ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY: Stream valleys were the sites of the future county's 1st settlements: Roundstone, Brush, Renfro, Skeggs, and Crooked. Pioneer families incl.: Allen Owens, John Collier (on Brush Ck.), Wm. McClure on Skeggs Ck, Mudky (sic) Mullins on Crooked Ck, Stephen & Johnathan (sic) Newcomb on Roundstone. Johnathan lived in Pleasant Valley (now Cove), was a lawyer and a delegate to the 1894-5 Const. Convention. (Ralph Griffin "Brief Hist. of R. Co." Mt. V. Signal, 11/30/1939); Mostly rugged terr. in n & S. Relatively level land in central (betw. Brod. & R.V.) with some sinkholes and "streamless val's." Steep val. sides and "precipitous cliffs" in e & se pt. of co. The Rock. R. is the co's se border with Laurel Co. (McGrain & Currens, TOP, 1978, Pp. 65-66);
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY: Pion. Rock. Co. families incl: Henderson, Crawford, Langford, Lair, Collier, Barker, Fish (before 1800). James Proctor may have been among the 1st settlers. Geo. Montgomery before 1802 when he acq. 400 acres around the Gt. Saltpetre Cave (sic) and began mining there. (Lair, Recoll., 1991, P. 23); John Renfro & wife built 1st home in R.V. before 1800 on land acq. from his uncle James. John Cobb & Sam'l. Taylor may have acq. land by 1781. Others (Ibid., P. 22). On Clear Ck, nr Wildie, Thos. Fish built a log home in 1800. His sons early settled in Renfro Val. Also the Abraham Brandman home.... (Ibid., P. 23); The Rock. R's. main tribs: Roundstone, Skaggs, Horse Lick Cks. Rounds.' main tribs: Crooked, Brush, Renfro, & Clear Cks. (Ibid., P. 74);
ROCKCASTLE CO. "Isaac Lindsey, who came here with a hunting party in 1767, observed a lone rock which resembled an ancient castle. From this the river was named, later the county. Dr. Thomas Walker and party, first white men to visit the interior of Kentucky, were at this rock as early as 1750." (Highway marker, Courthouse yard, Mt. Vernon, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1254, P. 280); Org. 1810 from sect's. of Lincoln, Pul., Madison, & Knox Co's, the state's 52nd co. Named for the river "bordering it on the se." (Robt. Mullins, WPA ms, c. late 1930s); The co. is in the so. edge of the Bluegrass & foothills of the Cum. Mts. (Floyd Owens
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY: 318 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1810 from parts of Knox, Lincoln, Madison, and Pulaski Co's. and named for the Rockcastle R., a trib. of the Cum. R, which flows along its se border with Laurel Co. The r. was 1st named Lawless R. by Dr. Walker in 1750 for a member of his exploring party. It was renamed in 1767 by long hunter (sic) Isaac Lindsey for a huge rock with an overhang that could provide shelter for a large no. of persons. The pioneers often called these natural formations 'rock castles' while their smaller counterparts were merely 'rock houses'. Historians have never agreed on the precise location of this rock." (Book-P. 254);
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY: The law creating the co. was enacted 1/8/1810, eff. 4/1/1810; Among the co's. pion. settlers: Langfords, Bufords, Hendersons, McCalls, Kincaids, Jones, Terrills, Smiths, Elkins, Millers, W.P. Hiatt, Owens, Adams, etc'. Henry P. Buford was the 1st co. clerk; Acc. to Long/DenBoer, Pp. 413-5, R. Co. was est. 1810 with 360 sq. mi. On 12/21/1821 it gained 10 sq. mi. from Mad. Co. giving it 370 sq. mi. On 2/13/1826 it lost 30 sq. mi to/ the creation of Laurel Co. bringing it to 340 sq. mi. On 3/1/1831 it lost a small area to Laurel Co. giving it 340 sq. mi. It lost 30 sq. mi. to/ creation of Jackson Co. in 1858 giving it 311 sq. mi. It gained 10 sq. mi from Jack. Co. giving it 320 sq. mi. Lost small areas to Laurel & Jackson Co's in 1861, 1865, 1871; 1873, 1882, 1884 giving it 320 sq. miles;
ROCKCASTLE Co. (Ky.): Named for the Rockcastle River. The river was first named Lawless River by Dr. Walker & party in 1750 for a man named Lawless, a member of the party. It was renamed Rockcastle R. in 1767. (John Lair, "Hist. of Mt. V. and R. Co." MT. VERNON SIGNAL, 11/28/1968, P. 12:1-8,4). Isaac Lindsey, one of the Long Hunters from S.C., 1767, changed the name. The co. was named for the river when it was formed in 1810. "Lindsey said that he named the river for a large and romantic looking rock he found there. There is a difference of opinion as to just which rock he had in mind. Many people believe it was the big rock on the Laurel side of the river abou
3 mi. upstream from Livingston, which does bear considerable resemblance to an old rock castle. J. Stoddard Johnson, outstanding authority on early settlement in Ky., writing in 1898 of Dr. Walker's expedition is inclined to believe that it was this rock Dr. Walker described and which served as a shelter for him and his party for several days. As I read Walker's journal, however, I am inclined to doubt this. He indicated that the rock, or cliff, he had in mind was situated on a creek some distance from the river and that the cavity
beneath it could have furnished ample shelter for 200 men....It was customary in pioneer days, to speak of big sheltering cliffs as Rock Houses and those that were exceptionally large, were called Rock Castles...." (sic) (Ibid. P. 13:3-4);
ROCKCASTLE CO., KY: Coal produced in the e sect. of the co. Commercial limestone. Hilly e. sect. of the co. and rolling hills in the west. Good farming. By mid 1960s 70% of the co. was forested. (Floyd Owens, "A Brief Sum. of R. Co." undated brochure); 52nd co. org. 318 sq. mi. Named for the river. In 1825 the e sect. of the co. was taken to form Laurel Co. with the river serving as its bound. ½ of co. is in Dan. Boone Nat'l. For. Much of the co's. terrain is rugged for it's in the w'end of the Knobs. "Narrow vals. & steep hillsides and swift winding cks." long impeded movement. Much of co. was inaccessibl till late 19 cent.. Agri. is main source of co's. econ. with some ind. dev. Pop. (1970)=12,305, (1980)=13,973, (1990)=14,803. (J. Allen Singleton in KY. ENCY, P. 778);
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY: The county's "first official settler" was David Lewis. (Lair, ROOTS, Pp. 76-7);
In the 1930s there were 7 coal mines on US 25, 15 mi s of Mt. V. Two were across Rock. R. from the road. (Robt. Mullins' WPA ms, late 1930s);
ANDREW (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Andrew Jackson Henderson, a C.W. vet. In 1868 he moved his fam. (wife=Mary Ann) to Rock. Co. He was 1st pm of Wildie. He was a grandson of Col. Richard Henderson of Transylv. Co. (John Lair, Rockcastle Recollections, 1991, P. 78); This was a small vil. 7 mi n of Mt. V. and 3 mi from Broadhead. (sic) Pop. 100. A.J. Henderson was pm and drygoods store owner, A.S. Henderson had a sawmill, Madison Todd had a lumber busi. Todd & Henderson had sawmill & lumber business. Also a steampowered flour mill (1883-84 Gaz.);
ANDREW (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 10/8/1880 with Andrew J. Henderson, pm, 7/30/84 with John A. Potts; Disc. 12/15/1884 (papers to Wildie) (POR-NA); Acc. to Andrew J. Henderson, 9/28/1880, the names prop. for this new po were either Hendersonburgh or Hickory Grove and it would be 3 mi e of Dicks R, 2 mi s of Copper Ck, 5 mi e of the Knoxv. Br. of the L&N, 5 mi ne of Brodhead po, 5 mi e of Gum Sulphur po, 9 mi se of Paint Lick po, to serve a vil. of 20 pop. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Andrew J. Henderson (60) & wife Mary A. (58) and their son Anderson J. Henderson (35), a grocer. and his wife Adaline (30) & their iss. lived in the 94th E.D.; Andrew J. Henderson (1820-1900) & wife Mary A. (1822-1897) are bur. in the Wm. Hysinger Cem;
ANDREWS (Rockcastle & Pulaski Co's., Ky): Acc. to Andrew Jackson Norton, 7/4/1887, the names prop. for this new po were Little Ivy and Norton and it would be 300 yds nw of the Rock. R, 1 mi ne of Eagle Ck, 6 mi sw of Hazel Patch po, 7 mi ne of Line Ck. po, 10 mi s of Livingston po. Not a vil. (SLR-Rock. Co.);
BILLOWS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Lelia M. Cooper, 2/11/1933, the prop. name for this new po was Coopervill referring to a po there 18 yrs before called Billows, in the Pongo Prec., 200 yds n of Rock. R, 1 mi e of Buffalo Ck, 1/8 mi n of co. line, 3½ mi ne of Squibb po (sic), 3½ mi s of Cedarv. po;// Acc. to Ibid., 7/31/1939, it was on Ky 80, 50 yds from Laurel Co. line, 50 yds n of Rock. R, 2½ mi e of Squib po, 5 mi s of Cedarv. po, 5 mi nw of Bernstadt po. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, John S. Cooper (6/1843), an MD., & wife Jael R. (2/60) lived in Liv. town E.D. #68;
BILLOWS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): (1909-1949). PO & store on the river at the Rock-Laurel-Pulaski Co's. converg Bldg. extant. PO est. as Ward to serve that commu. but its site is unknown. It opened 2/23/1901 with Jas. H. Cooper, 1st pm. The Billows po was on old Ky 80 (the Old Somerset Rd. and now Ky 1956) on land once settled by Jas. Cooper, Sr. (1829-1888) On 4/25/03, the Ward po was renamed Billows. On 4/25/03 John F. Cooper had the po moved to Rock. Co. On 12/11/09 John L. Cooper had the po. It was disc. 1913 (with p's. to Line Ck. po) (sic) The po was re-est., also as Billow on 6/11/34 with Lelia M. Cooper, pm. Retired 7/31/49 & po closed (with p. to Squibb) (Nita Johnson in C.V. Pp. 47-8); Collect. Voices (Laurel Co.)
BILLOWS (Rockcastle Co.): po est. in Pulaski Co. as Ward, 2/23/1901, Jas. H. Cooper; to Rockcastle Co. 4/25/1903, John L. Cooper; n.cl to Billows, 12/11/1909, Ibid. ..Disc. 6/30/1913 (mail to Linecreek) (NA); ("B(ih)l/(oh): DK who named or of any families of this name. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); On the Rockcastle R. where the bridge crosses in Laurel Co. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978);
BLOSS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Harvey Chaney, 6/8/1891, this prop. po would be 7 mi w of Rock. R, 1 mi w of Line Ck, 4 mi nw of Congo po, 4½ mi s of Raspberry po, 4½ mi nw of Madline po. Acc. to Ibid., 7/1913, it was 6 mi w of Rock. R, on e side of Line Ck, ½ mi from co.line, 3 mi e of Vanhook po, 5½ mi s of Hansford po, 4 mi w of Cedarv. po. On 6/7/23, Ibid. pet. for a move 800 yds s to a pt 5 mi w of Rock. R, 80 yds e of Line Ck, 3½ mi nw of Cedarv. po, 3 mi s of Hansford po, 3 mi ne of Conrard po, ¼ mi from co. line. Eff. 7/1/23 with Jas. Chaney as its new pm. Acc. to S.E. Bullock, 7/25/39, it was ¼ mi from Pul. Co, 200 ft e of Line Ck, 2 mi w of Scaggs Ck, 15 mi s of Mt. V. po, 4 mi n of Cedarv. po, 5 mi s of Hansford po, 3½ mi e of Vanhook po, 3½ mi w of Luner po (SLR);
BLOSS (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 6/22/1891, Harvey Chaney...(NA); ("Bl(ah)s") (Opp Bussel: 4/29/1978); same pron. DK origin of the name, or whether there are any families of that name in the area. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); Disc. 1963. As an R.B. 1963-1970 (POR-NA); No Bloss fam's. in 1880 Census; Acc. to 1896 Gaz, it was 13 mi from Mt. V. Harvey Chaney was pm & gen. store operator; No Harvey Chaney listed in 1880 Census;
BOONE (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 2/27/1901, John B. Coyle...(NA); ("Bun") The same as Boone Gap. Named for Dan'l. Boone. On Old 25. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); Disc. 1974; "Boone Gap in the hills less than a mi. n probably accts. for the name of this commu. on US 25, 11 (air) mi n of Mt. V, its recently disc. po (est. on 2/27/1901), and its Central Ky. (now L&N) RR sta. calle Gap." (Book-P. 30); Acc. to 1921 timetable, the Gap Sta. was 1 mi n of Snider Sta, 3 mi n of Conway Sta., and acc. to 1960 timetable the Gap Sta. in the Cinci. Div.
BOONE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to John B. Coyle, 3/8/1900, if Boone was unacceptable to the POD he offered as alternatives Lawton and Hobson, and the prop. po would be ¼ mi e of Round Stone Ck, 6 rods e of Gap Station, 2½ mi w of Rockford po, 3 mi n of Conway po, 4 mi s of Berea po. Not a vil// Acc. to Jas. H. Lambert, 1/27/15, it was serving a locality aka Gap, 40 rods e of Roundstone Ck, 100 ft w of L&N, 2 mi from co. line, 3 mi sw of Rockford po, 3 mi n of Conway po// Acc. to Jas. Chaney, 7/24/39, it was 3/4 mi from Mad. Co, 30 ft w of US 25, 2175 ft w of Gap Station and 768 ft w of L&N tracks, 50 ft w of a br. of Roundstone Ck, 4½ mi s of Berea po, 3 mi n of
Conway po, 8½ mi w of Disputanta po. On 10/16/1948, Mrs. Macie B. McCracken pet. for a move 0.2 mi s to a pt. 0.3 mi s of Mad. Co. line, 0.2 mi from US 25, 250 yds w of L&N (no longer a sta.), 100 yds n of Bee Br. 6 mi s of Berea po, 5 mi n of Conway po. (SLR);
BRODHEAD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city with po is on US 150, at the head of Dicks R., and 4 (air) mi nw of Mt. V. Until the Lebanon Br. of the L&N RR reached this pt. in 2/1868, it was the site of a drovers' stable and stagecoach stop called Stigalls Station. The sta. & po, est. on 5/14/1868, with Elsworth O. Farris, pm, were renamed for the contractor responsible for building the line up to this pt. or, perhaps, for Richard Brodhead (1811-1863), a US Sen. from Pa. (1851-57). The po name was 1st mistakenly sp. Broadhead but corrected by 1890, and a BGN decision in 1897 guaranteed that it would henceforth be Brodhead. The town was inc. in 1880." (Book-P. 36);
BRODHEAD (Rockcastle Co.): BGN decision of 12/7/1897 favored Brodhead over Broadhead, the latter spelling appearing on a USGS map of 1890, postal rte. map of 1878, and some other maps. The Brodhead spelling was given on the top. map of 1887, Cram map of 1879. Named for Richard Brodhead, 1811-1863, a sen. from Pa. (BGN records); 1st called Stigall's Station, at the head of Docks River. (John Lair "Hist. of Mt. V. & Rock. Co." MT. V. SIGNAL, 11/28/1968, P. 14:8); Inc. 4/22/1880, (ACTS, 1879/80, Vol. 2, P. 528);
BRODHEAD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Jas. R. Cass, 3/21, 1890, this po, late Broadhead, was 1/6 mi w of Dix R (sic 300 ft s of Negro Ck (sic), 2 mi from Gum Sulphur po, 5 mi from Maretb. po// In Nov. 1908, John Robins pet. for a move 245 ft due w to a pt 335 ft w of L&N, 465 ft nw of Brodhead Sta., 425 ft w of Dix R, 7 mi n of Mt. V. po, 7 mi s of Crab O. po, '3½ mi w of Hiatt po// Acc. to Granv. Owens, 1/27/15, it was 40 yds w of Dicks R, 50 yds w of Negro Ck, 40 ft w of L&N (Brodhead Sta.), ca. 4 mi from c line// Acc. to no sign, 7/22/39, it was 3½ air & 4 rd mi from Linc. Co. line, 950 ft w of Negro Ck, 7 mi n of Mt. po, 6 mi s of Crab O. po, 6 mi e of Ottawa po, 9 mi w of Conway po. (SLR);
7 mi n of Mt. V. on US 150 (Robt. Mullins, WPA ms., ca. late 1930s); 7 mi nw of Mt. V. with a late 1960s pop. of 700; pop.'(1900)=337; Acc. to 1890 timetable, it was on the L&N's Knoxv. Div. 7 mi n of Mt. V; Still had its sta. in 1960; Was on the Knoxv. Br. with a sta. in 1870, 1881/ and 1883; po now on US 150; Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz, the Broadhead po was on Dicks R. & the L&N, 6 mi from Mt. V, J.G. Frith was pm, J.H. Albright was rr & xpr. agent, J.G. Frith had a store;
BRODHEAD (Rockcastle Co.): ("Br(ah)d/h(eh)d")

