

✓ LETCHER COUNTY, KY: The co's. most distinguishing top. feat. is Pine Mt. extending from sw to ne, marking the s. bound. betw. Letcher & Harlan Co's and Letcher & Va's. Wise Co. All settlements have been in stream valleys. (McGrain & Currens, Topo. P. 47); Benjamin Webb, son of Engl. immi. & Rev. War vet., Jas. Webb of NC, settled at the head of N.Fk. in 1804. In 1805 he marr. Jennie, d of pion. John Adams. Benj.'s children incl. Nelson, Enoch A, Jason L, Miles, Wiley, etc. (Wm. Savage, WPA); Other early families: Browns, Dixon Lewises, Colliers, Whitakers, Wrights, Boggs, Potters, Halcombs, Crafts, Bates, Holbrooks, Bentleys. (Ibid);

✓ LETCHER COUNTY, KY: 95th co. org. 1842 from sects. of Perry & Harlan Co's. 339 sq. mi. Rugged, hilly terr. Settlement in mostly narr. stream val's. Headwaters of 3 major streams (Cumb, N.Fk. of Ky R, & BS (Elkhorn Ck of Russell Fk. of Levisa). Coal, oil, timber. Little land devoted to comm. agri. First known settlement 179 by Peter Whitaker on (the present) Whitaker Br. In 180 Geo. Ison II settled his family on Line Fk. Other pions. were Benj. Webb (from Md.), Jas. Caudill (from Va), Wm. Stamper (from NC). Every val. settled by 1806 Rapid growth before C.W. Greatest concentration in the Mayking area, 2 mi ne of Whitesb., but lost co. seat to the latter. Coal dev. began with mineral rights acqui-

sitions in the early 1900s. Till then it was one of Ky's. most isolated areas. Pop. losses 1940s-1950s. Mining remains the co's. chief means of econ. support. Little non extractive manu. opps. 1990 pop.=27,000, down from 30,700 in 1980. (KY ENCY. 1992, Pp. 546-7); A county-wide dev. plan that would have included the incorporation of 5 former coal camps: Neon, Fleming, Hemphill, Haymond, and McRoberts as one city was withdrawn from Fiscal Ct. consideration in July 1972. (LCJ 7/26/72, P. B1:1-6); The law creating L. Co. was enacted by leg. 3/3/42. Co. assumed its present bounds on 5/15/84 with org. of Knott Co. 339 sq. mi. 85th co est;

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- ✓ It's believed that the first settlement in Letcher Co. was made by an Adams at the mouth of Pert Creek, just above Whitesburg. "Several efforts have been made to move the county seat to the old settlement at the mouth of Pert Creek and Colly Creek, but they were all unsuccessful." (sic) (Wm. Savage, "Scenic Attractions--Letcher Co." WPA ms) ; In 1881-2 that section of L. Co. drained by Elkhorn Ck. was removed from Pike to Letcher Co. (Bowles, P. 53); By 1815 these families had settled in L. Co: Banks, Maggard, Day, Fields, Morgan, Collier, Blair, Breeding, Frazier, Baker, Halcomb, Hogg, Combs, Mullins, etc. (Cornett, 1967, P. 14);

✓ LETCHER COUNTY, KY: 339 sq. mi. "This co. was est. in 1842 from parts of Perry and Harlan Co's. and named for Robert P. Letcher (1788-1861), US Congressman (1823-35) and gov. of Ky. (1840-44) who later served as Minister to Mexico (1849-52)." (Book-P. 170); Created as 340 sq. mi. from Harlan & Perry Co's on 4/1/1842. Gained 60 sq. mi from Perry Co on 2/3/58. Gained 10 sq. mi from Pike Co. 4/24/84. Lost 80 sq. mi to Knott Co. 5/15/84. By then had reached 330 sq. mi. (Long); In L. Co. are the headwaters of the Cumb, BS, & Ky. R's; The co's. 1st settlers were Caudells (sic), Crafts, Adamases, and Holbrooks, joined in 1810 by the Bateses. (KY EXPL. Vol. 10 (5), 10/95, Pp. 84-6);

8127/1891,
✓ AARON (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/14/1891, Wm. Lucas;
7/28/92, Mary E. Lucas; Disc. 4/15/92 (?) (mail to
Sergent) (POR-NA); Acc. to Wm. Lucas, the 1st names
proposed for this new po were Aaronville or Aaron
or Eva and it would be 8 mi n of the Ky. R and $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n
of Camp Branch, 4 mi nw of Evans po, 5 mi sw of Mill-
stone po, 5 mi se of Rockhouse po. Serving a vil. of
200 residents. (SLR); Aaron Lucas (died 1923) was the
father of Wm. & Wesley Lucas, also Lewis, Arch, Eli, an
Aaron, Jr. (Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 2 (2), Fall
1991, P. 18); Aaron Lucas was born in 1827. Lucastown
was in the vic. of Thornton Gap. Named for local family

AARON Letcher Co., Ky): Laura Lucas, nee 8/25/91 is listed in the 1911 school census as a pupil in the Campbranch Sch. Acc. to the 1910 Census, Aaron Lucas (28) lived with his wife Laura (19) and their daughter Eddie (sic) (3) nr other Lucases (incl. Wesley (58), and wife Tabitha (64) and Arch (51) & wife Sarah (53) in Prec. #3-Rockhouse. But no Wm., Mary, or Eve are mentioned;

AARON (Letcher Co., Ky): No Eva Lucas is mentioned in family records (1994-5);

ADAMSON (Letcher Co.): /^h ("Aē)d/əm/sən") DK any-
thing about it. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

✓ ALICE (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 5/26/1899 with George Stamper as first pm. ("") Disc. eff. 9/15/1903 with mail to Ice. (Acc. to the National Archives); Acc. to Geo. Stamper, 5/5/99, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Dingus and it would be on Kingdom Come Ck and the n side of the Ky. R 4 mi w of Ice po, 6 mi e of Roxana po, 5 mi s of Smoot Creek po. (SLR); Acc. to 1900 Census, Geo. Stamper (Jan 1865), son of Hiram and Susan Stamper. His wife was Mary (nee Combs) but no Alice in their family; Acc. to 1900 Cens, Geo. Stamper (1/67) & wife Mary (3/69) lived next door to Martin Akmon (3/64) & wife Lucinda (Combs) (3/52) & daughter Alice (2/85) (later Mrs. Halcomb). [Could po have been named for her?];

ANDY WRIGHT FK. OF BEEFHIDE CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Named for Uncle Andrew (Andy) Wright, resident, 2nd half of the 19th cent. (Frances Sowards, ETTY, Ky., interview, 4/8/1989);

✓ ARCH (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/22/1884, Archibald J. Jenkins; Disc. 8/29/1887 (papers to Craftsville) (POR-NA); Acc. to A.J. Jenkins, 11/13/1885, this proposed po would be on the w side of Thornton Ck and 2 mi n of the Ky. R, 5 mi nw of Craftsville po, 7 mi se of Rockhouse po, 10 mi ne of Whitesb. po. (SLR); Archibald Jenkins (1844-1908), son of Wm. & Mary (Cornett) Jenkins. Arch. mar. Letha Jane "Jennie" Craft (1845-1926) (Letcher Co. Family Hist's, 1994-5); Acc. to 1900 Census, Arch Jenkins (7/44), son of Wm. & Mary (Cornett) Jenkins and wife Jane (Craft, d. of Archelous and Letty Craft;

(see 9/18/85)

✓ ARMINTA (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 6/23
1905 with John Haynes as the 1st pm. Disc.
3/31/1919 with mail to Gander. (Acc. to the
National Archives); po est. 6/23/1905, John
Haynes; 1/29/07, Pauline C. Blair; 2/8/11, John Haynes
Disc. 3/31/1919 (mail to Gander) (POR-NA); Acc. to
John Haynes, 5/15/1905, this proposed po would be on
the e side of Bull Ck and 3 3/4 mi n of the Ky. R.,
4 mi n of Cornettsv. po, 5 mi e of Kodak po, 5 mi nw
of Indian Bottom po. (SLR); No Arminta Haynes listed
in L. Co. family records, 1994-5; no John in 1900
Census;

✓ ARTHUR (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 8/15/1883, Clark Cornett; 10/31/1892, Moses S. Ison...9/27/97, Susan Smith Caudill; Disc. 11/19/1897 (papers to Poorfork) (POR-NA); Clark Cornett's Jan. 1883 entry was too light to be picked up on the microfilm.// On 12/12/92, Moses S. Ison pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w (on 11/28/1892) to a pt. 4 mi n of the Cumberland R, 1/2 mi n of Line Fk. Ck, 8 mi se of Jessie po, 3 mi n of Creech po ? 10 mi n of Line Fork po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 15 mi sw of Whitesb; It might have been named for Pres. Chester Alan Arthur for this was a heavily Rep. area till the 1930s. DK anything about the place. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

✓ BAKER (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/22/1884, L.D. Baker; 12/8/1884, Wm. D. Collier...3/18/1916, Cora Holcomb; Disc. 11/15/1918 (mail to Jackhorn) (POR-NA) Microfilm of entry of Jan. 1886 is too light to register // On 12/7/1914, Prince (sic) E. Holcomb pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{4}$ mi sw to a pt. $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Boone Creek and 5 mi n of the Ky. R, 3 mi se of Millstone po, 3 mi ne of Chip po, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi from the L&E RR // Acc. to Cora Holcomb, 4/8/1918, it was 3 mi n of Ky. R, 20 ft e of Yonts Fk of Boone Ck, $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi from Fleming po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Jackhorn po, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of L&N RR, 3 mi from the co line. (SLR);

BAKER (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was
18 mi ne of Whitesburg;

✓ BANKS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/21/1900, Clem Banks;
8/2/1900, Abijah B. Holcomb....Disc. 1965 (POR-NA);
Acc. to John G. Stamper, 6/4/07, this po was 7 mi w of
N. Fk. (of Ky R), $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Line Fork, 6 mi w of Josie
po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ air mi from co. line. (map)// On 7/23/14, Marion
Caudill pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi e to a pt. 7 mi s of
Ky. R. and 2 mi from Line Fk, 3 mi e of Wentz po, 8 mi
nw of Defeated Creek po, 7 mi w of Indian Bottom po, $1\frac{1}{2}$
mi from the co. line// In Apr. 1925, Sallie Caudill
pet. for a site ch. (eff. 4/13/25) $\frac{3}{4}$ mi nw to a pt.
(too light), $\frac{1}{4}$ mi from co. line// Acc. to J.H. Caudill,
it was $5\frac{1}{2}$ air & $6\frac{3}{4}$ rd mi from the Perry Co. line,
 $6\frac{3}{4}$ mi se of Cornettsv. (sta. on the L&N), 50 ft s of

7/25/1939.

Bates Fork Branch, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Little Leatherwood Ck, 2 mi sw of Hallie po, 4 mi nw of Defeated Creek po, 6 mi w of Daisy po. (SLR); PO est. 4/21/1900 with Clem Banks; 8/2/00, Abijah B. Holcomb...Disc. 1965 (POR-NA) At the mouth of Bates Fk of Turkey Ck of Line Fk Ck. The last pm was Terry's uncle Hampton Stanford who closed it in 1965. It was in the old store run by an earlier pm, Terry's grandfather. Small com. Most of its gainfully employed pop. earned their living by truck mining, coal hauling, logging, and farming. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

BANKS (Letcher Co., Ky): Wm. Banks, Sr., ne 1777 in NC. To Kingdom Come Ck. by 1820. Sold some land there to Jonathan Frazier and moved to Wolfe Co. Eliz. Banks, nee 1782; marr. Jonathan Frazier and was living on Kingdom Come Ck. ca. 1820. Other Bankses in the 1850 Census incl. John L, Andrew J, Wm. Harrison, Alfred, etc. all children of Henry Banks, ne NC in 1785. ("The Bankses of E. Ky." E. KENT., Vol. 17 (3), 12/1981, P. 23. Henry died, age 115, in 1900. (Ibid., P. 24);

✓ BEAR BRANCH (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 6/7/1907,
Charlie B. McKnight; 12/18/07, Mallie Melton; Disc.
11/15/1908 (POR-NA); Acc. to Chas. B. McKnight, Aug.
1907, this po was at Melton, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Line Fork, $8\frac{1}{2}$ mi
w of Gordon po, 7 mi e of Jane po. (SLR); Acc. to 1910
Census, Wm. Milton (sic) (52) lived in Line Fk. Prec.
#6; Two possible Melton families lived in that vic: Wm.
and John L; Wm. and Kathryn Lewis Melton lived on Line
Fk. in 1886;

BEAVER DAM CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Heads at the forks of the main Beaver Dam. Extends for 4 mi to join Rockhouse Ck. It was named for the dams along its course and at its mouth. Solomon Bentley was among its earliest settlers. They found many beavers there and a dam on Rockhouse. Beavers didn't last long after early settlement. Served by the late Colson po. (Mt. Eagle, 4/29/1937, in Letcher Herit. News, Vol. 6 (11), 9/1995, P. 40);

- ✓ BEEFHIDE (Letcher Co.): Settlement on cr. of that name. Creek named by a traveler thr that section "who saw many slaughtered beeves with the hides (sic) hanging about the farmyards. Time of settlement uncertain." (M. Ladd, WPA, 4/1941); Acc. to 1952 state hi. map, Beefhide com. was in L. Co., off Johns Fk, a short distance from the co. line. From this line and up this branch were store, sch., & po;

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BEEFHIDE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Mardelia Potter, ^
this proposed po would be on the s side of Beefhide
Ck, 6 mi sw of Freemont po, 6 mi nw of Beatrice po, 9
mi s of Jewell (sic) po.// In Aug. 1907, Victoria
Wright pet. for a site ch. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi s to a pt. 1 mi n of
Elkhorn Ck.// In Oct. 1909, Ibid. pet. for a site ch.
1 mi n to (too light)// Acc. to John W. Wright, 7/31/
1939, it was $\frac{1}{4}$ air & $\frac{1}{2}$ rd mi from Pike Co, $4\frac{3}{4}$ mi s'
of the rr, $4\frac{3}{4}$ mi s of Shelby Ck, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mi sw of
Lionilli po, 5 mi n of McRoberts po, 16 mi n of Jenkir
p.o. (SLR);

✓ BEEFHIDE (Letcher Co.): po est. 4/17/1901,
 Mardelia Potter....(NA); (Pron. "Beef/h(eye)
 ⇔ H(ah)d"). Creek that forms part of the
 Pike-Letcher Co. line, just past Jenkins. DP
 Mining: Beth Elkhorn has several mines there
 Evidentially one or more tanning operations
 there at one time. But dk who ran these.
 Mullins & Wright families prominent there.
 DK who named it. Now: "A worked out mining
 commu." Lost much pop. in the past. Some re-
 turning now, locating trailers there and
 trying to secure jobs with nearby revitalized
 mines in the area. Bad flood in 1975 and
 serious erosion problem reduced amt. of
 available land for settlement. Much stripping

did too. Until recently most of the pop. was older people. They tend to have greater loyalty to & contact with Elkhorn City & Pound, Va & even Jenkins than W'burg. They're in the Elkhorn Creek watershed... (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ BEEFHIDE (Pike Co., Ky): On 3/5/1881 W.H.C. Johnson (while still pm of Long Fork PO) pet. for the est. of a po to be called Beefhide for the creek which joins Shelby Creek just above the prop. po site, on the e. bottom of Shelby Creek. On 12/30/1907 Wm. J. Roberts, then pm-designate, pet. for relocation $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. ne to a pt. $2\frac{1}{4}$ rd. mi. s. of Virgie and 4 mi. ne of Myra, on bank of Shelby Creek. By then it was called Beatrice. On 6/14/1909 Benj. Hall, then pm, pet. for move (c. 650 ft.) w. of the creek, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mi. nw of Myra and 3 mi. se of Virgie. (Site Location Reports);

✓ BEEFHIDE (Pike Co., Ky): "Hunters passing through this area killed a wild bull. They couldn't carry it all so they skinned the bull and climbed a big tree to stretch the hide so the animals couldn't get to it. They needed the skin so they put wood ashes in a pit and put the skin in there with the heavy side out. This made the hair come out. They worked the skin until it got flexible and made clothing, tents, etc. from it. Some other hunters come through and saw the hide in the tree and said that creek would be known as Beefhide because of the big beef hide." (Source: Malvray Johnson to his son-in-law, Rodney Tackett, for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Coll., 1970)

BEEFHIDE (Pike Co.) (F357) 37°14'30" (Lat),
82°37'15" (Long); "Camp site of strategy patrol
during the Civil War. They killed the beef
of residents or settlers on the creek and
left the hides. Acc. to Chas. F. Moore who
remembered his father, John Moore, telling
about going over to view the hides that had
been left." 11/11/1974 (Leonard Roberts);

✓ BEEFHIDE CREEK (#98-068) (F189sw) 37°17' (Lat)
82°36'15" (Long); Location of a slaughter
house long ago. Named for all the beef hides
that were always hanging from barns. (~~Ibid.~~)

(another source in Roberts' Pike Co. P.N.
files);

BEEFHIDE Creek (Pike Co.) (F357)

37°14'30" to 37°15' (Lati.), 82°37'15" (Long);
Heads in Letcher Co. and is a trib. of Shelby
Creek. Named for the Beefhide Hol. (Chas. Moor
11/11/1974, via Leonard Roberts); Beef Hide
Creek (sic) is mentioned in Floyd Co. Deed
Book A, 11/4/1818; Thos. Williams acquired 50
acres on Beef Hide Creek (11/24/1832) (Bk. B-2
P. 387) (Jillson, 1971, I, P. 767);

✓ BEEFHIDE (Pike & Letcher Co's., Ky): "This scattered settlement extends for nearly a mile along Beefhide Creek, for which it was named. Its citizens claim somewhat greater loyalty to Pike Co. since they are now served by the Lionilli PO, and access to Pikesv. is easier than to Whitesburg. Tho' a Beefhide po was est. on 4/17/1901 with Merdelia Potter, pm, local traditions refer to a settlement on the site before the CW. Acc. to one acct. of the name, a CW patrol had camped on the creek, killed some local livestock, consumed the beef, and left the hides. Others suggest that the name derives

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from a 19th cent. slaughter house in the vic.
or possibly (from) one or more tanning opera-
tions maintained by local families. The most
commonly heard accts. are of travelers who
named the creek for the many slaughtered
beeves: seen hanging in local barns and farm-
yards." (Book-P. 18, from Terry Cornett, 12/2
/1977 & Leonard Roberts' Pike Co. notes)

x mullina or wright families
(Roberts)

✓ BEEFHIDE (Letcher-Pike Co. intercounty feat.)

"Hunters passing through this area killed a wild bull. They couldnt carry it all so they skinned the bull and climbed a big tree to stretch the hide so the animals couldnt get to it. They needed the skin so they put wood ashes in a pit and put the skin in there with the hairy side out. This made the hair come out. They worked the skin until it got flexible and made clothing, tents, etc. from it. Some other hunters came through and saw the hide in the tree and said that creek would be known as Beefhide because of the big

beef hide." (Source: Malvray Johnson to his son-in-law; Rodney Tackett, for Leonard Roberts, 1970); In early settlement times, a man stole a hide and secured it at the mouth of this creek. When apprehended he revealed where he had hidden the hide and the people who found it called the place Beefhide. (Source: A.S. Johnson, Dorton Creek area, age 80, to Johnny Vanover, Pikeville Coll. student, for Leonard Roberts); Men would kill beef and hang the hides up to dry. (Patsy Bowling for Ibid., 1970);

✓ BEEFORK (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/8/1907, Wm. Banks
Disc. 6/15/1909 (mail to Jeremiah) (POR-NA); Unknown
pm, July 1907, reported that this po was 4 mi e of
Roxana po, 3½ mi w of Smoot Creek po. The rest of the
microfilmed data is too light. (SLR); ["bee/fawrk"].
Is this on Bee Tree Fk? If so, it might be a shortened
form of it based on someone's having found a honey
tree in that vic. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); Acc. to
Van (1908 map), the Beefork po was on Smoot Creek,
in the vic. of the mouth of Bee Tree Fk; A sch. at the
mouth of this fk. was in the home of its tchr. Wesley
Banks. (dk when). How were Wm. & Wesley related?;

BELLCRAFT (Letcher Co.): "A coal operator named Craft was very fond of his wife. Her name was Belle and forty-five yrs. after his camp was completed a crumbling dilapidated ghost town is still called Bellcraft. (Harry Caudill, NIGHT COMES TO THE CUMBERLAND, 1963, P. 105); ("B(eh)l/kr(ae)ft") The coal camp was right next to Marlowe on Sand Lick Creek. Named for Belle Craft, wife of the man who built the camp. The camp is now totally defunct; the last 2 houses there are being torred down now. SE Coal Co. recently bought some of the mineral rights and they're trying to mine there again. Pretty active coal camp, a jerry built operation, some 20-25 yrs. ago. A very

depressing slummy kind of place now. Now just a suburb of Whitesburg., just one big trailer court. (Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

BENTLEY (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to the 1900 Census,
Monroe Bentley (11/67) & wife Mary (5/66) lived in the
Millstone Dist. with their son Ota (6/94) nr families of
Wrights, other Bentleys, Venters, etc;

✓ BENTLEY (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 5/22/1900, Monroe Bentley; 7/11/04, Floyd Whitaker...4/5/07. Sarah A. Disc. 5/31/1912 (mail to Jenkins) (POR-NA); Acc. to Monroe Bentley, 5/2/1900, the proposed name for this new po was Otis (?) and it would be 1 mi s of Elkhorn Ck, and on the Ky. R. (?), 2½ mi se of Wright po, 3 mi sw of Freemont po, 5 mi ne of Pound po. (SLR);

J. Monroe Bentley, MD of Whitesb., co. health officer, was son of co. clerk. (spec. hist. ed. of the Mt. Eagle, ca. 1932-3, P. 43); No Otis connected with Monroe Bentley's family. (L. Co. family records, 1994-95);

✓ BETZE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 11/26/1901, John W. Collins; 2/8/1911, Wm. H. Banks..7/14/16, Geo. W. Hammons; Disc. 11/15/1916 (mail to Colson) (POR-NA); Acc. to John Wesley Collins, 8/13/1901, this proposed po would be 9 mi n of the Ky. R, on the n side of Rockhouse Ck, 3½ mi sw of Colson po, 5 mi ne of Jeremiah po, 4½ mi n of Tillie po. (SLR); No Betze is included in the families of John Wesley Collins and Millard Collins. (L. Co. family records, 1994-5); Acc. to 1900 Cens, John W(esley) Collins (9/80) (died 1971), son of Jas. H. Collins (7/59) & Nancy (Breeding) Collins (2/60) in the Rock. Dist. (Jas. H. died 1942 and is known to have lived nr Sackett). JWC had a sister Eliz. (1/7/92-6/28/92);

✓ BETZE (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named for Mrs. Betze Collins, a highly respected old lady in the community, acc. to Webb in a letter to Steel, 4/22/1922, in the Steel files, CGN. (check Steel correspondence).....

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✓ p.o. est. 11/26/1901 with John W. Collins, pm. Disc. 11/15/1916 with mail to Colson. (Acc. to the N.A.)

*Eagle, Whitesburg,
Ky.*

Betze to Sackett (Letcher) 9/12/1928 with
J.R. Maggard, pm. (Acc. to N.A.)

✓ BILVIA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. G. Breeding, 5/18/1891, this proposed po would be on the w side of Bottom Fk, 2 mi e of the Ky R., 4 mi ne of Sergeant po. Serving a vil. of 300// On 8/23/1938, ? pet. for a site ch. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from its old site to (too light), 75 yds se of (too light), 4 mi ne of Kona po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was only a po; It had a pop. of 50 in 1930; No Belvia Breeding mentioned in the L. Co family histories, 1994-5;

✓ BILVIA (Letcher Co.): Named for Bill _____ and "by the way" (N.M. Webb. Edit. of MT. EAGLE in Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel 4/22/1922); po est. as Bilvia 6/4/1891, Wm. G. Breeding... (NA); Terry Cornett says it's Belvia, not Bilvia tho' sometimes pron. as "B(ih)l/vee" but usually pron. "B(eh)l/vee" or "B(eh)l/vee/a"? On Bottom Fk. Creek, c. 7 mi. from W'burg. DPO. Mail now at Mayking. People say they live on Bottom Fork. Extension of Ky. 15 went thru there and has changed the nature of the commu. greatly. Strip mining has also. It's got the only plantation style house in the co. owned by the late Samplon Webb (who died 10/1977) He built the huge southern-style

mansion there. Bottom Fork ("B(ah)t/am
F(aw)rk") which empties into the N. Fk. of
the Ky. R. at Mayking) owes its name to the
✓ huge bottom at the site of Mayking. DK the
origin of Belvia. He's heard that the pm
had a daughter named that but this has never
been confirmed. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview
12/24/1977); Bilvia (p + g); Disc. 1945.

✓ Not named for Belvia Webb (2/93), d. of Sam (3/68) and
and Lizzie (5/70) Webb who lived nr the Arch Jenkins
family;

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co., Ky): Named for Jos. Preston Brown, nicknamed "Joe Blackey"; ne 8/1/1860 in Letcher Co., and died in Laurel Co. on 4/11/1943. He was a carpenter. He is buried with his wife Sarah Caroline Blair in the family cem. at the mouth of Cowan Creek. He was son of Wm. & Letitia (Day) Brown, and bro. of Jas. H. Brown (1864-1959) who was also a carpenter. Helped build the Blackey & Whitesburg depots. (Clayton R. Cox, "Blairs of Letcher Co., Ky" from data provided by Mrs. Burdette Bloomer, HC84, Box 2960, Whitesburg, Ky. 41859 in E. KY. Vol. 22(2), 9/1986, P. 24); Jas. (Uncle Jim) Brown helped

est. Blackey PO and was its 1st pm. (Ibid.,
Vol. 22(3), P. 10);

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co., Ky): APO (2000); By 1996, the rr sta. and sect. camp and most businesses (there in the 1920s-30s) were gone. The Blackey St. Bank was now a feed store. (KY EXPL. Vol. 11 (4), 9/96, Pp. 8-9); Had a pop. of 345 in 1930; Billy Watts' store housed the po for awhile. Bill Portwood Blair is now (1997) pm. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (6), 11/1997, P. 102); The C.B. Caudill store on Ky 7 has been restored and dev'd. as a museum by Appalshop. Had been ctr. of commu. Doerman Mem'l. Pres. Chu. org. 1914. Store opened in 1933. ("T.V. Times, Floyd Co. Times, 5/28/99, Pp. 53-54); Blackey is now (2000) a 6th cl. city. No 1980 or 90 pop. figures are available; 1990's pop. was 207 and

1998's esti. pop. was 174; (1960 L&N timetable: 6 rail mi. from Ulvah and 5 rail mi from Roxana. On the main line and the Rockhouse Ck. branch; Ditto for 1921; Elk Creek, 1 mi below Blackey, was named for an elk chased by Jos. Enoch (Joe) Cornett (1814-1891) and another over a bluff overlooking its name source. Said to be the last elk killed in the county. (Acc. to a bio. of Jos. Enoch by Jim Cornett in Letcher Herit. news, Vol. 5 (2), 9/1994, Pp. 25-30);

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✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co., Ky): "This vil. with po on Ky 7, at the confl. of Rockhouse Fk. and the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, $7\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi w of Whitesb., was once a rail shipping pt. for area coal mines. It is believed that this is the site of the co's. earliest settlements, called Indian Bottom for the many Indian relics once found in the long bottom strip along the river. On Sept. 10, 1908, the Blackkey po was est. with Jas. H. Brown, pm, presumably named for Blackey Brown, a respected local citizen whose nickname denoted his dark complexion. It closed in 1913. Some 63 years before, however, Stephen Hogg had est. the po of Indian Bottom $\frac{1}{2}$ mi above the mouth of Rockhouse Fk. This had a non-

continuous existence until, on Nov. 12, 1919, it moved to the Blackey site and assumed that name. There is nothing left of a commu. called Indian Bottom though the name has been preserved in 2 nearby chu's.'

✓ (Book-P. 25); Jos. Preston ("Joe Blackey") Brown (1860-1943), son of Wm. & Letitia (Day) Brown. A carpenter and name source of this commu. Buried at the family cem. at the mouth of Cowan Ck. Bro. of James H. Brown (1864-1959), also a carpenter. (Clayton Cox on the Blairs of Letcher Co. in The E. Kentuckian, Vol. 21 (4), 3/1986, P. 24);

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co.): po est. as Indian Bottom 6/10/1856, Stephen Hogg..Disc. 7/31/1863; Re-est. 8/25/68, John W. Mitchell.. Disc. 2/8/71; Re-est. 8/26/73, Silas Hogg... 10/17/1914, Richard B. Caudill; ch. to Blackey, 11/12/1919, Ibid.; 8/26/22, Gideon D. Ison...(NA); Another Blackey po was est. 9/10/1908, James H. Brown; Disc. 2/28/1913 (mail to Indian Bottom) (NA);

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign. Feb. 1908, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Elk for it would be just e of the mouth of Elk Fk and 200 yds n of N. Fk. (of the Ky. R.), $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Indian Bottom po, 3 mi sw of Grouse po// Acc. to Jas. H. Brown, 4/7/09, it was 125 yds n of the Ky. R, 20 ft n of Elk Ck, 2 mi w of Indian Bottom po, 4 mi e of Gourd po, 3 mi from Grouse po, 3 mi sw of Araminta po, 3 mi from the co. line// Acc. to John W. Summer, 3/21/1913 (sic), the po of Indian Bottom changed its name to Blackey and was now on the w side of the Ky. R, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of Rockhouse Ck, 4 mi e of Gourd po, 5 mi w of Jeremiah po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Roxana po, 4 mi from co. line// On 8/21.

1933, Maywood Whitaker, act. pm, pet. for a site ch.
150 ft e to a pt. 200 ft e of N. Fk, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Rock-
house Ck, 1.7 mi s of Letcher po, 6 mi n of Ulvah po,
24 ft of the L&N (rr sta=Blackey), 4 mi from co. line.
The rr tracks were betw. the po and the river// Acc.
to Ibid., 7/26/39, the po was 300 yds sw of Ky 7, 150
ft w of Blackey rr sta, 200 ft s of N.Fk., $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of
Letcher po, 5 mi n of Roxana po, 5 mi s of Gander po,
✓ 6 mi e of Ulvah po. (SLR); John Dixon settled at the
mouth of Elk Creek in 1805 (Cornett, 1967, P. 14);

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "Bl(ae)k/ee)
1st called Indian Bottom ("(Ih)n/dyən B(ah)t/
əm") at the confluence of Rockhouse Creek &
Ky. R. One of the county's earliest settle-
ments. Called I.B. because so many Indian
relics were found there in the early days in
the long bottom strip that runs along the
river there. I.B. name was applied till 1915
when ~~the~~ chartered as a small city and called
Blackey. Was a trading ctr. for a no. of
area mining commu's. Named for a Mr. Brown
who was very dark-skinned. He was called
"Blacky" for short. DK his 1st name. His
brother, James Brown, was a carpenter there

it was

who built many homes. He was called "Black Brown" because he was so dark-skinned. Local people liked him and decided to name their town for him. It grew up very fast; had an auto dealership, a no. of stores, small bank, theater. Flood of 1927 almost wiped it out. In the early 1930s, a no. of fires destroyed wooden bldgs. that were never rebuilt. Now: mostly homes with several small stores, 1 or 2 rest., 2 churches. Joe Begle; who married the daughter of Charley Caudill who ran C.B. Caudill's gen. store. Very vocal & outspoken about stripmining & other area issues....(Wm. Terry Cornett, 12/24/77

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co., Ky): 15 mi n of Whitesb. Area lots owned by Jeff and Mary Ison were sold in the 2nd decade of the 20th cent. for businesses and homes. The Indian Bottom sect. grew in anticipation of coal dev't. and the coming of the rr (in 1912). Investors bought up area land, selling it off to coal developers and by 1916 coal camps had been est. in the area. e.g. the Blackey Coal Co. (1917) at the mouth of Elk Ck., a camp of some 25-30 homes. Six other co's. thru 1920s. The local rail stop was called Tayma for its 2 Harold Taylor and Lewis Madden. On 11/12/19, R.B.

operators

Caudill, storekeeper, became pm and had the Indian Bottom po name ch. to Blackey. The I.B. po was est. in 1856 with Stephen Hogg, pm. A Blackey po was est. 9/10/08 and closed 2/28/13. Jas. Brown was the 1st pm 1908-13. It was named for Joe P. Brown, called Blackey. This po was slightly below Indian Bottom. Inc. as the 6th cl. city of Blackey by 1919. Many businesses, stores, and service est'mts. Econ. decline caused by "devastating flood, depressed coal ind, and the great depression." and a couple of fires in 1926-7. Pop. may have peaked at 800. Official pops: 269 (1920) 349 (1930). (Bobby Jean Collins "Blackey: Its Growth & Decline, 1912-1932" ESSAYS IN E. KY HIST. ed. by

Siuant Sprague, msn, 1984, pp. 1-3)

✓ BLACKKEY (Letcher Co.): Named for Joe Blackey.
Indian Bottom (the old po name) was named for
an old Indian campground there. (N.M. Webb,
Editor of the Mt. Eagle of Whitesburg, Ky. in
a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); Now: a
gen'. store run by Joe & Gaynell Begley. (cf.
to them for info. She was a Berea Grad., pre-
WWII) The store still bears her father's name:
"C.D. Caudill, Gen'l. Merchandise". On Ky. 7.
(~~ele. sch.~~) Many years ago, this was a rr center
for nearby coal mines. Peak before fire of 1927
Caudill's store destroyed in fire was rebuilt at
present site in 1934... (Irene Nolan, "The
Begleys Care for the Mts. and its People" CJ&T,
8/11/1974, Pp. G1:1-6, G_:1-6);

✓ BLUEFIELD (Letcher Co., Ky): A very small coal camp nr. Letcher, serving a very small mine. Named for the coal company which Terry thought was named for the town in W.Va. Many oldtimers still refer to the sect. betw. Ulvah and Blackey as Bluefield. It's also called Red Star for the local Red Star mining co. mine. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); Ulvah Coal Co. at Bluefield (ca. 1923);

✓ BLUEFIELD (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/17/1920, Chas. W. Murphy; 5/24/21, Oscar W. Frazier; 5/8/28, Wesley Collins, acting; Disc. 7/31/28 (mail to Ulvah) (POR-NA Acc. to John F. Maurice, 9/10/19, the proposed name for this new po was Pershing and it would be 50 ft e of the Ky.R, 2 mi from co. line, 2 mi s of Ulvah po, 4 mi n of Indian Bottom po, 4 ft w of L&N (sta=Pershing)
// On 5/10/28, Wesley Collins pet. for a move 60 rods w to a pt 50 yds. n of Ky.R, 1 mi s of Bull Ck, 2 mi e of Ulvah po, 4 mi w of Blackey po, 4 mi n of Gander po 60 rods s of Bluefield (rr) Sta, 2 mi from co. line/
It moved 5/1/28 to a more convenient place and better location. No agent at the sta. (SLR);

✓ BO-FORK OF KINGDOM COME CREEK (Letcher Co.,

Ky): Named for a resident of the fork, Mr. Boenerges Frazier who everyone called Bo and Bo n. He married Nancy (Nance) Frazier, the daughter of Solomon H. (Nigger) Frazier from whom she is said to have inherited the fork. Bo was the son of Daniel & Evaline White Frazier and brother of Zachariah Frazier, the gt. grandfather of my informant. Bo Frazier was a prosperous farmer. His home was visited by John Fox, Jr. who used this vic. as the setting for his "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come." Nigger Frazier was so called for his

fair complexion and white hair. (Mrs. Marie Frazier Day, Kingdom Come Creek, c/o Whitesburg PO, letter to me, 8/31/1987) in the N. Fork of Ky. R. system. $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi. long. Joins creek 2 mi. above Osceola.

