw part of the co: Keaton's, Upper and Lower Laurel, Frank's, Rockcastle, and Hoods Creeks; Acc. to Long, co. was created from Floyd & Law. Co's. 4/1/1843 at 380 sq. mi. On 4/25/1860 it lost in the creation of Mag. Co. bringing its size down to 360 sq. mi. It lost 90 sq. mi. on 9/1/1870 in the creation of Martin Co. resulting in 270 sq. mi. (Lost to Mart: Co. Tomahawk, Inez, Davisport, Debord, Davella, and maybe Preece);
Main J. Co. streams: Levisa Fk. (BSR) and branches: Big & Little Paint Creeks, Johns Creek, Buffalo, Toms Jennie's, Big & Little Mud Lick, Millers. Upper & Lower Laurel and Rockcastle Creeks, Muddy Branch, Hoods Fk. of Blaine, Hammon Creek; Paintsville Lake seasonal pool=1,139 acres;
ASA (Johnson Co.): Named for Asa Fairchild.  
(Letter from the pm of Ballot, Ky. po to Wm. G. Steel, 11/30/1925);

Asa's Creek was probably named for Asa Fairchild, who had acquired a grant for the land here in 1855.

No Fairchild listing in 1900 Census included an Amanda;
ASA (Johnson Co., Ky): po 5/15/1899, Amanda Fairchild...

Disc 1957; Land in Asa Creek was originally owned by Asa Fairchild; Asa Fairchild was the son of Abiud (a name found in St. Matthew’s Gospel 1-13). Abiud Fairchild was ne Va. 1762. To J. Co. in 1808 fr NC, a Rev. War vet. Asa ne 5/22/1821 and marr. Nancy Conley. (J. of the Mag. Co. Hist. Soc. Vol. 14 (3), Fall 1992, P. 98);
ASA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Amanda Fairchild, 4/99, this prop. po would be 5 mi nw of Denver po, 5 mi se of Oil Springs po, 2 mi w of Jennies Creek. On 2/13/05, David M. Fairchild pet. for a site ch. ½ mi w to a pt. 2 ½ mi w of Jennies Creek, 4 mi e of Ballot po, 4 mi w of Denver po. On 3/21/1925, Wm. B. Caudill pet. for a site ch., eff. when he assumed charge, 404 yds w to a pt. 40 yds w of Asa Creek, 3 mi nw of Leander po, 3 ½ mi e of Ballot po, 2 ½ mi w of the BS&KR RR whose sta. was Asa. On 10/23/1933, Raleigh K. Goble pet. for a site ch. 3001 ft e to a pt 50 ft w of Asa Creek, 3 mi w of Leander po, 2 mi w of the C&O RR. Eff. asap. On 2/23/3 Paris Fairchild pet. for a site ch. 3000 ft nw to a pt. 2 3/4 mi nw of Oil Springs po, 4 mi sw of Barnett Creek po, 3 ½ mi ne of Riceville po, 50 ft n of Asa.
Creek, 2 mi w of Jennies Creek, 2 mi w of the C&O who\textsuperscript{rr sta. was} Asa.//Acc. to Ibid., 7/27/1939, the po was 2 mi w of the Asa (RR) Sta, 4½ mi n of Swamp Branch po, 4 mi w of Denver po. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Asa Fairchild (8/38) and wife Sarah (3/45) lived in Mag. Dist. \#3 nèar other Fairchilds, Conleys, Salyers and Lemasters; Asa Fairchild, son of Abiud Fairchild (1762-?). Asa wed Nancy Conley. He lived and died on a branch of a main fork of Jennies Creek, at the Twin Branches and nr. the Denver po site. Amanda was not his child. His father's name may have been Abina. (M. Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, P. 340);
A. W. Rule's Branch (in the vicinity of Paintsville, Ky., Johnson Co.) Mentioned in Hall's, HIST. OF JOHNSON Co., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 182
BALLOT (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Brittain J. Blair, 3/26/1902, the proposed name for this new po was Teddie, and it would be 4 mi w of Asa po, 4 mi ne of Conley po, 3 mi se of Oil Springs po, on the w side of Oil Spring Fk of Paint Creek. (SLR); Acc. to the 1900 Census, Britton F. (sic) Blair (4/1842) and wife Lucinda (8/54). nr. other Blairs in Mag. Dist. #3. But no Teddie or Ballot. No Ballot families anywhere. Lucinda was nee Conley. Britton (sic) was ne Floyd Co. and was a C.W. vet. (Acc. to 1890 spec. census);
BALLOT (Johnson Co., Ky): Po est. 7/1/1902, Brittain J Blair... D; sec. 1938;
BARNETTS CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Merida S. Caudill, 3/2/1906, this po was moved one mi ne to nearl
3½ mi sw of Staffordsv. po, nearly 4 mi e of Oil Spring
po, 4 mi nw of Denver po, on Barnetts Creek. Not a vil.
//Acc. to J.C. Williams, 1/24/1912, the po was 2 mi sw
of Staffordsv. po, on the n side of Barnetts Creek, 4 m.
ne of Oil Springs po, 4 mi nw of Denver po. //Williams
was still pm by 1919. //Acc. to Bruce C. Reimble, 7/22/
1939, the po was on Ky 40, 7 mi w of Paintsv., on
Barnetts Creek. (SLR); Acc. to 1895 Gaz., this was 7 mi
w of Paints. Z.M. Caudill was pm. Caudill & Trimble had
gen. store. Frank Blair was justice. John N. Caudill wa
mason & stonecutter. Wm. Ely was a cooper. Thos. Salyer
had flour mill. J.J. Trimble was livestock dealer;
BARNETTS CREEK (Johnson Co.): Named for local landowner. (Nadene Butcher, Johnson Central HS senior, "Johnson Commu's. Earned Colorful names" ADI, 12/14/1969, P. 23:3-9); po est. 4/17/1879, Zehaniah M. Cudill (sic)....(NA); ("Bahr/nats Kreek") Named for the creek which may have been named for Nate Barnett. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); Disc. 1980; Acc. to 1880 Census, John B. Barnett (42) and wife Lousir (36) lived in Barnetts Creek Prec. #4; Philo Barnett ne 1/17/1858, son of Elias & Rockanna (Stowe) Barnett. No Barnetts listed in the 1870 Census; Several other Barnett families living in the Barnetts Creek prec. in 1880;
BARNROCK (Johnson Co., Ky): Someone built a barn under a natural bridge or rock house. (J.K. Wells, interv., 8/30/1980); Barn Rock's grist mill was run by Alonzo Skaggs. A barrel factory was run by Harris Grim. The po was est. by John Skaggs. Disc. in 1940. (Buel Bailey ms. hist. of B.R. 1967 in John. Co. P.L.)
BARNROCK (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 11/5/1909, Francis Skaggs.... Disc. 1951. Acc. to Mrs. Frances Skaggs, 9/1909, this proposed po would be 15 mi nw of Paintsv. po, 3 1/2 mi se of Skaggs po, 4 mi nw of Flat Gap po, 3 mi e of Keaton po, 1/2 mi w of Laurel Creek, 3 mi e of the vil. of Barnrock with a pop. of 100 (?). On 12/5/1932, Martin L. Skaggs pet. for a site ch. 1 air mi se to a pt. 150 ft nw of Drakes Fork of Laurel Creek, 2.9 mi nw of Flat Gap po, 3 1/2 mi ne of Keaton po, 2 1/2 mi ne of Red Bush po, 3 air mi from the co. line., eff. asap. (SLR);
BARNROCK (Johnson Co., Ky): man kept his livestock holed up in part of a natural cliff. He roofed over part of it for his enclosure. (Golda Swain, 5/21/1971); A natural sandstone arch used variously as a barn, sch., chu., po. Long a landmark. Nearby is commu. of this name. Owned by the Skaggs family since the 1880s. (J. Co. Hist'l. & Gen. Soc. "Hist'c. Sites of P. and J. Co., Ky." ca. 1985 by the Ky. Herit. Council Pp. 42-4); A fact. for the manu. of hickory hoops & a nearby gristmill. A large area beneath the rocks was used for a barn. ("Brief Hist. of Barn Rock Sch." by Florence Conley Meade of Burlington, Ky. in The Hearthstone Collection, 4-5/1986, P. 2). From Flat-gap on Ky 1092 to this rock shelter on the road.
Tobacco has been cured there. (Robt. E. McDowell, Re-Discovering Ky., Ky. Dept. of Parks, 1971, P. 58); On the John C. Skaggs farm was a large rock bridge used by him for barn and church services and school. (Donna L. Fowler in Law. Co. 1991 hist., P. 652); The rock has been used as a millhouse, blacksmith shop, church, school, hog pen, barn. 63 ft. long & 37 ft wide. Skaggs owned the rock since mid 19th cent. Also used as flailing floor for grain (wheat & oats). Roadway under the rock used for worship services irregularly from 1900-1960. School 1911-1941. A natural formation (Helen Price Stacy, "Barn Rock: Stonehenge of Eastern Ky." Pikev. App. Expr., 7/14/1977, P. B5:1-2);
BIGSTONE (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 5/13/1902, Miranda J. Williams. Order rescinded 7/30/1902 (POR-NA
Jean Auxier of Pikeville, Ky. tells of Boone Camp on Greasy and Sycamore Creeks. Now: Boons Camp—2 gro. stores, Ash. Oil sta., 2 chu po. (pers. obs. 6/1979); po est. as Boons Camp 5/16/1876, James Mollett....(NA); ("Bunz-Kaemp") Dan'l. Boone & a group of soldiers est. a camp at the site and hunted in this area for deer, bear. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/71); Acc. to 1895 Gaz., Boons Camp was 9 mi e of Paintsv. Jas Brown had gen. store;
BOONES CAMP (sic) (Johnson Co.): On Greasy Creek. P.O. in the early 20th cent. was located at what was then known as Meek, at the mouth of Greasy. A narrow gauge rr hauled timber "from Rockcastle down Greasy to Offut" until after WWI when timber became depleted. (P. 51) c1910 at Meek was the coal company store and the Meek RR sta. and sch. (Pp. 51-2) (C. Mitchel Hall, A PERSONAL MEMOIR; Balti: Gateway Press, Inc., 1976);

Meek P.O. est. 10/25/1904, Victoria Salyer; 6/4/09, Victoria Meek; Disc. eff. 8/31/1912 with mail to Lower Greasy) (NA);
BOONES CAMP (Johnson Co.): On Greasy Creek. In pioneer days, this creek was abundant of game that it was a "favorite hunting place." On a single trip, Boone is said to killed a large amt. of game and transported it by horseback to Blockhouse Bottom. Along the trail, he "left marks of fat upon the trail-side trees. Ever after the stream had the name of Greasy Creek." He pitched his camp at the site that was later called Boone's Camp. P.O. (Scalf, "Dan'l. Boone in E. Ky." in 150 YEARS OF PIKE CO., KY., 1822-1972, Sesquicent. Issue, Pike Co. Hist. Soc., Vol. 1, 1972, Pp. 9-14, 13); (r51752) (r8-0v2)
BOONS CAMP (Johnson Co., Ky): On 1/19/1895, John R. Mollett pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi se to a pt. 4 mi se of Myrtle po, 3 1/4 mi e of Eliza po, 4 mi e of the BSR & on the n side of Greasy Creek. In Nov. 1912, Geo. B. McGlossan (?) pet. for a site ch. 75 yds e to a pt 4 mi e of C&O sta. at Offutt. On 4/3/1914, John B. Wells pet. for a site ch. 1/2 mi w to a pt. 3 mi e of BSR and 100 ft n of Greasy Creek, 2 1/2 mi ne of Williamsport po, 3 1/2 mi s of White House po, 3 mi e of Lower Greasy po, 3 mi e of C&O at Offutt Sta., 2 1/2 air mi from the co.line. On 9/22/24, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 1/4 mi e to a pt. 50 ft e of Greasy Creek. Eff. 11/1/24. Acc. to Ibid. 7/26/39, the po was 2 air and 2 1/2 rd mi from the Martin Co. line, 5 ft n of Ky. 40, 10 mi e of Paintsv. po, 30 ft n of Lick Branch, 50 ft ne of Greasy Creek. (SLR); Arn. Land.
BOONS CAMP (sic) (Johnson Co.): PO and settlement on the site of a camp on Greasy Creek that Dan'l. Boone made on one or more occasion while hunting in that area. (P. 55) Greasy Creek: Abundant game made this a "favorite hunting place" for Boone and the Auxiers and others of the Blockhouse Bottom commu. in 1796-7. "On one trip a great quantity was killed, sacked, and carried on horseback. Along the way the game left marks of fat upon the trailside trees. Ever after it had the name of Greasy Creek." (Ibid. ) (Scalf, KLF);
BOONS CAMP (Johnston Co.): ("Bünz Kaemp") Where Dan'l. Boone is supposed to have camped and killed so many buffalo that the grease on the water named the little creek Greasy Creek. "That's an unlikely story but that's the way it goes." DK why spelled without an "e" other than that people then couldn't spell. Thinks this name identified the community before the post was established. Even now it's still called Three Fork of Greasy. The post was located in the local store. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
BOONS CAMP (Johnson Co., Ky): "...but local people also call it Spicey Mountain, because a woman named Spicey opened a tavern here in 1934. Before that it was called Yallerstore Gap. An oldtimer remembers that his great-uncle's son had a yellow store here then." (Michael E. Long, "Wrestlin' for a Livin' with King Coal" NAT'L. GEOGRAPHIC, 6/1983, P 793-819, 812); (ca. 1994) The family gro. on Ky 40 10 mi from P'ville, was owned by Bob Castle;
BOONS CAMP (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on the site of a camp on Greasy Creek and Ky 40, 5½ (air) mi ene of Paintsv., said to have been used by Daniel Boone on one or more occasions in the 1790s while hunting with the settlers of Blockhouse Bottom. Acc. to trad., Boone was returning from a hunt with a large amt. of game when he carelessly "left marks of fat upon the trailside trees" bordering the creek, hence Greasy Creek. The Boons Camp p.o. was est. 5/16 1876 with James Mollett, pm. No one can acct. for the unusual spelling." (Book-P. 31);
BUFFALO (Johnson Co.): Named for the many wild buffalo in the area. So thick were the herds that boats in the river were stopped by them. (Nadene Butcher, Johnson Central HS senior, "Johnson Commu's. Earned Colorful Names" ADI, 12/14/1979, P. 23:389);
BUFFALO Creek (Johnson Co., Ky.) Named in pioneer days from the buffaloes that grazed in the area. (Acc. to the WPA data on place names on file, UK Libr.) (Check with Cope, Hazelett, etc....)

"Named after the many bison said to have grazed along its waters." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 174).

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BUFFALO SHOAL (Johnson Co., Ky.) In the vicinit of Paintsville. (Mentioned on P. 182 of Hall's HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., Vol. 1, 1928.)
BUTTERMILK FORK (of Greasy Creek) (Johnson Co., Ky.) Golda Swain doesn't know why it was called that. (interview, 3/24/73).
CHANDLERVILLE (Johnson Co.): Was named for the descendants of Henry Chandler. They lived at or near the Chandlerville p.o. (Mitchell Hall III, P. 265) Henry was born in Va. c.1816. He came to BSV as a young man. Married 1835 to Jemima Wheeler. (Kozee, P. 131) James was a son.

CHANDLERVILLE (Johnson Co.): Frank Chandler was born here 12/4/1883 and was a teacher in the Johnson Co. schools, a Johnson Co. court clerk, 1918-1926 and was employed by the Paintsv. Bank & Trust Co. (now 2nd Nat'l. Ban of Paintsv.) Died 1962. (Kozeé, P. 133). He was son of Lafayette Chandler, ne 1860 on Rockhouse Fk. of Hoods Creek, Johnson Co., a farmer. (Ibid. P. 132);  

son of [illegible]
(ne 1838 in Ky. a C.W.Vet
CHANDLERVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Henry Garfield Chandler (1880-1956), son of James & Catherine (Daniel) Chandler. James (1838-?). Both parents are buried in the family cem. on Chandler Branch, Chandlerville. James was the son of Henry Chandler (1815-?) and wife Jemima Wheeler. Nē Va. and to BSV as a young man;
CHANDLERVILLE (Johnson Co.): on Rockhouse Fork. The Chandlers have long been a prominent Johnson Co. family. Former Mayor John Chandler was a direct descendant of its founder. ("Chaend/lar/vihl") The commu./po was named for the father of Sant, Garfield, & Frank Chandler, whose sons are now prominent Paintsv. businessmen. He or his father was the 1st settler of that vic. DK his name. David Chandler was a son of the prog. Chandle He went to the Klondike in the Gold Rush and came back rich....(Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971);
CHANLERVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Noah B. Tolliver, Jan. 1911, this po was serving Haley (?) and was 4½ mi w of Lowmansv. po, 3½ mi s of Davisv. po, on Rockhouse Creek, a vil. of 75 which might have been called Rock House. On 6/5/1916, America Gilles (?) pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi w to a pt. 2 mi e of Hoods Fk of Big Blaine Creek, 3 mi e of Sip po, 4 mi w of Lowmansv. po, 4 mi se of Davisv. po, 1½ mi from the co. line. On 1/14/1918, Henry G. Chandler pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w to a pt. 50 yds e of Rockhouse Creek, 2 mi n of Sip po, 4 mi w of Lowmansv. po, 3 mi se of Davisv. po. On 11/12/1932, Willie J. Wheeler pet. for a site ch. 1994 ft n to a pt. 150 ft w of Rock House Creek, 4½ mi w of Lowmansv. po, 3½ mi e of Sip po, 2½ mi from 0.3 ft mi.
the co. line.// Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/1939, the po was 14 mi from Paintsv., ca. 50 yds from Rockhouse Creek, 3 mi s of Kerz po, 3½ mi n (sic) Davidsv. po.// On 4/25/1947, Madge Chandler pet. for a site ch. 900 ft nw to a pt. 30 ft n of Rockhouse Creek, 4 mi n of Stambaugh po.// On 11/13/1949, Lonnie M. Greene pet. for a site ch. 264 ft sw to continue serving the locality aka Rockhouse Fork of Blaine, 100 yds e of Rt. 1034 (or was it 1036?), 4½ mi ne of Kerz po, 8 mi w of Lowmansv. po. (SLR);
CHESTNUT CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Heads at 37°53'40"N, 82°39'13"W and extends for 2.9 mi sw, then nw, to Levisa Fk. at a pt. 3½ mi se of Lowmansville. Johnson & Law. interco. feat. Mouth: 37°53'28"N, 82°40'43"W. On Richardson Quad. Prop. ch. to BGN by Nat'l. Mapping Div. of USGS. "The upper course and heading of Chestnut Creek is unnamed on both the USGS and co. maps; these maps apply the name Chestnut Creek to what is locally known as Home Fork." (Docket 347 for consideration at BGN 1/10/91 mtg., P. 14);
COAL (Johnson Co., Ky): po at the mouth of Buffalo Creek. Bracken Lee Davis was atty. and pm, storekeeper and ran a licensed ferry. Succeeded by a Mr. Miller. Then the po moved to Thelma as Buskirk (sic). When T.J. Spencer ended that po it was moved back to Buffalo Creek and called Meally. (Geo. W. Davis, "Early Times on Buffalo Creek and Big Sandy River" The Bank Mule, Vol. 6 (2), June 1989, Pp. 18-20); Acc to 1895 Gaz., Coal was 3½ mi from Paintsv. B.L. Davis was local lawyer, hotel operator, and pm. E. Miller had gen. store. Several other lawyers;
COAL (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 6/30/1892, Bracken L. Davis...Disc. 4/15/1914 (mail to Van Lear) (POR-NA); Acc. to Bracken Lee Davis, 6/6/1892, the name proposed for this new po was Lon and it would be 4½ mi sw of the Ward City po, at the mouth of Buffalo Creek (on the BSR). Three homes at the site. (SLR); Acc. to the 1990 Census, Bracken L. Davis (9/38) and wife Mary E. (8/40) and son Alonzo (8/79) and others lived in Mag. Dist. #2. Mary was nee Conley and they were wed 11/56. Both were born in Floyd Co; Bracken Lewis Davis (1838-1921) mar. Mary Eliz. Conley (1840-1908). Among their children was Lon Davis. They lived and farmed at the mouth of Buffalo Creek. Also ran a ferry. "Uncle Brack" was also a lawyer & a politician. Lon (1890-1962). (Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, Pp. 212, 245);
COLLISTA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Milt Witten, 11/2-1926, the name proposed for this new po was Blair for it would be serving Blair Station on the BS&KR Ry, 4 mi w of the BSR, 100 yds n of Lick Fk., 3 mi nw of Hager Hill po, 3 mi e of Denver po, 3 mi sw of Paintsv. po, 513 ft n of the rr.// On 10/30/1929, Mattie Blair pet. for a site ch. 1327 ft w to a pt. 3 mi w of the BSR, ca 125 ft s of Jennies Creek, ca. 1 3/4 mi e of Denver po, ca. 2 mi n of Hager Hill po, ca. 4 mi sw of Paintsv. po, 684 ft sw of Blair Sta. on the BS&Ky. RR. Blair was a flag sta. with no agent. eff. asap.// On 4/12/1935, Mrs. Grace Rice pet. a site ch. ½ mi e to a pt. 300 ft. n of Lick Fk., 2½ mi ne of Denver po, 2½ mi w of H.H. po, 4 mi n of E. Pt. po, ½ mi n of the rr. Sta=Blair to be moved asap to the pm's home. The rr was now a br.
line of the C&O.// Acc. to Mrs. Grace Rice, 7/24/1939
the po was 1 1/2 mi nw of US 23, 3,087 ft se of Collista
Sta. and 60 ft ne of the C&O tracks, 200 ft ne of Lick
Fk. of Jennies Creek, 3 1/2 mi e of Denver po, 3 mi w of
H.H. po, 5 1/2 mi s of Paintsv. po. (SLR);
COLLISTA (Johnson Co.): po est. 2/14/1927, Milt Witten.. (NA); ("Kohl/ihs/tə") (Arthur Pope, 3/28/71); ("Kə/lihs/tee") May have been named for Mrs. Collista Stambaugh. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); ọ̀rọ̀ c. 1964; Acc. to the 1900 Census, Milton Witten (4/81) was living with his mother Collista (12/51) and father Jas. W. Witten (12/48) in Mag. Dist. #3, nr. other Wittens, Wards, Litterals, etc. and next to John W. Blair (12/1858);
CONCORD (Community in Johnson Co., Ky.): c. 4 sq. mi. "Within the bend of the Big Sandy R. below and 2\frac{1}{2} mi. e. of Paintsv. (See JENNY WILEY COUNTRY, Vol. 1, P. 243, a map) a broad river bottom. "Affluent" section of the county, cl900. Focused on the Concord Chu. (a United Bap. chu.) (See Ibid P. 297). Near it was a 1 rm. sch. Across the river was Davis Branch. Mont Preston had a pvt. ferry across the river there. (Vol. II of John. Co., #38, P. 390) Community's dev. was enhanced by the extension of C&O RR fro Whitehouse up the BSR begun 1902, specifically the construction of track, bridge, &
the acrogen bank coal mines at Dog Hollow and Muddy Branch (Thealka). The bridge for the highway nr. the mouth of Paint Creek & the new highway nr. the BSR in the early 1920s "all but eliminated the importance of the Concord comm. and the church, school, and ferries were eventually abandoned." (P. 18 of C. Mitchell Hall, A PERSONAL MEMOIR, Balti: Gateway Press, Inc., 1976)
CUBA (Johnson Co.): Probably named after the Spanish-Am. War by veterans of engagements on that island. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971);
DANIELS BRANCH (Johnson Co.): Named for old Elias Daniels who lived there as do his descendants yet. Elias was the prog. of the Danielses in this area. The branch was named for him. (Golda Swain, interview, 5/21/1971);
DANIELS CREEK (Johnson Co.): Po est. 3/25/1891, James Wells...Disc. 7/11/1895 (mail to East Point) (NA); Named for Dan'l. Collins. Wells and Collins families there. DK why Odds Now: store. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/80); Acc. to James Wells, no date, this po was (or would be) located on that creek, 8 mi from Boons Camp, Setser, an East Pt. po's. (SLR);
DAWKINS (Johnson Co.): Charley and Eliz. Stafford had a store located at what was then locally called Hellsgate, nr. the Stafford home at the present Dawkins, halfway betw. W. Van Lear and Paintsville. (C. Mitchel Hall, A PERSONAL MEMOIR, Balti: Gateway Press, Inc., 1976, P. 47)
DENVER (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to R.M. Miller, 9/13/1888, this po, late Fitz, was 5 mi w of BSR, 75 ft s of Jennies Creek.//Acc. to Paris Pelphrey, 4/22/1914, the po was 5 mi w of Paintsv. po, 40 ft s of Jennies Creek 3½ mi se of Asa po, 337 ft nw of BS&K RR whose local sta. was Denver.// On 12/7/1923, Rhoda (Mrs. Ollie P. Spradlin pet. for a site ch. ca. 400 yrd s n to a pt. 300 yds n of Jennies Creek, 2½ mi ne of Leander po, 3 mi w of H.H. po, 4 mi se of Barnetts Creek po, ¼ mi n of BS&K RR. Eff. 1/1/1924.//On 2/20/1928, Labe Pelphrey pet. for a site ch. 1600 ft se to a pt. 2-2½ mi sw of Collista po, 245 ft n of Denver Sta. on the BS&K RR. Eff. 3/1928.// On 11/12/1929, Geo. Adams pet. for a site ch. 354 ft e to a pt. 75 ft s of Jennies Creek,
2 mi w of Collista po, 2 mi ne of Leander po, 80 ft e of the BS&K RR.// Acc. to Mrs. Frankie Conley, 7/22/1939, the po was 170 ft from the sta. & C&O tracks, 10 ft s of Jennies Creek. (SLR); Acc. to John W. Bays, 6/21/1882, the name proposed for this new po was Corn Village (sic) and it would serve Holly Branch, 6 mi s of Barnetts Creek po, 6 mi n of Bonanza po, a vil. of 30 pop.// On 11/13/1882, Isaac Rice pet. for a site ch. ½ mi n to a pt. on the same side of the creek, 4½ mi s of Barnetts Creek po, 6 mi sw of Paintsv. po, on the w side of Jennies Creek. (SLR);
DENVER (Johnson Co.): One of the oldest towns in the county. On Jenny's Creek & the B.S. & K.R. RR. c.mid 1920s: had 1 MD, a chu. and sch. po and 2-3 stores. Patricks, Pelphreys, & Rices were leading families....(Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 273); Named for a Gen'l. Denver, US. Army. (ch: (Nadene Butcher, "Johnson Commu's. Earned Colorful Names" ADI, 12/14/1969, P. 23:3-9); po. est. as Fitz, 7/3/1882, John W. Boyes... changed to Denver, 7/30/1888, Ruce M. Miller (sic)...(NA); Dir c. 1998
DENVER (Johnson Co.): Jas. Neibert (ch. sp.), uncle to Jas. Neibert Meek (see Victoria) returned from Denver, Colo. where he had operated some mines and joined his nephew in the Swamp Branch Coal Co. operations and the Hi Test Oil & Gas Operations. So Neibert named it. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971);

(Dehn/ver") Fitz was named for local Fitzpatrick family of early settlers. DK about Ruce Miller. DK if n.ch. or site ch. DK why named Denver. Econ. base==some agri., some timber, and some coal. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
EAST POINT (Floyd Co., Ky.) p.o. est. 2/6/1877 with Wm. T. Hagen, pm (To Johnson Co. 10/1/1877. (Acc. to Nat'l. Arch.)