DK if it was supposed to have been originally Broadhead. It was once called Stigalls Sta. ("St(ih)gh/(aw)lz Sta/shən"); in fact, that was its first name, then renamed Brodhead bur-dk why. Named for a Mr. Brodhead (ch. sp.), a rr engineer. DK when renamed. The Stigalls were very early settlers there; they were a sort of rough-tough bunch. Several are still around. Pop. now=c. 800-900. L&N RR still goes thru there. ("Br(aw)d/h(eh)d") and named for a conductor. (Ibid.) The pron., immediate above, was furnished by Charley Carter, ibid.);
BRODHEAD (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 5/14/1868, Elsworth O. Farris...(name spelled Broadhead in the early 1870s...n.ch. to Brodhead, 2/20/1890 James R. Cass...(NA); Named for the foreman of a rr construction crew. (Floyd L. Owens, Mt. Vernon, Ky., interview, 4/9/1972); 7 mi. nw of Mt. Vernon; The Lebanon Br. of the L&N RR reached Brodhead 2/4/68. Before this time, thi was the site of a drover's stable and stagecoach stop and was called Stigall's Sta. for the man who ran the stage line. Renamed for rr contractor named Brodhead who was responsible for building it to there. Town's growth was due to rr...(Ralph Griffin, "Brief Hist. of R. Co." MT. VERNON SIGNAL, 11/30/1939, reprinted in ibid., 11/28/68. P. 8).
BROADHEAD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): When the rr located its sta. here (named for one of the rr's contractors), the settlement at Boones Fk moved to this vic. (John Lair, Rock. Recollections, 1991, P. 93); Allegedly named for Richard Brodhead (1811-1863) who helped build the rr here. Inc. 1880. (1992 hist., P. 21); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was on the L&N, 6 mi nw of Mt. V. Pop. 300. T.S. Frith had gen. store, Brodhead Roller Mill Co, Martin & Perkins gen. store, Tate & Co. gen. store and sawmill, Woodyard & Cherry gen. store; The Broadhead Station on the Knoxv. Br. of L&GS RR, '7 mi ne (sic) of Mt. V, pop. of 100. Thos. S. Frith pm & gen. storekeeper, J.B. Albright was rr & xpr. agent, Albright & Martin tobacco, Hemphill & Melvin gen. store, J. Melvin Lumber, others. (1879-80 Gaz.);
BRODHEAD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): A scattered settlement in the vic. till the building of the rr sta. An early bldg. was the Boone's Fk. Chu. First settlers may have been Stigalls, 1st Geo., then Wm., on Dix R. (sic). They were there by 1810 maybe while sect. was still a part of Linc. Co. (Lair, Rock. Recollections, 1991, P. 153); Site of Boone's Fk. & Negro Ck. confl., the head forks of Dicks R (orig. sp. when and by whom changed to Dix is not known). The pre rr settlement was called Stigall's Stand. N.ch. to Brodhead for a rr contract Dev'd. & grew with rr. Industries incl. Dick Martin's tob. fact. (later moved to Junct. City), R.S. Martin, T.S. Frith, and John Perkins' roller (flour) mill, the
BROMO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 12/22/1905, Balzora Shutts, 12/15/09, Rose Chandler... Disc. 1939 (POR-NA); Acc. to Balzora Shutts, 11/3/1905, this prop. po would be 1½ mi (?) w of Skeggs Ck, 3½ mi w of Wabd po, 3½ mi e of Quail po, 3½ mi n of Level Green po. Not a vil.// Acc. to Lizzie Scoggins, 1/30/15, it was 10 mi nw of th Rock. R, 65 rods e of Skeggs Ck, 3 mi from co. line, 3 mi sw of Spiro po, 3 mi n of Level Green po// Acc. to J Jarvis Noe, Jr., 7/25/39, it was 6 mi from Pul. Co, 2½ mi s of Scagges Ck. (sic), 3½ mi s of Spiro po, 3 mi w of Wabd po, 5½ mi n of Level Green po, 4½ mi e of Willailla po. (SLR); po closed in 1939; Acc. to 1900 Census, Balzora W. Shutts (11/75) & husband Peter H. Shutts (11/72) lived in Prec. 7, Ed. #71 but no Bromo; x 1073 ft. or 358 yds. (0.2 mi)
BUMMER (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 9/18/1925, Wm. Drew...(NA); po was disc. in the 1950s. Floyd L. Owens' uncle was the last pm there. His uncle, Will Drew, in his 80s, knows the area...(Ibid., 4/9/1972); ("B(uh)m'er") (Opp Bussell, Jr., 4/29/1978); same pron. Named for a local family. Will Drew died several yrs ago. Coal mines & a rr there. Bummers were coal people. Dave Clark, etal. got the po established. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); Derived from "nickname of a slovenly character, an old fox hunter who, it is said, sheltered his family, pack of hounds and pigs— all in the same dwelling." (THE ORIGINS OF UNUSUAL PLACE NAMES, by Armond & Winifred Moyer, compilers. 1958. P. 18---no source given)
BUMMER (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Clay Miller, 9/1925 the prop. name for this new po was Powers and it would be 12 mi n of Rock. R, 4 mi n of Roundstone Ck (see Johnetta entry, 4/30/1931), 3½ mi s of Johnetta po, 4 mi n of Orlando po, 5 mi w of Cooksburg po// Acc. to Wm. Drew, 6/5/1931, the po was serving Johnetta, 3 mi n of Wolf Ck, 4 mi n of Roundstone Ck, 7 mi w of Johnetta po (sic), 4 mi n of Orlando po, 4 3/4 mi s of Climax po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/27/39, it was 250 ft e of Brush Ck, 4½ mi w of Johnetta, 3½ mi sw of Climax po, 4 mi e of Wildie po, 5 mi n of Orlando po. (SLR); po closed in 1950; No Bummer listings in 1992 hist;
BURNT BRIDGE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): A ridge at the edge of the co. at the summit of Big Hill. Here is a string of c. 20 houses. The Burnt Bridge Rd. is off US421. Adjacent is the Berea Coll. For. in Madison Co. The ridge forms the dividing line of the Clear Creek and Red Lick watersheds. Clear Creek flows past Disputanta. Cow Bell Hollow is a branch of Red Lick. Nearby is Pigg Hollow. "From Burnt Bridge, all the land in every direction slopes and sometimes falls over high sandstone and limestone cliffs of the Pottsville escarpment into the deep valleys below. All the hillsides are covered with
trees." The place is called **Burnt Bridge**, not **Burnt Ridge**. Presumably named for one or more fires on this feature. Jess Wilson relates the Miracle at Burnt Bridge.... "**Pilot Knob** is in the center of the Red Lick Valley. When you are on top of the cliff you can see Burnt Bridge ridge and the highway snaking up the Big Hill....the top of the knob which must not be over an acre and a half....The bridge that burned was across a gap in the ridge. It was a dry land bridge. (Jess Wilson, *THE SUGAR POND AND THE FRITTER TREE*, Berea, Ky: Kentucke Imprints, 1981, Pp. 70-1)
BURR (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Store owned by Aden Owens (1884-1953), who was also an undertaker, son of Henry Logan Owen (1858-1926), a farmer, miner, and Chu. of Christ preacher. (1992 hist., P. 273); Acc. to Wm. M. Owens, 3/21/1905, the prop. names for this new po were /Sparks and Owens (?), and it would be 3½ mi ne of Roundstone Ck, 200 ft n of L&N, 2½ mi e of Mt. V. po, 2½ mi w of Pine Hill po, 3½ mi sw of Orlando po, 8 mi w of Rock R, a thickly settled area// Acc. to Ibid., 1/27/15, it was 300 ft ne of L&N (sta.=Sparks Quarry), 2½ mi se of Mt. V. po, 2½ mi nw of Pine Hill po, 3½ mi sw of Orlando po// Acc. to Adam L. Owens, 7/22/39, it was 63 ft sw of US 25, 186 ft ne of L&N, 2 3/4 mi se of Mt. V. Sta.& po, 3 mi sw of Orlando po, 2½ mi nw of Pine Hill po, 2 mi ne of Wellhope po (sic). (SLR);
BURR (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 11/14/1905, Wm M. Owens...(NA); 2 mi. s. of Mt. Vernon. (Floy L. Owens, c1970); ("B(uh)r") DK origin of the name. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/78); 2 mi s of Mt. V. Here was the 2nd local interchange on I-75; PO closed in 1957; No Burr family listings in 1880 Census; Acc. to 1890 L&N timetable, Owens Sta. on the Knoxv. Div. was 3 mi se of Mt. V. and 3 mi nw of Pine Hill (ditto in 1883); Wm. (Harvey) Owen (1865-1929) & wife Lucy A. Owen (1870-1943) are bur. in the Oak Hill/ Mt. Zion Bap. Chu. Cem.; Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. M. Owens (5/24) & wife Catherine (11/46) lived in Brodhead Prec. E.D. #70 (but no Burr), Wm. J. Sparks (11/57) & wife Zula W. (3/67), a contractor (with iss.) lived in Mt. V. town (E.D. 64), (no Burr), Robt. Sparks (3/71) & wife Ella M. (4/80) in Livingston E.D. #68 (no Burr);
CEDARVILLE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to John G. Roger 5/20/1890, this prop. po would be 2 mi nw of Rock. R, 60 yds sw of Skegs Ck (sic), 5 mi ne of Pongo po, 7 mi sw of Livingston po, 6 mi nw of Andrews po// On 4/30/1894, Martha J. Renner pet. for a move 800 yds nw (4/21/1894) to a pt 2 mi w of the river, 15 yds e of Eagle Ck, 1 3/4 mi se of Pongo po, 4 mi nw of Andrews po, 4 mi ne of Line Ck. po, 4 mi se of Raspberry po// Acc. to John L. Renner, 2/7/1917, po was 2 1/2 mi w of Rock. R, 300 yds n of Buffalo Ck, 2 1/2 mi from co. line, 4 mi e of Bloss po, 7 mi se of Hansford po, 5 mi ne of Conrad po// On 12/21/1921, Ibid. pet. for a move 250 yds s to a pt 2 1/2 mi w of Rock. R, 3 mi s of
Scagges Ck (sic), 4 mi se of Bloss po, 8½ mi s of Hansford po, 5½ mi ne of Conrard po. Eff. 12/31/1921//
Acc. to Ibid., 7/31/39, po was 1½ rd mi from Pul. Co, 4 mi n of Ky 80, 2 mi n of Rock. R, 14 mi se of Mt. V. Sta., 2 mi se of Bloss po, 5 mi n of Billows po, 8 mi se of Hansford po. (SLR);
CEDARVILLE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 6/20/1890, John G. Rogers, 2/6/94, Martha J. Ren ner... Disc. 1945 (POR-NA Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 14 mi from Mt. V. I. Ren ner was pm, Frank Arthur had a gen, store, Wm. Chamberlain had a sawmill, Dan Cupp had a flour mill, J.C. Mise had a tan bark business, F.J. Nichols had a flour mill, Robt. Nichols was a harnessmaker, other businesses;
CLIMAX (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. as Mingo. Acc. to U.G. Baker, 4/1/1888, this prop. po would be ½ mi n of Brush Ck, 3 mi e of Disputanta po, 4 mi nw of Goochland po, to serve a vil. of 50 pop. Acc. to Ibid., 10/8/88, the po now Climax but lately Mingo was ¼ mi n of Brush Ck, 3 mi e of Disputanta po, 4 mi w of Goochland po. Acc. to John Pennington, 12/1/96, po was 2½ mi e of Clea Ck, 1½ mi from co. line, 2½ mi e of Disputanta po, 3½ mi w of Goochland po. Acc. to Hardin Moore, Jr., 2/6/17, po was 1 mi n of Brush Ck, 3 mi from co. line, 2½ mi e of Disputanta po, 3 mi w of Threelink po. Acc. to Jas. Sexton, 8/6/18, po was 1 mi from Brush Ck, 2 mi from co. line, 3 mi s of Disputanta po, 2½ mi w of Threelinks po, 2 mi of Johnetta po. On 4/1/25, Hardin Moore pet. for a move
300 yds to a pt. 2 mi from co. line, 2½ mi e of Clear Ck, 3 mi se of Disputanta po, 3 mi w of Three Links po
// Acc. to Beverly Moore, 7/24/39, po was 1 3/4 air & 2 rd mi from Jackson Co. line, ½ mi n of Brush Ck, 2½
mi nw of Threelinks po, 4 mi n of Bummer po, 4½ mi se of Disputanta po, 5½ mi sw of Morrell po. (SLR); At the
jct. of Ky 1912 & the Threelinks-Climax Rd, ca. 2 mi from Jackson Co line (at Threelinks); PO service susp.
by 1/1990 (P. to Mt. V.) King & Clark Cem.; ¼ mi away was the Brush Ck. Sch. est. before the po was opened.
Sch. was at the head of Brush Ck. Sch. was there by 1862. (Lair, Recollections, P. 123);
CLIMAX (Rockcastle Co.): po est. as Mingo, 4/1 1888, Ulysses G. Baker; ch. to Climax, 8/30/88, Ibid. ... (NA); ("Kl(ah)m/(ae)x") Baker was also a Mt. V. merchant. Has always known it as Climax. DK why called Mingo. Active po. (Opp Bussell, Jr. interview, 4/29/1978); ("Kl(ah)m/(eye)/m(ae)x") Thinks it was 1st called Mingo but not sure. This is where John Wesley Baker 1st settled. ("M(ih)/m/(oh)") At one time that was the end of the road so they called that Climax--that was the end of it. Farming commu. cf Nathan Mullins of Climax. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); po suspended 6/1/1988 (Jenny);
CLIMAX (Rock. Co.): This name and others were placed in a hat and this was chosen. Now: 2 cem's. and several houses nr. the p.o. bldg. Settlement long preceded the establishment of the p.o. (Evelyn Lou Mullins, in letter to Delphine Haley, 7/18/1975); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz., it was 12 mi from Mt. V, 6 mi from Wildie. John Pennington was pm, Harry Colvin had flour & saw mill, W.D. Costelo was wagonmaker, F.M. Sexton had flour mill & was local blacksmith;
CONWAY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This vil, L&N RR sta, and po are on US 25, just e of Roundstone Ck and I 75, and 7½ (air) mi n of Mt. V. The po, which was est. as Conway ton on 2/29/1884, with Wm. Hart, pm, and became simply Conway several mos. later, was named for a Mr. Conway, a surveyor and partner in Conway & Taylor, late 19th cent. landowners and developers." (Book-P. 67); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was on the L&N, 10 mi ne of Mt. V. and had a pop of 200. Gen. stores: (1) J.P. Burnett, (2) John S. Gadd, (3) W.P. Honey, (4) J.W. Lambert, (5) Todd & Co. H. Blazer had a sawmill. Conway Lumber Co; John Conway mar. Mary Hamilton in 1879 (1992 hist.);
CONWAY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. Hart, 11/17/1883, the prop. Conway po would serve the L&N's Conway Station and a town just laid out with a pop. of 100, on the w side of Roundstone Ck, 150 ft e of the tracks, 8 mi s of Berea po, 4 mi nw of Rockville po. Acc. to Ibid., 6/1/1883, the po, now Conway, was 300 yds e of Roundstone Ck, 100 yds e of K.C. RR, 3 mi s of Mobley po, 3-4 mi n of Roundtree po, 8 mi ne of Broadhead po (sic). On 4/1/1918, Ida Miracle pet. for a move 20 rods s to a pt 400 yds e of Roundstone Ck, 20 yds e of L&N (Conway Sta.), 3½ mi s of Boone po, 4 mi n of Wildie po, 6 mi e of Hiatt po. Eff. 4/6/18. T.J. Hayes was local sta. agent. On 10/18/34, Lloyd C. Towery pet. for a move 1250 ft s to a pt ½ mi w of
Roundstone, 3 mi s of Boone po, 3½ mi n of Wildie po. Moved 10/17/1934. No agent. Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/39, po was 3½ mi from Madison Co. line, 30 ft w of US 25, 650 ft sw of Conway Sta & 150 ft w of L&N, 2000 ft w of Roundstone Ck, 200 ft n of Claylick Br., 3 mi s of Boone po, 5 mi n of Wildie po. (SLR); Acc. to 1921 time table, the Ky. Div. sta. (L&N) of Conway was 3 mi from the Gap Sta. and 2 mi from Roundstone Sta (same in 1964). The po was susp. by 1/1993, had been on US 25 (POD); Acc. to 1880 Census, Wm. Conway ne 2/1880 was living with Jas. Madden (36) & wife Mary (34). No other co. Conways and no Wm. Hart (in 96 E.D.); The Conway settlement was brought about by the KC RR. (Lair, Recollections, P. 93).
CONWAY (Rockcastle Co.): po est. as Conwayton, 2/29/1884, Wm. Hart; n.ch. to Conway, 10/7/84, ibid. ...(NA); The Ky. Central Br. of the L&N RR contributed greatly to the dev. of this commu. located on that line; ("K(ah)n/wā") On the rr. A rather good sized commu, then and now. Named for a Mr. Conway, a surveyor in that area before the rr came in. Thinks there was a commu. there before the rr. Mr. Conway was a member of Conway & Taylor, land patent owners. "who extended points from Boones Gap to Gum Sulphur." c. 8-9 mi. n. of Mt. V. on Old 25, betw. Roundstone & Boones Gap. (Opp Bussell, Ji interview, 4/29/1978);

po suspended 12/14/1990 (genny)
COOKBURG (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. as Cookburgh on 2/7/1887 with Jeptha Mullins; Disc. 9/9/1887 (mail to Goochland); Re-est. 5/7/90, Schuyler B. Forbus (by now the name was sp. Cookburg), 7/2/95, Thos. Daugherty (by now it was in Jackson Co. but it was back in Rock. Co. by 7/30/97), 7/30/97, Jos. J. Drew, 11/1/1905, Solomon Griffin... Disc. 1933 (POR-NA); Acc. to 1890 L&N timet., a Knoxv. Div. Cooks Sta. was 2 mi from Mt. V. and a mi from Owens Sta. (Burr) and 4 mi from Pine Hill; Acc. to Jillson II (P. 1148), M.J. Cook acq. 8 acres on Roundstone Ck (10/28/1854), R.D. Cook (51) at Harrison Dam (11/22/70); Milton J. Cook rep. the co. in the Ky. Sen. (1863-7); Acc. to 1880 Cens, Geo. D. Cook (30) & wife Charity (22) in 95 E.D. and Cooks elsewhere in county;
COOKSBURG (Rockcastle Co., Ky): In 1812 Wm. Cook & his wife Eliz. built a home in the Scaffold Cane area. The land was probably "issued" to Valentine Cook Sr. (1740-1797). 400 acres on Clear Ck 1782 (?). Robert Duncan Cook, ne 1826, son of Lindsey & Eliz. Cook, a Union Army officer, sheriff (1864), Co. Ct. Clerk (1866), rep. Laurel & Rock. Co's. in the Ky. Leg. (1871-3)... (Lair, Recollections, Pp. 34-6); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 12 mi from Mt. V and 6 mi from Mullins Sta. Had a pop. of 25. S.A. & M.F. Drew had a gen. store, E. Baker had a grocery;


COOKSBURG (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to S.C. Forbus, 1/1/1896, this po was moved 20 yds e to Jackson Co. (i.e. it moved across the road which was the co. line), 6 mi n of Rock. R, 3 mi w of Horse Lick (Ck), 4½ mi s of Goochland po, 7 mi sw of Clover Bottom po. (SLR); Acc. to Jeptha Mullins, 10/3/1886, the prop. name for this new po was Cooksburgh but it opened as Cookburgh 3½ mi n of Rock. R, 1 mi w of Horselick Ck, 10 mi n of Livingston po, 10 mi s of Goochland po, 5 mi e of Withers po// Acc. to V. Chas. Forbus, 5/10/90, po was 6½ mi n of Rock. R, 1½ mi e of Crooked Ck, 4½ mi s of Goochland po, 6 mi ne of Withers po, 7 mi se of Climax po. Not a vil./

Acc. to Solomon Griffin, 4/2/1907, the
po as Cooksburg was 7 mi n of Rock. R, 100 yds e of Crooked Ck, 1\frac{1}{4} mi from the co. line, 1 mi sw of Robinett (sic) po, 6 mi n of Withers po, 7 mi s of Goochland po// Acc. to Ibid., 2/5/17, it was just a country po, 125 yds e of Crooked Ck, 6 mi s of Rock. 50 yds s of L&N (Mullins Sta.), ca. 1 mi from co.line 5 mi n of Gauley po, 5\frac{1}{2} mi s of Goochland po, 5 mi nw of Withers po. (SLR);
COPPER CREEK (Rockcastle Co., Ky): A commu. named for the many copperhead snakes there. (Opp Bussell); This creek is so identified in the co's. enabling act; The creek was named for the many snakes discovered by pions its valley. (Lair, Recall., P. 82);
COVE BRANCH (Rockcastle Co., Ky): A commu. with a sch. and Mrs. Maude Bullock's gro. store, both gone. Two air mi from Renfro Val, nr Brush Ck. & the Orlando po. Among local fam's. in the 1930s were: Miller, Bond, Clark, Parrott, Johnson, Sharp. (Charlie Sharp of S.P., Pasadena Fla. 33707 in KY. EXPL. Vol. 18 (8), 2/2004, Pp. 92-3); Cove was a whistle stop on the rr betw. Mt. V. and Pine Hill. (Lair, Recoll., P. 93);
CULPEPPER (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. as Culpeper on 7/19/1880 with Sam'l. McClure, 4/24/84, Albert Minks, 10/8/84, Jos. Cromer; Disc. 3/3/1885, (papers to Line Ck. in Pul. Co.); re-est. as Culpepper 3/14/91, Milton H. Doan, order of apptmt. resc. 5/9/94. (POR-NA); Acc. to Jos. Cromer, 9/17/1884, this po was 75 yds s of Skeggs Ck, ca. 7 mi ne of Line Ck. po, 10 mi s of Mt. V. po, ca. 9 mi se of Level Green po, 4 mi se of Rock. R. Not a vil// Acc. to Sam'l. McClure, the prop. name Double Spring for this po but it was called Culpeper (sic) & was 7 mi ne of Line Ck po, 10 mi s of Mt. V. po, 2 mi from Rock. R. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Cens, Sam'l. McClure (34) & wife Sidney (33) & iss. lived in 96th E.D. born Ky, as did his parents (not in Va.); Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, it was 10 mi from Mt. V. Sam'l. McClure was pm, 2 steam-
powered stave mills: (1) Humes & Wilson, (2) Williams and Lov (sic);
CUMMINS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1890 L&N timetables, this Knoxv. Div. sta. was 2 mi s of Brodhead and 3 mi n of Mareburg, also in 1883; a whistle stop betw. Broadhead & Mt. V. (Lair);
DISPUTANTA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This epo was on Ky 178 at the mouth of Davis Br. of Clear Ck, and 10 (air) mi nne of Mt. V. D.N. Williams is said to have suggested the name when two local factions could not agree on what to call their new po. It was est. on 6/25/1886 with Henry H. Wood, pm, to replace the Reidsville po in op'n. from 1878 to 1884, probably at the site of the Reid's tannery, 3/4 mi s. The Disputanta po which closed in Dec. 1977, served the larger commu. long known locally as Clear Creek." (Book-P. 83);
DISPUTANTA (Rockcastle County, Kentucky) is supposed to have been so-called because there was such a long dispute about its name, in which none of the parties would back down, that they finally settled on Disputanta and let it go at that." (Warren Lambert of Berea College, in a letter to me, 3/3/1970.)