BOONE FORK (of North Fork of the Kentucky
River) (c. Letcher Co., Ky. Field #358).
Named for Boone's name carved on a tree. (Acc.
to Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971)

BOTTOM FORK (Letcher Co., Ky): "During the depression ...people passed through Mayking, Ky. seeking the mining town of Jenkins in search of a job. The inhabitants of Mayking often gave the travelers the direction of following the bottom fork of the Ky R....When a po was set up the direction of Bottom Fork became the name of the post office." (Franklin Absher, 62, Mayking Ky., to Kenny Garrett for Leonard Roberts of Pikev. College;

BURDINE (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "Ber/d(eye)↔
(ah)n") Named for Burdine Webb, a local resi-
dent, when the coal camp was built; it was
started c.1913 very close to the Pike Co.
line. Tho' technically a part of Jenkins from
the beginning, local people consider it a
separate town. On US23. Flooded in 1923 when
a slate dump gave way...Terry thinks this is
where the foreign born mostly lived in the
early days....PO is still in the old company
store. The Webbs are one of the oldest fami-
lies in the co. and have always been prominer
socially & financially...DK anything about
Burdine. nor why the commu. was named for him

...Most of that land in those days was owned by the Wright family--Bad John Wright owned most of the present site of Jenkins (q.v.). Terry doesn't think that Burdine Webb lived there at the time the camp was built tho' he might have lived there later. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); Acc. to 1910 Census, Burdine Webb (34) and wife Ida (20) & his mother Loudema (55) and a daughter Edna (1) live in the E. Whitesb. Prec;

✓ BURDINE (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town, located on US 23/119 and Elkhorn Ck, 12½ (air) mi ene of Whitesb., is a part of Jenkins. Local people, however, consider it a separate town, and it does have its own po, which was est. on 1/25/1898, 13 yrs earlier than Jenkins'. General consensus is that it was named for Burdine Webb who carried the mail from Whitesburg." (Book-P. 41); Burdine Webb, in 1908, marr. Ida Franklin' (nee 1892) (L. Co. family records, 1994-5); Acc. to 1900 Census, B.R. Webb (ne 10/1848) and wife Elender (10/40) lived in Whitesb. Dist. nr Adams, Webbs, Crafts, Halls, etc. but no Burdines, as such, anywhere in the county. (Could B.R. have been Burdine?)....

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BURDINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Burdine (ne 6/1881) lived with his parents Henry P. Collins (11/1834) and Clary (9/46) and brother Letcher (11/75) in the Rockhouse Dist. nr Shade R. Combs (12/59) & wife Mary A. (10/66) but no Fern with latter;

BURDINE (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named for Burdine Webb, local mailman, who brought the mail in, maybe from Whitesburg. (Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971); Named for Burdine Webb. (N.M. Webb, ed. of Mt. Eagle of Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); po est. 1/25/1898, Shade R. Combs; Disc. 8/23/1902, eff. 9/15/02 (papers to ~~Colby~~); Re-est. 3/26/1907, Mary Ison; Disc. 9/30/1911 (mail to Jewell); Re-est. 3/30/1912, Melvin M. Martin...(NA);

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✓ BURDINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to M.M. Martin, 6/6/12, the po was on the nw bank of Elkhorn Ck, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi from co. line, 2 mi sw of Jewel po, 2 mi ne of Jenkins po, 4 mi se of Beefhide po// Acc. to T.G. Banks (?), 7/22/39, it was 2 mi from Pike Co., 100 yds n of US 23, 350 yds e of Burdine Sta. (of the C&O), 50 yds s of the tracks, 75 yds n of Elkhorn Ck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Jenkins po, 4 mi w of Shelby Gap po: (SLR); APO (2000); On the s side of US 23 (ca. 1996); Pop.=56 (in 1930); Acc. to 1930 C&O timetable the Burdine sta. was 2.4 mi e of Jenkins sta.

✓ BURDINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to the 1910 Census, Burdine Webb (34), a farmer, ne 9/1873, was then living with his wife Ida (20) and his mother Loudema (55). He may have been the Wm. B. Webb who, acc to the 1900 Census was ne 9/1873 and was living with his parents Jason (3/20) and Lundema (sic) (9/42) nr Nehemia and other Webbs in the Whitesb. Dist;

BURDINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to the 1900 Census,
Burdine Collins (6/1882-2/1951) was the son of Henry P.
Collins (ne 11/1834) who was the son of Burdine (Berdine
Collins. HPC and BC II lived nr Shade Combs (ne 12/59).
Shade R. was the son of Edward and Martha(?) Combs and
lived with wife Mary A. (nee 10/1866);

BURTON HILL (Letcher Co., Ky): On Rockhouse Ck. near Blackey. Named for Robert Burton, an early settler. (Clifford Caudill, Carcassonne: People, Places, and Events, pvt. printed, 1994, rev. in 1996, P. 1);

CAMP BRANCH (Letcher Co., Ky): First called Swift's Camp Branch, "this community owes its name to the legendary John Swift, English sea captain and counterfeiter, who supposedly made silver coins at or near this campsite in the 1760's or '70's." (Terry Cornett, "Local Place Names are Interesting" MT. MEMORIES, No. 11, Spring-Summer, 1978, ALC-OH Proj., Pp. 14-15)

✓ CAP (Letcher Co., Ky): p.o. est. 6/11/1906, Robert Holcomb, order rescinded 2/25/07; 9/2/08, Ibid; 1/22/1910, Henry B. Collins; 6/14/11, Allen Collins; Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Van) (POR-NA); Acc. to Robt Holcomb July 1908, this proposed po would be 5 mi e of the Ky. R., on Smoot Ck, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Tyro po// Acc. to Ibid., 3/15/09, it was 100 ft e of Smoot Ck, 5 mi w of Sanlic (sic) PO, 3 mi s of Tillie po, 3 mi e of Van po. (SLR); Acc. to 1910 Census, Rob Halcomb (sic) (31) & wife Thula (24) but no Cap;

✓ CARBON GLOW (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. as David//
Acc. to no sign., Dec. 1908, but micro. entry was
too light to be read// On 2/1/1916, Silas C. Stamper
pet. for a site ch. $\frac{3}{4}$ mi s to a pt. 2 mi n of Ky. R.
and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Rockhouse Ck, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mi n of Indian
Bottom po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Jeremiah po, $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of L&E RR,
3 mi from the co. line. Eff. now// On 3/24/23, W.F.
Mandt pet. for a site ch. 5600 ft n to a pt 4 mi ne of
Ky R, 20 ft e of Caudills Br, $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi ne of Blackey po,
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Cody po, 45 ft e of L&N. Sta=Walbot, 3200
ft from the co. line. Eff. 4/1/1923// Acc. to Ibid.,
2/5/26, the name was ch. to Carbon Glow and the po was
in same bldg.// Acc. to Mable E. Caudill, 7/26/39, it

Peggy

was $3/4$ air and $1\frac{1}{4}$ rd mi from the Knott Co. line,
and 2 mi n of Rockhouse Creek. (SLR); pop.=80 (1930);
Sta. on Caudell Br. Spur of L&N, two mi from Duo;
Acc. to 1900 Census, David Caudill (ne 5/1855) and wif
(4/53) and son David (12/80) lived in Rock. Dist. nr
other Caudills, but no Wm. in the area; Also acc. to
the 1900 Census, David Caudill (2/58) & wife Carlina
3/65) & their son Wm. (9/89) lived nr Lusks, Adamses,
Campbells; Collinses, and other Caudills in the River
Dist;

✓ CARBON GLOW (Letcher Co.): "A lot of the smaller coal corps. wanted to give a kind of name to their coal co's. that denoted the quality of their product. And glowing coal, of course, meant it was good quality coal. And they didnt want to just say "coa glow"....They decided it would sound fancier, I guess, to say 'Carbon Glow'. Maybe to some extent it sounds a little bit like a Welsh mining name.. A lot of Welsh mining towns have "Glo this or that" in it...."
(Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977).

✓ CARBON GLOW (Letcher Co., Ky): "This com. with epo lies at the head of Caudills Br, 2 mi from its confl. with Rockhouse Ck, and 7 (air) mi ne of Whitesb. Once a large coal camp, it was built in the 1920s by, and named for, the Carbon Glow Coal Co. On 2/16/1926 the po of David (which had been est. on 12/26/08 by Wm. Caudill and named for David Caudill) was moved 3/4 mi up the branch and renamed for the new coal camp. It has been suggested that, in seeking a name to connote the superior quality of its product, the company modified 'glowing coal'--which had that connotation--with 'carbon' as a fancier rendering of coal, reversed the words for a catchier name, and can

up with Carbon Glow. Or the company may have wished to trade on the success of the Welsh mining towns called Glo thus-and-so, as did a firm in neighboring Perry Co., which had founded and named a camp Glomawr a decade before. In any case, the slate dumps are now the only evidence of the mining that characterized the vic. in the past." (Book-Pp. 49-50)

CARBON GLOW (Letcher Co.): Caudill Branch Coal Co. at David, Ky. (Acc. to W.R. Thomas, LIFE AMONG THE HILLS AND MTS. OF KY. Lou., 1926, P. 73); C. 1923

✓ CARBON GLOW (Letcher Co.): po there est. as David. David was named for David Caudill. (N.M. Webb, Edit. of the Mt. Eagle, of Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); po est. as David, 12/26/1908, Wm. Caudill...4/17/1923, Wm. J. Mandt; ch. to Carbon Glow, eff. 2/16/1926, Ibid. ... (NA); (Pron. "K(ah)r/bən Ghloh") Named for the Carbon Glow Coal Co. Now on Caudills Branch out from the Letcher PO. Forgot the name of the co. that built the camp. It was one big coal camp mostly to/ the head of Caudills Branch, a ²/₃ mi. long hol. The camp was built in the 1920s. A few of the orig. homes are left. As far as he knows, there's never been a po there named David. A racially-integrated

camp with little friction. Now, Pvt. homes & one or 2 of the old camp houses. Except for the slate dumps there's no evidence of any of the mining that went on. Much coal striping in the vic. now tho'....Caudills Branch ("K(ah)d/əlz Br(ae)nch") was named for one of the very early families that had settled there. (Why Carbon Glow name?) "A lot of the smaller coal corp's. wanted to give a kind of name to their coal co's. that denoted the quality of their product. And glowing coal, of course, meant it was good quality coal. And they didnt want to just say 'Coal Glow" even tho' there was a town in Perry Co. which had that name. They de-

cided it would sound fancier, I guess, to say 'Carbon Glow'. Maybe, to some extent, it sounds a little bit like a Welsh mining name. A lot of Welsh mining towns have 'Glow' this or that' in it and it even carried over to this country like in Perry Co. we have Glomawr..." The SE Coal Co., the biggest coal pvt. co. in the co., has bought the land opp. the mouth of Caudills Branch and may be planning to build a modern coal camp on that site. DK how true this is (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

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CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co.): A settlement c. 7 mi. wnw of Whitesburg. PO name changed 1937 ? from Gander. Thus appeal made to BGN for an official n.ch. (Submitted by POD, N.R. Grant, 9/16/1949....); po est. as Gander, 3/27/1907, Harrison Banks... (NA); (Pron. "K(ah)r/kə/z(aŭ)n"). On top of Elk Creek Mt. sometimes referred to as either Gent Mt. or Bottle^x(ch) Mt., out from Blackey. Originally called Gander ("Gh(ae)n/der") until c.1935. Not sure how Gander got its name. He thinks Hendricks Caudill named it that for the many wild geese there at one time. "The n.ch. took place when Marie Campbell, Virginia Dare Bryson, and 2 or 3 other settlement school tchrs. decided that

x Barlow Mt.

that was not a proper name for their sch.
..Around 1922 or '3, there had been a settl
ment sch. there called The 'Carcassonne Comm
Ctr. and my mother graduated from hi.sch.
there. It had a hi.sch. and grade sch., and
it was in operation--at least the grade sch
was until about 7 yrs. ago. When my mother
graduated from hi.sch. in 1932, it was stil
called Gander. But about a yr. or 2 after
that, it was changed to Carcassonne. And thi
was how it came about. When Marie Campbell
or whatever teacher was there--I'm not sure
that I'm giving you the right name but--the
tchr. who named it first saw the place--
when she got her job there and she rode up

on horseback to find her a place to live, the school she noticed was surrounded by a lot of big rocks and cliffs, and she said 'Ah, it looks like the walled city of Carcassonne in France' and she had been there the summer or two before. (sic) And so because of that, she thought that would be a nicer name and she talked them into it. And in a little while, it had that name.... The school is no longer in existence. It is now used as a commu. ctr. and once a mo. they have sq. dances there...It is very difficult to get to..." Ruby Caudill is the pm now. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

✓ CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co., Ky): Hendricks Caudill ne 1886, married Anna Dixon in 1906. He was the son of Jas. D. Caudill and Lucinda (Burton) Caudill who were wed in 1873. Hendricks was a surveyor, carpenter, Ag. ext. agent, and Bap. preacher. Est. the Carcassonne Schools in 1923. They were named by him after he had read a poem about and saw a picture of of a mt. top vil. in France "surrounded by cliffs". The site of the sch. resembled the French vil. seen in the photo. It was operated as a hi. sch. from 1924 to 1946 serving that sect. of Letcher & neighboring Knott Co. The el. sch. closed in 1974. The Carc. Com. Ctr. est. 1966. (Clifton Caudill, his son in KY EXPL. Vol. 9 (6), 11/94

pp. 41-47)

nearby

CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co, Ky): ~~Nearby~~, Dixon Mt. (betw. Elk and Bull Cks) was named for the local descendants of pion. Jas. Dixon, thru his son Jas. C. (1849-1927) and his children. In the 1920s Sam Caudill owned a store at Dixon Mt. Nearby was Pine Grove Sch (now James Mem'l. Chur.). (Clifton Caudill "Recollections of Carcassonne: Away Upon Dixon Mt." KY. EXPL. 9/98, Pp. 66-9); Carcassonne area features incl. Bull & Elk Cks, Lick Fk of Bull Ck, Black Johns, Hoe Ding Hol, Buzzard Hol, Elk Mt, Jent Mt, The Narrows (Narz) of Elk Ck. (Ibid., Vol. 13 (1), 5/1998, Pp. 65-7);

The one room Pine Grove Sch. on Bull Creek (1904-23) was the forerunner of the Carcassonne School (1923+). In the 1930s the P.G. School bldg. was home to the James Mem'l. Chu. of Old Reg'l. Baptists. It was named for Jas. Dixon and Jas. D. Caudill. The P.G. Sch. was $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Jent Mt. The road past the sch. was the Big Duck Rd. because it was hand built. Flat Hollow. (Clifton Caudill of Carcassonne in KY EXPL. Vol. 11 (5), 10/96, Pp. 58-60);

CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co., Ky): Hendrick Caudill (1886-1963), son of Jas. D. and Lucinda Barton Caudill. He marr. Anna Dixon. Jas. D. (1848-1914) is buried in the Jas. D. Caudill Cem. here, at the head of Bull Ck. (Letcher Herit. News, Vol. 7 (2), 9/1996, P. 28);

CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co, Ky): (Was Cindy Caudill Hol. named for Lucinda (Mrs. Jas. D.) Caudill who died in 1914? James owned 200 acres from the head of this hol. and for a mi down Bull Ck to the James Mem'l. Chu (Clifton Caudill, Ky. Expl, Vol. 12 (2), 6/1997, Pp. 32-35);

CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co., Ky): The old school here is now a commu. center where monthly square dances are held. Acc. to Clifton Caudill, 72, the mgr. of the dances, his father, H.D. Caudill, Sr. had "cleared the land for the Carcassonne School in 1923 (he even named the place after a town in France he'd read about)....At one time it boasted dormitories for boys and girls, classrooms buildings, and a gymnasium." The high sch. here was disc. in the 1940s and the ele. sch. in the early '70s. The square dancing started in 1966. ("Coming Full Circle Square Dances Make a Comeback in Letcher" by Jim Warren, LEX. HERALD-LEADER, 5/17/1986, Pp D1-2) on file: MSU Newsp. Clip. files. Let. Co

CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co.): Marie Campbell & Miss Virginia Bryson came to Gander as it was called then in 1926 to teach in the local sch. Local (~~built~~) people had built their own sch. & had asked the school on Caney Creek to send them 2 tchrs. from outside the region. "In th Gander commu. the mt. slopes were steep, the valleys so ~~sn~~acely wider than the creek beds." Subsistence farming and some men supplemented this for cash by working in area coal mines.. 1933-4=the last yr. Ms. Campbell taught at the Gander sch. (Pp. 11-3) (Marie Campbell, TALES FROM THE CLOUD WALKING COUNTRY, IU Pres Bloomington, 1958);

CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co.): 42 families in this commu. c. 1967. Carcassonne Commu. Ctr. in small sch. bldg. and other nearby facilities. Clifton Caudill, Pres. of the Carc. Commu. Assn. (c1967) (Virgil Napier, of Radio Sta. WKIC, for AP, "Town in Letcher Likes App Vol's." LCJ, 9/25/1967, P. B1:1-2);

7 CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co.): Renamed from Gander in 1924 for Carc., France by Hendrix D. Caudill, founder of the Carc. Commu. Ctr. a boarding school for hi.sch. students. (The pm, Ruby Caudill, in a letter to Delphine Haley, 6/26/1975);

✓ CARCASSONNE (Letcher Co., Ky): "This small settlement with po is on Elk Ck. (or Gent Mt. (sic), 9 (air) mi w of Whitesb. The po was est. as Gander on 3/27/07 with Harrison Banks, pm, and was named, it is believed, for the many wild geese found there at the time. In the early 1920s a settlement school was opened there by Hendrix D. Caudill. The large cliffs surrounding the sch. are said to have so reminded one young tchr. of the walled city of Carcassonne in s. France that she succeeded in getting it named the Carcassonne Com. Ctr. In 1937 the po was renamed Carcassonne." (Book-P. 50);

✓ CHESTNUT HILL (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 12/6/1890, Moses S. Ison (sic); Disc. 6/23/92 (mail to Whitesb.); Re-est. 11/14/93, Monroe Holcomb; 11/13/96, Abijah Holcomb.. 3/25/02, John C. Watts; Disc. eff. 9/15/04 (mail to Banks) (POR-NA); Acc. to Monroe Holcomb, 1/11/97, the po was on Line Fk, 3 mi e of Turkey Ck, 5 mi from co. line, 11 mi w of King Creek po, 4 mi nw o Roxana po// On 4/9/00, E.R. Whitaker pet. for a site ch 3/4 mi n to a pt 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Ky. R, and on w side of Line Fk, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Line Fork po, 4 mi w of Roxana po. (SLR);

CHESTNUT HILL (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz,
it was 14 mi from Whitesb. W.M. Holcomb was pm, Jesse
Jason had a flour mill;

✓ CHIP (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Nancy C. Meade, 3/24/1913, this po was $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of N.Fk. (Ky.R.) and 200 ft n of Boone Fk, 1.6 mi s of Baker po, 2.7 mi w of McRoberts po, 5 mi nw of Potters Fk. po, 225 ft n of L&N tracks// Acc. to Ira Hogg, 8/18/13, it was 300 ft of Boone Fk, 3 mi sw of McRoberts po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Craftsv. po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Baker po, 400 ft nw of L&N whose local sta. was Neon. (SLR);

✓ CLINE (Letcher Co, Ky): po est. 6/3/1892, Martin V. Bates; Disc. 1/13/1894 (mail to Rockhouse) (POR-NA); Acc. to Martin V. Bates, 5/1892, this po was 5 mi n of Ky. R, and on the e side of Rockhouse Ck, 3 mi nw of Profitt po, 4 mi sw of Deane po, 4 mi se of Rockhouse ? po. (SLR);

COLLIERS CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Wm. D. "Willie" Collier, ne 5/9/1835, marr. (in 1854) to Rebecca Meade. He was local pm. In 1865 he moved his family to Goose Ck. (nr. Neon). He later marr. Catherine Younts (sic), a widow. He died 4/16/1913. He was the son of Richard and Mary (Caudill) Collier. His bro. Sam'l. P. (ne 1837) lived at the head of Millstone Ck. (Emily G. Collier of Ripley, WVa., "The Ky. Colliers" in Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 8 (1), 3/1997, Pp. 24-32); Colliers Creek (stream) was 1st settled by Eliz. Huffman Back and her husband. (Cornett, 1967)

✓ COLLIER'S CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): p.o. est. 8/5/1858, Wm. Collier; Disc. 11/23/1858 (POR-NA); On the Cumb. R. Named for local families, neighbors of 1st settlers the Backs. Preceded the 1st coal operations in that area. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); Preston H. Collier rep. that area in the Ky Hse of Reps, 1849; Acc. to 1850 Census, Preston H. Collier (32) & wife Rebecca S. (28) & their son Wm. R. (9) lived in Dist. #2. Also in that dist. lived Wm. R. Collier (53) and wife Frances; Preston Collier paid taxes on prop. on the Cumb. R. (1848);

COLLINS (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to John D. White, 2/1/1876, this proposed po would be ca. 14 mi s of McPherson po. (Millard Collins had probably applied for the po.) (SLR); Jimmie Collins arr. in the Rockhouse Val. in 1818, the 1st settler there. He is said ✓ to have spent this very snowy and cold winter under an overhanging cliff at the mouth of Trace Fk. in the vic. of the future Colson. The ck. was named for this. With him that winter were his son Nath'l. (later the co's. 1st judge) and Nath'l.'s bro. Robert (Bob) who marr. Liddie Adams. (Acc. to Robert's grandson Johnny Collins (son of Jas. H. Collins) in an article in the Mt. Eagle 1955. Johnny (1880-1971) lived and had a store on Colly Ck. James (1857-1942) marr. Nancy Breeding (1861-1939)

and they lived on Rockhouse Ck, nr Sackett. (Marie Frazier's Combs family book, Pp. 114-5);

✓ COLLINS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 8/16/1878, Millard Collins; 11/7/78, Jas. M. Collins; Disc. 2/13/1879; Nathaniel Collins, son of pion. James Collins, was Letcher's 1st county judge. (Wm. Savage for WPA);

- ✓ COLLINS (Knott Co. -?), Ky: Acc. to John D. White, 2/1/1876, Millard Collins was the designated pm of this new po and it would be ca. 14 mi s of McPherson po (or The Forks of Troublesome) (Letcher Co. SLR);
- ✓ Several Collins families owned prop. on Colly Ck. in 1848; Pion. settler Jas. Collins was a Meth. preacher. He arr. in L. Co. 1803/4, settling nr the mouth of Camp Branch and may have named Rockhouse Creek. The branch itself was named for Collins, etal's winter camp there. Very cold. They stayed there for several weeks. (undated Mt. Eagle hist. issue, ca. early 1930s while N.M. Webb was editor);

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- ✓ COLLY (Letcher Co.): po est. 6/17/1886, Jas. B. Stallard; Disc. 10/24/1887 (papers to Whitesburgh); Re-est. 8/6/88, Ibid. ... (NA); (pron. "K(ah)l/ee") There are 2 Colllys in the county. One is Crafts Colly ("Kr(æ)fts K(ah)l/ee") which is 3 mi. n. of W'burg, just off US23 which was named for early settler Archilus Craft. Mostly a truck mining commu. plus Snake Valley Lake, a pop. summer fishing lake... The other Colly is 7 mi. from W'burg, just off Ky. 15 to Hazard. DK how either place got its name. Seems to be a typical Irish name, maybe derived from Colleen or some other girl's name. Each commu. is on a

[Ahr/chee/læs = local pron.]

creek of this name. The one on Ky. 15. has always been called just Colly and the other one is Craft's Colly. The former is just ~~now just~~ a collection of homes, most of whose residents are in mining. Had been some truck mines in the vic. Used to be on the main rd. betw. W'burg & Hazard until the new hiway 15 was built. Growing; new homes and trailers but not a really progressive or active community. Ditto for the other Colly. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ COLLY (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to J.B. Stallard, 6/27/1888, this po was $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ mi n of the Ky. R, on Colly Creek, ca. $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{3}{4}$ mi ne of Whitesb. po, $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Craftsv. po, 8 mi s of Rockhouse PO//On 2/18/31, Letitia B. Blair pet. for a site ch. 600 yds w to serve merely a few scattered farm homes 260 yds w of Colly Ck, 2 mi w of the Ky R, 2 mi w of Ermine po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of South-down po, 2 mi w of Sergeant po, 5 mi from the co. line. (A mt. separates Colly po from Sergeant po.) (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 12 mi from Whitesb. M.J. Franklin was pm, B. Franklin had a gen. store, H.F. Stallard had a flour mill, J.B. Stallard was a cooper & wagonmaker, etc;

COLLY (Letcher Co., Ky): Had a pop. of 300 in 1930;
Crafts Colley (sic) is 5 mi from Whitesb. (KY EXPL. 3/99
P. 65); No Colleen Stallard is mentioned in the L. Co.
family records. (1994-5);

✓ COLSON (Letcher Co., Ky): On 5/23/12, Nannie Taylor pet. for a site ch. 200 yds w to a pt $\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Rock' House Ck, 0.08 mi (?) n of Camp Branch, 2.65 mi ne of Tillie po, 3.85 mi se of Bath po, 2.25 mi sw of Polly po, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ mi from co. line// On 8/4/14, Calaway C. Crawford pet. for a site ch. 220 yds w to a pt 9 mi n of Ky. R, 100 yds n of Camp Branch, ca. 2.15 mi e of Polly po, ca. 2 mi from co. line// Acc. to Anna E. Collins, 7/25/39, it was $1\frac{1}{2}$ air and $2\frac{1}{2}$ rd mi from the Knott Co. line, 11 mi nw of Whitesb. (rr) sta., 300 ft se of Rockhouse Ck, 2.3 mi e of Sackett po, ca. 3 mi w of Polly po, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ mi s of Bath po, 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ mi ne of Isom po// On 9/16/47, Mrs. Frankie Everidge pet. for

a site ch. 400 ft nw to a pt 1 mi from Knott Co, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Rockhouse Ck, 11 mi nw of Whitesb. po, 4 mi se of Bath po, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ mi nw of Lester po, 5 mi w of Democrat po, and $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Isom po. (SLR); po closed in 1975 (P&G);

✓ COLSON (Letcher Co.): Named for former Congressman. (N.M. Webb, ed. of Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922);
po est. 5/26/1897, Elisha L. Creech... several
Collinses served as postmasters... (NA); (Pron.
"K(oh)l/sən") Named for either a state sen. or
some other elected official who so impressed
local people in the Indian Creek? area that they
named their po for him. PO closed 1975. Mining
commu. Home of a large consolidated ele. sch.
The area there is called Camp Branch or Swifts
Camp Branch. ("Sw(ih)fts K(ae)mp Br(æ)nch")
named for Jonathan Swift of silver mine fame.
Also the site of the Whitesb. airport. (Terry
Cornett, 12/24/1977);

Rockhouse

✓ COLSON (Letcher Co.): David G. Colson, ^{name} US
Congressman from Ky.'s 11th Cong. Dist. He
was a resident of Middlesboro, Ky. Also ser-
ved as a Col. in the SPAM War. (Kerr's Hist.
Vol. 2, P. 1207). Ne Middlesboro, Ky. 4/1/
1861, member of Cong. from 1897-8 and resign-
ed to accept commission in SPAM War. Died
1904. (WHO WAS WHO IN AMER. Vol. 1, P. 246);

/ COLSON (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town with po is scattered along Rockhouse Ck. and Ky 7 from Indian Ck. to Camp Branch. The po, most recently located on Trace Fk. of Rockhouse, $7\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi nnw of Whitesb., was est. on 5/26/1897 and named for David G. Colson (1861-1904), then US Congressman for that dist. It closed in 1977." (Book-P. 65);

✓ CORALEE (Letcher County, Ky.) p^o. est. 7/21/
1893 with Cora L. Venters as ~~1st~~ pm. no paper
10/13/1893. (Acc. to the National Archives)
May never have operated. Not in P&G; Cora Venters
(nee 3/1868) and husband George (10/68) were living with
his bro. James M. (2/75) but no Leland. (1900 Census);

/ CORNETT'S (Letcher Co., Ky): 5/31/1848, Samuel Cornett; ch. to Boone Valley 12/12/50, Nathaniel B. Kelly; 9/19/1853, Wm. D. Walker; Disc. 12/1/1853 (POR-NA); (was this a forerunner of Cornett's Valley po est. 10/12/54 with Sam'l. Cornett as 1st pm, and thus a forerunner of McPherson-Hindman?); Acc. to 1850 Census, Nathan B. Kelly (50) & wife Eliz. (43) lived nr. Samuel Cornitt (sic) (47) & wife Polly (35). No Wm. D. Walker; Pion. Wm. Cornett's bro. Sam'l. (1759-1849) settled on Line Fk and marr. (2) Polly Davidson. No son named Boone but did have a son named Sam'l. (J.D. Cornett Gen. of Wm. Cornett, 1761-1836, n.d. in Cornett Family Vert. Files, KHS Libr. Could find no Boone or Dan'l. Boone in Sam'l.'s gen. in KHS Libr;

✓ CORNETT'S BRANCH (Letcher or Knott Co's, Ky): Sam Cornett was the 1st settler and name source of this stream and ngbd. and for a long time only Cornetts live there. (Acc. to Marilyn Cornett, ALC, 10/25/1972) [Was this the site of Cornetts P.O.-Boone Valley?]; Boone Valley or Cornett's Valley were probably named for Boone Cornett who lived nr the head of Line Fork Ck That's all he knows about it. Boone was a descendant o Samuel, William's bro. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

COWAN CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky.) central part of the county, Field #737. Named for Bill Cowan, a hunter from N.C. who left big bales of hides and furs on the banks of that creek, c1792. Acc. to Hiram Caudill. (Harry Caudill, 7/25/1971); The creek was settled and patented by 1808 (if not earlier) by Thos. Cowan and his bro. but they did not stay so the 1st permanent settlers there were Sam'l. and John Maggard. (Cornett, 1967, P. 13);

COW BRANCH OF COLLY CREEK (Letcher): Cow Branch Sch. here is one of the 4 one rm. schools remaining in Ky. by 1979-80 sch. yr. A few yards below the mouth of Cow. Had been a 4 rm. & 4 tchr. sch. but became 1 rm. sch. in 1979 with 6 grades. Cow Branch was named for a cow "that blundered into its flood-swollen waters". The school is a red painted concrete block bldg. with 20 pupils and teacher Miss Carol Adams. ("A Class by Itself" by John Ed Pearce, LCJM, 1/13/1980, P. 7ff);

COW HOLLOW (Letcher Co., Ky): Dan Frazier's cows supplied Whitesburg residents with milk and butter for years. The area is now residential and the name remains. (Acc. to Vernon Cornett, 55, of Whitesburg, Ky to Kenny Garrett for Leonard Roberts, Pikev. Col);

CRAFTSVILLE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census,
Nelson Craft (10/1871), son of Jason L. and Henrietta
Craft lived with his wife Rosemon (9/80) in Millstone
Prec., nr his parents Jason (7/39) & Henny R. Craft
(5/40);

CRAFTSVILLE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1850 Census,
Archealous Craft, Jr. (48) and wife Nancy (Polly) (45).
He was son of Archealous and Eliz. (Adams) Craft;
Nelson R. Craft, ne ca. 1834, marr. Eliza (nee ca.1836)
He was the son of Archelous & Lettie (Webb) Craft.
Enoch (1843-1937) was Nelson's bro. He marr. Polly Ann
Caudill and was called "Uncle Chunk." (Webb family in
E. KENT., Vol. 17 (1), 6/1981, P. 23);

✓ CRAFTSVILLE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Jason L. Craft, 6/10/1886, the po was in his home on the n side of the Ky. R, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Millstone Ck, 5 mi w of Wright po, 7 mi s of Razorblade po, 6 mi e of Whitesb. po, 6 mi sw of Baker po, and 4 mi se of Arch po// On 4/20/1914, Nelson R. Craft pet. for a site ch. 80 yds s to a pt 30 yds s of the Ky. R. and 50 yds s of Millstone Ck, 2 mi e of Sergeant po, 2 mi w of Mater po, 2 mi s of Millstone po, 30 yds n of rr// Acc. to Sarah T. Franklin, 7/29/18, this po (late Millstone) was ca. 2 mi n of the Ky R, 50 yds w of Millstone Ck, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Horn po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Millstone po, 4 mi w of Baker po, rr sta=Millstone, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line// On 8/6/28, .

