SHELBY COUNTY, KY: 385 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1792 from part of Jeff. Co. It was one of the 7 co-org in the new state's first leg. session and was named for Gen'l. Isaac Shelby (1750-1826), vet. of the Rev. War & Indian campaigns, and Ky's 1st and 5th gov. (1792-96 and 1812-1816." (Book-P. 269); Co. is "drained by the waters of the Ky & Salt R's. Tribs: Clear, Beech, Brashears, Bullskin, Fox, Jeffrey's, Fitch's Creeks (of Salt R.) and Six Mile Creek (Ky. R.) On 1/15/1793, 51 acres were laid off for the seat. (Collins, I, 1847, P. 517); Other Salt R. tribs. in the co.: Clear, Guist Plum, Long Run, Floyds Fork;
Benson Creek and its branches are also a part of the Ky. R. system; The co. is Ky's leading dairy co. & one of the state's top. agri. co's; The 1st known settlement in what became S. Co. was made in the fall of 1779 by Squire Boone at the Painted Stone Sta. on Clear Creek, 2 mi n of Shelbyv. The co. was one of the 1st 4 org. after Ky. became a state. The 1st settlement was made by Squire Boone & Evan Hinton in the fall of 1779 at the Painted Stone, a fort named for his having some 3 yrs. before, painted his name and date in red on a stone by the n side of the creek; The co. is drained by the branches of the Ky & Salt R's. Rolling to hilly terrain;
The Painted Stone settlement was not settled by Squire Boone, et al. until the spring of 1780 (not the fall of 1779) (See article by Vince Akers....);

Outer bluegrass region with rolling to hilly terrain. The co. is drained by branches of the Salt & Ky. R's. Shelby Co. was est. during Ky's 1st leg. session....

In Jan, 1833 part of Oldham Co. was added to Shelby Co (the sect. of Oldham lying e of Floyds Fk. so that Floyds Fk. has since divided the 2 co's.

The 12th co. formed. One of the 7 org'd. in Ky's. 1st leg. session.
SHELBY CO., KY: On 6/28/1792 Gov. Shelby officially approved the formation of S. Co. which was named for him. The co. was subsequently divided into Spencer, Henry, and Trimble Co's. and parts of Oldham, Franklin, Carroll, and Anderson Co's;
The Painted Stone settlement (or Boone's Sta.) was not on the s. side of Clear Creek (which is a cliff) but on a small rise on the n. bank. Acc. to a plat in the ct. house. ("Frontier Shelby Co." by Vince Akers, SENTINEL-NEWS, 7/26/1979, Pp. 10-15); Shelby Co. originally took in the whole of the present Shelby & Henry Co's & parts of Carroll, Franklin, Owen, & Spencer Co's. (also Trimble Co.) The 1st co. ct. was held in Oct. 1792. Two contenders for the co. seat: the site of Squire Boone's Painted Stone Sta. (which by then was Lynch's Sta.) on the n. bank of Clear Cr. and Wm. Shannon's land. Shannon's offer of a good spring & his donation of an acre for the public bldgs & 50 acres more to lay off town lots led to the comm'n. choosing the latter. ("Frontier Shelby Co." by
BAGDAD (Shelby Co., Ky): "This vil. with (A)PO is centered at the jct. of Ky 12 and 395, 8½ (air) mi ne of Shelbyv. The po of Christiansburg, est. on 1/20/1827, 2 mi nw, was moved here in 1861 and renamed Bagda with Richard Radford as pm. No one knows why this name was applied to the po & sta. on the Lou. Cinci. & Lex. (now L&N) RR; nearly all of the trad. accts. have been challenged. Acc. to one of these, the station was named for the pm, a favorite of the early rr men, who had been nicknamed 'Daddy's Bag.' The name was reversed and shortened and the sta. and po came to be called Bagdad. It is more frequently said that the local miller's son had a speech impediment, so that his attempts at saying 'granddad' or anything else usually came out 'Bagdad.' Another story is that, whenever a
customer appeared at the mill with a sack of grain to be ground, the boy would call out to his father 'bag, dad?'' (Book-P. 11); At Bagdad in 1990: Bagdad Roller Mill, 2 gro. stores, bank; Acc. to 1876/7 Gazetteer, Bagdad was first settled in 1857. Its pop. (1876) was 300. W.H. Botts was pm. J.B. Radford had a gro. and saloon. Other stores and shops...
BAGDAD (Shelby Co.): "An early settler named Radford, was a favorite among many of the trainmen, who gave him the nickname of 'Daddy's Bag.' This name by rearranging of the syllables and a bit of shortening became 'Bagdad.' Thus the trainmen dubbed the settlement, and their title soon thereafter became the official name for the depot."

Depot was moved from Consolation to Bagdad. The highest pt. on the L&N betw. Lex. & Lou. Depot burned in 1936. Farm trad. ctr. and rail shipping pt. for area grain, tob. and livestock... "(Camille Jones, 10th grade pupil Bagdad H.S. "Bagdad, Rich Agricultural..."

SHELBY SENT. CENT. c. 1940 (precise date=?) Sec. 4, P. 5:1-5)
BAGDAD (Shelby Co.): On the G&O RR. Always a milling center "shipping flour and meal in large quantities to many sections of the state and beyond." At one time had the largest consol sch. in Co. Bank... "A miller of Bagdad had an afflicted little son, who was unable to coordinate his thought into consecutive words. When a customer came to the mill with bags of grain he would cry, 'Bag, dad?'" This acct. is traditional...(SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, Pp. 13-14); Every time the miller's son said something it sounded like Bagdad. Or else when someone came in with a sack of grain to be ground, he'd say "bag, dad."
BAGDAD (Shelby Co.): "There are two legends about how Bagdad was named. In the early days of the settlement, around the mid-1800's, a miller lived there. His son had a speech impediment, and when a customer appeared at the mill all the boy could say was 'Bag, Dad.' Acc. to the legend, that's the way the name came about. Another legend says that when the rr came through the town, the trainmen were very friendly with one of the citizens named Radford. Their nickname for him was 'Daddy's Bag,' for some obscure reason. Legend says the syllables got reversed, and the station became known as Bagdād ("Town Names have Interesting Lesson" by Libbi Powell, Shelbyville SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/27/1977, P. A3:1-4);
BAGDAD (Shelby Co.): Acc. to a researcher back in WPA days, citing local legend, "the name was suggested by the faltering speech of a small crippled boy, the son of the local miller" whose attempts at saying grand-dad (sic) or almost anything, for that matter, came out bag-dad. A more plausible story is that while assisting his dad at the mill, he'd say, whenever a customer came in with bags of grain, 'bag, dad?'; (Pron. "B(ae)g/d(aê)d"). Discounts the mill story. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977);
BAGDAD (Shelby Co., Ky.)