Fieldsville (Community near Floyd Co.)

May be the oldest town in co. next to Paintsville.

Settled by Auxiers and Greers shortly after their abandonment of Blockhouse Bottom. On the banks of Little Paint Creek, c. 5½ mi. so. of Paintsville on the County line. Once had a combo. ele-h:sh. and several large stores and was a shipping pt. for crossties. Many structures torn down for the route of the Mayo Trail (old US23 built thru there....) (Mitchell Hall, HIST OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. I, P. 269);
EAST POINT (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. T. Hager, 1/23/1871, this proposed po would be 5 mi nw of Pburg. po, 7 mi se of Paintsv. po, on the w side of the BSR, 1/8 mi w of Little Paint Creek. Not-a vil.// Acc. to W.J. Conley, 11/20/1885, the po was 1/4 mi w of BSR, 1/8 mi n of Little Paint Creek, 6 mi n of Pburg po, 6 m s of Paintsv. po.// On 7/18/1921, someone named Johnson pet. for a site ch. 80 ft ne to a pt. 1000 ft w of BSR and 200 ft e of Little Paint Creek, 20 ft from the Floyd Co. line.// On 5/7/1925, Frank Moles pet. for a site ch. 1017 ft w to a pt. 1200 ft w of BSR and 100 f n of Little Paint Creek, 1 1/2 mi n of Auxier po, 3.1 mi s of the W. Van Lear po, 3 mi s of H.H. po, 1183 ft. w of the C&O Its local sta. was East Pt. 0.1 mi from
On 5/10/1933, Laura M. Music petitioned for a site 500 ft north to a point 1900 ft west of BSR and 250 ft north of Bear Holl., 3½ miles south of H.H. Post, 1.1 rail miles (and 3 3rd. miles) west to Auxier Post, 1700 ft west of the E. Pt. (RR) Sta., 800 ft from the county line. Effective 6/23, 1933. According to Ibid., 7/24/1939, the post was 1000 ai, and 2500 rd ft from the Floyd Co. line, on US 23. 1700 ft west of the RR sta. of E. Pt. on the south side of Bear Holl. 3 miles north of the Auxier Post, 3½ miles south of H.H. Post. (SLR);
EAST POINT (Johnson Co., Ky): Inc. 1890. Once: brickyard, tieyard (crossties), and po est. 1871 with Wm. R. Hager. Here Little Paint Creek joins the BSR. An intercounty commu. Just across the river from Harmons Station. First settled probably ca. 1800 by settlers from Blockhouse Bottom. Water-powered mill. PO est. in Floyd Co. by Wm. Hager on 2/6/1871 about 1 mi up Little Paint and named for its being at a site on the bend of Little Paint facing east. Wm. J. Conley had the po one mi to John. Co. RR arr. 1903. Charter repealed. Growth potential ended with rr service in Pburg and Paints. Vil. on old US 23 (Ky. 1428) in the late 1920s. Several area stores. (Leatha Kendrick ms. hist. of E.P. in the J. Co. P.L.)
EAST POINT (Johnson Co.): ("Eest Pawnt") DK why so named. It's not the e. pt. of John Co. It's an old name. Some claim it's an extension of the old Blockhouse Bottom across the river that when the settlers left the bottom, the land was owned by an Auxier family, and they came across the river and founded E. Point, c. 1850s. DK when it was incorporated. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
EAST POINT (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is now located on Ky 1428, just w of the confl. of Little Paint Creek and the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, and 3½ (air) mi. s. of Paintsv. It was first located at the mouth of the creek, just across the river from Blockhouse Bottom, one of the pion. B.S. settlements, and was settled by Auxiers and Greers after their abandonment of the Bottom. The po, est. in Floyd Co. on 2/6/1871, with Wm. T. Hager, pm, is said to have been built on a high point and faced east. It was moved to Johnson Co. on 1877." (Book-P. 88);
EAST POINT (Johnson Co.): Inc. by ACT of Ky. GA. Approved 4/19/1890, acc. to Chap. 938, P. 1081, of ACTS 1890. Later repealed. (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHN. CO. 1928, Vol. 1, Pp. 269-70); In the mid 1930s: had rr sta., 3 stores, 2 rm. sch., 2 chu's, filling sta. On the w. bank of the river, opp. Blockhouse Bottom. (John I. Sturgill, WPA ms); Had: tie yard, brick yard, sawmills, water mill, ele. sch., several chu's, several stores, MD, lodges. People employed in farming and timbering and later mostly in mining...("Recalls East Point Hist." FCT, 6/21/1972, Sec 3, P. 1 2-3)
EAST POINT (Johnson Co.): Fort at this site built 1787 by Matthias Harman (sic) From this station settlers went forth to est. Paintsv. and other area communities. ("Indian Marking Gave Paintsville its Name" CALL OF KY. Spring summer, 1973, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, P. 27); ("Est POYnt (aw)nt") (Golda Swain, 5/21/71). PO built on a high point and faced east. (Nadene Butcher, "Johnson Commu's Earned Colorful Names" ADI, 12/14/1969, P. 23-9); Est. (PO) in Floyd Co. in 2/6/1871 c-w T. Hager; to Johnson Co. on 10/1/77, Wm. J. Conley...(NA); APO.
EAST POINT (Johnson Co., Ky.) Founded 1787 by Matthias Harmon, the site of the first fort in the Big Sandy valley. Name derived from its extreme eastern location in the county. (Recorded by Miss Ladd, 4/1941, in "Towns" section of Ky. Place Names file, WPA material, UK Libr. Village at the mouth of Little Paint Cr. on US 23. Little Paint Creek is county line. E.P. is mostly in Johnson Co. and is halfway between P'burg and Paintsville.... (John I. Sturgill, Floyd Co. WPA data. Filed: "Floyd Co. Folklor ...." WPA UKY Libr. Arch.)
EAST POINT (Johnson Co., Ky): PO site (1871) on the w side of Little Paint Creek, just below Hager Branch. Several sites in John Co. To the present (1971) site in 1963. Name derivation: the building housing the po was on "a pt. of land jutting eastward at a bend of Little Paint Creek." (Paul C. Hager, "East Pt. Post Office" Western Stamp Collector, 4/20/1971, Sect. 2, P. 1); Acc. to 1895 Gaz., it was 6 mi s of Paints. Pop. 100. M.L. Price was pm. 7 gen. stores: (1) E.B. & J.W. Auxier, (2) J.C.B. Auxier, (3) W.L. Auxier, (4) John S. Kelly, (5) G.W. Price, (6) John Richmond, (7) A.G. Wells;
ELIZA (Johnson County, Ky.) p.o. est. 1/8/1897 with Eliza J. Rittenhouse, 1st p.m. (Acc. to the National Archives) (More info. on 2nd Pope tape) .... 2nd pm of Eliza = John W. Butcher on 7/8/1901 n.ch. to Williamsport, 12/5/1902, ibid. ...(NA); She was the wife of Jack Rittenhouse. The po was not at the present site of Williamsport p.o. Was renamed for Jim Williams when the po was taken over by his family and moved. He was along in years when this happened. ("Ee/leyezə") Jack Rittenhouse was an early coal operator. The commu. was first called Elizaville. (Pope, 3/28/71);
ELNA (Johnson Co.) Rural neighborhood=F765nw (No. 58-111); Elna P.O. Ross Williams=pm c. late 1950s. It may have been named for his wife. Check... He may still be alive. Wealthy man but crippled. His son is a sch. tchr. and lives in Red Bush, Willis Williams. (Rufus Reed, interview, 6/20/1971); -po est. 8/4/190.

Haden Williams; 4/20/1916, Polk Pendleton (into Morgan Co. 2/21/1924) (NA); Arthur Pope was unsuccessful in his efforts to learn who had named it. Considerable oil has been drilled there. ("Ehl/nə") (Pope, interview, 3/28/1971) cf John Fred Williams of Ashland Oil Co., who came from there. (Ibid.); Named for the wife of 1st pm, Polk Pendleton. (Myrtle Burchet pm, letter to Delphine Helen, 11/10/1970)
FITCH BRANCH OF BUFFALO CREEK (Johnson Co, Ky. A 0.7 mi long stream, heads at 37°17'28"N, 82°43'35"W, extends nw to Buffalo Creek 5 mi s of Offutt, at 37°17'48"N, 82°44'12"W. On Offutt 7½ min top. map. Prop. to BGN; to ch. from Stonecoal Br. to conform to local usage. Prop. by Nat'l. Mapping Div. of USGS. No maps yet used the prop. name. Local residents interviewed call the branch Fitch. "Tim Craf recalled that it used to be called Stonecoal Branch but this was before he lived in the area. The branch was also identified with a state road sign labelled 'Fitch Br.'" The
name was changed ca. 20 yrs. ago to Fitch Branch. No local opp. to prop. name. Submitted to BGN, 6/25/1990 by John D. Worum, USGS (Submitted on Docket 348 for consideration at the 3/14/1991 mtg. of BGN, and sent to Ky. Comm.)
FLAMBEAU (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 6/7/1907, Lola Music; Disc. 1/31/1910 (mail to East Point) (POR-NA); Acc. to no sign., 11/1906, the name proposed for this new po was Lesley for it would be serving the mining town of Lesley, 50 ft e of the C&O and its flag sta. of Lesley, 2 mi nw of E. Pt. po, 1 mi se of H.H. po, 75 yds sw of BSR. Commu. had a pop. of 150. The po would be betw. thw rr and the river. (SLR); No such families listed in the 1900 Census;
FLANERY (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 12/17/1897, Dora Lemaster...Disc. 6/30/1914 (mail to Wheelersburg) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Dora Lemaster, 10/1/1897, the name proposed for this new po was Minefork and it would be serving the com. of Minefork, 4 mi se of Ophir po, 6 mi sw of Fuget po, on Little Paint Creek and Mine Fork Creek, 3½ mi nw of Thos. C. Howard's Deyad (?) po. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Dora Lemaster (5/78) with husband Clark (4/74) in Mag. Dist. #4. No Flanery families in the county;
FLAT GAP (Johnson Co.): Inc. 4/4/1884, (ACTS 1883/4, Vol. 1, P. 1140); Named for a flat & low-lying gap which is rare in E. Ky. (acc. to Carran Ferguson, to Jenny Lewis, in her "P.N. of Johnson Co., Ky." tp for Jean Thomason, WKU, 4/25/1972, in the Folklore Archives, Margie Helm libr., WKU); po est. 2/26/1873, Henry Jayne (as Flat Gap)... n.ch. to Flatgap, 11/22/1894, John E. Hamilton... (NA); ("Flaet Ghaep") self-explanatory. (Pope 3/28/1971); "It was an area from which a no of creeks spread out or a no. of-- Several roads comes (sic) into Flat Gap. You can go out to Laurel or you can go across to Hood an
to Franks Creek in several directions there. And all of the gaps around there or the de­pressions thru which you could travel betw. the hills were low, or almost flat. You got out there; you was on more or less of a plateau. In any direction you go, you would have any high passes to go thru to reach other territories. It was comparatively low. And they called it The Flat Gap. It was flat country in there; it was beautiful country. One of the early doctors out there was Dr. Paris Meade....It was flat and every way you rode why you rode into another country easy." (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28 1971);
FLATGAP (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. F. Hatfield, 2/24/1909, this po was on the e.-, side of Little Laurel Creek (sic), 2½ mi sw of Winifred po, 3 mi s of Laurel Hill po.// On 6/11/1914, R.M. Ross pet. for a site ch 270 yds se to a pt 71 yds s of Lower Laurel Creek (sic) //Acc. to no sign., 11/1923, the po was 1/8 mi se of Laurel Creek (sic), 2½ mi sw of Winifred po, 2 mi sw o Sip po.// Acc. to Isom Salyer, 12/14/1925, the po was ca. ½ mi s of Laurel Creek, 3 mi se of Barnrock po, 3½ mi w of Sip po, 3 mi sw of Winifred po.//On 8/13/1934, Robt. M. Ross, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 470 ft se to a pt. 280 ft s of Lower Laurel Creek, 2 mi sw of Winifred po, 3 mi w of Kerz po. Eff. 8/20/1934.//Acc. to R.M. Ross, 7/24/1939, the po was 1 mi n of Mud Lick
Creek, on Lower Laurel Creek, 2½ mi sw of Winifred po, 2½ mi se of Barnrock po.// On 5/24/1947, Oscar M. Williams, act. pm., pet. for a site ch. 480 ft e to a pt. 1½ mi n of Ky 173, 75 ft n of Little Laurel Creek. // On 11/4/1948, Howard Ross, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 760 ft n to a pt. 1 mi e of Ky 172, 25 ft. w of Laurel Creek, 510 ft s of Conley Creek.// On 9/21/1949, Howard Ross pet. for a site ch. 75 ft sw to a pt. 3.5 mi w of Winifred po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895 Gaz. it was 12 mi nw of Paints. with a pop. of 100;
FLAT GAP (sic) (Johnson Co.): "This is the watershed of Laurel Fork of Licking River and of Müd-Lick branch of Paints Creek (sic), a watershed which would hardly be observed by the wayfarer, did not the name of the pretty village of Flat Gap here located, set the traveller (sic) to inquire for the gap. Level and wide spreads the valley at this point, and the view from some of the bordering hills or the twenty neatly built frame dwellings.... C.M. Gamble's hotel...store owned by Gamble & Sweatman..." 10 mi. from the mouth of Hoods Fork and 12 mi. from Paintsville....(Acc. to K.B. Grahn's report of trip thru E.Ky. in the
Supplement, Greenup Independent, 5/7/1875, repro. in LICKING VALLEY COURIER, 1/10/1963, and SELECTIONS FROM MORGAN CO. HIST. Sesquicent. vol. by Helen Price Stacy & Wm. Lynn Nickell, vol. I, Pp. 85-6); (5-8-117)(f58p, m
FLAT GAP (Johnson Co.): "Flaet Ghaep") was named for its topography. The 2nd oldest permanent settlement in the county. Blockhouse Bottom wasn't a permanent settlement. And E. Pt. is on the w. side of the river and thus not a part of B.B. Paintsv., thus, was the first. At one time Flat Gap was almost a rr town--for the E. Ky. & Big Sandy RR Co. would build a rr from Grayson, up over Cherokee Gap, down Blaines Creek and up Hoods Creek, and right close to Flat Gap and hit the BSR at Paintsv. Started building the rr and just about at Cherokee Gap they ran out of money. This was a few yrs. before the C&O extended their line.
beyond Whitehouse. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
FLAT GAP (sic) (Johnson Co.): is a low gap betw. two large branches of the Big Sandy R. (From letter by the pm of Ballot, Ky. po to Wm. G. Steel, 11/30/1925); Inc. 4/4/1884, (ACTS, 1883/4, Vol. 1, P. 1140); Located in the divide betw. Mud Lick Creek & the Lower Laurel Fork of Blaine Creek...a good grazing & farm area... (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHN. Co., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 266); Rev. Wm. Jayne, Bapt. minister, settled at FLAT Gap. In 1851 he est. Enterprize Acad. (sic) there, a tchr-training inst. as well as reg'l. sch. (A SHORT HIST. OF PAINTSV. & JOHN. Co. by J.K. Wells, 1962, P. 28);
FLATGAP (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po lies at the jct. of Ky 689 and 1092, 8 (air) mi nnw of Paintsv. The po was est. as Flat Gap on 2/26/1873, with Henry Jayne, pm, and named for the flat and low lying gap at the divide betw. Mudlick and Lower Laurel Creeks in the BSR watershed. By 1894 the name of the commu. and its po was being spelled as one word." (Book P. 102); Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz., this place was a settlement 12 mi from Paintsv, and had a pop. of 50. It was 1st settled in 1800. Henry Jayne was pm. C.A. Gambill had a hotel. Gambill & Sweetnam (sic) had gen. store;
"At the old FLAT ROCK FORD, near Huff's Cemetery, and where now the bridge leading to the C. & O. railroad station spans Paint Creek was once a large rockhouse said to have been frequently used by the Indians." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON COUNTY, 1928, Vol. 1, P. 38). (citing: J.K. Wells, article in the Paintsville Herald.)

Not listed in Field's Guide...
FREW (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Millard F. Rule, 7/1/82, the proposed names for this new po included Undec., Jim Hoss, and Clara, and it would be ca. 4 mi e of Barnettts Creek po, 3½ mi e of Pattonia po, on the n bank of Big Paint Creek. Not a vil. // Acc. to Chas. G. Rule, 8/6/1889, the po was 4 mi w of Paintsv. po, 3 mi se of Pattonia po. (SLR); John Frew Stafford died 12/12/1945. He was son of Wm. Stafford (1829-1911). Owned much Paintsv. property. (Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, P. 875); JFS= 1869-1945. Son of Wm. & Martha Ann (Hager) Stafford. Jesse Stafford (1849-1935) was son of John & Calista (Nott) Stafford and bro. of Wm. (above). His daughter was Clara Stafford (1882-1958);
FROGONERY BRANCH OF TOMS CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Jonathan Stambaugh settled on and probably named this stream (sp. Froghonery) for the noisy frogs on it. (Haden P. Rice, Aukers, etc, P. 166);
FUGET (Johnson Co.): PO est. 1/5/1891, Colber F. Wallin...(NA); ("Fyú/ghät") Named for a family one of whose members, Paul Moss Fuget, used to be the depot agent at Offutt. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); DK why so-called No local families of that name. 1st called Kenwood.. (a dpo) ("Fyú/ghät") (J.K. Wells, 8/30/1980); Acc. to Colbert Fuget Wallin, 12/90, th prop. names for this new po were Volina (?), Coby, Fuget, and Lonzy and it would serve Fuget Wallin's store, ½ mi n of Paint Cr.// On 2/5/32, H.B. Cantrell pet. for site ch. 75 yds se to pt. ½ mi sw of Paint Cr 2½ mi ne of Kwnwood po, 5 mi sw of Flat Gap po. He was still pm in 1939.//On 9/1/48, Gusta J. Estep pet. for site ch. 300 yds sw to a pt. 14 mi nw of Paint. po.
FUGET (Johnson Co., Ky): James Fuget was a Johnson Co Baptist preacher before 1860. (Wells, 1962, P. 25); The post closed before 1993; No Fuget or Wallin families listed in the 1880 Census; Acc. to 1900 Census, Colbe Wallen (4/64) and wife Talitha (9/70) lived in Mag. Dist. #4. But no Lonzy or Volina. Nor any Fuget or Fugate families listed in the entire county; (Acc. to the 1870 Census) Jos. C. Fugate (25) of Morgan Co., a widower, wed Mary Williams (19) of Floyd Co. on 3/13/1859 in J. Co.; This post was suspended 8/31/1990 with papers to Volga, on the retirement of the pm;
GALEN (Johnson Co., Ky): Gayland (sic) Picklesimer, a farmer and teamster, died Aug. 1948, age 75. Was a lifetime resident of Buffalo Creek. The older Picklesimers lived on Big Mud Lick Creek, in the vicinity of Volga. Dr. Marion Picklesimer (sic) married Nerve Bayes and Gayland was his son. Marion was a noted Mud Lick physician. (Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, Pp. 618-22); Acc. to 1895 Gaz., Galen was 8½ miles of Pints. Pop. 36. Two general stores: (1) F. Murray, (2) T.F. Witten;
Galen (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 8/30/1887, Francis M. Picklesimer...Disc. eff. 6/15/1904 (mail to Sitka) (POR-NA); Acc. to Dr. F.M. Picklesimer, 8/18/1887, this proposed po would be 5 mi se of Flat Gap po, 7 mi nw of Paintsv. po, 4 mi s of Sip po, at the head of Toms Creek. A rural po./Acc. to G.W. Rice, 11/6/1890, the po was 3½ mi se of Flat Gap po, on Toms Creek, 9 mi w of Paintsv. po, 2½ mi s of Sip po. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Francis M. Picklesimer (MD) (46) and wife Jemima (32) lived in Sycamore Dist. Prec. #6. Had a son Gailan (7); Galen Picklesimer seems to be the proper spelling. (Hall, Vol. 2, P. 778); Galen Alvis Picklesimer (3/21/1873-d. 1948), son of Francis Marion Picklesimer, MD. The latter died 1899;
GERTIE (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Hester Auxier, 4/27/1892, the names proposed for this new po were Gertie Johnson and Auxier and it would be 7 mi from Flat Gap, Fuget, and Barnetts Creek po's, 1/8 mi n of Paint Creek. (SLR); Hester Auxier later marr. Jesse Vanhoose and had a daughter named Annie (nee 11/02) and a son Geo. (ne 1904). No Gertie Johnson in the 1900 Census. Acc. to 1900 Census, Hester A. Vanhoose (10/67 and husband Jesse (5/75) and son Geo. Dewey (6/98) in Mag. Dist. #3 but nowhere nr. a Gertie Johnson; Acc. to M. Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, P. 54, Hester Ann Auxier (1868-1951) marr. D.J. Vanhoose;
✓ GERTIE (Johnson County, Ky.) P.O. est. 5/21/1892. Hester Auxier, 1st pm. (See Pope tape transcription for further inf... (Acc. to National Archives)

Disc. and mail to Staffordsville, 7/11/1895. (Nat'l. Arch.); ("Gh3t/ee"). DK why so named Hester Auxier's descendants now live in Paintsville. Dr. E.E. Archer's widow is one of them. So is Harry Lavier's wife. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971);
GILLEM BRANCH (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 4/24/1930, Mrs. Esley Bailey....Dr. < 1933; Acc. to Mrs. Esley Bailey, 12/18/1929, this prop. po would be 1 mi e of W Laurel Creek, 3 mi se of Keaton po, 6 mi sw of Barnrock po, 3 mi nw of Red Bush po. On 2/11/1932, J.H. Osborn pet. for a site ch. i/8 mi n to a pt. 75 ft s of Gillem Branch (stream), 3 mi s of Barnrock po, ca. 3 mi e of Keaton po, 2 1/2 mi n of Red Bush po. (SLR);
GILLEM BRANCH (Johnson Co.): Nr. Keaton, Ky.
Named for a local family (or families);
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co.): "The story goes that this section of the county was very wooded and wild, so naturally afforded wild animals aplenty. Well, two oldtimers were hunting one day and came face to face with a big grizzly. One of the hunters had a big knife, and the other one didn't. The bear attacked the one who didn't have the knife and the man began hollering 'Run, Bill', meaning for Bill to run up and stab the bear with the big knife. Instead of Bill coming to the rescue, he was running to beat the band around the hill. When the man realized what his pal was doing he yelled,
'Bill, throw me the knife or I'll kill you if I ever get loose from this bear.' Well, the poor man finally pulled, tusseled, and dragged the bear until he reached the knife where Bill threw it. He stabbed and slashed until he killed the grizzly, which was so fat that the grease ran down to the creek making the water so greasy that folks began calling the section, Greasy Creek. And as for the friendship of the two hunters, it did not exist ever again."