Archie C. Craft, Sr. pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne to a pt 200 ft e of Millstone Ck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Millstone po. Eff. soon. (SLR); Archelious Craft marr. Betty, a daughter of Jas. Webb. and settled on Crafts Colly Creek. Arch Craft, son of Jas. Craft, lived at the mouth of Thornton Ck. and is bur. in the Thornton Cem. (G. Bennett Adams in Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 4 (1), Mar. 1993, Pp. 45-8); Archaelus (Chelus) Craft Sr. and his family arr. in Letcher Co. ca. 1800 from Wilkes Co., NC, via Tenn. Rev. War vet. Marr. Eliz. Adams;

CRAFTSVILLE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz, it was but a po; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was 9 mi e of Whitesb. A. Craft was pm. Also there was a steam-powered sawmill; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 9 mi ne of Whitesb. Craft & Son gen. store; Pop.=200 (1930);

✓ Archelous Craft (sic) (ne 1749 in N.C.(?) was a Rev. War vet. to Ky by 1810, settling on Crafts Colly. He mar. Eliz. Adams, d. of John Adams. Their gt. grandson Nelson moved to Right Hand Fk of Trouble. Ck at Mallie One of his sons Thos. mar. Rhoda. (Wilma Morgan Gayheart in 1995 Knott Co. Hist, P. 262); Archaelaus Craff ne ca. 1762, Rev. War vet, settled nr the head of N.Fk (Ky.R), 5 mi from Va. line. Later moved to Colley Ck.

(sic) where he lived till his death (in early 1850s).
He 1st mar. an Adams. His youngest son Wm. died in ^{son} 1898 in Letcher Co. He was a wheelwright. Arch's other
were Ezekiel, John, James, Stephen, Archelous, Simon,
etc. James (informant's grandfather) marr. Druscilla
Hammonds and their children incl. Archalaus, Joseph
(informant's father), Benj., Nehemiah, Archelous (sic)
marr. Nancy Polly, etc. The informant's mat. grand-
father was John W. Bates from Russell Co, Va. who
moved to L. Co. and owned much land. He was ne 1810.
His sons were Robt. Bates (Knott Co) and Martin Van
Buren Bates (the giant)...Other children... (Dickey's
interv. with John Henderson Craft, a C.W. vet, on 6/15
1898) (Ky. Expl. vol. 10 (5), 10/95, pp. 84-6);

✓ CREMONA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to S.P. Frazier, 9/22/
1902, this po, late Mill, was 50 yds n of the Ky. R,
300 yds n of Smoot Creek, 4 mi e of Roxana po, 6 mi sw
of Smoot po, 3 mi w of Alice po, 10 mi from the co.
line. (SLR);

✓ CROMONA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to S.N. Hall, 8/15/16 the 1st name proposed for this new po was Haymond, and it would be $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of N. Fk. (Ky.R.), 100 ft n of Potters Fk. of Boone Ck, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mi from Wise Co, 1.4 mi s of Fleming po, 2.6 mi w of Dunham po, 3.3 mi sw of McRoberts po, 1.4 mi s of L&N (across the mt.)// Acc. to Flora Caudill, 12/7/39, it was 3 air and 5 rd mi from Pike Co, on US 119, 110 ft w of L&N and 3 mi e of rr sta. 50 ft s of a branch of Ky. R, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mi e of Neon po, 2 mi w of Dunham po. (SLR); APO (2000);

✓ CROWN (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "Krown!") On Dry Fork Creek, c 5 mi. from W'burg. Commu. is rarely referred to as Crown; it's "over on Dry Fork." Hiway 15 splits that creek right down the middle. Crown is the po name. Mostly a mining commu. Homes. The only businesses are on the main road. DK why called Crown. Never heard anyone say. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview 12/24/1977); po est. 4/22/1898, John C. Brown; 12/21/1929, Mrs. Maggie Taylor....APO (by 1988, acc. to P&G) (POR-NA); po suspended by Jan. 8, 1996. Had been on Ky 160;
Lm 8/31/1990.

✓ CROWN (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to John C. Brown, this proposed po would be 3 mi n of Ky. R, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Dry Fk, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Whitesb. po, ca. 4 mi e of Smoot Ck. po, ca. $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Ice po (3/14/1898)// On 1/4/30, Mrs. Maggie Taylor pet. for a site ch. $\frac{3}{4}$ mi se to a pt. 2 mi n of Ky R, on the nw side of Dry Fk, 3 mi se of Van po, 5 mi nw of Whitesb. po, 3 mi w of Uz po. (already moved)// On 3/10/37, Mrs. Florence Brown pet for a move 1 mi n to serve a com. aka Dry Fk, 150 ft s of Dry Fk, 4 mi se of Van po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Uz po, 5 mi nw of Whitesb. po// Acc. to Ibid. 7/26/39, it was 1 mi mi nw of L&N, 4 mi w of Whitesb. po, 150 ft s of Dry Fk, nearly 3 mi e of Van, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Uz. (SLR);

✓ CUMMINGS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 7/15/1889, Martha J. Wright; Disc. 11/13/89 (papers to Wright) (POR-NA); Acc. to Martha Jane Wright, 10/29/88, the 1st names proposed for this new po were Bee and Wright, and it would be on the n side of Ky. R. and 3 mi e of Boon Ck 4½ mi e of Craftsville po, 8½ mi nw of Pound po, 8 mi of Baker po. (SLR);

(8/6/1923)

✓ DALNA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to W.B. Price, 11/2/18, the po, town, & rr sta. by this name was 100 ft w of the Ky R, 100 ft n of Smoot Ck, 2½ mi se of Roxana po, 3 mi nw of Uz po, 60 ft w of L&N// Acc. to V.A.O. Gabany, the Elsiecoal po (late Dalna) was serving the com. of Dalna, 300 ft e of N. Fk, 100 ft n of Smoot Ck, 2 mi w of Uz, 2 mi e of Roxana, 200 ft e of L&N (Dalna Sta)// On 2/17/30, Marion Frazier pet. for move 130 ft ne (on 10/30/29) to pt. 300 ft n of Ky R, 200 ft e of Smoot Ck, 2 mi e of Roxana, 2 mi e of Uz, 2½ mi w of Oscaloosa, 75 ft n of L&N (sta=Elsiecoal), 5¼ mi from co. line. (SLR);

✓ DALNA (Letcher Co., Ky): The Whitesburg atty, David Hays (sic) married a Holcomb of Linefork. He was the son of Capt. Anderson Hays and was born in Buckhorn, Knott Co. in 1872. (Louis Pilcher, Story of Whitesburg, Ky, n.d., Pp. 38-39); Acc. to 1910 Census, David Hays (38) of Whitesburg, Ky. lived with his wife Bell (29) and their children, but no Dalna; Acc. to 1920 Census, Dalna Hays was the 15 yr old daughter of atty. David Hays (48) and wife Bell (39). Her sibs were: a bro. J.L. (21), Wm. A. (19), Carl B. (12), and a sister Nassarata (8) in the East Whitesburg Prec; Acc. to 191 Census, David Hays' oldest daughter was 9 yr old Astor.'!

✓ DALNA (Letcher Co.): Named for Miss Dalna Hay (N.M. Webb., Edit. of Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); po est. as Dalna, 7/1/1918, Wm. B. Price; 8/2 1920, Verner (sic) A.O. Gabany; n.ch. to Elsiecoal, 7/18/1923, Ibid. ... (NA); The mine at Elsiecoal had shut down before 1933. Had been a big camp with painted houses in the bottom nr. the tippie and "flimsier shacks" on the hill that had hurriedly been built to "crowd more men into the pits". By 1933, the "windows were boarded..." Over 3000 persons lived there at peak. After the mines shut down most of them left. (Malcolm Ross, MACHINE AGE IN THE HILLS, NY: Macmillan, 1933, Pp. 20-1);

✓ DALNA (Letcher Co., Ky): The po took its names from the commu. and the Dalna Coal Co. One of the company's owners was a Whitesburg atty, David Hayes and the mine was named for his oldest daughter who later married Whitesburg banker Herman Hale. The local sch. was then nr the mouth of Johnsons Fk. of Smoot Ck, nr the old Van B. Frazier store. In 1920 another company bought the mine, commu. po, and sch. and everything took the new company's name, maybe that of a female relative of one of the officials. Most of the local stores were in the vic. of the mouth of Johnsons Fk. The

commissary was across the ck. from the present G. Bennett Mem'l. Bap. Chu. Two other stores: Van Frazier's and Jas. Combs'. Other stores were at the mouth of Smo^ots Ck, etc. The Elsiecoal Mining Co. was disc. in 1930 but the mines reopened 2 yrs later as the Hot Spot Coal Co. owned by John P. Gorman of Hazard and the po and sch. took that name. The comp. and po were renamed Premium in the early 1940s when the company was bought by D.J.E. Johnson of Stone, Ky. and D.E.M. Howard of Harlan, Ky. (Hot Spot School: Recollections of a Ky. Mt. Sch., 1920-1964, Letcher Co. Hist. Soc. 1998, passim);

- ✓ DAY (Letcher Co., Ky): po operated from 1937 to 1959 when it became an R.B. (till the present time)-? (P&G); Acc. to Mrs. Bonnie Hammond Day, 3/15/37,
- S this proposed po would be $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of N.Fk. (Ky R). 150 ft n of Big Cowan Ck, 3 mi sw of Dongola po, 5 mi ne of Kings Ck po, 4 mi se of Oscaloosa po, 4 mi from co line// PO moved (but all data on film is too light)// On 12/20/48, Marcellus M. Day, act. pm, pet. for move 150 yds sw to serve Big Cowan Ck ngbd, 40 ft from the ck, $9\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Whitesb, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Dongola, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Oscaloosa, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Oven Fk po// On 5/20/49, Randall C. Day pet. for a move 400 ft ne to a pt $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Whitesb.(rr)Sta, 4 mi sw of Ky R, 50 ft s of

7 Big Cowan Ck, $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of Dongola po, 2 mi n of Oven-
fork po, 6 (sic) mi e of Oscaloosa po (these were rd.
distances). (SLR); PO operated 1937-57 and as an R.F
from 1957 to present (ca. 1988); Descendants of Zach
Day lived on Big Cowan Ck. (Thelma W. Garrett "The
Legacy of Kingdom Come" in Sprague, MSU, 1984, Pp.
9-16, 10); The Day RB is closed. (Susan Adams,
(8/8/2000));

DAY (Letcher Co., Ky): Jos. E. Day (Sr.) (1817-1875) marr. Dianah Collier, d. of Wm. & Frances (Harris) Collier (her dates 1820-1890) in 1837. Their issue inc Jas. K. P. Day (ne 1845), Preston H. Day (1847-1878), Jos. E. Day, Jr. (1856-1905) who marr. Mary J. Cold-iron (nee 1868) in 1886. She was his 2nd wife. He had 1st marr. Sarah Eliz. Caudill, d of Eliz. (Adams) and Stephen Jacob Caudill in 1876. Their sons were James Preston Day (ne 1892) and Gordon Preston Day (ne 1894). Preston H. Day, Jos. Jr.'s bro., had a son Jess C. Day (ne 1875). ("Family Bible Records of Joseph E. Day, Letcher Co., Ky" contributed by Mrs. Floyd L. Owen in KY ANCEST., Vol. 15 (3), Jan. 1980, Pp. 169-70);

✓ DAY PO (Letcher Co., Ky): Named for the family of local residents Clark & Dinah Day. Dinah (nee 1878) was the daughter of Jos. E. Day, Jr. and Sarah Eliz. (Caudill) Day. Dinah's 2nd husband was Clark Slemp Day (1880-1951), son of R.C. (Major) and Nancy (Creech) Day. They are buried in the Sandlick Cem. Sometime before 1900 Clark's family moved to Cowan Ck, to the vic. of the future po. Clark & Dinah mar. c. 1900. They later lived in Whitesb. where he ran a store and livery service, later sold insurance, was W. police chief and police judge. (E. Kentuck. Vol. 21 (4), 3/1986, P. 11); Clark was the son of Randolph C. and Nancy Creech Day;

✓ DEANE (Letcher Co., Ky): On 9/8/03, John L. Bentley pet. for a move 50 yds sw to a pt 6 mi n of Ky. R, on the s side of Rockhouse Ck, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mi ne of Horn po, 2 mi se of Baker po, 3 mi se of Democrat po// On 1/11/04, Ibid. pet. for a move $\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw to a pt $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Horn po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Baker po, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Democrat po // On 4/1/35, Floyd Bently (sic) pet. for a move $\frac{3}{4}$ mi w to a pt 2 air & 3 rd mi from Knott Co, 200 ft n of Rockhouse Ck, 500 ft w of Razor Blade Br, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Hall po, 6 mi n of Holbrook po// Acc. to Theodore Isaacs, 4/8/37, it was $\frac{3}{4}$ air & 2 rd mi from Knott Co, 10 ft w of Mill Ck Br, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Rockhouse Ck, $6\frac{1}{4}$ mi s of Hall, 3 mi e of Democrat, 7 mi n of Holbrook po, 7 mi w of Jackhorn po. (SLR);

DEANE (Letcher Co.): (pron. "Deen") DK how
it got its name. Probably named after the
big Hendricks mine was est. by Beth Elkhorn
(check). Had a pretty good movie house but
since closed. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview
12/24/1977); po est. 9/18/1889, Thos. M.
Mead... (NA); 3/1/92, Albert Mead... APO (1988)
APO (2000); On w side of Ky 7 and 317 (1996); Acc. to
1895/6 Gaz, it was 15 mi from Whitesb. T.M. Meade
was pm; Named for a local man. (N.M. Webb in Steel
4/22/22);

- ✓ DEFEATED CREEK (Letcher Co.): "On Line Ford Creek, almost at the Harlan Co. line. It was named by my gt. gt. gt. grandfather in the 1790s. Wm. Cornett and Geo. Gideon Ison came over here from Va. on an exploratory mission to see whether this area would be worthy of moving into. And so they were hunting to try to pay their trip over here and they were keeping pelts to take back to Va. to sell. And they, one night, were all camped there on that little creek and some Indians attacked them and stole all their pelts and shot at them and all this sort of thing. They didnt get any of their pelts back on

their horses. And so, in 1804, when they came back and decided to settle--both the Ison family and the Cornett family--supposedly Wm. Cornett was going by this creek and he made some comments 'Ah, that's where we were defeated; that's the old Defeated Creek.' And from that day on, it's been called that." Never a po there. Bird Ison ran a geⁿ'l. store at the mouth of the creek. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977) .

✓ DEFEATED CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 10/22/09,
Matilda Ison; 3/4/11, Byrd Ison....Disc. 1943 (POR-NA);
Acc. to Matilda Ison, 7/1909, this proposed po would
serve a locality called Hubert, on the n side of Line-
fork Ck, 6 mi sw of Ky R, 3 mi sw of Josie po, 4 mi se
of Flint po. Not a vil.// Acc. to Byrd Ison, 7/27/39,^{NV}
it was on Line Fk, 4 mi nw of Flint po and 7 mi s of
Hallie po// On 5/13/43, Silas Cox pet. for a site ch.
1 mi n to a pt on Line Fk. Ck, 2 mi s of Skyline po,
4-5 mi n of Line Fk. po, 5 mi nw of Flint po, 6 mi se
of Banks po. (SLR);

✓ DÉMOCRAT (Letcher Co.): Though the 7th Cong. Dist. ✓ is heavily Dem., this commu. has always voted Rep. "A wide spot in (sic) Ky. Rt. 7 and ...the rd. to Demo. is so narrow that 'if you start up the holler you have to go all the way to the top before you can turn around.' (Acc. to Sheriff Reuben Watts). Acc. to Ruth Martin, pm, "It was named after the postmaster. He was the only Demo. in town. That's what my daddy always told me....He always said the town used to be Razorblade. There was a postmaster named Elhannan King, and he was the only Demo. in the commu. The p.o. burned down. It was the only town building. When they rebuilt it, they named it after him: Democrat." Acc. to ex-co. judge

Arthur Dixon, the commu. at head of Rockhouse Cr. was called Razorblade till 1889 when it became known as Stick. n.ch. to Demo. in 1892 (xx) "sort of as a joke." In those days, was a farming commu.... (Bill Bergstrom, "Democrat Ky. Expected to Vote GOP" He's an AP writer, and this appeared in the ADI, 11/2/1976, P. 14:2-5);

✓ DEMOCRAT (Letcher Co.): (F452w) "It would seem that Democrat, Ky. was so named because Ky. as a whole is traditionally Democrat. The fact is however, that at the turn of the century, when first established, this small community was a Republican stronghold with one lone staunch Democrat among them. Thus, when the time came to choose a name for their p.o., the residents voted for 'Democrat' as a joke, more or less. Today, the Democrats are a little more numerous, but the Republicans still hold the majority." (Dorothy Mahan, Williamsburg, Ky. in THE AMERICAN MAG. 2/1948, P. 132. Vol. CXLV, No.2);

DEMOCRAT (Letcher Co.): "When the po was est. no Democratic voters in the precinct so name was applied." (Hardy, thesis, 1949, P. 83);

✓ 1st called Stick (in Knott Co.); into Letcher Co. at least by 10/31/1892, Elhanan King; 2/4/95, Mary B. King....(NA) (Apparently then it was called Democrat when it "moved" to Letcher Co.); (Pron. "D(eh)m/oh/kr(ae)t").
"There's an interesting story over there that since there were no Democrats' around that they would name this po just as a kind of a joke and that's how it supposedly got its name..."
cf to local families: the Bates and Cooks if it ever had another name. Local Bentley

families are numerous; known for their longevity...Now: mining commu. of homes & a small po. He dk about Razorblade or Stick and never heard of any other place in Ky.Co. with these names. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/77);

✓ DEMOCRAT (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Elhanan King, 3/11 93, it was moved, on 2/8/93, 3 mi s from its site as Stick in Knott Co. (the rest of the film is too light to read)// Acc. to Lizzie Cook, 1/12/97, it was 8 mi s of Ky R and $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Rock Hse Ck, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Deane, $2\frac{1}{2}$ m from co. line// Acc. to no sign, 7/26/39, it was $1\frac{1}{2}$ air & 3 rd mi from Knott Co, 300 yds n of Rockhouse Ck 10 yds e of Big Br. of Rockhouse, 3 mi w of Deane po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Omaha, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Polly, 5 mi ne of Colson, 7 mi nw of Millstone (rr sta)// On 5/7/47, Lizzie Williams pet. for move 20 ft s to pt 20 ft w of Rockhouse Ck, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Deane, 6 mi se of Colson, $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Millstone po & sta. (SLR);

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✓ DEMOCRAT (Letcher Co.): PO est. as Stick,
2/12/1889 in Knott Co. E.H. King; 7/17/1889,
Elhanan King; ch. to Democrat, 10/31/1902,
ibid. (now in Letcher Co.)... (NA); Acc. to
informant's father, Floyd Cook (1883-1963), (x:
? the po was first called Razor Blade. The po
burned down. The pm then, Elhanon King (sic)
was the only Democrat in the area so when the
po was re-est., it was named Democrat. (Mrs.
Ruth C. Martin, pm, in letter to Miss Delphin
Haley, n.d.);

Disc. 1985

✓ DEMOCRAT (Letcher Co., Ky): P&G has the Knott Co. po of Stick closing in 1892. I have it n.ch. to Democrat in 1902 and by then in Letcher Co; Acc. to 1896 Gaz., Democrat was a Letcher Co. po; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was only a po; Pop.=75 (1930);

✓ DEMOCRAT (Letcher Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is now located on Ky 7 at the mouth of Lower Appletree or Rockhouse Ck. and 8 (air) mi n of Whitesb. Acc. to Arthur Dixon, a former co. judge, it was 1st called Razorblade, which may refer to its orig. location on Rockhouse Ck., 1 mi above the present site. A po called Stick was est. in this vic. on 2/12/1889 with Elhanan King, pm, tho' the exact location is uncertain. The po was renamed Democrat on 10/31/02. In 1915 it was located at the mouth of Big Branch of Rockhouse, but was later moved to its present site.

Tho' no one seems to know why the Razorblade and Stick names were applied, everyone agrees that Democrat was named for the one lone Democrat in a staunchly Republican precinct, the pm himself."
(Book-P. 81);

DONGOLA (Letcher County, Ky.) (F737c) (commu.)

There's a Dongola in Bollinger Co., Mo. which was est. in 1900. The name "was much in the news in the (1890s), in the war then being waged by England against the Mahdi." (Ramsay, Storehouse, 1952, P. 35); po est. 7/30/1901, Nancy Day; 5/29/1903, S.L. Banks..Disc. eff. 1/14/1905(?); Re-est. 4/4/1906, Jane Banks; Disc. 11/15/1919 (mail to Whitesb); Re-est. 9/24/1919 (?), Jas. Adams...(NA); (pron. "D(ah)h/oh/la") on Big Cowan Creek, 7-8 mi. fro Whitesb. Not sure how it got its name. Heard that it was named for some prominent woman in the commu., probably a Blair. The Blairs, Maggards, & Bankses were among the very early

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families there. It's very near the mouth of Little Cowan. ("K(ow)/ən")=1½ syl. or even "K(ow)n". In 1808, 2 brothers, Thomas and (dk his given name) Cowan came to this area and patented a strip of land on Cowan Creek and gave their name to the creek. But the 1st settlers on the creek were Blairs, Robinson Blair & others. But they retained the Cowan name even tho' the Cowans never came back to reclaim their lane. Big Cowan Creek=c10 mi. long and Little Cowan Creek=c.4 mi. long. PO is Dongola. The 1st pm might simply have thought the name "poetic" and adopted it. Truck mining. Many area

residents work at the big area mines like
Scotia. Cowan Ele. Sch. with some experi-
mental ed. projects. (Wm. Terry Cornett,
interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ DONGOLA (Letcher Co, Ky): Acc. to Nancy Day, 6/26/01, this proposed po would be on the e bank of Cowan Ck. (at its forks) and 2 mi s of Ky R, 2 mi w of Whitesb. po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Mandrake po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Ice po. Not a vil.// Acc. to Jane Banks, 3/2/06, it was on e side of Cowan Ck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Ky R, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Whitesb. po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Mandrake po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Ice po// On 7/10/1928, Mrs. Canna C. Day pet. for a move 1 mi ~~sw~~ to pt. ~~of Ky R, 50 yds s of Cowan Ck, 4 mi sw of Whitesb. po,~~ 4 mi s of Ky R, 50 yds s of Cowan Ck, 4 mi sw of Whitesb. po, 5 mi ne of Kings Ck po, 4 mi s of Ice po, (It moved on 5/17/28 to Mrs. Day's home when she became act. pm)// Acc. to Susan Adams, 4/12/38, it was

ca. 25 yds n of Big Cowan Ck, ca. 3 mi e of Ky R, ?
7 mi e of Whitesb. po, ca. 1½ mi w of Day po, ?
[37°5'N, 82°50'W]// On 6/29/48, Ibid (?) pet. for a
site ch. 1½ mi n to a pt. 5½ mi s of Whitesb. po, &
rr sta, 2½ mi n of Day po, 200 ft n of Cowan Ck, 3 mi
se of Ky R. (SLR); No Dongola Blair or Day mentioned
in the L. Co. family histories, 1994-5;

DUNHAM (Letcher Co.): po est. 6/24/1913, Joel H. Roache... (NA); ("Pron. "D(uh)n/əm") Completed c.1916 just after Jenkins was finished. Named for a Consolidation Coal Co. exec. || At the head of Potters Fk. and Elkhorn Creek. It had one of the biggest black h.s. in E Ky. Had an excellent basketball team. Since closed and kids go to Jenkins. The movie "Youngblood Hawke" was filmed there in the 1960s. A huge coal preparation plant there was built in the late 1940s. That was called "the Million dollar plant." At that time, this was one of the most expensive ones ever built in US. Still active. In this vic. Bad John Wright and Talt

Hall and other feudists were active in the 1890s. Decaying town. Been sold to the local miners. Beth Elkhorn Corp. had bought the mineral rights formerly owned by the Consol. Corp. Now they pretty much control the town and provide most of the employment for local people, even tho' most of the homes are privately owned. The commissary was recently closed and a no. of businesses have left. Seems to be a dying town. (Wm. Terry Cornett interview, 12/24/1977);

DUNHAM (Letcher Co.): Named for a big coal operator. (N.M. Webb, editor of the Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); Named for A.S. Dunham, auditor with the Consolidation Coal Co. (Hardy, thesis, 1949 P. 73); The tipple at Dunham, part of Jenkins, is the 2nd largest in the US. Built by the Consolidation Coal Co. (acc. to unid. student tp, Berea Coll. c1961 or '62.); Pop.=105 (1930);

DUNHAM (Letcher Co. Ky): Acc. to J. Harden Roache,
2/15/13, this proposed po would be 100 yds n of Elk-
horn Ck, 50 yds s of the SV&E RR whose local sta. was
Dunham, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Jenkins po,
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of McRoberts po, $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi s of Potters fork,
// Acc. to Coy O. Glaw (?), 7/24/39, it was $\frac{1}{8}$ mi e of
US 119, 2 mi nw of Jenkins po & rr sta., $\frac{1}{12}$ mi w of
head of Elkhorn Ck, 3 mi e of Cromona po. (SLR);

DUNHAM (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town at the head of Elkhorn Ck, 10 (air) mi ne of Whitesb., is now part of incorporated Jenkins whose downtown area lies 2 mi s. The now defunct po of Dunham was est. on 6/24/1913 with Joel H. Roache, pm, to serve a camp set up by the Consolidation Coal Co. It was named for A.S. Dunham, the company's auditor." (Book P. 86);

EAST JENKINS (Letcher Co., Ky): a station of Jenkins
po, 2.2 mi from the Jenkins po. (W.H. Sargent, 3/26/31
(see map)// Acc. to Mary H. Vaughan, 8/11/1941... (the
film was too light to be deciphered....) (SLR);

✓ EFFIE (Letcher Co., Ky.) p.o. ⁰¹⁰⁷ est. 6/15/1897
~~1894~~ with Thos S. Bowens, ~~1st~~ pm. Disc. 9/9/
1897 with papers to Colson. (Acc. to the
National Archives) ; Acc. to Thos. J. Bowens 10/3/
1896, this proposed po would be on the n side of Camp
Branch, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Lester po, 4 mi sw of Democrat po,
4 mi se of Rockhouse po. Not a vil. (SLR);
No Effie is mentioned in Thos. Bowens family records
No Thomas or Effie Bowen is mentioned in the 1900 Census

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✓ EOLIA (Letcher Co.): po est. 1/5/1892, John S. Coldiron... (NA); (pron. "Ee/oh/lee") Almost at the head of the Cumb. R., across Pin Mt. from W'burg. Perhaps someone with a taste for classical lit. named it for Eolis from Gr. Myth. It may have been named for a famous brand of piano & organ back c. turn o cent. It may have been a fem. name. No one has ever told Terry why/how it was named. Now: homes, 2 stores, gas sta., a nu. of Scotia mine victims lived there... (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/77); No John S. Cold iron in 1900 Census;

✓ EOLIA (Letcher Co., Ky): On 6/4/94, Murry (sic) E. Boggs pet. for a site ch. 1 mi w to a pt $\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of the Cumb. R. and $\frac{1}{16}$ mi s of Oven Fork, 3 mi sw of Oven Fork po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Partridge po, 6 mi se of Mandrake po. (The old site was on the road to Oven Fk. po, e of Oven Fork Ck)// On 5/20/01, Wm. R. Boggs pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi e to a pt 1 mi s of Cumb. R and $\frac{1}{8}$ mi n of Franks Ck, 2 mi w of Oven Fk. po, 5 mi e of Partridge po, 5 mi from co. line// Acc. to D.F. Maggard, 7/28/39, it was 2 air & 6 rd mi from Wise Co. on the s bank of Meadow Br, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Franks Ck, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Cumb. R, 12 mi s of Whitesb. po, 8 mi e of Partridge po// Acc. to Vera Maggard, Jan. 1942, it was

date too light

3 air and 7 rd mi from Wise Co. line, just s of US 119, 78 ft w of Cumb. R, $9\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Partridge po, 16 mi se of Whitesb. po// On ~~4/9/?~~, Oscar? (too light) pet. for a site ch. 1 $1/8$ mi se to a pt 1 $7/8$ mi e of the Cumb. R, 56 ft n of Meadow (sic) Fk, 6 mi e of Partridge po, 12 mi s of Whitesb. po. It moved 4/9/? (SLR); On Ky 806 (1996); APO (2000); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was only a po; [Pron. "ee/oh/l₂"] (Susan Adams, 8/8/00);

✓ ERMINE (Letcher Co.): Pop. c. 400 families. Named for the oldest son of the 1st pm, Mrs. Sallie Hall. Stephen Caudill later became pm. He ran the gro. store. Gladys Spangler became pm 4/29/1949. Green & Webb Lumber Co. with one of the largest sawmills in Ky. is there. Also Royal Crown Cola bottling plant. Caudill Lumber Co., 3 bhu's. Many people work in area mines. (Gladys Spangler, pm, in letter to Delphine Haley, 7/3/1975);

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ERMINE (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 10/22/
1904 with Sallie Hall, pm... (Acc. to the Nat'l.
Archives); (Pron. "Er/m(eye) ↔ (ah)n"). Not
named for the animal but for a Mr. Ermine Webb
or Ermine Craft. Not named until Steve Caudill
started a lumber business & gen. store at the
mouth of Crafts Colly. Been so-named, then, for
40-50 years. Used to be a fairly populated
settlement for 2 reasons. (1) State Hiway Garag
there for many yrs. (2) Steve Caudill built a
lot of houses there for sale. Many were torn
down when the new Ky. 15 was built thru there
in the 1960s. Most of the settlement is on land
settled by the Combses in the early 19th cent.

Considered now a suburb of Whitesburg with a no. of elegant homes. Also now one of the biggest lumber operations in E.Ky. Green Webb(?) Lumber Co. (ch. name) which ships lumber all over the world. The biggest cem. in the co. Green Acres, is there. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); Ermin (sic) Hall, ne 1896 was the son of John (Johnny) Hall (ne 1874) and his 2nd wife Mollie Wright. Johnny marr. his 3rd wife Sally Ann Reynolds on 5/25/1904 (L.Co. family records 1994-5); No Ermine Webb is listed in Ibid;

- ✓ ERMINE (Letcher Co., Ky): "This resi. suburb of Whitesb., a former coal mining com. with po, is on US 119 and the confl. of Crafts Colly Ck. and the N. Fk. of the Ky. R., midway betw. Whitesb. and Mayking. The po was est. on 10/22/1904 and named for either Ermine Hall, the son of Sallie Hall, the 1st pm,, Ermine Webb. or Ermine Craft." (Book-P. 95); APO (2000); At jct of US 119 (1996); In 1921, as an L&N sta, it was 3 rail mi e of Whitesb; Pop.=50 (1930); Was Ermine earlier the com. of Crafts Colly? (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

* or 1900.

ERMINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census, Ermine Hall (13) lived with his father John A. (33) and John's wife Sally A. (24) and John's daughter Alverda (13) in Prec. #1-E. Whitesburg; No Ermine Craft or Ermine Webb in the county in 1910^x(Census); Acc. to 1900 Census, Johnny Hall (12/1876), son of Thos. & Martha Hall, lived only with his 3 yr old son Ermine (10/96) nr his parents Thos. Hall (12/40) and Martha (11/40), in Millstone Dist. Two; No Ermine Craft is listed in the Craft family book;

Land Halcombs,
Halbrooks, Potters, Colliers, +
other Halls.

VERMINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Sallie Hall, 8/9/04, the 2 names proposed for this new po were Ermine and Morgan and it would be 70-80 ft n of N.Fk. (Ky R), 50 ft se of Colly Ck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Mayking po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Colly po, 3 mi e of Whitesb. po. (see map)// On 4/4/32, Stephen Caudill pet. for a move 100 ft sw to a pt 245 ft sw of Ky R & 50 ft sw of Colly Ck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Colly po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Mayking po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Whitesb. po, 185 ft sw of L&N whose local sta=Ermine// Acc. to Ibid, 7/27/39, it was 2 air & 15 rd mi from Harlan Co, on s side of US 119, 150 ft w of L&N's Ermine Sta., 150 ft w of Crafts Colly Ck, 250 ft w of Ky R, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of South-down po, 3 mi sw of Mayking po, 2 mi e of Whitesb. po. (SLR);

$2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. e. of W'burg (1938) (acc to W. PO
1127)

✓ ERMINE (Letcher Co.): Small coal mining commu. betw. Whitesb. & Mayking. Sallie Hall the 1st pm was the wife of John A. Hall. Named for their oldest son, Ermine Hall. Stephen Caudill became pm in cl932 and the po was in a corner of his store for 16 yrs. When Mrs. Angelia Lucas became act. pm in 6/1948, she moved the po about 1 mi. above its former site and was succeeded by Mrs. Gladys Bell Spangler on 4/30/1949... (FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway PO, 9/1/1949, P. 15); Sallie succeeded 7/20/31 b
Martha T. Hall --- APO (1988) - P + 9.