"... The son of the local miller could not speak plainly due to an impediment in his speech and seemed to say 'Bag-dad,' when he possibly meant 'Grand-dad.' Why the town should have been named in his honor we cannot say." (RR South, "Our Station Names" L&N MAG. 11/1949, P. 15.); po est. as Christiansburgh, 12/7/1831, Isaac Baker... ch. to Bagdad, 10/12, 1861, Richard Radford... (NA); The name, acc. to trad., derived "from the afflicted little son of a local miller who could not talk, but who when a customer appeared could say 'Bag-Dad.'" (HIST. OF SHELBY CO., KY. written, compiled, & edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1920 p. 27)
BAGDAD (Shelby Co., Ky): Acc. to Chas. Van Arsdale, 11/5/1915, the po was at the head of Six Mile Creek, 1 mi s of it, and 150 ft. s of the L&N. On 11/25/1915, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. to a pt. 100 ft. s of the L&N. Acc. to Lloyd F. Williams, 11/30/1923, the po was 2 mi se of Christiansburg PO, 2 mi nw of Hatton PO 250 ft. s of the L&N. RR sta. was called Bagdad. Acc. to A.H. Perkins, 7/22/1939, the po was 40 ft. s of Ky. 12, 500 ft. s of the tracks & sta., ½ mi s of the head of Six Mile Creek, 4 mi w of Hatton, 3 mi e of Christiansburg. On 5/25/1945, Virginia C. McManus, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. 50 ft. s to a pt. 3½ air mi from Franklin Co. line, on Ky 12, 350 ft. s of the tracks & sta., 3½ mi w of Hatton, 3½ mi e of Christiansburg. Acc. to Chas. R. Nillis (?), 10/17/1946, the po
was 3 air & rd. mi from the co. line, This was a site
ch. 50 ft. n to a pt. 40 ft. s of Ky. 12, 300 ft. s
of the tracks & depot, 4 mi w of Hatton, 3 mi e of
Christiansburg. (SLR);
BAILEY'S STORE (Shelby Co., Ky): PO est. 1/3/1870,
Romulus L. Bailey; Disc. 3/29/1871; Re-est. 10/11/71,
Richard J. Shannon; Disc. 4/15/1875 (POR-NA); Acc. to
Romulus L. Bailey, 12/15/1869, the prop. po would be or
direct route betw. Jacksonville & Harpers Ferry PO's,
ne of Christiansburg & 10 mi n of Bagdad. (SLR);
Romelus Bailey (sic) is listed in the 1870 Census as a
32 yr. old farmer with wife Charity (32) and as pm of
Bailey's Store PO. This is in the Jacksonville Prec;
Acc. to Lake's Atlas (1882) R.L. Bailey lived in the
ne corner of the co. (in Jacksonville Prec.), ne of
Scrabble, just yards from the Frank. Co. line. Rich'd.
J. Shannon, tho, is not identified on this map;
After Bailey's Store post closed, it was re-established as Flag Fork by Romulus's neighbor and kinsman A.A. Bailey at his store & grist mill in nw Franklin Co. to serve a community called Baileys Mill. This was on 5/5/1875. The B.S. post was established by Romulus L. Bailey at his store in 1870;
BOULWARE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 4/13/1881, Thos. L. Boulware; Disc. 8/4/1881 (POR-NA); Acc. to Thos. Lemuel Boulware, 2/17/1881, the prop. name for this po was Fox River and the office would be on the road betw. Newcastle & Frankfort, 4 mi se of Scrabble PO, 6 mi se of Flag Fork PO, 8 mi nw of North Benson PO, 2½ mi e of Six Mile Creek, 4 mi from Bagdad Depot, on the n side of the L&N tracks. Vil. of ca. 50. (SLR); Acc. 1880 Census, T.L. Boulware (38), son of R.H. Boulware (65) & S.A. Boulware (66) was living with his parents in the Christiansburg Prec. Both male Boulwares are listed as farmers. They lived betw. J.H. Ford & Thos. Breckinridge and nr. Geo. Flood, B.D. Estes, Dennis O'Nan, Robt. Green, W.H. Pollard. In add'n, two other Boulware families lived in the Doakes Dist; Acc. to
1900 Census, Thos. L. Boulware (be 9/1841) lived with wife Nancy A. Boulware (nee 5/60) & sons John T, Ira, and Clarence, in Christiansburg Dist.;
CHESTNUT GROVE (Shelby Co., Ky): "This hamlet is on Ky 53 and Bullskin Creek. Its epos, est. on 1/26/1837, with Caleb Guthrie, pm, was named for a local grove of chestnut trees. A mi s is the site of the Gleneyrie Sch. whose curious name may have been derived from the 2 words 'glen' for a sheltered place and 'eyrie', a nest for a bird of prey, suggesting, perhaps, somebody home on a high spot. Nothing seems to be known of the name or the reason for its application. Also nearby, possibly centered at the jct. of Ky 53 and 362, just n of the sch., was a section called Egypt, said to have been settled around 1884 during a time of severe drought. Its never failing spring-fed pond attracted farmers from miles around." (Book-P. 57);
CHESTNUT GROVE (Shelby Co., Ky): Acc. to Jas. W. Green, 6/16/1886, the po was 4 mi s of Ballardsville PO, 8 mi from Shelbyville & Simpsonville PO's. (SLR); BGN decision for this, the name of the po, over merely Chestnut. Local people have never known it as merely Chestnut. Acc. to Bruce T. Morris, a native, in his report to BGN, 3/1961; Acc. to P&G, this po was Chesnut Grove from when it was est. in 1837 till it closed in 10/1860. It was re-est. on 12/3/1860 as Chestnut Grove;
CHESTNUT GROVE (Shelby Co.): Named for a grove of chestnut trees at this site. Large country store for years. (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR 1941, P. 11); Nearby is Gleneyrie Consol. Sch. whose name was derived from the words for a sheltered place and a home for birds of prey or a home on a high point. (Ibid., Pp. 10-11); post est. 1/26/1837, Caleb Guthrie...Disc. 10/22/1860; Re-est. 12/3/60, Benj. F. Gloyd...(NA); Gleneyrie is a sheltered place where birds of prey abound, usually a high place, so a home on a high place. (Pron. "gl(ih)n(e)er lee") was: Chestnut Grove, when sch. was built, it was renamed Glenyrie. (Bennett Roach, 10/28/77.)
Chestnut Grove P.O. was disc. eff. 6/30/1902 (P.O. = Shelbyville) (N.A.)
CHRISTIANSBURG (Shelby Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo at the jct. of 2 branches of the L&N RR, 7 (air) mi ne of Shelbyv., was formerly called Hinesville, for reasons unknown, or Christiansburg Depot. About a mi ne, at what is now known as Old Christiansburg, the commu. of Christiansburg was founded in 1819. No one is sure why it was so named though many accept the story of the stranger who, befriended by the residents, suggested the name because there were so many good people living there. It was inc. in 1824 and again in 1850. The po, est. at the orig. site on 1/20/1827, with walker Daniel pm, was later moved to Bagdad. On June 29, 1865, it was re-est. at the Hinesville-Depot site and again named Christiansburg." (Book-P. 58);
CHRISTIANSBURG (Shelby Co., Ky): The Six Mile Bapt. Chu. (now called Christiansburg Bapt. Chu.) may have been est. in this vic. in 1799. By 1850 the commu. here had a pop. of 300. For years its rr sta. served the central part of the co. Orig. sp. Christianburg (no medial s) but the medial s is the characteristic spelling of modern times. (Acc. to CEMETERIES IN SHELBY CO., KY. pub. by the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc., 1979, Pp. 113-4);
CHRISTIANSBURG (Shelby Co.): dk why 1st called Hinesville or why renamed. Old and New Christiansburg were c. 1 mi. apart. At the site of Old Christiansburg now is the Bapt. Church. At the site of New C. is a little gro., a Colored church= the Centen. Capt. Chu with 8 members. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); est. as Christiansburg 2/5/1819 (ACTS, 1819, P. 680); Inc. 1/7/1824 and 3/5/1850 (ACTS, 1849/50, P. 401);
CHRISTIANSBURG (Shelby Co.): 1st called Hinesville. n.ch. to Christiansburg "in an unusual way by a visit of a stranger, who 'got on a spree.' He was arrested, tried, but when released recommended the changing of the name of the town to Christiansburg because of so many good people living in the town." This was the site of "Old Christiansburg." "New Christiansburg" was built after the C&O RR was built thru the co. (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, P. 13); po est. as Christiansburgh, 6/29/1865, Israel P. Wilcoxson... (NA); n.ch. t Christianburg (sic), 5/22/1894... (NA);