Two different factions couldn't agree on what to name the place. Called in a local citizen. Couldn't recall his name. He suggested Disputanta.

(John Lair, interview, 8/13/1971);
DISPUTANTA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "When citizens applied for a p.o. at what is now Disputanta, the pet. was returned by the Postal Dept. several times asking that some other name be used instead of the one already suggested. D.N. Williams suggested that inasmuch as there was a dispute over the matter, the PO should be called 'Disputanta,' and it was so named." Now: store, farming commu. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978)
DISPUTANTA (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 6/25/1886, Henry H. Wood...(NA); ("D(ih)s/pə/t(æ)nt/ə") D.N. Williams was chiefly responsible for naming this place. "When citizens applied for a po at what is now Disputanta, the pet. was returned from the Postal Dept. (sic) several times asking that some other name be used instead of the one already suggested. D.N. Williams suggested that inasmuch as there was a dispute over the matter, the po should be called 'Disputanta,' and it was so named." There's also a Disputanta, Va. Now: a store, farming commu. (Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978);
DISPUTANTA (Rockcastle Co.): "It was so called... because there was a dispute as to the name, when two post offices were combined... In Va., a similar story is told." (Geo. R. Stewart, AM. P.N. P. 138); A man named Ogg est. the po in 1886. In 1900 the then pm Sherman Chasteen turned the office over to O.M. Payne and it remained in the Payne family until it closed in 1977. Served the Clear Creek commu. (Hilda Payne Gabbard, OM' daughter. in her col. "Roamin' Rockcastle" in the Berea Citizen (?) c. early March '88 (check).
DISPUTÁNTA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Henry H. Ward (sic), 6/14/1886, this prop. po would serve Reidsville ½ mi e of Clear Ck, a vil. of 100, 6 mi e of Conway po 6 mi w of Goochland po// Acc. to O.M. Payne, 1/27/05, po was 150 yds w of Clear Ck, 2½ mi from co. line, 3 mi se of Rockford po, 3½ mi w of Climax po, 5 mi e of Conway po// In 9/1912, Olmstead M. Payne pet. for a move 3/4 mi n to a pt 5 mi e of Conway Sta. & po, 3½ m: nw of Climax po, 2½ mi se of Rockford po// On 8/15/27, Ibid. pet. for a move 900 ft e to a pt 800 ft s of Clear Ck, 2 mi from co. line, 3½ mi e of Rockford po, 4 mi nw of Climax po, 5½ mi e of Conway po. Eff. now, moving to a new store// Acc. to Mrs. Gertrude Holt,
7/25/1939, po was 2 3/4 mi from Madison Co, 200 yds ne of Davis Br, 400 yds w of Clear Ck, 3 mi nw of Climax po, 7 mi nw of Conway po, 6 mi e of Boone po, 7½ mi se of Berea po. On 10/17/1947, Mayme G. Payne (Mrs. Wayne Gregory Payne) pet. for a move 10 ft ne to serve a commu. aka Clear Creek, 2 air & 2½ rd mi from Madison Co, 200 yds w of Clear Ck, 7 mi s of Berea po (SLR); po closed in 1978; Reed's Tanyard here, nr the head of Clear Ck, was the co's. biggest busi.

√ till it ended in the 1880s/ (Lair, Recollections, P. 84); At the mouth of Davis Br. of Clear Ck. (1992 hist., P. 21); Acc. to 1896 Gaz, it was 12 mi ne of Mt. V, 6 mi n of Wildie. J.C. Wood had gen.store. Berry & Calvin had a sawmill;
DISPUTANTA (Rockcastle Co.): Community of scattered homes and businesses incl. Shearer Hol., Cope Hol., Anglin Hol., King Hol., etc (Pp. iii-iv) "It was the seed of disagreement which gave birth to the community's name." (P. iv) Commu. (first) called Reeds-ville thru most of the 19th cent. Acc. to a taped interview with local resident, John Payne, 2 post offices served the area--Reeds-ville and Uno (sic) (the latter up the hill to Big Hill). Both were closed. Local effort to re-est. a single office and both names were suggested. Each had its partisans who couldn't agree. Residents "left it up to
Col. Jim Marette (sic), (then) editor of the Mt. Vernon Signal. He named it Disputanta (Latin for 'that which is disputed')." But most residents--past and current--call the community Clear Creek. (Pp. iv-v) The com. is centered on the chu. & tanyard. Tannery was owned by a Lex. family of Reeds for whom the commu. was first named. Tannery in operation at least by the Civil War. Probably the community's 1st industry. The tanyard was on the s. side of Todd Branch at its confluence with Clear Creek....The Reeds also owned almost 600 acres of forest around the tanyard
and other, smaller land parcels in the area.

The Reeds=H.W. & A.P. Reid who bought the yard from Travis Dodd in 1855. And "expanded the operation".... The Reids (Reeds) remained outsiders employing local men. Many workers lived in company-owned houses. Company also had a commissary next to the tanyard...(Pp. 8-10) (DISPUTANTA: A FRONT PORCH CHRONICLE, collected & edited by Terry Allebaugh, n.d., bound ms. in App. Coll., UK Spec. Colluns., c1980);
DUDLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 12/14/04, Tebbs Dudley, 3/19/06, Louis J. Reams... 1/20/1910, Henry C. Owens; Disc. eff. 12/31/1927 (mail to Orlando) (POR-NA)

Acc. to Hjalmer Lundberg, 4/7/1904, this prop. po would be ¼ mi n of Brush Ck, ca. 50 ft n of the L&N (Dudley Sta.), 1½ mi s of Orlando po, 2½ mi n of Withers po (Mullins), 4 mi s of Pine Hill po // Acc. to Henry C. Owens, 1/27/1915, po was 6 mi n of Rock. R, 400 yds w o: Roundstone Ck, 25 ft w of L&N (Dudley Sta.), 1 3/4 mi s of Orlando po, 2 mi n of Withers po, 3½ mi se of Pine Hill po. (SLR); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, this Ky. Div. sta. was 4 mi s of Hummel & 2 mi n of Mullins Sta. (Withers po). Also in 1960 (Cinci. Div.);
ELEM (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to P&G po operated from 1935-1937; Acc. to Maggie Bradley, 3/7/1935, the prop. name for this new po was Rocky Bend and it would be 100 yds n of the Rock. R, 3 mi e of Skeggs Ck, 8 mi s of Livingston po, 8 mi e of Luner po. (SLR);
GAP (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 9/1/1909, Rosa Payne; Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Orlando) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Rosa Payne, 4/1909, the prop. name for this new po may have been Payne and it would be 6 mi nw of Rock R, 3½ mi ne of Roundstone Ck, 3½ mi ne of L&N, 3½ mi ne of Brush Ck. Sta, 2½ mi ne of Orlando po, 3½ mi sw of Cooksburg po, 5 mi sw of Johnetta po. (SLR);
GAULEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po closed in 1933; Other Gauley names: Old Gauley Rd. and Gauley Mt. A home (occupied ca. 1992 by Pat & Keith Kincer) and early the residence of Wm. Brummet, who may have had an inn on a 19 cent. wagon road, at Lavender Falls, ca. 1 mi from Lamero po. (Bettye Lee Mastin, LHL, 11/22/1992, P. Hl), cf to Clayton Ponder of Mt. V. (ca. 1992);
GAULEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 7/30/1904, Hardin Sams, 3/31/1905, Francis M. Ponder. Disc. 1933 (POR-NA); Acc. to Andrew J. Sams, 3/3/04, the prop. name for this new po was Brook and it would be 1 mi s of Rock. F ½ mi e of Gauley Br, 3 mi from rr, 3 mi ne of Liv. po, 3½ mi sw of Cruise po, 4 mi s of Withers po. Not vil// Acc. to Francis M. Ponder, 1/5/05, po was 4 mi w of Rock. R, 4 mi e of Roundstone Ck, 3 mi ne of Liv. po, 6 mi se of Cooksburg po, 4 mi e of Withers po// Acc. to Ibid., 1/30/15, po was 3 mi n of Rock. R, 2¼ mi s of Crooked Ck, ca. 3 mi from co. line, 3 mi n of L&N, 3¼ mi n of Liv. po, ca. 4½ mi s of Cooksburg po, 3½ mi e c Withers po. (SLR);
Goochland (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to W.D. McGuire, 11/5/1885, the po was 6 mi s of Morrill po, 9 mi e of Wildie po// Acc. to Wm. S. Jones, 11/12, po was 1½ mi w o Horse Lick Ck, 8 mi e of L&N, 8 mi ne of Wildie Sta, 1½ mi w of Double Lick, 2 mi e of Climax po, 6 mi n of Robinett (sic) po// On 3/19/25, J.F. Dooley pet. for a move ½ mi w to serve a rural ngbd. 1 mi ne of Crooked Ck, 3/8 mi from Jackson Co, 2 mi s of Three Links po, 5 mi n of Cookesburg po 2½ mi e of Johnetta po// On 10/8/25, Jos. Johnson Drew (?) pet. for a move 2½ mi s to a pt 7 mi n of Rock. R, 1 mi e of Crooked Ck, 3¼ mi s of Three Links po, 4 mi w of Eglon po, 50 ft from co. line. (SLR);
GOOCHLAND (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 15 mi ne of Mt. V, W.D. McGuire had a gen.store and flour mill, Other flour mills: (2) Stephen Abrahams, (2) J.R. Alcorn, (3) Whit Rose, (4) L.J. Scott. Saw & flour mills: (1) R.L. Elkins, (2) R.M. Johns;
GOOCHLAND (Jackson Co., Ky): Acc. to J.A. McGuire, 2/8/1900, this po was moved ½ mi e to Jack. Co., ¼ mi from the co. line, 1½ mi from Goose Lick Ck, 5 mi n of Cooksburg po, 4 mi e of Climax po. (SLR); PO of Goochland was est. in Madison Co. 4/1/1856 with Chiswell D. Gooch, 5/18/58, Jas. D. Ballard, 9/8/58, Wm. J. Goldin; Disc. 7/3/63; Re-est. in Rock. Co. 1/5/1864 with Jas. D. Ballard, 6/6/66, Morgan Forbush....Into Jackson Co. 3/9/1900; Return to Rock. Co. 5/24/05 with John A. Anglin, 8/30/07, Jas. Lunsford....Disc. 1934 (POR-NA); PO close in 1934; Acc. to 1879 Gaz, it was 15 mi ne of Mt. V. Pop of 6. W.D. McGuire was pm & gen.storekeeper; Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz, it was a rur. po on Crooked Ck. in se part of co, 15 mi from Mt. V. & 12 mi from Liv. W.D. McGuire was pm & gen.storekeeper. Rev. Wm. Durham was Bapt. preacher.
GREAT SALTPETER CAVE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): ca. 13 mi e of Mt. V. and 3 mi from the Jackson Co. line. Formally discovered 1798 by John Baker, a hunter, tho' evidence that it was visited much earlier by whites. Geo. Montgomery is said to have begun mining the saltpeter there with imported (from other states) workers before Dr. Brown reported on the cave to the American Philosophical Soc. in Phil. in 1804. This op'n. is also said to have been the region's biggest industry at one time. It was the biggest supplier of saltpeter for gunpowder in the W. of 1812 and the Mex. War. Cave was used as a C.W. hosp., a"haven for moonshiners" even before prohibition, and as a stage and dance floor for Lair's Renfro Val. prod'ns. (Bill Estep. "Heritage is
Up For Sale at Renfro Valley Cave" LHL, 8/26/1985, Pp. A1,10); James Kincaid "was actively mining salt­
peter from the cave by 1800". In 1989 the cave was
againsold to an hist'c. preservation group. The
prop's. mgt. was invested in the National Speleolo-
gical Soc. for the exploration, conservation, and
study of US caves. Now called the Great Saltpetre
Cave Hist'c. Preserve for cave's cleanup and resto-
ration. (from their undated brochure);
GREAT SALTPETER CAVE (Rockcastle Co, Ky): The cave is said to have been discovered in 1792 but the saltpetre deposits there weren't discovered till 1797. The cave was used as a hiding place for livestock during the C.W. and for moonshining op'ns. during prohibition. ca. 8 mi from Ronfro Val. (J.C. McKinney, Jr. of Dunmor, Ky. 1949 ms. on the cave in the Ky. Libr. at WKU);
GREAT SALTPETER CAVE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): 8 mi ne of Mt. V. and 4 mi n of Pine Hill Sta. (L&N), 7 mi ne of Liv. on US 25. Discovered by pion. John Baker. From it were taken saltpeter for gunpowder (during the War of 1812 & Mex. War). The cave passes thru a Big Hill spur for 3/4 mi. 21 ft high n. entrance and 15 ft hi s. entrance. Main chamber and several branch-off room with 10-39 inch veins of saltpeter mined there and hauled out by oxen. The road betw. the 2 entrances was level and straight. The rooms and passageways are named.... (Robt. Mullins, wpa ms, late 1930s); The cave is 0.8 mi long with 2½ mi of caverns. Callec the Gt. Saltpeter Cave. John Lair owned the cave since the 1930s and it was sold by auction on 8/31/
1985 to Stanley Rain. Lair sometimes used the cave for his Renfro Val. barn dance performances. The cave, which overlooks Crooked Ck, was discovered in 1798. In 1804 Dr. Sam'l. Brown of Lex., Ky. discovered saltpeter deposits there. Soon its then owner Geo. Montgomery began mining the saltpeter. (Kit Wagar, "Auction of Cave Brings Memories" LHL 9/1/1985, Pp. B1, B5); Cave was discovered 1790 by Baker in (the present) Crooked Ck. commu, 15 mi n of Mt. V....Gunpowder used in W of 1812, Mex. War, & C.W. was made from the saltpeter mined here. Cave is $\frac{1}{2}$ mi long. Still evidences therein of the mining op'n. Names some of its features....(ms. on cave, unauthored & undated, in KY. Rm., MSU Libr.);
GUM SULPHUR (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 2/8/1870, Archibald Alexander; Disc. 2/2/1874; Re-est. 7/6/74, Alexander, 12/27/76, Robert H. Frith...5/14/07, Wm. R. Smith; Disc. eff. 2/15/1908 (mail to Brodhead); Re-est. 3/31/1910, Jas. T. Lawrence, 2/11/1913, Arch C. Taylor, 7/24/17, Emmet B. Taylor; Disc. 6/14/1919 (mail to Crab Orchard) (POR-NA); Acc. to 1890 L&N time table, this Knoxv. Div. sta. was 3 mi nw of Brodhead and 10 mi nw of Mt. V. Ditto 1881 & 1883; Named for its sulphur water wells. (Lair, Recollections, 1991, P. 93); On US 150. "Named for an artesian well used for medicinal purposes (1992 hist., P. 21); Acc. to 1879-0 Gaz, its pop. was 7 R.H. Frith was pm, gen.storekeeper, & sta. agent. 10 mi n of Mt.V. Hugh Edwards had flour mill, J.M. Hilton was wagonmaker. Millen & Tate had sawmill, Rowland & Boatma had sawmill. Other businesses;
GUM SULPHUR (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Jas. T. Lawrence, 5/1910, this (re-est.) po would be 50 ft w of Dix R, serving a vil. of 25 pop. 100 yds away, 40 ft e of L&N (Gum Sulphur Sta.), 3 mi n of Brodhead po, 7 mi from Ottawa po. Acc. to A.C. Taylor, 1/28/1915, po was 50 ft s of Dix R, 1 mi e of Turkey Ck, 30 ft n of L&N (Gum Sulphur Sta.), ½ mi from co. line, 3 mi nw of Brodhead pc 4 mi se of Crab O. po. (SLR);
GUM SULPHUR, (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz, it was on Dix R (sic), settled 1866 and had a pop. of ca. 150. On the Knoxv. Br. of the L&N & G.S. RR. Had grist mill and 2 sawmills, chu., & sch. Ships tanbark & lumber A.V. Alexander had sawmill & gro. store, A.J. Alexander was pm & sta. agent. Other gen.stores: (1) F. Francisco, (2) R.H. Frith, (3) W.C. Luter. Chas. Carson was harness maker, J.M. Hilton was wagonmaker. Austin Owens had a grist mill, T.M. Sisk had a gen.store and was a hotel keeper, furn. dealer, and wagon maker. Other businesses;
HANSFORD (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 8/7/1891, Will F. Hansford...Disc. 5/15/1918; Re-est. 5/27/1919, Mary S. Bullock...(NA); ("H(ae)ns/ferd") (Opp Bussell, Jr., 4/29/1978); same pron. May have been named for Will Hansford, the 1st pm or a member of his family. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); "This epo on Ky 1152, ½ mi w of its jct. with Ky 1249 and 5½ (air) mi s of Mt. V., was est. on 8/7/1891, and may have been named for its 1st pm Will F. Hansford, or his family." (Book-P. 129);
HANSFORD, (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Will Frank Hansford, 7/4/1891, the prop. name for this new po was Blue Spring and it would serve that locality on the e sid of Skeggs Ck, 2 mi n of Raspberry po, 7 mi s of Mt. V. po 5 mi e of Plato po// Acc. to Malinda Bullock, 1/29/16, po was 8 mi w of Rock. R, 1 mi e of Skeggs Ck, 4 mi from co. line, 6 mi s of Mt. V. po, 6 mi n of Bloss po, 4 mi se of Wabd po// On 5/15/17, Ibid. pet. for move 3/4 mi e to pt. 10 ft e of Dry Fk. of Skeggs Ck, 6 mi from Mt. V. po, 6 m from Bloss po// Acc. to Mary Susan Bullock, 2/2/19, po wa within 2 mi of Pul. Co, ½ mi w of Dry Fk, 5 mi n of Bloss po, 8 mi s of Mt. V. po// Acc. to Herbert U. Bullock, 7/2 /1939, po was 1½ air & 2 rd mi from Pul. Co, ½ mi e and n of Skeggs Ck, ½ mi w of Dry Fk, 8½ mi s of Mt. V. po, 3½ mi s of Sand Springs po, 4½ mi n. of Bloss po, 4 mi se of Wabd po. (SLR);
HANSFORD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): PO closed 1955; Acc. to 1880 Census, Nancy J. Hansford (41), a widow, lived with nephew Wm. J. (15), another nephew Andrew J. (22) and 2 nieces in the 96th E.D.; Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 7 mi from Mt. V. Pop. of 50. J.W. Kirby was pm and lumber business;
HIATT (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 10/15/1901, Andrew C Hiatt, 3/3/11, Elizabeth Smith....Disc. 1933 (POR-NA); Acc. to Andrew Conrad Hiatt, 11/1901, this new po was 1 mi n of Renfroe (sic) Ck, 3½ mi ne of Dicks R, 4½ mi n of Mt. V. po, 3½ mi ne of Brodhead po, 3 3/4 mi nw of Wildie po. Not vil// Acc. to Albert G. Grider, 1/28/15, po was 3 mi ne of Dix R, 1 mi from Renfroe Ck, 3 mi fro; co. line, 3½ mi ne of Brodhead po, 5 mi s of Conway po, 6 mi w of Wildie po, 3½ mi ne of L&N. (SLR); Named for Conrad Hiatt; po closed 1933; Wm. P. Hiatt (1794-1865) is bur. in Renfro Val. Cem, W.P. Hiatt (1836-1899) is bur. in Coffey-Hiatt Cem, n of the R.Val. Cem. (KY. ANC Vol. 17 (4), 4/1982, P. 242); PO at the jct. of 1505 & Mt. Zion Rd;
HORSE LICK (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Dora Robinson, 1/1/1927, this prop. po would be 1 mi w of Rock. R, on the sw bank of Horse Lick Ck, 10 rods from co. line, 3 mi w of Ardery po, 5 mi e of Liv. po, 1 mi n of Cruise po. On 3/7/32, Ibid. pet. for a move ¼ mi ne to a pt 1 mi sw of Rock. R, 450 ft nw of Horse Lick Ck, 450 ft from co. line, 4½ mi sw of Ardery po, 6 mi ne of Liv. po 2 mi nw of Cruise po. Eff. now. On 9/26/32, Jones French pet. for a move 1224 yards n to a pt 2 mi w of Rock. R, 3/4 mi w of Horse Lick Ck, 5 mi sw of Ardery po 6 mi ne of Liv. po, 2½ mi se of Jep Hill po. Acc. to Ibid, 8/2/39, po was 1½ air & 2 rd mi from Jackson Co, 1 mi w of Horse Lick Ck, ¼ mi from White Oak Br, 4 mi nw of Cruise po, 4 mi n of Lamero po, 3½ mi e of Jep Hill po, 8 mi s of Loam po. (SLR);
HORSE LICK (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 10/8/1927 with Dora Robinson....Disc. 1951 (POR-NA); Named for the creek which may have been Dr. Walker's Hughes Creek, named for John Hughes of his party. It's a trib. of the Rockcastle R. (Lair, Recollections, 1991, P. 82); Probably named for saltlicks and horses attracted there to lick the salt. (1992 hist., P. 21);
HUMMEL (Rockcastle Co.): Named for David Hummel, ne Germany, to US 1841. Died 3/1894. He founded a masonry co. in Cincy, the David Hummel Bldg. Co., now called Hummel Industries Inc. He was ne Wurttemberg, 1822. The commu. was named for the company by the area's residents. Several quarries and mills. Before 1930 the commu. had a sch., the Hummel Bapt. Chu., depot-po-commissary bldg. Between Wildie and Langford Sta. on the Ky. Cent. RR (L&N) & Roundstone Cr. Several spur lines that are now gravel roads "connected the quarries and mills with the main rr line." Hummel was sparsely settled rural area betw. Wildie and L.S. = a rr siding.
The area was a cheap source of bldg. stone for the Hummel Co. In 1896 the co. acquired the holdings of a Lex-based freestone quarrying co. Hummel was there for the next 30 yrs. Freestone="A fine grain, even textured sandstone. (it) is easily cut and carved and was a pop. bldg. material during the late 19th and early 20th cent. for both interior and exterior work." The Lex. group had bought 100 acres "adjoining the right of way nr. Langford Sta." They called themselves Ky. Freestone Co., Inc. This co. was bought in 1895 by the Hummel Co. and kept
this name. Under the management of Dave Carter. Quarry and stone sawing mill. Most employees were local farmers... The area's sole industry. The co. provided the site for the sch and chu. The commu. until 1930 "revolved around the quarry and mill." With the end of freestone's popularity as a bldg. material during WWI and the appeal of easier to acquire Indiana limestone, the company ended the quarry operations by 1925 closed the mill in 1927 and all the land and equipment was disposed of by 1928. Now: no sch., chu., mill, commissary, depot and the
spur line tracks are gone too. The Hummel Rd. now is gravel surfaced. Nothing left but the ruins and some isolated homes. (Nancy Baird, ms. hist. of the Hummel Co., examined at the Ky. Kibrary, WKU, 9/1/1978
HUMMEL (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 6/11/1923, James A. Franklin...(NA); "H(uh)m/ol") Now called Langford Sta. rather than Hummel. ("Lae/ferd Sta/shan"). Named for the Langford family (ies). But local people would *** recognize the Hummel name. DK who Hummel was named for. (Opp' Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29, 1978); same pron. Dave Carter ran a rock quarry in the vic. He came in there c. 1905-06. Not local name. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); PO closed 1954; Acc. to 192 L&N timetable, this Ky. Div. sta. was less than ½ mi from the Langford Sta, 1 mi from Wards Sta; After the closed the area has been known as Langford Sta. (1992 hist., P. 21);
HUMMEL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Anna M. Bronman (?) 1/23/1923, the prop. name for this new po was Langford and it would serve that locality, 150 yds e of Roundston Ck, 100 yds e of L&N. (Langford Sta.), 3½ mi s of Wildie po, 3½ mi n of Orlando po. On 8/10/1938, J.M. Coffey pet. for a move ¼ mi sw to a pt 3 mi e of US·25, ¼ mi se of Langford Sta, 300 ft w of Roundstone Ck, 4 mi s of Wildie po, 3 mi n of Orlando po, 6 mi w of Bummer po, 4 mi ne of Mt. V. po. (SLR);
HUMMEL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "Almost nothing remains of this company town ½ mi e of the L&N RR's Langford Sta., 3½ (air) mi ne of Mt. V. The town was built up in the early 20th cent. around the freestone quarry and mill acquired in 1896 by the Cinci-based David Hummel Bldg. Co. for which it was named. The po was est. on 6/11/192 with Jas. A. Franklin, pm, and has since closed. The vic. is now better known as Langford Station, probably named for the earlier Langford community founded by the pion. Langford family." (Book-P. 147); Here was one of the co's. 2 building stone quarries, nr the Langford po. The other was at Wildie. Hummel's q. was est. by the Ky. Freestone Co., Inc. in 1900. Shipped to Cinci. for its building op'ns. (Lair, Recoll., Pp. 95-6);
INO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 10/4/1893, John W. Hoskins; Disc. 3/2/99 (mail to Morrill, Jackson Co) (POR-NA); Given also as Ino in P&G; Acc. to John W. Hoskins, 12/23/1893, this po was 1 mi n of Clear Ck, 5 mi s of Berea po, 5 mi n of Disputanta po, 4 mi w of Morrill po. Not a vil// Acc. to Ibid., 11/28/96, it was on the cc line; Acc. to 1880 Census, John W. Hoskins (29) & wife Eliz. (28) & iss. in 94th E.D. but no Ino; Acc. to 1895-E Gaz, it was 14 mi from Mt. V. and 6 mi from Berea. J.W. Hoskins was pm and had lumber business;
JEP HILL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. as Jephill 9/5/1924, Benj. J. Ponder; ch. to Jep Hill eff. 2/1/1929 (was Ponder then the pm?)....Disc. 1952 (POR-NA);