(Angie Ward, Johnson Co., to Leonard Roberts, MSU. She was his folklore student,
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): In early years "the area was very thickly forested...the trees were so close together that the wild animals couldn't get around without rubbing up against the trees. This caused large amounts of oil from the animals fur to collect on the trees; and when it rained the oil would wash from the trees into the creek. This gave the creek a greasy appearance and it is now called Greasy Creek. The commu. is known as Greasy." (Collected from Lorraine Fannin). "When Daniel Boone captured and killed wild game, he would often wash their hides in the creek. The oil from the hides washed into the water and gave it a greasy appearance. Since then the community has been called Greasy Creek, or just Greasy." (collected from Ruth Salyer). ("Place Names
of Johnson County, Ky." by Jenny Lewis, term paper for Jean Thompson, Western Ky. U., April 15, 1972.);
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) "The Auxiers state, in their family history, that he (Daniel Boone) spent the winter of 1796-7 at the Blockhouse (Harman's Station), joining on many hunting trips. Nathaniel Auxier is said to have gone with Boone and the older members on several occasions to hunt bear, deer, wolf, etc. on Greasy Creek, when he was just sixteen years of age. They killed so much fat game that, carrying sacks full of the meat on horses, it greased the timber along the way, and they in turn called it Greasy, which creek still bears the name."
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co.): Boone and a group of soldiers est. a camp at (what is now Boons Camp) and hunted this area for deer, bear, etc. G.C. was named "because it was in the late winter and early spring when they (Boone, et al.) were here. And that, to preserve the meat before packing it back into the settlements, they tied it and weighted it down in the cold waters of Greasy Creek, which are partly spring-fed up there, and kept in the grease going down the creek caused the animals and things to come and caused it to become noticeably greasy, that is, the land off the bears especially, and so on." (Arthur Pope, 1/10/71)
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co.): ("Grree/zee Kreek") Named "because it was in the late winter and early spring when they (Boone, et al) were here. And that, to preserve the meat, before packing it back into the settlements, they tied it and weighted it down in the cold waters of Greasy Creek, which are (sic) partly spring-fed up there, and kept in the grease going down the creek caused animals and things to come (sic) and caused it to become noticeably greasy, that is, the land off the bears especially, and so on." (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971);
A narrow gauge rr started at the head of Rockhouse Fork in Martin Co., came up over a gap and down Greasy Creek ("Gree/zee Kreek") to Offutt and then down the river to Whitehouse. And there they loaded the cannel coal to the C&O cars or to the Cando, C&O's steamboat." (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);

✓ The creek heads at the Martin Co. line and extends 6½ miles (Hall, Vol. 1, 1928, P. 173);
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co.): "Named from the hunting expeditions of Daniel Boone." c. 6½ mi. long. Heads at the Martin Co. line and joins the Big Sandy R. nr. Offutt, 6 mi. nw (below) Paintsv. (C. Mitchel Hall, A PERSONAL MEMOIR, Balti: Gateway Press, Inc. 1976, P. 51)
GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co.): "Boone...killed a bear and washed it in this creek which made the water quite greasy." (Source: Douglas Gambrith, Paintsville, Ky. to Myrtle Jenkins of Johnson Co., Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts, 1969);
GREENTOWN (Johnson Co., Ky): In Nov. 1847 "James Franklin contracted with Jeffrey Preston to open a coal bank on (the latter's property in Greentown." (P. 36) Greentown Ele. Sch. at Lower Van Lear was one of the Van Lear Consolidated City Schools.ca.1927. (P. 76) (Jas. Vaughn, BLUE MOON OVER KY. 1985
GUNSWELL Hollow (Johnson Co.): Off Hammond Creek, nr. Whitehouse. "...and they said because of--they was the timber that grew up in there; they made gunswells for the boat (sic)--and it gave it the name of Gunswell Hollow. Then when we moved there (c1916) it changed to Happy Hollow. But on the old land grant it's Gunswell Hollow. (Pron. "Ghuhnz/wehl Hahlr or Hahlz"). (Who named it that?) Oh well, I suppose the land company that went in there that made the boats--the steamboats and things that came out of there--that did it. Because when we
bought--the land grant goes back and it's called Gunswell Hollow. (Why did the name change to Happy Hollow?) Because of the happy family that lived there. (That was your family?) That was my family (the family of Jerry Adkins). . . . And it's still Happy Hollow today and Mom and Dad are still resting there." (Golda Swain, Paintsville, Ky., interview, 5/21/1971)
GUSTAVE (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 3/31/1907, Andy J. Owens; Disc. 7/15/1913 (mail to Win) (POR-NA); Acc. to A.J. Owens, 6/1907, this po was serving Burg, 20 mi from Paintsv., 3½ mi w of Win po, 4 mi sw of Flanery po. Not a vil.// Acc. to Andy J. Owens, 2/1/1909, the po was 1 mi s of Mine Fork (stream), 2½ mi nw of Win po, 3¼ mi nw of Niles po, 2½ mi s of Flanery po. (SLR) Acc. to 1900 Census, A.J. Owen (sic) (12/54) and wife Fady (11/59) in Mag. Dist. #4, but no Gustave;
(Johnson Co.): Named for D.M. Hager (from letter by pm of Ballot, Ky. po to Wm. G. Steel, 11/30/1925); po est. as Hagerhill, 1/15, 1903. Geo. B. (sic) Rice (NA); ("Hā'geh'r Hihl") Named for the Hager family. D. Mark Hager was the old patriarch of the family. Thinks it was named for him. Many times his name has been spelled D. Mart (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); (same pron.) A big old red brick house where Paul Brown's father lives. It's on top of a little hill and was built by Sam Hager in the late 19 cent. And they called that Hager Hill because Hager's house was on top of that hill and the vil. got its name from the house. DK why it spelled one word. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
HAGERHILL (Johnson Co., Ky): John Hager, Sr. ne Hesse Cassel, Germany on 12/26/1759. To Johnson Co. after the Rev. Died there in 1847. (Acc. to Sean Franklin Kelly of Sandy Hook, Ky. in Elliott Co. Hist., 1985, P. 98); Daniel Hager was J. Co's. 1st sheriff and an early legislator. (Wells 1962, P. 26); Sam'l. P. Hager, ne 1834, son of Dan'l. & Violet Porter Hager and grandson of immi. John from Hesse-Cassel. John, a Rev. War vet. came to Ky. from Amherst Co., Va. and settled at the mouth of Beaver and later moved to the mouth of Johns Creek (ca. 1808). Dan'l. (ne 1801) to Ky. with John. Represented Floyd & Johnson Co's. in Ky. G.A. A merchant and died 1887. Sam'l. was a Paintsv. merchant. He and bro. Henry ran steamboats on the BSR. To Ashland 1881. (Perrin, Vol.
8B, 1888, P. 837); Dan'l. M. Hager, son of Dan'l. & Violet, was ne 1840 and fought in the C.W. Also a Paintsv. storekeeper. (Ibid.); Among the sons of Daniel Hager (1801-1887) were Daniel Marion Hager (1840-1914) and Samuel Patton Hager (1834-1920). (J. of the Mag. Co. Hist. Soc. Vol. 13 (3), Fall '91, P. 12);
HAGERHILL (Johnson Co.): D(aniel) Mart Hager, born 10/20/1846, marr. 1/30/1867 to Eliz. May, and died 10/14/1931. He lived at Hagerhill and was a farmer and a local Meth. preacher. (Hall III, P. 438). He was son of John Jackson Hager (1822-1864) and Rhoda Godsey. John Jack son lived at the Hager Gap farm 1845-64 and died as a Confed. soldier in Wythe Co., Va. Was a blacksmith... (Ibid., Pp. 433-4); Dan'l. Mart "lived in a fine home at Hagerhill." (Mitchell Hall, III; P. 438); Sam Hager was probably not connected with Hagerhill.; he & D. Mart were distant cousins with same ancestry. (ibid.).
HAGER HILL (Johnson Co., Ky.): Said to have been the site of a Totero Indian village in the 17th century. On Lick Fork of Jennies Creek. (Kerr's HIST. OF KY. Vol. 1, P. 9)
HAGERHILL (Johnson Co., Ky): "This vil. with po extent for about a mi along Ky 1428, centering at its jct. with US23/460, less than a (air) mi s of Paintsv. Its po was est. on 1/15/1903 with Geo. B. Rice, pm. It was probably named for Daniel Mart Hager (1846-1931), a local farmer and Meth. preacher, or for Sam Hager who built a large red brick house on top of a small hill in the vic. The local sta. on the Big Sandy & Ky. R. (now C&O) RR was early called Johnson Station and is now Hager Hill." (Book-P. 128);
HAGERHILL (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. B. Rice, 12/19/1902, this proposed po would be 3 mi s of Paints. po, 4 mi e of Denver po, 3 mi n of E. Pt. po, 1 mi w of BSR, ½ mi ne of Jennies Creek.// Acc. to Sherman Conley, 12/8/1916, the po was serving a vil. of 82 families, 8 ft from the H.H. rr sta., 3/4 mi w of the BSR, 200 ft s of Burnt Cabin Creek, 5 mi ne of Denver po, 1 mi sw of W. Van Lear po, 8 ft w of the BS&KyR. RR 3½ mi n of the co. line.// Acc. to Grover C. Chambers, 9/25/1939, the po was 25 ft s of US 23, ½ mi w of W. Van Lear rr sta., 215 ft n of the rr tracks, ¼ mi. w o BSR, ¼ mi from the W. Van Lear po, 2 mi s of Paintsv. po, 3 mi from E. Pt. po, 3 mi from Collista po. (SLR);
HELL'S GATE SHOAL (on the Levisa Fork at Points ville, Ky.) Mentioned on P. 182T of Hall's, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol.1)

(odd in field but F 538.)  [58-167]
HENCLIFF (a 'waterway?') (Johnson Co., Ky.)
In the vicinity of Paintsville. (Acc. to P. 182T of Hall's, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1)

(not in file but 9538) [56 - 168]
HENRIETTA (Johnson County, Ky.) p.o. est. 5/10/1905 with Charles P. Hall, pm. (...). Dis. eff. 9/15/1923 with mail to Whitehouse. Re-est. 9/22/1924 with Mrs. Rosa Wallen Disc. eff. 1/15/1925 with mail to Whitehouse. (Acc. to the National Archives)

(Field F5-93, be list it as Henrietta)

Below Whitehouse. This is the p.o. that serves the community of Chestnut Creek. Believe it was named for the daughter of a Mr. Brothey. She dk anything about him. (Golda Swain, interview, 5/21/1971)
HENRIETTA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Charles P. Hall 12/26/1904, the proposed name for this new po was Chestnut for it would be serving Chestnut Station, and would be 100 ft from the rr, 2½ mi n of Whitehouse po, 3½ mi s of Patrick po, on the e side of the BSR and at the mouth and n side of Chestnut Creek. // Acc. to S.B. Miller, 1/28/1909, it was 100 yds e of BSR, on the e. side of Chestnut Creek, 3 mi nw of Whitehouse po, 4½ mi sw of Patrick po, 50 ft s of rr. // Acc. to Mrs. Rosa Wallen, 10/4/1924, the po was 500 yds s of BSR, ¼ mi e of Chestnut Creek, 3½ mi w of Whitehouse po, 3½ mi e of Patrick po, 40 ft s of rr. whose sta. = Henrietta, 600 yds s of the co. line. (SLR);
HOME FORK OF CHESTNUT CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Heads at 37°52'16"N, 82°38'52"W and extends for ½ mi sw, then n mi w, then n to Chestnut Creek, 2 mi e of Whitehouse (37°52'49"N, 82°39'58"W). Prop. by Nat'l. Mapping Div. to authorize a name in local usage. Acc. to field investigators, local people have called this Home Fk. for 70+ yrs. (Docket 347 for consideration at 1/10/1991 mtg., Pp. 14-5); Branch is 2½ mi long. On Richardson & Offutt Quads. Other Chestnut Creek branches are: Damron, Big, and Wolf Pen;
HOOD'S FORK (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 7/25/1856, Benjamin Salyer...Disc. 7/6/1874 (NA-POR); Acc. to undec., 6/8/1868, this po was on the w side of Hoods Fork of Big Blaine Creek, 11 mi from the Paintsv. po. (SLR);
HORSE MILL BRANCH (Johnson Co., Ky.)
On the banks of this stream stood, about a century ago, a horse mill. (Julia Ann Blair of Johnson Central H.S. Young Historians mimeo. sheet, "Pioneer Life Plain But Often Harrowing" (c1972-))
"At the old Flat Rock Ford (q.v.), near HUFF'S CEMETERY, and where now the bridge leading to the C. & O. railroad station, spans Paint Creek, was once a large rockhouse said to have been frequently used by the Indians." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol.1, P. 38). (Citing an article by J.K. Wells in the Paintsville Herald)

Not listed in Field's Guide....
JAPAN (Johnson Co.): Named for the abundance of Japanese clover in that vic. (acc. to Jenny Lewis, "P.N. of Johnson Co., Ky. tp f or Jean Thomason, WKU, in the FolkLore Arch. at Margie Helm Libr., WKU, 4/25/1972");
JARVY (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 9/19/1900, Jarvy Caudill...Disc. eff. 9/15/1904 (mail to East Point) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jarvy Caudil, 6/19/1900, the prop. name for this new po was Senter, and it would be 5 mi w of E. Pt. po, 125 yds from Lick Fork of Jennies Creek. Not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Jarvy Caudill (8/49) and wife Louisa (2/48) lived next to Wm. Centers (sic) (5/74) and wife Dulcie (10/74) and nr. Isaac Centers (6/56) and wife Rachel (11/62) in Mag. Dist. #3. Their name was given as Senters in vit. stats;
JENNY'S CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) 15 mi. long. Source in Mag. Co. Flows generally east direction and then no. to Paint Creek. Main tributaries: Lick Fork, Middle Fork, Upper and Lower Twin, Asa Creek, Mill Creek, Greasy Branch, Greenrock, Long and Narrow forks. Named for Jenny Wiley. Traveled up this creek and Lick Fork of Jenny in her escape from Indian captors. (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 172.) Jenny's Creek (sic) is so mentioned in the act creating J. Co. in 1843; The creek heads in Mag. Co. and flows ca. 15 mi. to Paint Creek. (M. Hall, Vol. 1, P. 172);
LICK FORK OF JENNY'S CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to a 1969 BGN dec., this usage is limited to the 3 mi stretch from the forks of Lick Fk. to Jenny's Creek. The head forks are then, resp., Big and Little Lick Fork. Big Fork itself is ca. 4½ mi. long. (DGN Prop. 1969);
JOENA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Miss Elsie A. Fyffe, this proposed po would serve a place called Ayres and be 3/4 mi n of Big Laurel Creek, 2 mi n of Barnrock po 2 1/2 mi s of Martha po, 4 mi n of Flatgap po, 3/4 mi s of the Law. Co. line.// Acc. to Flaura A. Fyffe, this po, formerly Joena but now Ayersville, was 1 mi w of Upper Laurel Creek, 2 3/4 mi s of Martha po, 2 mi ne of Barnrock po, ca. 19 mi nw of Paintsv., 3/4 mi from the Law. Co. line.// On 9/30/1926, Mrs. Ara Evans pet. for a site ch. 1/2 mi s to a pt. 1/4 mi n of Big Laurel Creek, 3 mi s of Martha po, 5 mi n of Flat Gap po, 3 m e of Barn Rock po, 1 1/4 mi from co. line. Eff. 10/18/26/ In Aug. 1930, Eli D. Diles pet. for a site ch. 1 1/2 air mi e to a pt. 1/4 mi e of Big Laurel Creek, 3 1/4 mi se of Martha po, 3 1/4 mi w of Tar Kiln po, 3/8 mi from co. line eff. 10/1/30 // To Law. Co. (SLP).
JOENA (Johnson County, Ky.) p.o. est. 5/3/1920 with Flaura A. Fyffe, 1st pm. Name changed to Ayersville, 11/23/1920. (check) (Acc. to the National Archives) (See also Pope tape with more infor....)

Knew the late Flaura Fyffe very well for she went to school with his wife. DK why this po was so named. Flaura's nephew is Paul Fyffe, the mgr. of the WSIP radio station (Djoh/een/ə) Flaura was a sch. tchr. DK about Ayersville. ("ərz/viəl") (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971);
KEATON (Johnson Co.): po est. 5/17/1900, Sarah A. Holbrook....(NA); (Kee/tan")Named for a local family located on Keaton Fk. of Blaine Creek. There are still Keatons in the county but dk if still in that vic. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); "This hamlet with po is on Ky 469 and Keaton Fk. of Blaine Creek, at the mouth of Noisy Branch, and 13½ (air) mi nw of Paints. The po was est. on 5/17/1900 with Sarah A. Holbrook, pm, and named for a local family." (Book-P. 157);
✓ Acc. to Sarah A. Holbrook, 3/25/00, this prop. po woul be 2½ mi se (sic) of Red Bush po, 3 mi e of Relief po, on the s side of Keaton's Fk.// On 12/15/00, Wm. H. Fyffe, Jr. pet. for a site ch. 1½ mi e to a pt. on the e side of Keaton Fk., 3½ mi e of Brig po, 3½ mi nw of
Red Bush po, 3½ mi sw of Skaggs po. (SLR); The stream was named for J. Will Keaton (the elder) (Pope, 3/28/1971); Keaton's Fk. of Blain Creek (sic) is so mentioned in the act creating J. Co. (1843); No Keaton families listed in the 1900 Census; Nor in 1850 or 1870 Censuses; The stream is ca. 3½ mi long;
KENWOOD (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 4/7/1902, Miranda J. Williams. Acc. to Miranda J. Williams, 9/14/1901, the proposed po would be nearly 2 mi s of Fuget po, 5 mi nw of Manila po, 1 mi s of Big Paint Creek. // On 1/8/1936, S.J. Blanton pet. for a site ch. 1320 ft s to serve the Low Gap Branch, 2½ air mi from the co. line, 1½ mi sw of Big Paint Creek. // Acc. to Sanford J. Blanton, 7/24/1939, this po was 14 mi. nw of Paintsv., 1½ mi w of Big Paint Creek, 2½ mi ne of Little Paint Creek, 2½ mi sw of Fuget po (SLR);
KERZ (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Francis A. Jones, 3/2/1898, the proposed name for this new po was Ellen and it would be 3½ mi w of Galen po, 4½ mi se of Flat Gap po, 6 mi nw of Toms po, on Hoods Fork.// Acc. to Ibid. 1/25/1912, the po was 40 yds e of Hoods Fork, 2.97 mi nw of Volga po, 3.95 mi se of Flat Gap po, 4 mi nw of Sitka po.// Acc. to Fred Crislip, 5/16/1928, the po was 3 mi s of Sip po, 3½ mi n of Sitka po, on the n side of Hoods Creek.// On 3/8/1933, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 75 yds w to a pt. 100 ft nw of Hoods Fk.// On 3/14/1935, Mrs. Eulalee Fitch pet. for a site ch. 1 air mi n to a pt. 200 yds e of Hoods Fork, 2 mi s of Sip po, 4 mi sw of Chandlerv. po.//. Acc. to Mrs. Eula Lee Fitch, 7/22/39, the po was 3 rd mi from Law. Co. line, 12 mi n of Paintsv., ~300 yds e of Hoods Fk., 1 mi
w of Rock House Creek, 2½ mi w of Chanderville po, 4 mi s of Davisv. po, 4 mi n of Sitka po, 4 mi from Winifred po.// On 6/1/1942, Fred Crislip, act. pm., pet. for a site ch. 417 rods sw to a pt. 75 yds w of Hoods Fork; 3 mi e of Flat Gap po, 3 mi ne of Winifred po, 3½ mi nw of Chandlerv. po.// On 11/25/1944, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 474 ft w to a pt. 300 ft s of Hoods Fk. Eff. 11/24/44.// On 5/6/1948, Irene Davis, act. pm., pet. for a site ch. 262 yds e to a pt. 10 mi nw of Pâintsv., 3½ mi from Sitka, Winifred, and Chandlerv. po. offices. (SLR);
KERZ (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 6/21/1898, Francis A. Jones...Disc. 4/30/1918 (mail to Flatgap); Re-est. 9/27/1928, Fred Crislip.... (POR-NA); Disc. 1957;
LAUREL HILL (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 6/17/1875, Reuben Kazee; Disc. 11/27/1876 (NA-POR); A second Laurel Hill po was est. 9/29/1900 with Lewis Lemaster, pm; Disc. 1/31/1913 (with mail to Flat Gap) (POR-NA); Acc. to Lewis Lemaster, 9/17/1900, this po would be 3 mi w of Winifred po, ½ mi w of Lower Laurel Creek.//Acc. to Ibid., 2/20/1909, the po was one air mi. from the co. line. No change from above. (SLR); The creek was named for the mt. laurel on the craggy cliff-bound creek. (Arthur Pope, 3/28/1991); Acc. to 1875-6 Gaz., this place was settled in 1825. It was 17 mi from Paintsv. Reuben Kazee was pm;
LEANDER (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Bessie Caudill (barely legible), 11/1914, the name proposed for this new post office was Fitch and it would serve Fitch Station on the BS&K RR, 50 yds e of Jennies Creek, 3 mi ne of Ricev. po, 3 mi se of Asa po, 60 yds s of the tracks.// On 2/29/1936, Lucy B. Fitzpatrick pet. for a site ch. 1600 ft s to a pt. 2½ mi sw of Denver po, 2½ mi s of Asa po, 2½ mi ne of Swamp Branch po, 2200 ft n of C&O RR whose local sta. was Fitch, 1500 ft s of Jennies Creek, 50 ft w of Holly Branch.// Acc. to Mrs. Mollie Caudill, 7/24 1939, the po was 900 ft e of Fitch Sta., 450 ft e of Jenny's Creek (sic), 3 mi n of Swamp Branch, 4 mi se of Asa po, 3½ mi sw of Collista po.// In Jan. 1943, Dora Ellen Blair, pet. for a site ch. ½ mi e to a pt. 200 ft
s of Jennies Creek, 2 mi e of Swamp Branch po, 2½ mi w of Denver po, 2½ mi s e of Asa po, 1½ mi from the co. line. Serving Fitch Sta.// On 2/20/1945, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 110 yds n to a pt. 2 rd mi from the Floyd Co. line, 720 ft e of Fitch Sta., 120 ft e of Jennies Creek, 3 mi w of Whitaker po, 1 3/4 mi sw of Denver po, , 3½ mi e of Asa po, 2 mi n of Swamp Branch po. (SLR); The bros. Geo. & Noble Blair bought Middle Fk. of Jennies Creek and divided it betw. them. Noble lived nr. the mouth (?). (M. Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, Pp. 82-5); Acc. to 1900 Census, Leander Blair (6/65) and wife Clarenda (9/72) lived in Mag. Dist. #3;
LEANDER (Johnson Co.): po est. 7/31/1915, Jas. W. Caudill. (NA); ("Lee/aen/der") Named for the older Leander Bayes, long deceased. His is a prominent family in the county. (Arthur Pope; interview, 3/28/1971); DK why so named. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); Acc. to 1880 Census, Leander Bayes (12), stepson of John Blevins (39) and son of Lucy (39) were living next to John M. Bayes (31) in Barnetts Creek Prec. #4; Acc. to 1900 Census, Leander Bayes (870) and wife Dora (3/80) were living in the Paintsv. Mag. Dist; Acc. to 1880 Census, Jas. Bayes (24) and wife Amanda (20) and son Leander (9 mo) lived in Sycamore Prec. #6 nr. a no. of Fitzp. families and other Bayes, Rice, Conley families. John Bayes (28) and wife Malinda lived in Barnetts Creek Prec. #4; but/nr. any Fitzpatricks;
LINDBERGH (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to J.B. Wheeler, 8/23/1927, this proposed po would be on Little Mud Lick R., 1½ mi. nw of Staffordsville and 4½ mi nw of Paintsv. //On 10/6/1931, John H. Fyffe pet. for a site ch. 200 yds e to a pt. 5 mi w of the BSR, 200 yds e of Little Mud Lick, 3 mi e of Volga po, 4 mi w of the Paintsv. po, 1 mi w of Staffordsv. po. (SLR);
LINDBERGH (Johnson Co., Ky): PO est. 12/8/1927 with John B. Wheeler, pm (POR-NA); Named for Charles A. Lindbergh, the aviator (Acc. to Otto Robert Landelius, SWEDISH PLACE-NAMES IN N. AMER. Published for the Swed-Am. Hist'l. Soc., So. Ill. Press, 1985, P. 80); PO was disc. 1933 (Ibid.); Acc. to J.B. Wheeler, 8/23/27 this proposed po would be on the n side of Little Mud Lick Creek, 3 mi se of Volga po, 4½ mi nw of Paintsv. po, 1½ mi nw of Staffordsv. po. // On 10/6/1931, John H Fyffe pet. for a site ch. 200 yds e to a pt 5 mi w of BSR, 200 yds e of Mud Lick Creek, 3 mi e of Volga po, 4 mi w of Paintsv. po, 1 mi w of Staffordsv. po. (SLR);
LINDBERGH (Johnson Co., Ky): "Only a po on the Little Mud Lick R. in J. Co., some 4 rd mi nw of Pa. It was est. on 12/8/1927 by John B. Wheeler and was then 1½ mi nw of Staffordsv. It was named for Chas. A. Lindbergh soon after his memorable flight to Paris in the spring of 1927. (Wheeler had petitioned for the office that summer.) In Oct. 1931 John H. Fyffe, who had succeeded Wheeler as pm, had the office moved 200 yds e where it stayed till it closed two yrs. later. Few people today recall this office and it's never been shown on public maps. Those traveling on Ky 172 from Staffordsv. to Redbush would not be aware that it had ever existed."
(My letter to Louis Cohen, Lou., Ky. atty., 8/25/1998);
LITTLE MUDLICK CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.)
Flows into Levisa Fork of Big Sandy R. So named because banks were deep and muddy. Explored before the turn of the 19th century.
(Acc. to the WPA data on place names in the UK Libr.) (Check...)
LYDIA (Johnson County, Ky.) p.o. est. 1/13/1906 with John M. Trimble, 1st p.m. Disc. eff. 5/15/1911 with mail to Denver. (Acc. to the National Archives) (Pope tape has additional info. on this place...) ("Lihd/yə").