Prentice F. Wilcoxson
CHRISTIANSBURG (Shelby Co.): An act to est. this town as such was app. by G.A. 2/5/1819 as laid off and platted by Wm. Tool, Jr. Lists trustees....No one named Christian or Hines listed. (ACTS 1819, P. 680); Act to inc. the town of Christiansburg was app. 3/5/1850. List of trustees but no one named Hines.... (ACTS, 1849/50, Pp. 401-3); Acc. to P&G, the Christiansb'g po was est. in 1825 and closed in 1861 (thence to Bagdad). The 2nd Christiansburg po closed in 1955; Acc. to B.F. Wilcoxson, the po (late Christiansburgh) was 1 mi s of Six Mi. Creek, 2½ mi w of Bagdad PO, 3 mi e of Cropper, 8 mi ne of Shelbyv. PO, 300 ft. s of L&N sta.\n\nAcc. to Lelia Hall, 12/26/1908, the po was 2 mi ne of 6/1/1894 for Prentice F. Wilcoxson
of Six Mile Creek, 2½ mi nw of Bagdad PO, 3 mi e of Cropper, on the L&N and the C&O tracks, kitty-corner across the L&N tracks from the depot. On 10/27/1932, Marian G. Hall pet. for a site ch. 180 ft. s to a pt. 4 mi nw of Bagdad, 9½ mi ne of Shelbyv. po, 4 mi se of Cropper, 402 ft. n of L&N. (Acc. to Ibid., 7/22/1939, the po was 3 mi w of Bagdad, 3½ mi se of Cropper. (SLR) Acc. to 1850 Census, there were two Hines(es) in the co But none were listed for 1820-1840 and in 1860;
CLAY VILLAGE (sic) (Shelby Co., Ky): Acc. to Mrs. Cla F. Shannon (?), 11/30/1885, the po was 1½ mi se of Tic Creek, 2½ mi w of Peytona, 6 mi e of Shelbyville PO. (SLR); Acc. to Collins (1847), this com. was founded in 1820 and named for Henry Clay. (P. 518); "Betw. Peytona and Shelbyv. was a small vil. One day as Ky's famous son, Henry Clay, was passing this way he stopped to ask for a drink of water. 'What is the name of your vil?\' he inquired. 'Oh, we just call it Stringtown,' replied the man at the well. 'Nonsense!' exclaimed Clay, 'that\'s no name for a nice little settlement like this! I'm Henry Clay from Lex. You may have heard of me?' 'Indeec I have, Mr. Clay! It's a great honor to meet you!'
'Well,' responded Clay, 'I like your vil., and I'd like to give it my name. Will you see that henceforth it will be called "Clay Village?' And so it became.' (Acc. to "Echoes of Shelby's Past" by Wilanna J. Brown, ms. in KHS Libr.-Shelby Co. Vert. Files, and pub. in the SENTINEL-NEWS, March 1974.);
CLAYVILLE (sic) (Shelby Co.): Laid off 1830. Inc. 2/18/1839. Named for Henry Clay. (HIST. OF SHELBY CO. written, compiled, & Edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1929, P. 61); spelled one word. Named for Henry Clay who had "visited the small town and liked it so much that he asked it be named for him." (Libbi Powell, "Town Names Have Interesting Lesson" Shelbyville SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/27/1977, P. A3:1-4); Should be spelled one word. Now: church, ele. sch., no stores but an antique shop. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at picnic, 10/28/1977); 1st called Shy town, laid out 1830, inc. 1839. Clay came thru, stopped at blacksmith shop, suggested it be renamed Clay Vil. Local citizens accepted his suggestion with favor. (Bennett Roach, 10/28/77);
CLAY VILLAGE (Shelby Co.): first called Shytown but renamed for Henry Clay who spoke there during one of his campaigns. (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me, 11/14/1971); Spelled as one word in DAR ms. Laid out 1830; inc. 1839 and named for Henry Clay. "Tradition says that when Clay was campaigning he stopped in a town known as 'Shytown' and suggested 'Clayvillage' (sic) as a better name, which was accepted with great favor by the citizens of the village..." (SHELBY CO. PN., DAR ms, 1941, P. 6); p.o. est. 2/27/1829, Wm. L. Perry (or earlier as Clay Village...)(NA); Spelled as words by Bayless Hardin in a WPA ms, Dated 5/31/1908 (M. to Shelby u) (NA)
CLAY VILLAGE (sic) (Shelby Co.): Inc. 2/18/1839 (ACTS, 1838/9, P. 22); Inc. again 2/27/1849 (ACTS, 1848/9, P. 44); later called Clay for Henry Clay, acc. to Collins, Vol. 2, P. 708; "This hamlet with epo on US 60, 5 (air) mi e of Shelbyv., was first called Shytown until the po was est. on 2/27/1829, with Wm. L. Perry, pm, as Clay Village. It was named for Henry Clay who, it is said, once visited the place on a campaign trip, admired it, and suggested that it be named for him. It was laid off as a town in 1830 and inc. in 1839. The po was closed in 1908. Over the yrs. the 2 words of the name have locally been combined tho' on current maps it continues to be spelled Clay Village." (Book-P. 60);
CONSOLATION (Shelby Co., Ky): "I do not know how (it) ... came to be called Consolation, under which name there was a flag station for years, except it was said that the contractor (in the building of the Louisville and Frankfort RR through there) was to get consolation on the deep cut and short haul at good prices, for the money he would lose on work further along the line." This was at "a long and deep cut about a mile east (sic) of Bagdad." ca. 1851. (Alfred Pirtle "Some Early Engineers and Architects in Ky" REG. of KHS Vol. 12, Sept. 1914, Pp. 37-53, 40);
CONSOLATION (Shelby Co.): Inc. in 1860 (HIST. OF SHELBY CO., KY. written, compiled & edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1929, P. 61); po est. 9/17/1849, Reuben W. Hawkins...Disc. 10/12/61 (NA); At one time may have been center of turkey trade. Now: bridge across the cut only (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977);
CROPPER (Shelby Co.): A trucking and dairying community. 1st known settler=John H. Nevel of Dutch descent, having acquired a grant from Gov. Patrick Henry of Va. He settled betw. Cropper and Elmburg in 3/1777. He was followed by other Dutch settlers who were collectively called the Dutch Tract families. Town named for one of them, James Cropper, the first to build a home on the future site of the town and who operated the first store there. RR completed thru the site in 1855. Inc. 1895. (sic). . . . ("Hist. of Cropper, A Prosperous Little Farming Community" undated newspaper clipping, no date, but found in KHS Lib., Shelby Co. Vert. Files); Probably in 1900.
CROPPER (Shelby Co., Ky): Several families from Va. arr 1807 and bought land from the Dutch predecessors. (Hist of Cropper-cont., undated); Acc. to P&G, the po was Cropper's Depot to 1882 when it became Cropper. It closed in 1984; Acc. to J.F. Scofield, 6/21/1876, the po of Croppers Depot was 2 mi n of Clear Creek, 2½ mi s of Pleasureville PO, 3 mi n of Christiansburg, 11 mi n of Shelbyv PO. The po was in the depot. Acc. to H. Burnett, 1/6/1883, the name was ch. to Cropper to serve what was locally known as Croppers Depot. It was 1 mi s of Six Mile Creek, 2½ mi s of Pleasurev. PO, 3 mi w of Christiansburg PO, 10 mi n of Shelbyv. PO. On the L&N. Acc. to S.T. Underwood, 10/25/1915, the po was 3 mi e c Six Mile Creek, 3 mi w of Christiansburg PO, 50 yds. n of L&N tracks, 2½ air mi w of the co. line. On 8/2/3
H.W. Baker pet. for a site ch. 270 ft. sw to a pt. 2½ air mi & 3 rd. mi. from the Henry Co. line, 3 mi s of Pleasurev. PO, 4 mi n of Christiansburg PO, 330 ft. sw of L&N. Cropper is name of rr sta.\ Acc. to Ibid., 7/22/1939, the po was 2 air mi & 3 rd mi from the Henry Co. line, on the s side of Ky 43, 240 ft. s of the rr sta., 1½ mi above the head of Clear Creek, 3 mi n of Christianburg PO, 3 mi s of Pleasureville PO. (SLR);
CROPPER (Shelby Co., Ky): "This hamlet with (A)PO centered at the jct. of Ky 43 & the L&N RR and 8 (air) m"ine of Shelbyv., was in an area first settled by the Dutch Tract families...One of their number, James Cropper, is said to have been the first to build a home and store at this site and the com. was named for him. The po, est. as Croppers Depot on 9/29/1851, with Jas. H. Cropper, pm, became simply Cropper in 1882. It was inc. as a town in 1890. Though the town was certainly not named for being the rail shipping pt. for area sharecroppers or tenant farmers, as some over the yrs. have contended, it did provide this service on the old Lou. Cinci. & Lex. which became the Lex. Branch of the L&N RR." (Book-P. 73);
CROPPER (Shelby Co.): Founded after the C&O RR built through. Named for Jas. Cropper, a local blacksmith. An agri. trade center. (SHEL CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, P. 13); po est. as Cropper's Depot, 9/29/1851, Jas. H. Cropper. Disc. 10/7/1869; Re-est. 8/31/1870, Henry R. Johnson...n.ch. to Cropper, 10/24/1882...(NA). Acc. to an old WPA acct., "it was a shipping point for produce by tenant farmers known as croppers." Story that it was the place where the sharecroppers or tenant farmers shipped their produce. (M. Ladd, WPA, 1941)
CROPPER (Shelby Co.): Settled in 1777 by Dutch settlers. Jas. Cropper, a major farm owner and commu. leader in 19th cent. was namesake of commu. (Libbi Powell, "Town Names Have Interesting Lesson" Shelbyville SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/27/1977, P. A3:1-4); dk if anything there before the rr came in. (pron. "Kr(ah)pər") Now school, 2 churches, store, active po. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Inc. 4/7/1890 (ACTS, 1889/90, P. 182 of Vol. 2); All that remains of the vil. is 2 chu's and a "small cluster of homes". Sch. closed in 1990. Gro. closed in the late 1980s;
DEMA (Shelby Co., Ky): PO est. 3/21/1892, Wm. B. Haydon; Disc. 4/12/1892 (no mail sent) (POR-NA);
EGYPT (Shelby Co.): Betw. Shelbyville & Bloomfield. Settled c. 1884 during a time of "severe drought" when farmers would come from miles around to haul water for their stock from the local wells (M. Ladd, WPA, 1941). Near Dover Chur. at the L of the road (365/53). Acc. to trad., drought in co. And that section was drought-free with a spring-fed pond that never went dry. Hence name. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977);
ELMBURG (Shelby Co.): (pron. "(Eh)lm/berg, or (Eh)l/am/berg") (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); po est. 8/9/1898, Ransom D. Wood; Disc. eff. 9/13/1902 (papers to Pleasureville, Henry Co., Ky.) (NA); Acc. to Ransom D. Wood, 2/25/1898, this prop. po would be 2½ mi n of Six Mile Creek, 4½ mi s o N. Pleasureville PO, 3½ mi sw of Defoe, 3 mi e of Croppers (sic). To serve a vil. of 50 in a thickly settled area that is rapidly building up. (SLR);
FIGG (Shelby Co., Ky): A farmer, Bushrod Figg, owned 200 acres, 5 miles of Shelbyv. He was ne Shelby Co. on 1/23/1839, son of Warner T. (sic) and Lucinda (Taylor) Figg, also natives of Shelby Co. Warner (1808-1881) was the son of Jas. Figg who was ne Va. and was a Shelby Co. pion. James settled 5 miles of Shelbyv. and died in 1842. Edward Figg was not one of Bushrod's children. But Bushrod had a brother, not named. (Acc. t Perrin, 6th ed., 1887, P. 787); E.C. Figg was pm & ran the local gen'l. store (1895 Gaz.); Warner T. Figg (3/29, 1808-1/17/1881) was buried in the Grove Hill Cem. with his family. Edward Figg (1863-1926) was buried in Mt. Vernon Cem; Warner T. Figg, Jr. (44) & wife Mary A.
Figg (35) lived in Shelbyville. (Acc. to 1870 Census) Warren T. Figg, a wealthy landowner, gave land for Olive Branch Chu. Among the Figgs in membership are: Bushrod, Lucinda, Warren, James, Margaret. Marvin Figg was a grandson of Warren T. Figg (c.1920). (Willis, P. 87); Warner T. Figg is mentioned in Perrin but no Edward C. Figg. (6th ed., 1987, P. 787);
FIGG (Shelby Co., Ky): Edward C. Figg ne Ja1863, son of Jas. Wm. Figg (10/1831-8/1903) and Margaret E. Figg (nee Nov. 1837). Acc. to Eula Richardson Hasskari FIGG LEAVES (c. 1982, Pp. 253-4). He was Edward Clarence Figg (1/3/1863-12/8/1926). His father Jas. Wm. Figg was the son of Warner Taylor Figg who was ne Shelby Co. 3/29/1808-1/17/1881 & grandson of Jas. M. Figg, Sr. (ne Berkeley Co., Va. 1777/8 and died 1843 in Shelby Co. Jas. Wm. Figg was bro. to Bushrod Figg (1/2/1839 to 2/25/1895). (Ibid., Pp. 253-4, 236 229);