Acc. to Ben J. Ponder, 6/12/1924, this prop. po would be 4 mi w of Rock. R, 2¼ mi e of Crooked Ck, 3 mi from co. line, 3 mi n of Gauley po, 3 mi s of Cooksburg po, 3½ mi e of Withers po; Acc. to Ibid., 7/27/39, this po (now as 2 words) was 3 air & 4 rd mi from Jackson Co, 2 mi e of Crooked Ck, ca. 4 mi nw of Horse Lick po, ca. 4 mi e of Withers po, 6 mi ne of Liv. po. (SLR);
JOHNETTA (Rockcastle Co., Ky.)

"In correspondence with the present postmaster, some time ago. She said she contacted the oldest living citizen now living, (sic) in Johnetta. The first postmaster of Johnetta, whose wife was named Johnetta, named the town or post office after her...."

(Robert K. Francis, of the Postmark Collectors Club, Yalesville, Ct., in a letter to me, 3/19/1969.) P.O. est. 2/1/1904, Wm. P. Gilkeson; 3rd pm=John M. Chasteen, 5/4/08. (NA.)....
JOHNETTA (Rockcastle Co): "Named from the given names of the first post master and wife John and Netta (Johnetta)." (Acc. to John L. Bullock, general merchant of Hansford, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 6/25/1923);
("Dj(ah)n/(eh)t/ə") (Opp Bussell, 4/29/1978);
("Dj(ah)n/(eh)t/ee") Old coal mine area. Where they loaded coal. Had a tipple there. Thinks it was named for a John & Etta but don't recall their last name. cf the McCrackens. Tom Owens ran the post there for years. Still alive. Ask him too. (age c. 87 or '8). (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978);
JOHNETTA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. Preston Gilkeson, 8/18/1903, this prop. po would be 5 mi n of Roundstone Ck, 2 mi s of Climax po, 3 mi w of McCracken po, 5 mi n of Orlando po. Vil. of 300// Acc. to John W. Lee, 2/10/15, it was ¼ mi e of Brush Ck, 4 mi from co. line, 5 mi n of Orlando po, 4 mi s of Climax po// On 12/30/1933, Roscoe McCracken pet. for a move 2 mi n to a pt 7 mi e of Roundstone Ck, 1½ mi e of Brush Ck, 4 mi from co. line, 3 mi ne of Bummer po, 3 mi sw of Climax po, 4 mi w of Three Links po. Moved 12/28/33// On 12/7/1936, Thos. Owens pet. for a move 2 mi e to a pt 1 air & 3 rd mi from Jackson Co, 1/8 mi e of Crooked Ck, ca. 3 3/4 mi e of Bummer po, ca. 4 mi se of Climax po, ca. 6 mi nw of Jep Hill po, 7 mi ne of Orlando po. (SLR);
JOHNETTA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po closed in 1984;
LABO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 5/19/1906, Jas. D. Davis, order rescinded 9/13/1906 (POR-NA);
LAKE LINVILLE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): 2½ mi n of Mt. V.

LAMERO (Rockcastle Co.): PO est. in Laurel C 9/3/1925, Charlotte Lamoreaux (NA); "This po is now on Ky 490 and Trace Br. of Rock. R., 9 (air) mi ese of Mt. V. It was est. by Clarence and Charlotte Lamoreaux at their store and rest. at the mouth of Parker Br. in Laurel Co. in 1925, with Charlotte as pm. They named it for themselves, tho' the name was simplified by the postal authorities. The po was moved to Rock. (Co) during WWII and again, in 1957, to its present site." (Book-P. 165);
IAMERO (Laurel & Rock. Co's., Ky): Acc. to Charlotte Lamoreaux, 7/9/1925, the prop. name for this new po was Dixie and it would be serving a locality aka Parkers Ck, 200 ft's of the Rock. R, 400 ft ne of Parkers Ck, 4 mi e of the L&N, 200 ft from the co. line, 8 mi se of ne Livingston po, 4 mi sw of Ardery po, 3 mi n of Mershons po/ On 6/29/38, Ibid. pet. for a move 175 ft nw to a pt 212 ft se of Rock R, 7 mi s of Carico po, 8 mi e of Livingston po, 3½ mi nw of Mershons po. Eff. 7/11/38// Moved to Rock Co. (Laurel Co. SLR);
LAMERO (Laurel-Rockcastle Co's, Ky): Named for an early settler Lamereaux from Pa. An early ferry across the river, replaced by a bridge. PO was moved to the Gilliam Gro. run by Elsie Gilliam Jones. [laem/roh]. (The Dicks on River of Ky. N. Middleton: Plum Lick Pub. Ind., 2001 Pp. 210-11); Acc. to Nora Coldiron, 5/18/42, this po was moved ½ mi n to a pt 100 yds from Rock. R, ½ mi s of Parkers Ck, 100 yds from co. line. It had been moved by POD inspector on 5/1/42 on the resignation of pm, to 7 mi s of Liv. po, 4 mi n of Mershons po. (R. Co. SLR); PO in op'n. by 1/90 and susp. by 1/93. Officially close 4/6/1996 (POR); 7/31/1992 (Jenny)
LAMERO (Rockcastle Co.): (Pron. "L(ae)m/ər(oJ
(Logan Ewell, 4/29/1972); ("L(ae)m/ər/(oh)"")(Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978); ("L(ae)m
r(oh)=2 or 2½ syl. A Frenchman named (probably) Lamereau(x) lived just across the bridge
in Laurel Co. and it was named for him. The p
was on the Laurel Co. side of the river while
he was alive. When he died, the po was moved
to the Rockcastle side of the river. Claude
Gilliam runs the po there now. The Frenchman
has no living descendants there. He had start
a store there. Then a po was secured. He had
settled there, attracted by good fishing grou
in the vic. DK where he came from. (Charley
Carter, interview, 4/29/78);
LAMERO (Laurel-Rock. Co's., Ky): On the Rock. R. and Ky 490. Gilliams Gro. is 2 mi within Rock. Co. The po was disc. 1/31/1992 with Elsie G. Jones as last pm. Its 1st pm was Charlotte Lamoreaux. It was est. 9/3/1925 at the Lamoreaux Gen'l. Merch. store in L. Co., a 2 story bldg. The L. fam. came from Pa. PO name was corrupted from theirs. Charlotte est. the Mrs. Rosie Nelson Meth. Chu. Latter was destroyed in the 1947 flood. Ferry took travelers across the river there. Replaced by a bridge. Gilliam's Gro. opened in 1928 by Claude and Myrtle M. Gilliam. Nearby was the Hollywood Inn on the river, a stopover for travelers. In ca. 1942 White Frost assumed op'n. of the Lam. store. In May 1942 the po was moved to a home 1 mi inside R. Co. Myrtle Gilliam became pm.
on 5/31/1958 and the po was moved to her gro. She was succeeded by Elsie Jones. (Dale G. Morton in *Community Voices*, pp. 180-82);
LAMERO (Rockcastle Co.): Clarence and Charlotte Lameraux (sic) settled at the mouth of Parkers Creek Branch (sic) on Rockcastle R. built a small store and restaurant in the early 1920s which they operated for a few years. In the mid 1920s they applied for and were granted a p.o. They called the p.o. Lameraux after him. Mrs. Lottie (sic) was the pm. They hired White Frost (sic) as clerk and he operated the store for a no. of years. Mr. L. died in the late 1930s. Frost & Mrs. L. continued to run the store & p.o. until WWII. When Frost was drafted, they sold the store to Wm. & Ida Grady but they didn't qualify for
the pm's position. The office was moved into Rock Co. a mi. from the present site. Mrs. Nora Coldiron became pm. Her health failed and she retired. In 1957 or '8 the office was moved another mi. n. to the Gilliam Grocery which was 2 mi. from the Lameraux office site. It still is operated as Gilliam's Gro. Myrtle Gilliam became pm in 1957. She retired in the late 1970s. Elsie Gilliam Jones is now act. pm. Thus the po is now located 2 mi. n. of the Laurel Co. line which is Ky. 490. (Claud Gilliam, letter to me, 1/2/1980);
LANGFORD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Henry S. Langford rep. R Co. in the Ky. House 1836-7, Jonathan S. Langford rep. R Co. in Ky House 1849; A whistle stop on the rr. (Lair, Recoll., 1991, P. 93); Moses N. Langford (1853-1895) and wife Ella Fabra Langford, then Franklin, nee Branama (1866-1947) are bur. in the Branaman Cem. The Branaman prog.=Abraham (1791-1874) from Penna;
LANGFORD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 11/13/1884 with Moses N. Langford, pm; Disc. 11/17/87 (papers to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 4/22/90, Ella F. Langford, 11/12/92, Dempsey G. Crudup, 12/10/97, Davis L. Carter; Disc. 2/28/1914 (mail to Wildie) (POR-NA); Acc. to Moses N. Langford 10/4/1884, this prop. po would serve Langford Sta. on the Ky. Cent. RR, 10 m s' of Rock. R, on the e side of Roundstone Ck, 150 yds e of the rr, 2 mi from Brush Ck. flag sta, 4½ mi s of Round Stone po, 10 mi n of Liv. po, 4 mi ne of Mt. V. po, 3 mi from Wildie Sta. (map) (SLR); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, this Ky. Div. sta. was was just a short distance from Hummel Sta, 2 mi from Brush Ck sta; Also a sta. in 1960 (L&N timetable); Acc. to Stets, a Langford po was in op. by 1811 with Henry P. Buford, pm. (check);
LEVELGREEN (Rockcastle Co., Ky): According to illegible, 1/1896, this post was 1 mi e of S. Brush Ck, 1 1/4 mi from co. line, 1 mi s of L&N, 3 mi n of Plato post, 8 mi sw of Mt. V. post, 3 mi e of Walnut Grove post// According to Ellenora Brown, 12/31/1898, this post was 1 mi e of Brush Ck, 1 1/8 mi from co. line, 3 mi n of Plato post, 3 1/2 mi s of Wabd post, 3 1/2 mi se of Quail post// On 10/26/27, Mrs. Grace Shell petitioned for a move of the Level Green post 3/4 mi to a point 8 1/2 mi nw of Rock. R, 1 1/4 mi e of Brush Ck, 3 mi n of Plato post, 4 mi s of Wabd post, 3 1/2 mi w of Hansford post// On 11/11/1927, Ibid. petitioned for a move 160 yds s to a point 9 mi w of Rock R, 1 1/4 mi e of Brush Ck, 3 mi n of Plato post, 4 mi se of Wabd post, 3 1/2 mi w of the post.
Hansford po// On 11/3/1937, Rob't. L. Shepard pet. for a move 322 rods nw to a pt2 mi s of Skeggs Ck, 3 mi n of Plato po, 4 mi w of Hansford po, 3 mi s of Wabd po, 3 mi e of Willailla// Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/39, po was 1 mi from Pul. Co, 3 mi s of Skegg (sic) Ck, 8 mi sw of Mt. V. Sta, 4 mi s of Wabd po, 4 mi w of Hansford po, 3 mi n of Plato po, 3 mi e of Willailla po. (SLR); PO closed 1955; Acc. to 1896 Gaz, it was 7\(\frac{1}{2}\) mi sw of Mt. V, pop. 150. Mrs. Eleanora Brown was pm, Gragg Bro: had gen.store, John Riddle had gen.store, Riddle & Proctor had flour and saw mill. Others; Acc. to 1879-0 Gaz, it was 8 mi s of Mt. V, Pop. 100. Thos. W. Gibson was pm, D.O. Gibson gen.store, Bailey Hicks flourmills John Majors flour mill, H.T. Todd flour mill. R.E. Lawrence shoemakers, others;
LEVEL GREEN (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz, this was a vil. of 55 pop, settled in 1856, on Skeggs Ck, 5 mi from Mt. V. Saw & grist mill, 3 chu's. The Roc Springs Sem. Thos. W. Gibson pm, gen. stores: (1) H.H. Brinkley, (2) Dr. D.O. Gibson, J.P. Grey was xpr. & sta. agent, A.G. Lewis was tanner, H.G. Lagston (sic) was a cabinet maker, other businesses;
LEVEL GREEN (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 8/15/1866; Milton Denny. Disc. 6/29/1869; Re-est. 2/15/70 or '71, Miles F. Brinkley...(NA); ("L(eh)v/ɔl Ghreen") (Mrs. Philip Davis, interview, 4/29/1978); Was level and green, a green valley. (Ibid.); ("L(eh)v/ɔl Ghreen") (Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978); A very fine sch. at L.G. at one time, called the Level Green Acad. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978);
LINE CREEK (Pulaski-Rockcastle Co's., Ky): Acc. to Geo. W Decker, 4/29/1887, this po, late in Pul. Co, and now in Rock. Co, was 1 mi w of Rock. R, 1 mi w of Buffalo Fk of Line Creek. (Rock. Co. SLR);
LINE CREEK (Pulaski Co., Ky): Acc. to Jonathan Decker, 10/7/1885, this po was 1 mi e of Rock. R, on the e side of Line Ck, 7 mi e of Dallas po. Acc. to W.R. Sowder, 6/10/1910, it was 3½ mi n of Rock. R, 60 yds n of Line Ck, ½ mi from co. line, 20 mi from Somerset po, 3½ mi e of Public po, 3½ mi n of Conrard po. On 4/21/13, Ibid. pet. for a move 300 yds w to a pt ca. 4 mi nw'of Rock. R 50 ft w of Line Ck, ¼ mi from co. line, 1 3/4 mi e of Conrard po, 3 mi w of Billows po, 3½ mi s of Cedarville po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 19 mi ne of Som, 9 mi e of E. Bernstadt (sic), with a pop. of 100. Two ge stores: (1) J.H. Cooper, (2) Whitaker & Son;
LINE CREEK (Pulaski Co., Ky): po est. 5/4/1848, Charles Warren; Disc. 9/8/49; Re-est. 2/20/52, Andrew Decker, 4/19/54, Henry B. Linville; Disc. 2/26/56; Re-est. 5/13 1856, Andrew Decker; Disc. 5/16/60; Re-est. 11/6/60, Jeremiah Brinkley, 5/27/62, Nelson Jones... 2/17/1875, Thos. Shiplet; Disc. 8/20/75; Re-est. 3/13/76, Cyreniou Childers, 11/1/83, Jonathan Decker(to Rock. Co. 11/18/ 1886, then returned to Pul. Co. on or before 7/15/89), 7/15/89, Robert Cooper, 7/23/97, Perry Bullock... 2/25/ 1909, Wm. R. Sowder; Disc. 9/30/1913 (mail to Conrad) (POR-NA);
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This 6th cl. city with po is on US 25 and the Rock. R., 7 (air) mi se of Mt.V. A po called Fish Point, for reasons unknown, was opened here on 5/13/1840 with Thos. W. Pope, pm. The L&N RR extended its Lebanon Br. to this pt. in 1870 and est. t Livingston Station, named for Jas. Livingston, an early settler. In 1879 the po was renamed Livingston Station and became simply Livingston in 1882, by which name the town had been inc.in 1880." (Book-P. 176); Acc. to Dick Burdette, LHL, 9/31/1992, P. B1:1, within a 2 mi radius at one time were 11 gro's, 2 hardware stores, a drugstore, a hotel, a fill. sta, & 2 rest's. Now only Lee Mullins' Gro; Acc. to Robt. Mullins, WPA ms, ca. late 1930s, place was 10 mi s of Mt. V. on US 25;
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Pop. of 400 by 1965 (Floyd Owens); By 1900 it had a pop. of 605; 2000 pop. = 228; Acc. to L&N timetable, 1890, this Knoxv. Div. sta. was 1 mi from Rock. R. and 11 mi s of Mt. V.; same in 1921 and in 1960, 1881, 1883; Now: po is on US 25; Liv. is at foot of Wild Cat Mt. Several area coal mines, 10½ mi se of Mt. V.; Could Fish Pt. have been named for Col Wm. Fish who served with Geo. Rogers Clark? He is bur. in the Renfrew Val. Cem. (Lair, TALES, P. 154); The only Livingston listed in 1880 Cens. was Edward (26), a Mulatto, in the 96th E.D.: Livingston was named for a pop. early preacher. (Lair, Recollections, 1991, P. 93)
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co.): po est. as Fish Point 5/13/1840, Thos. W. Pope; Disc. 1/20/46. Re-est. 2/12/67, Benedict Swope; Disc. 12/29/1868; Re-est. 11/3/70, Benjamin Goodin... ch. to Livingston Sta. 8/4/1879 (or was it 7/4/79) Geo. D. Brownlie; n.ch. to Livingston, 5/11/82 Geo. D. Brownlie...(NA); rr extended to this site in 1870* and ushered in growth of town to the point where it was the largest and most prosperous town in co. by the 1890s. (Ralph Griffin, "A Brief Hist. of R. Co." MT. VERNON SIGNAL, 11/30/1939, reprinted in Ibid., 11/28, 1968, P. 8);  