Named for the wife of John M. Trimble, the 1st pm. Her daughter, also Lydia, may still be living. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971);

Acc. to John M. Trimble, 11/8/1905, the prop. name for this new po was Greenvalley and it would be 3½ mi sw of Denver po, 4 mi se of Barneats Creek po, 4 mi w of Staffordsv. po, 3½ mi w of Big Paint Creek.// Acc. to Frank C. Blair, 7/1906, the po was 2½ mi nw of Denver po, 2½ mi s of Barneats Creek po, 2 3/4 mi sw of Jennies Creek. (SLR);
LYDIA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, John M. Trimble (1/55) and wife Clarinda (4/60) lived near other Trimbles in Mag. Dist. #3, but no Lydia. But there was a Lydia Trimble who marr. Willard Picklesimer; Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. Picklesimer (11/66) and wife Lydia (11/73) lived nr. other Picklesimer and Caudills, not far from Trimbles in Mag. Dist. #3; John M. Trimble (1854-1925) and wife Clarinda Spradlin, d. of John Spradlin. No Lydia in their family. He ran a store on Barnett's Creek. Was the son of Wm. & Susan Trimble and had a sister named Lydia who marr. Wm. Pickle. (sic) (M. Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, Pp. 943-5);
MANILA (Johnson Co.): ("Mə/nihl/ə") Many local Cantrells served in the Span-Am. War with the Rough Riders, etc. Long Tom Cantrell, Joe Cantrell, etc. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); Same pron. DK Sam Cantrell. Tom Cantrell didn't live in this vic. but the nw section of the county. DK who named it. Now: apo and store. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/86)

"This hamlet with po is 1 1/2 mi. up Colvin Br. of Paint Cr. and 5 1/2 (air) mi wnw of Paints. The po was est. on 7/1/1898, with Wm. McDowell, pm, and named for the Span-Am. War battle of Manila Bay (5/1/1898)." (Book-P. 187)

PO closed before 1990;
MANILA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Milton McDowell, 6/4/1898, this proposed po would be 3 mi ne of St. Maur po, 4 mi nw of Staffordsv. po, 4 mi n of Barnett's Creek po, 3/4 mi s of Paint Creek. // Acc. to Alice McDowell, 4/27/1914, the po was 3/4 mi w of Big Paint Creek, 3½ mi sw of Volga po, 4 mi s of Kenwood po. // On 2/18/1935, Mrs. Julia Colvin pet. for a site ch. 4200 ft n to a pt. 1 mi s of Big Paint Creek, 4 mi w of Volga po, 6 mi ne of Oil Springs po, 4 mi se of Kenmore po. Eff. 2/18/1935. // Acc. to Ibid., 7/31/39, the po was 11 mi nw of Paintsv., 1 mi sw of Big Paint Creek, 2 mi ne of Little Paint Creek, 3½ mi sw of Volga po. // On 4/30/1950, W.D. Brewer, P.O. Inspector
pet. for a site ch. 1.9 mi se to a pt. 8 mi nw of Paintsv., 50 yds e of Paint Creek, 2 mi sw of Volga po 3½ mi n of Barnetts Creek po, 5 mi ne of Oil Springs po, 5 mi se of Kenwood po. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Milt McDowell, ne 10/1850 lived with his wife Alice (9/59) and his father Wm. (7/22) and Milt's nephew Milton (4/92);
MANILA (Johnson Co.): Named for the battle of Manila. (Nadene Butcher, "Johnson Community Earned Colorful Names" ADI, 12/14/1969, P. 23 3-9); Named for the battle in the Span-Am. War (acc. to Becky Lewis, to Jenny Lewis, in her "P.N. of Johnson Co., Ky." 4/25/1972 TP for Jean Thomason, WKU, in Folklore Arch. Margie Helm Libr., WKU); po est. 7/1/1898, Wm. Mc Dowell... (NA); Named by the late Sam (Tom- Cantrell for the SPAM-war battle recently fought. A no. of Johnson Co. men had been involved. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971);
MARY BRANCH OF GEORGES CREEK (Johnson Co.Ky): Heads at 37°54'13"N, 82°43'30"W and extends 3 mi sw, then nw to Georges Creek (a mi above Lowmansville) (37°54'39"N, 82°44'54"W) on the Richardson Quad. Prop. n.ch. (by Nat'l. Mapping Div., USGS). "Acc. to field (inv.) this creek has been called Mary Br. by local citizens for over 100 yrs." Given incorrectly as Left Fk. on top. map and Left Wiley Fk. on 1988 co. map. The latter are clearly inapp't. names since this stream is not connected with Wiley Creek. (Docket 347 for consideration at 1/10/1991 mtg., P.15); No maps use Mary Br. name.
MEALLY (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Leonard Webb, 5/9/1921, the name proposed for this new po was Coal and it would be 3½ mi s of BSR, 100 ft s of Buffalo Creek, 2½ mi w of Williamsport po, 3½ mi se (sic) of Thelma po, 5 mi se of Mingo po. 2½ mi from the co. line. On 4/7/1923, Glen Walters pet. for a site ch. ½ mi w to a pt. 1½ mi e of BSR, 100 ft s of Buffalo Creek, 2 3/4 mi e of Thelma po, 3 mi s of Williamsport po, 3 mi ne of Van Lear po. Eff. now; pm moved his store. On 10/18/32, Jas. Hurschel Short pet. for a site ch. 441 ft nw to a pt. 1½ mi e of BSR, ca. 150 ft n (sic) of Buffalo Creek, 2½ mi w of Williamsport po, 3½ mi e of Paintsv. po, 2½ mi ne of Van Lear po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/39, the po was on Ky 40, 2 mi w (sic) of the BSR, 2 mi from
Van Lear and Williamsport po's, 3½ mi from Paintsv. po. (SLR);
MEALLY (Johnson Co.): PO est. 9/27/1921, Leonard Webb; 1/25/1923, Glen Walters...(NA); The po for Buffalo Creek area. ("Mee/lee") DK why it was named. cf John Henry Short, the present pm. He may have named it but dk. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); ("Meel/ee") DK why so named. Thinks this was the site of the Buffalo p.o. because it's on Buffalo Creek. The commu. has been built up tremendously within the last 15 years. Leonard Webb was a real estate trader and a preacher in the Chu. of God. Doubts the name preceded the p.o. (c.1921) (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
MEEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Victoria Salyer, d. of Wm. Salyer. In 1905 she marr. Jas. N. Meek, owner-op. of a coal mine at the mouth of Greasy Creek. She died on 6/9/1949 and he died 11/14/1949 (ne 1870). (Kozee, P. 465 and M. Hall, III, P. 611);
MEEK (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Victoria Salyer, 9/8/1904, the proposed name for this new po was Vic and it would be 2 mi nw of Williamsport po, 2½ mi se of River po, 4 mi s of White House po, ¼ mi e of the BSR, and 50 yds w of Greasy Creek, 60 rods e of the Lex. & B.S. (branch of the C&O) RR whose sta. was also Meek. Serv­ ing a vil. of 300 pop.// In Oct. 1910, Ethel Perry pe† for a site ch. 1600 ft w. (SLR);
MILLERS CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) 'Twin sister' to Buffalo (Creek), running in the same direction and almost parallel, empties into the river (Big Sandy) at West Van Lear. It is the site of the mine operations of the Consolidation Coal Company and is now a continuous town from the mouth to its head." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON COUNTY, 1928, Vol. 1, P. 174).

Ditto for Muddy Branch and Lick Creek "where the Northeast Coal Company operates." (Ibid.)
MINGO (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Mrs. Manda Preston, 6/7/1897, the name proposed for this new po was Hilda and it would be 3½ mi w of River po, 4½ mi ne of Paintsv. po, on the n bank of Toms Creek, 3½ mi w of the BSR. // Acc. to Louisa Hayes, 8/7/1906, the po was 2 mi n of BSR; ¼ mi w of Toms Creek, 3 mi se of Nippa po, 3½ mi w of River po. // Acc. to Alonzo Daniel, 7/22/1938, the name was changed to Tutor Key and the po was 5 mi ne of Paintsv. po, on Toms Creek, 3 mi se of Nippa po, 3½ mi w of River po. (SLR);
MUD LICK CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) A trib. of Big Paint Creek. Site of old Shawnee Indian village. "A factor in the timber business in the county." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 173); An old salt lick on this creek. (Hall, 1928, P. 38);
MUDDY BRANCH (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Mary Matney, 3/7/1906, this proposed po would serve the Muddy Branch Station and a mining town under dev't., 2½ mi sw of Mingo po, 1½ mi ne of Paintsv. po, 2 mi nw of Coal po, 100 yds w of BSR, 100 yds e of Muddy Branch (stream), 60 ft w of the rr tracks. (SLR); On 3/13/1913, Mary Matney pet. for a site ch. for the Thealka po (aka Muddy Branch) 150 ft s to a pt. 200 ft e of the BSR & 300 ft s of Muddy Branch, 75 ft s of the C&O whose local sta. was now Thealka.// On 3/30/1932, Lizzie Colvin pet. for a site ch. 181 ft w to a pt 550 ft. n. of BSR, 150 ft e of Muddy Branch, 1½ mi ne of Paintsv. po, 240 ft n of the C&O whose sta. was still Thealka. (SLR);
MYRTLE (Johnson County, Ky.) P.O. est. 4/23/1887. John S. Rittenhouse, 1st pm. Name changed to Whitehouse, 11/26/1901. (See Pope tape transcription for further info....) (Acc. to National Archives); Acc. to the Big Sandy News, the 1st car of coal was shipped from the new mines at Whitehouse on 7/23/1897; (Pron: "W(eye)⇔(ah)t/hows") 1st a steamboat landing before the C&O RR came in in 1890. Until c.1905, Whitehouse was the railhead for the valley. Hotbed of violence & crime in the 1890s:.... (Golda Swain, interview, 5/2/1972); (mer/gallery) (161 H, 5/21/71); Yopped (Dan Wheeler, 11/30/1971)
MYRTLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to John S. Rittenhouse, 3/25/1887, this proposed po would be serving the commu. of Mt. Carbon (which may also have been a proposed name for the new po), 8½ mi s of Richardson po, 9½ mi n of Paintsv. po, 4 mi n of Ward City po, on the e side of the BSR. (SLR); Acc. to Laura Harris, 12/25/1901, this po, now Whitehouse, but late Myrtle, was 50 yds e of BSR, 100 yds w of Lick Creek, the term of the Big Sandy Div. of the C&O RR, 2 mi ne of River po, 20 ft w of the C&O, 2 mi from the co. line.// On 2/3/1932, John H. Nichol pet. for a site ch. 400 ft w to a pt. 200 ft n of BSR, 1500 ft e of Lick Creek, 3 mi from the co. line.// On 7/8/1933, Martin Boyd pet. for a site ch. 477 ft to a pt. 400 ft s of the BSR, 1200 ft w of Lick Creek, 3 mi ne of Offutt po, 3 3/4
miles nw of Boons Camp po. // Acc. to Ibid., 7/29/39, the po was 2½ air and 3 rd miles from the Law. Co. line, 868 ft nw of Whitehouse Sta. (rr), ca. 600 ft. sw of BSR, ca. 1400 ft nw of Lick Creek, 2¼ mi se of River po (sic), 3 7/8 mi. n of Boons Camp po. (SLR); Several coal co's. had area mines: Rittenhouse, N.E. Coal Co., Colliers, White House Mining Co. (Roger Murray, PCC T.P., 12/1970); John Shope Rittenhouse, ak Jack. (Pope); Became (1888) the s. term. of the Chatterawha (sic) RR to haul coal (from the middle Sand Val.) to its n. term in Ashland. (Thos. D. Matijasic in KY. ENCY., 1992, P. 476);
NAT'S CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) Just below Greasy Creek (q.v.) was named for Nat or Nathaniel Auxier who accompanied Daniel Boone and older members of the Harman's Station group on hunting trips thru the area in the winter of 1796-7. He was then age 16. So named to honor his "success in hunting." (Hall, Hist. of Johnson Co., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 48)

It was served by the Patrick P.O. (in Law. Co.) ("Paet/rək") but dk why that p.o. was so named. (Golda Swain, interview, 5/21/1971)
NATS CREEK (Johnson County, Ky.) Trib. of Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Named for Nathaniel Auxier, pioneer. (Acc. to the WPA data on xxxxxx place names, in the UK Lib.) (Check...) Mitchell Hall, 1928, p. 49.
NERO (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 5/24/1905, Nelson Webb. Acc. to Nelson Webb, 11/22/1904, the name proposed for this new po was Velt and it would be 3 mi nw of Denver po, 5 mi se of East Pt. po, 4 mi sw of Odds po, 3½ mi e of BSR and on the n bank of Johns Creek. Not a vil. In Aug. 1912, Margie Hopson pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi nw to a pt. 2 mi e of the C&O with its Auxier sta., 4 mi se of E. Pt. po, 4 mi nw of Denver po, 2 mi e of BSR, 200 yds n of Johns Creek. (SLR); Unsuccessful effort by Pope to learn its derivation. (Arthur Pope, 3/38/71); Acc. to 1900 Census, Nelson Webb (8/61) with wife Julia (2/72) but no Nero or Velt. In Mag. Dist. #2;
NESBIT (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. in Floyd Co. 3/25/91
Martin Clark; to Johnson Co. 5/11/1891 with Nelson Webb
..Disc. 1/18/1894 (papers to East Point) (POR-NA);
NEVA (Johnson County, Ky.) p.o. est. 6/20/1882. James M. Preston, 1st mp. Disc. and mail to Paintsville, 12/12/1882. (Acc. to National Archives); Acc. to James M. Preston, 5/19 1882, this proposed po would be serving the commu. of Georgeville (?) and would be ca. 5 mi ne of Paintsv. po ca. 5 mi sw of Lowmansv. po, on the n bank of Toms Cree (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Jas. M. Preston (22) & wife Mary (23) in Sycamore Prec. #6, but no Neva or Geo; Jas. M. Preston (1857-?) and wife Mary Lemaster. Among their children were a Sipora Preston who marr. a Harry Vanhoose. They lived on Toms Creek, w of the Mingo po. No Neva. (Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, Pp. 690-1); Cant find any local reference. Name appears in other states: Tenn, Colo., Wis., Kans as either a fem. name, the name of an Indian, or the river in nw Russia;
NILES (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 8/1/1903, P.J. Mahan (ineligible); 8/31/1903, Cynthia Gullette. Acc. to B.F. Mahan, 6/25/1903, the proposed name for this new po was Rouie and it would be 2 mi n of Oil Springs po, 3 mi e of Win po, 3 mi s of St. Maur po, 1 mi w of Paint Creek. On 1/14/1928, Kaley Meade pet. for a site ch. 100 ft n to a pt. on Dry Branch of Little Paint Creek, 3/4 mi w of Little Paint Creek, 2 mi n of Oil Springs po, 4 mi se of Wheelersburg po, 1½ mi from the co. line. Acc. to 1900 Census, Cynthia A. Gullett (11/66) and husband John M. Gullett (1/66) lived in Mag. Dist. #3. But no Niles;


NIPPA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. R. Meadors, 11/28/1904, the name proposed for this new po was Nipa and it would be ca. 3 mi w of Mingo po, 3½ mi se of Toms po, 3½ mi e of Sitka po, 4 mi w of BSR, 40 ft e of Toms Creek. // On 4/21/1916, Beulah Vanhoose pet. for a site ch. ½ mi e to a pt. 2 mi e of Stambaugh po, 3 mi r of Thealka po. // Acc. to Ibid., 7/29/1939, the po was ¼ mi e of US 23, 7 mi n of Paintsv. po, 200 ft n of Toms Creek, 2 mi se of Stambaugh po, 2 mi ne of Tutor Key po. // On 10/23/1948, Ida S. Van Hoose pet. for a site ch. 125 ft s to a pt. ¼ mi e of US 23, 1½ mi e of Wittensv. po. (SLR);
NIPPA (Johnson Co.): po est. 2/28/1905, Wm. R. Meadors... (NA); Once known as Toms Creek. Because of a conflict, it had to be renamed. DK why the local Van Hooses named it Nippa. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971): ("Nihp/a" Ibid.); ("Nihp/ee") On Toms Creek. DK why/how it was named. Store and several homes. Not a coal town. Some of the miners for the NE Coal Co. lived here though. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); \[...\]
ODDS (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Woodson Joseph, 7/9/1897, the proposed name for this new po was Oak and it would be serving the com. of Oak and would be 2 mi up Buffalo Creek from Coal, then crossing Millers Creek, then up Millers Creek, then crossing the ridge to Daniels Creek. One mi se of a fork or br. of Millers Creek. Due e of Daniels confl. with Johns Creek. i.e. the po would be east of the dividing ridge betw. Millers and Johns Creeks.// Acc. to L.B. Wells, the po was 4 mi e of BSR and 150 yds e of Daniels Creek, 6 1/4 mi se of Coal po, 4 2/3 mi se of Auxier po, 2 mi from co. line.// On 3/19/1932, Joe Davis Meade pet. for a site ch. 1500 ft sw to a pt. 4 3/4 mi e of BSR and 100 ft e of Daniels Creek, 2 3/4...
On 10/26 1934, Geo. M. Wells petitioned for a site change 1690 ft w to a point 5+ mi e of Van Lear po, 200 ft n of rr (sic). (SLR); po re-est. after 1930 and disc. for good in 1948. (P&G);
There's a populated community in southeastern Johnson County, Kentucky called ODDS. Had a post office 01928 but not now. (Mentioned on P. 181 of Field's Guide.); po est. 11/22/1897, Woodson Joseph...Disc. 5/15/1914 (mail to Nero (NA); At the head of Daniels Creek. DK why so named. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971); No one he's talked to about it seems to know its derivation. DPO. (Ibid., 3/28/1971);
OFFUTT (Johnson Co.): ("Ahf/ət") Mr. Offutt was the pres. of the Greasy Creek Cannel Coal & Tramway Co. that had a little narrow gauge that had a --up on Two Mile Hill--that had a great big cannel coal mine. Thinks his 1st name was George--but that's a guess. He could find it for me. He thinks there was a real estate dev. approximately where Offutt is now once called Ward City ("Wahrd Sih/tee") about the time the C&O came in there, c.1903. That's what the C&O employees called it, and that name was even applied to it in the 1920s. The two names may have been used interchangeably for a while. Thinks the Lower Greasy p.o.
was at the same site as what became Offutt. Before 1903 the dinky cars didn't stop here but went on down to Whitehouse. Betw. 1880 and 1903, several persons who worked at Whitehouse built homes at the Offutt site. It really didn't become a vil. until the C&O came up the river in 1903. At that time they built a big long mound of dirt at the Offutt site and made a tipple of it, and they built a bunch of grey houses—company houses. It's always been at the mouth of Greasy Creek. The Wards owned the land there then. DK which Ward in particular; there were ½ doz. of
them. Offutt declined when cannel coal & timber were exhausted. There were several coal mine operations on Greasy Creek. e.g. Meadows Creek Mineral Dev. Co. (check). They used the narrow gauge to bring their coal down to Offutt. So it declined when rail traffic did. c.1930. Some revival in WWII. The present tipple was built then. Now: 1 large tipple.. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
OFFUTT (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Thos. B. Tibbals, Dec. 1908, the po as Lower Greasy was serving Lower Greasy, 15 yds w of the C&O rr, ½ mi s of the River (rr) Sta., 2½ mi sw of Whitehouse po, 100 yds e of the BSR, serving the mining camp of the Tibbals Coal Co. with a pop. of 100.// Acc. to Wm. R. Pack, 12/19/1914, the po, now Offutt, but formerly Lower Greasy, was ca. 400 ft. e of the BSR, ca. ¼ mi n of Greasy Creek, 60 ft w of the C&O whose local sta. was now Offutt.// On 8/25/1920, J.N. Ward pet. for a site ch. 100 ft n to a pt. 100 yds e of BSR, ¼ mi n of Greasy Creek, 50 ft w of the rr.// Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/39, the po was 1 mi s of the River po, 3 mi e of Tutor Key po, 3 mi w of Williamsport po. (SLR);
OFFUTT (Johnson Co.): po est. as Lower Greas.
4/28/1908, Thomas B. Tibbals...11/21/1913, Wm. R. Pack; name changed (sic) to Offutt, 12/4/1914, ibid. ...(NA); Formerly called Ward City. (Kozee, P. 815); Named for a Mr. Offutt who headed the Rockcastle Lumber Co. that timbered in that area. The company and Offutt located at this place. Also a coal mining commu. A Wellston, O.-based firm ran local mine, large. Commu. once had several stores, movie theater, several chu's. Now just a few homes. Probably had a pop. of 800-900 at its peak c. late 1910s and early 20s. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971);
OFFUTT (Johnson Co.): Est. and named for the pres. & gen. mgr. of the Rockcastle Lumber Co. who marketed vast tracts of timber on the heads of Greasy and Rockcastle creeks; (sic) with Offutt as the central shipping pt. A narrow gauge rd. connected his mills with the rr at this town. The town was also the destination of a narrow gauge rd. from the cannel coal mines on Two-Mile Creek, and afforded homes for the laborers on these works...." (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 266); ("(ah)f[t] (golde main, 5/21/71); "("ah/fet") -- Pope.
OFFUTT (Johnson Co.): Ward City p.o. was est
5/16/1876 with Jesse Preston, pm...Disc. 1897
(papers to Boons Camp) (NA); The po closed betw
10/1/1994 and 10/1/1997; Jas. Ward Sr. and Solomon
Ward owned land on Greasy Creek, 19th cent; Wm. Ward
had a mill on Toms Creek. (Wells, 1962, P. 17). Shad-
rack Ward was a ferry keeper and tavern operator.
(Ibid., P. 20);
OFFUTT (Johnson Co.): Renamed from Ward City for James Offutt who built the rr depot and was pres. of the Rockcastle Lumber Co. (Robt. Ward, letter to Delphine Haley, 6/18/1975); Acc. to J.G. Wells, 6/4/1886, this po, as Ward City, was on the BSR, at the mouth of Greasy Creek, 6 mi e o Paintsv. po, 4 mi w of Boons Camp po. (SLR);
OFFUTT (Johnson Co., Ky): "Little but the po remains of a once prosperous rail center on the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, just above the mouth of Greasy Creek and 4 (air) mi. of Paintsv. It was first called Ward City for several local families. A po with this name from 1876 to 1897 was re-est. in 1908 as Lower Greasy. About this time the commu. was renamed for Jas. Offutt, the pres. and gen. mgr. of the Rockcastle Lumber Co., and came to serve as the term. of narrow gauge rr's from the co's. mills on Greasy and the cannel coal mines on nearby Two Mile Creek. The po was renamed Offutt in 1914."