FIGG (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 5/27/1891, Edward C. Figg; Disc. eff. 6/30/1902 (papers to Shelbyville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Edward C. Figg, 5/8/1891, the prop name was Figg City and the prop. po would be 1 1/2 mi w of Guests Creek, 5 mi se of Finchville PO, 8 mi s of Shelbyv. PO, 6 mi sw of Southville. (SLR); The Figgs came from Culpeper, Va. in 1800 and settled in the vic. of the OliveBranch (Meth.) Chu. Warren T. Figg (sic) of that family years later gave an acre, 2 mi n, on the Zaring Mill Pike, for the relocation of that chu., whic was completed in 1862. His wife was Lucinda (nee Taylor). (Acc. to "Churches of Shelby Co." by Eliz. Hedrick & Hazel Dalton, WPA ms, P. 5);
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co.): 8 mi. sw of Shelbyv. Named for Ludwell Finch, resident on whose farm the town was laid out. Always a prosperous comm Consol. sch., 2 churches, several stores (c1940 ...(SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, P. 9); Named for Ludwell Finch, owner of land on which laid out. (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me, 11/14/1971 p.o. est. 7/9/1857, Ludwell R. Finch..Disc. 7/5, 1862; Re-est. 3/17/76, Samuel O. Mitchell...(NA 1st called Buck Creek Sta. when settled in 1780 on banks of that stream. A mi. up the hill was Ludwell Finch's blacksmith shop and other businesses gathered around this site. Inc. 1878 as Finchville though it's had also been known as Finch's Sta. (Libbi Powell, "Town Names Have Interesting Lesson" Shelbyv. SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/27/7
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): "This hamlet with (A)PO extends for 3/4 mi along Ky 55 from its jct. with Ky. 148 ne to a pt. 5 (air) mi sw of Shelbyv. Here in 1841 1 mi e of the pion. Buck Creek Sta. (est. ca. 1780), Ludwell Finch (1806-79) bought a farm and opened a blacksmith shop. On July 9, 1857, the Finchville po wa: est. there. The com. that grew up around it was inc. in 1878. As a sta. on the Lou. Cinci. & Lex. (now L&N) RR it was also known as Finch (or Finchville) Station."
(Book-P. 101);
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): po was est. by Ludwell R. Finch on 7/9/1857, long before the rr came thru. It closed in 7/1862 and was not re-est. until 3/17/1876 with Sam'l. O. Mitchell....(POR); The area is one of the key dairy raising & tob. growing areas in the state (Duvall); Acc. to W.H. Veech, 11/1/1885, the po was 1 mi w of Brashears Creek, 4 mi n of Normandy PO, 7 mi s of Shelbyville PO, 6 mi se of Simpsonville. PO, 100 yards w of Bloomfield RR. \| On 1/9/1914, Fred S. Robinson pet. for a site ch. to a pt. 1 mi w of Bull Skin Creek, 5 mi ne of Elk Creek PO, 4 mi from Normandy PO, 20 rods nw of the L&N's Finchville Sta., 3 air mi e of the co. line.\| Acc. to Ibid. 8/1/39, the po was 2½ rd. & air mi from Spencer Co. line, on Ky 55, 220 ft. w of rr sta. & tracks, 1 mi s of Bullskin Cr., 1½ mi w of Brashears Cr and 7 mi s of Shelbyville PO (SLR)
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): Home of Robertson's Country Hams, a family owned business with national market. They ship cured hams all over the country. Now: country store, po, Bapt. Chu. also;
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co.): Buck & Bullskin Creeks were 1st settled in 1780. Buck Creek settlement moved to a pt. 1 mi. e. of orig. site and became Finchville by 1878. DK why. The new site was where Ludwell R. Finch had his blacksmith shop & store. Finch was he in Woodford Co. 1806 and bought farm in the vic. of his commu. in 1841. His commu. was aka Finch's Sta. (after-the) before it became Finchville in 1878. Louisv. Cinci. & Lex. RR was completed thru in 1880. Last train stopped in 1952. The area is in one of the major dairying & tob. prod. areas in Ky. .... ("The Buck Creek Settlement and Finchville, Ky., 1780-1976" by Rich'd. Todd Duvall, pvtly.)
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co.): 1st called Bullskin. of Mrs. Alice Pickett Broadbent, Henry Clay St Shelbyville and/or Mrs. Steve Howerton of Meadowbrook, Shelbyville. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Now: c. 40 homes, church, auditorium, 2 gro. stores, filling sta. (Personal obs., 7/1978); Named for Ludwell Finch. 1st called Bullskin by a Penna. family that settled there Next called Finch's Sta. Then Finchville in 1792. ("Finchville Remembers its Own Bicent." SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL-NEWS, date=? C. 1976);
FINCHVILLE (Shelby Co.): Ludwell R. Finch, farmer & stockman. The po & commu. of Finchville Sta. were named for him. Ne in Woodford Co. nr. Versailles in 1806, son of Wm. & Eliz. Finch, Virginians who came early to Ky. To Shelby Co. 1839 and settled nr. F'ville in 1841. Owned 275 acres of Shelby Co. farmland. Successful, model farmer. Died 9/12/1879... (Perrin, 6th ed. 1887, P. 787);
FLOYDS FORK (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 3/24/1852, James Sloan; Disc. 3/27/1855 (POR-NA); Floyds Fork was a sta. on the L&N line betw. Anchorage & Shelbyv., probably on the co. line. (Frank Gray's map. But not shown on the Lake maps); Floyds Fork (stream) was named for John Floyd, the surveyor, and pion. Jeff. Co. settler at Floyds Sta. He was killed by Indians in 1783;
FOX RUN BAPTIST CHURCH (Shelby Co., Ky): Org. by John Whitaker & Joshua Morris 1/26/1794 at the home of Jas. Hogland (sic). Had 156 members in 1880'. Later moved to Eminence. John Penny was the 1st pastor and was (probably) succeeded by Warren Cash in 1799. (Willis, Pp. 71-2);
GLORIA (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 3/5/1900, Wm. A. Hankins, 1/17/1901, Wm. Adler, Disc. eff. 3/15/1901 (papers to Clark in Jefferson Co.) (POR-NA); Acc. to W.A. Hankins, 2/5/1900, this prop. po would be due s of Clark PO and due n of Wilsonville po, 2½ mi n of Wilsonville, 4½ mi s of Clark PO, ¼ mi n of Plumb Cree and would be serving a vil. of 25. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, W.A. Hankins (he 7/1860) was a merchant & farmer, and lived with his wife Elza (nee 2/66) & thei: 2 sons. But no Gloria. Not too far from Wm. Adler (he 1/1845 in Germany), a farmer, but no Gloria in his family either;
GRAEFENBURG (Shelby Co., Ky): Was first called Hardinsville. It was founded 10/20/1817 on applic. of Wesley Hardin, land owner. (Shinnick, Pp. 39-40); The Graefenburg name was given by Dr. O'Neal who got the name from an almanac. Hardinsville by then had gotten the reput. as a rough place with saloons, fights. (Shelby NEWS, 10/25/1928); Graefenberg (sic) inc. town with a pop. of 300. Water-powered grist & sawmill, steam-powered grist & sawmill, 3 chu's, po, sch. Vil. is aka Hardinsville. Leonard Blythe was pm. Blythe & Jenkins ran a gen. store. Other businesses incl. hotel, Tinsley & Tipton's gen. store, etc. (Acc. to 1876/7 Gazetteer);
GRAEFENBURG (Shelby Co.): Inc. 12/18/1850 as Hardinsville (ACTS, 1850/1, Vol. 2, P. 15); n.ch. to Graefenburg, 3/10/1856 (ACTS, 1855/6 Vol. 2, P. 45); n.ch. to Hardinsville, 2/16/1858 (ACTS, 1857/8, Vol. 2, P. 231) n.ch. back to Graefenburg by the Post Office Dept.; Acc. to Leonard Blythe, 6/20/1876, this po was serving the Hardinsville community on the w side of Benson Creek, 3½ m. w of Bridgeport, 3½ mi e of Peytona. (SLR); The Hardinsville po was est. in 1825. In 1856 it became Graefenburg. (P&G);
GRAEFENBURG (Shelby Co., Ky): Three places with this name in central Europe could have been source: (1) Gräfenberg a town in Upper Franconia, central Bavaria, 18 mi ne of Nurenburg. Founded 1378. Noted for tanning, brewing, flour, lumber mill. Summer resort. c. early 20 cent. (2) Gräfenberg Hill nr Kiedrich in the Rheingau, W. Germany, famed for its vineyards. (3) Gräfenberg a vil. in n Silesia (Czechos) nw of Opava. "First water cure introduced here in 1826 by Vincenz Priessnitz, the founder of Hydtherapy."
GRAEFENBURG (Shelby Co.): From 1817, it was called Hardinsville for Wesley Hardin, a large farm owner in that vic. n.ch. by POD because of its similarity to another po in Ky. Not known the origin of the new name. (Libbi Powell: "Town Names have Interesting Lesson"- Shelbyv. Sentinel-News, 10/27/1977; P. A3: 1-4); (pron. "Gr(ae)f/in/berg") The Hardins were a local family. Now: garage, 3 churches, gro. store. (Members of Shelby Co. hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/77);
GRAEFENBURG (Shelby Co.): 1st called Hardinsville; later n.ch. to Graffenburg (sic) by POD because of another Hardinsv. po in Ky. (SHELBY CO. P.N., DAR ms, 1941, P. 5); p.o. est. 11/13/1830, John A. Lapsley (or earlier); Disc. 6/23/1834; Re-est. 1/29/36, Jas. S. Hackley...ch. tc Graefenberg (sic), 7/22/56, John R. Nigh...late spelled as Grafenburg in the POR...(NA); spelled Graeffenburg by Bayless Hardin in a WPA ms; Hardinsburg or (ville) was inc. 12/18/1850. Yrs. later, the name was changed to Graefenburg by POD because a similar name already in use. (HIST. OF SHELBY CO., KY. Written, Compiled & edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1929, P. 61); Disc. 12/31/09, (m. to waddy) (NA); in Bred Co.
HADDOX (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 7/12/1897, D.B. Todd, order rescinded 3/25/1900 (POR-NA);
HARDINSVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): Westley Hardin
ne ca. 1788 in Prince William Co., Va., son of
Chas. Hardin, a Rev. War vet. Came with Chas.
to Ky. ca. 1799 and lived first in Fayette Co
In 1813 Westley opened a tavern on the Big Rd
& S. Benson Creek (in Franklin Co.) In 1817
bought 346 acres on Big Benson in e Shelby Co
In 1820 Shelby Co. Census he's listed as a
resi. of Hardinsville where he ran another
tavern. The latter site was on the w side of
Benson Creek, on the lower extent of Colletts
Fk. which paralleled for a ways the new rd.
(US 60) in S. Co., midway betw. Frankf. &
Shelbyv. (In spring of 1817 he bought 346
acres on lower Colletts Fk. He formally applied to est. town there on 10/20/1817 to the S. Co. Ct. to be called Hardinsville for himself. Granted. Platted. Trustees of the town appointed: Sam'l. Tinsley, John Shannon, Lewis Overton, Geo. Gill, John Collett. On Colletts Fk., nr. its mouth. Began operation of new tavern here in late 1817 or early 1818. In his home. In April or May 1819 he sold the H'ville tavern to Morriss (sic) Fox who continued to run it for years. Then called Fox's Inn. Hardin then returned to S. Benson (in Frankl. Co.) where he died sometime betw.
1820-22, age 33. Certainly by 5/22/1822 when his wife, Frances, is listed in records as a widow. (Willard Rouse Jillson, EARLY TIMES (The Story of Westley Hardin with Some Acct. of His Taverns on the Big Road in Franklin & Shelby Co's., Ky. 1788-1821. Pub. in Frankf. by Roberts Printing Co., 1952) (In Townsend Rm. of Crabbe Libr, EKU: T976.943.J61e);
HARRISONVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): "This hamlet with epo
is on Ky 395, 11 (air) mi se of Shelbyv. It was laid
off as Connersville in 1825 and probably renamed for
Gen'l. Wm. Henry Harrison when the po was est. on 5/9/
1839, with Robt. J.R. Baker, pm. It was inc. in 1847.
The po closed in 1908." (Book-P. 132); Acc. to F.M.
Hankins, 3/10/1870, this po was 2 mi e of Buck Creek,
5½ mi ne of Mt. Eden PO. (SLR); Commu. est. 1825 and
first called Connersville for its prop. Renamed for
Wm. Henry Harrison. (Collins, 1847, P. 518); Acc. to
P&G, the po was est. in 1838; Acc. to the 1830 Census
of Shelby Co., there were at least 5 separate Harrison
families living there: John, Joshua, Reuben, Sam'l. G.,
& William;
HARRISONVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): Located at a bend in Ky 395. Now: Only Newt (Perry)'s Gro. & a Pente. chu. Another gro. closed a few yrs. ago. Newt's is a country store with gas pump. Acc. to Ida Pope, ex-resi., it was named for & by the first settlers of that vic. It was never more than a couple of stores, homes, & chu's. The Harrisonville Bapt. Chu. is closed tho' bldg. is still standing. A col. chu. & sch. was in there. Also had a blacksmith shop. PO was once run by Mrs. Marty Watts. Had a funeral home.