✓ EVANS (Letcher Co., Ky): PO was est. by Simpson Evans Adams on Thornton Ck and named for himself He was ne 1857. His wife was Sarah, daughter of Ned and Bettie Ann Webb. In 1900 Simpson moved his family to the mouth of Bottom Fk. Ck. He had stores at both sites. At the Bottom Fk. site he est. the Mayking po in his store....Mayking was 4 mi from Evans. (check...) (G. Bennett Adams, Evans' son, in "My Family" in Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 5 (2), Sept. 1994, Pp. 16-20); Simpson E. Adams died in 1934 and is buried at Mayking. In 1880 he marr. Sarah Webb (1862-1942) (E. KENT., vol. 17 (1), 6/1981, p. 24);

11/2/1911

✓ EVANS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 2/19/1891, Sarah Adams; 1/13/00, Eliza J. Stallard; 11/11, Eliza J. Adams; Disc. 5/31/1913 (mail to Thornton) (POR-NA); On 2/18/00, Eliza J. Stallard pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w to a pt 2 mi n of Ky R, 1/16 mi e of Thornton Ck, 2 mi s of Lester po, 4 mi e of Burdine po, 3 mi n of Sergeant po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 6 mi from Whitesb. Sarah Adams was pm, S.E. Adams had gen. store, Jos. Croft (sic) had grist mill, I Gibson was a wagonmaker, etc; In an Adams family book, Simpson Evens (sic) Adams (1857-1935) marr. Sarah Webb (1862-1942.) Both died in Mayking;

✓ EXTRA (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 8/5/1905, Gideon Ison
6/30/09, Jonah Ison; Disc. 11/30/1912 (mail to Roxana)
(POR-NA); Acc. to Gideon Ison, 7/4/05, the 1st name
proposed for this new po was Exelent (?) and it would
be on the s side of the N.Fk. (of Ky R), 1½ mi s of
Tolson Ck, 2½ mi s of Indian Bottom po, 3 mi w of
Roxana po, 6 mi nw of Grape po. (SLR);

FALL (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 1/8/1902, Sarah Polly;
Disc. eff. 1/14/1905 (mail to Colson) (POR-NA);

Acc. to Sarah Polly, 11/13/1901, this proposed po would be 7 mi n of the Ky R, and on the w bank of Camp Branch, 8 mi nw of Whitesb. po, 2 mi se of Colson po, 2 mi sw of Lester po. (SLR);

✓ FARRADAY (Letcher Co., Ky): 3/30/1923, Liza Bates;
2/4/30, Mrs. Eliza Webb....Disc. 1957 (FOR-NA);
PO on Thornton Ck. (KY EXPL. 3/99, P. 65); On Rockhouse
) nr the Knott Co. line. Probably named for Michael
' Farraday, the scientist. No local families of this name
Terry also had a theory that it could have been named
for an Allafair Day whose given name was shortened to
Fair. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77) [Check on this....];
Acc. to 1960 L&N timetables, Bastin (sta) was 2 mi from
Mayking and 3 mi from Kona on the main line and on
the Thornton Ck Spur (at or nr Lorraine)-?; Acc. to
1921 timetable, it was on the Thornton Ck Spur, ca. 1
mi from Winters (sta);

✓ FARRADAY (Letcher Co, Ky): Acc. to Miss Hattie Bates, 10/7/22, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Hattie and it would be serving the Elkhorn Colliers Coal Co. camp with a pop. of 100, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of po site. The office would be $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Ky R, 30 ft w of Thornton Ck 3 mi e of Colly po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Lester, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of the Thornton po// On 5/10/30, Mr. Billie Blair pet. for move 1 mi s to serve the Elkhorn Colliers Coal Co. camp known as Winters, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Ky R, 10 ft w of Thornton Ck, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi nw of Thornton po, 4 mi sw of Lester, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Colly po, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of L&N (sta=Bastin). Eff. now// Acc. to Arminta Bates, 8/1/39, it was 1 mi nw of Bastin Sta, 40 ft w of L&N, 60 ft w of Thornton Ck, 1 mi nw of Ky R 1 mi nw of Thornton po, 4 mi se of Lester. (SLR);

✓ FARRADAY (Letcher Co., Ky): No Hattie Bates in the 1920 Census as an adult. But a 13 yr old Hattie Bates lived with her father Rob Bates (68) and his wife Liza (52) nr. Billie Blair (36) and his wife Delia (37) in E. Whitesb. Prec. but not nr any Allafair Day; No Farraday families listed in L. Co. Family Records, 1994-5;

✓ FERN (Letcher County, Ky.) p^o. est. 9/7/
1900 with Shade R. Combs, ~~1st~~ pm. Disc. eff.
11/30/1900 with papers to Smoot Creek. (Acc.
to the National Archives); Acc. to Shade R. Combs
12/1/99, this proposed po would be 1½ mi n of Smoot Ck
4½ mi e of Smoot Ck po, 4½ mi w of Tillie po, 3½ mi n
of Crown po. (SLR); No Fern Combs in family records
(1994-95); No Fern families in Ibid;

✓ FIELDS (sic) (Letcher Co., Ky): May have been named
for descendants of Jas. Fields, ne Clairborne Co, Ten.
in 1815. He was son of John Fields, Va-born and thence
to Tenn. and then to Ky where he died in 1852. John's
children incl. Wm, Stephen, Easau, Jacob, Jas., etc.
(Acc. to Wesley Fields, interv. by J.J. Dickey)
(KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (7), 1/1998, Pp. 90-91);
Ambrose J. Fields (4/1843-1/1914) marr. Mary Polly
Wilson (KY EXPL. Vol. 10 (8), 2/1996, P. 88); The Fields
family were among the 1st settlers of the head of N.Fk.
area. (Wm. Savage for WPA);

✓ FIELD (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Clinton Boatright, 1/29/06, this proposed po would serve the Mouth of Dry Fork locality, 50 yds e of Dry Fk, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Ky R, 2 mi w of Ice po, 3 mi s of Crown po, 5 mi se of Roxana po// In Jan. 1909, Allen Webb, prop. pm, pet. for a site ch. 200 yds (film is too light)// Acc. to Henry C Boatright, 3/22/13, it was 150 yds ne of N. Fk (Ky.R), $\frac{1}{4}$ mi s of Dry Fk, 2 mi nw of Ice po, 400 yds n of L&E RR. (SLR); Dry Fork Creek was 1st settled betw. 1805-1810 by John Q. Brown. (Cornett, 1967, P. 13);

✓ FIFTEEN HOLLOW (Letcher Co., Ky): at McRobert
"Probably named because it was the fifteenth
hollow going up Wright Fk. of the Ky. R.
from the beginning of Consolidation Coal
Company's property line, but more likely be-
cause the company's Number 15 Mine was lo-
cated there in the early days of this coal
town. (Also called Number 15 Hollow)."
(Wm. T. Cornett, Hazard CC/U.Ky., letter to me,
3/11/1987)

FISHPOND (Letcher Co., Ky): There are two Fishponds in this county. One is around Payne Gap. The other, sometimes called The Frog Pond, is nr Blackey. Probably named for a natural hole of water with many fish. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

✓ FISHPOND (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 6/10/1924, Joel M. Potter; 8/10/27, Lloyd Potter; 9/22/30, Lieuemma (sic) Tucker; Disc. eff. 1/15/31 (mail to Jenkins) (POR-NA); Acc. to no sign. (J.M. Potter), 6/1924, the 1st names proposed for this new po were Bula and Cella and it would be ca. 200 ft n of N.Fk. (Ky R), ca. 50 ft se of Orchard Br, 3 mi ne of Bilvia po, 4 mi sw of Jenkins p 3½ mi se of Mater po, ½ mi from co. line// On 11/18/29 Lloyd Potter pet. for a move 1 mi e to a pt 10 ft n of Ky R, 3 mi from co. line, 3 mi w of Jenkins po, 3 mi e of Bilvia po. Eff. 11/28/29. (SLR);

✓ FLEMING (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal mining town with po was reclassified as a 5th cl. city by the Ky. Leg. in 1978 after merging with Neon, its nr. neighbor. It extends about a mile along Wright Fk. of Boone Fk. of N. Fk. of the Ky. R., 7 (air) mi ne of Whitesb. The town was built in 1913-4 by the Elkhorn Coal Corp. and named for the corp's. 1st pres. George W. The po was est. on Mar. 16, 1914 with John D. Hartman pm." (Book-P. 103); Pop.=1389 (1930); 5th cl. city of Fleming-Neon had a 1980 pop. of 1200, a 1990 pop. of 759, and a 1998 est. pop. of 612;

✓ FLEMING (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Richard F. Cole, 7/1/13, this proposed po would be 50 ft n of Wrights serving the Elkhorn Coal Co. camp there, 1 mi e of Chip po, 2 mi w of McRoberts po, 3 mi s of Baker po, 100 ft n of L&E RR whose local sta. was Fleming, and 3 mi s of co. line// Acc. to W.R. Sisk (?), 7/24/39, it was 1 mi n of US 119, 100 ft s of Wrights Fk of the R, 430 ft ne of Fleming (rr) Sta., 1 1/16 mi nw of Cromona po, 1 mi ne of Neon po, 1 1/2 mi se of Jackhorn po, 5 1/2 mi sw of Jenkins po. (SLR); Geo. Fleming was son of W.Va. Gov. A.B. Fleming who was a director of Consol. Coal Co. 1906-19. (Beachley, P. 98); Geo. W. Fleming was pres. of the Elkhorn Coal Corp. (MT. EAGLE,

pop. (1952) = 943

C. 1932-3);

✓ FLEMING (Letcher Co.): The merged city of Fleming-Neon was reclassified as a 5th class city by H.B. 539, passed by Ky. G.A. 3/1978, Bill sponsored by Rep. Bill Weinberg. (FCT, 3/8/1978, Sec. 2, P. 6:3); RR serv. started 1913..On Wrights Fk. of N. Fk. of Ky. R. Named for Geo. W. Fleming, son of ex-gov. A.B Fleming of W.Va., the 1st pres. of the Elkhorn Coal Corp. Town built by the co. 1913-14 for its employees. Pop=c.1250 by c1949; by then the homes were owned by their miner-occupants; acquired by them (by sale) in 1946 ..(FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highwa PO, 9/1/1949, P. 17);

FLEMING (Letcher Co.): Coal co. town. In the 1920s, a clean town with paved streets, electricity, church, theater, h.s., p.o., hosp., fire dept. On the Elkhorn Div. of the L&N RR. 6 mi. from Va. line. Considered "the most prosperous mining town in the section, Fleming is noted as the cleanest, and boasts a civic pride hardly equalled in rival towns." Before est., it was "practically wilderness (with) an occasional log cabin." Founded by G.W. Fleming, Pres. of the Elkhorn Coal Co. and named in his honor. ✓ Serves as div. hdqtrs. for 7 mines producing c. 1 mil. tons of coal annually (5000 tons a day). pop(7/1922)=150. By 8/1923, pop=3000. (LOUISV. HERALD, 8/19/1923);

~~FLEMING~~ (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named for George
"Pat" Fleming, general manager of the Elkhorn
Coal Corp. (Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971); po est.
3/16/1914, John D. Hartman... (NA); (pron.
"Fl(eh)m/(ih)"). Named for another official of
the Elkhorn Coal Corp., one of their gen'l. mgr.
Started 1913 and finished 1914 & largely built
by for. born labor. The L&N RR completed its ex-
tension up to the ~~xx~~ No. Fk. of the Ky. R. at
McRoberts on 11/28/1912.... Fleming is on the
Wright Fk. of Yonces Fk. of the No. Fk. of the
Ky. R. The land was supposedly owned at one tim
by Bad John Wright and thus named for him. The
Fleming site was also owned (~~at-one-time~~) by one

Disc. 1986.

of Whitesburg's great entrepreneurs, J.H. Frazier. He sold much of it to the Elkhorn Coal Corp. Some of the land had also been owned by John C.C. Mayo interests. When it opened, it was one of the really active coal camps. High quality of life tho' not as fancy or cosmopolitan as Jenkins. Most of the coal seams played out by the late 1940s and the company sold many of its bldgs. Some like the old Commisary, were recently torn down & replaced. A racially mixed commu. with a no. of black families; people seemed

to get along pretty well....(Wm. Terry
Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ FLINT (Letcher Co., Ky): Pop=63 (1930); When was this ^{re-estab?}
Had operated from 1907 to 1931. Closed again and for ^
good in 1957; No Flint families nor Loranza Boggs are
listed in the L. Co. family histories, 1994-5;

✓ FLINT (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/14/1907, Loranza Boggs; 6/20/12, Mattie Morgan..8/3/22, Connie Roark; Disc. eff. 4/15/1931 (mail to Defeated Creek) (POR-NA); Acc. to the 1st SLR (11/1907) whose microfilmed copy was too light to read, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Peach// Acc. to Astor Boggs, 2/15/1936, it was serving the Ingrams Ck locality, 2½ mi e of N.Fk. (Ky R), 25 ft s of Ingrams Ck, 4½ mi nw of Kings Ck po 5 mi se of Defeated Ck po// Acc. to Ibid, 7/26/39, it was 2 mi e of Line Fk Ck, 6 mi sw of Ky R,, 3½ mi ne of Line Fk po, 4 mi se of Defeated Ck po, 4½ mi nw of Kings Ck. po. (SLR);

✓ FOUR SQUARE CHURCH (Letcher Co., Ky): (F610sv
On Ky. 160 & Line Fk. of the N. Fk. of the
Ky. R. (one of the headstreams of the Ky.
River's N. Fk.) At the ne edge of Kingdom
Come State Park, one mi. from the Harlan Co.
line, in the sw part of the co. "So named
because of the presence of the Four Square
Gospel Chu. at that location near the Line-
fork PO. The small, concrete-block chu. was
built around 1959 by a local resident who
had become a member of Aimee Semple McPher-
son's famous Four Square Chu. while living
in Cal. For many years this lady (whose
name I'm not sure of) was the pastor of

this little church, making her Letcher Co's
only female minister." (Letter from Wm. T.
Cornett, Hazard CC/U.K., 3/11/1987)

FREEMONT (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 6/29/1897, John M. Mullins; 1/18/1900, Grant Vanover..11/18/1902, Margaret Killings; Disc. eff. 12/31/1902 (papers to Jewell) (POR-NA); Acc. to John H. Mullins, 3/30/97, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Cane Branch Valley, and it would be on the n side of Elkhorn Ck and 5 mi n of the Ky R, 5 mi se of Wright po, 5 mi ne of Haddonfield (Va.) po, 5 mi nw of Hattie po. (SLR); No Freemont families listed in Letcher Co. family records (1994-5);

✓ GANDER (Letcher Co., Ky): po disc. in 1939 and Carcassonne was opened that year (P&G); In the 1920s the Gander po was in Jim Field's home on Meadow Fk. of Bull Ck, now (1995) the home of Edgar Whitaker. Acc. to trad., it was named for the many wild geese gathered there each fall. Acc. to Clifton Caudill, son of the founder of the Carcassonne Sch, the latter was preacher tchr, surveyor, co. ext. agent. Clifton's wife Ruby was Carcassonne's pm from 7/1/1955 till the po closed in 1980. It was 1 mi from the Gander po to Clifton's home at the middle of Bull Ck. The Gander po was at head of Bull Ck, 8 mi from the Cornettsv. po. at the mouth of Bull Ck. The Gander po was 1st est. 1907 at the head of Montg. Ck, over the hill from Bull Ck.

Harrison Banks was the 1st pm. Living in that vic. were Arminta Banks, the Banks Bros, Henry Back, etc. In 1937 the po was moved to Carcassonne Sch. and given that name. Among its pm's were: Dewey Fields, H.H. Hadley, Eliz. Slone, Anna Caudill, Virgie Halcomb. (Clifton Caudill in KY EXPL. Vol. 10 (3) (7) Jan. 1996, Pp. 29-31); For Carcassonne, see Perry Co 8½ x 11" sheet, P. 23B....;

✓ GANDER (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign., Feb. 1907, this proposed po would be 3 mi ne of Bull Ck and 5 mi n of the Ky R, 5 mi ne of Indian Bottom po, 4 mi sw of Theodore po// On 5/22/31, Dewey Fields pet. for a site ch. 80 rods n to a pt $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of N. Fk. (of Ky. R), 1 mi n of Bull Ck, 8 mi ne of Cornettsv. po, 3 mi se of Kodak po, 1 mi from co. line. Eff. 5/26/31// Acc. to Anna Caudill, 7/24/39, it was $\frac{1}{4}$ air and $\frac{3}{8}$ rd mi from Knott Co, 4 mi nw of the Ky R, $\frac{1}{8}$ mi w of Bull Ck, 5 mi nw of Blackey po, 8 mi n of Cornettsv. po, 4 mi s of Kodak po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Cody po. (SLR);

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CARCASSONNE. (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Anna Caudill, this po, formerly Gander, was $\frac{1}{2}$ air and $\frac{3}{4}$ rd mi fro Knott Co. line, 5 mi w of the Ky. R, 3 mi n of L&N, 5 mi w of Blackey po, 5 mi e of Kodak po, 5 mi s of Cody po// On 1/24/40, Jas. D. Fields pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w to a pt 2 air and $2\frac{1}{2}$ rd mi from Perry Co. line, 50 ft w of Bull Ck, 3 mi se of Kodak po, 5 mi nw of Blackey po. (SLR);

GASKILL (Letcher Co., Ky): Named for J.C. Gaskill, an engineer with the Consolidation Coal Co. (Hardy, P.74);

GILLEY (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Martha Lewis (date is illeg. on microfilm), the prop. name for this po was Arthur and it was 5 mi n of Cumb. R, 50 ft n of Linefk. Ck, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Gordon po, 10 mi w of Linefork po, 5 mi from co. line// On 1/14/35, Sudie Lewis pet. for a move 5445 ft w to a pt 3 mi n of Cumb. R, 73 ft n of Jakes Ck, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi from co line, 5 mi w of Gordon po// On 8/12/31 Fred Cornett, act pm, pet. for move (7/26) $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi w to a pt $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Cumb. R, ca. 100 yds n of Linefork Ck, ca. $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Gordon po, ca. $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Pine Mt. po, ca. $3\frac{3}{4}$ mi from co. line// On 3/31/50, J.C. Lankford, P.O.

Inspector, pet. for a site ch. 150 ft sw to serve a locality aka Head of Linefork Creek, 1 air & 3 rd mi from Harlan Co. line, 150 ft w of Bear Branch of Linefork Ck, 400 ft n of Linefork Creek, 4 mi w of Gordon po, 6 mi e of Pine Mt. po. (SLR); po officially closed on 4/21/1990;

GILLEY

ARTHUR (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census, Martha Lewis (28), wife of Jarat J. Lewis (28) lived in Line Fork Prec. #6, but no Arthur in her family. There was only one Gilley family in Letcher Co. in 1910 (Census): that of James Gilly (sic) (52) & wife Josephine (44) in the Cumb. R. Prec. #5; Acc. to the 1880 Census, Clark Cornett (63) and wife Melvina (58) lived in Prec. #6, but with no Arthur; Levi Gilly (sic) had prop. on Rock House (Ck) in 1843; Preston Gilley paid taxes for prop. on Kings Ck. in 1847; Acc. to L. Co. family records (1994-5), no Arthur is listed for Clark Cornett.

✓ GILLEY (Letcher): (pron. "Gh(ih)l/ee") Almost
in Harlan Co., in the extreme so. end of
Letcher Co. Named for a local family* that used
to be large and active there. The area there
used to be called Coyles Branch* (ch. sp.),
Mays Branch, etc. PO est. in the 1940s. Now:
active po, c. 35 mi. from Whitesburg. (Wm.
Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); po est
as Gilley 7/24/1914, Henry T. Holcomb... (NA);
APO (1988-89);

(*also webb, 4/22/22)

man's Br- (?)

["kawlz"]

PO suspended 12/28/88 (WPA)

GORDON (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Sarah Fields (nee 12/1871) and her husband John (6/72) and their children lived in the Line Fork Dist. but no Gordon as given name in their family nor Gordon as a family name in the county;

✓ GORDON (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Sarah V. Fields, 7/27/98, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Benton, and it would be on the w side of Line Fk, on the s side of Trace Fk, 5 mi s of Linefork po, 5 mi nw of Poor Fork po// Acc. to Frank Helton, 12/18/26 (film is too light)// Acc. to Ibid, 7/24/39, it was 1 air & rd mi from Harlan Co., 30 ft n of Linefork Ck, 4 1/8 n of Cumb. R, 5 mi nw of Cumb. PO, 4.8 mi w of Linefk. po, 5 mi e of Gilley po. (SLR); Named for an old family. (N.M. Webb in Steel letter, 4/22/22); PO was suspended by ~~1/8/96~~ and officially closed 4/6/96. Was on Ky 160; 10/2/92

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✓ GORDON (Letcher Co.): po est. 8/12/1898,
Sarah V. Fields; ..Disc. eff. 11/15/1924; Re-
est. 3/16/1927, Frank Helton... (NA); (Pron.
"Gh(aw)r/dən") One theory is that it was
named for the Gordon family there. But Terry
has never come across any such family from
that area. It's probably someone's xian name.
At the foot of Hurricane Gap Mt. going into
Harlan Co. It's at the site where Harlan,
Perry, & Letcher Co's. join. Mostly a collec-
tion of homes & 1 or 2 stores & gas sta.
Mining commu. A dying commu. on one of the
worst stretches of road in the co. An out of
the way place. More local people feel atuned

Suspended 10/2/92 (WRS)

Perry & Harlan Co's. than to Letcher because of its distance from W'burg. Hurricane Gap Chu. (old Reg'l. Bapt.) built c.1910. Before the po was est. as Gordon, people just called it Hurricane Gap, so named, it's thought, because supposedly a big storm felled a lot of trees there when the 1st settlers came in the early 19th cent....(pron. "Her ↔ her/ə /kən = 2½ syl. Gh(ae)p"). One of the most rugged, tho' pretty sections of the state to cross-thru. A small quarry operation there owned by the Childers family that's been in operation c. 25 yrs. is the only other industry besides mining in the area.

A no. of caves attract spelunkers and it's near the Little Shepherd Trail and below the park. Boggs, Lewis, Cornett are major families there. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓
GOURD (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Dara Bell Ison, 8/8/
12, it was $1/16$ mi n of N.Fk (Ky. R), $3/4$ mi w of
Orchard Br, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Blue Key po, $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Cornetts
ville po, 2 mi s of Araminta po, 3 mi from co. line// C
12/25/13, Wesley B. Collins pet. for a move (too light)
to a pt $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line// Acc. to W.B. Collins, 7/1
/16, the Ulvah po was on the n side of Ky R, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of
Line Fk, $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Cornettsv. po, 5 mi w of Indian
Bottom po, 5 mi s of Arminta po, 40 ft s of L&N (sta=
Ulvah), $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line// Acc. to Kelly Halcomb,
7/29/39, it was 500 air yds and $\frac{1}{4}$ rd mi from Perry Co,
125 yds n of Ky 7, 25 ft n of Ulvah Sta, 150 ft n of Ky
R, $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Cornettsv, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Hallie, 5 mi sw of
Gander, 6 mi w of Blackie. (SLR);

✓ GRAPE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/10/1901, Arnett Mitchell; 12/11/1902, Isaac Mitchell...10/5/1909, David Day; Disc. 2/15/1913 (mail to Kings Creek) (POR-NA); Acc. to Arnett Mitchell, date is undec., this proposed po would be $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Ky R, 100 yds w of Kings Ck, 6 mi se of Chestnut Hill po, 4 mi nw of Kings Ck po, $3\frac{3}{4}$ mi se of Roxana po. (SLR);

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(SLR)

✓ GREENLEAF (~~Knot~~ Co., Ky): Acc. to illeg. sign., Dec. 1906, this Letcher Co. po was 6 mi n of Jeremiah po, 2½-3 mi ne of Amelia po.// In Feb. 1908, Millie Combs pet. for a site ch. 2½ mi e to a pt. 2½ mi nw of Isom po, on or nr. Rockhouse Creek, to serve the vil. of Greenleaf, in Letcher Co.; This po was est. on 10/22/1906, Cordelia Hammons; 3/6/08, Millie Combs; 12/12/1908, Geo. A. Combs; Disc. 3/31/1912 (mail to Isom) (POR-NA); Millie Maggard (1843-1914) marr. Geo. A. Combs (1842-1926), son of Shadrack Combs (1812-1891) They lived in the vic. of the (auto) race track on Rockhouse. [s. of Sackett, Elkhorn Br. aka Race Track Hol.] (Frazier's Combs family book, P. 42);

(sic) - /

GROUSE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 5/18/1906, Wm. Dixon;
9/11/1907, Jas. C. Dix, declined; 2/6/08, Jos. E.
Back; Disc. 6/15/1912 (mail to Blackey) (POR-NA);
Acc. to sign. too light, 3/1906, this prop. po would
be 4 mi n of (too light, but probably Indian Bottom po
4½ mi from too light, 5 mi ne of too light, on the e
side of (too light) R. (SLR); (Could it have been
named for the game bird?);

✓ HALLIE (Letcher County, Kentucky) Named for a young lady of the community. (Acc. to Webb in a letter to Steel, 4/22/1922. In the Steel files, CGM.) (Check Steel correspondence)....

p.o. est. 6/16/1916
with Alamander Whitaker,
pm. (Acc. to the Nat'l.
Archives)

N. M. Webb,
Edist, mt. Geole
Whitesburg,
Ky.

APo (by 1988) (P+S)

✓ HALLIE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Alamander Whitaker, the 1st name proposed for this new po was (too light, but begins with a G), on Line Fk. Ck// Acc. to Ibid., 4/11/18, it was $\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Turkey Ck, $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi from Tolby Br. of Linefork Ck, 4 mi s of Ky R, 50 ft sw of Line Fk Ck, 6 mi sw of Ulvah po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Banks po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line// On 12/8/31, Ibid. pet. for a move 450 yds se to a pt 50 yds e of Linefork (Creek), ca. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line, $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi se of Ulvah po, 4 mi n of Banks po (SLR); On the sw side of Ky 1103 (1996); May have been named for a member of the Watts family. Cory (?) Watts has been pm for yrs. That's the only family around there. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

HALLIE (Letcher Co., Ky): No Alamander or Hallie Whitaker or Hallie Watts are listed in the 1910 Census; All the Watts families were then in the Cumberland Prec #5; Alamander Whitaker (1854-1937), son of Esquire and Harriet Higgins Whitaker. He had a daughter named Harriet "Hattie" Whitaker (1889-1975) who married Dawson Dixon; (Family Hist's. of L. Co. pub. by the L. Co. Co. Hist'l. & Geneal. Soc., 1994-5); Acc. to 1920 Census, Alamander Whitaker (65) and wife Catherine (63) but no issue mentioned lived in the Lower Rockhouse Prec. No Whitakers in the Cumb. Prec. and no Hallie Whitakers; The 1910 Census reported an Alamander Whitaker (19) with his parents Thos. (60) & Eliz. (49) Whitaker, but no Hallie in Cumb. Prec. #5;

HAYMOND (Letcher Co.): settlement on Potters Fork. 2 mi. e. of Neon; (pron. "Hā/m(uh)n[d]" (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); PO there was called Cromona (Pron. "Krə/moh/nə") Most co. residents d.k. it by this name but refer to it by the name it was given c.191 when the coal camp was built, Haymond ("Hā/mənd"). The Elkhorn Coal Co. started building Haymond in 1916 and finished it some 2 yrs. later. It was visited many times by reporters as a typical App. coal mining commu. In 1968 Robt. Kennedy visited....Named for Thos. S. Haymond, one of the gen'l. managers & later veep and maybe pres. of Elkhorn Coal Corp. Was

confirmed by Caudill NCTC, p. 105.

a very dashing figure. He was instrumental in the dev. of Fleming 2 yrs. earlier (qv). He stayed in the co. for a no. of yrs. He was the model for Hammond in Frank Harvey's book "Nightmare County". Dk whatever happened to him. When the coal co. was sold, c1950 (check date), they decided that since it was no longer a corp. setup, it should be re-named and it was called Cromona and Terry has never been able to find out why. But most people, even younger ones, say they live in Haymond. Still a mining commu. A lot of the older homes have been torn down in the last few yrs. and replaced by newer

homes. Was a pretty big camp at one time,
going up several hollows. It's on Potters
Fork Creek and the Letcher Co. Community
Press: is printed there, another big employ-
er. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/71)

up the road is
Dunham,

Separate P.O.s.

HAYMOND (Letcher Co.): The po was 1st est. a
Mill, 3/27/1902, Stephen P. Frazier; ch. to
Cremona (sic), 8/2/1902, Ibid. Disc. 5/4/06,
eff. 5/31/06 (mail to Roxanna)(sic); Re-est.
as Cromona, 12/14/1916, Sam'l. N. Hall... (NA)

✓ Thos. S. Haymond was the mgr. of the Elk Horr
Mining Corp. of Fleming, Ky. Had mines at
Fleming, Haymond, and Hemphill. (ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE DEPT. OF MINES OF THE STATE OF KY. FOR
THE YR. 1914, P. 158);

APO (1988 - P 9)

In 1930 Haymond had a pop. of
500;

CROMONA.P.O.