(Book-P. 218)
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co.): ("Awl Sprihyz")

"When white men first came to this section there were oil springs and oil sumps all over Paint Creek....The Indians drank the oil for a laxative, I think. They called them 'oil springs' and a group of them were on one of the upper forks of Paint Creek...and that fork is called Oil Springs Fork...(How old is the O.S. name as applied to that place?) It was Medina [Ma dah na]. and I'm not sure where it got the name. I think I know. I had a grandfather, John Riggs Long, who taught in Rio Grande Col. up in Ohio. And he came down here and founded a seminary, a boarding school,
and he called it Medina Seminary, and I believe the vil. was named after the sch., tho' it could be backwards. What the significance of Medina is, I d.k." Informant assumes Long brought the name was him, that it had some importance to him. (When?) In the 1870s. The stream has always been called Oil Springs Fork (implying that it was so before 1868 when the po was est.) He assumes that the po was named for the cree Acc. to Will Collins who died a couple of months ago and who was born and raised in that section, the vil. was known as Medina
before it was changed to O.S. (When was the oil exploited there?) "Oil has always had some commercial value—they used to call it rock oil—both medicinal and lubricative—and most of the oil originally was mined from these sumps, these little holes that you'd excavate where there was an oil springs and let it ooze into it. You didn't get much that way but ....And right after the C.W., in the late 18 and 60s, there was an oil boom in J.Co. There were 7 or 8 co's. formed to take up
oil leases...all over the county. There was (sic), oh, 5 or 6 wells drilled down to a very shallow sand called the Big Injun Sand. And they didn't produce much oil. So the oil boom died out....The next boom was in the WWI period...down along the western edge of the county, next to Law. Co., and produced a high grade oil that was as good as the Pennsylv. oil. Production wasn't tremendous but the wells were durable. Some of them are producing today altho' secondary recovery has drained most of them.
And that 18 and 60 boom just—the oil was there but they didn't have the equipment deep enough to get it....." (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Sam'l. Williams, 9/22/1885, this po was 1 mi e of Little Paint Creek, 3 mi w of Barnettts Creek po, 2½ mi from the Mag. Co. line. Acc. to Mrs. Virgie Litteral, 11/25/1886, the po was 4½ mi w of Barnettts Creek po, on the n side of Oil Springs Fk. of Paint Creek (sic). Acc. to Cynthia Gullette (sic), 3/13/1917, the po was ca. 100 yds n of Little Paint Creek, 4 mi w of Barnettts Creek po, 5 mi sw of Manila po, 2 mi s of Niles po, ½ mi from the co. line. On 6/6/1932, Charlie Stafford pet. for a site ch. 100 ft w to a pt. 200 yds n of Little Paint Creek, 3 mi w of Barnettts Creek po, 3½ mi e of Falcon po, 2 mi s of Niles po, 1½ mi from the Mag. Co. line. Acc. to Ibid.,
7/27/1939, the po was 1½ rd and air mi. from the co. line, on the s side of Ky 40, 11 mi w of Paintsv., 501 ft n of Little Paint Creek. (SLR); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, it was 10 mi w of Paintsv. Virgie Litteral was pm. H. Blair had a gristmill. Allen Collins was grocer. H.J. Howes & Son gen. store. F.M. Litteral had hotel. Jas. Stafford & Son had gen. store. Thos. R. Stafford was livestock dealer. Ita Stone had flour & saw mill. S. Williams had another flour & sawmill;
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co.): On the Little Paint Creek and the Garrett Highway (US460): (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 270); Medina Sem. was est. in the 1870s at Oil Springs by Rev. John E. Long. (A SHORT HIST. OF PAINTSV. & JOHNSON CO by J.K. Wells, 1962, P. 29); po est. 1/29/1868, Hamilton Litteral...Disc. 9/12/72; Re-est. 9/19/73, Sam'l. Williams...(NA); ("Aw<=>oy/əl Spriñz") "is the result of oil seepage that 1st caused them to notice the oil in this country, a spring brought up blobs of black oil and was useless for other purposes. They started drilling nr. Oil Springs and that's where they 1st drilled oil in that parti. part of the country." (Arthur Pope 3/28/57).
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co.): Named for its proximity to the 1st recorded natural oil spring in the county, discovered by the Indians. "They built sumps to catch water, and the oil from the ground would seep into the water-filled hole. They would then filter the oil and use it for medicinal purposes. When the settlers came and discovered the oil, it started a small oil boom and brought many people to that part of the county." (acc. to J.K. Wells, to Jenny Wells in her tp "PN of Johnson Co., Ky." 4/25/1972 for Jean Thomason, in the Folklore Arch., Margie Helm Libr., WKU);
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co.): The Medina Sem. was est. in the 1870s by the Rev. John R. Long at O.S. (J.K. Wells in the JOHNSON CO. JOURN. 1/31/1978, cited in Hall, III, P.132)

Early settlers located oil springs and seepages that Indians had casually attempted to develop for medicinal and lubricating purposes and as fuel. In 1864 a company of Jas. & F.M. Stafford, John Stambaugh, and Squire Hall began leasing rock oil land up Paint Creel which they sold to the Penn Rock Oil Co. for dev't. But the few wells drilled didn't produce much and the oil boom fizzled before 1880. (Wells, 1962, Pp. 22-3)
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po extends nearly 1½ mi along Ky 40 (old US 460) ca. 7 (air) mi w of Paintsv. It was named for its prox. to the first recorded natural oil spring in the county, said to have been discovered by the Indians who used it for medicinal purposes. The po was est. on 1/29/1868 with Hamilton Litteral, pm. The commu. may also have been known for a while as Medina for the Medina Seminar a boarding sch. est. there in the 1870s by John Riggs Long, an inst. at Ohio's Rio Grande Coll." (Book-Pp. 218-19);
OIL SPRINGS (Johnson Co.): Spelled as one word by Grahn. "...the natural oil wells which at Oilsprings seem to spring out of the bottom of several creeks. Wells were bored here during the oil excitement by Lyons of Cincinnati and others, but due to bad luck they were all abandoned, and nothing now remains to indicate the hard toil of those explorers." (Acc. to K.B. Grahn's report of trip thru E.Ky. in Supplement, Greenup Independent, 5/7/1875, as repro. in LICKING VALLEY COURIER, 1/10/1963 & SELECTIONS FROM MORGAN CO. HIST. Sesquicent. vol. by Helen Price Stacy and Wm. Lynn Nickell, vol. 1, Pp. 85-6);
OLD HOUSE BRANCH (Johnson Co., Ky): Named for one of the oldest log buildings in the county. Built c. 1805 by James Ward. He was born in Augusta Co., Va. 1755. Arr. in what's now Johnson Co. in 1800. He rec'd. a patent to land in 1805 and likely erected the bldg. a short time later. "The area was referred to as 'Old House Branch' in deed descriptions for land transfers by the mid 19th cent." (Johnson Co. Hist'c. & Geneal. Soc. HIST'C. SITES OF PAINTSVILLE AND JOHNSON CO., KY. c. 1985 by Ky. Herit. Council, P. 36);
PAINT CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) "In the vicinity of main Paint Creek early settlers found many of the large trees skinned of their bark with drawings of birds and animals done in red and black on the smooth undertrunk of the tree (Connelley, HARLAN'S STATION, 1910, Pp. 53,4) One of these, a giant elm, that once stood in what is now known as the Huff Cemetery near Bridgeford Addition, had been peeled of its bark for some twenty feet from the ground, and on it was painted, in black, a huge snake. These paintings were to be found up and down the creek, which caused it to be named Paint Creek." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., Vol. 1, Pp. 37-8)
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): Named for the Indian paintings noted by early explorers around the mouth of Big Paint Creek. Painted on the trunks of large trees in either black or red. Trees "denuded of their bark...on one side...and upon the exposed surface of the trunks were painted figures of birds and animals." Attributed to some aspect of Indians religious ceremony. (Scalf, KLF, P. 26); The town of Paintsville was est. at the site of Paint Lick Sta. Briney springs at the mouth of Big Paint Creek attracted animals "to lick the salty water." Buffalo, deer, bear attracted Indian hunters to whom the place may also
have had religious or magical significance. The Paint Lick Sta. was not established as a trading post by John Preston in 1790 as Wm. E. Connelley suggested. Nor is there any evidence that this name was given by Mathias Harman. Paintsville was probably first settled in the 1st decade of the 19th cent. by whom. Rev. Henry Dickson (or Dixon) who came to that site (c. 1800) from N.C. "acquired the lands at the mouth of Big Paint Creek. He may have named the settlement Paintsville. The name certainly was in use on records after 1820.
Rev. Dixon was the founder of Paintsv. NE 3/22/1778. Died 12/21/1854. He laid out the town acc. to the ACTS of 1834. of the KY. Gov't. in that year but it had been a settlement long before this date. In 1843, P'ville became the seat of the newly est. Johnson Co. The origins of P'ville were "obscurèd by tradition and the absence of written records." (P. 125) (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 123-5);
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): Had been known as Paint Creek in Floyd Co. Est. as Paintsvillian Ct. Hse. 6/21/1843, Jesse Wheeler.....(NA);

("Pants/val") Named for the creek which was originally Paint Lick Creek "which was named for the fact that Indians had placed hieroglyphics on trees and cliffs all around the mouth of Paint Creek with paint--it wasnt carved into bark; it was actually painted on..There was a spring down close to where the municipal recreational bldg. is and the trees around it all had painted hieroglyphic on them. The creek was near the Paint Lick; therefore Paint Lick Creek....." (J.K. Wells, Paintsv., Ky. interview, 8/30/1980);
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): 1st called Paint Lick Sta. Est. 1790 by Col. John Preston, the 2nd oldest settlement in E. Ky. Dr. Thos. Walker may have camped at the mouth of Paint Creek in 1750. Town laid out by Rev. Henry Dixon who built 1st house in 1826. Inc. 1872. (Highway marker, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1126, P. 233); On a broad level creek bottom for c. 1 mi. up Paint Creek...; po est. as Paint Creek in Floyd Co. in 1824. N.ch. to Paintsville when J. Co. was est. 6/21/1843, with Jesse Wheeler, pm....; Vic's. 1st settlers (1815): Henry Dickson (or Dixon), John Auxier, Jas. Stafford, Hitchcock, Evans, Remy, Liff. Joined by 1850 by Wm. Barnett, Moses Preston, Andrew Rule, W.P. Hager (storekeeper), etc. (Wells, 1962, Pp. 13-4);
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): From the mouth of Mudlick Creek to the mouth of Big Paint Creek along what's believed to have been an Indian trail, early settlers discovered "occasional" trees to have been stripped of their bark on one side to a ht. of as high as 30 ft. and therein the Indians had painted figures of birds and animals in red and black. These were located mostly in the vic. of salt licks frequently visited by the Indians. White hunters thus called the licks "painted licks" and the stream called Paint Lick Creek by which name it appears on early maps. Paint Lick St., est. 1790, the forerunner of P'ville, was named for this. ("Paint Lick's Hist." LCJ, 6/16/1927).
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): By 1875, it had become "the shipping point for the country stores of several counties" and was a major shipping point for the products of lumbering industry in that region...(Acc. to K.B. Grahn's report of trip thru E. Ky. in Supplement, Greenup Indep. 5/7/1875, repro. in LICKING VALLEY COURIER, 1/10/1963 and SELECTIONS FROM MORGAN CO. HIST. Sesquicent. vol. by Helen Price Stacy & Wm. Lynn Nickell, vol. 1, Pp. 85-6); Est. 2/24/1834 (ACTS, 1834, P. 788); Inc. 2/5/1848 and amended 2/22/1860 (ACTS, 1859/60, Vol. 2, P. 125);
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Where Paint Creek joins the Levisa. Now bypassed by the main route of US23/46C. Its pop. stayed fairly level for most of the 19 cent. By 1900 it had begun to attract nat'l. prominence as a center for new coal mining. Pop.=3900 (1970), 3800 (1980), and 4,350 (1990). (Thos. Matijasic, Ky. Ency. 1992, P. 708); The p.o. was est. 4/10/1824 as Paint Creek with Chas. Rumsey, pm. He was succeeded by John Auxier in 1825 and Jas. Hayden in 1831. On 6/21/1843 its name was ch. to Paintsville. (Robert L. Mars~ And That's A Fact, Balti: Gateway, 1988, Pp. 104-05); The rr arr. in Paintsv. in 1904. Became a 4th cl. cit in 1926. Grabnickle was annexed in 1914. (Ibid., P. 168); Winston Mayo succeeded Hayden as pm but dk when. (Ibid., P. 203)Green Meek was pm 1893-7 and ther John F. Buckingham 1897 1903.
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): "This 4th cl. city and seat of J. Co. extends for over a mi. along the broad bottoms of Paint Creek from its jct. with the Levisa Fk of the BSR, 151 mi ese of downtown Lou. In 1826 Rev. Henry Dickson or Dixon, a N.C.-born preacher and farmer laid out the town on the site of Paint Lick Station, a trading post of uncertain origin, which he and others purchased by auction in 1812 from part of the 19,050-acre Geo. Lewis Tract. It was not until 1834, however, that the town was officially est. by the Ky. leg. The po may have been called Paint Creek by 1831 when James Hayden became pm, but was Paintsville by 1843. In the same yr. the town became the seat of newly est. J. Co. The name Paintsville, which may have been derived by Dixon from the station or the creek as early as 1826,
refers to the red and black painted figures of animals and birds found by early hunters on the denuded trunks of many large trees along the creek. Painted trees found in the vic. of briny springs which attracted gam animals led to the licks being designated by the hunters as 'painted licks', and the stream as Paint Lick Creek, by which name it appears on early maps." (Book-P. 225); The po has been at the corner of 2nd and College Streets since at least 1939;
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): Est. 1810 and named for Paint Creek on which its is located. "Early settlers found many large trees along the creek stripped of their bark and embellished with drawings of birds and animals, painted in red and black on the smooth undertrunks. They also found odd figures of buffalo and deer painted on the clifflike sandstones along the stream. Town settled by families from nearby East Point (q.v.) looking for fertile lands. The 1st home on the site was built in 1814 by Rev. Henry Dixon, a No. Carolinian. He laid out town and named it. Recorded in this name by Acts of GA 1834, Ch. 554. Became seat of new Johnson Co. in 1844. (sic) Business
boom with coal mining, 1890; another boom with disc. & dev. of oil and gas resources c. 1917. . . . ("Indian Markings Gave Paintsville its Name" CALL OF KY., Spring-summer, 1973 at Jenny Wiley St. Pk, P. 27); Town was chartered by leg. in 1834. Re-chartered in 1844 and named seat of new co. Present (1962) charter traced to 1879. (Wells, 1962, P. 26); Paintsville's esti. 1996 pop. = 4,476; In a 11/1/1798 dep. Geo. Auxier (Oxshear) stated that in 1775 his party had named Paint Lick and Big Paint. The lick was 3 mi from th Sandy R. Enoch Smith, in his 11/1/98 dep., referred to John Creek;
PAINTSVILLE (Johnson Co.): Paint Creek was originally called Paint Lick Creek and named for the "peculiar black and red (symbols) painted as part of their ceremonies, on tree or cliffs nr. springs and along the creek." (P.3) Paint Lick Sta. or Paintsville was est 1790. Considered the 2nd permanent settlers in E.Ky. At or nr. the site of a cluster of "abandoned log huts" nr. the mouth of Paint Creek noted in 1750 by Dr. Walker. These cabins were said to have been built & occupied by French trappers, perhaps those led by Arnold Viele in 1693 or 1729 (P.8). Paint Lick Sta. was est. 1790 by Col. John Preston
a Va. born land speculator and fur trader. He directed a company of trappers and traders up the river to the mouth of Paint Creek and est. the station. Strategically located at the jct. of prin. routes of commerce in that area. (P. 9) Some 2000 acre incl. that in the vic. of the mouth of Paint Creek were patented in 1788 by Va. Geo. Lewis... The Paint Lick Sta. thrived till the 1820s. In 1814 Rev. Henry Dixon (or Dickson), a preacher and farmer from N.C., bought land north of the creek from John Turnan, "a remote vendee of Geo. Lewi
and built a home and started a farm. (P. 9)
1st homes built on the site of Paintsv. in
the 1810s. Bottoms were laid out 1826 by
Dixon. 1st businesses were est. in the
1830s. (Pp. 11-12) Est. as a town by the
Ky. Leg. in 1834. Made seat of new county
in 1844. (P. 15). . . . ("A Short Hist. of
Paintsv. & Johnson Co." by J. K. Wells,
1962);
In Paintsville Quad. Uses Fuget, Ky. p.o. c1942. The community there impressed agric. extension workers from UK with its cooperative spirit, from "economic necessity"—residents "buy farm equipment and supplies cooperatively, hire a truck jointly to haul their tobacco out and their groceries in, even pool their funds to purchase abandoned coal mine buildings for their lumber....Cuba's 4-H Club has carried off district honors for eight consecutive years at the Lexington tobacco show." Church is the local social center. (LCJ, 4/27/1942)
Paintsville Lake is 4 mi nw of Paintsv. 18 mi long. Extends into Mag. Co. Dam is on Ky 40, just off US 460. 1139 "surface acres of water." Opened spring 1984. (Lex. Her-Lead. 9/1/1991, P. C10:1); Pion. J. Co. families incl: P'Simer, Lemaster, Pelphrey, Rule, Harris, Conley, Price Colvin, Litteral, Salyers, Remy, Vanhoose, Auxier, Preston, Witten, Mayo, Stafford, and Spradlin; Well dissected relief and, like Floyd and other B.S.V. co's., level areas with commu's. are in stream valleys. Paint & Little P. Creeks are bordered ("lined") in part by "rugged, rocky cliffs." (McGrain & Currens, Top. of Ky., P. 42);
PATTONIA (Johnson Co., Ky): p.o. est. 1/15/1880, Jas. Pelphrey; Disc. 11/4/1890 (mail to Flat Gap) (POR-NA); Acc. to James Pelphrey, 1/2/1880, this proposed po would be 6 mi ne (sic) of Paintsville po, 7 mi se of Flat Gap po, 4 mi nw of Barnettts Creek po, 1 mi e of Mud Lick Creek. (SLR); No Patton families listed in the 1880 Census;
PONGETTE (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 6/17/1931, Anderson Daniel disc. 1933; Acc. to Anderson Daniel, 10/15/1930, the first names proposed for this new po were Curtisville and Lona (?), and it would be 75 ft w of Sycamore Creek and 8 mi w of BSR, 3 mi n of Wittensv. po, 4 mi s of Lowmansv. po, 3 mi nw of Nippa po, on the west side of the Mayo Trail. (SLR);
PUNCHEON (Johnson Co.): Named for puncheon floors of many early homes. Some local residents made these and sold them to their neighbors. Community was thus named for the trade. (Acc. to Lorraine Fannin, to Jennie Lewis, tp "P.N. of Johnson Co., Ky." 4/25/1972, for Jean Thomason, WKU, in Folklore Arch., Margie Helm Libr., WKU);
RED BUSH (Johnson Co., Ky): vic. aka Grabnickle, Sheepskin, Red Brash. (David Pelphrey's ms. hist. of Red Bush in the J. Co. P.L.); Lick Branch is now called Ptotoaker, a Paint Creek trib. The po was est. by the Rev. Wm. (Zuber Bill) Williams. Acc. to local trad., he named it Red Brush for he was then living on Red Brush Br. of Laurel, but POD officials misread his request as Red Bush. Before the po was est. the vic. was called Enterprise (maybe named for the local Enterprise Bapt. Chu. org. in the early 1890s.) After Bill, the po was moved up the forks of Laurel and the commu. too took the name Red Bush. Rollin (Rowland-?) Bolin ran the local store ca. 1910 in the bldg. where Powell Ferguson later had the po. (Donald Webb's ms. hist. of R.B. in the J. Co. P.L.);
REDBUSH (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to W.A. Williams, 5/27/1889, the first name proposed for this new po was Cynthia and it would be 6 mi w of Flat Gap po, 6 mi e of Relief po, ½ mi w of Laurel Creek. Acc. to J. Powell Ferguson, May 1914, the po was ca. 3 mi n of Big Paint Creek, 3½ mi e of Relief po, 2 mi from co. line. On 5/7/1917, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. (but doesn't say how much or to where) to ca. 4 mi n of Big Paint Creek, 3½ mi e of Relief po, 4½ mi n of (Big Rainey Creek) Elna po, 2 mi from co. line. In Oct. 1936, Glauers (?) O. Hay pet. for a site ch. 200 yds. w to a pt. 1.9 mi from the co. line, 100 ft w of Laurel Creek. On 4/11/1939, Mrs. Drexel Wallin pet. for a site ch. 1800 ft w to a pt. 1.7 air mi from the 0.34 mi.
Morgan Co. line, 300 ft s of Laurel Creek, 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi e of Relief po. // Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/1939, the po was 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi from the M. Co. line. (SLR);
RED BUSH (sic) (Johnson Co.): Located on Upper (or Big) Laurel Creek in the extreme NW section of the co. By the mid 1920s, tho' rich in timber and coal, was as yet comparatively undeveloped due to lack of transp. Prox. to oil fields which, when developed, about that time, "brought about" the area's dev. Not a new community.... (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 270); Named for a beautiful red bush there (Rufus Reed, interview, 6/20/1971); po est. 5/22/1890, Wm. A. Williams....(NA); disc 1986.
REDBUSH (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po lies on Upper Laurel Creek, at the jct. of Ky 172 and 469, 10 1/2 (air) mi nw of Paintsv. The po was est. on 5/2/1890 with Wm. A. Williams, pm, ad named for the profusion there of small pin oak trees whose leaves turn red in the fall." (Book-P. 248);
REDBUSH (Johnson Co.): "named for the fact that these small red oak (trees) whose leaves turn very red in the fall—pinoak, they call 'em, or red oak—were very plentiful on those hills around Redbush, and I guess whoever come ('sic) in there at that particular season of the year may have arrived there just called it Redbush (sic) to identify it." (Arthur Pope, 1/10/1971)

Acc. to 1895 Gaz., it had 3 gen. stores: (1) J.D. Bond, (2) Hamilton & Smith, (3) H.T. Wallen;
V'REDBUSH (Johnson Co.): "Red pin oak was very much in evidence... the hills there are... quite low, and the farms were quite progressive, and they were forever fighting pin oak, you know, to keep the pastures open and, in the fall, pinoak just turns blood red. So that's where it got its Redbush...." (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971); ("Rehd/boosh") "Named for the fact that these small red oak trees whose leaves turn very red in the fall--pinoak, they call 'e or red oak--were very plentiful on those hills around Redbush...." (Ibid. 3/28/1971);
REDBUSH (Johnson Co.): ("Rehd/boosh") Informant has been told that it was named for a red bush observed in the area but that's all he knows of the antecedent. "A little forks of the road place that never amounted to much". Never more than 4-5 houses and a store. Was not a coal town and only they are stripping in the vic. The nearest thing to an agri. area we have in the county: orchards, tobacco, cattle. On the fringe of the oil field. O.T. Dorton's father, Dave, and his mother came from here. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980)
RICEVILLE (Johnson Co.): John Rice, a farmer, ne Va. 1786. To Ky. with his family and 2 bros & sister, settled 3/1815 1st on Middle Creek in Floyd Co. and later at the head of Jennie's Creek in the present John. Co. A bro., Sam'l. Rice, a farmer....(P. 598) Martin R. Rice, son of John Rice, was ne 2/16/1810 and died 1897. Martin's son, Sherman Rice, was a farmer and storekeeper, ne 6/28/1867, lived on part of Martin's estate on the main fork of Jennie's. Among his children were Sherman Rice, Jr., ne 5/26/1910....(Pp. 599, 607). (Kozee, 1961);
RICEVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): The Rice family prog. was Sam'l. Rice, Sr. (1791-ca.1870), ne Va. who owned as many as 2000 acres of J. Co. land. In the Jennies Creek area. (John Haden Rice, Aukers, etc., Pp. 57-8);
RICEVILLE (Johnson Co.): Strung along the C&O RR tracks for about 3 miles from Rt. 825 and up Narrows Fk. and Long Fk. Begun c. 1917 as timber & coal town. By then Riceville was the term. of rr. Probably 1st bldg. there was hotel for rr people. At that time the rr was owned by the Dawkins Lumber Co. which had a lumber mill there. Large town then when the coal & timber brought to this pt. for rail shipment. Even reg'l. pass. service. When the Dawkins Lumber Co. obtained new timber stand in Breathitt Co. it moved its sawmill there & extended rr thru the mts. Many people followed co. to the new site. Thus town declined.
Pop. (c1972)=c.90. Focused around one local store but most homes are strung out along the rr. Had 2 1-rm. schools: the one at Long Fork closed in 1964 and the one at Ricev. closed in '66. Two churches still... (TP for Soc. 220, PCC, Gary E. Blair, sprir 1972): "This hamlet with po at the forks of Jennys Cr., 7 (air) mi sw of Paints., is strung out for 1½ mi along Ky 1867 and the C&O RR tracks from Ky 825. The po was est. on 10/17/1891 with Geo. D. Rice, pm, an may have been named for Sherman Rice, prominent area farmer & merchant. Shortly thereafter, the Dawkins Log & Mill Co. extended its B.S. & Ky. R. (now C&O) RR up Jennys Cr. and opened a mill here. The com. developed around the mill and the rail shipping op'n." (Book-P.
RICEVILLE (Johnson Co.): Town est. when the B.S. & K.R. RR extended line up Jenny's Cr. This place became its term. Even after the line was extended further to Mag. & Breathitt Co's, the company kept its offices at R'ville. Timber resources attracted the rr. Located at jct. of Narrows Fk, Long Fk. and Greenrock Fk of Jenny's Creek... (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 273); po est. 10/17/1891, Geo. D. Rice... (NA); ("Rahs≤ Reyes/vihl") (Arthur Pope, 3/28/71); Named for Sherman Rice who est. a store and po there. He was a prominent farmer and merchant. Some of his children still live in the county. Mrs. Walter Meek is his youngest daughter. (Ibid. 3/28/71).
RICEVILLE (Johnson Co.): ("Rahs<->Reyes/vihl") Named for the Rice family. Dawkins Mill was built after 1903, probably between 1910-1920. The Royal Lumber Co. owned by the Royal Bank of Canada started a big timber operation at Royalton. The firm persuaded the C&O RR to build this spur track from their Paintsv. yards up to Royalton to pick up the timber. It went right by Riceville. At that time, the Dawkins Lumber Co. was timbering all over Jennies Creek. They had a mill at the present site of Ricev. Assumes the mill closed c. WWI. That's about the time the area was timbered out. (J.K. Wells, interv. 10/30/98).
RICEVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. P. Rice (sic), 9/28/1891, this proposed po would be 4 mi n of Ivyton po, 7 mi sw of Denver po, 5 mi w of Bonanza po, on the s. side of Jennies Creek. // On 4/28/1913, Nathaniel L. Ramey pet. for a site ch. 1 air mi e to a pt. 100 ft n of Jennies Creek, 5½ mi w of Denver po, 5 mi e of Ivyton po, 4 mi sw of Ballot po, 300 ft n of rr whose sta. was Green Rock, 3 mi from the co. line. // On 12/4/1915, Andrew J. Rice pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi ne to a pt. 400 ft n of Jenny's Creek, 4 mi sw of Leander po, 4½ mi ne of Ivyton po, 4½ mi s of Ballot po, 300 ft n of the BS&KR RR whose sta. was now Riceville. Arthur Schmauch was rr agent. The po was
300 ft. from the sta. Eff. asap. On 3/23/1920, Frank Caudill pet. for a site ch. (but with no info. given) to a pt. 150 ft w of Narrows Fk. of Jennies Creek, 3½ mi e of Ivyton po, 5 mi sw of Leander po, 20 ft e of BS&KR Ry, 1½ mi from the co. line. Acc. to Hargus Conley, 7/18/1933, the po was 300 ft n of Jennies Creek, 2½ mi w of Swamp Branch po, 3½ mi s of Ballot po, 4 mi e of Ivyton po, 285 ft n of the BS&KR RR. Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/1939, the po was 2½ rd mi from the Floyd Co. line, 150 ft n of the rr, 200 ft nw of J. Creek. (SLR);
RICHMOND HILL (Johnson Co.): On KY 1107. Named for James Richmond who brought his children, Margaret and John, to settle in that area. (Source: Douglas Galbraith, Paintsville, Ky. to Myrtle Jenkins, Johnson Co., Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts, 1969);
RIVER (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895 Gaz., it had 3 gen. stores: (1) F.J. Harris, (2) J.B. Preston, (3) Ward and Harris; Acc. to a recent newsp. article, Diar Castle had local gro. ca. 1993-4;
RIVER (Johnson Co.): Settlement along the Big Sandy River and named for its location. est. 9/6/1890, Elbert J. Harris.... (NA); "Rively," Self-explanatory. A ferry there at one time. Before the ferry was est, on top of some hard rocks there was a ford. Everyone in the Toms Creek area would come to the river at this point to ship goods by boat. After the rr came, they'd cross the ford and the ferry to meet the rr. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); There is no ford across the river at this point. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980)
RIVER (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po was named for its location on the BSR's Levisa Fk., at the mouth of Wiley Creek, 4½ (air) mi ne of Paints. The po was est. on 9/6/1890 with Elbert J. Harris, pm." (Book-P. 252); Acc. to E.J. Harris, 8/7/1890, the name proposed for this new po was Lena and it would be ca. 2 mi nw of Ward City (across the river), 4 mi se of Lowmansv. po, 3 mi sw of Myrtle po, on the w bank of the BSR and on the n bank of Wileys Creek. Not a vil.// Acc. to Ruth Preston, 7/24/1939, the po was 400 ft w of the C&O, 2½ mi s of the nearest sta. at Whitehouse, 100 ft w of the BSR, ½ mi n of Offutt po, 3 mi ne of Tutor Key po. (SLR);
ROCKHOUSE FORK (of Hood Creek) (Johnson-Lawrence Co's, Ky.): "...that I imagine is because of the rocky place that there was up in there. Or there could have been—someone told me that they thought there was a dwelling at one time where they lived in there—and it was almost rock—what gave it that name." (Golda Swain, Paintsville, Ky., interview, 5/21/1971)
SAINT MAUR (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 4/22/1898, Jas. A. Williams; Disc. 9/14/1907 (mail to Manila) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jas. A. Williams, 3/19/1898, the name proposed for this new po was Klondyke and it would be 2½ mi e of Soto po, 5 mi w of Barretts Creek po, 2½ mi n of Oil Springs po, on the w side of Paint Creek. (SLR); The Ionian island off the west coast of Greece, called Leucadia (now Leukas) was called Santa Maura by the Italians and was believed to have been the island visited by Odysseus;
SILK STOCKING HOLLOW (N.r. Thealka, Johnson Co. Ky.) (Acc. to one of my students, Teresa Patton, PCC, 4/5/1971) (XxXxX Check with Pope)