(Sandy Schmidt, "Harrisonville--It's Called a Bend in the Road" SENTINEL-NEWS, 1/18/1984, Pp. 1-2);
HARRISONVILLE (Shelby Co.): Laid off 1825 as Connorsville, n.ch. to Harrisonville when inc. 2/26/1847. (HIST. OF SHELBY CO., KY. written, compiled, & edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1929 P. 60); po est. as Harrisonville, 5/9/1839, Robt. J.R. Baker...Disc. 1/9/64; Re-est. 6/7/64 Francis M. Hankins...Disc. eff. 5/31/1908 (mail to Waddy) (NA); DK why so-named. Now: gro. and 1 church. (Members of the Shelby CO. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Inc. 2/26/1847 (ACTS, 1846/7, P. 263); named for Gen'l. Wm. H. Harrison, acc. to Collins, HIST., Vol. 2, P. 709);

"The po was est---
collins suggests it was named for..."
HATTON (Shelby Co.); po est. 5/2/1882, John A. Bell. (NA); (pron. "H(æ)t/ən") DK for whom named. A rr town. Now: active po; once thrivin store but not now. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Acc. to P&G, the po closed in 1986; Acc. to John A. Bell, 3/16/1882, the name prop. for this po was North Benson and it would be 3½ mi e (sic) of Benson PO, 4½ mi sw of Bagdad, 3 mi w of Benson Creek, on the n side of the Lou Cinci. & Lex. RR. Only a depot. (Acc. to Geo. B. Perkins, 10/22/1915, the po was 11 ft. n of Dutch Fork (Creek), 3 mi w of Benson PO, 12 ft. n of L&N station o Hatton, ½ air mi from co. line. On 4/11/1932, W.M. Moore pet. for site ch. 300 ft. e to pt. 200 ft. n of
Dutch Fork, 5 mi e of Bagdad, 15 ft. n of L&N, ½ mi from co. line. \Acc. to Ibid., 7/24/39, the po was ½ rd & air mi from Franklin Co. line, 300 ft. n of Hatton Creek, 5 mi e of Bagdad PO. The po was in the depot. (SLR); John & Robert Hatton lived in Shelby Co. c.1799/1800. (Willis, P. 233); N. Benson PO probably closed in 12/1881, as P&G indicated so there was no overlap with Hatton PO. These were probably the same site.
HELMSVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): A po that operated from 1832 to 1832. (Acc. to P&G); Acc. to 1830 Census there was a Leonard Helm in Shelbyville. Also Samuel Helmes & Thos. Helms in Shelby Co.; The Helmsville po was est. 4/18/1832 with Thos. Helm, 1st pm. On 7/18/1832 he was succeeded by Chas. H. Bryan. The po was disc. 12/1/1832. (POR-NA, pre-1832); Wm. S. Helm was state rep. from S. Co. 1842 (Willis, P. 218); Wm. Helm est. a grist mill just n of the three mi bridge on the state pike and nr. the orig. Tyler Sta. This was the co's 1st mill, c1790. This site was later occupied by a carding mill. (Ibid., P. 259); John Helm, Sr. died 7/19/1843, age 75 and was buried in Flatrock Cem. This cem. is 11.5 mi w of
Shelbyv. on US 60, then right onto Long Run Rd. for 4.2 mi to jct. with Ky 362. Turn left and go sw for 2.6 mi. The cem. is just opp. the Ky. Correctional Inst. for Women. (Acc. to CEMETERIES IN SHELBY CO., KY, pub. by the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc., 1979, P. 402); Wm. Helm pet. for the est. of a mill on Guist Creek, just n of the 3 mi bridge on the state rd. ca. 4/1816. This was 1 mi below Robt. Tyler's. This was the co's 1st mill. (Shinnick, Pp. 4-5);
John Helm, Jr. (1768-1840?) was born in Frederick Co., Va. Married (in Shelby Co., Ky) to Joanna Harbourt (1770-1840) & died in S. Co. and is buried in Old Flat Rock Cem. (Acc. to Terry A. Helm, 533 Redbridge Ct., Baldwin, Mos. 63021, in KY. ANC. Vol. 22 (4), Spring 1987, P. 263); Wm. Helms was the 1st authorized by the co. to operate a grist mill, and he built one on Quist Creek in 1793;
HEMPRIDGE (Shelby Co., Ky): Named for the thriving hemp production along Jeptha Creek & the surrounding hills. Acc. to local trad., an early farmer presented to Henry Clay a large hemp stalk in the form of a cane. It was later exhibited at the Smithsonian Inst. in Wash. ("Misty Origins" SENTINEL NEWS, 7/29/1976, P. A1-A3); In the 1840s Shelby Co. was the state's main producer of hemp and Ky. was then the country's chief supplier;
HEMPRIDGE (Shelby Co.): "As the (Jeptha's) Knobs slope off toward the west is Hempridge, a body of fine level land producing the finest hemp in the United States or perhaps in the world." (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, P. 7);

Spelled as 2 words: the 1st place that hemp was grown in the co. (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me, 11/14/1971); There was a po there: chec in POR....; A fine quality of hemp was grown here. One word. There was a commu. here with train sta. and store. Now: a Bapt. church. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); po est. as one word 2/9/1889, Millard F. Jesse...Disc. 2/28/1911 (mail to Waddy) (NA); Station agent at the Hempridge Depot.
Editor Bennett Roach, Shelbyville, found an item in The Shelby News of July 8, 1909, stating that Hempridge, in Shelby County, got its name from a huge stalk of hemp grown there, one of the biggest ever seen in Kentucky. It was made into a cane and presented to Henry Clay by Will Waddy. Mr. Clay remarked that the place ought to be called Hempridge. He later put the cane on exhibition at Smithsonian Institute in Washington.
HEMPRIDGE (Shelby Co., Ky): "This settlement is centered on Ky. 714, 1 mi s of the present I 64 and 5 (air) mi s of Shelbyville. Acc. to trad., one of the largest stalks of hemp ever seen was given to Henry Clay by Will Waddy, and Clay suggested that the place where it was grown be called Hempridge. A Hempridge PO was in operation betw. 1889 and 1911." (Book-P. 137); Acc. to Millard Fillmore Jesse, 1/25/1889, this prop. po would be on the n bank of Jepthahah Creek (sic), 15 ft. n of the Lou. So. Ry. track & depot, e of the Ridge Road Tpk., 3 mi w of Waddy PO, 8 mi e of Shelbyville PO, 4 mi ne of Southville, 4 mi s of Clay Vill. PO. (SLR);
IVAN (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 11/3/1857, Wm. J. Stivers; Disc. 12/24/1857 (POR-NA);
JACKSONVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): Thos. D. Kesler's wife was Rachel (nee Miles) and Enoch Pinkston's wife was Nancy Ellis. In Dec. 1876 Enoch was 24 and was listed in marr. records as a farmer. In that month he wed Nancy; Acc. to 1880 Census, Enoch Pinkston (27), a farmer, lived with wife Nannie, but there were no Zilpah(s) in vic. In Christiansburg Mag. Dist.; Acc. to 1900 Census, Enoch Pinkston (ne 3/1860), a farmer, & wife Nannie (nee 2/60) lived with children Clifton, Smitty, May, Annie, Jos. B., Susie, Nellie, and his mother Irene (nee 4/37). He was a farmer. No Zilpah;
JACKSONVILLE (Shelby Co.): In the Benson Hills named for Genl. Andrew Jackson...(SHELBY CO. P.N., DAR ms, 1941, Pp. 5-6); po est. 1/3/187C James Kesler; Disc. 4/30/75 (NA); 1st called Zilpah P.O. (acc. to 1882 Atlas) (Pron. "Z(ih) /p(ah)") Probably named for a local family rather than Andrew Jackson. Now: gro. store, antique shop. Zilpah (ch) p.o. est. 5/12/1881 Enoch Pinkston; 5/26/82, Thos. D. Kesler; Disc 6/21/82; Re-est. 2/18/1888, Owen Moore...Disc. eff. 8/30/1902 (papers to Mitchell) (NA);
JACKSONVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): "This hamlet with eponym "Jacksonville" lies at the jct. of Ky 12 and 1922, 11 (air) mi ene of Shelbyv. The post office was 1st est. as Jacksonville on 1/3/70 with Jas. Kesler, pm, and probably named for Andrew Jackson. It closed in 1875 but was re-est. on 5/12/81, as Zilpah with Enoch Pinkston, pm. It closed for good in 1902." (Book-P. 152); Acc. to Jas. Kesler, 12/15/65 this prop. post office would be 3 mi e of Bagdad PO, 6 mi n of North Benson PO, 3 mi n of Six Mile Creek. To serve a vil. of 60. (SLR); Acc. to Enoch Pinkston, 4/28/1881, the Zilpah PO would serve a vil. of 45, about on a line w of Flag Fork PO, 3 mi sw of Scrabble PO, 4 mi ne of Bagdad, 2 mi e of Six Mile Creek. Acc. to Owen Moore, 1/26/86, the post office was 4 mi sw of Scrabble PO, 3½ mi ne of Bagdad, 3 mi nw of Tioga, ½ mi from Backbone Cr. at its head. Vil. of 75. (SLR);
JESSE'S STORE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 2/21/1842, Warner B. Jesse; Disc. 1/6/1871 (POR-NA); Local name= Hempridge and po was ½ mi s of Jepthah Creek, 5 mi se of Southville, 8 mi e of Shelbyville PO. (source-?) (SLR); Warner B. Jesse (1/1/1801-7/5/1880) was buried in the Jesse (Fam.) Cem. on the farm now owned by Guthrie Jessy Jr. nr. Ky. 714 (the Hempridge Rd.), 4.6 mi from the jct. of 714 & US 60. (Acc. to CEMETERIES IN SHELBY CO., KY., pub. by the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc., 1979, P. 241); Jesse's Store was s of Jephta (sic) Knobs, on the road betw. Southv. & Hardinsv. and on a road due se of Shelbyv. At the head of Big Beech Creek. (Acc. to Yoseloff and other mid 19 cent. maps);
JEPTHA-KNOB (Shelby Co., Ky): N. of US 60 at Clay Vil. in e. part of the county. "Rises above the general level of the Lexington Plain....It is...crypto-volcanic and...the result of an unsuccessful attempt at volcanic eruption...back in the early Silurian...."