HAYMOND (Letcher Co., Ky): Thomas S. Haymond of Fleming, Ky. was consulting engineer for the E. Ky. Div. for the Elkhorn Coal Corp. (MT. EAGLE hist'l. issue, ca. 1932-3); Acc. to 1952 State Highway dept's. Letcher Co. map, Cromona and Potters Creek had a combined pop. of 1321;

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HAYMOND (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town with po extends for nearly 2 mi along Potters Fk. of Boone Fk. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R. and up its several branching hollows, from a pt. about a mi e of Neon Jct. to the mouth of Ramey Fk., about 8 (air) mi ne of Whitesb. Tho' the town is officially identified by its po name Cromonq, the Haymond name is preferred locally, and has been associated with the place since it was 1st applied to the coal camp begu there about 1916 by the Elkhorn Coal Corp. It was named for Thos. S. Haymond, a gen. mgr. and later

vice pres. of the company, who had been instrumental in the development of nearby Fleming 2 yrs. before. The po was est. as Cromona on Dec. 14, 1916 with Samuel N. Hall, pm, for reasons unknown. Curiously, another po called Cremona was in op. from 1902 to 1906 somewhere in the vic. of Roxana, to which its papers were transferred when the Cremona po closed." (Book-P. 134); Haymond is now known as Cromona. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (9), 3/1996, P. 33); Had a pop. of 75 in 1930;

✓ HEMPHILL (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town with po
l mi_n of Neon and 8½ (air) mi ne of Whitesb., lies
at the mouth of Quillen Fk. of Yonts Fk. Though
officially known as Jackhorn since the po was est.
with this name on Nov. 17, 1916, it is now locally
called Hemphill. It is not known why it was first
called Jackhorn or why the po continues to bear this
name. The Hemphill name was applied to the camp
built by the Elkhorn Coal Corp. ca. 1920 and honors
Alex'r. Julian Hemphill (1856-1920) of Hemphill and
Associates, a Wall St. firm that financed the Elkhorn
operations." (Book-P. 137);

✓ HEMPHILL (Letcher Co.): Its po was est. as
1500 (1988) - 149.
Jackhorn 11/17/1916, Sam'l. J. Hornsby... (NA);

Alexander Julian Hemphill, 8/23/1856-12/29/
1920, acc. to Who's Who in Am. Vol. XII, 1921-
/ A. J. Hemphill of NYC was sec. & asst. treas. of the
Norfolk & Western Ry. (1901); Acc. to 1952 State Hiway
Dept.'s L. Co. map, Hemphill had an esti. pop. of 480;
Harry B. Crane of Fleming, Ky. was local mgr. of the
Fleming, Haymond, and Hemphill Branches of the E. Ky. Di
of the Elkhorn Coal Corp;

HEMPHILL (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named for Hemphill & Associates, a Wall St. firm which financed the Elkhorn Coal Corp. (Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971); Named for Mr. Hemphill, NY banker and "controller of coal lands in the area." (Hardy, thesis, 1949, P. 74); Three mi. up the road from Neon. Also built by the Elkhorn Coal Corp. Completed by c.1920. "Named for the fact that supposedly when the camp was being built, they found a lot of wild hemp growing and even now, acc. to people who know such things, one of the places where it's easiest to get marihuana in Letcher Co. is still Hemphill which seems to be very fitting, I guess." Still called Hemphill though the town has officially been Jackhorn

for the past 30 years. ("H(eh)mp/h(ih)l or
H(eh)mp/h(ih)l" and "Dj(ae)k/h(aw)rn")
The hiway "goes practically in the doorstêp
of everyone who lives there except there are
a couple of little hollers that go off to
the side. It's a very typical worked-out
community; not much is going on." Had a sc.
and a company store torn down. Very little
going on now. DK how got the name Jackhorn.
No one by that name there. Never heard any-
one say....These are the same place. DK why
n.ch. Probably when "the coal companies
were selling a lot of their communities out
to pvt. individuals, there was just a kind

of sense that 'well, this is out place, let's rename it,, you know, kind of ownership pride, I guess, that caused a lot of these places to be renamed even tho' they (the new names) never were used after they were renamed. Oh, people know where Jackhorn is and they can tell you but you automatically set yourself up as an outside if you ask where Jackhorn is because everybody in this county calls it Hemphill still. Later Terry admitted he'd heard of the possibility of Hemphill being named for a coal co. official but never had verification of it. This makes more sense since

hemp was not a common plant around here.
Besides it's not really on a hill either.
So he discounts his first acct. (Wm. Terry
Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ HILLIARD (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 6/1/1905, Samuel Adington (sic); 3/20/1907, Issabella (sic) Hall... 5/23/13, Sam'l. Adington; Disc. 11/13/19 (mail to Colly) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sam'l. Adington (sic), 4/18/1905, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Alpha and it would be 5 mi n of Ky R, probably on Colley Ck (sic), 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Colly po, 4 mi w of Ola po, 6 mi n of Ermine po// Acc. to Dottie Combs, 10/11/09, it was 4 mi w of Ky R, on Colly Ck, 2 mi n of Colly po, 2 mi e of Sandlick po. (SLR); No Sam'l. Adington or Alpha in L. Co. family histories, 1994-5; No Samuel Ad(d)ington in 1900 Census;

HOGG-TILLIE (Letcher Co., Ky): Before the CW, James Hogg owned 10 sq. mi. in Letcher Co. (Harry Caudill); James M. Tilley (on 9/9/1872) deeded a tract on Dry Fk. to David Tyree that is now owned by Tyree heirs. Crown is the local po. Tyree was 91 in 1876 and died shortly thereafter. (The Tyree Trail With Allied Lines of Adams and Blair, by Ella Rae Wilson Coleman, Balti: Gateway Press, 1987, P. 36);

HOLBROOK (Letcher Co., Ky): Randolph Holbrook settled at or nr the mouth of Millstone Creek. (G. Bennett Adams, "My Family, Part I" Letcher Heritage News, Mar. 1993, Vol. 4 (1), Pp. 45-48);

✓ HOLBROOK (Letcher Co., Ky): po operated from 1934 to 1939 (P&G); Acc. to Enoch A. Franklin, 12/4/33, this proposed po would be $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Ky R, 50 ft n of Millstone Ck, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Millstone po, 7 mi s of Deane po, 4 mi w of Seco po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of L&N (at Millstone Sta.)// Acc. to Ibid., 8/4/39. it was $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi ne of Millstone po and sta, 5 ft n of Millstone Ck, 1 mi ne of Ky R, 7 mi s of Democrat po, 7 mi sw of Deane po (SLR); The Holbrooks were among the county's 1st settlers; Enoch Arden Franklin, ne 1908, son of Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Jane (Craft) Franklin (L. Co. family hist's. c.1994-5);

HOLLOW MOUNTAIN (was the old name for Pine Mt.,
ridge in eastern Ky.) (Acc. to Harry Caudill,
7/26/1971)

✓ HORN (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/12/1892, Thegarrett (sic) Bates; 1/5/1894, John W. Bates; 7/24/97, Israel J Adams; Disc. 9/9/97 (papers to Dean [sic]); Re-est. 3/3/1902, Israel J. Adams; 8/12/1910, Rachel V. Adams; 5/4/1911, J.W. Bates; Disc. 2/28/14 (mail to Millstone) Re-est. 12/4/1914, John W. Bates; Disc. 7/31/18 (mail to Millstone) (POR-NA); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, this was only a po; Acc. to 1880 Census, Garrett Bates (11), lived with his father Robert (54) and bro. Martin (20) in Prec. #4. Not nr any Horn families. Only one Horn family in co: Wm. R. (31) and wife Mary (32); The Horn family Cem. is on Lick Br. Frederick D. Horn (1847-1943) son of Jas. & Jane (Mullins) Horn of Law. Co;

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N HORN (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Israel J. Adams, 12/3/
1901, this po was on the e side of Millstone Ck and 3
mi s of Ky R, 3½ mi s of Dean po (sic), 2¼ mi w of
Baker po, 2 mi n of Millstone po// Acc. to John W.
Bates, 4/17/14, it was 4½ mi n of Ky R, ¼ mi e of
Millstone Ck, 1½ mi n of Millstone po, 2 mi sw of
Baker po, 2½ mi se of Meade po, 5 mi from co. line.
(SLR); Theophilis Garrett Bates, ne 1852, son of
John Wallis Bates, Jr. & Eliz. "Bett" (Hall) Bates.
He marr. Mary J. Bates; No Horns in the 1900 Census;

HOT SPOT (Letcher Co.): Elsiecoal po became Hot Spot sometime betw. 6/1/1930 and 6/1/33. Hot Spot po was renamed Premium between 6/1/1941 and 6/15/1943. (PO GUIDE); Pop in 1930 was 1025 (com. listed as Hot Spot (Elsie Coal); Glenn Caudill was pm of Premium from 11/3/56 to 11/3/1995. (KY EXPL. 10/1998, P. 101); The Premium po is apo (2000); On the nw side of Ky 160 (1996); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, the Dalna sta. was on the Smoot Ck. Spur, a rail mi from the Smoot Ck. sta; Acc. to 1960 L&N timetables, it was on the main line, 2 rail mi from Roxana (sta), and 9 rail mi from Whitesb. as Hot Spot and as Hot Spot on the Smoot Ck. Spur, 2 mi. from Premium (sic);

HOT SPOT (Letcher Co., Ky.) Has nothing to do with the weather. On the Eastern Ky. Div. of the L. & N. RR. Named for the Hot Spot Coal Company which owned a no. of mines in the area at the time the station was named. Located 5 miles from the community of Ice. (R.R. South, "Our Station Names--Their Family Trees" THE L. & N. EMPLOYEES' MAGAZINE, 7/1949, P. 213)

Named for a kind of coal mined in the vic^{ine}. Used as a trade name. Name given to the coal & the commu. by John A. Webb and David Hayes who developed the seam. (Hardy, thesis, 1949, P.26)

Elsie coal P.O. n.ch to Hot spot, betw. 6/1/32 + 194.
6/1/33; Hot spot P.O. n.ch to Premium c. 1945

(quize - 800.)

APD (1948 - P + A.)

✓ HOT SPOT (Letcher Co., Ky): "This resi. settlement with po, a former coal camp, is on Ky 160, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi up Smoot Ck. from the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, and 4 (air) mi w of Whitesb. At or nr. the site of a com. that may have been aptly called simply The Mouth of Smoot Creek, with a po called Smoot Creek in operation from 1890 to 1914, a Tenn. man arrived to dev. a local coal seam. Acc. to trad., he named his camp Dalna for his girl friend Dalna Hayes. Here the Dalna po was est. on 7/1/1918 with Wm. B. Price, pm. When his ardor for Dalna had cooled and a new flame named Elsie had come to replace her in his affections, the young developer renamed his company, camp, and, in

1923, the po Elsiecoal. Shortly after this camp closed, John A. Webb and David Hayes's Hot Spot Coal Co. began operations about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi up Smoot Ck. In 1932 the po moved to the new camp site and was renamed Hot Spot. Ten yrs. later it became Premium, tho' the Hot Spot name survives in local usage for the com. Why the Smoot Creek and Premium names were applied remains a mystery." (Book-P. 145);

HOTSPOT (Letcher Co.): Elsiecoal, Dalna,
Hotspot, & Premium is the succession of names
for the same place. Now: the camp is gone
exc. for 2 or 3 houses. (Harry M. Caudill,
letter to me, 1/13/1981);

HOT SPOT (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Lucy C. Wyatt, 7/24 1939, this po was 300 yds s of Ky 160, 60 ft e of Hot Spot (rr) Sta, 40 ft s of Smoot Ck, 300 ft w of Ky R, 4 mi s of Roxana po, 4½ mi w of Crown po, 3½ mi e of Oscaloosa po, 5 mi n of Uz po// Acc. to Ibid, 6/1/42, the po was now Premium and was 150 yds e of Ky 160, in the depot (the sta. was still Hot Spot), 200 ft e of Smoot Ck, 300 ft s of Ky R, 8 mi n of Whitesb. po, 5 mi w of Crown po, 3 mi s of Roxana po, 3 mi e of Oscaloosa po. (SLR);

✓ HOT SPOT (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Marion Frazier, 11/9/32, the Elsiecoal po was renamed Hot Spot eff. Dec 1, 1932. It was 150 ft e of N.Fk. (Ky R), 50 ft s of Smoot Ck, 2 mi ne of Roxana po, 2 3/4 mi w of Uz po, 4 mi s of Van po, 70 ft e of L&N whose local sta. was then Hot Spot// Acc. to Lucy C. Wyatt, 7/24/39, the po was 300 yds s of Ky 160, 60 ft e of Hot Spot (rr) sta, 40 ft s of Smoot Ck, 300 ft w of Ky R, 4 mi s of Roxana po, 4 1/2 mi w of Crown po, 3 1/2 mi e of Oscaloosa po, 5 mi n of Uz// Acc. to Ibid., 6/1/42, the po, now Premium, was 150 yds e of Ky 160, in the depot of sta. still called Hot Spot, 200 ft e of Smoot Ck, 300 ft s of Ky. 18 mi n of Whitesb. 5 mi w of Crown, 3 mi s of Roxana, 3 mi e of Oscaloosa po. (SLR);

✓ HOT SPOT or PREMIUM (Letcher Co.): 1st called the Mouth of Smoot Creek, one of the older settlements of the co. c. 1915 a Va. or Tenn man (dk his name) came in here and decided to build a coal camp and he was dating a woman at that time whose name was Dalna..Hayes.... (He) decided that he would name the coal camp after (~~xxx~~) the woman he liked and so it came to be called Dalna, Ky. Well, this love didnt last too long and he decided to rename it for the woman he liked at that time and her name was Elsie and so the place became known as Elsiecoal because of the Elsie Coal Co. Well, after that, things were booming(

~~mmk~~) there so well that the name began to be changed again, from Elsiecoal to Hot Spot and I dk if he sold out or what.... Later, when the coal camp was sold and people bought their homes, the name was ~~aka~~ changed to Premium, the po name.....At first the coal company didnt have a specific name which was typical then of the smaller financed co's. Only the commu. was known as Dalna. But later the co. was called the Elsie Coal Co. after the girl. DK her last name...Tho' the po is still Premium, most local people still refer to the place as Hot Spot...." (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977)

ICE (Letcher Co.): po est. 12/23/1897, Leslie Brown... (NA); (pron. "(eye)s ↔ (ah)s") On Rt. 588. Started as a coal camp c. 1915-20. DK how it got its name, perhaps as a joke. Never able to find in court records any mention of an Ice Coal Co. Doesn't think a company of that name ever existed. Whatever company was there evidently locally financed. Terry's theory: "Since the No. Fork of the Ky. R. takes a big bend just below Ice and knowing the stories I've heard about how the water used to freeze in the winter time, particularly during that terribly severe winter of 1917-18, I have a

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feeling it was named for that..I've heard that in that part of the river that the water froze in Nov. and wasnt broken up until March and that was kind of a rarity...And that was about the time the camp was being built. And it was (~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~) a very small camp, one of the smallest in the county, just right on the rr. I dont even think they had a road to it as such." (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

ICE (Letcher Co., Ky): On Ky. 588. Started as coal camp in c.1915-20. DK how it got its name. Maybe as a joke. No record of a coal co. by that name. Suggestion: "Since the N. Fk. of the Ky. R. takes a big bend just below Ice and knowing the stories I've heard about how the water used to freeze in the winter time, particularly during that terribly severe winter of 1917-18, I have a feeling it was named for that. I've heard that in that part of the river that the water froze in Nov. and wasn't broken up until Mar. And that was kind of a rarity.... And that was about the time the camp was

being built and it was a very small camp--
one of the smallest in the co. just right on
the rr. I dont even think they had a road to
it as such." (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977)

✓ ICE (Letcher Co., Ky.)

"When Ritter Myers, a U.S. Post Office inspector, came to Eastern Kentucky in February, 1896 to establish a new post office near the headwaters of the North Fork of the Kentucky River, it so happened that that stream was jammed from shore to shore with large chunks of ice. Mr. Myers took one look and named the new post office Ice." (Acc. to R.R. South from H.W. Stallard, section laborer, Whitesburg, Ky. in South's "Our Station Names-- Their Family Trees" L. & N. EMPLOYEES' MAGAZINE, 7/1950, P. 23:1)

ICE (Letcher Co., Ky.): Acc'd to Harry M. Caudill, this was named for one of the coal moguls from their Fairmont Ring. Check this out.... Was there such an executive and when did he live....) (Theirs Be The Power, 1983, P. 125) (check: Hist. of the W.Va. Coal Ind. cf Charleston, 1960; Glem D. Lough, Now & Long Ago, Fairmont, W.Va., 1969; John Alex'r. Williams, W.Va. & The Captains of Ind, Morgantown, W.Va., 1976;

* Marion Co. Hist. Soc.

or local newsp.

or college historian

ICE (Letcher Co., Ky): In Apr. 1902, Francis M. Blair
pet. for a site ch. to a pt 75 yds n of N.Fk. (Ky R)
and 100 yds s of Cowan Ck, 3 mi w of Whitesb. po, 5 mi e
of Alice po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Dongola po// Acc. to W.E. Brown
3/19/13, it was 150 ft w of N.Fk, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi s of Cowan Ck,
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Oscaloosa po, 4 mi w of Whitesb. po, 2 mi s
of Field po, 60 ft w of L&E RR. (SLR); 1930 pop. was 50

(was G.F. Ice)
ICE (Letcher Co., Ky): Gen'l. Mgr. of Consoli-
dation Coal Co. (c1912): could the com/po have
been named for him? (check in Beachley.....)
The po was est. as Ice in 1897. Where was G.F.
Ice then? (Jas. Vaughn, BLUE MOON OVER KY.
1985, P. 74 mentions Ice as G.M. but says
nothing further about him).

✓ ICE (Letcher Co., Ky): "This epo and coal camp lay at the jct. of Ky. 588 and 931 and the confl. of Cowan Ck. and the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, 1½ mi sw of Whites. When the po was est. on 12/23/1897, the river at that pt. was so jammed with ice that the visiting postal inspector had little difficulty coming up with an approp. name. A modest coal camp was est. at that site sometime around WW I." (Book-P. 148); No Ice families listed in the L. Co. family records, 1994-5;

IKE'S BRANCH OF KING'S CREEK (Letcher Co.):

"Tradition has it that Ike's Branch of King's Creek derived its name from Isaac Mitchell who lived on it a century or so ago. I'm sure that Ike's Branch of Beefhide Creek received its name in the same manner. In eastern Ky. Ike is the almost universally used nickname for persons named Isaac." (Harry M. Caudill in letter to John Leighly, and from Leighly in a letter to me, 2/24/1981);

✓ INDIAN BOTTOM (Letcher Co., Ky): c. 600 yds.
On 3/8/1913, J.W. Summer pet. for a site ch. 7/20 mi w to a pt 110 ft s of the Ky R, 6/10 mi w of Rockhouse Ck, 4 mi e of Gourd po, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Jeremiah po, 5 mi n of Roxana po, 5 mi from co. line, 66 ft n of L&N whose local sta=Blackey. (SLR); Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz, this settlement on the Ky R had a pop. of 100. Founded in 1860. It was 12 mi from Whitesb. Silas Hogg was pm. Gen'l. stores: Sam'l. Caudell (sic) and John Dixon. Thos. Dixon had a grist mill; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz, it had a pop. of 50. Silas Hogg was pm. John Back had saw & grist mill. Sam'l. Caudell and Wm. Caudell had gen. stores, So did so did John Dixon. Isaac Dixon had a flour mill;

INDIAN BOTTOM (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was 12 mi from Whitesb. Had a pop. of 50 and a no. of businesses (see 1879/80 Gaz.); For more on this vic., see my Perry Co. notes from Johnson's hist....; Isaac Whittaker settled at the mouth of Rockhouse Creek (ca. 1805) and Henry Back settled on Rock. Ck. in 1806. (Cornett, 1967, P. 14);

✓ ISOM (~~LET~~CHER Co.): po est. 2/10/1898, Isom
Sergent; Disc. eff. 9/15/1900 (papers to Demo-
crat); Re-est. 4/10/1901, Benjamin Franklin
Hammons; 10/11/1901, James Isom....(NA); (Pro:
"(eye) ↔ (ah)/sam"). PO on the new Hiway 1
extension betw. Hazard & Whitesb. Named for
one of the prominent area families. Behind th
po is the old home of Jonah Isom, built c.
1850. His family still lives there....But the
vic. is still locally called The Stock Sale
"because from the thirties on, it has been,
until fairly recently, a very active stock
market for farmers in this area." (sic) The
Isom name is used mostly to refer to the po,

not the commu. Still a trading ctr. for livestock, junk furniture, auctions. Place where miners & farmers just like to hang out and loaf. A busy place in the summer for fruit & hay peddling. Not named for Geo. Gideon Isom, the prog. who came with Wm. Cornett in the 1790s, but maybe for a descendant. The 1st Isoms in this vic. didnt arr. until c.1875. DK if Jonah Isom built that house tho' he lived there most of his life. His daughter, Arizona Halcomb still lives there in the commu., age c.85. Her husband, Bryant Halcomb, runs Halcombs Gro. there. (Terry Cornett, interview; 12/24/77)

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ISOM (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Isham (sic
Sergent (11/63) and wife Drewciller (12/77). He was the
son of Andrew J. and Eliz. Sergent in Rock? Dist. #3;
No Sergents listed in the index to Carl Ison Breeding's
Gideon Ison genealogy;

ISOM (Letcher Co, Ky): Acc. to Benj. F. Hammons, no dat (but apparently in 1901, when the po was re-est.), it was 8 mi n of Ky R, on the n side of Rockhouse Ck, 3 mi w of Tillie po, 4 mi e of Jeremiah po, 5 mi s of Witch po// Acc. to Henry Combs, 6/9/03, it was 9 mi n of Ky R and on the n side of Rockhouse Ck, 2½ mi w of Tillie po 2 ¾ mi e of Jeremiah po, 2½ mi s of Betze po// Acc. to Matilda E. Combs, 7/26/39, it was 1½ air & 2 rd mi from Knott Co, 100 ft w of Rockhouse Ck, 3 mi n of Jeremiah po, 3 mi s of Sackett po, 3 mi w of Van po. (SLR); APO (2000); On Ky 15 (1996);

✓ ISOM (Letcher Co., Ky): "This po now lies at the jct. of Ky 7 and 15, at the mouth of Stampers Br. of Rockhouse Ck, a br. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, 5½ (air) mi nw of Whitesb. It was est. on 2/10/1898 with Isom Sergeant, pm, and prior to 1915 may have been located at the mouth of Little Colly Ck. The po & com. that grew up around it were named for the local descendants of Geo. Gideon Isom, a pion. settler of the N.Fk region, who are believed to have arr. at this site after the CW. The name is now limited mostly to the po, while the com. is known locally as The Stock Sale It has been a market for area livestock since the 1930s." (Book-P. 150);

✓ THE ISON-FAMILY OF LETCHER COUNTY, KY: Acc. to the 1910
 Byrd Ison (35) lived with wife Bertha (19) in the Line
 Fork Dist. They had wed in 1908. Acc. to the 1900 Cens.
 Bird (sic) Ison (8/1874-2/1932) was living with his
 parents Gideon, Jr. (5/1844-7/1903) and Mary A. (Banks)
 (11/51) Ison. Gideon was the son of Gideon and Rachel.
 Bird had a sister Matty (8/85). He was apparently not
 marr. in 1900; Acc. to the 1850 Census, Geo. Ison (40) &
 wife Lucinda lived with their son Gideon (20); Acc. to
 Carl Ison Breeding, Gen. of Gideon Ison, 1982, in KHS
 Lib., Matilda Ison (1880-1938) marr. Rob't. Hudson while
 Byrd Ison, a merchant at the mouth of Defeated Creek,

(1874-1952) marr. Bertha Morgan (1890-after 1980) in 1907. Geo. B(ee) Ison (1879-1958), son of Jesse Ison, was reared at the mouth of Big Branch of Linefork and marr. Ardelia Caudill. No Josie in their family. DK Isaac Ison of Josie; Gideon Ison to Ky from Va with Wm. Cornett ca. 1800 as hunters. He later settled on Line Fork. Children were Gid and Geo. & 3 girls. Gid marr. Rachel Stamper and settled at the mouth of Defeated Ck. Geo. marr. Hannah Hall and settled on the river below the mouth of Kingdom Come Ck. His sons incl. Harvey Ison. Geo. also had a son Jonah who marr. Matilda Cornett and settled on Little Leatherwood in Perry Co. (J.D. Cornett, Gen. of Wm. Cornett, 1761-1836, nd, in Cornett family vert. files, KHS Libr.)

✓ JACKHORN (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to S.J. Hornsby, 8/14, 1916, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Hemphill and it would be 6 mi n of N.Fk. (Ky R), 100' ft e of Yonts Fk. of Boone Ck, 2 mi from Baker po, 2.3 mi n of Fleming po, 4 mi ne of Horn po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line // Acc. to Ora Potter, 7/25/39, it was serving a commu. called Hemphill, $1\frac{1}{2}$ air & 2 rd mi from Pike Co, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Neon po & sta, 2 mi w of Fleming po, 3 mi sw of McRoberts po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Cromona po. (SLR); APO (2000) On the e side of Ky 317 (1996); Jackhorn had a 1930 pop. of 50; Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, it was at the end of the Yonts Fk. Spur, 2 mi beyond Neon and 1 mi beyond Parsons (sta);

✓ JENKINS (Letcher Co.): po. est. 4/25/1911,
John D. Campbell, .. (NA); (pron. "Dj(eh)nz
or Dj(ie)nz") 1st built c. 1911-13 with
additions later in the teens. On US23. Has 3
or 4 sections with their own names. Bad John
Wright owned most of the present site of Jenk
"The oldest coal camp in the co. started in
1911. It was mostly built on land that origi-
nally belonged to the Northern Coal & Coke Co
which John C.C. Mayo of Paintsville had colle-
cted in the 1880s & '90s. It was named for Geo
Jenkins, a Balti. financier who put up most o-
the money to build it. Consolidation Coal Co.
at that time was headquartered in Md. and they
built it and they maintained it until the lat

1940s when they began to sell it to individuals." Now Jenkins area mines are largely controlled by Beth Elkhorn Corp. though they dont own any of the homes, only the coal rights. Jenk. has had the reput. throughout the region "as being one of the cleanest, most progressive coal towns anywhere. It kept that reputation until recently, partly, I think, because recently a lot of people have moved away or died and the town is much smaller. In its hayday, in the (twenties) thirties, I guess, it boasted about 3500 people...only one was bigger in this area and that was Lynch at that time. (sic) But now it's a rather quiet place

and most of the people there work for Beth Elkhorn or some other Union mine nearby. The Union feeling is very strong there. They have a very active local. And recently a number of other businesses have come in to supplant just that one industry. But for a coal town, it's still, I think, a very pretty town. It has an interesting place called "Lakeside" where most of the bosses have lived from the time the camp was built..." Many residents of foreign ancestry, particularly Polish & Hungarian, still live there. A Cath. Chu. The commu. has the only Cath. cem. in the cc. A tradition of cosmopolitanism that may be

dying since the for. born pop. has largely died off. Before the est. of the town, it was famed as the site of the home of Bad John Wright. Just below Pound Gap, 1 of the main overland passages to Ky. for early settlers. "Jenkins was a very self-sufficient commu's. when it 1st started..(with) its own power station...." (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

JENKINS (Letcher Co.): Named for Geo. G. Jenkins and Michael Jenkins, Baltimore, Md. bankers. (Hardy, thesis, 1949, P. 74); Until 1946 it was wholly owned by the Consolidation Coal Co. (Ky.) which had founded the town in 1909 in the narrow Elkhorn Creek valley, 40 mi. s. of Pikeville. When co. arr. at site it found only 1 cabin there, that of Devil John Wright..Co. built town for its miners and named it Jenkins. Nearly all miners had to be brought in from other places: 25% were blacks, 25% were for. born whites, and 25% whites from other states. The co. had several other mines in area and around each it est. a

commu.: Burdine, Mudtown, E. Jenkins, Middle Jenkins, Dunham, McRoberts, etc. Over the yrs these mines either closed or were merged and "eventually the entire area was incorporated into one town--Jenkins, with a pop. estimated now (c1949) above 12,000." Town nearly 10 mi. long, extending from Burdine to Dunham; the main part of town being midway. US119 went thru it. Pop.(1940)=9400. By late 1948, had grown to 12,000....(Joe Creason, "The Captive City That Was Set Free" LCJMAG. 4/3/1949, Pp. 5ff);

✓ JENKINS (Letcher Co.): At the head of Elkhorn Creek-below Pound Gap thru which passed early explorers, pioneer settlers. At the foot of Pine Mt. (Pp. 331-2). R.M. Boas, prospector, discovered one of the richest coal seams in the world and sold it for nominal sum to John C.C. Mayo....(P.332). Mayo sold out in 1910 to the Consolidation Coal Co...Town named for Geo. C. Jenkins, Balti. financier, in what was then an almost inaccessible place. (P. 333). Railroad "org. as the Sandy Val. & Elkhorn Rd. Co. completed in 1912..bought by the C&O in 1925." (P.334). Carefully planned town completed and ready for occupancy in 1915. Modern homes, office bldg., hosp., club

house, hotel, store, school, rec. ctr.,
hundreds of homes.... (Pp. 334-5). Cosmo. pop.
of workers brought in from all over the upper
So., Ga., Ala, Pa. & eastern & southern
European countries & Negroes. After WWII, the
co. sold homes to the miners. Many of the
foreign born had by then moved away. (P. 335)
(Scalf, KLF, 1966);

JENKINS (Letcher Co.): #² mi. from state line & 17 mi. from Whitesb. The area around Jenkins may first have been settled as early as 1804 with the 1st wave of settlement in the county by the Adams party. Consolidation Coal Co. incorporated 3/9/1860 by act of Maryland Leg. but not org. till 4/19/64. Main offices in NYC. ...The co. built 1st rr into Jenkins and later sold it to the B&O. Jenkins a co. town. Jenkins economically dependent on coal. The CCC owned the largest mines in area. In the 1950s they sold their holdings to Bethlehem Steel Co. which operated them c.1960....(unid. student tp, Berea Coll. c1961 or '62);

now operated by the

c+o

- ✓ JENKINS (Letcher Co., Ky): Founded on land acquired from Booker Mullins (by Mayo) and Bad John Wright, at the head of Elkhorn Cr. Named for Geo. C(arrell) Jenkins, Baltimore banker. (See Nat'l. Cyclo. of Am. Bio. XXVII Pp. 317-8) Jenkins now includes: Smoky Row, Mud Town, Wright's Hol., Camden (probably named for Johnson Newland Camden, Jr.), Dunham, Burdine, Lakeside. (Harry M. Caudill Theirs Be The Power, 1983, Pp. 69, 71, 74-6)
- ✓ Geo. C. Jenkins was a Consolidation Coal Co. direct. from 1896-1926. (Beachley, P. 98);

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/ JENKINS (Letcher Co.): Geo. C. Jenkins was a member of the Dir. of Consolidation Coal Co. 1896-1926. (Chas. E. Beachley, HIST. OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL CO. 1864-1934, privately printed, 1934, Pp. 98-9); Rich'd. M. Broas, the NYC engineer....Scalf's acct. was probably taken from Beachley's acct., Pp. 57-62. In 1883, Broas discovered the coking coal reserves in the Elkhorn Valley nr. the mouth of Joes Branch. (Ibid., Pp. 58-9); The Sandy Val & Elkhorn RR was taken over by the B&O RR Co. ... (Ibid., P. 62);

✓ JENKINS (Letcher Co, Ky): Acc. to J.L. Campbell, May 1911, the name proposed for this new po was Jenkins Town and it would serve a commu. of that name, at the forks of Elkhorn Ck, with a pop. of 300 and growing rapidly, 2 mi sw of Burdine po, 4 mi sw of Jewel po, // Acc. to Mary H. Vaughan, 7/31/39, it was just across the highway from the C&O sta, 185 ft s of Elkhorn Ck, 1.9 mi s of Dunham po, 3 mi w of Burdine po. (SLR); This is now a 4th cl. city with a 1990 pop. of 2751 & a 1980 pop. of 3271; 1998 est. pop. of 2600;

✓ JENKINS (Letcher Co., Ky): "This 4th cl. city is centered on the orig. town of Jenkins nr the head of the Elkhorn Ck. Val, just below Pound Gap, 10½ (air) mi ene of Whitesb. The Consolidation Coal Co. started this coal town in 1911 and named it for Geo. C. Jenkins, a Balti. financier who was bankrolling the enterprise. The po was est. on 4/25/1911. In the late 1940s a no. of coal camps from Burdine to Dunham were incorporated into the one 7½ mi long city of Jenkins." (Book-P. 152); Had 6921 pop. (acc. to 1952 state highway dept. co. map;

JENKINS (Letcher Co., Ky): APO (2000); Pop=8,465(1930)
Town had 4 times the pop. of Whitesb. in 1930; Consoli-
dation Coal Co. was org. 1864. Area land was acquired
by them ca. 1910, Much of it was owned by John Wright
and his family. Town dev'd. by co. 1911-12 and named
for Balti. banker Geo. C. Jenkins, one of the company'
key investors. Co. built Sandy Val. & Elkhorn RR from
Elkhorn City to this area. Over 2000 residents by 1915
Mines here opened 1912. Coal trademarked as Cavalier
Coal. Progressive, enlightened, and model coal town.
Creek dammed, creating a 15 acre lake and park. The
area's small native work force led to importation of
workers (and their families) from other areas, incl.
foreign countries. Town grew, reaching 4700 by

1920 and over 8400 in 1930. Dunham, Burdine, etc. were est. as separate commu's. and only later became a part of Jenkins' incorporated area. Area was victim of depression and WWII with decreased demand for coal and mechanized prod'n. reducing the need for miners. Better roads and autos. reduced the need for towns in the vic. of mines. Company homes were sold to occupant and co. got out of the service business. Jenkins as a town and the neighboring commu's. were sold by Consol. in 1946. Many families moved away, finding jobs in n. states. Local job opps. dwindled. Pop. down to 3200 in 1960. (Mostly from Scalf & Beachley);

JEREMIAH (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Perry Co. Census, Jeremiah P. Dixon (54) and wife Nancy (51) (nee Caudill) were living in the #6 Leatherwood Dist. His dates=1856-1932. He was the son of Elder James and Susan (nee Caudill);

✓ JEREMIAH (Letcher Co, Ky): Acc. to (too light, 2/86), all data is too light// Acc. to no sign. or too light, 1/96, it was on Rockhouse Ck, 2 mi from co. line, 4 mi ne of Indian Bottom po, 4 mi sw of Tillie po, 5 mi nw of Smoot Ck po// On 10/19/32, Susan Ison pet. for a move 600 ft s to a pt 5 mi n of N.Fk, (Ky R), 400 ft e of Rockhouse Ck, 3 mi s of Ison po, 5 mi n of Blackey po, 3 mi n of Letcher po, 3 mi from co. line// Acc. to Ibid, 7/24/39, it was $1\frac{1}{2}$ air & $2\frac{1}{2}$ rd mi from Knott Co, 50 ft s of st. hiway, 200 ft e of Rockhouse Ck, 3 mi s of Ison po, 5 mi n of Blackey po. (SLR);

JEREMIAH (Letcher Co.): po est. 5/27/1884,
Jeremiah P. Dixon... (NA); (pron. "Dj(eh)r/ə
/m(ah) ⇔ (eye)/ə" = 3½ syl. or "Dj(eh)r/ə/
m(ah)r" = 3 syl.) Now: collection of homes.
At one time just a small country po. Then
people built a no. of homes along Ky. 7. In
the 1930s, Hobart Ison built a no. of small
almost coal-camp-like houses which are almos
shacks. At one time a fairly thickly settled
commu...." ...In the late '60s, a team of
archaeologists and anthropologists from UK
did some extensive digging there and found
(that) a fairly well developed woodland
Indian culture had been there along about 8

1000 AD, and it's one of the more thoroughly studied places in terms of pre-Columbian culture in E. Ky." (Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

JEREMIAH (Letcher Co.): ("Djer/m(ah)/ya")
✓ (Estill McIntyre, interview, 7/7/77); "This settlement is stretched along Ky 7, 6 (air) mi nw of Whitesb. It is centered on a po est. on 5/27/1884 and named for its 1st pm Jeremiah P. Dixon. Dixon was called 'The Prophet' by his neighbors; his middle initial stood for 'Prophet,' for he was named for the biblical prophet Jeremiah." (Book-P. 153); Acc. to 189 /1896 Gaz, it was 12 mi nw of Whitesb with a pop. of 100. B.D. Back was pm, Benj. D. Back had a saw & grist mill, J.P. Dixon had gen. store, and Grant Iron (sic) had a gen. store; APO (2000); PO was on Blackey Rd. (Ky 7) (1996); had a pop. of 80 (1930);

JEREMIAH (Letcher Co.): Named for Jerry Dixon. (N.M. Webb, Editor of Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); Named for Jeremiah P. Dixon. Community settled before Letcher Co. was org'd. in 1842. Dixon owned a large farm and his home was on Rockhouse Creek. His son, John D. Dixon ran a store above the mouth of Spring Br. Jeremiah was called "The Prophet" by his neighbors. He was named for the prophet Jeremiah in the Bible. His middle initial stood for "Prophet". Ben Back was a long term pm of Jeremiah PO as was Susan Ison. (Pp. 1-2). Rural commu. pop.=c.1200.(P.5) (Frazier B. Adams, A MAN FROM JEREMIAH,|| NY: Vantage Pres 1975);