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SIP-(Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 12/15/1885, James Green. Acc. to Jas. Green, 3/85, this proposed po would be 5 mi e of Flatgap po, on the e bank of Hoods Fk. Not a vil. In June 1913, Wm. A. Stapleton pet. for a site ch. 1 mi se to a pt. 12 mi from Paintsville, 5 mi e of Flat Gap po, 4 mi s of Davidsv. po, 3 mi w of Chandlerv. po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/31/1913, the po was 0.10 mi e of Hoods Fk., 3 mi w of Chandlerv. po, 4 mi e of Flat Gap po, 4 mi s of Davisv. po, 3 mi from the co. line. On 10/5/23, Martin Wheeler pet. for a site ch. ca. 1 ½ mi w to a pt. 80 ft e of Hoods Fk., 1 ¼ mi s of Winifred po. Eff. asap. On 1/30/24, Mrs. Ollie Lemaster pet. for a site ch. 1 ½ mi e to a pt. 100 ft w of Hoods Fk., 2 mi w of Chandlerv. po, 3 mi from the co.
On 5/2/1928, Mrs. Gracie Davis petitioned for a site change to a point 75 yards east of Hoods Fk., 2⅔ miles northwest of Chandleyn. po, 2⅔ miles southwest of Davisv. po, 2⅔ miles from the county line. Effective 5/7/1928. (SLR); According to the 1900 Census, Henry S. Howes (45) lived with his wife Sip (26); Sip Rule, daughter of A.W. Rule and Angelina Spradlin Rule. She married Alonzo Holbrook, pm of Flat Gap in 1879. She was born 2/11/1862. They wed 4/8/1882. (Perrin, 88, 1888, P. 871); According to the 1880 Census: Andrew W. Rule (65) & wife Angelina (54) lived with 2 sons & 18 yr. old daughter Sip in Sycamore Prec. #6. Nowhere near Lonzo Holbrook. Latter is listed as 28 yr. old border with Henry Jayne (37) & wife July (sic) (37) in Flat Gap Prec. #3);
SIP (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895 Gaz., this was 12
mi n of Paintsv. J.C. Fitzpatrick was pm. Six gen.
stores: (1) G.W. Chandler & Co.; (2) J.B. Davis, (3)
W.W. Daniel, (4) Wm. Green, (5) Fred Murray, (6) M.V.
and J.B. Wheeler;
SITKA (Johnson Co., Ky): The capital of Russian Amer. (1804-1867) and Alaska Terr. till 1906. Taken from the Tlingit word shitka = by the sea, "which was the native term for...Baranof Island." Old Sitka or Mikhailovskii Redut (For Saint Michael) built in 1799 and destroyed by Indians in 1802. Russians under Alex Baranov later defeated the Indians (1804) and built Novoarkhangelski, a fortified town, that became the seat of Russian-Am. But on purch. by Amer. govt. in 1867 the town took the name Sitka. (Jas. W. Phillips, Alaska-Yukon Place Names Seattle: U. of Wash. Press, 1973, P. 121);
SITKA (Johnson Co.): ("Siht/kee") DK why so called. Toms ("Tahmz") for Toms Creek, named for an early settler, Tom Stambaugh. DK where Toms and Sitka post offices were located from each other. The Sitka p.o. was named for the Sitka Fork of Toms Creek. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); Acc. to Mollie Gambill, 6/20/1902 this proposed po would be 3 mi se of Galen po, 2½ mi n of Tom's po, on the s side of Toms Creek, serving a vil. of 40.//Acc. to Sola Rice, 2/13/1914, the po was 4 mi se of Kerz po, 3 mi w of Stambaugh po.// Acc. to Ibid., 7/26/39, the po was on the w side of Ky 201, 8 mi nw of Paintsv., 50 yds s of Toms Creek, 2 mi w of Stambaugh po, 2½ mi e of Volga po, 3 mi nw of Wittensv po. (SLR);
SITKA (Johnson County, Ky.) Only 3 families there about 100 years ago. Owned by the Davi family, Tom Witten and Tommy Nute Williams. Witten was postmaster and he named the community Tom's. Until 1910 when he was succeeded by Lunie Sublett Vanhoose (check) who had the job until 1949 (female). At some time while she was pm, the name was changed to Sitka, after the capital of Alaska. (Acc. to term paper in community course by PCC student, Sharon Williams of Sitka, Ky. 12/1970). (check on the above....)

These were 2 separate pos's - at least 2 m. apart.
SOTO (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 6/6/1892, Arizona Davis
...Disc. 4/30/1913 (POR-NA); Acc. to Arizona Davis, 3/14/1892, this proposed po would be 5 mi nw of Barnett Creek po, 6 mi nw of Frew po, on the w side of Oil Springs Fk. of Big Paint Creek.// On 1/27/1911, Dord-? Williams pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi w to a pt. 11 mi from Paintsv., 3 mi from Oil Springs po, 3 mi from Kenwood po, 2 mi from Win po, one mi from Little Paint Creek.
(SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Arizona Davis (7/86) lived with her mother Mattie (4/59) and sibs. in Mag. Dist. #5; Acc. to 1880 Census, Arizona Davis (10) was living with her parents Harvey C. (43) & Louisa (43) in Barnettts Creek #4;
SPRADLIN FORD (of Paint Creek), in the Vicinity of Paintsville. (Mentioned in Hall's HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 182T)
STAFFORDSVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Jas. Stafford, the co's. family prog., arr. 1794 and acquired much land s of Paint Creek. One of his 8 children, John, was ne 1804, His son, Francis Marion Stafford, acquired much of his family's holdings. His farm incl. Stafford Add'n., Bridgeford, Blackberry, and Southside, extend­ing to Hagerhill & Jennys Creek. He platted Stafford Add'n. Died 1924. But it was not till 1940 that his s. of Paint Creek prop. became part of Paints., by annexation. (Robt. L. Marsh And That's A Fact, Balti: Gateway, 1998, Pp. 104-05);
STAFFORDSVILLE (Johnson Co.): Named for 2 brothers, Jim and Jessie (sic) Stafford, owners of much land and cattle there and the local store. (James H. Franklin, in letter to Delphine Haley, 7/14/1975); "This vil. with po is on Paint Creek and US 460, and just nw of the Paintsv. city limits. The po was est. on July 14, 1882 as Frew with Millard F. Rule, pm. After Jessie Stafford became pm in 1893, its name was changed to honor the Stafford family which included John Frew Stafford." (Book-P. 281); John Stafford was an early J. Co. legislator;
STAFFORDSVILLE (Johnson Co.): ("Staef/ordz/vihl") Never heard of a p.o. named Frew. He thinks it might have been named for Frew Stafford, one of the big landowners in that area, c.1860. He d.k. of any Frew families there. But he dk if Frew Stafford was named for the p.o. or v.v. And Staffordsv. could also have been named for Frew Stafford but he d.k. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
STAPLE (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 4/12/1888, George W. Stapleton; Disc. 5/14/1889 (papers to Barnetts Creek) (POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. W. Stapleton, 3/10/88, the name proposed for this new po was Rule and it would be nearly 4 mi e of Barnetts Creek po, 4 mi n of Paintsv. po, 7 mi n of Fitz po, 5 mi w of BSR, 4 rods n of Big Paint Creek. (SLR); No Stapleton listing in 1880 Census;
STAFFORDSVILLE (Johnson Co.): po est. as Frew 7/14/1882, Millard F. Rule. Disc. 3/16/1887 (papers to Barnetts Creek); Re-est. 5/15/89, Chas. G. Rule (who succeeded Millard F. Rule) 8/22/93, Jessie Stafford; ch. to Staffordsvil 10/7/1893, ibid. (other Staffords and Chas. Rule were pm)....(NA); ("Staffordsville") Named for the Stafford family which included John Frew Stafford... (Arthur Pope, interview 3/28/1971); John Frew Stafford was the son of Wm. Stafford (1829-1892) and Martha A. (Hager) Stafford (1830-1911) (for more on the Stafford see GENEAL. OF JOS. PECK & SOME RELATED FAMILIES (incl. Chapmans, Meeks, Osborne, etc.) c. 1955 by compiler Geo. Braden Roberts, 1955, P. 266).
STAFFORDSVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Jesse Stafford, this po, now Staffordsville, but lately Frew, was 5 mi w of the BSR, on the n bank of Paint Creek, 4 mi e of Barnetts Creek po, 4 mi w of Paintsv. po, 6 mi n of Denver po, 4 mi s of Galen po. // In Aug 1907, Charley F. Rule pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi w to a pt. 4½ mi w of Paintsv. po, 4 mi e of Barnetts Creek po, 4½ mi s of Volga po, 4½ mi w of BSR, 100 yds n of Big Paint Creek. // On 3/10/1919, Clarence Griffith pet. for a site ch. 1 mi e to a pt. 40 yds n of Big Paint Creek, 3½ mi e of Barnetts Creek, 3½ mi w of Paintsv. po, 4½ mi w of BSR. Eff. 3/15/1919. // On 7/24/1920, Chas. W. Wheeler, by Tonal(?) Franklin, asst., pet. for a site ch. ¼ mi e to a pt 2 3/4 mi w of the BSR, ¼ mi from Paint Creek, 2 6/4 mi nw of Paintsv. po, 2 3/4
mi. e of Barnetts Creek po, 4 mi se of Volga po.//
Acc. to Tonal Franklin, July 1939, the po was on Ky 4
3/4 mi n of Paint Creek, 4 mi w of BSR, 3 mi w of
Paintsv. po, 3 1/2 mi e of Barnetts Creek po, 4 mi s of
Volga po. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Millard F.
Rule (25) and wife Alice (23) lived next door to Jas.
Stafford (54) and wife Cynthia (52) and nr. other
Staffords. Millard ne 10/1853 on Big Paint Creek; No
Clara or Jim in Millard's family(Hall, Vol. 4, 1985,
P. 688); Millard & Alice (Preston) Rule lived in
Paintsv. (Kozee, P. 547);
STAFFORDSVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Family prog. = James who came to J. Co. ca. 1794 to occupy a large tract. It's now called the F.M. Stafford Farm. It was deeded to his son John and is now owned by descendants. Among John's sons was William (1829-1911). The son of Wm. and Martha A. (Hager) Stafford was John Frew Stafford who never married. He was a sportsman who wintered in Fla. and lived in Paintsv. during warmer months. (Kozee Pp. 678-9); Acc. to 1895 Gaz., the com. was then Staffordsv. with Jesse Stafford as pm, gen'l. storekeeper, and flour mill operator. J.P. Colvin had a store. P. Picklesimer & Co. had another gen. store. W.G. Franklin ran hotel and was a lawyer. C.G. Rule ran another hotel. Other businesses and services;
STAMBAUGH (Johnson Co., Ky): Several Stambaugh families lived in this vic. Exer Stambaugh was the daughter of Sam'l. Stambaugh, Jr. and his second wife Eliz. (Spencer) Stambaugh nr. the po. Exer's husband Kelley Rothwell (wed 1916) was the son of Thos. and E.J. (Estep) Rothwell who ran the local store and Stambaugh p.o. (Haden P. Rice, Aukers, P. 202). Bessie may have been nee Williams and marr. Winfield Stambaugh in 1888. Winfield was storekeeper and Stambaugh pm. Before her marr. to Stambaugh she had been a Mrs. Rule. Winfield was Exer's half brother. Winfield was the son of Sam'l. Jr. and his first wife Exer Murray. (Ibid., Pp. 200-1); Acc. to 1900 Census, Exer, the daughter of Sam'l. & Eliz., was nee 6/1888. They lived nr. Winfield
(l/65) and his wife Bessie (6/68) and nr. other Stambaugh in Mag. Dist. #5);
STAMBAUGH (Johnson Co.): po est. 2/28/1905,
Bessie L. Stambaugh; 5/29/1914, Exer D.
Stambaugh ... (NA); After the Rev., 5 Stam-
baugh bros. from Pa. came to the BSV, 2 to
Floyd Co. and 3 to the future Johnson Co.
This was in 1816. The Johnson Co. Stambaugh
came first to the mouth of Chestnut Creek.
One of them, Sam'l. S. settled nr. the site
of the p.o. and his bro., Philip, settled
near him. Brother Jonathan settled on Frog-
Honery Creek (a branch of Tom's Creek).
Philip, ne Pa., died c. 1850. No dates given
for the others ... (C. Mitchell Hall, JENNY
WILEY COUNTRY, Vol. 3, 1979, Pp. 852-3);
(S)tem /b5/
STAMBAUGH (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Bessie Stambaugh 11/17/1905, this pt was 2½ mi e of Sitka po, 4 mi n of Mingo po, 4 mi n of Toms po, on the w side of Toms Creek. On 10/3/1933, Exer D. Rothwell pet. for a site ch. 484 ft se to a pt. 175 ft n of Toms Creek, 2½ mi nw of Nippa po, 3½ mi e of Sitka po. (SLR);
STAMBAUGH (Johnson Co.): ("Staem/boh") The Stambaugh's, of German descent, came down the Ohio R. from Pa. to Poages Landing. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); "This hamlet with po is on Ky 1559 at the mouth of Wells Branch of Toms Creek, 4 1/2 (air) mi n of Paintsv. The po was est. on 2/28/1905 with Bessie L. Stambaugh, pm, and named for the descendants of Samuel and Philip Stambaugh, pion. settlers of the vic." (Book-P. 281);
STONE COAL BR. OF MUDLICK CREEK (Johnson Co)
Heads at 37°55'40"N, 82°56'23"W and extends for 1 mi se to Mudlick Cr. 2 mi se of Redbush (37 54'59"N, 82 55'54"W) On Redbush Quad. Prop. by Nat'l. Mapping Div. of USGS from a 1988 field inv. to ch. from Stone-coal Br. They found, from interviewing local people, that the two word form has been in local usage for 30+ yrs. One showed his land deed that uses the two word form. (Docket 347 for consideration at 1/10/1991 mtg., Pp. 16-7);
SWAMP BRANCH (Johnson Co.): PO est. 12/22/1923, Crate Rice... (NA); Named for a large swamp. (Doris A. Brown, pm, in letter to Delphine Haley, 6/20/1975); Crate Rice was born 1901. (Ibid.); Aptly named for the stream which was aptly named. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); "This po on Ky 825, at the mouth of Swamp Branch of Jennys Creek, 6 (air) mi sw of Paintsv., was est. on 12/22/1923, with Alva-G.-Leafert-pm and named Crate Rice, pm, and named for the aptly-named stream." (Book-P. 288); po closed before 1/8/1996, maybe in 1993;
SWAMP BRANCH (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Crate Rice, 3/30/1923, this proposed po would be 150 ft w of Jennys Creek, 1½ mi w of Leander po, 1½ mi e of Riceville po, 3 mi n of Bonanza po, 60 ft w of the BS&KR RR. No sta. yet, Two mi from Floyd Co. line.// On 10/24/1936, Harlen M. Conley pet. for a site ch. 338 ft s to a pt. 2 air and 2½ rd mi from the Floyd Co. line, 2 mi from Ricev. and Leander po's, 360 ft s of the C&O, 120 ft s of Jennies Creek.// Acc. to Rosa Caudill, 7/26/1939, the po was 1 air and rd mi from the Floyd Co. line, 400 ft s of the rr, 1 mi w of Dobson (rr) Sta., 120 ft s of Jennies Creek, 2 mi from Leander and Ricev. po's, 4 mi s of Asa po. (SLR);
THEALKA (Johnson Co., Ky): "This hamlet and one-time coal town with a po extends for about a mile up Ky 581 and the aptly named Muddy Branch from its confl. with Levisa Fk. of the BSR, ½ (air) mi ne of Paints. The commu. was est. by the NE Coal Co., and its po, first called Muddy Branch, was est. on 6/20/1906, with Mary Matney, pm. She renamed it in 1911 for Alka Mayo, daughter of Greenville Meek—a Paint. timberman and owner of a fleet of steamboats—and wife of coal land magnate John C.C. Mayo. The name was also undoubtedly influenced by that given to one of Meek's boats built and named in 1899. He is said to have named the boat, the last of the Big Sandy sidewheelers, 'The Alka' for his daughter, but a sign painter ran the letters together and it came out 'Thealka.'" (Book-P. 292);
THEALKA (Johnson Co.): ("Thee/aelk/ə")
Named for the steamboat "The Alka" (2 words built by Mr. Meeks. The words were just run together to form the name. (Like Cando for the C&O RR Co.) Named for Alka Mayo. Mary Matney was Jim Matney's wife; he worked for John C.C. Mayo. Muddy Branch was named for the fact that "the water was unusually muddy all the time." Doubts there were more than 2 houses in the vic. when the po was est. The N.E. Coal Co. bought up some of the land in the area but mostly they leased The town of Thealka was a mining camp for that company. Most of these companies had
acquired their holdings there soon after the C&O came up the river. Their holdings were up Muddy Branch and over on Toms Creek and Tays Branch. Most of the coal operations were in existence betw. 1910-1930 (check)...

DK when Alka Mayo died. Alka was her real name.... (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980;)

PO was est. as Muddy Branch 6/20/06 with Mary Matney 1st pm. N.Ch. to Thealka in 1/1911. Mary was Green Meek's sister and marr. J.H. Matney. In June 1914 their bro. Jas. N. Meek became pm. The Matneys ran the local store for yrs. before moving to Paints. (Kozee, P. 465);
THEALKA (Johnson Co.): The old Thealka boat, a batwing double wheeler, low draft, traveled the Big Sandy 2x week betw. Catlettsb. & Louisa. Named for the daughter of Green Meek Her name was Alka. He named the boat The Alka for her and a sign painter ran the letters together and it came out Thealka. (Acc. to an article in the STEAMBOAT BUSINESS MAG. cited by Dr. Geo. McClure, MD, Cincinnati, O. in a letter to Mary G. Sparks & pub. by her in the BIG SANDY NEWS, sesquicent. edit. 6/29/1972, Pp. 2, 6, 6:3); Miss Alkie Meek married John C.C. Calhoun Mayo (sic) at Paintsv. (BSN, 12/26/1897); (cf Bob Kennedy: ... ) The Thealka
was the last of the batwing sidewheel steam boats on the Big Sandy. (Bob Kennedy in BSN 7/6/1972, P. 3:6); Acc. to 1900 Census, Green Meek (3/53) with wife Hulda (Price) Meek (11/54) lived with son Warren (12/70) and daughter Alka (Mrs. John C.C. Mayo) (nee 1/1877) next to John Buckingham & his wife Nola in Paintsv.; Acc. to 1880 Census, Green Meeks (sic) (31) and wife Hulda (34) and children Warren (9), Alace (sic) (3), and 4 mo. old Jonah (who died in 1896) lived in the Greasy Creek Prec. #8;
THEALKA (Johnson Co.):  (pron. "Thee/Æl/kee")
Named for Alka Mayo, d. of Capt. Green Meek, a Paintsv. timberman and owner of a fleet of B.S. steamboats. She later married John C.C. Mayo, the coal land broker. Hamlet & onetime coal town, with apo., just "out of Paintsv.
Com. est. by NE Coal Co. PO est. 1906 was re-named 1911 for Alka Mayo, d. of Greenville Meek. "The name was also undoubtedly influenced by that given to one of Meek's boats built & named in 1899. He is said to have named the boat... 'The Alka' for his daughter, but a sign painter ran the letters together and it came out 'Thealka.' It was the last of the B.S. sidewheelers. (Interview with Dan Wheeler,
one time crew member of the boat, 11/30/1971 by H. Doug McKenzie, my student; Scalf, KLF, p. 358); The vil. of Thealka was earlier nicknamed Greentown for Green Meek and was renamed for the boat. The boat was destroyed in ice in the winter of 1911 below Whitehouse. (Marsh, 1998, Pp. 181-3);
Thealka (Johnson Co.): He knew Mary Matney very well and her husband, Harve Matney. She named it for Alice Mayo, wife of John C.C. Mayo, the coal baron. Mary was a sister to Jim Meek and is about 90 yrs. old now, in the Crest Haven Nursing Home. ("Thee/ael/kee They called her Alka Mayo instead of Alice. (Ael/kee) (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/71); Alice (Meek) Mayo was nee 3/27/1881, daughter of Capt. Green Meek. (Hall, 3rd ed. P. 582). Greenville Meek. His daughter was Alka (sic) Meek (Ibid. P. 679). She married John C.C. Mayo Sr. 2/21/1897 (Ibid.) Alice (sic) Meek, d. of Green Meek, a Paintsv. timberman and owner of a fleet of Big Sandy steamboats. (Kozee, P. 453);
THEALKA (Johnson Co.): (Pron. "Thee/ael/kee")
The boat was named for Mrs. Alice Mayo who was called Alka. So the boat was actually "The Alka" or "the Alices" (sic). "She was nee Alice Green (sic) and married John Calhoun Mayo and I knew her very well." The vil. was the NE Coa Co's. mining commu. c.a mile n of Paintsv. The town was named for Alice. Implies that John Tays, coal land owner there, named the commu. The boat was probably named before the commu. was. Little mining in vic. now; it's trucked in. Only tipples there now. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971);
THEALKA (Johnson Co., Ky.) Acc. to her son, John C.C. Mayo, Jr., this was her real name. She merely called herself Alice. Mayo is the Board Chairman of the Second National Bank of Ashland, Ky. Had been a hermit for many years but is now opening up. (Acc. to Williamson, Wallace J., in a personal interview, 3/6/1971 (write Mayo. Ask Williamson for his address; will he answer me?)...... po est. as Muddy Branch, 6/20/1906, Mary Matney; n.ch. (sic) to Thealka, 1/16/1911, ibid; 6/18/1914, James N. Meek...(NA); Disc. 11/2/1984
Q. "How did the (steamboat) Thealka get its name?"

A. "The Thealka was built by Cap'n. Green Meek and he wanted to name it for his daughter Alka Meek, and later Alka Mayo ("ael/kee") and he told the painter what he wanted on it, and he misunderstood him. He told him he wanted The Alka and the painter run the sign altogether so it spelled Thealka instead of 'The Alka.'" (Interview with Dan Wheeler, the capt. of The Thealka, by Harry D. McKenzie, Paintsville, Ky., PCC student, 11/30/1971)
THEALKA (Johnson Co.): ("Thee/(ae)l/kee" or "Thee/(ae)l/kə") Boat built by Capt. Green Meek and he wanted to name it for his daughter Alky Meek who later married Mayo. He told the painter what he wanted on it but he misunderstood him. He told him he wanted "The Alky" and the painter ran the words together so it was spelled "Thealky" instead of "The Alky." (sic) (From interview with Dan Wheeler, one time crew member of the boat, 11/30/1971 when he was age 89, by H. Doug. McKenzie, PCC student);
Thealka=a coal mining town of the NE Coal Co. 1½ mi. below Paintsville on Muddy Branch.

(Acc. to Hall's HISTORY OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KY. Pp. 265-6. (nothing on name.....)

Copy of form letter to Ky. po sent to pm, Thealka but received no answer.

P.o. est. 1/16/1914 with Mary Matney, pm.

James N. Meek became pm 6/18/1914. (....)