The name was probably derived from that of Jeptha & Little Jeptha Creeks. There's some evidence for the contention that this may have been corrupted from Jesse. 18th cent. convention of spelling "ss" as "ps, later inspiring pron. as "ptha" which became Jeptha. Suggested by the late Geo. Gill, local owner. (Betty
B. Matthews in Newsletter of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. Vol. 18 (9), 11/1991, n.p., citing Dan'l. Boone's deposition in Deed Book Bl, Pp. 272-3. He spells the creek name as Jepsey); The knob is a group of small elevations 7 mi e of Shelbyv. The highest of its hills, at 1188 ft., is the highest pt. in Ky's Bluegrass region. Named for Jeptha Layson who owned that vic. in the 1880s. (KY ENCY., 1992, P. 468);
JEPTHA'S KNOB (Shelby Co.): Was a corruption of Jesse's Knob named for one or many of the local Jesses, prom. family(ies) (Acc. to some members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Near Shelbyville, the highest pt. in central Ky. Name of Biblical origin. The only cryphic (?) volcanic knob in Ky. Never erupted but lava is known to have poured out. (M. Ladd, 4/17/1941, WPA files: place names-misc. folder)
Jeptha Layson ne 1834 in Pike Co., Mo. Son of Sam'l. & Amelia Layson, Bourbon Co., Ky. natives whose families orig. came from Va. Was raised in Bourbon Co., Ky. to which he early moved with his mother. Moved to Shelby in 1852. Became an undertaker and made furniture. In 1875 moved to a farm. Became a stockraiser on 481 acres he acquired in the vic. of Squire Boone's Sta. Thus called the farm "Station Farm". (Perrin, 6th Ed., 1987, Pp. 812-3);
Wm. Bryant acquired 600 + 150 acres on Jesse Creek (Shelby Co., Ky) which were surveyed on 3/22/1794. (Book 5, Pp. 524-5) (Jillson I, P. 155); Nicholas Hail acquired 500 acres on Jeptha Creek that were surveyed on 1/26/1796 (Book 6, P. 224) (Ibid., P. 184); Mentioned as Jesse Creek in 1802 surveys for Wm. Harlet and Abraham Owen (Ibid.); Abraham Owen acquired 12 acres on Jesse Creek surveyed on 4/24/1794 (Book 4, P. 86) (Ibid., P. 218); John Allen acquired 675 +320 acres on Jesse Creek surveyed on 7/17/1797 & 6/26/97. (Book 8, Pp. 5, 8) (Ibid.).
JOYESDALE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 12/7/1897, Adriel M. Cowherd, 6/26/1901, Wm. T. Baskett; 7/2/1906, John L Trimble; Disc. eff. 11/15/1906 (mail to Veechdale) (POR-NA); Acc. to A.M. Cowherd, no date given, the name prop. for this po was Castlewood and the prop. po would be on the Lou. So. Ry. tracks, ½ mi e of Bull Skin Creek, 2 mi se of Scotts Sta. PO, 3½ mi e of po (?), 4 mi w of Shelbyville PO, not a vil. Joyesdale Sta. (SLR); Adriel Milton Cowherd (1873-1960 was ne Shelby Co. and worked for many yrs. for the Lou. PO. He married twice but not before 1906, to (1) Finette R. Moses & Louise Douglas Park. No issue. Nothing said about Joy, Joyes, Joyesdale, etc. (Edythe Cowherd Newton of Lyndon, Ky. COWHERD GENEALOGY, 1962, P. 289. in KHS Libr.);
Adriel M. Cowherd was son of Walter D. & Martha J. Cowherd (1873-1960). He had a bro. Bruce. Buried in the Simpsonville Cem. (Acc. to CEMETERIES IN SHELBY CO., KY., pub. by the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc., 1979, P. 61); Acc. to 1900 Census, Wm. Joys (ne 1/1870) lived with wife Mary (2/72) in Christiansburg Dist. but not nr. any Cowherds or Castle(woods); In the S. Shelbyv. Dist. (1900) lived Chapman C. Joyes (ne 8/1861) & wife Sallie D. (12/68) nr. Patrick Joyes (ne 6/1826) & wife Florence (2/35). But no Cowherds or Castlewoods in area;
JOYESDALE (Shelby Co., Ky): The Joyes name is now applied to a road running for 4 miles of US 60 and ending at the old red brick home of Patrick Joyes who later lived in Louiv. This was near Big Bullskin Creek. At the jct. of this road and the Lou. So. Ry. tracks was a sta. called Joyesdale. By 1959 Joyes descendants were still living in Lou. The Joyes family came from Ireland and first settled in Lou. (Tom Wallace "Joyes Is a Name Synonymous with Hospitality" LOU. TIMES, 8/5/1959);
JUNTA PO (Shelby Co., Ky): The Carpenter Cem. is on the Junte Rd. (sic). From Waddy go s on Ky 395 for 4 mi. Turn left on Ky. 636 and go sw for 1.7 mi and turn right into J.P. Donnelly's farm. Take gravel rd. (this is Junte Rd.) n for 0.6 mi. The cem. is on the right side of the road, less than 20 ft. from the road. L(ouis) N. Carpenter's family here but he's not. (CEMETERIES IN SHELBY CO., KY., pub. by the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc., 1979, P. 203); Acc. to 1900 Census, Louis N. Carpenter (ne 1/1844) lived with his wife Eliz. (nee 1/1847) & their daughter May & several sons in Harrisonv. Prec. No Penny;
JUNTA (Shelby Co., Ky): PO est. 7/11/1902, Louis N. Carpenter; Disc. 2/28/1910 (mail to Mt. Eden) (POR-NA); Acc. to Louis N. Carpenter, 1/17/1902, the prop. name was Penny and the prop. po would be 10 rods n of Little Beech Creek, 2½ mi ne of Mt. Eden PO, ca. 3 mi nw of Wayside PO, 3½ mi sw of Harrisonville. (SLR);
LAWRENCE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 4/18/1900, J. Kelly Lawrence; Disc. eff. 6/30/1902 (papers to Shelbyville) (POR-NA); Acc. to J.K. Lawrence, 3/31/1900, the prop. po would be 3 mi s of Bagdad po, 3½ mi n of Peytona, 9 mi e of Shelbyv. PO, 3 mi e of Guests Creek. (SLR);
LINCOLN RIDGE (Shelby Co.): po est. by this name 4/29/1914, Edith M. Ellis... (NA); The site of the present Whitney M. Young School. Used to be Lincoln Ridge PO there. Lincoln Institute was located there. A community might have grown up around it. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); The Lincoln Ridge PO closed in 1967. It then became a rural branch in this name from 1967 to 1974. (P&G); Acc. to Edith M. Ellis, 1/2/1914, the prop. name were Lincoln Institute and Lincolnia and the PO would be 2 mi e of Long Run Creek, 2 mi w of Simpsonv. PO, 3 mi e of Long Run PO, 2 7/8 mi w of Veechdale PO. The Lou Nashv. & Chesa. O. RR (sic) sta. there was Lincoln Institute. On 11/28/1928 Laura R. Young pet. for a
site ch. 100 yards e to a pt. 5 mi w of Big Bull Skin Creek, 2 mi w of Simpsonville PO, 4 mi e of Long Run PO, 3 air mi e of the co. line. The vil. was then called Lincoln Ridge. According to Ibid., 8/17/1939, the po was ½ mi s of US 60, 0.52 mi from Lincoln Ridge sta	on the L&N, 1¼ mi w of Simpsonv. PO, 5 mi e of Eastwood PO. Whitney M. Young, Jr. Residential Manpower Ctr., 7 mi w of Shelbyv., site of earlier Lincoln Inst. which provided coll. ed. for blacks from 1911 (sic) to 1966. Young was nat'l. dir. of the Urban League, 1961-71;
LINCOLN INSTITUTE (Shelby Co., Ky): Est. by Berea Coll. in 1911. Opened on 444 acres 10/1/1912 for the educ. of blacks who had been forbidden by the passage of the Day Law (1904) from continued instruction in the till then integrated B.C. Est. after the Day Law had authorized racial segregation in schools as state policy. Offerings included voc. ed. & teacher training. In 1947 the sch. became a public hi.sch. The sch. closed in 1964. (KY ENCY. P. 558); The inst. was a boarding hi sch. for blacks whose home co's in Ky "couldnt afford segregated schools". In 1967 it was transformed to a state-run boarding sch. for bright but at-risk Ky. teenagers of all races. Sch. was disc 7/31/1970. ("Why Must Lincoln Die?" in LOOK, 8/11/1970. Pp. 64ff):
MITCHELL (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 7/3/1900, James T. Mitchell; Disc. eff. 7/14/1903 (papers to Bagdad) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jas. Thos. Mitchell, 4/17/1900, the name prop. for this po was Rattle Trap and the po would be on the e bank of Six Mile Creek, 2½ mi se of Elamburg, 4½ mi s of Defoe, 3½ mi w of Zilpah PO. No vil. (SLR);
MITCHELL'S MILL (BARRARD) (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 1/12 1831, Robt. P. Mitchell; 9/17/1834, Tillson Yates; Disc 3/1/1836 (POR-NA);
MONTCLAIR (Shelby Co.): A Black community. This is its present name. Birthplace of famed Judge Roy Bean. It's on US 60, 1 mi. e. of Simpsonville. DK why so-named. earlier known as Evansville, acc. to 1882 Atlas. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977);
NORTH BENSON (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 9/4/1866, Geo. W. Hodges; 7/7/1869, Henry C. Hodges...2/24/1881, Thos. N. Roberts; Disc. 12/14/1887 (POR-NA); Acc. to Geo. H. Hodges, the prop. po would be 50 yards n of Benson Creel at the head of this creek, 4 mi w of Benson PO, 4 mi e of Bagdad. It was a sta. on the rr. (SLR); PO closed in 1881. (P&G) (check...); N. Benson was a sta. on the Lou Cinci. & Lex. RR. E. Allison was storekeeper & sta. & express agent and R. Rogers had another store. (1876/7 Gazetteer);
NUGENT (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 7/11/1900, Martha L. Chick; Disc. eff. 6/30/1902 (papers to Shelbyville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Martha Lewis Chick, the name prop. for this po was Cyclonia and the prop. po would be on the w. bank of Bullskin Creek, 2½ mi n of Chestnut Grove PO, 4½ mi s of Smithfield PO, 6 mi e of Ballardsv. po. (SLR);
OLIVE BRANCH (Shelby Co.): Olive Branch Chur. est. before 1840, a small Meth. Church nr. the banks of Brashears Creek. Nearby is a big spring "from which flowed two branches, runnin on either side of the church building, and so nearly surrounding it by water, that taking th story of the Dove and Ark and the Branch from the stream itself, the church was christened Olive Branch." (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, P. 15);
The chur. is still standing but was moved from site on Brashears Creek. Located on Taylorsv. Rd.
(Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at pic-nic, 10/28/1977);
PEYTONA (Shelby Co.): DPO named for John Peyton who donated land on which it was built. At the jct. of Midland Trail (US60) and the Waddy & Bagdad Tpk. The terminal "a" was added to Peyton's name at the suggestion of a neighbor, Squire James Gill to make a "more euphonious name." (SHELBY CO. P.N., DAR ms, 1941, P. 5); Named for John Peyton who gave land on which it was built. (Elmer G. Sulzer, in letter to me, 11/14/1971); PO est. 7/27/1874, Thos. J. Peyton...(NA); po disc. eff. 6/30/1902 (mail to Shelbyville) (NA);
PEYTONA (Shelby Co., Ky): "This settlement with epo is at the jct. of Old US 60 and Ky 395, 8 (air) mi e of Shelbyv. The po, in operation from 1874 to 1902, was named for John Peyton, the owner of the site. The terminal 'a' is said to have been added at the suggestion of a neighbor, Squire Jas. Gill, to make a better sounding name." (Book-Pp. 231-2); Acc. to R.H. Wilmot, 6/20/1876, the po was on the w side of Dick Creek (?), 2 3/4 mi e of Clayvillage po, 4 mi w of Graefensburg PO (SLR); (Pron. "pə/toh/nə"); R.H. Wilmot was pm and storekeeper. (Acc. to 1876/7 Gazetteer);
ROBERTS' STORE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 1/1/1830, Morris Thomas; Disc. 3/1/1836 (POR-NA); PO est. 1825 (acc. to P&G); Acc. to Shelby Co. Tax list (the first, 1792-5), Agnes Roberts had 200 acres on Roberts Run; also Alex'r. Reid (or Rud) had 200 acres on this stream (Willis, P. 215); Benj. Roberts was an early J.P. & Justice of the Ct. of Q. Sessions, Shelby Co. He was a Rev. War vet. age 84 in 1832. (Ibid., Pp. 221, 246);
SCOTT'S STATION (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 2/26/1872, Wm. H. Bell, 12/9/1901, Geo. W. Glass...Disc. 10/15/1910 (mail to Shelbyville), Re-est. 1/20/1914, John S. Harrington; Disc. 7/15/1920 (mail to Shelbyville) (POR-NA); Acc. to W. Henry Bell, 12/26/1898, the po was 1 mi e of Bullskin Creek, 4 mi w of Shelbyville PO, 4 mi e of Simpsonville PO, 2 mi from Joyesdale PO, 12 ft. s of the L&N tracks. Acc. to John S. Harrington, 7/18/1918 the po was 5 mi w of Shelbyville PO, 5 mi e of Simpsonville PO, 300 ft. n of the L&N. (SLR); Scott's Station from 1872 to 1894 and Scotts Sta. from 1894 to 1920. (P&G); Martin & Robert Scott lived in Shelby Co. 1799/1800. (Willis, P. 337); John Scott was an early blacksmith. (Ibid., P. 249); Jas. Scott (1785-1822) was buried in Scott Cem. on the Scotts Sta. Rd., 1.2 mi n of US 60, or the farm of Ralph Peed. SW of Scotts Sta. (Acc. to
CEMETERIES IN Shelby Co., KY, published by the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc., 1979, P. 33); Scotts Sta. on the L&N, 4½ mi W of Shelbyville. Pop. 50. W. Henry Bell was pm, J.M. Crary Gen'l. Store & J.H. Morris's Gen'l. Store. (1895 Gaz.); Geo. W. Scott, son of Willis & Selah Ann (Rucker) Scott, ne 1835. Willis was also ne Shelby Co in 1806 and died in 1873. A successful farmer. Willis father, Geo. Scott, was ne Pa. and to Ky. 1787, settling a farm nr. Taylorsville. Geo. (Sr) was S. Co first merchant and died 1825. Geo. W. was a CW vet. After the war he returned to farming and marr. Susan Walker in 1870. Had a 330 acre farm ca. 1886. (Perrin 6th ed., 1887, P. 846);
SCOTTS STATION (Shelby Co., Ky): On the LC&L RR, 3/4 mi e of Bullskin Creek. Store-PO combo. Wm. Scott lived in vic. Also Christ Chu. & parsonage. (Lake map, 1882); W.H. Bell was pm and W.L. Scott was sta. agent & storekeeper. (Acc. to 1876/7 Gazetteer);
SCRABBLE (Shelby Co., Ky): po. Acc. to Thos. H. Wilborn, 5/21/1880, the prop. name for this po was Back Bone (2 words) and it would be on the right side of Back Bone Creek, 2 3/4 mi ne (sic) of Flag Fork PO, 6 m nw (sic) of Bagdad PO. (SLR);
HELBYVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): Among the world's largest tob. markets. Shelbyv. & surrounding area is noted for antique & furniture stores. Now: a diversified manu. city with some 27 factories, incl. men's clothing, aluminum.... Est. in 1792 on land donated by Wm. Shannon. He offered 1 acre for public bldgs. if the ct. agreed to lay out a town on his 50 acre tract. The site offered by Wm. Shannon for the centrally located co. seat was accepted by a comm. on 9/1/1792 and the seat was officially est. at the ct's 1st official session on 10/15/92. Shannon's offer was accepted over several others; Shelbyv. is "enclosed by the horseshoe bend of Clear Creek." (Roach)
SHELBYVILLE (Shelby Co.): Pop. (c1974)=c.5000.  
Plus 3000-3500 pop. in adjacent suburbs. Influx of residents from Louisville, etc. or those who have moved here from elsewhere to commute to jobs in L'ville and Frankfort. New industries have located in S'ville and surrounding area that have attracted pop. growth...("Shelbyville New Vigor After Decline" by Art Ehrenstrom, in CJ&T, 7/14/1974, P. 7D); p.o. est. 4/1/1901, James Wardlaw...(NA); (pron. "Sh(eh)l/bee/v(ih)"