Jeremiah P. Dixon's land extended from Ben Back's water mill to a site above the mouth of Spring Branch. Jeremiah lived on Rockhouse, across from the mill. Johnny Back also lived nr the mill. His son Ben also ran the local blacksmith shop and was a pm. Susan (Mrs. Grant) Ison was a later pm. Several businesses now at J. (Ibid., Pp. 1-5); Jeremiah P. (1856-1932) marr. Nancy Caudill and later Mary Hawkins Caudill. He was son of James Dixon (1824-1914) & Susanna Caudill. d. o. Wm. & Nancy (Craft) Caudill; Acc. to 1850 Census, Jeremiah Dickson (sic) (23) lived with his father Thos. in Dist. #1;

✓ JOSEPH (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 1/25/1898, ^{Thomas} J. Edward
Disc. 6/15/99 (papers to Bath); Re-est. 11/22/1899,
Walter B. Thomas; 1/9/1900, James E. Thomas; Disc. eff.
2/15/02 (papers to Bath) (POR-NA); Acc. to J. Edward
Thomas, 11/5/97, the 1st name proposed for this new po
was Eva and it would be $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Rockhouse Ck and 10 n
n of Ky R, 4 mi due s of Bath po, $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi due n of Tillie
po, 4 mi due w of Rockhouse po// Acc. to Walter B.
Thomas, 10/17/99, the po is being re-est. and the
prop. name=Bill (?). It would be 8 mi n of Ky.R, 1 mi
n of Rockhouse Ck, 5 mi s of Bath po, $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Rock-
house po, 5 mi n of Tillie po. (SLR);

JOSEPH (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Edward Thomas (ne 4/1849) lived with wife Sarah L. (5/67) and son Walter (10/76) and daughter Eva M. (6/88) nr Fielden Thomas (1/51) and wife Sarah A. (1/55) & their son Wm. E. (12/83) and daughter Eva (3/90) in Rock. Dist;

'JOSIE (Letcher Co., Ky.) | p.ö. 'é'st. 6/14/1902
with Isaac Ison, 1st p.m. | Dis. 7/31/1913 with
mail to Defeated Creek. (Acc. to the National
Archives); Acc. to Isaac Ison, 6/12/02, this proposed
po would be 100 yds from Line Fk, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Big Br. of
Defeated Ck, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Chestnut Hill, 6 mi se of Line-
fork po. Not a vil// In Jan. 1907, Geo. B. Ison pet. for
a site ch. $\frac{3}{4}$ mi e to a pt. 2 mi e of Banks po, 4 mi
sw of Ky R, 50 yds n of Line Fk. (SLR); No Josie Ison
in the Line Fk. Dist;

✓ KINGDOM COME CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): The creek was surveyed by the bros. Geo. & John Ison who had rec'd. land grants for a 7 mi tract. Geo. settled the lower end and John the upper. Frazier Fork was patented by and named for Solomon Frazier. Frazier Fk. is now aka Grant Ison Hol. for the man who acquired most of it later. U K.C. is now Hurricane Branch of K.C.C. It was settled by John Ison and heired by his family. Cites Bowles' acct. of its name. Marie Day strongly disagreed and attributed the name to "The Lord's Prayer" by highly religious settlers. In her research she never found any Kings in that val. till the 20th cent. The

Isons and Frazier were the 1st settlers. Other families married into these pion. families or bought land from them. 19th cent. residents also incl: Banks, Caudills, and Brashears. Early 20th cent. families incl: Boggs, Roarks, Browns, and Fields. (Thelma Garrett in Sprague. See Oscaloosa notes...);

KINGDOM COME CREEK (Letcher Co.): A Kings Creek ("K(ih)ŋz Kreek") was named for the man who allegedly gave his name to Kingdom Come Creek. "Instead of being named for the Bible and the religious sense of Kingdom: Come, Kingdom Come Creek, in one story I've heard was named because later settlers on the creek said, 'Who came here first? Who settled here first?' And they'd say, 'Oh, King done come.'" ("K(ih)ŋ/dəm K(uh)m Kreek")
✓ (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77); po of Kings Creek est. 1/8/1877, David D. Fields... (NA);

Disc 1984

8/17/86, Wm. H.
Day

✓ KINGDOM COME CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Name may have been derived from the Lord's Prayer. (Marie Frazier Day); The creek may have been named for the man who allegedly gave his name to Kings Ck." Instead of a Biblical basis & the religious sense of "Kingdom Come", this creek in one story I've heard, was named because later settlers on the creek said 'who come here first?, Who settled here first?' And they'd say 'Oh, King done come.'" (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77); The ck is 3 mi long and joins N. Fk. 8 mi below Whitesb. Oscalosa is a short distance from its mouth. 1st settled by Fraziers, Isoms Joneses, and Kings. "The creek's unusual name is generally believed to have been taken from the words of

the Lord's Prayer by an early religious-minded settler. (It) may also be a corruption of 'King Done Come', the response given in pre C.W. days to the question of later settlers: 'who come here first?'" (Wm. Terrell Cornett, KY ENCY. 1992, P. 519)

Kingdom Come Creek, Letcher County, Ky.

"It is said that in the beginning of the settlement of Letcher County a man by the name of King was the first to settle on Kingdom Come Creek. Subsequently other families came and on one occasion when the first settlers were discussing what to name the creek, one of the group related that when he moved into the community, King-done-come to it. Another said, 'There you have it. Kingdom Come.' So that's how the creek got its name." (HISTORY OF LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY: Its Political and Economic Growth and Development, by I.A.

Bowles of Hazard, c1949, P. 72. (UK Libr=
976.92/B681).

KINGDOM COME (Letcher Co.): "On what is now Kingdom Come Creek a man by the name of King chose to settle. This creek derives its name, it has been said, from the fact that when later settlers into the area asked who had come first the reply was 'King done come.' Evidently the name stuck and was later somewhat altered into 'Kingdom Come.' The creek could have just as easily though gained its name through the use of 'Kingdom Come' as a characteristic mountaineer expression. Kings Creek also rec'd. its name from this same settler." (Wm. T. Cornett, LETCHER CO., KY.: A Brief Hist., Prestonsburg: State-Wide Printing Co., 1967, Pp. 13-4);

✓ KINGDOM COME and OSCALOOSA (Letcher Co.):

The name of the creek and the commu. is Kingdom Come while the po is called Oscaloosa.

The po was est. 7/27/1900 and Harvey Ison was the 1st pm. (Marie F. Day of Whitesburg, Ky. in letters to BGN, Wash., 12/14/68 and 12/26/68); Oscaloosa may be related to the Oskaloosa town name in Ill., Iowa, & Kansas. Acc. to Gannett, Oskaloosa was the wife of Mahaska of the Iowas. Other experts assume that she was the wife of Osceola, the chief of the Seminoles... Or the name may be a corruption of the Creek Okaloosa meaning black water. Or, acc. to Vogel, from ishki (mother) and Lusa (black): thus black mother for a wife of Osceola, Che-cho-ter

(Morning Dove) is said to have had black blood and was enslaved for this reason. (John Rydjord, INDIAN PLACE NAMES, U. of Okla Press, 1968, Pp. 296-7, quoted by J.O. Kilmartin, Exec. Sec. Dom. Geog. Names, in reply to Mrs. Day, 1/24/1969);

KINGS CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): est. 1/8/1877, David D. Fields, 8/17/86, Wm. H. Day....Disc. 1984. (POR-NA); Acc. to Nancy Shepherd, 8/1909, the po was on Kings Ck, 6 mi s of Ky R, 5 mi w of Mandrake po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Line Fk po, 5 mi nw of Maggard po// On 4/19/12, Ibid. pet for a move 100 yds w to a pt 7 mi s of Ky R, on Kings Ck, 4 mi se of Linefork po, 5 mi sw of Mandrake po, 3 mi s of Grape po, 4 mi from co. line// On 3/13/1944, Laura Ingram pet. for a move $\frac{3}{4}$ mi n to a pt $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Ky R, 50 ft w of Kings Ck, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Flip po, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Roxana po, 5 mi ne of Linefork po,

(moved 2/11/1944)// On 2/12/48, Carl D. Ison pet. for a site ch. 1 mi n to a pt on Kings Ck, 4 mi s of Ky R, 4½ mi s of Roxana po, 4 mi s of Linefork po, 4 mi w of Oscaloosa po, 3½ mi e of Flint po. (SLR); Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz, D.D. Fields was pm. Wm. Cornette (sic) & Gideon Ison had gen. stores, Clark Cornitt (sic), R.H. Fields, Henderson Halcombe, Henderson Halcombe, J. and Hiram Ingram had gen. stores, and Uriah Sparkman had a sawmill; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, this po was 10 mi from Whitesb, on N. Fk, and had a pop. of 500. D.D. ^{Fields} was pm, gen. storekeeper, druggist, & farmer. Other businesses (as above); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, 10 mi from W'burg. with pop. of 100. R.H. Fields was pm & Bap.

minister. Ira Fields atty. B.D. Ison and Gideon Ison had stores, Stephen Hogg had a flour mill. A.J. Fields had a saw & grist mill, etc; Kings Creek was named for the man who allegedly gave his name to Kingdom Come Ck. (q.v.) (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

KINGS CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Stephen Hogg paid taxes on prop. on Kings Ck (1843) as did James Hogg on K.C. and Mill Branch; Lansford Fields also had prop. here in 1843; No one named King is mentioned in any of the 1840s tax or property lists;

KONA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census, Wm. H. Potter (46) lived with his wife Dideemy (sic) (41), their son Benjamin (19) and their daughter Lula (11) and daughter Martha J. (16) in the Millstone Prec; Acc. to 1920 Census, Lula (21) lived with her husband Jesse S. Holbrook (24) in the Seco Prec. #7 nr Wm. H. Potter (55) & wife Didema (51) and next to Andrew J. Halcomb (50-?) and his wife Martha J. (26);

KCF (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named either by the L. & N. RR or a member of the Potter family who owned a lot of land in that area. Before the rr came thru, W.H. Potter petitioned for a p.o. at the mouth of Boone Fork of the N. Fork of the Ky. R. He was appointed p.m. and was given the privilege of naming the new office. "Mr. Potter's children happened to be studying Latin at the time and they suggested Mater, meaning 'mother.' The post office was so known until about 1921 or 1922. Earlier, Mr. Potter had deeded to the Railroad about one mile of right of way, on the condition that a station be established near his home.

♀ : n - ch. - (R.R. South, "Our Sta. Name."
"The Times" 1911 Sweet Ma

However, the Railroad (didn't care for) Mater for some reason..(it may have too closely resembled nearby 'Mayking' in the writing of train orders) and so 'Lula', honoring one of Mr. Potter's daughters (now Mrs. Jesse Holbrooks, of Millstone, Ky.) was proposed instead. The railroad station was so known for some six or eight months; then someone discovered that there was already a town by that name in Kentucky." (then)...the station was named Kona, and later the p.o. was given that name too. (Acc. to S.A. Mory, Sr. of the Elkhorn Coal Co.) d.k. why Kona. Possible that it might have derived from "Kona mi" a Norweg. expression meaning "old lady of mine" but no evidence of connection.

Acc. to Charles Hewett, general auditor of the Clinchfield RR Co. of Erwin, Tenn., Kona may have been named for the station of Kona on his railroad line in No. Car. The Carolina station was a combo name, for the symbols for potassium and sodium, K and NA, respectively, the chief component of feldspar, a local product." (Ibid., 7/1950, P. 23:1).

Combo name.
several possible

p.o. 2/20/1920. Late Mater; to Kona. Wm. H. Potter, 1st pm as Kona. (Acc. to the National Archives) (check)

✓ Kona was a Norwegian word or name given to the station by a rr conductor. (Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971.)

See also Tom Field, UK....

✓ KONA (Letcher Co.): po est. as Mater, 5/24/1913, Martha J. Potter; 8/23/18, Benj. H. Potter; 2/20/1920, Wm. H. Potter; ch. to Kona eff. 11/1/1925, Ibid. ... (NA); (Pron. "K(âh)n/ə") Coal camp built by the S.E. Coal Co. c.1920 or a little earlier. Almost entirely disappeared by now. Only a few homes are left. Been torn down over the past 10-15 yrs. Acc. to one acct., it was named for a poem. Another that it was named for a Norwegian expression, 'Kona Me'=that old woman of mine or something like that. But dk why it would have been named that since, to Terry's knowledge, there's only been one family of Norwegians ever in this county. "Very depres.

sing place to see now...(like that) in 2 or 3 yrs. the whole place will be gone...."

? When US23 went thru Jenkins it bypassed Kona. The site of the "so-called Boone Settlement on Boone Fk. of the No. Fk. of the Ky. R. where he's supposed to have camped during 1780 visit to his relatives here. Right there at Kona is the Martha Jane ^{Potter} ~~Conley~~ (ch. sp.) Sch. and on that property was where the old Dan'l. Boone inscription is supposed to be found." (sic). The Kona name was applied probably just after the camp was built, c.1920. The po is now in the McCaully (ch. sp.) Gen. Store, not a part of the coal camp. (Terry Cornett, 12/21 1977);

KONA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Martha A. Potter, 6/13, the proposed name for this new po was Kona H---? and it would be ca. 50 yds from the Kona Sta. on the L&E RR, 50 yds w of Ky R, on Boones Fk, 2 mi ne of Craftsv. po, 4 mi s of Chip po, 5 mi w of Bilvia po. It was called Mater// In Apr. 1919, Wm. H. Miller pet. for a site ch. of the Mater po 1500 ft (the rest of the film was too light// The n. was ch. from Mater to Kona on 11/1/25// Acc. to Irwin Collins, 10/26/25, the po was now Kona (but all other info. on film was too light)// Acc. to Kelly Webb, 7/24/39, it was 250 yds w of US119, 160 ft w of Kona Sta (rr), 200 ft w of Boone Fk of N.Fk 1 mi s of Seco, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Millstone, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mi n of Bilvia po, 8 mi w of Jenkins po. (SLR);

✓ KONA (Letcher Co., Ky): PO was on Ky 113. Was suspended by 1/8/1996 and officially closed 4/6/1996. By 1949 it was at the mouth of Boone Ck. (Bowles Letcher Co. History, 1949, P. 75); Kona was also the name of a ✓ commu. in Wc Mitchell Co, NC nr the confluence of the North and South Toe R's. Its name is said to have been coined by R.M. Lawson, the rr's first dispatcher, for its brevity and ease of spelling. (Powell, N.C. Gazetteer, P. 267); Acc. to 1960 L&N timetables, Kona on the main line, 3 rail mi from Bastin and 3 rail mi from Neon. Not shown by any name on the 1921 L&N timetables;

✓ KONA (Letcher Co.): mining town c. $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. up Boones Fk. on the Lex. & E. Div. of the L&N Est. c1913. By 1949, had c. 100 houses. "The name Kona was suggested either by the L&N RR Co. or some of the mining interests. The origin of the name is not definite but acc. to some of the info. furnished, in the Norwegian language, 'Kona Mi' is a slang expression meaning 'That old lady of mine.'..." (FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway F 9/1/1949, P. 16); The govt. named Mater. (N.M. Webb in his Steel letter, 4/22/22);

✓ KONA (Letcher Co., Ky): "This deteriorating coal town with po lies at the mouth of Boone Fk. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi ne of Whitesb. Acc. to S.A. Mory, Sr. of the Elkhorn Coal Corp. at Kona, the name was applied by either the L&N RR or a member of the Potter family, owners of much of the local land. On 5/24/1913, W.H. Potter est. a po at the mouth of Boone and name it Mater, as suggested by his children who were studying Latin at the time. Martha Jane Potte was its 1st pm. By the Mater name it continued to be known until 11/1/25 when Wm. H. Potter, then pm, had it changed to Kona. Sometime after 1913 Potter agreed

to deed the right-of-way to the L&N if their station would be built nr. his home. The Mater name was rejected by the rr and Lula, for one of Potter's daughters, was suggested instead. This name lasted only until some one learned of another Lula in Russell Co., when the station was renamed Kona. The name may have been derived, for some unknown reason, from the Norwegian expression 'kona mi', meaning 'that old lady of mine.' Yet Chas. Hewitt, an officer of the Clinchfield RR Co. of Erwin, Ten, some 30 yrs ago, felt that Kona could have been named for a sta. on his rr in NC, whose name

may have been an acronym of the symbols for potassium and sodium (K) and (Na), the major components of feldspar, a local product." (Book-Pp. 162-63);

✓ LELAND (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 8/21/1901, Mrs. Kentucky Johnson; Disc. eff. 5/31/1906 (mail to Beefhide) (POR-NA); Acc. to Mrs. Kentucky Johnson, 8/01, the 1st preferred name for this new po was Chip, with these other names suggested: Essel, Kite, and Novice. But it was called Leland and would be 8 mi n of Boones Fk. and on one fk of same (w of it), 7 mi nw of Potter Fk po, 6 mi ne of Baker po. (see map) (SLR); No Leland families are listed in the L. Co. family records, 1994-5; Acc. to 1900 Census, Kentucky Johnson (10/77) wife of Joel Johnson (1/65) lived in the Millstone Prec nr. a no. of Wright families;

✓ LESTER (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/28/1893, Sam'l. T. Webb; 8/24/96, Delia Hammons...Disc. 1947 (POR-NA); ON 4/28/98, Aaron _____, Jr. (too light) pet. for, a site ch. 1 mi n to a pt 5 mi n of Ky R, 4 rods e of Camp Branch, 4 mi e of Colson po// On 9/25/46, Bessie Hall pet. for a site ch. 3/4 mi w to a pt ca. 60 ft n of Camp Branch, over 1 mi ne of Polly po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, this was 10 mi from Whitesb. with a pop. of 125. Sam'l. T. Webb was pm & sch. tchr, J.A. Bowens had a flour & saw mill, Wrights Flour & Saw Mill pop=75 (1930); Named for a wellknown preacher. (N.M. Webb in Steel letter, 4/22/1922); no Lesters in 1900 Censu

✓ LETCHER (Letcher Co.); po est. 11/6/1926,
Roger F. Cooper... (NA); (Pron. "L(eh)ch/ər")
Named for the co. The po is at the mouth of
Crases Branch, betw. Blackey & Carbon Glow.
In 1966, Calvary Coll. was est., a "super
fundamentalistic college." Has had a difficult
time surviving and almost faded on several
ocasions. The coll. is on the site of the old
Stuart Robinson Hi.Sch., a Pres. settlement
sch. The latter self sufficient inst. closed
in 1960 and the bldgs. were sold to the
Calvary Coll. owners. This sch. will probably
close down after this acad. yr. It cant get

sufficient enrollment because of its out-of-the-way location. PO had its name for 20-25 yrs. Address for Letcher Co. H.S. even tho' this is closer to Jeremiah. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); APO (2000);

- ✓ On s side of Ky 699 (1996); Acc. to L&N's 1960 timetable, Duo, (~~on the main line~~) was 2 rail mi from Blackey, on the Rockhouse Ck. Branch, and at the mouth of the Caudill Branch Spur, 2 rail mi from Carbon Glow; Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, Duo and Letcher were separate sta's. very nr. each other and 2 rail mi from Blackey on the Rockhouse Ck. Branch and at the mouth of the Caudill Br. Spur, 1 rail mi from Felix;

✓ LETCHER (Letcher Co., Ky): "This hamlet centers on its po on Ky 7 and Rockhouse Ck, 3/4 mi above its confl. with (the) N.Fk. of (the) Ky. R. and 7 (air) mi wnw of Whitesb. It was est. on 11/6/26 with Robt. F. Cooper, pm, and named for the county." (Book-P. 170); Acc. to Roger F. Cooper, 2/26/26, the 1st name proposed for the new po was Duo and it would be 2 mi ne of N.Fk. (Ky R), 50 yds n of Rockhouse Ck, 2 mi ne of Blackey, 5 mi sw of Jeremiah, 2 1/2 mi s of David (now Carbon Glow) po, 59 ft s of L&N whose local sta=Letcher, 3 mi from co.line serving the Marion Coal Co's. and Rockhouse camps which were 1/10 mi n of the po and had pop. of 800. (SLR);

✓ LEWIS CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was 14 mi from Whitesb. Jesse Clay was pm, L.W. Fields had a store 2 mi away. Wilson Lewis had a corn mill, Jos. Maggard had a saw & flour mill, Enoch Blair had a gen. store; The Lewis family prog. was probably Wilson Lewis, ne 1826, nr the mouth of Colliers Ck. of the Cumb. R. Actually his father John J. Lewis was the 1st settler at the mouth of Colliers, early called Morgans Ck. for many local families. John J. was a Harlan Co. judge whose 2nd wife was a Morgan. Wilson had a bro. named Jarad. Wilson mar. Katy Collier & their issue incl. John J., Wm. H., David C., Jonathan W., Jas. P., Wright R., etc. (Undated Mt. Eagle hist. issue);

✓ LEWIS CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 10/7/1878, Jesse Clay; 10/9/88, Felix L. Coldiron; Disc. 11/19/88 (papers to Maggard) (POR-NA); Acc. to Jesse Clay, 8/8/78, this proposed po would be 300 yds s of Cumb. R, 400 yds se of Lewis Ck, 5½ mi due w of Partridge po// Acc. to (too light, 11/1885)....(too light). (SLR); Acc. to 1879/1880 Gaz, Lewis Creek (commu.) was called Claysville, and was betw. Pine & Blacks Mts., on Cumb. R's. Lower ? Fork, 14 mi from Whitesb. Hadley Bohannon had a dist. Several Clay and Lewis families lived there. James Maggard had a saw and flour mill. Abraham and Jesse Sargent (sic) were farmers;

"...Dock Cornett, 70; said (3/8/91) that he was considering legal action against Mike Brotzge, who supervises Letcher Co's Lilley Cornett Woods for E. Ky. U./The two have been in court before over the management of the 554 acre forest, but an altercation March 2 marked the first time injuries were reported in what has become a longstanding feud./Cornett's father, Lillian (Lilley) Cornett (sic) began buying the ancient forest of white oak, walnut American beech, eastern hemlock, red maple, an tulip poplar before WWI. He refused offers to sell the land or to harvest its trees." (Lex., Ky. Herald-Leader, 3/10/1991, P. C2:1-2)

✓ LIMA (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 2/14/1906, Bettie J. Kincer; Disc. 7/15/1910 (mail to Margaret) (POR-NA); Acc. to Bettie Jane Kincer, 12/5/05, this proposed po would be $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi from the Ky R, on Pine Ck, 2 mi nw of Margaret po, $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi se of Bilvia po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Mayking po. (SLR);

✓ LINEFORK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Jasper Cornett, 8/07, this po was 7 mi sw of Ky R., on w side of Line Fk, 4 mi sw of Kings Ck po, 4 mi se of Josie po// Acc. to Ibid, 4/5/09, it was 10 mi s of N.Fk, 50 yds s of Line Fk, 4 mi s of Kings Ck po, 4 mi se of Flint po, 3 mi from co. line// On 8/15/31, Ellen Smith pet. for a move 160 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds (?) e to serve the commu. of Kingdom Come, 50 ft n of Line Fk, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw (sic) of Gordon po, 4 mi se of Defeated Ck po// On 6/1/35, _____ C. Combs (too light) pet. for a move $\frac{8}{10}$ mi ne to a p $4\frac{3}{4}$ mi e (sic) of Gordon po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ (?) mi w of Kings Ck po, 50 yds n of Line Fk// Acc. to Thelma B. Cornett, 8/18/39, it was 1 air & 6 rd mi from Harlan Co, 2 mi n

of the L&N RR, 4 3/4 mi ne of Gordon po, 3 1/2 mi s-of
Defeated Ck po, 3 1/2 mi sw of Flint po, 3 1/2 mi w of
Kings Creek po. (SLR); APO (2000); On Ky 160(1996);
Had a pop. of 300 (1930);

✓ LINE FORK (of North Fork of the Kentucky River
(Letcher County, Ky.) Field #715. (and the
community of Linefork in sw Letcher Co. Field
#610) Gideon Isom and Sam Cornett used to
come here from NC to hunt. They hunted into
this area and this was the line at which they
turned back. Came to be known as the Line
Fork. c1760s to 1780s. d.k. exactly when but
before any of this area was settled. (Harry
Caudill, 7/26/1971) ; Sam'l. Cornett, Wm's. bro.,
settled on Line Fork and was the prog. of the area's
Cornetts. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (10), 4/1998, P. 88);

✓ LINEFORK (Letcher Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po is on Line Fork, $9\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi sw of Whitesb. The po of Line Fork (sic) was est. on 5/5/1879 with Oliver G. Holcomb, pm, probably at the mouth of Cornetts Branch. It was disc. in 1889 and its papers were transferred to the Kings Ck. po at the head of Kings Ck, nearly 3 mi e. On 11/28/90 Lewis Sumpter re-est. the po as Linefork. It has since moved about a mile up the fork. The po was named for the ck which joins the N. Fk. at Ulvah. Acc. to Harry Caudill, the stream's name was applied by pions. Gideon Ison, Gudgeon Ingram, and

Wm. Cornett who, on arriving there in 1790, spotted a 'long line of marked trees' that had allegedly been hacked by land agents for Rev. War vet's. to mark out a boundary." (Book-P. 174);

✓ LINE FORK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to trad., it was named by Wm. Cornett, Gideon Ison, and Gudgeon Ingram in the 1790s for "the long line of trees marked by early surveyors." (Milton Smith, "Up Leatherwood and Down Line Fork With the 1850 Census Taker" in the Perry County Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Vol. 17 (3), Dec. 1995, Pp. 32-40); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was on Line Fk. of N.Fk. (of Ky R), 15 mi from Whitesb, and had a pop. of 400. O.G. Holcomb wss pm, J.P., and farmer. Several Holcomb families lived there. A.J. and Henderson Holcomb had a corn & flour mill, Gideon Ison had a gen'l. store and was a farmer and livestock dealer, W. Sparkmon (sic) had grist & sawmill (see Kings Creek entry);

✓ LINE FORK CREEK (Letcher Co.): When pioneer settlers Gideon Ison, Gudgeon Ingram and Wm. Cornett arr. at this stream in 1790, they spotted a "long line of marked trees" that had allegedly been hacked by land agents for Rev. War vets to mark out a boundary. So this name, said to have been applied by them, referred to this "long line of marked trees". (Harry Caudill, "Oral Trad. Behind Some Ky. Mt. Place Names" REG. OF KHS. Vol. 78 (3), Sum. 1980, Pp. 197-207, 201-2);

✓ LINEFORK (Letcher Co.): po est. as Line Fork,
✓ 5/5/1879, Oliver G. Halcomb; Disc. 1/12/89 wit
papers to Kings Creek; Re-est. as Linefork,
11/28/90, Lewis Sumpter...Disc. 3/23/93 (mail
to Kings Creek); Re-est. 9/28/93, Lucinda
Brashears; Disc. 11/10/94 (mail to Kings Cr.);
Re-est. 12/23/97, Matheis Fields...(NA); (Pron
"L(eye)n ↔ L(ah)n F(aw)rk") Named for the
creek, the old line betw. Perry & Letcher Co's
Originally called The Line Fork. PO is almost
at the head of the creek, in front of the
Kingdom Come Settlement Sch. It's one of the
very earliest settled commu's. in co. Most
residents are descendants of orig. settlers.
(Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

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✓ LUCAS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/23/1880, Samuel H. Breeding; 10/19/81, Calvin Taylor; 9/5/82, Mary Lucas; 10/5/82, Wm. Lewis; 3/19/83, C.S. Grace; 8/31/83, Calvin Taylor; Disc. 1/7/84 (papers to Rockhouse) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sam'l. H. Breeding, 9/1880, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Lucastown and it would be on the w side of the Ky R, 5 mi ne of Rockhouse po, 8 mi sw of Craftsv. po, 10 mi w of Whitesb. po. (SLR); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, this was a rural po, 10 mi n of Whitesb, on a fork of the Ky R. with a pop. of 50. C. Taylor was pm; If this was on Rockhouse Ck, it would be at or nr the site of the future Democrat po. But it might also be at the site of the future Profitt po. It may have been 1 mi n of Razorblade;

✓ LUSK (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 7/11/1905, Lucinda Lusk; Disc. 3/31/1912 (mail to Gourd) (POR-NA);
Acc. to Lucinda Lusk, 6/9/05, this proposed po would
S be 2 mi n of Ky R., on Line Fk (?), 4 mi n of Gourd S
po, 4 mi e of Cornettsv. po, 4 mi w of Banks po, (SLR);
Wm. Lusk of Indian Bottom was co. surveyor ca. 1876;
The county's Lusk family prog. was Samuel Lusk from
Buncombe Co, NC, ne 1785 (?). To Letcher Co. 1806.
Marr. Polly Davis and settled at mouth of Linefork.
The Lusk po was est. 7/11/05 with Lucinda Lusk, pm.
It was $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi up Linefork Ck. Closed 3/31/1912. (Dexter
Dixon, Lusks: A Pion. Family, Blackey, Ky, ms. N.D.,
Pp. 2-3; PO was nr W.B. Lusk home. Lucinda (Morgan)
Lusk. (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (4), 9/97, P. 88);

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✓ LUSK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Lucinda
Lusk (nee 9/1861) lived with her husband Wm. B. (182/60)
in River Dist. nr other Lusks, David Caudill, Campbells
Collinses, Adams, etc;

✓ LUSK (Letcher Co., Ky): Sam'l. Lusk, ne 1785 in Greene Co., Ten., died in 1876 at Ulvah. He was son of Jos. Lusk. Mar. Polly Davis. Wm. V. Lusk (1821-1902) was a son. Sam'l. is bur. in the Lusk Cem. at Ulvah. Two Lucinda Morgans: (1) nee 1834, d of Wm. & Mary (Polly) (Holt) Morgan but dk who she mar, (2) nee 1806. No Lucinda Lusk in family records, 1994-5; Sam'l. Lusk settled at the mouth of Linefork Ck ca. 1805. (Cornett 1967, P. 13); Sam'l. Lusk, in 1806, settled at the mouth of Linefork Ck. Two sons: Wm. V. and John W. (E. KENT., Vol. 16 (3), 12/1980, P. 13);

MAGGARD (Letcher Co., Ky): Samuel Maggard ne ca. 1774 in Va. marr. Rebecca Robertson (or Robinson) ca. 1795 and moved to the Cumb. Val. ca. 1805. They lived betw. Eolia and Partridge. The old Maggard Cem. overlooks their homesite. Both are buried there. Issue incl: John, Rudolph, Henry, David, Sam'l, Jr, James, Moses, etc. (Kenneth Maggard "The Maggard Family of Letcher Co., Ky" The East Kentuckian, Vol. 9 (4), 3/1974, Pp. 7-8); When Samuel Maggard's son John was very young, his father moved the family from Va. to Poor Fk. John's sibs incl. David, Sam'l, Moses, James, Reuben. (Acc. to John's son Reuben of Wooten, Ky., interv. by J.J. Dicke on 1/18/98) (Perry Co. Geneal. Soc. Newsletter, 4/84, P. 22);

✓ MAGGARD (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 2/5/1885, David W. Webb; 9/12/87, James T. Maggard...2/23/10, Millie A. Jenkins; Disc. 6/31/1911 (mail to Partridge) (POR-NA); Acc. to too light, 1/1897, this po was 1 mi n of Collier Ck, 60 rods e of Poor Fk, 2 mi s of Partridge po, 9 mi ne of Poor Fork po, 4 mi s of Mandrake po// On too light John J. (too light) pet for a site ch. $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi w to too light.... (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 10 mi s of Whitesb. Had a pop. of 100. E.S. Standifer, local cooper, was pm. J.F. Maggard had flour and saw mill. David C. Mullins was wagonmaker; Acc. to 1907 Hoeing map it was just se of the mouth of Maggard Br. of Poor Fk;

✓ MAGGARD (Letcher Co., Ky): Samuel Maggard as a small boy moved from NC to Poor Fk. of Cumb. R. His children incl. David, Sam'l, John, Moses, James, Reuben, etc. John had a son Reuben ne Letcher Co. 3/5/1840. Reuben was living in Wooten, Ky. Reuben and his bro. Sam'l. ne Letcher Co. 1/20/1826. In 1847 John, his father, moved to Cutshin. (Interviews with the Maggard bros. by J.J. Dickey, Jan. 1898) (KY EXPL. Vol. 12 (4), 9/97, P. 88); ["maegh/ərd"]. Named for early settlers whose name was originally ["mahgh/hahrt"]. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

MAGGARD (Letcher Co., Ky): The 1st permanent settlers of Cowan Ck. were Samuel and John Maggard. (Cornett, 1967, P. 13);

✓ MANDRAKE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 5/9/1884, Crockett M. Fields; Disc. 1/12/87 (papers to Kings Creek); Re-est. 9/27/90, Crockett M. Fields; 1/19/13, Jas. R. Fields; Disc. 1/15/1917 (mail to Dongola) (POR-NA); Acc. to C.M. Fields, 3/24/97, po was 4½ mi s of Ky.R, 80 ft s of Big Cowan Ck, 5 mi ne of Partridge po, 6 mi sw of Whitesb. po, 6 mi e of Kings Ck po// On 3/1/13, Jas. R. Fields pet. for a move 15 yds s to a pt 4 mi sw of N.Fk, 100 ft s of Big Cowan Ck, 3 mi sw of Dongola po, (the rest is too light) (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 6 mi s of Whitesb; The po was on Cowan Ck and served the Kingdom Come residents before the est. of Oscaloosa. (Marie Frazier Day);