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LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co.): 1st called Fish Point. (John Lair, "Hist. of Mt. V. and Rock. Co." MT. V. SIGNAL, 11/28/1968, 14:8); Pop. = 912 (1930) on Rockcastle R. Ex-shipping pt. for area-mined coal. (KY. A GUIDE TO THE BLUEGRASS STATE, Fed. Writers Proj. of WPA, Ky. c1939, UKy., reprinted NY: Hastings Hse,m 1954, P. 271); Inc. 4/1/1880 (ACTS 1879, Vol. 2, P. 16) PO was est. as Fishpoint....Livingston was named for Jas. Livingston who was one of the 1st settlers of the vic. John French cleared the land at the site of the town. The L&N arr in 1870. No longer an L&N sta. there. (Letter to me from Pauline Hamer, Livingston, Ky. 1/5, 1981)
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co.): ("L(ih)v/(ih)ŋ/stən") and ("F(ih)sh/point") After the rr came in, it was a much more progressive ctr than Mt. V. Had a turntable there. Acknow. the Fishpoint name and thinks it was same site but dk why called that. (cf John Lair). DK if Livingston Sta.=Livingston. DK why the town didn't grow beyond its 1890 limits. DK if named for a local family or why so named. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); Confirmed that it was named Fishpoint but suggested that I cf to John Lair who lived and taught school there. DK who named for. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/78);
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Name origin in dispute. Some say it was named for a rr official. But, acc. to Charlie Rice, it was named for Bro. Livingston, an early area preacher. (Lair, Recollections, P. 158); Acc. to 1870 Census, Jas. Livingston (36), a hotel keeper in Mt. Vernon lived with his wife Mary (26); Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz Fishpoint was a sta. on the Knoxv. Br. of the L&N and the Gt. Southern RR. Correction: Livingston was the name of the station, then the branch's sw term. Vic. was 1st settled in 1869. Pop. 200. Ships lumber & coal. G.D. Brownlee was pm & xpr. agent. Gen. stores: (1) F.W. Dillion, (2) Mizner & Myers, (3) Benj. Goodwin (also had a hotel), (4) Mary P. Grisham (also had a hotel). Geo. Sambrook had a hotel. Other businesses;
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): On the Rockcastle R. Term. of the Lebanon Br. of the L&N until 1881 when the rr extended beyond the river to Corbin, 40 mi. s. Later the Ky. Central joined the L&N line at Sinks, on Roundstone Creek, 3 mi. n. of Liv. Peak operation in 1st decade of 20th cent. With coal tipple, water tanks, car repair shops, roundhouse and wye, 2 rr hotels, dispatchers offices, etc. The strike of 1922 influenced the L&N's decision to transfer the Liv. yards to Corbin later that decade. The town never survived. Lost its incorporation. Declined further when bypassed by I-75. US25 no longer heavily trafficked.... (Clifford Amyx, "The Death of a Railroad Town: Boyhood Memories"
LIVINGSTON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to G.D. Brownlie, 6/20/1876, the po of Fish Point was serving a place locally known as Livingston, ½ mi nw of Rock. R, on the s bank of Round Stone Ck, 5 mi se of Pine Hill po/ On 2/28/01, Jessie C. Roller pet. for a move 300 yds n to a pt ½ mi n of Rock. R, 200 yds w of Round Stone Ck 1 mi from co. line, 300 ft w of L&N, 5 mi se of Pine Hill po, 6 mi nw of Hazel Patch po, 10 mi w of Cooksburg po. The commu. it served was formerly Livingston Station but was now Livingston// Acc. to Geo. W. Murphy, 9/19/23, po was ¼ mi n of Rock. R, 150 yds w o Round Stone Ck, 1 mi from co. line, 200 ft w of L&N, 3 mi ne of Gauley po// On 5/6/36, Dora E. Pike pet. for move 210 ft w to a pt 2 air mi from Laurel Co, 600 yds
n of Rock. R, 150 yds w of Round Stone Ck, 8 mi nw of Lamero po, 6 mi s of Pine Hill po, 6 mi sw of Jep Hil po, 8 mi ne of Elem po// Acc. to Ibid., 7/25/39, po was ½ air & 3/4 rd mi from Laurel Co, on US 25, 797 ft n of Liv. Sta, 200 ft w of L&N, 300 ft w of Roundstone Ck, 6 mi s of Withers po, 6 mi w of Jep Hill po 5 mi n of Hazle Patch po, 6 mi e of Pine Hill po.(SLR
LUNER (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 10/27/1921, Valinchia C. Cromer... (NA); ("Lűn/er") (Opp Bussell, Jr., 4/29/1978); same pron. Named for a local person. Commu. preceded the est. of the po. The area was called Walnut Grove. ("W(aw)l n(uh)t Gr(oh)v") (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); po closed in 1972; Valinchia C. Cromer (1880-1948) & husband Joe William Cromer (1875-1957) & other Cromers are bur. in the Walnut Grove Chu. Cem, on Skeggs Ck/ But no Luner; Acc. to R. Co. marr. records, Valicie C. Pitman (19) marr. J.W. Cromer (22) in 1900;
LUNER (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Valinchia C. Cromer, 3/15/1921, the prop. name for this new po was Cromer Station and it would be 3 mi w of Rock. R, ¼ mi n of Skages (sic) Ck, 2½ mi ne of Cedarv. po// On 3/3/1930, Mrs. Hester Logsdon pet. for a move ½ mi n to a pt 4 mi nw of Rock. R, 100 ft. ne of Skeggs Ck, 4 mi from the co. line, 5 mi s of Wellhope po, 4 mi n of Cedarv. po. Eff. asap// On 6/4/38, Estill Cromer pet. for a move 1 mi w to a pt 2½ air & 4½ rd mi from Pul. Co., 75 yds s of Skeggs (sic) Ck, 2 3/4 mi n of Cedarv. po; 5 mi se of Hansford po// On 3/18/40, Pauline Kincer, Act. pm, pet. for a move 3 mi e to a pt 1 air & 1¼ rd mi from Laurel Co, 300 yds n of Skeggs Ck, 1¼ mi w of
Rock. R, ca. 4½ mi ne of Cedarv. po, ca. 5 mi e of Bloss po, ca. 8 mi se of Wellhope po, 6 mi w of Hazle Patch po. (SLR);
MARET BURG (Rockcastle Co.): Named for Jas. Maret. 3 mi. nw of Mt. V. Another community, Maret Loop, 1 mi. n. of Mt. V., was also named for him. Later M.L. was renamed Horseshoe Bend "because the curvature of the road resembled that of a horseshoe." Maretburg was so-named in 1880. 1st called Guthrie Sta. Renamed "when Maret prevented a collision betw. two trains while he was serving as a telegraph operator at the Mt. Vernon depot." (Pp. 14-5). Maret founded the county's 1st newp. (P. 5). Ne Garrard Co. 4/6/1855, son of Jas. Scarlett Maret and was mat. grandson of Gen. Wm. Smith, an early Rock. Co. settler who owned most of
the co. at one time. (Pp. 6-7). From 1877 to 1896 he was a sta. agent and telegraph op. for the L&N RR in Mt. V. Also local businessman (furniture factory) (P. 7), routing mgr. of the Lex. Auto, Club in the mid 1920s. Died 2/28/1936. The Boone Way became known as Dixie Hiway and later US25. Road builder. In 1913, he proposed the Boone Way, a highway betw. Crab Orchard to the Cumberland Gap, via Mt. V. By 1925 over 2000 paved mi. were in use... (Opp Bussell, Jr., THE BOONE WAY: MAN: The Accomplishments and Achievements of Col. Jas. Maret, privately printed, Mt. V., 1971);
MARETBURGH (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Benjamin Fermin Sutton, 3/15/1884, the prop. name for this new po was Maret and it would serve the Mount Guthrie Sta. and a vil. of 150 pop. 40 ft e of Negro Ck, 40 ft s of L&N, 3 mi w of Mt. V. po, 4 mi se of Brodhead po, 9 mi ne of Level Green po// Acc. to Alice Bethurum, 10/31/1892, the po, now Maretburg was serving Mt. Guthrie Sta., 3 mi e of Negro Ck, 85 yds s of L&N sta, 5 mi n of Quail po, 2½ mi w of Mt. V. po, 4 3/4 mi se of Brodhead po// Acc. to Lucy McCall, 2/2/15, po was 4 mi se of Dix R, 2 mi w of Renfroe (sic) Ck, 70 ft n of L&N (Maretburg Sta.), 2 mi ne of Spiro po, 2½ mi nw of Mt. V. po// Acc. to Walter H. Swinney, 9/25/39, po was
100 yds s of US 150, 4 mi se of Dix R, 2½ mi e of Spiro po, 3½ mi w of Mt. V. po, 4 mi s of Brodhead po, 5 mi n of Wabd po. On 3/13/1944 Mrs. Grace Bethurum pet. for a move ca. 1800 (ft or yds -?) so to a pt 4 mi e of Dix R, on the n side of the L&N (Maretburg Sta 2 mi ne of Spiro po, 2½ mi nw of Mt. V. po. Eff. 2/25/1944. Grace was then act. pm. (SLR); po closed 1955; Acc. to 1890 L&N timetable, thisKnoxv. Div. sta. was 5 mi se of Brodhead and 2 mi nw of Mt. V.; acc. to 1870 Knoxv. Br. timetable, as Mt. Guthrie it was 3 mi nw of Mt. V. (Sta.) & 4 mi se of Brodhead; Acc. to Knoxv. Br timetable of 1881 and t. of 1883, it was 5 mi from Brodhead 2 mi from Mt. V. (still as Mt. Guthrie);
MARETBURG (Rockcastle Co.): ("M(eh)r(⇒)fr/ət/berg" or "Mir/ət/berg"=l½ syl.) Named for Jas. Maret in 1882. 1st called Mt. Guthrie ("Mownt Gh(uh)th/redee") and later Guthrie Sta. ("Gh(uh)th/redee.Stā/shən"). Very little there before the rr came in. Now: gen'l. store serving local farmers. DK of its having been called Rabbittown tho' it may have been. Has heard of such a place, tho'. Reason for renaming it Mareburg: He had prevented the collision of 2 trains. The rr did the naming. He had no connection with the place and lived in Mt. V. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978);
MARETBURGH (sic) (Rockcastle Co., Ky.) "...was originally known as Mt. Guthrie and undoubtedly was so named in honor of James Guthrie, the first president (of the L&N RR). Its name was changed to Maretburgh in 1880...as a tribute to Colonel Jim Maret, famed Rockcastle County citizen, who was then an operator on the Lebanon Branch. Colonel Jim averted a serious mix-up when he detected a mis-reading of train orders which would have had two trains meeting at Mt. Guthrie instead of Mt. Vernon. Then and there, the management decided that the Lebanon Branch had too many 'Mt.'s' and too close together so the name of Mt. Guthrie was changed to Maretburgh. Colonel Jim later became
famous for his work for good roads in Kentucky and was responsible for many Rockcastle County 'firsts,' including its first newspaper, the Mt. Vernon Signal, and its first telephone line and telephone exchange." (RR South, "Our Station Names" L&N MAG., 11/49, P. 14).

Acc. to Collins II, Pp. 690-1, Mt. Guthrie Sta. was 2½ mi nw of Mt. V; Mt. Guthrie was named for the local chu

They were going to ch. the name to McCall for a local fam. but called it Maretburg for the Mt. V. telegrapher Jas. Maret whose "alertness prevented a serious train wreck at Mt. G." (Lair, Recollections, P. 93); Acc. to 1896 Gaz, it was on L&N, 3 mi from Mt. V. M. Hartz had a gen. store;
MARETBURG (Rockcastle Co.): po est. as Maretburgh, 3/27/1884, Benjamin F. Sutton...n.ch. t Maretburg, 4/27/1892, Alice Bethurum...(NA);

For a bio. of Col. Maret, see THE BOONE WAY MAN, a booklet by Opp Bussell of Mt. Vernon, c.late 1971 (Acc. to Bulletin of the KHS, 2/72; Rabbittown was the old name for Maretburg. (see Opp Bussell, Jr's book... (Floyd L. Owens, interview, 4/9/1972); 1st called Mt. Guthrie for Jas. Guthrie, Pres. of L&N at the time it arr. (here) at Mt. V. in 1868. (Col. Jim Maret, "Notes & Clips: Rockcastle Fifty Yrs. Ago" 193 issue of MT. V. SIGNAL, repro. in Ibid., 11/28 1968, P. 17:1-3).
MARET BURG (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Maret was a trained engineer. He died in 1926. (Singleton in KY. ENCY. P. 778); ?
MARETBURG (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo on US 150, 1½ mi w of Mt. V., was once a sta. on the L&N RR Lebanon Br. called Mt. Guthrie for Jas. Guthrie, the rr's 3rd pres. Around 1882 it was renamed by the rr for Jas. Maret (1855-1936), then sta. agent and telegraph operator at the Mt. V. Station, after he prevented the collision of 2 trains at this pt. Maret, later a Mt. V. businessman, was to found the co's. 1st newsp. and tele. exchange but was best known as the promoter of the famed Boone Way which later became the Dixie Highway or US 25. The po was est. as Maretburgh on Mar. 27, 1885, with Benj. F. Sutton, pm." (Book-P. 188);
McCRACKEN (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 7/3/1900, Isaac McCracken; Disc. 5/14/1910 (mail to Johnetta) (POR-NA); Acc. to Isaac R. McCracken, 5/1/1900, this prop. po would be 10 mi S of Rock. R. on Crooked Ck, 3½ mi S of Climax po, 4 mi W of Goochland po, 4½ mi NW of Cooksburg po. (SLR);
MOBLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Jillson II, P. 1496.
John Mobley acq. 100 acres on Mud Lick Br. (1/6/47) &
100 acres on Copper Ck. (1/1/47). Richard A. Mobley acq.
5 acres but no stream listed (7/7/69), Richard A. (24)
on Gauley Br. (1/25/1906); Acc. to 1880 Census, James
Mobley (29) & wife Nancy J. (24) & issue but no Viola
lived next to John Mobley (69) & wife Martha (67) and
their son Thompson Mobley (22) in 94th E.D., Richard
Mobley (42), a widower, lived with iss. but no Viola in
95th E.D.; Prog. John Mobley acq: 100 acres on Copper Ck
9/1848. Wife Martha. 1st child James ne ca. 1848, marr.
Nancy Pingleton. Two other sons = Wm. & Thompson. No men-
tion of a Viola. (Wesley Mobley of Crab O, Ky. in 1992
hist., P. 258);
MOBLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 8/11/1884 with Andrew T. Todd, 5/12/85, Marshall McCormick; Disc. 11/3/1886 (papers to Conway) (POR-NA); Acc. to Andrew T. Todd, 7/1884, the prop. name for this new po was Viola and it would serve that locality, 1/16 mi e of Roundstone Ck, (Viola Sta. on the rr), 3 mi n of Conwayton po, 4 mi s o Berea po, 4½ mi w of Reedville po. (SLR); John Mobley ac land grants in R. Co. 1850. (Acc. to his gt. gt. grandso Wesley Mobley, 5795 Copper Ck. Rd, Crab O., Ky. 40419 in KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (5), 10/1997, P. 94). Jas. Thompson Mobley (1848-1928) & wife Nancy J. Pingleton, both of whom are bur. in the Wilmot Chapel Cem. (Paul Mobley, Rt 3, Box 410, Cynthiana, Ky. 41031 in Ibid. Vol. 10 (9), 3/1996, P. 86); No Andrew T. Todd or Viola in 1880 Cens.
MOUNT VERNON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This 5th cl. city and seat of Rock. Co. is on US 25 and 150....It is said that when the co. was est. in 1810, this place was called White Rock for the big white rock at the site of the present fertilizer fact. The name Mount Vernon was applied when the po was est. on 9/26/1811 and referred to Washington's home in Va. However, acc. to John Lair, Col. Richard Henderson, of Transylvania fame, may have maintained a log home here during his trips betw. Boonesb. & N.C. that he called Mount Vernon, for its situation seemed to resemble that of Washington's home. The future co. sest which grew up around it retained this name and was so inc. in 1818." (Book-P. 206);
MT. VERNON (Rock Co.): Inc. 2/3/1818 (ACTS 1818, P. 505); Inc. 2/16/1866 (ACTS 1865/6, P. 523); Acc. to Mary E. Brown, 11/7/1885, this pc was 10 mi nw of Rock. R, 2 mi s of Renfroe (sic) Ck, 50 rods s of L&N, 7 mi n of Level Green po, 6 mi s of Roundstone po, 4 mi sw of Lanford po, 2 mi se of Maretburg po, 4 mi w of Pine Hill po. (SLR); Located on US 25 & 150 -and the Knoxv. Br. of L&N. Its pop. in the mid 1930s=ca. 1600 (WPA, ca. late 1930s); Steve Langford (sic) was 1st site settler. He built the town's 1st house in 1810 which was a hotel in stagecoach days. On US 150, across from the ct. hse. (Robt. Mullins, WPA ms. ca. late 1930s); Also on I-75, midway (142 mi) betw. Cinci. & Knoxv. 1960 pop. =1177 (Floyd Owens, ca. 1970);
MOUNT VERNON (Rockcastle Co.): established as either Mount Vernon, Rock Castle (sic), or Langford, 9/26/1811, Jas. A. McClure...(NA); On I-75, US25, US150 exactly midway between Cinci & Knoxv. (142 mi) and 58 mi. s. of Lex. At or near this site, the Wilderness Rd. branched; the right fork proceeding to Boonesboro and the left thru Crab Orchard to Danv. & Louisv. ...(Floyd Owen, brochure on Rock. Co., c1970); Acc. to Collins (1st ed.) Robert Langford built a home near Mt. V. later occupied by Judge Wm. McClure. About that time, his son, Stephen built the Langford Tavern in Mt. V. These two bldgs. are believed to be oldest in the co. (Ralph Griffin, "Brief Hist. of R. Co." MT. V. SIGNAL, 11/30/1939, reprinted in ibid., 11/28/1948, p. 8).
MT. VERNON (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Centers at jct. of 25/150, 2 mi w of I-75. Vic. 1st settled by 1790 at what was called Spout Springs. Acc. to trad., Stephen Langford, founder, named it for Geo. Washington's Va. home. On the Wilderness Rd which was rerouted thru here in 1792. Its pop. was only 750 before 1900. Stephen Langford's Sta. was a travelers' inn. The town's 1st business was the Rev. Jas. McCall's tanyard nr the springs. It was the 1st comm. enterprise. Modern ind. dev't. didn't come till the completion of I-75. Mt. V. Plastics Corp. (1980). 5th cl city with pop. of 1639 (1970), 2334 (1980), and 2654 (1990). (Singleton in KY. ENCY. 1992, Pp. 658-9);
MOUNT VERNON (Rockcastle Co.): ("Mownt Ver/nan") The Langfords were early settlers in the county, perhaps the 1st (He thinks it was James). DK the site of early day Langford. DK who were the 1st settlers of present day Mt. V. (Opp. Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); Mt. V. was at one time called White Rock ("W(eye)t R(ah)k") when the co. was est. c1810. Just a big white rock at the site where they later had a lime kiln (c. 50 yrs. ago) at the site of the present fertilizer factory. The Mt. V. name was applied when the town itself was est. for Wash's. home in Va. The Langford commu.
was at site of the later Langford Sta. at Hummel. ("L(ae)ρ/ferd"). Can't recall the particular - Langford it was named for.

(Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978);

Mt. V. was the co's. only town till the arr. of the Knoxv. Br. of the L&N in 1868 but it was soon joined by Brodhead, Pine Hill, Liv., etc. (Mt. V. Signal, 1901, repro. in KY. EXPL. Vol. 16 (10), 4/2002, Pp. 42-3);
Mount Vernon (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Pop. (2000)=2592. On the L&N's Knoxv. Div. 1890, 1870, 1881, 1883; Site of Langford's Station, occupied by Stephen Langford who may not have built it. His father Robert lived nearby. Another possible Langford's Sta. was on the Rock. R. between Ft. Sequoyah & the mouth of Skaggs Ck (sic). The routway of Skaggs Trace). (Lair, Recollections, 1991, Pp. 36-7); Wm. Henderson, Va-born surveyor, here by 1794. Surveyed for self 1000 acres. Said to have built 1st house in vic. Later sold it to Stephen Langford who was living there by 1810. He (or was it Stephen) is said to have named the hs Mt. V. for "its fancied resemblance" to Washington's Va. home and suggested the town be named that too which it was when it became the co's seat. He also was one of those who named the co. for the river. (Lair, Roots, Pp. 76-7);
MOUNT VERNON (Rockcastle Co.): Stephen Langford, acc. to Collins' HIST. was (one of) the 1st settlers in the co. and (one of) the 1st residents of the Mt. V. site. (John Lair "Hist. of Mt. V. and R. Co." MT. VERNON SIGNAL, 11/28/1968, P. 14:5); The 1st settlers were in there before 1814 and by then the largest commu. in the co. was Mt. V. (Ibid. P. 14:7); The old Langford Inn was built there at least by 1792. This house may have been built in 1790. But Lair mentions that Chas. Henderson had "written an acct." in the SIGNAL several yrs. before "in which he stated that Col. Wm. Henderson had this
log mansion built soon after the founding of Boonesboro, as a way station between his home in NC and Boonesboro, and that on frequent horseback journeys betw. his properties he always stopped and spent some time in this home, which he called Mt. Vernon because of its location being so similar to that of Geo. Washington's home, Mt. V. Both were long bldgs. and both were on the brow of a hill with a long sloping lawn in front of it. One, of course, was a colonial mansion, the other a crude log
When a little vil. grew up around it, what more natural than that it should be called Mt. Vernon." And by this name it was inc. on 2/3/1818. (Ibid Pp. 14:8-15:1-2). Stephen Langford from NC before 1800 and was son of Bob Langford. Stephen owned extensive land in Rock. and adjoining co's. (Ibid. P.15:6-
NEGRO CREEK (of Dicks/Dix R.): A slave was killed here. (1992 hist. book, P. 21);
NIPP (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 2/10/1892, Joel L. Rash, 5/24/93, John Baker; Disc. 12/9/1893 (mail to Livingston) (POR-NA); Acc. to Joel L. Rash, 1/30/92, the prop. name for this new po were Nipp or Rash Shirley (?) and it would be serving the locality of Cedarville, 3 mi w of the Rock. R, 1½ mi n of the E. Fk. of Skaggs Ck. (sic 1 mi w of Cedarv. po, 3 mi ne of Pongo po, 7 mi sw of Liv po. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Joel L. Rash (8) lived with his parents John K. (30) & Mary A. (26) & sibs. in 96 E.D. but no Nipp;
ORLANDO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1880 Census, Wm. M. Owens (51) & wife Lucinda (47) & issue, all Ky. born, lived in the 97th E.D. nr. other Owenses. No Orlando or Burr fam's. in the county; PO suspended by 1/1990 and was a CPO for Liv. po by 8/2000 (POR); On the L&N, 5 mi from Mt. V. Pop. 75. J.R. Owens was pm & gen. storekeeper. (1895-6 Gaz.); Acc. to 1921 L&N Time-table, the Brush Creek Sta. on the Ky. Div. was 5 mi from Sinks Sta. and 2 mi from Hummel & on Cinci. Div. (1960);
ORLANDO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. M. Owens, 4/1884, this prop. po would serve the Brush Creek Sta. 7 mi s of Rock. R, on the w side of Round Stone Ck, 20 ft w of Ky. Cent. RR, just s of the mouth of Brush Ck, a vil. of 50, 7 mi n of Liv. po, 7 mi s of Roundstone po, 2½ mi ne of Pine Hill po/ Acc. to Jas. M. Reynolds 3/4/87, po was 8 mi n of Rock. R, 1/8 mi s of Roundstone Ck, on the s side of the Ky. Cent. RR (Brush Ck. Sta.), vil. Of 200 pop, 1½ mi s of Langford po, 4 mi n of Withers po, 3 mi n of Pine Hill po/ On 5/2/1910, H.L. Smith pet. for a move ca. 50 yds nw to a pt 50 ft w of L&N, 60 ft sw of Brush Ck Sta, 75 yds w of Roundstone Ck, 1½ mi n of Dudley po, 2 mi s of Langf. po, 3 mi e of Burr po. Vil. of 75 pop/ Acc. to L.J.
Reams, 8/7/1939, po was 100 yds s of Roundstone Ck, 138 ft s of Brush Ck Sta and 80 ft s of rr tracks, 2 mi se of Hummel po, 4 mi nw of Withers po, 4 mi s of Bummer po, 4 mi ne of Burr po. (SLR);
ORLANDO (Rockcastle Co.): "(Aw)r/1(ae)n/
d(oh)". Called Brush Creek today "Br(uh)sh
Kreek". Actually goes by both names now tho
most persons refer to it as Brush Creek. On
the rr. Brush Creek=Brush Creek Sta. DK whe:
called Orlando or why. Doesnt know of any
Orlandos (persons) in the county. An active
po. Now: active commu. with stores. Farming
commu. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/
1978); same pron. PO name but the rr called
their sta. there Brush Creek. (same pron.)
Same place. DK why called Orlando. Another
? Brush Creek po in Ky. so had to call the po
something else. (Charley Carter, interview,
4/29/1978);
ORLANDO (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 2/9/1885, Wm. M. Owens...Disc. 11/30/85; Re-est. 3/18/87 Jas. M. Reynolds...(NA); A small town around a single track rr. Only a few homes and a gro. store-filling sta. At the mouth of Brush Creek First called Brush Creek Sta. when started as a rr stop. But rr sta. has been gone for a lon time. PO was est. here as Orlando a few yrs. after the sta. was est. Later the po moved to a site several mi. south of the sta. where, by 1970, it was still located. While some of the older local residents still called the commu. Brush Creek Sta., the majority call it Orlando (Noland C. Stanley, Dom. Geog. Name Rept. 4/14/1970); 37°22'25"N/84°06'08"W
OTTAWA (Rockcastle Co., Ky.): Acc. to Simeon Logan Cummins, 11/26/1902, the prop. name for this new po was Clay and it would be on the n side of Brush Ck, 4 mi sw of Brodhead po, 4 3/4 mi e of Bee Lick po, 3 1/2 mi n of Quail po// On 12/12/1913, Lillie B. Dillingham pet. for a move 1/2 mi e to a pt 3 mi sw of Dicks R, 1/4 mi n of Little Nigger Ck (sic), 3 1/4 mi from co. line, 3 1/2 mi n of Quail po, 4 mi sw of Brodhead po, 2 3/4 mi nw of Spiro po// Acc. to Lizzie B. Scoggins, 7/24/39, po was 2 mi from Lincoln Co, 100 yds w of Caroline Br, 5 mi sw of Brodhead po, 3 1/2 mi ne of Quail po, 4 mi n of Spiro po. (SLR);
OTTAWA (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 12/18/1902, Simeon L. Cummins...(NA); "(Ah)t/ə/w(ah)"
No po or store anymore. DK origin of the name. (Opp, Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978);
"(Ah)t/ə/w(ah)"
DK origin of the name. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); po disc. 1955;
PINE HILL (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 4/16/1867, Rees B. Ward; Disc. 2/7/1869; Re-est. 1/25/71, Wm. R. Dillion... Disc. 12/9/84; Re-est. 10/2/1885, Geo. W. Fagan... (NA); Otto Bruner & Philip Frobl est. colony called Salzburg at PH. co. in the middle 1880s of Swiss settlers. ("State's First Mass Immigration" SENTINEL 1954...); ("[ah]n [ih]l") 2 mi. s. of Mt. V.o US25, which was the Old Booneway from Cumb. Gap DK if ever called Salzburg. DK when/by 1st settled. A dying commu. since the new rd. went thru. Now: small gro. & trailer parks. Still locally called Pine Hill. (Opp Bussell, inter. 4/29/1978);
PINE HILL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This settlement with ep is on US 25 and the L&N RR, 3½ (air) mi ese of Mt. V. The po was est. on 4/16/1867, with Rees B. Ward, pm, and named for the local pine trees. It is now a rural br. of the Mt. V. po." (Book-P. 235); A coal & lumber town with a pop. once of 600 but now only a few homes. A "sparse" settlement till the arr. of the rr in 1868. The rr shipped comm. prod'n. of coal, lime, buildingstone, barrel staves, tannin bark. (J.Allen Singleton in KY. ENCY. on R. Co, 1992, P. 778); ca. 1873, had Ky's. largest coal mine. (KY. ENCY. P. 640); Acc. to L&N's 1890 timetable, this Knoxv. Div. sta. was 6 mi se of Mt. V. same in 1960, 1881, 1883;
PINE HILL (Rockcastle Co.): ("P(ah)n (eye)n H(ih)l") Coal mining town. Pine timber shipped from there. Doesn't think it was called Salzburg. Thinks the latter was near Mareburg. ("S(ah)lz/berg") Local clay was used to make pottery for a long time. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); Founded 1870. Pop. of 600+ by 1873, acc. to Collins HIST. (John Lair, "HIST. OF MT. V. & ROCK. CO." MT. VERNON SIGNAL, 11/28/1968, P.14:7-8); PO disc. 1963 and as an R.B. from 1963 to 1974 (POR); Coal was mined in the P.H. vic. by Cash Crooke who erected local tipple & loaded & shipped coal from here by rail. (Ralph Griffin, 1939);
PINE HILL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): The Pine Hill RR was a 3 mi long, narrow gauge line built in 1878 to serve its owners the Pine Hill Coal & Iron Co. Ended in 1893. (Sulzer, Ghost RR, P. 131); Acc. to Collins II, Pp. 690-691, the Pine Hill Station was 5½ mi se of Mt. V. "A thriving town" with pop. of 600, 4 steam-powered sawmills and 2 coal mines; Acc. to 1876-7 Gaz, this was a sta. of the Knoxv. Br. of the L&N & GSRR, 5 mi from Mt. V. Had 3 sawmills and 2 coal mines (incl. 200 miners). L.S. Jones was pm & xpr. & sta. agent, J.W. Corley had gen. store & coal mines, C. Crook & Co. had gen. store and coal mines, Mullens & Co. had saw and cornmeal mill, W.I. Newcom & Co. had saw & cornmeal mill, Jas. Smith had saw and cornmeal mill. Main rail shipments=coal, lumber, staves, & tanbark;
PINE HILL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): The sta. was named for the local piney hill. The settlement that dev'd. there soon outgrew Mt. V. (Lair, Recollections, 1991, P. 93); Now a branch of the Mt. V. po. (1992 hist., P. 21); Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was on the L&N, 5 mi se of Mt. V. with pop. of 400. G.W. Fagan was pm, lumber, and real estate businesses, W.T. Brooks & Co. gen.store and sawmill, B.F. Ball had gen.store, W.M. Gray was rr agent, Pine Hill Coal & Iron Co. had local coal mine; Acc. to 1879-80 Gaz, on the Knoxv. Br. of the L&GS RR, 5 mi se of Mt. V Pop. 300. C. Crooke was pm, gen.storekeeper, and coal Co Mullens & Co. saw and flour mill, John Owens had flour mill, Robt. Diamond had gro. & saloon, Goff & Taylor had gro. & saloon, W.M. Owens had drugstore, W.N. Roberts boots & shoes, J.L. Slavin was xpr. & sta. agent, Jas. Smith had flour & sawmill;
PINE HILL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Geo. W. Fagan, 6/15/1885, this po was 5 mi n of Rock. R, 3 mi w of Roundstone Ck, 50 ft s of L&N (Pine Hill Sta.), 1½ mi from Roundstone Sta, 5 mi s of Mt. V. po, 5 mi n of Liv. po. Vil. of ca. 100 pop.// On 5/27/13, Jos. L. McHargue pet. for a move 1500 ft s to a pt. 5 mi n of the Rock. R, 2 mi w of Roundstone Ck, 600 ft s of L&N (Pine Hill Sta.), ca. 5 mi from co. line, 5 mi n of Liv. po, 3 mi s of Orlando po, 3 mi e of Burr po// On 12/28/26, Jas. Griffin pet. for a move 289 yds s to a pt. 5 mi n of Rock. R, 2 mi n of Roundstone Ck, 4 mi w of RR (Mullin Sta.), 2 mi n of Burr po, 5 mi n of Liv. po, 4 mi w of Withers po// Acc. to no sign., 9/1939,
the po was 10 ft e of US 25, 5 mi from Laurel Co, 173 ½ ft (or yds-?) s of Pine Hill Sta, 5 mi n of Rock. R 2½ mi s of Burr po, 2 mi w of Withers po, 5 mi n of Liv. po, 3 mi e of Wellhope po. (SLR);
PLEASANT VALLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1881 L&N timetables, this Knoxv. Br. sta. was 2 mi se of Mt. V. and 4 mi nw of Pine Hill, same in 1883; The Pleasant Valley Station is now Cove. (Ralph Griffin, 1939);
PONGO (ROCKCASTLE CO., KY): Acc. to 1880 Census, Geo. W. Nichols (3) was a boarder with Lizzie Tackett, a widow (44) in the 96th E.D. No Pongo; Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was 15 mi from Mt. V. G.W. Nichols was pm. Wm. A. Dyer had a flour mill, W.R. Whitaker had a genstore & flour mill. S. Childers was a wagonmaker. Ingram Renner was a druggist, other businesses;
Pongo (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 1/20/1888, Geo. W. Nichols, 7/21/1904, Sarilda E. Warren, 7/7/05, James Q. Hayes... 5/2/1912, Walter Owens; Disc. 4/30/13 (mail to Cedarville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. W. Nichols, 1/3/88, this prop. po would be 3 mi w of Rock. R, 2 mi s of Scaggs Ck, 3 mi n of Line Ck po, ca. 15 mi se of Mt. V. po, ca. 5 mi nw of Andrew po; Acc. to Thaney Arnold, 10/9/1911, po was 5 mi w of Rock. R, 1 mi s of Skages Ck (sic), 2½ mi from co. line, 2 mi w of Cedarv. po, 5 3/4 mi s of Hansford po. (SLR); [pahp/oh] (Opp Bussell, 4/29 1978); Commu. owned by storekeeper Elmer Taylor (Acc. to Floyd Owens, 4/9/1972); Pongo Ridge = ca. 10 mi s of Mt. Two rm Gum Springs Sch. (Christine McKinney, 6030 Tylers Rd. West Chester, 0 45069-1210, 513-777-8545 in KY.EXPL. Vol. 13 (1), 5/98, p. 98);
QUAIL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Named for the bird, aka the bob-white which was found there abundantly. Object of much hunting for food. Store & grist mill. Once a trade center "for a large area." Mill was 1st owned by Craig Cromer & later moved to Skaggs Ck & owned by Ed Bullock. Barto Dillingham had local store later owned by the Gilfrets who had po in store. Sch. Later Ben Albright owned store and po which moved across the rd. Ben was succeeded by Richard Gentry till 1947 and replaced by Sherman Mink. Store burned down 1965 & rebuilt across rd. ca. 1992: store, serv. sta, chu, the Quail Commu. Park. (Sonja Bullock & Ruth Mink in 1992 hist., Pp. 20-21);
QUAIL (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 2/16/1888, Willis G. Proctor...(NA); ("Kväl") Named for the birds. There's also a Quail, Texas. Store now but dpo. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/25/1978); The present site of this po was the site of the old Willailia po. (q.v.) Quail's orig. po site was at the present site of Minks. Ruth Mink ran the store there. There's a xrds there and that was Quail, on Ky. 70. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); PO closed 1955; Acc to 1895 Gaz, it was 9 mi sw of Mt. V, 8 mi from Broadhead (sic), W.G. Proctor was pm, gen.store keeper, and flour & sawmill operator, P.G. Griffin had a flour mill, John Majors had a flour mill, A.J. Sutton was a wagonmaker, Wyatt Warren was a distiller;
QUAIL (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Willis G. Proctor, 1/3/1888, the prop. name for this new po was Macon and it would serve that locality aka Proctor's Store, 1/8 mi e of Brush Ck, 3 mi e of Bee Lick po, 8 mi s of Brodhead po, 5 mi n of Level Green po, a rural po. On 5/1/17, Chas. C. Brown pet. for a move 1/5 mi se to a pt ca. 6 mi s of Dix R, 1 mi s of Brush Ck, 1½ mi from co. line, 2 mi ne of Willailla po, 3½ mi s of Ottawa po, 4 mi n of Level Green po. Acc. to Ben Albright, 7/25/39, po was 3 air mi from Pul. Co, ½ mi from Duriman (?) Ck, 1½ mi s of Ottawa po, 2 mi nw of Willailla po. (SLR);
Randall (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 2/9/1864 with Moses Easley, only pm; Disc. 8/25/1865 (Moses was a Scaffold Cane pm 7/21/53 to 3/16/58 (POR-NA);
RASPBERRY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 3/9/1891, Geo. W. Pittman; Disc. eff. 11/15/05 (mail to Hansford) (POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. W. Pittman, 2/14/1891, this prop. po would be 10 mi nw of Rock. R, ½ mi w of Scaggs Ck (sic), 7 mi se of Level Green po, 6 mi nw of Pongo po, 8 mi s of Mt. V. po// Acc. to Ibid., 12/1/96, po was 8 mi w of Rock R, ¼ mi w of Skaggs Ck, 2½ mi s of Hansford po, 3½ mi n of Bloss po. (SLR);
RAVENWOOD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 5/19/1906, J.G. Reppert (not in P&G--did it ever operate? No further data on it. check...); Acc. to J. Lynch (4/5/05) this order was apparently resc. since there's no further mention of this office in the Rec'd. of App't. of Postmasters and it doesn't appear in a Dec. 1906 list of po's in the US Official Postal Guide;
RED HILL CHURCH (Rockcastle Co., Ky): (F766e, a Baptist church on Gauley Mt., n. of Livingston. aka Union-Rockcastle Baptist Chu. (Acc. to Jess D. Wilson, WHEN THEY HANGED THE FIDDLER, Berea: Kentucke Imprints, 1978, P. 187)
REIDSVILLE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 6/18/1878 with Thos. L. Scott, 11/15/78, Mrs. Pleasant B. Johnson... 12/17/83, Zachary T. Cook; Disc. 12/8/1884 (papers to Conwayton) (POR-NA); Acc. to Thos. T. Scott, 6/4/1878, The Reedsville po (sic) would be 100 yds sw of Clear Ck, 6 mi sw of Morrill po, 12 mi ne of Mt. V. po. (SLR); Acc. to 1879-80 Gaz, Reedville (sic) was a small po; Acc. to 1883-4 Gaz, Reedville was a vil. with po, 8 mi from Mt. V. Pop. 225. J.Q. Jenkins was pm, John S. Gadd had a flourmill, J.B. Kerby & Co. had flour mill, tannery, & gen. store. Others. (no Reid or Reed); No Reid fam. listed in 1880 Census;
RENFRO VALLEY (Rockcastle Co.): Named for Jas. Renfro, extensive landowner. He lived in Pineville. Owned the site of Renfro Val. but never settled there. Took up land grants individually until he owned a lot of land. His nephew, Johnny Renfro, was the 1st settler of the site.