Wm. Shannon didn't lay out the town. He just gave 1 acre of land. Laid out by John Standiford, Bracket, Winlock, & Owen. (Members of Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at picnic, 10/28/1977);
SHELBYVILLE (Shelby Co.): At Owens Station, ju.
so. of Shelbyville on 10/15/1792, the location
of the new co. seat was fixed. Owens Sta. was
the home of Brackett Owen. Determined that it
should be located at the jct. of the road from
Frankfort to the Falls of the Ohio and Clark
Creek betw. the mouth of Mulberry Creek and the
1st branch w. of the mouth of Mulberry. Wm.
Shannon, the landowner, "agreed to donate 1
acre to the county and to lay off 50 acres
adjoining into convenient streets and lots." Court
agreed. Ended long dispute about the site. Trustees David Standiford, Jos. Winlock,
& Abraham Owen laid off the town 1/15/1793.
(P.53). The losers were Boone's Sta. and a hil
½ mi. w. of present ct. hse. site.(P.54) ... Wm.
J. Hannon was Surveyor of the town of Shelby Co., Ky., by Geo. L. Millie, Jr., 1929.
SHELBYVILLE (Shelby Co.): In 1792, Wm. Shannon donated 1 acre for ct. house and 50 adjoining acres which he would lay off for a town if the county's new seat would be located there rather than at Painted Stone or Squire Boone's Sta. 2 mi. north. (LINCOLN HERITAGE TRAIL MAG. "Shelbyville is a Thriving Trade & Agri. Center" Spring-Summer, 1955, P. 16) (Check-did he actually lay out the town?).... PO est. 4/1/1801, Jas. Wardlaw....("Postmaster of Shelbyv.: Brief Hist'l. Reviews from Establishment of Local Office to Date" by Miss Florence Effie Ballard, SHELBY SENTINEL, 7/6/1928);
SHELBYVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): On 10/15/1792 the 1st session of new co's ct. held at (Brackett) Owen's Sta., accepted Wm. Shannon's offer of land at a site a few mi. n. where the road betw. Lou. & Frankfort (now US 60) crossed Clear Creek. This became Shelbyville. Shannon offered 50 acres around the public bldgs. for the est. of a town. (Kevin Eigelbach, "Pride in Our Heritage" Bicent. ed. of SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/7/1992, Pp. 2A:1-2 & 5A);
SHELBYVILLE (Shelby Co.): Est. 12/20/1792. (Littell, Vol. 1, P. 151) Inc. 2/21/1846 (Act 1845/6, P. 255); "This 4th cl. ind. city & seat of Shelby Co. is on US 60, just n of I-64, and 27 (air) m of downtown Lou. It was est. as a town in 1792 on land donated by Wm. Shannon, ending a long dispute with near Squire Boone's Station for the new co's. seat. Like the co., it honors Kentucky's 1st gov., Isaac Shelby. The po was est. on 4/1/1801, with Jas. Wardlow, pm, and the town was inc. in 1846." (Book-P. 269);
SHELBYVILLE (Shelby County, Ky.) Shelby Co. in Tenn. (est. 1835) has its seat at Shelbyville also (est. 1836). Another town in that county was Shelbina (est. in 1857) to honor Kentucky's first governor. (Ramsay, Storehouse, 1952, P. 56); Like the co., it was named for Ky's 1st governor; Isaac Shelby was a Rev. War vet. Moved to Ky. 1783. Member of the Ky. Const. Conventions, Danville, 1784-92. Twice gov. 1792-6, 1812-16. Also fought in Indian campaigns & War of 1812. (1750-1826) (Highway marker, Shelbyville, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1238, P. 276); Site for town was donated by Wm. Shannon. (Shelby Co. Travel Guide, 1971, p.4.)
SIMPSONVILLE (Shelby Co.): This town and SimpCo. Ky. named for Capt. John Simpson who was with Anthony Wayne at Fallen Timbers. Was a Shelbyv. lawyer and 4 term state leg. Elected to Congress 1812. Killed at Battle of River Raisin (Highway marker, at Simpsonville, on US60, acc. to GUIDE, No. 1128, P. 234); A stage coach stop with old tavern; it was here that the horses were changed...(Bayless Hardin, WPA ms); the county's largest industry, the Lear Siegler, Inc., plant that manufactures tv-set pedestals and recliner chair mechanisms is located here and employs c. 315 workers. ("Shelbyville: New Vigo: After Decline" CJ&T, 7/14/1974, P. D7);
SIMPSONVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky.)

Named for Col. John Simpson, a Kentuckian who was killed at the Battle of the River Raisin. Town founded 1816. (RR South, "Our Station Names" L&N MAG., 11/1949, P. 15); Named for Capt. John Simpson, lawyer & Congressman (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me, 11/14/1971); On US60, named for Capt. John Simpson, lawyer & Congressman for that district. Laid out 1816. Inc. 1832. Oldest town in co. Was for years a tavern & stage coach stop.... (SHELBY CO. P.N., DAR ms, 1941, Pp. 9-10); po est. 9/28/1831, Abraham Burton (or earlier)... (NA: ?/10/1821, John Taylor...
SIMPSONVILLE (Shelby Co.): Laid out in 1816 an inc. 1/14/1832. Named for Capt. John Simpson, Shelbyv. lawyer. Had been a stage coach sta. (P. 60) Capt. Simpson was also the namesake of Simpson Co. He came with his father from Va. t Lincoln Co., Ky. Fought with Wayne at Fallen Timbers in 1794. Later moved to Shelbyv. and practiced law there. Represented the co. in Ky Leg. 1806-12 and was Speaker in 1811. Then elected to US Cong. 1812. Killed at River Raisin. (P. 165) (HIST. OF SHELBY CO., KY. written, compiled, & edited by Geo. L. Willis, Sr., 1929);
SIMPSONVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): Acc. to ? 10/31/1885, the po was 2 mi w of Little Bull Skin Creek, 4 mi w of Scotts Sta. PO, 62 yards s of the rr tracks, 8 mi w of Shelbyv. PO. (SLR); This commu. was est. by court order in Oct. 1816 on the pet. of Isaac Watkins. It was named for Capt. John Simpson....Inc. 1/14/1832. (Clarence E. Cason, "Simpsonville" LOUISV. HERALD, 10/1/1922); Factories (c1990): sausage, home furnishings;
SIMPSONVILLE (Shelby Co.): Now: factories, Old Stone Inn, 2 banks, school, homes...Capt. John Simpson. Laid out 1816 and inc. 1832. The oldest town in the county. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977);