(Acc. to the National Archives)

More info. on Pope tapes--both series.....
"Thealka" was owned by Capt. Green Meeks of Paintsville. (P. 257). Built in P'ville 1899, 116 ft. long, 19.2 ft. wide and had a 3.2 ft. draft. The last of the Big Sandy sidewheelers. "Meeks wanted to name his boat 'The Alka' after a daughter who later married John C.C. Mayo, but in the hurry of painting the name on the boat's side, the sign-painter misunderstood. He painted 'Thealka' on the side and Meeks allowed the name to stand." (Scalf, KIF, P. 358).
THEALKA (Johnson County, Kentucky)  
(pron. The'al'ka) Near Paintsville, Ky. 
Named for the daughter or wife (check) of 
a steamboat owner between 1900 and 1930 on 
Paint Creek, going toward Big Sandy. (Acc. to 
Leonard Roberts, in a personal interview, 
at his home in Pikeville, Ky., 5/19/1970) 
(check....); On Muddy Branch c. 1½ mi. below 
Paintsv. Mining town for the Northeast Coal Co 
(Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO. KY. Vol. 
1, 1928, P. 265);
A steamboat called the "Thealka" used to make its way up the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River to beyond Prestonsburg. Carrying supplies from Catlettsburg, Ashland, and Huntington. Run by a man named Meeks. Last run about 1914. The river was wider and deeper in those days than now. (Acc. to Glenda Walters, PCC Community student, in her t.p. on Emma, Ky., 12/1970) (check further....)
ALKA MEEK (1893-1916) was the daughter of Henry Jefferson Meek (1866-1949). He was the son of Elias Meek (1842-1929). She married 12/16/1911 to Jefferson Butcher. (GENEAL. OF JOS. PECK AND SOME RELATED FAMILIES, by Geo. Braden Roberts, c.1955, Pp. 303, 274, 292-in KHS Libr., stacks);
THELMA (Johnson Co.): Thos. J. Spencer, ne. 5/20/1853 in Law. Co. and died 11/15/1940. He married? Ran store for years at Buskirk. They moved to Louisa. He later moved to a farm on the present US 23 nr. the mouth of Meade's Br. where he also operated a store until 1939. (Clayton Cox, APPAL. XRDS. Vol. 1, P. 213);

Acc. to Thos. J. Spencer, 2/15/1905, the name proposed for this new po was Concord and it would be serving Buffalo Station of the C&O RR. Not a vil. It would be 3 mi ne of Paints. po, 3 mi sw of Meek po, 2½ mi nw of Cole (sic) po, on the e. bank of the BSR, 1 mi n of
Buffalo Creek, on the e side of the rr.\ Acc. to Mrs. Hester Price, 8/10/1939, the po was 75 ft ne of Buskirk Station (of the C&O), $\frac{1}{4}$ mi ne of BSR, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mi s $\xi$ of Offutt po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Meally po, 2 mi n of Thealka po. (SLR); Greenville Meek's children were Alka and Warren. Warren's 2nd wife was Jennie Stratton. Their children were Greenville and Thelma. Thelma married Frank Harmon and is now dead. Warren lived in Paints. and was owner-publisher-editor of the P'ville Herald. He later moved to Thelma & raised poultry. Then moved to a farm nr. Auxier, on Johns Creek. Died 1932, age 62. (Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, P. 702);
THELMA (Johnson Co.): PO est: 6/5/1905, Virgil Childress...(NA); Local po was once called Buffalo but confusion with another Buffalo po in Ky. caused a change. Renamed for the daughter of a Mr. Stratton, resident then. She is still living (c.1969). Now (c.1969): only 1 church, sch. house now a commu. ctr. Rehab: ctr. & Forestry Div. offices for 7 co. area. (Dorothy M.H. Childers, a teacher in the Johnson Co. Sch. System and resident, in a letter to me, 1/12/1970);
THELMA (Johnson Co.): In the early 20th cent., T.J. Spencer had a gen'l. store at this site and where the Buffalo RR station was located. His two daughters and son went to the Concord Sch. nearby. Anna Lee and Maude were his daughters. (C. Mitchel Hall, A PERSONAL MEMOIR, Balti: Gateway Press, Inc., 1976, P. 46); Acc. to 1900 Census, Thomas Spencer (5/53) and wife Lizzie (7/56) but no Thelma lived in Mag. Dist. #2. He was a merchant;
THELMA (Johnson Co.): Named for the daughter of Warren Meek, local resident. (Nadene Butcher, "Johnson Commu's. Earned Colorful Names" ADI, 12/14/1969, P. 23:3-9); Originally Buffalo or Buffalo Sta. PO est. as Buskirk since already a Buffalo po in Larue Co. Buskirks were a numerous family in that area. Named for the wife of T.J. Spencer, a pm and leading citizen of the community. DK why the po was renamed from Buskirk but when it was it was named for Thelma Spencer. Thelma was the d. of Big Bill Ward, a Paintville pm who was also in the coal business. She was the sister of T.J. Powell's wife. T.J. was the store mgr. of the NE Coal Co.
Spencer operated a store at Thelma and was pm. She is deceased. (Arthur Pope, inter-
view, 1/10/1971); "This hamlet with po is on Ky 1107 and the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, 1½ (air) mi e of
Paints. When the C&O RR extended its B.S. line to this
pt. in 1903, it opened a sta. called Buskirk, named for
an area family. The po, est. on 6/5/1905 as Thelma, is
said to have honored the daughter of either Bill Ward, a
Paints. coal operator, Warren Meek, the editor and pub-
lisher of the Paints. Herald, or a Mr. Stratton, a local
resident. Miss Ward was the wife of T.J. Spencer, a
local storekeeper. The name Buskirk is no longer used.'
(Book-Pp. 292-93);
THELMA—(Johnson Co.): ("Thehl/mə") DK who it was named for. "There's a big old house on the point, just where you leave the river and turn up Bob's Branch. I have a vague recollection it was Buskirks that lived (there). (It was called Buskirks Sta. at one time.) At one time there was a tremendous coal operation that started there—I think it was Red Fox Coal Co. and they built a very big installation and some houses and...the coal ran out. I think Buskirk was connected with it somehow (dk his 1st name) They just operated for a few months and this big thick coal just
They (were) bought out and left." Not called Buffalo or Buffalo Sta. Buffalo was the name of a creek, a mi. up the river. If Thelma's p.o. was 1st called Buffalo, it was a matter of ch. in site. The Buffalo p.o. used to be close to the mouth of Buffalo Creek. DK about T.J. Spencer. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980)
THELMA (Johnson Co.): po est. 6/5/1905, Virgil Childress; 3/27/1914, Thomas J. Spencer; 3/13/1928, Luther A. Price....(NA);
Warren Meek had a daughter, Thelma, who marr. Frank Harmon. Warren lived in Paintsville and owned, edited, & published the Paintsv. Herald. He later moved to a farm nr. Thelma and raised poultry. Then he moved to a Johns Creek farm nr. Auxier and died 8/30/1932, age 62. Thelma is deceased. She was sister to Greenville Meek. (Hall, III, Pp. 707-8);
Warren was brother to Alka Meek (of Thealka) and thus the son of Capt. Greenville Meek. (Ibid., P. 679);
THELMA (Johnson Co.): On C&O RR 1½ mi. n. of Ky. 40 and ¼ mi. e. of RR bridge over the Levisa Fk. 1st called Buskirk Sta. This was the rr sta. that served that area before the building of a public road thru there. Since pass. service has ceased, the station name "has fallen from common usage" Only oldtimers recall when the sta. name was used exclusively. Now only Thelma name identifies the commu. (Dom. Geog. Name Rept. submitted by Chester Bojanowski, 9/20/1971); "Thelma/mə" ("Buh/ma") ("Buh/erk") ("Buhf (əl)oh") (Pope, 3/28/1971);
THREE FORKS OF GREASY CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): By this name the hamlet of Boons Camp is still occasionally called for its location in the vic. of the three forks of this stream which heads at the Martin Co. line and joins the Big Sandy R. nr. Offutt. c. 6½ mi. long. (J.K. Wells, 8/30/1980) (For an acct. of Greasy Creek see my....) Boons Camp is a "hamlet with po on the site of a camp on G.Cr. & Ky. 40, 5½ mi. ene of Paintsv. Said to have been used by Dan'l. Boone on one or more occasions in the 1790s while hunting with the settlers of Rockhouse Bottom." (Book, P. 31).
Three Forks of Greasy Creek were the Middle Fork, the Buttermilk Fork, and the Pigeon Fork. The Pigeon Fork is given on the top map as the Right Fork and Buttermilk Fork is given as the Left Fork. DK why the discre (Arthur L. Pope, 3/28/1971); A large ele. school in the vic. of the forks called the Three Forks of Greasy School, a 2 rm. sch. For a century. (Ibid.) Three Forks Ngbd.= betw. Boons Camp & the Martin Co. line, ese of B.C. se of BC, ne of Pigeon Roost, & n of the Head of Greasy(Creek) Neighborhoods. (C&N map, 1941)
TOKIO (Johnson Co., Ky): po est. 4/29/1914, Burns Conley.... (POR-NA); Not listed in P&G. Was it ever in operation? When did it close?; Acc. to 1900 Census, Burns Conley (9/1861) lived with wife Rebecca (11/61) Burns Conley was co. judge 1934-38; H.B. (Burns) Conley was a FWB chu. minister and J. Co. judge. Ne ca. 1861;
TOMS (Johnson Co.): po est. as Toms, 9/30/1897, Rosa A. Turner...Disc. eff. 8/15/1906
(mail to Sitka) (NA); SITKA p.o. was est. 8/13/1902, Mollie Gambill....(NA); po of Tom est. 9/30/1897, Rosa A. Turner; 6/15/1898, Thos. F. Whitten (sic); 1/17/1902, Lincoln C Price; Disc. eff. 8/15/1906 (mail to Sitka);
Sitka po est. 8/13/1902, Mollie Gambill; 3/6, 1907, John C. Sublett; 2/11/1910, Luna Sublett; 10/20/1910, Lola Rice...(NA);
TOMS (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Rosa Ann Turner, 9/2/1897, the name proposed for this new po was Buckingham and it would be 4½ mi se of Galen po, 5½ mi nw of Paintsv. po, at the forks of Toms Creek.// On 3/3/1902 Lincoln G. Rice pet. for a site ch. ½ mi s to a pt. 6 mi n of BSR, 1½ mi s of Toms Creek, 4 mi s of Galen po, 5 mi n of Paintsv. po, 4 mi e of Staffordsv. po. (SLR);
TOM'S CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky.) Twelve miles long. Heads up against Mud Lick Creek and the headwaters of Blaîne. Flows east into Levisa opp. Offutt. Main tribus are: Road Fork, Bakers branch, Whipperwill, Rush Fork, Sycamore Fork, Frigunery, and Lick Fork. (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 172). The creek is 12 mi long and joins BSR opp. Offutt. (Hall, 1928, P. 172);
TUTOR/KEY (Johnson Co.): Mingo p.o. est. 7/3/1897, Manda Preston... (NA); n.ch. to T.K. bet. 6/1/1937 and 6/1/1941; ("Tu/ter Kee") It was once called "Mihy/oh" and once called Toms Creek ("Tahmz Kreek"), acc. to the pm. There were already po's with these names. And so they kept pressing this Daniels lady over here who was the postmistress there to name it some thing. And she told me that she looked up on the shelf and there she saw a shoe polish called "Tutor Key Shoe Polish". And she said she couldn't think of anything else and she turned around and told that inspector that was there to get an answer after they'd wrote (sic)
her several times the name of this p.o. shall be Tutor Key. (sic) The postmistress was a daughter of Milroy Daniels." (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971);
TUTOR KEY (Johnson Co.): ("Tū/dār Kee") DK why so named. Tendency to designate an "ill defined community by the name of a creek it's located on. So it could have once been called Toms Creek. (in answer to my questions). (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
**TUTOR KEY** (Johnson Co.): "...was once called Mingo and once called Toms Creek. Acc. to the pm, there were already po's with these names and so they kept pressing this Daniels lady over here, who was postmistress there to name it something. And she told me that she looked up on the shelf and there she saw a shoe polish called "Tutor Key Shoe Polish". And she said she couldn't think of anything else and she turned around and told that inspector that was there to get an answer after they'd written her several times the name of this p.o. Shall be Tutor Key..." (Arthur Pope, 1/10/1971)
TUTOR KEY (Johnson Co.): 1st called Mingo. Amanda (the wife of Rev. J.B.) Preston secured the 1st po in the 1st decade of the 20th cent. The Rev. E.J. Harris, who may have been from Mingo Co., W.Va. suggested that she name it Mingo. The voting prec. still goes by this name. Name was changed presumably to avoid confusion with a similarly named po in Ky., Wingo (in Graves Co.-RMR); mail would often go to the wrong places). Lon Daniel, the pm at that time, selected the new name. (Clell Preston of Tutor Key, Ky. in a letter to me, 12/4/1971);
Telephone interview with Charles Spradlin, mgr. of Radio Station WSIP, Paintsville, Ky. (he called me), 3:45 P.M., Monday, Nov. 29, 1971. He'd like to publicize the place name survey. I gave him some info. about it and he mentioned it on a news broadcast the next night (I think). He'll interview me at the station sometime in the near future. He asked me if I knew the origin of Tutor Key. He said it had something to do with the key on a box of polish that was used to open the box. Acc. to Sen. Wendell Van Hoose. (check further on this....)
TWO MILE CREEK (Johnson Co., Ky): is named for its length. (Arthur Pope, 3/28/1971)
Two Mile School, on this creek, was a two rm school. (Mitchel Hall) (F517se) joins Neasy Creek at Needham mem. school, Ky. 40 follows it for most of its route.
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): Named for Van Lear Black, son of Balti. financier Harry Crawford Black. His family invested in what had become the Consolidation Coal Co. in 1864. Crawford was a shareholder and director as was Van Lear. In 1910, Consol., the Fidelity Trust Co. (Balti.), and the Millers Creek RR Co. arranged for the granting of a 4 mi. right-of-way from Consol. to Millers Creek to build a rr up that stream. Tho' the rr had already been built, the deed merely ratified it. Van Lear was Fidelity's veep then. His bank financed rail construction.

(Caudill's Theirs be the Power, n. of Ill. Press, 1943)
VAN. LEAR (Johnson Co.): ("Vaen Leer") Means clear or bright light. Not named for a person. Referred to the fact that the coal there was a good burning coal and gave off a clear light. Originally called Millers Creek ("Mihl/erz Kreek") on which it is located. (Arthur Pope interview, 3/28/1971);
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): "This vil. and former coal town with po extends for several miles along Miller Creek, a trib. of the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, 1½ (air) n se of Paintsville's present city limits. In 1909 the Consolidation Coal Co. acquired John C.C. Mayo's large coal holdings here and est. a town named for Van Lear Black, a member of their board of directors. Frederick H. King became the 1st pm on 11/10/1909. The town was dis-inc. in 1963." (Book-P. 303); In 1992 listed as a 5th cl. city with a 1990 (Census) pop. of 1,050; On Mitchel Hall's 1928 map (his book, P. 243) the laid out sect. just above the mouth of Millers Creek is called Lower Van Lear. Town's inc. was dissolved. Had been a 5th cl. city. Esti. 1996 pop.=1078;
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky.) The site of operations of the Consolidation Coal Co. Est. 1909-1910. Over 4000 pop. by 1927. "It started like a whirlwind; timber was cleared, roads graded, homes constructed, and mines opened...a modern little town...good houses, good streets and roads, water system, schools, churches, hotels, clubhouse, picture show, baseball park, and recreation grounds. Previous to 1910, the narrow bottoms, and branches of Miller's Creek were occupied by farms and milldams. Today, there is a large community occupying it from head to mouth. The hotels, churches, schools,
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co.): Named for an important stockholder of the Consolidation Coal Co. (Hardy, thesis, 1949, Pg 75); John C.C. Mayo, sch. tchr., "realized the great possibilities in the coal business of the Van Lear section...he went about buying mineral properties and endeavoring to induce capital to enter the field...." In 1907, C.W. Watson, pres. of the Consol. Coal Co., initiated "negotiations" with Mayo for the purchase of the Van Lear Coal land.... In May, 1909, Millers Creek RR from the mines to the C.&O. nr. Paintsv. was begun. (Chas. E. Beachley, HIST. OF THE CONSOL. COAL CO.,1864-1934, pvt printed, 1934, Pp. 55-6);
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co.): May have been named for Van Lear Black, a member of the Board of Directors of Consolidation Coal Co. 1906-1927. (Charles E. Beachley, HIST. OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL CO. 1864-1934, privately printed, 1934, Pp. 98-9). In 1948 CCC ceased operations in this area and left Homes were sold to occupants. Many miners left. Others found jobs in other area mines ... Now: surface mining in nearby Daniels & Johns Creek areas. West Van Lear=ext. of VI with modern new homes and an almost suburb appearance .... (Donald Laferty, PCC stud. tr Fall, 1970);
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): The town served 5 mines operated by Consol. Millers Creek RR was inc. 5/1909 by Consol. 4.35 mi long rr completed in 1913. Sold to B&O in 1917 but reacquired by Con. in 1923. The C&O leased it 1925-33 when it was transferred to C&O and became their Millers Creek Subdiv. Now gone. (Everett N. Young, "The Big Sandy Subdivision" C&O Hist'l. Mag. Oct. 1993, Pp. 3-16, 7); Town was named for Van Lear Black, a Consol. director. Was J. Co's. largest town by 1920 with a pop. of 4,000. Town brought in blacks & E. European immis. to supplement local labor supply. Post WWII coal decline led to Consol. selling its Millers Cr. holdings to Farwest Coal Co. which ceased c in 1955.
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): 1st called simply Millers Creek. Bridge over the BSR at the mouth of Millers Creek was completed ca. March 1910. Reference made to main C&O line at the mouth of the creek (ca. 12/1909). The track laying of the M.C. RR was completed in Feb. 1910. (Doug Kretzer in The Bank Mule Vol. 2 (1), Jan. 1985, Pp. 5-6); Esti. 1995 pop. of 1,600. Re-chartered 1991. In an election in May 1995, citizens voted to dissolve (revoke) the charter. Validity was challenged by City Council. Now: apo, store. De-inc. 1965. Re-inc. 1991. (AP, 4/2/1995); At one time had a pop. of as many as 8,000. Peak=shortly after WWII. Most of its residents left after Consol. closed the mine;
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co.): On 3/16/1978 Circ. Judge W.B. Hazelrigg was to rule on pet. to inc. the commu. In c. 1962 or '3 the place dropped its incorporated status "because of financial burdens in the then depressed coal region..." Last Dec. (1977) (some) residents filed incorporation pets. in Johnson Circ. Ct. ...The petitioners say they want to incorp in order to qualify for rev. sharing and coal severance tax aid...." (Bryan Wilkins, "Van Lear Residents Ask for Incorporations". LEX. HERALD, 2/9/1978); po. est. 11/10/1909, Frede: iick H. King...(NA);
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co.): pop. = 2000 (c. 1946). Once wholly owned by Consolidation Coal Co. (Ky.) Sold its 300 units to a real estate firm in 4/1946 which then resold them to the miner occupants. (Joe Creason, "The Captive City that was Set Free" LCJMAG, 4/3/1949, Pp. 5ff, 8); One of the largest coal mining towns in E. Ky. Main site of Consolidation Coal Co. operations. Est. c1909-10 and grew to pop. of 4000+ By the mid 1930s, it was producing more than 2500 tons daily. (Helen Pack, "Facts Concerning Johnson County" WPA ms);
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Frederick H. King, no date, this new po would be 5000 ft se of the C&O and Millers Creek Jct. (sta), 2 mi n of Flambeau po, 2 mi se of Hager Hill po, 4000 ft w (sic) of Auxier po, 5000 ft e of BSR, 100 ft n of Millers Creek. A vil.// Acc. to Márthin L. Price, Jr., 3/31/1917, this po was 1½ mi e of BSR, 200 ft n of Millers Creek, 1½ mi se of W. Van Lear po, 100 ft n of Millers Creek RR, 1 mi from th co. line.// Acc. to Virginia L. Daniel, 7/1939, this po was 3 air and 4 rd mi from the Floyd Co. line, 2¼ mi nw of the nearest rr sta., 1/8 mi s of Millers Creek, 2½ mi se of W. Van Lear po. (SLR);
VAN LEAR (Johnson Co.): ("Vaen Leer") Named for Mr. Van Lear, "president of the Consolidation Coal Co. which put the deep mines in there and built the town. It was originally a company-owned mining town...I don't remember his last name." Recent efforts to re-incorporate were turned down.....(J.K. Wells interview, 8/30/1980); The 1st shipment of coal by rail left V.L. in 1910. Inc. 1912. By 1984 it was still uninc. Mining had ended in the 1950s. The Millers Creek val. was settled before the est. of the town. (The Bank Mule, Vol. 1 (4), 9/1984, P. 3);
VICTORIA (Johnson Co.): Victoria Meek, the d. of Wm. Salyer, and wife of Jas. Neibert Meek. He died 1949 (was born 1870). She died 6/9/1949. Meek ran a gen. store at White House. He later moved to Thealka and ran a store & p.o. there till 1922. Owned and operated a coal mine at the mouth of Greasy Creek and later several mines on Beaver Cr. in Floyd/Co. He was mayor of Paintsv. Married Victoria in 1905. (Kozee, P. 465 and Mitchell Hall, 3rd ed. P. 611); JNM was bro. to Green Meek. JNM was father of Ernest Meek, Paintsv. pm, who died 9/19/1967, age 62. (Hall, P. 611);
VICTORIA (Johnson Co.): May have been named for the late Victoria (nee Salyers) Meek, the wife of Jas. Nibert Meek of Paintsville who lived in white mansion on what became the new campus of Mayo Voc. Sch. One son runs an appliance store in Paintsv. and another is in the coal business on Smoke Branch. Meek was a coal operator also. Ran a mine nr. Offutt and ran his coal out at Meek Sta. and had a mine at Swamp Branch and owned the High Test Oil & Gas Corp. & other businesses. He died in 1947. She may have died earlier in the 1940s. Ernes' Meek, a son, was pm of Paintsv. for many yrs.

(Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971);

May have been named for Victoria Meek. (J.K. Wallace, Oral History)
\[\text{VOLGA (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Redmond W. Picklesimer, 2/9/1899, this po, as Sampson, was 3 mi sw of Kerz po, 4 mi n of Manila po, 7 mi s of Flat Gap po, 50 yds e of Big Mud Lick Creek.// Acc. to Ibid., 4/18, 1905, this po, now as Volga, was on the e side of Big Mud Lick Creek, 5 mi w of Toms po, 3 mi from Kerz and Manila po's.// On 5/27/1913, Wm. H. Rice pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi sw to a pt. 3/4 mi s of Big Mud Lick Creek, 4 mi s of Kerz po, 4½ mi ne of Manila po, 5 mi nw of Staffordsv. po.// On 5/19/1920, Nora M. Picklesimer pet. for a site ch. ½ mi ne to a pt. 100 ft e. o. Big Mud Lick Creek, 4½ mi ne of Manila po. Eff. now.// On 6/7/1941, Redmond Crislip, act. pm, pet. for a site}\]
ch. 1½ mi se to a pt. on the e side of Ky 172, 9 mi nw of Paintsv., 300 ft e of Big Mud Lick Creek, 3 mi w of Sitka po, 4 mi e of Manila po, 5 mi s of Flat Gap po, 5 mi nw of Staffordsv. po.// On 9/15/1948, R.T. Daily, Jr., postal inspector, pet. for a site ch. 0.2 mi se to a pt. 75 ft se of Stonecoal Branch and 50 ft e of Big Mud Lick Creek, 5.6 mi nw of Paintsv., 3.1 mi nw of Staffordsv. po, 3.4 mi e of Kenwood po, 2½ mi sw of Sitka po.// On 6/16/1949, Fanny Picklesimer pet. for a site ch. 200 ft w. (SLR)

Acc. to the 1900 Census, Redmond Picklesimer (1/72) & wife Josie (3/73) lived in Mag. Dist. #4 but no Sampson listed in their family or among their neighbors; Redmon Wayne Picklesimer was storekeeper and pm at Volga and died 7/1948, age 76. But no Sampson. (Hall, Vol. 4, 1985, P. 624); Redmon Wayne "Red" Picklesimer (1871-1948) ran a store nr. the mouth of Stone Coal Branch of Big Mud Lick Creek. DK why Sampson. He lived at Volga;
VOLGA (Johnson Co.): po est. as Sampson, 7/1, 1898, Francis A. Jones, order rescinded 8/20, 1898; 3/7/1899, Redmond W. Picklesimer; ch. to Volga, 2/23/1905...(NA); Thinks he's heard that it might have been named for a song—the Volga Boatmen appealed to the (xst) pm and he named the po for this. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971); ("Vahl/ghø") c. 1971, Jim Pickle (sic) runs the local store. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); ("Vahl/ghee") DK about Sampson and dk why Volga so named. (J.K Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); DISC. 1996
WARD (Johnson Co., Ky): Was at the mouth of Greasy
Creek of BSR. Frew (Johnson Co.) was at the mouth of
Mud Lick Creek. (Scalf, "Strong on Geog?--Then Where
is Shumla?" FCT, 9/21/1967, II, P. 8);
WARD CITY (Johnson Co.): po est. 5/16/1876; Jesse Preston; 12/6/1880, Exer Wells...12/16/1890, Wm. J. Walter; 1/13/96, Winfrey H. Walter; Disc. 9/30/1897 (papers to Boons Camp (NA); In 1848 the Peach Orchard Coal Co. leased coal land owned by Eliphas Preston at the mouth of Toms Creek. (Wells, 1962, P. 21); Acc. to 1870 Census, Jesse Preston (27) and wife Julina (17) lived next to Shadrack Ward (42) and Nancy H. (41) and other Wards & Prestons.
WEST VAN LEAR (or VAN LEAR JUNCTION) (Johnson Co.): Laid out c. 1916 "on the broad and level river bottoms just below the mouth of Miller's Creek, and on the opp. side of the river, on what was once the Duncan farm..." (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, P. 270); p.o. of West Van Lear was est. 4/29/1912, James H. Price...(NA); ("Wehst Vaen Leer") Was not a coal town but just grew up along the perimeter of V.L. and was named for its location. Tho' houses were not built by the coal co., at one time most of its residents probably worked for Consol. C.C. (J.K. Wells, interview; 8/30/1980);
WEST. VAN. LEAR (Johnson Co.): c. 1½ mi. s. of Paintsville on Ky. 1428. 1 mi. e. of jct. of US23/Ky. 1428. Used to be also called Van Lear Jct. when rr pass. service was provided there. This alt. name is no longer used since there's no longer pass. stop there. West V.L is no longer regarded as "an adjunct to Van Lear" and is even larger than it. Both Van Lear’s had once been inc. but neither are now.