✓ MANDRAKE (Letcher Co., Ky): The mandrake or may apple (podophyllum peltatum) is a perennial herb considered very poisonous. It grows in large clusters in open clearings in woods (open woods). It's in the barberry family;

MARGARET (Letcher Co., Ky): Margaret Webb was the daughter of Benj. R. and Eleander (Pace) Webb and was nee ca. 1879. In 1898 she marr. Columbus Killen (Acc. to Clayton Cox in E. KENT.); Acc. to the 1900 Census, Columbus Killins (ne 9/78) and wife Marget (sic) (nee 11/78) lived in the Millstone Dist. But no Killings or Killens are mentioned in the 1910 Census; In 1908 this po was moved to a pt 2 mi w of Lima (not Lusk) (SLR);

✓ MARGARET (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est.
3/31/1898 with Margaret Webb as 1st pm.
Margaret W. Killings became p.m. 10/27/1898.
(....) Disc. eff. 11/15/1912 with mail to
Whitesburg. (Acc. to the National Archives)
Acc. to Margaret Webb, 2/98, the 1st name proposed for
this po was Bottom Fork (the rest of the film was too
light)// In early 1908, too light pet. for a move 3/4
mi w to a pt 2 mi s of the Ky R, on Mill Ck, 2 mi w of
~~Lusk~~ po, 3 mi s of Mayking po// In 4/11, Benjamin
Adams pet. for a move 1/2 mi n to a pt 1 mi from Mayking
po, on Mill Ck and the Ky R. (SLR);

Lima

MARLOWE (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "M(ah)r/loh")
Named for the M.K. Marlowe family. Coal camp
was built in the 1920s. Now more or less de-
funct. It's been completely mined out tho' the
SE Coal Co. bought some of the coal land
and is trying to mine it a little. The camp
is mostly gone. Sch. is gone.. 90% of the homes
have been torn down in the past 20 yrs. Just
this yr, the co. store closed. The Marlowe
family now has many interests--they own a big
tire co. in Lex. which is now their hdqtrs.
M.K. Marlowe died c.10 yrs. ago....One of the
few camps that never employed any blacks. At
the mouth of Sand Lick Cr. 4-5 mi. from W'burg
(Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

MARLOWE (Letcher Co.): M.K. Marlowe was ne
near Knoxville, Tenn. He helped organized
in 1918 the Elkhorn & Jellico Coal Co. in
Whitesburg. His older bro., P.E. Marlowe,
became gen'l. superintendent. His mine ther
was on Sandlick Creek. He also bought out th
nearby Sandlick Coal Co. in 1925. The com-
panies maintained a camp each on that creek.
Marlowe camp had a school, c1930, and co.
stores. At one time the creek (5 miles long)
was owned by John A. Caudill....(MT. EAGLE,
5/28/1931);

MAYKING (Letcher Co., Ky): The po was est. by S(impson) E(vans) Adams in his new store at the mouth of Bottom Fk. Ck. It was named for a Miss May King, a Mass. girl. A POD employee in Wash. wrote Adams a letter suggesting the name. Bennett Adams said he has a copy of the letter. The po was 5 mi above Whitesb. (G. Bennett Adams, S.A. Adams' son, "My Family" in Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 5 (2), 9/1994, Pp. 16-20); John Adams from N.C. settled in ca. 1800 nr. the confl. of Dry & Bottom Fks. His son Stephen marr. the daughter of Jas. Webb who had settled on the Cumb. R. nr the mouth of Oven Fk. in ca. 1800. Crackers Neck was on the N.Fk.,

just above Mayking, and had been settled by Benj. Webb, son of James. Benj. later lived at the Big Bottom where he died. Benj.'s dates=1775-1867. (Ibid., Vol. 4 (1), Mar. 1993, Pp. 45-48);

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✓ MAYKING (Letcher Co.): po est. 1/25/1894,
Isom Gibson... (NA); (pron. "Mā/k(ae)ŋ") One
of the very early privately financed (as con-
trasted with outside financed) coal camps in
Letcher Co. was est. by a Mr. King whose wife
was named May. 3-4 coal camps were built in
that area betw. 1915-40. Trading ctr. This
place was 1st slated to be the co. seat but
Stephen Hogg (Hiram) influenced its location
at the W'burg site. Now: site of county's old-
est radio sta., WTCW. Still largely a coal
mining commu. Located in what had been the
largest bottom land area in the co. At one tin
even a small airport there. But reduced con-
siderably since hiway put thru. Bottom Fork,
Pine Creek & Cram Creek empty there at Mayking

Tho' great promise for growth at one time, i never really developed...and it's not growin at all anymore. The area around it boasts th homes of some of the most successful profes- sional & business men of the co., incl. Harr Caudill. Now considered a suburb of W'burg. DK anything about Mr. King or his 1st name. A local name. He must have been very success- ful in the late 1910s since at that time not many Letcher Countians were in the coal busi- ness. Outside capital then was mostly re- sponsible for coal development. But King was able to build his own camp...DK of any of hi descendants. (Wm. Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

✓ MAYKING (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to S.E. Adams, 3/18/13 (everything on film was too light)// On 2/25/14, John W Adams pet. for a move 1390 ft sw (0.26 mi) to a pt 1000 ft w of Ky R, 1300 ft w of Bottom Fk, $42\frac{1}{2}$ ft w of L&E (whose local sta=Mayking), 3 mi from co. line, 2 mi s o Sergeant po, $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi nw of Ermine po, 3 mi sw of Bilvia po (map)// Acc. to Miles L. Webb, 8/3/39, it was $\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Ky 15, 0.06 (?) mi e of rr sta, 0.07 mi (?) w of Ky R, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi s of Sergeant po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Bilvia po, $2\frac{3}{4}$ mi n of Ermine po. (SLR); Acc. to L&N's 1960 timetable: the Mayking sta. was on the main line, 5 mi from Whitesl 2 mi from Bastin Sta. and 5 mi from Kona;

MAYKING (Letcher Co.): Vil. with apo just ne of Whitesburg. On the site of one of the oldest settlements in the co. Though there's little agreement on the identity of the name source, most agree that it was named for a May King. Most likely named for the d. of an early settler named King or for the wife of the local coal operator."But some say, that ~~(it)~~ when the 1st pm..failed to win approval of any of the names he had (sent) to the POD he was forced to accept the name suggested to him, that of a recently deceased friend of a postal official." (Harry Caudill, 7/26/71; Walter Wampler, Mayking, Ky., interviewed by Kenny Garrett for L. Roberts, Pikev.Coll;
Garrett 10/24/77)

MAYKING (Letcher Co.): Named for May King, the daughter of an early resident. When the po was est., Mr. King asked that it be named for his first born. (Source: Walter Wampler, 68, Mayking, Ky. to Kenny Garrett, Pikeville College student, for Leonard Roberts); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, this was but a po; APO (2000); On Ky 1862 (1996); Had a pop. of 100 (1930); In 1924, pm M(iles) Lindsay Webb moved the po from the backyard of his home to its site (ca. 1972) where he was renting a store. Thus a po-store combo. for many yrs. He was also storekeeper. He accepted the "First Run" acct. (Mr. Webb's interv. at Mayking, 9/16/72); L Trip

/ MAYKING (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named for a Miss May King, friend of an employee of the Post Office Dept. in Washington. Miss King had just died. Dont know who she was. Check.... (Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971); On the site of the Adams Colony, the 1st Qest. in what became Letcher Co. under the leadership of Spencer Adams in 1803 or '4. (Scalf, KLF, Pp. 153-5); On the N. Fk. of the Ky. R. in early 19th cent this place was called Bottom Fork. May have been first settled by Benjamine (sic) Webb. sc of James Webb...The Webb family cem. at Mayking. (Ibid., Pp. 467-8, Ft. No. 51);

✓ MAYKING (Letcher Co.): "...the 1st pm sent a list of names for the office and none were accepted so the POD called it Mayking. On Jan. 7, 1906, the 1st pm rec'd. a letter from a lady who at that time lived in Leominster, Mass., saying she named Mayking, Ky. po in honor of her girl friend." c. 1949 had: 1 gen. store, 5 gro. stores, pottery shop, a marble & granite works, fill. sta., rest., and several other businesses. Truck mining area....(FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway po, 9/1/1949, P. 16)

✓ MAYKING (Letcher Co., Ky): "This vil. with po is on US 119 where Bottom Fk. and Pine Ck. join the N. Fk. of the Ky. R., 2½ (air) ene of Whitesb. The large bottom land in the immediate vic. was first settled by Benjamine Webb, the son of James, a leader of the prior Adams colony. An early com. there may have been called Bottom Fork. The origin of the Mayking name has long been debated. Some say that when the 1st pm Isom Gibson failed to win approval of any of the names he had submitted to the POD, he was forced to accept the name suggested to him, that of a recently deceased friend of a postal official. Gibson is said to have later rec'd. a letter from a Leominster, Mass. resi. stating that she had named the po for a girl friend.

More likely it was named for the oldest daughter of an early settler named King, or for the wife of the man who had est. in that vic. one of e. Ky's. earliest locally financed coal operations. The po has been in operation since Jan. 25, 1894." (Book-Pp. 192-93); No May King is mentioned in L. Co. family records (1994-5);

McCONNEL (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 6/30/1890, Ira Mullins; 5/3/93, John W. Wright; Disc. 10/30/93 (mail to Wright) (POR-NA); Acc. to too light, 5/1889, the proposed name for this po was _____ Town (too light) and it would be ne of Pottertown po (?) (probably very n Pike Co. line). Everything else on the film, incl. a map, was too light. (SLR); No McConnel families are included in the L. Co. family records, 1994-5;

✓ McROBERTS (Letcher Co.): Named for Gen'l. ^{APV}
Samuel McRoberts, NYC banker "who controlled
coal lands" in the area. (Hardy, thesis, 1949,
P. 74); po est. 3/30/1912, Daniel P. Looney
....(NA); 3 mi. up the creek from Fleming. Th
terminus of the L&N RR which was completed to
there by 11/28/1912. This was another of the
big Elkhorn Coal Corp. coal camps. (Pron.
Mək/r(ah)b/erts" Named for one of the
officials of the Elkhorn Coal Corp. Camp was
built about the same time that Fleming was
finished. At the very head of the No. Fk. of
the Ky. R. "Always considered..a better than
average coal mining commu...most of the town
is up in 2 or 3 hollows that branch off from

11/30/1912 (see also Her., p. 196)

there. //...In the late 1940s, local people bought their own homes. Since then, there's been little feeling for the coal co. Has one of the biggest slag heaps or slate dumps in the US. "The main part of town has pretty much disappeared; the company store is almost gone. A no. of bldgs. are just rotting down right now..." At one time a very active commu. Has one of the 2 Cath. churches in the county. Used to be a lot of Hungarians, Poles, & Italians there. But have since died (or left). Now mostly native-born Americans.....(Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

- ✓ McROBERTS (Letcher Co.): Sam'l. McRoberts, banker, ne Malta Bend, Mo. 12/20/1869. Law degree, U. Mich. 1893. NYC resident. Veep, Nat'l. City Bank of NY, 1909-16; Exec. Mgr. of ibid., 1916-19. From 1919+, Pres. & Dir. Metropolitan Trust Co. of NY and Dir. of the Consolidation Coal Co.... (WHO'S WHO IN AM. 1922-3, Pp. 2139-40); (1918-28
- ✓ APO (2000); pop. = 2,146 (1930); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetable, McR. was 3 rail mi beyond Fleming on the main line; Not listed in 1960 timetables;

McROBERTS (Letcher Co., Ky): Centered at the mouth of Chipping Block. Local sandstone, clay, and timber were used for the building of the coal town by Consol. Construction was completed by 1927. Plans for a model camp. The rr arr. in 1912. A tunnel connected McRoberts and Jenkins. McRoberts was considered a part of the larger city of Jenkins. Still a part of the Jenkins Sch. system Consol. sold its local mining op'ns. to Bethlehem Steel in 1947 and the homes to their occupants. Now a "quiet village." (Christine Polly Banks, "Consolidation Coal Co Builds McRoberts" in Essays in E. Ky. Hist., Sprague, MSU, 1984, Pp. 5-7);

McROBERTS (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Dan'l. P. Looney, 5/12, the po was 6 mi n of N.Fk, on the n side of the Wrights Fk of Boone Ck, 4 mi nw of Jenkins po, 3 mi ne o Chip po, 3 mi nw of Potters Fk po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line// Acc. to Frederick C. King, 3/19/13, it was 6 mi n of Ky. 40 ft s of Wrights Fk, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Chip, $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Jenkins, 3 mi s of Beefhide po, 80 ft s of L&E, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from co. line// Acc. to Morgan Johnson, 10/6/39, it was air & 14 rd mi from Pike Co, 150 ft e of rr and 2.4 mi n of Fleming sta. & po, 75 ft n of Wright Fk, 100 ft e of Chopping Br, 10 mi w of Jenkins po, 6 mi e of Jackhorn po. (SLR);

✓ McROBERTS (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town with po-
strung out along the upper reaches of Wrights Fk. of
Boone, a trib. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R., and 9½
(air) mi ne of Whitesb., was founded by the Consoli-
dation Coal Co. in 1912 and named for Samuel McRobert
a NYC banker and later (1918-28) a company director.
On Mar. 30, 1912 the McRoberts po was est. with Danie
P. Looney, pm." (Book-P. 184); See Nat'l. Cycl. of
Am. Bio. Vol. 36, Pp. 194-5 for Sam'l. McRoberts, NYC
banker; Sam'l. McRoberts was a director of the
Consol. Coal Corp. from 1918-28. (Beachley, P. 98);

McROBERTS (Letcher Co., Ky): The commu. includes several hollws, each with its own name: Bandmill Bottom (for local sawmill), Cannel City Row (for cannel coal), Fifteen Hollow (from the number of the mine entrance on the portal), Little Tom Biggs Hollow. (Ruth Huston Observations of God's Timing (in the Ky. Mts.), Salisbury, NC: Rowan Printing Co., 1962, Pp. 170-71);

Origin of McRoberts Area Names (Letcher Co., Ky):
Tom Biggs Ck. and its trib. Little Tom Biggs Ck. in the upper end of town were named by Alabamans; Johnson Hollow was named for local residents before McR. was a town. "Brud" Johnson was a McR. pm; Band Mill Bottom was named for the band mill that sawed lumber for McR. camp homes. Its overlooked by Band Mill Hill; Chopping Block was named for axes cutting firewood there; Sheas Fork for a female bear (in E. Ky. they were called "she bears") that once lived on the creek; Cannel City Row for the people living there who came from Cannel City in Morgan Co.; Thirteen row for Mine #213. DK why

Stickout Bottom was so named. (McRoberts Remembered
by Bill Fugate, ms. in Caudill Libr. in Whitesburg.
Examined by me on 8/9/2000);

McROBERTS (Letcher Co., Ky): Camp built by the Consolidation Coal Co. and the L&N RR in 1912, a "multi-lingual" coal camp, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Fleming. Betw. these 2 towns was Stickout Bottom. Residential areas in the vic incl. Cannel City Row, 13 Row, Rice Bottom, Band Mill Hill, Band Mill Bottom, 15 Hollow, Tom Biggs and Little Tom Biggs, Chopping Branch, Shea's Fork (locally called Cheese Fork). Had commissary, rec. hall (plus a Y), lodge hall. Other businesses were in Rice Bottom. A company town. Most of the commercial bldgs. are gone. Coal depletion led to the company pulling out and selling to Beth Elkhorn. They left. Homes were sold to their occupants. Peak pop.=2000. (Cecil Williams in KY EXPL. 10/1998, Pp. 50-2);

✓ MEADE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 5/13/1911, Sampson H. Tolliver; Disc. 10/31/14 (mail to Millstone) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sampson H. Tolliver, no date, the po was or would be 4 mi n of N.Fk. (Ky R), on the bank of Millstone Ck, 2 mi se of Deane po. (SLR); Named for a family. (N.M. Webb in his Steel letter, 4/22/22); Several Meade fam's were listed in 1910 Census in the Millstone Prec: (1) Arch (35) & Nancy C. (32), (2) Albert (65) and Mary E. (47), (3) John P. (33) & Polly A. (27), (4) Samuel (34) Lizzie (29), (5) Riley Sr. (41) & Rachel (43); The Riley Meade Cem. at Millstone was named for Riley Meade (1867-1940); No Sampson H. Meade in co. acc. to 1910 Census;

Tolliver

330 ft.

✓ MILL (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Stephen P. Frazier, 2/6/02, this proposed po would be on the n side of N.F] of Ky R, 20 poles (sic) nw of Smoot Ck, 3½ mi. se of Roxana po, 6 mi sw of Smoot Ck po, 3 mi nw of Alice po (SLR); The Mill po was est. 3/27/02 with Stephen P. Frazier, pm. Its name was changed to Cremona on 8/2/02 with the same pm, and was disc. eff. 5/31/1906 (mail to Roxana) (POR-NA);

✓ MILLSTONE (Letcher Co.): po est. as Crafts-
ville 12/17/1878, Jason Craft; 11/18/89,
Benj. Craft...4/9/1914, Nelson R. Craft; ch.
to Millstone, 6/19/1918, Ibid...(NA); Also,
acc. to POR, a Millstone po was est. 10/7/
1890 with Jos. Hall; 6/22/92, Arch C. Craft
..1/24/1914, Sarah J. Franklin; ch. to
Craftsville, 6/19/1918, Ibid.; ch. to Mill-
stone...(NA); (Pron. "M(ih)l/stohn"), the
present po for what used to be called Crafts
ville ("Kr(ae)fts/væl"). Most of the resident
living up the creeks here were Crafts. DK
when the name changed. c.1920, the SE Coal C
built a coal camp here and "because it was
on Millstone Creek, they decided to call it

Millstone." DK who had the mill that the creek was named for. The coal camp was very active until c. 20 yrs. ago. The SE Coal Co. sold out and it's now a commu. of pvt. homes. Still a coal mining commu. with several mine on the creek but not as active as they once were...The site of a no. of films in the 1960s depicting a typical E. Ky. mining comm...Now off the main road betw. W'burg & Pikeville and the Va. line so it's not well traveled anymore. Jesse Holbrook who had run the local store for years died 1977. Als allegedly at or near the site of Daniel Boone's last camp in E. Ky. in 1780. Never

heard it called Craftsville in his lifetime. Millstone PO or Millstone Creek are the only means of identifying the commu. by local people today. Only older people would have heard of Craftsville. He thinks the latter was named for Enoch "Chunk" Craft, a Confed. soldier and the father of the Rev. Archil-
? aus Craft. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ MILLSTONE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Jos. Hall, 6/90, this po was 1 3/4 mi n of Ky R, on the banks of Millstone Ck, 3 mi w of Baker po, 3 mi ne of Craftsv. po, 4 1/2 mi from Deane po// Acc. to P.A. Craft, 1/5/97, it was 2 mi ne of Ky R, 100 yds n of Millstone Ck, 2 1/2 mi sw of Baker po, 3 mi ne of Craftsv. po, 4 mi sw of Horne po// Acc. to N.R. Craft, 7/22/18, the Millstone po (late Craftsville) was 12 ft from the Ky R, 200 yds e of Millstone Ck, 1 3/4 mi w of Mater po, 2 mi ne of Sergeant po, 2 mi se of Craftsv. po, 250 ft n of L&E Br. of the L&N, 2 mi from co. line// On 2/8/37, J.D. Holbrook (?) pet. for a site ch. 325 ft w to a pt 50 ft

w of the N.Fk. of Ky,R, 1 mi se of Holbrook po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Kona po, $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi ne of Thornton po, 3 mi
sw of Seco po, 300 ft w of L&N whose local sta. is
Millstone// On 1/30/48, Lula P. Holbrook pet. for a
site ch. 280 ft w to a pt on US 119, 250 ft s of the r
sta, 200 ft we of Ky R, 2 mi n of Kona po, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi ^s of
Thornton po. (SLR);

MILLSTONE (Letcher Co.): Uncle Chunk Craft was the son of Archelas (sic) Craft, the preacher, and grandson (mat.) of Benj. Webb. Benj. was the son-in-law of the prog. of the Adams family in Letcher Co. Archelas was the grandson of the prog. of the Craft family. Chunk and his wife, Polly Ann Ware, were still living on Millstone in 1931. (MT. EAGLE, 5/28/1931); APO Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz,

it was 10 mi from Whitesb with a pop. of 250. A.C. ✓ Craft was pm & storekeeper, W.F. Bentley had a flour mill as did Jos. Craft and Meade & Bro. and M.J. Wright & Co; APO (2000); On e side of Ky 113 (1996);

MILLSTONE (Letcher Co.): Named for the grist mill there c. 40.yrs. ago. People would say they were going down to the millstone. (Source: Seth Thomas, 73, of Millstone, Ky. to Kenny Garrett, Pikeville Coll. student, for Leonard Roberts); pop. of 1000 (1930); Enoch A. (Chunk) Craft (1842-1937) is bur. in the Craft Cem. on Right Fk. of Millstone Ck at Millstone, Ky;

✓ MILLSTONE (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town with po lies at the confl. of Millstone Ck and the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, 4½ (air) mi ne of Whitesb. A po was est. here on Dec. 17, 1878 and named Craftsville for the family of Enoch Craft, a Confed. Army vet. Nelson R. Craft renamed it Millstone on 6/19/18, and the S.E. Coal Co. built a camp here that yr. Acc. to POD records another Millstone po had been est. at an unknown location on 10/7/90 with Jos. Hall, pm. Inexplicably, the same yr. that Craftsville became Millstone, the other po, then with Sarah J. Franklin, pm, became Craftsville. Nothing more is known about it, nor is anything known about the mill for which the ck. was

named." (Book-P. 198);

✓ MOSS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 3/31/1898, Allbriton (sic) Potter; Disc. 12/1899 (papers to Wright) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sarah Patten, 2/23/98, this prop. po would be on Elkhorn Ck, 1 mi n of N.Fk. (Ky R), 4 mi e of Wright po, 4 mi w of Pound (Va) po, 3 mi s of Freemont po. (SLR); Acc. to 1910 Census, A.B. Potter (38) and wife Mardelia (39) lived in the Elkhorn Prec. but no Moss or Tonny; Albritton Potter (1879-1929) marr in 1891 (sic) to Ardelia Mullins. He was the son of of Abraham and Sarah (Wright) Potter. No Tonnie among his sibs. (Letcher Co. families, 1994-5); M.J. Moss was circuit judge of L. Co. 1898-1906; No Moss families in 1880 and 1900 Censuses;

✓ NEON (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign., 5/26, this proposed po would be 5 mi w of Ky R, 0.6 mi w of Boone Fk, 2 mi e of Seco po, 2½ mi se of Jackhorn po// Acc. to Jas. M. Caudill, 7/22/39, it was 300 ft w of the Ky R, 1 mi w of Fleming sta and po, 50 ft from the tracks, 1½ mi s of Jackhorn po, ½ mi nw of Cromona po, 2 mi n of Seco po (SLR); APO till 3/30/96 when it became a CPO. ca. 1996 was on Ky 343; Webb dk the derivation of the Neon name (His letter to Steel, 4/22/22); Acc. to 1900 Census, Iby V. Holbrook (nee 10/46) lived with her husband Wilson Holbrook (2/1860) in Millstone Dist;

APO

✓ NEON (Letcher Co.): po est. 5/15/1926, Willie M. Quillen... (NA); (pron. "Nee/(oh)n" or "Nee/(oh)n") Started as a trading ctr. after Fleming & McRoberts & Hemphill were built. Neon was started c.1918. Many of the early businesses were started by for-born people; the famous Dawahare family got its start here Prog. was a Syrian-born pack peddler who built his 1st store here. The commu. now is a very small close knit mining commu. Quality of life went down drastically in the last few yrs, ex for the new public lib. & the Fleming-Neon HS Neon, Hemphill, McRoberts & Fleming run into each other....Neon was never a coal camp; it was just a trading ctr. Two possible accts. o

its name: (1) The orig. name was Chip and it retained this name until c. 1920. Local people "felt that was a rather indecent name for a town that growing as well as the place was and so--there was a black conductor who who all the time, instead of saying 'all aboard', would say 'knee on, knee on! like that, get your knees on, you know, the step and walk up into the train. And somebody, as a joke, said 'Why dont we call it "Neon".' I've always heard it pronounced 'Nee/(oh)n'...." (2) "Another story I heard was--about that time, about 1920 or so,

somebody bought a neon light for his business and put it out there; they liked that so much they decided to call the town after it." DK how the place got its first name, Chip. ("Ch(ih)p") (Wm. Terry Cornett, 12/24, 1977); The Chip po was est. as such 12/11/1902, Ibbey V. Holbrook... Disc. 4/15/1915 (mail to Fleming) (NA);

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7/10/13, Ira #099

✓ NEON (Letcher Co.): "It got its name by a train running through by here. The train had steps that one had to go up to get on board. People had to elevate their legs and kick up their knees to get on board. Thus arose the name of the settlement, Neon. (Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson for Leonard Roberts, Pikeville Col.)

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the time, instead of saying 'all aboard', would say 'Ne-on,' 'Ne-on'! like that, get your knees on, you know, the step and walk up into the train. And somebody, as a joke, said why don't we call it Neon. I've always heard it pronounced Nee/ohn.... Another story I heard was--about that time, about 1920 or so, somebody bought a neon light for his business and put it out there; they liked that so much they decided to call the town after it. " (Terry Carnett, 12/24/1977)

✓ chip ← for a big hog (webb)

NEON (Letcher Co.): "...there was a large chip which the passengers climbed upon to get on the train. The conductor would say 'put your knee on' and he would reach down and help the passenger on the train. He finally shortened it to Neon." (Orethia Miller for Leonard Roberts, 1971); "It got its name by a train running through by here. The train had step-ups that one had to go up to get on-board. People had to elevate their legs and kick up their knees to get on-board. Thus arose the name of the settlement, Neon. (Source: Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, Pikeville Col. student for Ibi)

"Way back when the Lou. & Nashv. Rd. was in flower..it didnt have too many facilities in the way of depots in certain areas. In fact, the train used to come to a halt in a Letcher Co. village at--not a depot, but an old tree stump. It was right handy, too. It served as a step for passengers climbing into a coach./Day after day the conductor would say to the passengers, 'Put your knee on and get up.'/And that is how Neon got its name." ("In Old Ky."--unusual p.n. of Ky., series in LCJ based on Emmett Layton Hardy's thesis, 4/30/1950);

Neon (Letcher Co.) =

✓ NEON (Letcher Co., Ky.): "Early railroad conductors (about 1912) used to cry out 'Knee On' in place of 'All Aboard.' Hence the name, is slightly corrupted form. (Maybe named for the gas, too, but not very likely.) (Terry Cornett, "Local Place Names are Interesting" MT. MEMORIES (ALC-OH Proj.) No. 11, Spring-Summer, 1978, Pp. 14-5) pop. of 1077 (1930); Acc. to 1921 and 1960 L&N timetables, this sta. was on the main line two rail mi from Seco, 13 rail mi from Whitesb, just below the Fleming Sta. and 3 rail mi from McRoberts. Hemphill Sta. is 2 rail mi from it on the Yonts Fk. Spur;

- ✓ NEON (Letcher Co.): Terry Cornett guesses "that a lot of logging back in the old splash down days used to go (on) and there was a lot of chips around." (sic) (Interview, 12/24/77)
- ✓ The site was purchased by Lewis Hogg and the Frazier Land Co. in 1912. Town was surveyed & platted in 1913 and inc. in 1917. By 1924 it had become one of the most progressive coal towns in E.Ky.... (Article on Neon by J.L. Ashby, LCJ, 8/4/1924); Acc. to 1952 Letcher Co. state highway map, Neon had a pop. of 1055;

- ✓ NEON (Letcher Co., Ky): "Having recently merged with adjacent Fleming, this is now part of a 5th cl. city extending over 2 mi. along Wright Fk. from a pt. $\frac{1}{4}$ mi above its jct. with Potter Fk. to form Boone Fk., and $6\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi ne of Whitesb. Neon was founded in 1913 as a trading ctr. for the just established towns of Fleming, Hemphill, and McRoberts. It was 1st served
- ✓ by a po called Chip, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of the forks of Boone Ck, which began 12/11/1902 with Ibbey V. Holbrook, pm, and was disc. in Apr. 1915 when its papers were transferred to Fleming. The name Chip may have some connec-

tion with early timbering in the area; why it was not retained is uncertain but it may just be that the name lacked the degree of sophistication desired for an aspiring econ. ctr. But the reason for the Neon name is the most problematic of all. It has been suggested that the name was first applied to the local rr stop, reflecting an old black conductor's command to passengers boarding the train on what at that time may have been an old tree stump to 'put your knee on and get up; knee on....' Acc. to trad., this became known as the 'knee-on' place. A more plausible explanation is that some early merchant bought a neon sign for his business, a rarity in

those days. The town was inc. in 1917 and the active
Neon pc was est. on 5/5/1926 with Willie M. Quillen,
pm." (Book-P. 211);

OLA (Letcher Co., Ky): Drusilla (sic) "Siller"
Webb (1876-1904) nee Jenkins, daughter of Arch and Jane
(Craft) Jenkins. She was the 1st wife of John S. Webb,
(1876-1962), bro. of Nehemiah N. Webb and 2nd pm of
Sergent. John's 2nd wife was Eliza Collins. No Ola
connected with the Webb family; Other Ola pm's: 7/29/
1904, Margaret J. Hammons; 11/30/1906, Eliza C. Webb
(POR-NA); Acc. to 1900 Census, Drucilla Webb (nee 7/75
and husband John (10/75) and son Leon P. (2/1900) lived
nr other Webbs and nr Arch Jenkins (7/1844) & his wife
Jane (9/45) but no Ola. In the Whitesb. Dist;
No Jenkins in Letcher Co. (1900) named Ola;

✓ OLA (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 3/20/
1900 with Drucilla J. Webb as 1st p.m. (Disc.
eff. 1/15/1908 with mail to Colly. (Acc. to
the National Archives); Acc. to Drucilla J. Webb,
7/28/00, this po was serving a gen'l. store and sch.
in a heavily pop. area 1½ mi n of Ky R, on the s side
of Thornton Ck, 2½ mi nw of Sergeant po, 2 mi ne of
Colly po, 2 mi s of Evans po. (map) (SLR);
Drucilla Webb, nee 1857, daughter of Jason L. and Eliz
(Craft) Webb. She marr. Joshua Hayes.) Was half sister
to Nehemiah & John S. Webb. (L. Co. family records,
1994-5);

in 1877.

ne 1844.