(John Lair, interview, 8/13/1971); 2 mi. n. of Mt. Vernon; Renfro Creek flows thru the vall. Valley 1st settled c.1780. Famed Renfro Val. Barndance & Sunday Morning Gathering begun by John Lair in the 1930s. Staged in the Barn in the Val. and nearby the Pioneer Museum, considered the largest log bldg. in Ky. exhibiting many handfashioned artifacts of pioneer times.

...(J. Hall Smith, Pres. Renfro Val., Inc. in his pr brochure, c1970).
RENFRO VALLEY (Rockcastle Co.): The homes of the weekly Renfro Val. Barndance. John Renfro settled the val. in 1791. John Lair founded the barndance in the 1930s. In 1968 he sold the RV Barndance properties and programs to J. Hall Smith, head of the Entertainment Corp. of Am. in Nashville... (James R. Russell, "Historic Renfrow Valley is Showing New Signs of Life But it Still Goes for... "Down-Home Sound" LCJ, 7/30/1973, P. B1:1-5); John & Lula Renfro were 1st settlers in val. c1789. 3 bros. named Fish acquired nearly all of the val. by land grant and erected the 1st 3 homes there. (John Lair, "Hist of Mt. V. & Rock. Co." MT.V. SIGNAL, 11/28/68, P. 14:5-6);
RENFRO VALLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): John & Lulu Renfro in 1791 built the 1st cabin in the val. that bears their name. But they're not bur. in the Ramsey-Hiatt Cem. in R.V. They're known to be bur. in the Renfro Burying Ground (go e. on Hummel Rd. from US 25, some 2½ mi from the rd; John Renfro & his wife built the 1st home in R.V before 1800 on land acq. from his uncle James. (Lair, Recollections, 1991, P. 22); The Big & Little Renfro Cks confl. is 2-3 mi above the Renfro Val. settlement. Littl Renfro was early called Shawnee Run. (Ibid., P. 82);
RENFRO VALLEY (Rock. Co.): John Renfro & his wife, Lulu were the 1st settlers of this val. named for them. Nr. the site of the present Renfro Lodge are the remains of an Indian encampment. Local tradition relates of a bloody battle betw. Shawnee and early white settlers which gave rise of Shawnee Run, and earlier name for Little Renfro Valley. There are many Indian graves on "hillsides over looking the valley." ....("Hist. of Renfro Valley" in RENFRO VALLEY KEEPSAKE, c1947, by Renfro Val. Enterprises);
RENFRO VALLEY (Rockcastle Co.): ("R(eh)n/fr(oh) V(ae)l/ee") Before the barn dance was organized there in 1939, there was at the site a filling sta. on the w. side of US25. This site was chosen for the barn dance because it was where John Lair was raised. Named for the Renfros, who were the 1st settlers of the valley. The valley was so called years before Lair came on the scene. Active po. (Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978);
RENFRO VALLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Virginia Francis Lair, 5/24/1940, this prop. po would be 11 mi n of Rock. R, 150 yds n of Renfro Ck, 2½ mi n of Mt. V. po 6 mi sw of Wildie po, 5 mi se of Hiatt po. (SLR); PO est in 1940 (P&G and POR); Prop. in this vic, along Renfro Ck was acq. by John Lair, etc. in 1937 for a trad'l. country music entertainment complex. Renfro Val, Barn Dance's 1st broadcast yr but in Cinci. The 1000 seat local big barn was completed in 1939 & the 1st show from there was on 11/4/39. (Betty B. Ellison in KY. ENCY, 199 P. 767); Acc. to Jillson I, P. 228, Jas. Renfro, Jr. acq 900 acres on the Rock. R in Mad. Co. (11/14/1797); Absalom Renfro was apptd. J.P. 1/1810. (KY ANC. Vol. 30 (1994, P. 28);
ROBINET (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Mrs. Belle Phillips, 3/9/1949, this po was re-est. in Jackson Co. (but on the Rock. Co. line) and would be serving a locality aka Cooksburg and Goochland, having moved 1 mi n of the former site. Now on state hiway, 1½ mi w of Horslick Ck, 2 mi e of Crooked Ck, 3½ mi s of Three Links po, 5 mi w of Eglon po, 4 mi e of Johnetta po. (SLR); Mrs. Stella M. Johnson's order of 3/3/1950 to est. this po, as Robinette was resc. on 4/6/1950. It was to have been officially estab. on 4/16/ (POR);
ROBINET (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. in Jackson Co. 5/12 1906, Jas. L. Allen; in Rock. Co. 4/18/07, Ibid., 10/17/ 1912, Irvan B. Miller (sic); Disc. 10/31/1914 (mail to Cooksburg); Re-est. 12/22/1930, Jas. M. Griffin; Disc. 1934 (POR-NA); Acc. to Jones L. Allen (?-check), 4/19/ 1906, this prop. po would be 7 mi n of Rock. R, 3½ mi s of Crooked Ck, 3 mi n of Dango po, 3½ mi e of Cooksburg po, 4 mi s of Goochland po. Vil. of 50 pop// Acc. to Ibid. 4/9/07, po was on the Rock. Co. side of the Rock- Jackson Co. line. (map)// Acc. to Jas. M. Griffin, 2/2/ 1931, po was ca. 1 mi e of Crooked Ck, ca. 4 or 5 mi n Jep Hill po, ca. 7 or 8 mi s of Goochland po. (map) (SLR); Garnett Robinette (16) mar. Jones L. Allen (16) in 1900. (R. Co. Marr. Records);
ROCKFORD (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 2/24/1898, Isaac Todd...(NA); ("R(ah)k/ferd") Never located it and dk anything about it. (Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978); At Scaffold Cane. DK origin of the name. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); PO closed 1935;
ROCKFORD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Isaac Todd, 5/11/1897, the prop. name for this new po was Scaffoldcane and it would serve that locality (but not a vil.), 3 mi w of Ino po, 4 mi e of Conway po, 3½ mi n of Disputanta po// On 7/13/01, Ibid. pet. for a move 800 yds se to a pt 2 mi n of Clear Ck, 1 mi from co. line, 2 mi nw of Disputanta po, 4 mi ne of Conway po, 7 mi s of Berea po/ Acc. to M.J. Todd, 3/29/1915, po was 2 mi w of Clear Ck, 1 mi from co. line, 200 yds e of KCRR, 2 3/4 mi sw of Disputanta po, 3 mi e of Boone po, 4 mi ne of Conway po. (SLR);
ROUNDSTONE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Round Stone Lick was identified in the co's. enabling act of 1/8/1810; Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, the Roundstone Station was 2 mi of Conway and 2 mi n of Wildie; Acc. to 1890 L&N timetable, this sta. on the Knoxv. Div. was 1 mi se of Pine Hill and 1 mi nw of Sinks; In 1883 timetable, the station's name was sp. two words; In 1882 the Ky. Cent. came thru, connecting with the L&N at The Sinks of Roundstone. (Mt. V. Signal, 1901 in KY. EXPL. Vol. 16 (10), 4/2002, Pp. 42-3); Tribs. of R. Ck: Crooked, Brus', Renfro, and Clear Cks.; Ck. was named for the "eliptica shaped stones found along the edge of the stream or on its shoals." They were "pale reddish brown in color." So id. by 1776 by Jos. Kennedy. A Roundstone Lick at the head of the ck. (Lair, Recoll., Pp. 38-9);
ROUND STONE (sic) (Rockcastle Co.): est. 3/18/1856, James Sayers...Disc. 5/2/1861; Re­est. 4/18/78, Alfred Owens...Disc. 5/31/1893 (papers to Wildie) (NA); ("Rownd St(oh)n") One word. DK why so named. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); ("Rownd St(oh)n") DPO. Named for Roundstone Creek which was originally named for the round stones in the creek. Heads close to the Rock-Mad. Co. line. (Opp Bussell, Jr. & Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978);
ROUNSTONE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo at the jct. of US 25 and Ky 1617 and 1786, 5½ (air) mi n of Mt. V., is also located on Roundstone Ck, a br. of Rock. R., which was named for the round stones early found in its bed. The po, est. as Round Stone on 3/18/1856, with Jas. Sayers, pm, was disc. in 1896." (Book-P. 256); Acc. to Alfred Owens, 3/6/78, the Round Stone po was 6 mi n of Mt. V. po and 7 mi s of Scaffoldcane p // Acc. to W.H. Albright, 11/12/84, po was 15 mi n of Rock. R, 100 yds n of Roundstone Ck, 60 ft s of K.C. RR 2 mi n of Wildie po, 2½ mi s of Conway po, 5 mi s of Reedv. po, (Roundstone Sta.). (SLR); Acc. to 1879-80, this was but an unimportant po;
ROUNDSTONE CREEK (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Heads in Mad. C, and flows thru Boones Gap. Most of it flows thru R.Co. It's the co's. largest ck. At Sinks it proceeds underground at the L&N & K.C. Pumping Station. There it's called "The Boils". It's a "subterranean passage". The cr's. name was known to Boone by 1785. Early aka Rouney Stone Lick Ck (see P. 38). Several salt licks or springs, notably just s of Boones Gap. Tribs: (1) Big Clear Ck. joins R. Ck. nr Wildie. Good farm country in its val. Early landowning fam's. incl. Coffey, Bullock Woods, Fish, and Branaman. An early tanyard and sawmil at its upper reaches; (2) Crooked Ck. located in whose val. was the Gt. Saltpeter Cave. Aptly named "winding thru a long and deep val. flows by both cave entrances
(Lair, Recollections, 1991, Pp. 80-1); (3) Brush Ck joins Roundstone at Orlando. Heads at the Big Hill Divide. Named for the considerable dead brush and fallen trees along its banks in early settlement times; (4) Renfro Ck.. Little R. was early called Shawnee Run. Heads at Gustafson Cave; (5) Copper Ck. was named for the many snakes discovered by pions. in its val. (Ibid., P. 82);
RULO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 1/7/1888, Thos. J. Cress, 11/19/89, Sarah Gentry; Disc. 5/29/90 (papers to Mt. Vernon); Re-est. 8/6/92, John W. Marler, order resc. 5/9/94 (POR-NA); Acc. to Thomas Jefferson Cress, 12/20/1887, this prop. po would be on the e side of the E. Fk. of Skaggs Ck, 6 mi s of Mt. V. po, 6 mi n of Culpeper po not a vil. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Thos. J. Cress (14) lived with parents Derril M. (35) & (stepmother) Sarah E. (25) & sibs. and step-sibs in 97th E.D. but no Rulo; Acc. to Jillson II, P. 1112, W.F. Cress acq. 35 acres on a fk. of Skeggs Ck (2/1/1867);
SANDSPRING (Rockcastle Co. Ky): po est. 7/25/1904, Marion L. Denham, 5/23/05, Mary Dewhouse; Disc. eff. 11/15/05 (mail to Hansford); Re-est. 9/18/25, Rome Graves, 11/27/25, Louisa Graves... Disc. 1963 (POR-NA); Acc. to P&G it was Sandspring from 1904-05 and Sand Springs from 1925 to 1963; Acc. to Marion L. Denham, 5/28/04, this prop. po would be 3 mi n of Skaggs Ck, 3 mi se of Wabd po, 5 mi s of Mt. V. po. [84°21' n, 30°17' w] (map). Given as Sand Spring// Acc. to Rome Graves, 6/25/24, as Sand Springs, the po was 10 mi nw of Rock R, 8 ft w of Dry Fk, 3 mi n of Hansford po, 4½ mi s of Mt. V. po, 3 mi e of Wabd po// On 7/25/39, Louisa Graves reported po on Dry Fk of Skeggs Ck, 3 mi n of Skeggs Ck, 4½ mi sw of Mt. V po, 2 3/4 mi se of Wabd po 3 mi ne of Hansford po, 5 or 6 mi sw of Wellhope po. (SLR);
SCAFFOLD CANE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Chu. & settlement at jct. of rds to Crab Orchard & Boonesb. The latter crossed Big Hill. 1st settled 1784. "...a profuse growth of cane--mentioned in many of the old diaries ....The name.. is a reminder of these early hunting days, for Dr. Draper in his ms. bio. of Dan'l. Boone gives a minute acct. of the hunters' practice of constructing scaffolds of the cane, on which they placed their half-dressed furs to protect them from the wild beasts until enough could be gathered to make up a pack for the market in Va. or N.C. .... Trad'n. among the settlers holds that the cane scaffolds were used to dry ginseng which abounded in that sect., and also the Indians used it to construct temporary huts while
they were on their hunting expeditions in the country. A few of the cane patches may yet to be seen. Trad'n. supports this origin of the name of the settlement and an old map of 1812...even attaches to it the Rock. R. It has been applied to a ridge...and later to the pike that comes to Berea." The Scaffold Cane Chu. was built ca. 1792 as a log. bldg. Used as a sch. too. Began as a union chu. 4 bldgs. Early fam's. incl. Albrights, Mullens, Bakers, Cooks, Harrises, Coffees, Bryants, Clarks, Dobbs, Houks, etc. .... Now: S.C. B Chu. (Jas. R. Robertson, Prof. of Hist., Berea Coll., 1911 in KY. EXPL. Vol. 8 (6), 11/1993, Pp. 6-8); or odd?
/SCAFFOLD CANE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): [skaef/əl kān]. Name for the scaffold on which men stood to cut the cane. An early name. (Opp Bussell, 4/29/1978); Reed's (pre C.W.) Tanyard here. (Griffin, 1939); Dodsville (sic). Mid 19 cent. merchants here: John E. Carson, Stephens Cummings, W.H. Kirtley, R.L. Myers & Co. (KY.ANC. Vol. 29 (2), 199: P. 77);
SCAFFOLD CANE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. as Scaffle Cain (sic) 7/27/1837 with Geo. Houke, 9/13/37, John Todd; Disc. 7/8/42; Re-est. as Doddsville 8/23/52, Richard L. Myers; ch. to Scaffold Cane 7/21/1853, Moses Easley; Disc. 3/16/58; Re-est. 6/30/58, Wm. B. Sain; Disc. 10/31/1860; Re-est. 2/5/61, Henry S. Reed; ch. to Dunlap 7/25/61, Richard L. Myers, 6/18/62, Wm. L. Cook; Disc. 1/9/1863; Re-est. 2/10/64, John M. Clary; Disc. 8/25/65; Re-est. as Scaffold Cane 8/17/74, Wm. D. Hudson; Disc. 1/29/1875 (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. David Hudson, 7/20/74, this po was 7 mi s of Berea po, 7 mi n of Rock R, 3 mi of Round Stone po. Not a vil. (SLR);
SHIRLEY (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. as Evansville on 6/21/1895 with John G. Rogers; ch. to Shirley 10/19/95, Ibid., 8/24/96, Elizabeth Mize, 6/26/97, Jonathan Speaks; Disc. 4/21/98 (mail to Line Creek) (POR-NA); Acc. to John G. Rogers, 6/3/1895, the prop. Evansville po would be 100 yds w of Rock. R, 1 mi e of Line Ck, ca. 3 mi se of Line Ck. po, 4½ mi s of Cedarv. po// Acc. to Ibid, 1/18/1896, the po, late Evansv. but now Shirley was serving Evans Ferry, 200 yds w of Rock. R, 1 mi e of Line Ck, 3 mi se of Line Ck po, 4 mi s of Cedarv. po, 6 mi sw of Andrews po, 7 mi ne of Skippe po (sic) (SLR); No Shirley fam's. in 1880 Cens, John G. Rogers (30) & wife Lucy (19) in 96 E.D. but no Shirley; Acc. to 1895 Gaz, Evansville was a po;
SINKS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, this Ky. Div. sta. was 1 mi s of Mullins (Withers po) & 3 mi. n of Liv; Acc. to 1960 L&N timetables, this sta. on the Leb. Br. of the Knoxv. Div. was 2 mi se of Pine Hill and, on the Cinci Div., 1 mi se of Mullins Sta. in 1960; Acc. to 1890 L&N timetables it was 1 mi s of the Roundstone Sta. and 3 mi from Liv; The Ky. Cent. RR arr. at this site in 1883 and reached Liv. the following yr. This was the site where Roundstone Ck."goes underground to emerge 4 mi (below) in the Boils at Livingston. (Lair Recoll., 1991, P. 93);
SKEGG CREEK (Rockcastle County, Ky.) Branch of Rockcastle River. (F55c)