"This 6th cl. ind. & con. city with apo is on US 60, just n of I-64 and 6 (air) mi w of Shelbyv. The town was founded in 1816 on the site of a stage coach relay sta. tavern and named for Capt. John Simpson, a Va-born Shelbyv. lawyer and 4 term state leg. who was elected to the US Cong. in 1812 only to be killed at the battle of River Raisen in 1/1813. The po was est. in 1821 and the town was inc. in 1832." (Book-P. 272);
SIX MILE PO (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 12/17/1857, Wm. J. Stivers; Disc. 2/15/1861 (NA); May have been located on Six Mile Creek which heads in Shelby Co. Six Mile Creek is a Ky. R. trib; The Six Mile Creek heads just nw of Bagdad and joins the Ky. R. at Lockport in Henry Co. It bore this name at least by 1786 and may have referred to its being 6 mi n of the Painted Stone Sta. Or it may also refer to the "straight line distance betw. the mouth of (this) creek and the mouth of Drennon's Lick Creek, down the Ky. R." (Rennick, "Ky's. Number Names" THE FILSON CLUB HIST. Q, Vol. 64 (4), 10/1990, Pp. 441-61 (445). The po may have been at or above its head, nr the Six Mile Chu. (org. 1799), mi from Christianburg. (Ibid.);
The Six Mile Bapt. Chu. was est. 1799 and located across the rd. from the (present) Christiansburg Bap. Chu., to which site the chu. moved in 1856;
SOUTHVILLE (Shelby Co.): Midway between Shelbyville and Mt. Eden. Site of town was once a tavern & stage coach stop... (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 194: P. 8); p.o. est. 1/23/1839, Preston Owen. Disc. 2/31/1867; Re-est. 10/17/1873, John Heddingin (sic)... (NA); PO disc. eff. 1/31/1906 (mail to Shelbyville.) (NA); DK why so named. Now: one store and a church. (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Now: xerds, store, doz. homes, church, 1 mi. from Mt. Eden. (Personal obs. 7/1978); Acc. to John Hedden, 6/28/1886, the po was 3/4 mi nw of Big Beech Creek, 4½ mi sw of Mt. Eden PO, 8 mi se of Shelbyville PO. (SLR)
SOUTHVILLE (Shelby Co., Ky): No Souths lived in Southville (acc. to 1870 Census); This place is 4½ mi from its ship pt. at Hempridge. Had a pop. of 100. A.B. Hedden was pm, Burnett & McGaughey had a gen'l. store & J.W. Snider did too, while A.L. Proctor had a sawmill. (1895 Gaz.); Southville is at jct. of Ky 44 & 53. Now: only a gro. (ca. 1990); A store at the jct. of Ky 53, 44, & 714 since at least 1870. The orig. store was owned by John Hedden. He sold it to Jim Ratcliff and Frank Robertson. Torn down in 1911 and rebuilt. Now sells gas and serves food. Now gro. is owned by Jay & Bessie Mae Carriss. (Schreiner, Victoria, "Country Stores Provide Link to Hospitality" in "Pride in our Heritage" Bicen. ed. of SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/7/92, p. 8&9);
TODDS' POINT (Shelby Co.): po disc. 8/31/1913 (mail to Shelbyville) (NA); Named for the Todd family. Spelled two words. DK which Todd named for. Now called just "The Point". (members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); "This settlement on Ky 362, 7 (air) mi nw of Shelbyv., was named for the pioneer Todd family. Its po was est. on 4/18/1867 with Thos. A. Fountain, pm, & closed in 1913. It is now locally called just The Point (Book-P. 295); Acc. to R. S. Hunter, 10/31/1885, the po was 3 mi s of Floyds Fork, 5½ mi n of Simpsonv. PO. (SLF Todd's Pt. from 1867 to 1894 and Todds Pt. from 1894 to 1913. (P&G);
Acc. to Shelby Co's. 1st tax list (1792-5) John Todd had 162 acres on Gist Creek (sic) (Willis, P. 209).

The Todds Pt. Gro. at the jct. of Ky 362 and Todds Pt. Rd. is run by Terry & Marcy Pinnick. (c1992) The store was built in 1938 and was 1st owned by Walter Maddox. (Victoria Schreiner, "Country Stores Provide Link to Hospitality" in "Pride in Our Heritage" the bicen. ed of SENT-NEWS, 10/7/1992, P. 8D);
TODDS POINT (Shelby Co.): several mi. n. of Simpsonville. Named for old Todd family that had settled there in early days. (SHELBY CO. PN, DAR ms, 1941, P. 10); Named for a member of the Todd family, early residents. (Elmer G. Sulzer, letter to me, 11/14/1971); p.o. est. 4/18/1867, Thomas A. Fountain(?)...(NA); Named for a Mr. Todd who had a blacksmith shop here years ago. Local people say it's always been spelled as 2 words rather than one word by which it had been spelled in co. map and by R. McN. (Acc. to Bruce T. Morris in Rept. on Controversial Names for BGN, 3/1961. Given as 2 words on Ballardsville 7 1/2 min. top. map, 1961 (Ibid.); 9 mi. s.se of Lagrange.
TRAVELLERS REST PO (Shelby Co., Ky): Operated from 1817 to 1831. (Acc. to P&G); A po of this name was est. 7/23/1817 with Benj. Bondurant (POR-NA, pre. 1830) but I dk if this was in Shelby Co.; No Benj. Bondurant is listed in 1810 & '1820 Censuses, Shelby Co. But there was a Benj. Bonderant in Woodf. Co. in 1810 Census. The only Shelby Co. Bondurants listed in 1820 Censuses were Thos. & Jos;
TYLER'S STATION (Shelby Co., Ky) Pioneer sta. built by Robt. Tyler on Tick Creek, a short distance ne of Shelbyville. Tyler had purchased the land from Squire Boone. (W.R. Jillson, "Early Ky. Hist. in Ms.—A Brief Acct. of the Draper & Shane Collections" REG. of the KHS, Vol. 33, April 1935, Pp. 137-50, 141n);
VEECHDALE (Shelby Co., Ky): po est. 2/5/1889, Will H. Wright, 5/27/1892, Clarence L. Watson...Disc. 10/15/1920 (mail to Shelbyville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Will H. Wright, 1/7/1889, this prop. po would be 1 mi n of Lou. So. Ry. flag sta. at Evansville, 1 ½ mi w of Bullskin Creek, 7 mi w of Shelbyville PO, 7 ½ mi e of Fisherville PO, 1 mi s of Simpsonville PO.|| On 12/16/1912, L.G. Basket pet. for a site cha. 75-100 ft. w to a pt. ca. 3 mi e of Bullskin Creek, 3 ½=4 mi e of Clark PO, 9 mi w of Shelbyv. PO, 1 mi s of Simpsonv. PO, 75 ft. n of the So. Ry sta. of Veechdale, 4 mi e the co. line. (SLR); Benj. Veach (sic) is listed on Shelby Co.'s 1st tax list, 1792-5. (Willis); George Veech married Aileen Bowman in Shelby Co. in Sept. 1793. (Ibid., P. 239);
A.D. Veech was a businessman or farmer ca. 1860; The bros. Geo. & John Veech came to Ky. from Uniontown, Pa. before 1792. Geo. was a Shelby Co. surveyor c. 1796. He was ordered to survey a road betw. Bullskin & the mouth of Simpsons Creek; Acc. to 1900 Census, there were several Veech families living in the Simpsonville Dist;
VEECHLAND (Shelby Co., Ky): Acc. to 1942, this prop. po would serve Old Masons Home of Ky. and would be 1 mi e of Clear Creek, 1½ mi e of Shelbyv. PO, 1 mi s of the L&N tracks. (SLR); Acc. to P&G, the Veachland PO (sic) operated from 1943 to 1959; Old Masons' Home of Ky. on the n side of US 60, just e of Shelbyv. Its main bldg., the J. Speed Smith Hall, was completed in 1902; The Old Mason's Home is a retirement home for masons and their families;
WADDY (Shelby Co., Ky.) P.O. est. 8/1888. The postmaster (c1967)=Mrs. Louise M. McCormac. (Acc. to the State Journal of Frankfort, 11/13 1967, P. 5); On the Southern RR. Named for W.L. Waddy on whose farm the village was laid out Pop. over 200 c.1940; then had 2 churches, a consol. sch., bank, po. (SHELBY CO. P.N., DAR ms, 1941, P. 5); p.o. est. 8/22/1888, Thompson M. Waddy...(NA); The Waddy family owned a large farm in that area when the rr came thru. The commu. was named for the family. (Libbi Powell "Town Names have Interesting Lesson" Shelbyv. SENTINEL-NEWS, 10/27/1977, P. A3:1-4);
WADDY (Shelby Co.): Not in existence before it came in. Named for Maj. W.L. Waddy. Now: bank, 2 stores, active po, antique shop, 3 churches (Members of the Shelby Co. Hist. Soc. at their picnic, 10/28/1977); Prominent local farmer, Maj. W.L. Waddy donated land for right-of-way and depot if town to be founded there was to be named for him. Railroad completed thru in 1888. PO est. 1890 with Tommy Waddy, pm. Had 5 gen. stores at one time....Canning factory, bank, creamery....Once incorporated....("Coming of the Southern RR Places Waddy on the Map" SHELBY SENT. CENT. date=? c. 1940, Sect. 4, P. 2:1-6); 11 I store, 1890, Joe Campbell
WADDY (Shelby Co., Ky): "This vil. with (A)PO is cented at the jct. of Ky 395 and 637, 8½ (air) se of Shelbyv. Once inc., it was named for Major W.L. Waddy who donated the land to the So. Ry. for their right-of-way and depot on the condition that the town to be est there be named for him. The rr was completed through in 1888, and on Aug. 22 of that year the Waddy po was est. with Thompson M. Waddy, pm." (Book-P. 306); Acc. to T.M. Waddy, 7/14/88, the prop. po would be 3½ mi s of Peytona & 10 mi e of Shelbyv PO. Acc. to Leslie C. Dunigan, 10/23/1915, the po was 3 mi e of Jeptha Creek 375 ft. s of the So. Ry., 4 air mi from co. line. On 4/4/25, Ibid. pet. for a site ch. 195 ft. n to a pt. 1 mi e of Shelbyv. PO, 420 ft. s of tracks, 3 mi from co line. Acc. to Louise R. McCormack, 7/27/39, the po
was 2 air mi from Anderson Co. line, 420 ft. s of the Waddy (RR) Sta. on the So. Ry., 2 mi nw of Beech Creek (SLR); Acc. to Shelby Co's 1st tax list (192-5), Samuel Waddy had 300 acres on Beech Creek. (Willis, P. 209); Named for Maj. William Waddy, (Wilanna Brown); Named for Wm. Waddy who, with Jas. Walker Martin, owned the farms thru which the rr was extended. Acc. to Wilanna Brown, local historian; Most of the vil. is now s of the rr tracks but 2 chu's are n of the tracks.
"'Who'd 'a Thot It', a Sentinel News col. by Bennett Roach, is celebrating its forty-fourth anniversary in Shelby County. The name originally came from a house resting precariously on pillars above a sharp curve on North Fifth Street in Shelbyville. Gradually, the hill and curve also took the name of the house. In addition, author Roach thought the title appropriate for a catch-all column which focuses on observations, comments, book reviews, and local history." ("Profiles in History: Bennett Roach" BULL. of the KHS, Vol. 11 (3), 6/85, P. 6)