Both were dissolved by ct. action. cf Mrs. Nina Williams, pm of WVL, c1972 and storekeeper Victor Conley. (Dom. Geog. Name Rept. submitted by Chester Bojanowski 9/20/1971)
WEST VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): "This vil. with po is on the Levisa Fk. of the BSR, 1 (air) mi sse of Paints. The po was est. on 4/29/1912 with Jas. H. Price, pm, an named for its location nw of the coal town of Van Lear. It was called Van Lear Junction when the C&O RR provide passenger service at the local station." (Book-P. 314);
WEST VAN LEAR (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to James H. Price, June 1911, this proposed po would be 300 ft w of Millers Creek RR, 300 ft w of West Van Lear (Sta), 1.8 mi nw of Van Lear po, 3 mi sw of H.H. po, 200 ft s of BSR, 600 ft n of Millers Creek. Serving a vil. of 50.// Acc. to Albert Press Childers, 3/1/1915, the po was ½ mi e of BSR, ca. 1 mi n of Millers Creek, 3 mi s of Paintsv. po, 2 3/4 mi n of H.H. po, ca. 100 ft e of the C&O. Its rail sta.=Van Lear Jct.// Acc. to D.M. Corder, 3/10/1917, the po was serving the commu. of West Van Lear and sometimes called Van Lear Jct. and was 600 ft s of BSR, 3/4 mi e of Millers Creek, 3/4 mi ne (sic) of H.H. po, 2 mi w of Van Lear po, 2 mi e of Paintsv. po, 60 ft n of the C&O, 190 ft from
Van Lear Jct. (sta.) // Acc. to Rosy Mae McCloud, 7/26/1939, the po was 180 ft nw of Van Lear Jct., 500 yds w of BSR, 1 mi n of Millers Creek, 3 mi se of Paintsv. po, 2½ mi w of Van Lear po, 3/4 mi ne of H.H. po, 3½ mi n of E. Pt. po. // On 5/30/1950, Ibid pet. for a site ch. ca. 200 ft se to a pt. on Ky 302 500 yds w of BSR, 1 mi e of H.H. po. (SLR); Van Lear Jct. was so indicated at least by 1/21/1910. Track-laying by Millers Creek RR completed 2/1910. (Doug Kretzer in The Bank Mule; Vol. 2 (1), Jan. 1985, Pp. 5-6);
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co.): First called Myrtle. Don't know that it was named for a person. "On the hill where the cem. is today--it was straight up from the p.o.--it ran down into the po yard--and it was completely covered with myrtle, or per(i)winkle, it is called; but it's myrtle. It's a mass. And if that wasn't why--at the Myrtle Hill, you see, because this hill would have been called the Myrtle Hill because it was so covered with that and the po was just put right back in the bank there, right under that hill, and I've wondered if that wasn't why it was called Myrtle. Then later it was changed to White-
house because of a building. (sic) When the steamboats used to come up the river, and travel to a point--you know they'll seek a point, and out on this river point, where they would come in for this run, there was a white house, and at the white house point--and they navigated up that river by this and later she (sic) changed names and Whitehouse was the railhead; Whitehouse was also--it went to Whitehouse. So it was changed from Myrtle to Whitehouse. (sic)...I d.k. who lived in the white house." (Golda Swain, interview, 5/21/1971);
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co.): "A cheap and hastily constructed aggregation of houses wherein men were expected to live for a few years and then drift away when the coal was exhausted." (P. 328) Named for creek nr. the Martin Co. line. The area first had a post called Myrtle but n.ch. to Whitehouse which was also the name of the rr sta. (Pp. 328-9) Ohio, Ky. & Va. RR Co. was inc. 1886 to reach the site of the cannel coal deposits. This was later acquired by the C&O. Whitehouse Cannel Coal Co. cheaply built homes; these soon became dilapidated and weather
beaten because they were seldom repaired.... (P. 329). "Crowded into narrow hollows, along the bluff, river bank, and upon the steep hillside...(P. 330). Dust and smoke covered. Grimy. Name most inapt. (cf Chapman, P. 14). For a while, this was the southern terminus of the rr and point of transhipment...(Pp. 330-1) With extension of the rr upriver, this function of the commu. ceased. Coal mining ops. ceased in 1931. Some houses torn down, the others were sold. Now an attractive rural town. (P. 331) (Scalf, KLF);
WHITE HOUSE (sic) (Johnson Co.): c. 14 mi. from Paintsville on the Big Sandy R. or c. 2 mi. by road. Strung out betw. the river and the mt. C&O RR tracks run thru commu. At present the commu. is c. 1 mi. long. Present commu. is in center of a much larger commu. that existed there in the 1930s. ||Acc.: to the late Jesse Akers, resident: 1st called Mt. Carven. It was renamed for a large white house nr. the steamboat dock. One of the oldest commu's. on the Big Sandy; 1st settled c. 1820 but not incorp. as town until the early 20th cent. Once had pop. of betw. 2000-3000. RR arr. 1890 to take out the coal.
Several coal co's. had mines in the vic... A rr came from Elkhorn City in 1902 to join the line up from the Ohio R. Once a major steamboat port; the last steamboat thru in 1925... Once had 2 schools and a weekly news. With the decline in coal prod'n. came decline in area & pop. The last mine closed in 1954. Pop. now of c. 100. Only a store-po & Free Will Bap. Chu. No sch.

...(TP, Commu. Course, PCC, Roger Murray, 12/1970);
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co.): ("Weyet↔waht/" hows") Was known as Mount Carbon and Myrtle. ("Mount Kahr/ban" "Mətəl") Named for Myrtle Broford (sic), wife of an early coal operator in that area. Changed from Mt. Carbon to Myrtle by and for the satisfaction of that coal operator. When the operation ended, the Myrtle name lost its local appeal and became Whitehouse for the huge white mansion there on the site now owned by Bob Whitaker. Neither the woman nor her name any longer meant anything to local people when the mine closed. Myrtle lived there before 1900. Thinks the change to Whitehouse resulted from the rr coming through (Arthur Pope, 3/28/1971).
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson County, Ky.) "It was given this name because one of the earliest residences was a white house." (M. Ladd, 4/41, "Towns" in Ky. Place Names file-WPA data, UK Library.); "So called because all the houses were originally painted white....There was a time when living conditions were very unsatisfactory here....Since the Ne Coal Co. took over the mine operations there, wonderful improvements have been made, and this situation is practically remedied....There are several pvt. stores run there, in competition with the co's commissary...." (Mitchell Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., KY. 1928, Vol. 1, Pp. 265-6);
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co.): Whitehouse Coal Mill was named for the creek, an e. bank trib. of the Levisa Fk. The po of Myrtle was changed to Whitehouse "because of the reput. attained by the Whitehouse Cannel Coal." (Mary Lucile Chapman, THE INFLUENCE OF COAL IN THE BSV, UK Diss. PhD, Hist., 1945, p. 76); It is located at the mouth of Whitehouse Creek. (Beechley, HIST. OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL Co. p. 54, cited by Ibid., p. 10); No Rittenhouse listed in 1880 Census; Acc. to 1895 Gaz., Myrtle was on the BSR, 9 mi ne of Paints. J.N. Meek was pm. Thre gen. stores: (1) E. Preston, (2) H.H. Tygart, (3) Whitehouse Cannel Coal Co. Other services; xory-Broford.
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co.): ("Waht<->Weyet/ hows") was named for a large white house there when the rr arr. was called Mt. Carbon, a "fanciful name for coal...a mountain full of coal." Developed when this was the s. term. of the C&O RR (sic). Prosperous steamboat landing. This was the name that a couple of real estate developers had thought up for it. DK the po had been Myrtle. Always thought it was Whitehouse. As far as he knows, the community has always been Whitehouse (thus while the po was Myrtle, the commu. was Whitehouse) (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co.): The Chatteroi RR started (1881) by John Carlisle and Col. Geo. S. Richardson reached this point in 1887. (Chas. E. Beachley, HIST. OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL CO. 1864-1934, privately printed, 1934, P. 54); po est. as Myrtle, 4/23/1887, John S. Rittenhouse...12/11/97, Laura Harris n.ch. to Whitehouse, 11/26/1901, ibid. .... (NA); Two theories: (1) named for a Mr. Whitehouse, local resident, (2) house across the river from the commu. that was a large white mansion owned by an influential landowner. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971); disc 1987
WHITEHOUSE (Johnson Co., Ky): "This is now a hamlet with a post office strung out for about a mile along the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, 6 (air) miles northeast of Paintsville. It was first aptly called Mt. Carbon, a community housing the workers of two rival coal companies. When the C&O Railroad was completed to this point in late 1887, the station was called Whitehouse, for a large white building near the landing that served as a landmark for river craft. The post office was established on April 23, 1887 by John S. Rittenhouse and was first called Myrtle for either the wife of one of the local coal operators or the abundance of myrtle or periwinkle on a nearby hill. By 1901 both the post office and the community had been renamed for the railroad station." (Book-Pp. 315-16);
Judy B. Rittenhouse, born in Johnson Co. died there, age 44, on 3/29/1993;
WILEY'S BRANCH (of Levisa) (Johnson Co., Ky.)

Only a few miles long but called a creek on govt. maps. Empties into Levisa below mouth of Tom's Creek. Tom and Jenny Wiley settled at its mouth after Jenny's return to Va. from her escape from the Indians. (HALL, HISTR. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 173).

Spelled "Wylies" in Chapter 652, P. 61, Acts 1880 of the Ky. General Assembly which declare the branch to be a navigable stream. (Ibid., P. 174).
WILLIAMSPORT (Johnson Co., Ky): On top of the hill, at the head of Two Mile Creek, was the Stacy and Deade Mine, one of the area's earliest coal mines, and was opened by Jack Rittenhouse ca. 1902. It was a hand-operated cannel coal mine. Ore was hauled down Greasy Creek to Offutt later by narrow gauge. By 1919 most of the coal was gone. (Arthur Pope, 1/10/1971);
WILLIAMSPORT (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Eliza Jane Rittenhouse, 6/26/1896, this po, as Eliza, would be 3½ mi nw of Boons Camp po, 4 mi ne of Coal po, 4 mi e of BSR, on the s side of Two Mile Creek, serving a mining town with a pop. of 200. (J.S. Rittenhouse was the mgr. of the Greasy Creek Cannel Coal Tramway Co.) Acc. to John W. Butcher, 2/23/1903, the po was now Williamsport (late Eliza) and was 2 mi e of BSR, 2 mi s of Greasy Creek, 5 mi sw of Boons Camp po, 3 mi n of Coal po, 6 mi from Whitehouse po. Acc. to Eliz. Davis, 10/7/1935, the po was 3.1 mi e of Meally po, 3 mi s of Offutt po, 3 mi w of Boons Camp po, 3/4 mi w of Greasy Creek (stream), 3 mi s of the BSR.
Acc., to Ibid., 7/31/1939, the po was 6 mi ne of Paints 4 mi se of BSR, ¼ mi s of Greasy Creek, 2 mi w of Boon Camp po, 2½ mi e of Meally po. On 4/30/1948, Roger Daily, P.O. Inspector, pet. for a site ch. 300 yds s to a pt. on the e side of Ky 40, 8 mi se (sic) of Paintsv., 6 mi n of BSR, 0.8 mi w of Greasy Creek, 2.1 mi sw of Boons Camp po, 3.2 mi ne of Meally po, 2.4 mi e of Offutt po. (SLR);
WILLIAMSPORT (Johnson Co.): Wm. Butcher marr'd Mary Wells. Among their 9 children were John W. Butcher. John W. was born at Odds, Ky. in 1860. In 1881 he married Julia Davis. John W. was a minister in Bap. Chu. and was magistrate of Johnson Co. for 8 yrs. and county judge from 1926-30. (Kozee, Pp. 811, 817). John W. died 10/1/1948. He spent most of his life on Two-Mile Creek at W'port, Ky. (Hall, III, P. 985);
WILLIAMSPORT (Johnson Co.): A stringtown of homes & some businesses. (Arthur Pope, interview, 1/10/1971); ("Wihl/yərnz/pawrt") on Two Mile Branch. Was named for Jim Williams, an old engineer on the rr that hauled cannel coal out of Two Mile Creek. He was an engineer on several narrow gauge railroads. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); Acc. to 1900 Census, nr the Rittenhouses lived Jas. Williams (12/69) and his wife Martha (1/75) in Mag. Dist. #2; Jack Rittenhouse (9/46) ne Va. lived with his wife Liza (sic) (8/50) He's listed as a mine super. She was nee Ohio (1900 Census);
WILLIAMSPORT (Johnson Co.): 1st called Elisa (sic). Renamed for the important Williams family there. Most powerful family there at the time the po was opened. Friendship Bap. Chu. (Nadene Butcher, Johnson Cent. HS senior, "Johnson Commu's. Earned Colorful Names." ADI, 12/14/1969, P. 23:3-9); "This hamlet with po is strung out along Ky 40 and Two Mile Creek, 3 (air) mi e of Paints. The po was est. on 1/8/1897 as Eliza for its 1st pm Eliza J. Rittenhouse. John W. Butcher, who succeeded her 1901, had the po renamed in 1902, either for his father William, or for Jim Williams, an engineer for several narrow gauge railroad that hauled cannel coal out of the area." (Book-Pp. 319-20);
WILLIAMSPORT (Johnson Co.)

Named for Wm. Butcher but dk why they name the forks of a little creek "port". He was a local man. The Rittenhouses were the big landowners on Greasy Creek in the late 19 cent.

DK that the post office had ever been known as Eliza, thus dk if a n. ch. of ch. in site. The Rittenhouse family is gone. William may have been the father of John Butcher but if this is so, Wm. was a big landowner there. (J.K. Wells interview, 8/30/1980);
WIN (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Johnson Co. Census, Ben Cantrell (2/68) and wife America (7/70) lived in Mag. Dist. #4 but not nr. any Winns. No Winns were listed in the 1900 Mag. Co. Census. Acc. to the 1900 Mag. Co. Census, Wm. Conley (1/54) with wife Marthy (Caudill) Conley (12/75) lived in the Bloomington Mag. Dist. But nr. no Winns or Cantrells; Acc. to the 1880 Mag. Co. Census, Wm. Conley (24) and wife Margaret (22) lived next door to a Robert Worn (sic) (69) and wife Mahaly (45) and grandson Geo. P. Cantrell (3). But no Wörns are listed in the 1900 Mag. Co. Census;
WIN (Johnson Co.): po est. in Magoffin Co. 11/21/1900, Wm. H. Conley...into Johnson Co. 2/7/1907, Andrew Spradlin...(NA); ("Wihn") PO closed within the past yr. to be in the lakeway of the new Paintsv. dam. Named for a Mr. Winfield____(couldnt recall his last name but will try to find out for me). (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); Acc. tc 1900 Census, Wm. B. Conley (4/66) and wife Dove T. (10/71) lived nr. Winfield S. Price (1/79) with his parents Hamilton Price (7/33) & Eveline (4/36) in Mag. Dist. #3 (same as Britton Blair and Jarvy Caudill); No Wm. H. Conley is listed in the printed 1900 Mag. Co. Census. (ch. in the microfilm);
WIN (Johnson Co., Ky): Robert and Mahaley (Meade) Winn had a daughter Ariety K., nee 12/15/1858 in John. Co. No listing for any Winns in the J. Co. 1850 Census. In the 1860 J. Co. Census, only a Mahala Winn (27) with 3 children Alcy S. (5), Margaret (3), and Araminta (1) are listed. No Winns are listed in the 1860 or 1870 Mag. Censuses; Acc. to SLR-Mag. Co. the proposed name for this new po was Dewey and it would be 3½ mi nw of Soto po, 4 3/4 mi n of Oil Springs po, 5 mi s of Nehemiah po, on the e. bank of Ticklick Creek. (Wm. H. Conley, 1/12/1900); Wm. Henry Conley, ne 1/10/1855 marr. Margaret "Ginny" Winn, nee ca. 1857, on Jan. 5, 1875. His second marr. was to Martha Emily Caudill, nee 12/17/1873. (Harold H. Conley, his grandson, by Martha, 29910 David Rd.,...
WIN (Johnson Co., Ky): On 9/13/1906 Annie C. Darnell pet. for a site ch. 1 mi ne from Mag. Co. (in Sept. 1902) to 2 mi s of Little Paint Creek, 4 mi n of Niles po, 3 mi w of Soto po, in Johnson Co. In March 1907, Andrew Spradlin pet. for a site ch. 2 mi ne to a pt. 12 mi w of Paintsv. po, 2 mi se (sic) of Niles po, 3 mi e of Nehemiah po, on Hargis Creek, 2 mi sw of a vil. of 200. Acc. to Ibid., 2/5/1909, the po was 2 mi e of Little Paint Creek, 3 1/2 mi nw of Niles po, 2 mi e of Gustave po, 3 mi w of Soto po, 1/2 mi from the co. line. On 9/24/1924, Hollie Lemaster pet. for a site ch. 1 3/4 mi ne to serve the commu. of Oil Branch (?), 1 mi w of Big Paint Creek (sic), 65 ft e of Little Paint Creek, 3 1/2 mi s of Ophir po, 5 mi w of
Manila po, 3½ mi sw of Kenmore po, 2 mi from the co. line. Eff. now. Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/1939, the po was 1½ air and 2 rd mi from the Mag. Co. line, 14 mi nw of Paintsv., 100 ft ne of Little Paint Creek, 3 mi of Kenwood po, 4 mi nw of Manila po. (SLR); The po was named for Robert Winn for it was on his land. It was named by its 1st pm Ben Carroll (sic). Winn's children were born in 1855, 1857, and 1859. He was married to Mahulda (sic) Meade in 1854 in J. Co. ("Floyd Co. Families: Our Heritage" FCT, 3/2/1990, Pp. 5-6); Acc. to Mag. Co. marr. records, Wm. H. Conley marr. Jinney Win (sic) on 1/6/1875 in Mag. Co.;
WIN (Johnson Co., Ky): The po was est. on Tick Lick with Ben Cantrell as 1st pm, and named for Robert Winn as it was on his land. The po was later moved to the head of Hargis Creek with Andrew Spradlin as pm. In 1925 Hollie Lemaster (pm) moved the po to his store at the mouth of Oil Branch of Little Paint Creek and later that yr. Hope (Mrs. Clyde) Blanton moved it ½ mi s to her home. In 1961, Ruth (Mrs. Tollie) Hill moved it to mouth of Ground Hog Branch of Little Paint to a site less than ½ mi from the old Flanery po. It was disc. 12/2/1977 for the Paint Creek Dam and impoundment. (Acc. to Leck Meade, to Mae Lemaster, MS in the J. Co. P.L. Leck's aunt, Hulda Meade, was Robert Winn's 1st wife.);
WINIFRED (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. M. Daniel, 5/29/1897, the name proposed for this new po was Jay and it would be 3 mi ne of Sip po, 3 mi nw of Flatgap po, on Franks Creek. Acc. to Wm. F. Lemaster, 2/5/1909, the po was 15 rods e of Franks Creek, 3 mi nw of Flatgap po, 3 mi sw of Davisv. po, 3 1/2 mi e of Laurel Hill po, 1 mi from the co. line. In March 1910, Wm. H. Wheeler pet. for a site ch. ca. 300 yds. w to a pt. 12 mi n of Paintsv. po, 2 1/2 mi w of Davisv. po, 2 1/2 mi e of Flat Gap po, 100 ft. n. of Franks Creek. Acc. to no sign., Mar. 1917, the po was 50 yds w of Franks Creek, 2 1/2 mi n of Flatgap po, 3 mi sw of Davisv. po, 2 mi from the co. line. On 5/25/1922, Henry B. Lemaster pet. for a site ch. 1/2 mi s to a pt. 200 ft. e of Franks Creek, 2 1/2 mi e of Flat Gap po,
2½ mi w of Davisv. po, 3 mi n of Sip po, 2½ mi from the co. line. On 3/2/1939, Oza Caudill pet. for a site ch. 156 rods s to a pt. 2½ air and 3 rd miles s of the Law. Co. line, 15 mi n of Paintsv., 100 yds e of Franks Creek, 3 mi nw of Flat Gap po, 3½ mi se (sic of Davisv. po, 3 mi w of Kerz po. (SLR);
WINIFRED (Johnson County, Ky.) p.o. est. 7/13/1897 with Wm. M. Daniel, 1st pm. (Acc. to the National Archives). (For more info., see 2nd Pope interview on tape....) He knew of Wm. Daniel, the 1st pm, but not why the po was so named. (Pope, 3/28/1971); DK why sonamed. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980); Disc 1974.
Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. M. Daniel (7/67) and wife Nanc E. (6/76) lived in Mag. Dist. #5, but no Winifred or Jay;
WITTENSVILLE (Johnson Co., Ky): Acc. to Cue (①)
Witten, 4/26/1930, this proposed po would be 6 mi w of BSR, 120 yds e of Rush Creek, 3 mi se of Sitka po, 5 mi nw of Paintsv. po, 2 mi sw of Nippa po. // Acc. to Jay Daniel, 9/26/1939, the po was on the w side of US2: 5 mi n of Paintsv. po, 4 mi s of Stambaugh po, 200 ft s of Rush Fk. of Toms Creek, 3/4 mi w of Toms Creek. (Later a Mrs. Wolfe operated the po at this site). //
On 8/24/44, Mrs. Nell Osborne pet. for a site ch. 2000 ft s to a pt. 1 mi s of Toms Creek, 4½ mi n of Paintsv po, 3 mi se of Sitka po, 2 mi sw of Nippa po. Eff. 9/5/1944. // On 2/20/1945, Ben F. Combs pet. for a site ch. 2000 ft ne to a site 200 ft s of Rush Fk., 5 mi n of Paintsv. po, 2 mi w of Nippa po, back to where...
Jay Daniel had the po. (SLR); Cub Witten, actually Alonzo W., died 1966. Son of Jas. H. and Sarah Ann (Wheeler) Witten. In 1909, when Cub was 18, he marr June Crider. (John Haden Rice, Hist. of the Aukers, Conley, Rice, Stambaugh and Witt Families of Johnson Co., Ky. Baltimore: Gateway, 1976, Pp. 229, 238); Geo. H. Witten represented John Co. in the Ky. G.A. 1863-67; John Witten acquired 100 acres on Toms Creek which were surveyed on 8/28/1849 (Book 32, P. 242) (Jillson II, P. 1825);
WITTENSVILLE (Johnson Co.): po. est. 9/18/1930
Cue Witten...(NA); The Wittens were a distinguished Upper Big Sandy Val. family, descendants of Dr. Wm. Witten, from Tazewell Co., Va. who settled at Buffalo (in the present Johnson Co.) before 1819 or of Thos. Witten, also from Tazewell Co. who came to Floyd Co. before 1820 and was a successful businessman. ...(Kozee, EARLY FAMILIES OF E. AND SE KY. 1961, Pp. 119-23); ("Wiht/ənz/vihl") Named for the many Wittens who still live there. DK the prog. (Arthur Pope, interview, 3/28/1971); APO
WITTENSVILLE (Johnson Co.): ("Wiht/ən/viːl" (sic). On the w. fork of Toms Creek. Named for the prominent Witten family but dk which one. (J.K. Wells, interview, 8/30/1980);

✓ "This hamlet with po is on US 23 and Rush Fork of Toms Creek, at the mouth of Williams Creek, 3 (air) mi n of Paintsv. The po, est. on 9/18/1930, with Cue Witten, pm, was named for a prominent John. Co. family, the descendants of pion. Dr. Wm. Witten from Tazewell Co., Va., who settled at Buffalo before 1819." (Book-P. 322
The forks of Big Blaine Creek (Johnson Co., Ky) which "drain the northwest oil section of the co.": Keaton's, Upper and Lower Laurel, Frank's, Rockcastle, and Hood. (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., 1928, Vol. 1, P. 173).
"Few counties in the State (of Kentucky) have such a network of streams as Johnson. Although they are not of such value now, except of drainage and water purposes, they were of inestimable value worth in the days of timbering and the water mill." (Hall, HIST. OF JOHNSON CO., Vol. 1, 1928, P. 173).

These waterways have been navigable (so designated by legislative action) for at least part of their course: Big Paint, John's Creek, Tom Creek, Jenny's Creek, Mud Lick, Little Paint, and Mine Fork, Greasy Creek, Wiley's Branch. (Ibid. P. 174)