Named for Henry Scaggs and his brother, prof. hunters, who accompanied Elisha Walden and were thus among the first group known to have been on the Cumberland River, 1761-... (Harriet Simpson Arnow, SEEDTIME ON THE CUMBERLAND, NY: Macmillan, 1960, P. 146. She cites, as ft. #37, John Redd, "Reminiscences of Western Virginia", taken from the Draper Mas. "vol. and page of original not given but thought to have been written around 1849" (Arnow) and published in
SNIDER (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, the Snider po was 10 mi n of Mt. V. J.M. Walker had gen. store; Snyder (sic) was whistle stop on the rr. (Lair); No Finck in 1880 Census but there was an Alpha Snyder who marr. Jas. V. Carroll; Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, Snider was a sta. on Ky. Div. line 1 mi's of Gap Sta. and 2 mi n of Conway;
SNYDER (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 1/17/1889, A.H. Finck, 1/29/89, Austin Fink (sic); Disc. 7/26/90 (papers to Orlando); Re-est. 9/20/1890, D.H. Winsted, 1/13/91, Sumner P. Day, 5/23/93, Geo. W. Jones; Disc. 10/17/93, (mail to Conway) (POR-NA); Acc. to J.W., Snider, 6/13/88, this prop. po would serve 2 stores and 2 homes and the Snider Station on the K.C. RR, ¼ mi w of Roundstone Ck, 2½ mi n of Conway po, 5 mi s of Berea po; Acc. to po was 1 mi w of Roundstone Ck, 40 ft e of K.C. RR, a vil. of 20 pop, Snider Switch (?), 2 rail mi n of Conway po, 6 rail mi s of Berea po, 7 mi n of Wildie po. (SLR);
SPIRO (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 12/22/1905, Wm H. Owens...(NA); ("Sp(ah) ↔ (eye)/r(oh)"
Named for a person but have forgotten his full name. The 1st pm was the same Willie Owens who named Willaila. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); po closed 1955; Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. H. Owens (3/73) & wife Sophia (1/73), a farmer, lived in E.D. 71, Prec. 7 br. fam's. of Brown, Owens, Bussell, Baker, Chasteen. But no Spiro;
SPIRO (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. H. Owens, 11/3/1905, this prop. po would be ¼ mi e of Skaggs Ck, 3 mi w of Mareburg po, 4 mi e of Ottawa po, 5 mi s of Brodhead po// Acc. to Ibid, 2/4/15, po was 100 yds e of Skaggs Ck, 2 3/4 mi w of L&N, 2 3/4 mi sw of Mareburg, 3 mi n of Bromo po, 2½ mi nw of Wabd po// Acc. to Ida Skeen, 7/26/39, po was 2 mi s of US 150, 4 mi sw of Mt. Sta, 2 mi sw of Marteburg po, 4 mi ne of Bromo po. (SLR)
STOKES (Rockcastle Co., Ky): po est. 1/15/1914, Eugene Stokes; Disc. 5/31/1914 (mail to Mt. Vernon) (POR-NA); Acc. to Eugene Stokes, 7/21/1913, this prop. po would serve the locality of Hopewell, 8 mi nw of Rock. R, 25 yds e of the E. Fk. of Skeggs Ck, 4 mi ne of Hansford po, 4 mi sw of Pine Hill po. (SLR); The Hopewell p.o. was est. 12/12/1827 with Henry W. Anderson, only pm. & closed 2/11/1831. (POR-NA);
THREELINKS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to W.A. Phillips, 2/14/1915, the prop. name for this new po was Sycamore and it would be 100 ft from co. line, ca. 3 mi n of Goochland po, ca. 3½ mi w of Double Lick po// Acc. to Wm. A. Phelps, 2/8/1917, po was 2 mi w of Horse Lick Ck, 2½-3 mi n of Goochland po, 2 3/4-3 mi e of Climax po, on the Jackson Co. line// Acc. to H.C. Anglin, 7/25/39, po was on the Jackson Co. line, 1 mi w of Horse Lick Ck, 1½ mi ne of Crooked Ck, 2 mi e of Climax po, 5 mi s of Morrill po, 4 mi ne of Johnetta po. (SLR);
THREE LINKS (Jackson Co.): a relatively recently est. p.o. (check...) Named for the symbol of the Odd Fellows Lodge, 3 links of a chain. (Vernon Wilson, Peoples, Ky. 7/9/197') PO closed 1957;
THREELINKS (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 11/8/191;
Wm. A. Phillips...(NA); ("Three/1(ih)ys") one
word. DK origin of the name. (Opp Bussell, Jr
interview, 4/29/1978); Ibid. and same pron.
(Charley Carter, ibid.); Rock-Jackson inter-
county feat; "Threelinks was the center of
three branch roads. One leads to Livingston,
one to Climax and one to Big Hill. So it was
the connecting locality for these roads. Too,
it lies on an old stage coach line that went
to Jackson, Ky./At one time there was a large
store, a Masonic lodge and a church in this
community. Today all have disappeared and
little remains there...." (Opp Bussell, Jr.,
Mt. Vernon, Ky., in letter to me, 4/11/1987)
WABD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo is on Ky 461, 3 (air) mi sw of Mt. V. The name was derived from the initials of its 1st pm Wm. A.B. Davis, when the po was est. on 6/17/1886." (Book-P. 306);
Wm. A.B. Davis (1851-1915) & wife Mary C. (1856-1896) & other Davis & Cox fam's. are bur. in the Elmwood Cem. at the corner of Main St. & Old US 25, ne of the ct.hse in Mt. V.;
WABD (Rockcastle Co.); po est. 6/17/1886, Wm. A.B. Davis. Disc. 5/28/91; Re-est. 1/30/1897, Sally Searcy. Disc. 10/15/1917; Re-est 7/28/21, Arthur Payne. (NA); Wm. A.B. Davis gave his initials to the town. (John Lair, interview, 8/13, 1971; Floyd L. Owens of Mt. Vernon, Ky. interview, 4/9/1972); ("W(ae)b") Named for the 1st pm, Wm. A.B. Davis. Now: 1-stores. Davis was the 2nd super. of schools in the county, before the turn of the century. (Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978); po closed 1955; Acc. to 1880 Cens, Wm. A.B. Davis (29), a tchr, lived with wife Mary C. (24) in the 97th E.D.;
WARD (Pulaski & Rockcastle Co's., Ky): Acc. to Jas. H. Cooper, 12/27/1900, this prop. po would serve the Finley locality, 2 mi w of Rock. R, on the w side of Line Ck, 3 mi nw of the Line Ck. po, 4 mi s of Conrad po, 3 mi e of Deboe po. Not a vil. (Pulaski Co. SLR); Acc. to John L. Cooper, 5/18/1903, the Ward po, late in Pul. Co., was 1/8 mi from Rock. R. & the co. line, 1 mi e of Buffalo Ck, 3½ mi se of Line Ck po, 4 mi s of Pongo po. (SLR-Rock. Co.); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, this Ky. Div. sta. was 1 mi s of Wildie and 1 mi n of Hummel, as Wards;
WABD (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. A.B. Davis, 6/1/1886, this prop. po would serve the Green Yard locality, 200 yds e of Skeggs Ck, 3 mi ne of Level Green po, 4 mi s of Maretburg po, 5 mi sw of Mt. V. po, not a vil// Acc. to Sally Searcy, 1/15/1897, po was 1 mi n of Skaggs Ck, 3 3/4 mi ne of Level Green po, 4½ mi sw of Mt. V. po, 4 mi s of Maretburgh po// On 12/24/13, no sign. pet. for a move 300 yds s to a pt 6 mi se of Dicks R, 1 mi ne of Skeggs Ck, 4 mi s of Mt. V. po, 4 mi n of Level Green po, 3 mi ne of Bromo po, 3 mi from Maretburg// Acc. to Squire J. Kinley, 3/26/16, po was .½ mi e of the W. Fk. of Skages (sic) Ck, 4 mi ne of Level Green po, 4½ mi sw
of Mt. V. po, 1½ mi se of Spiro po. Acc. to Arthur Payne, 4/9/1921, this po was ½ mi ne of Skaggs Ck, 4 mi n of Level Green po, 5 mi s of Mt. V. po, 10 mi nw of Hansford po. Acc. to W.S. Robbins, 7/31/39, po was 3½ air & 4 rd mi from Pul. Co, ½ mi w of Jones Ck, ¼ mi e of Skaggs Ck, 4½ mi sw of Mt. V. po, 3 mi nw of Sand Springs po, 2½ mi se of Spiro po, 3 mi e of Level Green po. (SLR);
WELLHOPE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Eugene Stokes, 5/2/1921, the prop. name for this new po was Stokes and it would serve the Hopewell locality, 8 mi w of the Rock. R, 25 yds e of the E. Fk. of Skeggs Ck, 5 mi se of Mt. V. po. On 3/10/1928, Florence Clontz pet. for a move 1½ mi nw to a pt 25 yds e of E. Fk., 7½ mi nw of Luner po, 3½ mi se of Mt. V. po, 3½ mi s of Burr po. Eff. 12/3/1928. Acc. to Ibid., 7/29/39, po was 75 ft e of Skeggs Ck, 3½ mi s of Mt. V. po, 3½ mi w of Burr po, 4 mi e of Sand Springs po. (SLR);
WELLHOPE (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 10/27/1921, Eugene Stokes... (NA); ("W(eh)l/h(oh)p") Not the same as Hopewell. One word. (Opp Bussell, interview, 4/29/1978); same pron. A big spring there was locally called "Well Hope", a well where people got their water. Had a store & a blacksmith shop. Ramseys and Geo. Pittman and the Cox(es) lived in that vic. (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); Long time timbering in vic. Henry Cox & John Harmon were wagonmakers and early area settlers. (Ibid.); po closed in 1957;
WILDCAT MOUNTAINS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Named for the bobcats still on its forested slopes and in its caverns. Site of the C.W. Battle of Camp Wildcat or Rockcastle Hills, nr Livingston. (ca. 10/21/1861). (Collins Vol. 2, P. 692); The Battle of Camp Wild Cat was on Wild Cat Mt., 4 mi sw of Livingston in Oct. 1861. (Robt. Mullins, WPA, ca. late 1930s);
WILDIE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Jan Stevens run the local gro. and po (c1993); "This hamlet with po is on Ky 1786, 4½ (air) mi nne of Mt. V. It may have been named by D.N. Williams for Will and Dee, the sons of a local farmer named Albright, or possibly for the 2 sons of a Mr. Lumm, one of the engineers or an early run of the old Ky. Cent. (later L&N) RR, which est. a sta. at this site around 1883. The po was est. on 10/20/1884 with Andrew J. Henderson, pm." (Book-P. 319); Named for Will & Dee Albright by the grandfather D.N. Williams. (Lair, Recoll. P. 93); One of R. Co's. 2 building stone quarries was here (Ibid. P. 96);
WILDIE (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 10/20/1884.
Andrew J. Henderson... (NA); Named for the two sons of a Mr. Albright, local farmer; they were Will and Dee. (John Lair, interview, 8/13/1971)
Named for two brothers, Will and Dee (check sp. Pron."W(in)l/dee". (Floyd L. Owens, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 4/9/1972); On the Ky. Central Br. of the L&N RR which contributed greatly to the dev. of the commu.; ("W(in)l/dee") Either it was named for the 2 sons of one of the engineers on a train thru there, Will & Dee Lumm. Or it may have been named by D.N. Williams in 1882 for Will & Dee Albright. No one knows which acct. is correct. Now: fine commu. PO recently disc.
WILDIE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895-6 Gaz, it was on L&N, 7 mi ne of Mt. V. Pop. 100. Eliza Wood was pm & had millinery business, Mr. Franklin was rr & xpr. agent. Gen. stores: (1) Hayes & Wood, (2) Jones & Hart, (3) Ella Langford; Uriah Albright (1815-1881) marr. Rhoda Haley. He was son of Benj. Albright, ne NC in ca. 1790. Benj. mar: Mary Engle. Fam. in Rock. Co. by 1830. Acc. to trad, Wildie was named for Uriah's 2 sons Will and Dee. (Acc. to 1992 hist., P. 79). No mention of any Lunn families;
WILDIE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Andrew Jackson Henderson, 10/1/1884 this prop. po would be ca. 10 mi n of Rock. R, ca. 20 rods e of Roundstone and Clear Ck, 12 rods e of Ky. C. RR (Wildie Sta.), ca. 5 mi s of Conwayton po, ca. 10 mi n of Liv. po, ca. 2 mi se of Roundstone po// Acc. to J.M. Bullen-?, 1/27/15, po was ca. 600 yds e of Roundstone Ck, 100 yds e of L&N// Acc. to Willie Lee Hiatt, 7/24/39, po was 140 ft e of Wildie Sta, 1000 ft e of Roundstone Ck, 2500 ft nw of Clear Ck, 9 rd and 7 air mi from Mt. V. po, 4 mi from Conway po, 5 rd and 2½ air mi from Hummel po. (SLR);
WILDIE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Jan Stevens' (gen.) store & apo. Mr. Stevens had been pm but now Barbara Thacker is. PO moved into a new bldg. in 2/2001. Until then it was in Mr. Stevens' store for 75 yrs. W.L. Hiatt, Sr. was an early pm. The store bldg. was erected in the 1890s and the po was moved into it ca. 1925. From the depression on, the store was literally the commu's. mtg. place. A rr stop. Stevens retired as pm in May 2001 after 41 yrs. He had succeeded Hiatt who was pm from ca. 1927. (Dick Burdette, "Wildie, Ky. 40492" LHL 2/12/2001, Pp. B1-B3); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, this Ky. Div. sta. was 2 mi from Roundstone Sta, 1 mi from Wards; Sta. on Cinci. Div. line (1960);
WILDIE (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Jillson II, P. 965, Uriah Albright acq. 100 acres on Clear Ck (2/2/48). Wm. Albright (10½) on Negro Ck (6/25/73), J.C. Albright (150) on Roundstone Ck (11/4/81), J.C. Albright (45) on Copper Ck. (11/5/81), G.H. Albright (50) on Roundstone Ck. (11/1/81), W.H. Albright (70) on E. Fk. of Copper Ck, W.H. Albright (30) on Brush & Clear Cks. (12/30/81)

No Lumm fam's. listed in the 1880 Census; Will & Dee were sons of Uriah & Rhoda Ann (Haley) Albright. Uriah was b. 1815, son of Benj. & Mary Ingle Albright. He lived in Scaffold Cane-Wildie area. Wildie was named for his sons. Will moved to Colo. Dee practiced medicir in Barbourv. till his death. Their bro. John was father to Edgar Albright, owner-edit. the Mt. V. Signal. (Lair Roots, P. 9);
WILLAILLA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): "A man named Willie (Owens) lived in the neighborhood and he was always sick; he was always ailing. And so they just put it together and called it Willailla." That's the story she's always heard. DPO & store now. (Mrs. Philip Davis, Librarian, Mt. Vernon, interview, 4/29/1978)

"This hamlet & recently closed po are on Ky 70, 7 (air mi wsw of Mt. V. Acc. to a local trad., they were named for the fact that Will Owens, a resident, was always ailing. Yet it is more generally accepted that the po, est. on 2/24/1916, was named for Owens and his wife Ailla." (Book-P. 319);
WILLAILLA (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 2/24/1916, Wm. J. Brown...(NA); ("W(ih)l/əl/ə") Named for Wm. J. Brown, 1st pm. Will was always ailing, hence the name. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); Acc. to Mrs. Philip Davis, county librarian, "A man named Willie lived in the neighborhood. And he was always sick; he was always ailing. And so they just put it together and called it Willaila." He was Will Owens. This is the story she's always heard. DPO and store now. (Interview, 4/29/1978); Named for Will Owens and his wife, Ailia. So they called it Willalia. ("W(ih)l/əl/ee/ə"). The po site is the present site of Quail po. (q.v.)... (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978);
WILLAILLA (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. Jasper Brown, 11/9/1915, the prop. name for this new po was Browsville and it would be ca. 1 mi ne of Brush Ck, 3/4 mi from co. line, 2 1/2 mi n of Quail po, 3 1/4 mi nw of Level Green po// On 8/3/20, Wm. H. Owens pet. for a move 600 yds se to a pt 1/2 mi e of Brush Ck, 1/2 mi from co. line, 2 1/4 mi s of Quail po, 3 mi n of Walnut Grove po. Eff. 8/8/20, moving to Owens' new store// In Oct. 1922, no sign. pet. for a move 4000 air ft se to a pt 1 1/2 mi s of Brush Ck, 1/2 mi from co. line, 3 mi s of Quail po, 3 mi w of Level Green po// In Feb. 1923 Sophia Owens pet. for a move 0.65 mi nw to a pt 1/2 mi from co. line, 2 1/4 mi se of Quail po, 2 1/2 mi nw of Level
Green po. Eff. 3/1/1923// Acc. to Maggie M. Herrin, 9/25/39, po was ¼ mi from Pul Co, 0.3 mi s of Brush Ck, 0.7 mi n of Bee Lick Ck, 3 mi s of Quail po, 3 mi ne of Bandy po, 3 mi nw of Walnut Grove po. (SLR);

PO closed in 1973; Acc. to 1900 Census, no Ailla in vii of Wm. H. Owens (3/73) & wife Sophia (1/73) in E.D. 71 Prec. 7 or Brown, Baker, Bussell, Chasteen; No Will/Ailla Brown or Owens listed in 1900 Census; Wm. H. Owens mar. Lucy A. Hurst, d. of Thos. Hurst in 1889. No Ailla marr. an Owens or marr. a Wm. Brown. (R. Co. marr. records);
WITHERS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): Acc. to Mary Alice Withers 4/29/1886, the prop. name for this new po was Tabler and it would serve Mullins Sta., 13 ft e of rr (but not a vil.), 5 mi se of Rock. R, on w side of Roundstone Ck, 5 mi n of Liv. po, 5 mi s of Langford po, 4½ mi ne of Pine Hill po// Acc. to Fred E. Mullins, 2/9/1915, po was 5 mi from co. line, 100 ft n of Roundstone Ck, 3/4 mi w of Crooked Ck, 150 ft e of L&N (Mullins Sta.), 2 mi s of Dudley po, 4.3 mi n of Liv. po, 3 mi ne of Pine Hill po// Acc. to Estill L. Mullins, 9/7/39, po was 20 ft w of Roundstone Ck, 4 3/4 mi n of Liv. po, 4 3/4 mi e of Orlando po. (SLR); po closed 1951; Acc. to Jillson II, 1825, B.F. Withers acq. 180 acres on the main fk. of Negro Ck (1/3/73) and 70 on Ibid. (12/22/72), Benj. Franklin (60) on Roundstone Ck (3/14/76);
WITHERS (Rockcastle Co., Ky): John Withers rep. co. in Ky. House, 1812 (Collins II, P. 691); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, Mullins Station (on Ky. Div. line) was 1 mi n of Sinks, 4 mi n of Liv. 2 mi s of Dudley; ditto on Cinci. Div. in 1960; Acc. to 1880 Census, Jeptha Mullins (36) & wife Margaret (28) & iss. lived with his mother Susan A. Mullins (69) in 95 E.D. but not nr any Cooks; No Withers listed in 1880 Census; The local sta. was named for a large local family. (Lair, Recoll., P. 93); Acc. to 1895 Gaz, on the L&N, 7½ mi e of Mt. V, pop. 50. U.G. Baker was pm, gen. storekeeper, & RR agent, R.F. & G.L. Mullins had sawmill, Wilson, Baker & Co. had saw­mill, other businesses;
WITHERS (Rockcastle Co.): po est. 6/18/1886, Mary A. Withers... (NA); Now known as Mullins Station ("M(uh)l anz Sta/sh i n") and named for the local Mullins family. DK if anyone would know the Withers name any more. (Opp Bussell, Jr., interview, 4/29/1978); same pron. DK if named for any particular Mullins; so many of them lived in the area. Renamed Withers. DPO. ("W(ih)th/erz") (Charley Carter, interview, 4/29/1978); The settlement of Mullins Station and L&N RR sta. with epo on Roundstone Ck, 5½ (air) mi e o: Mt. V., were named for the local Mullins fam. The po, est. on 6/18/86, however, was always known as Withers for the fam. of its 1st pm Mary A. Withers." (Book-P. 207);