✓ ORLENA (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 3/19/
1907 with Dock Adams, 1st pm (..) Disc. 8/31/1909
with mail to Colley. (Acc. to the National
Archives). Acc. to Dock Adams, 5/1907, this po was
3 mi n of Colly po, on Colly Ck. Not a vil.// Acc. to
Hiram Taylor, 3/18/09, it was on Colly Ck, 5 mi from
the Ky R, 2½ mi n of Colly po, 4 mi se of Hilliard po.
(SLR); Acc. to 1910 Census, there was no Orlena listed
in the family of Dock Adams (28) & his wife Bertie (18)
in E. Whitesb. Prec. #1; Acc. to L. Co. family hist's,
1994-5, Dock Adams was ne 1880, marr. in 1907/8 to
Burlie Stidham. Dock was the son of Jesse and Cynthia
(Jones) Adams. No Orlena in his family or any other
Adams listing;

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✓ OSCALOOSA (Letcher Co.): po est. 7/27/1900, Harvey Isom... (NA); (pron. "(Ah)s/kə/lū/sə")
On Kingdom Come Creek. He's asked a no. of local persons how it got its name and they'r not really sure. Some say it was named for the town in Iowa. Had to find another name for the po. Couldnt call it Kingdom Come since it would confuse it with the Kingdom Come Settlement over on Line Fork Creek. DK why they decided to call it Oscalooosa. The commu. is dying. The only one rm. sch. left in the co. will probably be closed at the end of this yr. Many residents have moved

away. Stripping has taken their land. It's too far from town. They have to drive in the creek bed part of the way. Road is really bad. Residents still refer to their home as "over on Kingdom Come." Oscaloosa name was just applied to the po when it was est. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

Remain of letter sent to
PM, 8/19/87. Env. marked
"Office closed"

OSCALOOSA (Letcher Co., Ky): In May 1910, Jasper Ison
pet. for a move 1 1/8 mi w to a pt 3 1/4 mi w of Ice po,
3 1/2 mi n of Mandrake po, on King Dom Come Ck (sic)//
Acc. to (too light), 7/39, it was 30 ft e of Kingdom
Come Ck, 2 mi from N.Fk. (Ky R), 3 mi s of Hotspot po//
On 10/29/48, Chal? Ison, act. pm, pet. for a move 1/2
mi n to a pt. 150 yds e of Kingdom Come Ck, 1 1/4 mi s of
the Ky R, 2 1/2 mi s of Premium po and (rr) sta, 4 1/2 mi nw
of Day po, 11 mi w of Whitesb. po. (SLR);

✓ OSCALOOSA (Letcher Co., Ky): pop.=50 (1930); The po was at the mouth of Spicewood Hol. in the Kingdom Come Creek val. DPO-bldg. is vacant. (KY EXPL. 6/2000, Pp. 4-5); PO est. 7/27/00 with Harvey Ison, pm. Name was suggested by Dr. Gideon Ison, a resident. Thinks the name was derived from the legend of "a famous Indian chief (who) had many beautiful wives, but the youngest and the most beautiful, also the most loved, was named Oscaloosa which meant the last of the beautiful....This little val. of Kingdom Come is truly most beautiful and lovely. To me the last of the beautiful is most fitting." (Marie Frazier Day, Kingdom Come--Fact or Fantasy, NY: Vantage Press, 1982);

OSCALOOSA (Letcher Co., Ky): Before the est. of this po, Kingdom Come val. residents were served by the Mandrake po on Cowan Ck, across Hurricane Gap. Osca. was est. 7/27/1900. "It is reported that Dr. Gideon Ison...had heard of the legend of the famous Indian who had many beautiful wives, but the youngest and most beautiful, also his most loved, was named Oscaloosa, meaning the last of the beautiful. This is truly a beautiful valley and the name is most fitting."(Thelma W. Garrett, "The Legacy of Kingdom Come" in Sprague, MSU, 1984, Pp. 9-16, 13); Harvey Ison, the 1st pm, was succeeded by Ned Ison. Then Jasper Ison. Then Jesse Caudill, Willard Tyler, Opal Ison (from 1950 till at

least 1982. The po was usually in a store. Harvey Ison, son of John, had a small store. Opal and her husband Chavis ran a gro. store in which the po was located in 1984. (Ibid. Her source for much of the above was Marie Frazier Day's book Kingdom Come: Fact or Fantasy, NY: Vantage, 1982, esp. Pp. 47ff);

✓ OVEN FORK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to John A. Sturgill, 7/21/1880, the po was $\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Cumb. R, 1 mi from Oven Fk, $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Bonds Mill po, 7 mi e of Partridge po, 11 mi se of Whitesb. po// On 10/7/15, Arch A. Sergeant pet. for a move 350 yds w to a pt $\frac{3}{4}$ mi s of Cumb. R, 40 ft s of Meadow Br, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Va. line, 3 mi e of Eolia, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Flat Gap po, 4 mi n of Pardee po// Acc. to Mrs. Winnie Marie Sumpter, the prop. new po of Oven Fk would be 250 ft nw of Cumb. R, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi nw of Franks Ck, 2 mi w of Eolia, 8 mi ne of Partridge po, 10 mi sw of Flat Gap po. (SLR);

4/6/1945

✓ OVEN FORK (Letcher Co.): "probably got its name in one of two ways. There was a brick oven there that for around 20 or 25 years produced a lot of the bricks for the chimneys of some of the homes that were built there.... I d.k. that I believe that because I feel ~~(xxxx)~~ like that almost all the old log bldgs. that I've seen with few exceptions, built in the 1850s and afterwards had stone chimneys but it could be that. The other one was that since there were a lot of Germans there, many of them baked bread out in the open, in ovens in the early days, around 1800 or so. And there were so many on one part of

that Cumb. R. area that they decided to
call it The Oven Fork. I'm not really sure.
One of the oldest commu's. in L. Co. The
Backs settled there in 1797. There may have
been people there before then....PO for
Scotia mine..... (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977)

✓ OVEN FORK: (Letcher Co.): po est. 2/6/1879,
David M. Collier...Disc. eff. 4/29/1922 (mail
to Eolia) (NA); (pron. "(Uh)/vən F(aw)rk")
On Cumb. R. nr. its head. Two accts of name:
(1) Acc. to Harry Caudill, "In the very early
settlement of the area, a lot of Germans
were there (and this can be borne out by look-
ing at some of the old tombstones). Nr. Oven
Fork is the grave of Elizabeth Huffman Back
...She was born in Thuringia, in Germany, and
...she is buried there in the Maggard Cem...
There was a brick oven there that for around
20 or 25 years, produced a lot of the bricks
for the chimneys of some of the homes that
were built there...I d.k. that I believe tha

because I feel like that almost all the old log bldgs. that I've seen with few exceptions built in the 1850s and afterwards, had stone chimneys but it could be that. (2) ...since there were a lot of Germans there, many of them baked bread out in the open, in ovens in the early days, around 1800 or so. And there were so many on one part of that Cumb. R. area that they decided to call it "The Oven Fork". I'm not really sure." This is one of the oldest commu's. in co. The Bachs settled there in 1797. There may have been people there before then. Now: homes, po for

the Scotia Mine. Several truck mines in the vic. On US119 to/ Harlan. No town. Nr. Part-ridge & Eolia post offices. Most people there engaged in mining....(Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

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OVEN FORK (Letcher Co., Ky): "This hamlet of scattered homes extends some $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi along US 119 on the upper reaches of the Poor Fk. of the Cumb. R., $3\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi s of Whitesb. The Bach family and others from Thuringia, Germany, settled here before 1800. Two accts. of the name have been offered: the earliest German settlers produced bricks for local chimneys from an open oven, or, more likely, they baked their bread in such ovens. In the typical pattern of pion. settlements, the name was probably first applied to the local stream, which is now Franks Ck, a br. of Poor Fk., and then transferred to the po est. nr. its mouth on 2/6/79."
(Book-Pp. 222-3);

OVEN FORK (Letcher Co., Ky): This branch of Poor Fk. had this name since before 1820 when the Oven Fk. Bapt. Chu. was org. in Harlan Co. Early members incl. these families: Fields; Jenkins, Maggard, Morgan, Back, Collier, Mullins, etc. (Letcher Heritage News, Vol.4 (2) 9/1993, Pp. 46-47); James Webb settled ca. 1800 at the mouth of Oven Fk. (Ibid., Vol. 4 (1), 3/93, P. ca.45);

✓ OVEN FORK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz, it was only a po; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was 7 mi from Whitesb. with a pop. of 12. J.A. Sturgill was pm, wagon maker, blacksmith, and farmer; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 7 mi se of Whitesb., J.A. Sturgill was pm & blacksmith, Levi Boggs had a store, Marion Hilton had a store, J.M. Mullins had another store. Elisha Boggs had a gristmill, etc; The po was suspended by Jan. 1993 and officially closed 4/6/96. It was on US 119; The Oven Fork Mercantile on US 119 (now);

Partridge (Letcher County)—No one seems certain about the origin of this name, but legend has it that early arrivals found an abundance of game birds. Thus when a post office was created it took that name.

Creason, LCT, 9/11/70

Partridge po was on the road betw. Whitesburg & Harlan. (Acc. to I.A. Bowles, HIST. OF LETCHER CO., Hazard, Ky. 1949);

po est. 1/7/1869, Rebecca Ann Day, .. (NA);

9/6/70, Top Day (cc)

App by 1988 (P+g)

Acc. to 1876/7 Gaz, it was only a po; Acc. to 1879/80 Gaz, it was on Cumb. R. and had a pop. of 50. Jos. Day was pm. John Boggs Sr was cooper, C.A. Gibson was wagonmaker, Bawhanan-Hadley Dist. (sic);

Collins Ck ;

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✓ PARTRIDGE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Jos. Wells (?), 11/11/1885, this po was 150 yds-n-of Poor Fk, 3 mi n of Collins Ck, 2½ mi se-of Maggard po, 5 mi sw of Mandrake po, 6 mi w of Oven Fk po// On 9/10/23, J.B. Eversole pet. for a site ch. 2½ mi w to a pt. ca. ¼ mi mi n of Cumb. R, ½ mi nw of Lewis Ck, 6 mi e of Poorfk po, 10 mi w of Eolia po, 7½ mi ne of Pee Vee po (?), ca. ½ mi from co. line// On 5/13/44, Mrs. Madge S. Lewis pet. for a move ¾ mi ne to a pt. 50 yds n of Cumb. R, 4 mi ne of Blair po, 8 mi sw of Eolia po, 1 mi from co. line. Eff. 6/15/44. (SLR);

✓ PARTRIDGE (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "Pah)rt/
r(ih)dj" tho' older citizens pron. it "P(ae)t
r(ih)dj") In the Cumb. R. area, across Pine
Mt. from W'burg. Named for the bird probably
by Jess Eversole, who owned one of the big-
best farms in the co. there. He lived to be
almost 100 and died a few yrs. ago. Though
one of the oldest settlements in the co., it'
had its present name since only the 1920s or
'30s. Most of the employed are farmers or
miners and most of the latter work for the
Scotia Coal Co. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977);

PARTRIDGE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was a settlement on the Cumb. R., 10 mi from Whitesb. Pop. 60. Jos. Day was pm and livestock dealer, a no. of other businesses; APO (2000); po was on US 119 (1996);
✓ Had a pop. of 54 (1930); Named for the bird. (Webb in his Steel letter, 4/22/22); No Partridge families are mentioned in the L. Co. family records, 1994-5;

✓ PATH (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/5/1906, Millie A. Jenkins; Disc. eff. 9/30/1907 (mail to Est in Harlan Co.) (POR-NA); Acc. to Millie A. Jenkins, 3/12/06, this proposed po would be 5/88 mi (?) s of Poor Fk of Cumb. R, 5/176 mi (?) e of Lewis Fk, 3 mi w of Maggard po, 3 mi e of Est po, 6 mi s of Kings Ck po. (map) (SLR)
* Named for a small road. (N.M. Webb in Steel letter, 4/22/1922);

PAYNE GAP (Letcher Co.); (pron. "Pān Gh(ae)p
Nr. Jenkins. DK how got its name. Not really
a gap. Payne is not a common family name here.
One story heard is that originally there was
a smaller gap going from the head of Elkhorn
Creek to one of the branches of the Ky. R.
at Boone Fk. which was called Paynes Gap.
The po is active, in a small store. Commu. o:
homes. Most residents work for the Beth Elk-
horn or Tackett Mining Co's., the 2 big area
employers. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview,
12/24/1977); Named for Mr. Payne, the oldest
✓ settler there. (Mrs. Geneva Phillips, pm, in
letter to Delphine Haley, 6/24/1975);

PAYNE GAP (Letcher Co., Ky): Centers at the jct. of US 23 and 119 and the dividing line betw. the N. Fk. (Ky R) and Elkhorn Ck. (of the BSR); Acc. to the 1952 state hiway dept.'s L. Co. map, the po was just s of the head of N. Fk. (Ky R.) and $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Jenkins' PO and CBD, just w of US 23 (up the Pound Gap Hill); Paynes Gap is shown on Hoeing's Prelim. Map of SE Ky (1886); No Payne families in Letcher Co. acc. to 1850-1880 Censuses;

✓ PAYNE GAP (Letcher Co., Ky): PO est. 1935 and (by 1988) was still in operation (P&G); Acc. to Ida Bates, 1/30/1935, this proposed po would be 100 yds s of Ky R, 1 mi w of Elkhorn Ck, 2.3 mi w of Jenkins po, 4 mi e of Bilvia po, 2 mi from co. line// Acc. to Ibid, 7/25/39, it was 1 air & 2 rd mi from Wise Co, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of US 23 (or US 119-?), 25 ft s of Ky R. (at its head), $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of Jenkins po, 3 mi e of Bilvia po, 5 mi s of Cromona p // In 9/49, Catherine E. Reed pet for a move $\frac{1}{4}$ mi ne to a pt $\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of US 23, 3 mi w of Jenkins Lake and the Jenkins po. (SLR); po suspended ca. 2/1/1989 and officially closed on 4/21/1990;

POLLY (Letcher Co., Ky): Edward Polly (1758-1845) mar. Mary Agnes Mullins (1767 to 1850+) in 1784. He was a Rev. War vet. **Ac**quired a land warrant for 50 acres on N. Fk. in 1816. On Perry Co.'s tax lists from 1821-1842. Children incl. Andrew (ne ca. 1787), Henry (ne 1794), Joseph (ne 1799), Edward Jr. (ne 1803), David (ne 1809), Polly (nee ca. 1789).... (Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 1 (1), 9/1990, P. 12); Ned Polly was this family' Letcher Co. prog. (Ibid., Vol. 4 (1), 3/1993, P. ca. 45) Edward Polly settled at the site of Mayking in the early 1800s. He built th co's 1st jail and died 1845. (Terry Cornett's 1967 book, Pp. 11-12);

POLLY (Letcher County, Kentucky) (Named for a pioneer family.) (Acc. to Webb in a letter to Steel, 4/22/1922. In the Steel files, OGN. (Check the Steel correspondence).....

Suggests... that it's
a family name, not
a given name.
Write local school
for confirmation.
(none.)

H.M. Webb, editor,
Mt. Gagle, Whitesburg
Ky.

✓ accept this
as a family
name.

not a P.O. there now (c. 1969)

po est, 4/27/1909 with James M. Clay as pm.
Disc. eff. 9/15/1921 with mail to Colson. (Acc.
to the National Archives) N. Ch. from Sandwich
eff. 6/15/1935; Disc. eff. 9/15/1947;

POLLY (Letcher Co., Ky): James M(arion) Clay. (1872-1968), son of Elijah Green and Susan (Sergent) Clay, marr. Thursa Crace. No Polly or Luna as anyone's given name. (family records of L. Co, 1994-5); Acc. to 1900 Census, Jas. M. Clay (ne 1/1878) lived with his bro. Andrew J. Clay (2/80) and their parents Elijah G. (1/34) and Susan (5/40) in Cumb. Dist. Living with them was a Susan Moon. But not nr. any Pollys;

THE POTTER FAMILY IN LETCHER COUNTY, KY: Acc. to 1900 Wm. M. Potter (2/70) and wife Sarah (2/77). He was the son of Isaac (12/44) & Eliz. (12/44) Potter and bro. of Isaac, Jr. (1/76). No Henry; Acc. to 1880 Census, Mary Potter was the 9 yd old daughter of Isaac & Eliz. (and thus sister to Wm. M.) No Henry Potter in 1900 or 1910 Censuses; Also acc. to 1900 Census, Britton Potter (9/78) and wife Mardelia (1/72) lived in Millstone Dist. #2 nr Margaret & Columbus Killing and Bentleys and Wrights Abraham Potter (8/36) and wife Sarah (3/48) & their d. Mary R.J. (9/87) lived in Millstone Dist. nr Sam'l. J. Wright;

9/72(?)

✓ POLLY (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to J.M. Clay, 2/09, ^{8 0 114} the 1st name proposed for this new po was Luna for it would be serving a com. of that name $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of N.Fk(Ky R), 50 ft e of Camp Br, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Sandlick po, $7\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Whitesb. po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Lester po// Acc. to Edward D. 4/30/25, it was re-est. 6/15/25 on Camp Br, 8 mi n of Ky R, 3 mi e of Colson, 8 mi nw of Whitesb., 2 mi w of Lester, 5 mi from co line// Acc. to Sarah D. Polly, 7/26/39, it was 7 mi n of Whitesb. and $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Colson// On 7/15/47, Columbus ? (too light), act, pm, pet. for move 0.3 mi se to a pt. 100 yds n of Little Sand Lick Ck, 7 mi nw of Whitesb, 4 mi e of Colson po, 2 mi w of Lester, 7 mi s of Isom po. (SLR);

(1938) = 8 mi. N. of White. (Acc to W. SLR).

oldest families in co,

✓ POLLY (Letcher Co., Ky): po est 4/27/09, Jas. M. Clay;
5/23/10, Andrew J. Clay; 2/21/18, Jas. Clay; Disc. eff.
9/15/1921 (mail to Colson) (POR-NA); The po was re-est
in 1935 but closed for good in 1947 (P&G); One of the
but dk of their name applied to a po. The SE Coal Co.
has a Polly Mine. (cl977) (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);
Polly Sta. on the Camp Branch Spur of the L&N (1960), 2
rail mi. from Pat and very nr Sapphire Sta.; Acc. to 191
Census, Andrew Clay (27) & wife Minnie (17) lived with
his mother Susie (68) in Rockhouse Prec. #3, next to
J.M. Clay (31) & wife Thursa (22) who lived next to E.D
Polly (46) & wife Sarah (44) & their family. No Luna in
this vic; Edward R. Polly owned prop. on Smoot Ck, in

1843;

POTTERS FORK (Letcher Co.): (pron. "P(ah)t/
erz F(aw)rk") DPO (mail to Cromona) Betw.
✓ Cromona & Jenkins. Started out as a trading
ctr. in the late 1910s or early '20s for some
of the area coal camps so residents wouldn't
have to trade in the co. stores. Named for
the creek on which located. The Potter family
✓ were among the earliest settlers in that
section and were very prominent at one time.
i.e. almost in the Elkhorn Val. watershed, n
the Va. line., Wm. Henry ~~Henry~~ Potter, a big
land owner, whose daughter was the 1st fem.
super. of schools in Letcher Co. Now: homes &
a few businesses tho' most of the latter have
folded...The Commu. Press, one of the co's. 2

newspapers, is printed here. Next to this place is the old coal camp of Haymond.(qv) (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); po est. 12/23/1891, Mary Potter; 3/9/98, Henry Potter...Disc. 9/15/1913 (mail to Dunham) (NA);

POTTERS FORK (Letcher Co.): A weekend auction sale at this place is the only really active business left. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

✓ "This settlement with epo is strung out along US 119 on Potters Fk. of (the) Boone Fk. of the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, below the mouth of Grays Br., 8½ (air) mi ne of Whitesb. The po was est. on 12/23/1891 and named for the ck. which had been named for the Potter family, among that area's earliest and most distinguished residents. The po was disc. in 1913." (Book-P. 241);

POUND (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 10/27/1881, R.A. Whitaker; 2/1/82, Rhoda E. Whitaker...5/4/83, W.W. Webb; Disc. 3/5/84 (papers to Wright) (POR-NA); Acc. to R.A. Whitaker, 10/21/1881, this proposed po would be on the Ky R and Elkhorn Ck (the rest of the info. on the film is too light. (SLR); Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, this was an unimport. po; It was named for the nearby gap which was 1st called Pound Gap. The Shawnees are said to have called the area "the country about the hollow mt." referring to the hol. sound horses' hooves made going thru the gap. This was probably derived from the underground caves in the mt. "Sound" may also have been derived from what sounded like a blow on a

basedrum when someone would strike the bedrock with an iron implement. Pound Gap replaced Sound(ing) Gap after the name Pound was given to one of the Big Sandy's head forks in Va. This name was given by early visitors for the horse pounds or enclosures along this stream. (Connelley & Coulter's Hist. of Kentucky, P. 128, adapted by Ladd for WPA ca. late 1930s.) The gap is on the state line. "Sounding Gap" was so identified on the 1st road survey of that region (acc. to Bowles' Letcher Co. hist.) "Sounding Gap" was also in use during the C.W. Another explanation for the Pound name is an early pestle and mortar corn mill, horse-powered. (Sandy Val. Heritage, Vol.

3 (9), Autumn 1985 as "Pound Gap in Legend and Hist." Pound was named for Pound Gap which borders Ky & Va. Several accts. of the name: Acc. to one, it was originally called The Sounding Gap and this was given on old maps. "The story is that the Indians would ride their ponies across it and it would sound very hollow and they would call it the Sounding Gap. And the early settlers would pick that name up. Another story has it that there was a pound, a big grist mill of a thing that the very early white settlers used down there at the base of the mt., about where the Almira turnoff is now, on the Va.

side, and so it was called The Pound. And another... when the whites and Indians would ride their horses across there it would pound and it (was) called Pound Gap because of that...." (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); Pound Gap is said to have been discovered in 1751 by Christopher Gist and eventually became the main pt. of entry for early Ky settlement. Overlooks the city of Jenkins; The gap's elev. is 2,380 ft;

PREMIUM (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "Pree/^{me}my(uh)m"
=2½ syl) is the present name of a site that
ch. its name several times. It was 1st called
The Mouth of Smoot Creek ("Smūt") but dk why
that was so named. Not common family name in
the co. This was one of the older settlements
in the co. c.1915, a Virginia or Tenn. man
"came in here and decided to build a coal camp
and he was dating a woman at that time whose
name was Dalna..Hayes ("D(ae)ln/ə")....(He)
decided that he would name the coal camp after
the woman he liked and so it came to be called
Dalna, Ky. Well, this love didnt last too
long and he decided to rename it for the womar
he liked at that time and he name was Elsie.

And so the place became known as Elsiecoal ("(Eh)l/see/K(oh)l") because of the Elsie Coal Co. Well, after that, things were booming there so well that the name began to be changed again, from Elsiecoal to Hot Spot. (sic) ("H(ah)t Sp(ah)t") and I d.k. if he sold out or what...I d.k. for certain if the coal co. was ever called Hot Spot Coal Co.... A train wreck there in c.1925 with several fatalities. And the 1927 flood did considerable damage to the camp. Later, when the coal camp was sold and people bought their own homes, the name was ch. to Premium, the po name but dk why. For years, the po was in the

old commissary bldg. and that was moved, and last yr. the commissary was torn down. The p is now in a small privately owned gen.store. At first the coal co. didnt have a specific name, which was typical then of the smaller financed companies. Only the commu. was known as Dalna. But later the co. was called the Elsie Coal Co. after the girl. DK her last name or that of the man who started the co. Though the po is still Premium, most local persons still refer to the place as Hot Spot. Only a few refer to it by its now official name of Premium. (Wm. Terry Cornett interview, 12/24/1977);

PROFITT (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 5/28/1891, Isom Sargent; Disc. 6/6/93 (mail to Millstone) (POR-NA); Acc. to Isom Sargent, 5/12/1891, this proposed po would be 5 mi n of Ky R, 1 mi e of Rockhouse Ck, 4½ mi w of Millstone po, 5 mi ne of Rockhouse po, 6 mi s of Deane po. (SLR); Acc. to 1880 Census, Wm. M. Profitt (31) lived with his wife Eliz. (26) next to Hiram Profitt (2) and wife Christina (22) next to Wesley Profitt (26) & wife Sarah (18) and nr. John Profitt (54) and wife Sarah (52) in Prec. #3, the same prec. as Adam Sargent (sic) (17), son of Andrew J. (56) and Eliz. (46) Sargent and the same prec. as Calvin Taylor (53) & wife Nancy (44) and nr. Sam'l. H. Breeding (30) & wife Anna (30) and also in the same prec. were several Lucas families;

PROFITT (Letcher Co., Ky): John Profitt (1825/6 to 1896), son of Jeremiah Prophet/Profitt and Phoebe Roark Profitt. (Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 6 (11), 9/1995, P. 41); Jeremiah Prophet paid taxes on prop. he owned on the Ky. R. (1847) and John Prophett did on land he owned on the Cumb. R. (1847); Morgan Prophet had taxable prop. on Rockhouse Ck. in 1848; Squire Elijah Profitt, 38, son of Wesley Profitt was living at Millstone in the early 1930s. (Acc. to the Mt. Eagle, hist. ed., ca. 1932-33); Acc. to 1900 Census, several Profitt families lived in Rock. Dist. nr Isham Sergent (11/63) & wife Drewciller (12/77);

✓ RAZORBLADE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/9/1883, John T. Bentley; 6/4/83, Thos. F. Cook; 7/6/83, Thos. A. Cook; Disc. 1/12/1887 (papers to Baker) (POR-NA); Acc. to John Bentley, 1/31/83, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Shad (?), and it would be 10 mi n of Ky R, on the n side of Rockhouse Ck, 8 mi e of Carson po, 7 mi w of Craftsv. po, 6 mi n of Rockhouse po// Acc. to T.A. Cook, 6/12/86, it was 7 mi n of Ky R, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi s of Rockhouse Ck, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from Knott Co. (other data=too light) (SLR);

✓ ROCKHOUSE (Letcher Co.): "It got its name when James Collins came into Letcher Co. to settle on it because it was so close to winter he didn't have time to build a cabin so he built a rock house. He found an overhanging rock and built around the sides, and this was his home." (Marilyn Cornett, Skyline, Ky., Letcher Co. p.n. ms., she was student in CH Proj., ALC, 10/25/1972); Named for the fact that in the winter of 1802-3, James Collins and his family spent the winter living in a little cave on that creek and until they could build their own

cabin. Orig. it was called The Rockhouse
Creek. which joins the Ky. R. at Blackey.
James' son, Nathaniel, was the 1st county
judge. They were from Va. (Terry Cornett,
12/24/1977) ; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 10 mi n

✓ of Whitesb. Had a pop. of 100. Wm. Lucas was store-
✓ keeper, M.J. Wright had gen. store, Collins & Cook
sold drugs; This po was nr' Colson. It was so close to
winter when Jas. Collins came to L. to settle that he
didnt have time to build a cabin so he (lived in) a
rock house, an overhanging rock and built around the
sides, and that became his home. The po took its
name from the creek. (Marilyn Cornett, ALC, 10/25/72);

✓ ROCKHOUSE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 7/31/76, Millard Collins; 4/3/82, John Collins...6/30/99, Wm. R. Hale; Disc. eff. 1/14/05 (mail to Colson) (POR-NA); On 9/25/1897, Collins pet. for a site ch. $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi s (in July 1897) to a pt 7 mi nw of Ky R and on the s of Rockhouse Ck, 3 mi from the co. line. Other data= too light. (SLR); Acc. to 1879/80, Millard Collins was pm; Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was on Rockhouse Ck. which powered local sawmill. Ten mi from Whitesb. Pop. 140. John Collins was pm and also published the Household Ledger. Jas. M. Collins had lumber & grist mill, W.A. Breeding had gen. store, S. Combs had gen. store, Millard Collins had gen. store. Neil & Combs had gen. store; J.D. Caudill's store here in 1884. (KY.EXPL.v0/, 11 (3), 8/96, p. 61);

- ✓ ROCKHOUSE (Letcher Co.): Named for the many large overhanging cliffs in that area. (Source --Victoria Anderson, 89, to Lynn Tilford Johnson, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts); A large stone bldg. in pioneer days. The bldg. contained a home and store. People going to the store would say they were going to the rock house. When the po was est. there in the store, it was called Rock House P.O. (sic) (Source: Allie Garrett, 73, Whitco, Ky. to Kanny Garrett, Pikeville Col. student, for Leonard Roberts);
- ✓ The ck. was so named at least by 1817 (acc. to Clay Co. Ct. Order Bk. B);

✓ ROSEDALE (Letcher Co., Ky.): po est. 12/10/1872,
Joseph A. Craft; 1/23/79, Martha Craft; Disc. 10/19/
1881 (POR-NA); Acc. to Jos. A. Craft, 9/6/76, this
po was 1/8 mi s of N.Fk. (Ky R), ca. 15 yds w of
Laurel Fk, 10 mi e of Whitesb. po. (SLR); Acc. to
1876/7 Gaz, it was on the N. Fk. of the Ky R., 10 mi
from Whitesb. Jos. A. Craft was pm, Rev. Jos. Craft,
Sr. was Bap. preacher, John W. Bates had gen. store,
Craft & Bros. had gen. store; Acc. to 1979/80 Gaz, Jos.
A. Croft (sic) was pm, John W. Bates had gen. store,
and Robt. Bates had gen. store;

ROSEDALE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1870 Census, Jos. Craft (53) and wife Martha (53) lived in Prec. #1, but no Rose; Acc. to 1880 Census, Jos. Craft (68) and wife Martha (68) lived in Prec. #9. No Rose. They didnt live nr John W. Bates (26) and his wife Leetha J. in the town of Whitesburg;

ROXANA (Letcher County, Kentucky) Named for an old lady in the community. (Acc. to Webb in a letter to Steel, 4/22 '1922. In the Steel files, CGN.) (Check the Steel correspondence).....

p.o. est 1/5/1891
with Geo. Hogg, pm. (....)
(Acc. to the N.A.)

n.m. webb
Edit. Mt. Eagle,
Whitesburg, Ky.

Named for an old lady there. (Phyllis Caudill, Mrs., pm, in letter to Delphine Haley, 6/23/75)

AP0(1988 - P+9)

ROXANA (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "R(ah)x/(ae)n/s"
On the N. Fk. of the Ky. R. c.10 mi. from
W'burg. Named for a woman but dk who... (also
pron. "R(ah)x/(ae)n/ee" At the mouth of Mil
Branch. Has another name but dk what. It
might have been named by the Hogg family who
were well educated and had a lot of money &
political power in that area. Has had that
name probably 40-50 yrs. (Wm. Terry Cornett,
interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ ROXANA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Leo Hogg, 11/17/90,
 ✓ the 1st name proposed for this new po was Swift Sta.
 and it would be on the n side of the N. Fk. (of Ky R.),
 at the mouth of Kings Ck, 8 mi sw of Hogg po, 6 mi from
 Indian Bottom po, 10 mi w of Whitesb. po// On 3/10/49,
 Mrs. Judy F. Collins pet. for a site ch. 100 ft se to a
 pt 100 ft sw of Ky 160, 20 ft n of Roxana (L&N RR) sta,
 50 ft (?) n of the Ky R, 2½ mi s of Premium po, 5 mi
 n of Blackey po. (SLR); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 10
 ✓ mi from Whitesb. Geo. Hogg had gen. store and lumber
 business, Ira Hogg was distiller; APO (2000); po is on
 the e side of Rt. 2036 (1996); pop=75 (1930);

ROXANA (Letcher Co., Ky): Geo. Hogg (1861-1935) lived ^{may} on Kings Ck. at Roxana. Bur. in the Hogg Cem. there. Three wives: (1) Armintha Belle Combs (1866-1897), d of Ira Combs; (2) Judy Ison (1866-1900), d of Juda and Matilda (Cornett) Ison; (3) Mahalia Combs (1874-1966), d of Jim and Lucinda (Ingram) Combs. ("The Hogg Family of E. Ky." in E. KENT., Vol. 28 (1), 6/1992. Pp. 22-4, 23 (no Leo or Roxana noted); Acc. to 1900 Census, Geo. Hogg (ne 5/1861) and wife Juda (nee 5/66) lived with son Ira (10/91) and daughter Nora (9/94) in River Dist. but no Roxana. Nor any Roxana anywhere in that dist. or connected with any of the Hoggs;

ROXANA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. 1960 L&N timetables, it was on main line close to the Steam Coal and Cenco stations, 2 rail mi from Hot Spot and 5 rail mi from Blackey; This vic. was settled by Stehen Hogg's bro. James ca. 1806. (Letcher Heritage News. Vol. 4(1), 3/93. / P. 24); The 1st Hogg to settle here was Jas. Hogg (1777-1861). He was bur. with other members of his family at the mouth of Kings Ck. Also bur. there was Geo. Hogg (1861-1935) but no Roxana;

✓ SACKETT (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 9/12/1928, J.R. Maggard...Disc. 1957 (POR-NA); Acc. to J.R. Maggard, date=too light, the 1st name proposed for the new po was Betze but all other info. on film was too light// Acc. to Earnest Collins, 10/3/32, it was 600 ft ne of Rockhouse Ck, 2 mi w of Colson po, 3 mi n of Isom po// Acc. to Vernie Collins, 7/25/39, it was 2 air & 2 3/4 r mi from Knott Co, 2 1/4 mi n of Ky 15, 300 yds n of Rockhouse Ck, 2 1/2 mi n of Isom po, 2.3 mi sw of Colson po, 12 1/2 mi w of Whitesb. (rr sta)// Acc. to Jas. Lee Blair, 1/14/46, it was on the e side of Rockhouse Ck, 4 mi s of Colson, 5 mi sw of Polly, 3 mi e of Isom, 11 mi from Whitesb. po. (SLR);

SACKETT (Letcher Co., Ky): ["saek/at"]. On Rockhouse Ck just above Ison. DK that it was ever called Betze ["beht/see"]. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); No Sackett families are included in the L. Co. family records, 1994-5;

✓ SALUDA (Letcher Co., Ky): The name of a river in w.c. S.C., heading in the Blue Ridge Mts., flowing se thru Lake Murray and joining with the Broad R. nr Columbia as the head forks of the Congaree R. Also applied to a county in S.C. and to its seat, 27 mi ese of Greenwood with a 1980 pop. of ca. 2750. Also applied to the seat of Middlesex Co. in e. Va. (Webster's New Geog'l. Dict., 1984, P. 1059);

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SALUDA (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 4/30/1907, Mary Cook;
Disc. eff. 7/31/1908 (mail to Bath) (POR-NA); Acc. to May
(sic) Cook, 5/1907, this po was 1 mi w of Rockhouse Ck
and 10 mi n of Ky R, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Colson po, 3 mi e of Bath
po, 5 mi nw of Betze po. (SLR); ["sə/lū/də"]. DK about
this place. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77); There have been
Saludas in NC, SC, and Va. also. (a town & township in
Polk Co, NC, settled in 1878 after the arr. of the rr and
inc. in 1881. Name derived from the Indian word "salutah"
meaning corn river. (Powell, Pp. 435-6); name of a mt.
range in Henderson, Co, NC, along the SC state line. (Id.)
It may mean river of corn in some Ind. lang. for corn
planted on its banks. (Stewart, AM. P.N., 1970, P. 421);

✓ SANDLICK (Letcher Co., Ky) po est. 8/5/1903, Georgia Back; 9/23/1911, Chas. H. Back; Disc. 12/31/1913 (mail to Whitesburg); Re-est. 11/10/1923, Edward D. Polly... Disc. 1935 (POR-NA); Acc. to Georgia Back, 7/1903, this proposed po would be 5 mi n of the Ky R and on Sandlick Ck, 6 mi n of Whitesb. po, 4 mi s of Fall po, 6 mi e of Crown po// the name of this po was changed to Polly on 6/15/1935. (SLR); Had a pop. of 60 in 1930; Stephen Caudill lived at the mouth of this creek. Here, in 1815, was org. the Sandlick Chu. (Cornett's co. hist 1967, P. 14);

✓ SECO (Letcher Co., Ky): "This coal town with po is on US 119 and Boone Fk, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi from its confl. with the N. Fk. of the Ky. R., and $5\frac{1}{2}$ (air) mi ne of Whitesb. It was founded in 1915 by A.D. Smith and Harry Laviers of the S.E. Coal Co. for which it was named. The po was est. on 10/2/1915 with Dr. Benjamin Franklin Wright the company's physician and later a political power in Letcher Co. as pm." (Book-P. 267); APO (2000); pop= 1150 (1930); Seco was 2 mi down the creek from Haymond (KY EXPL. Vol. 10 (9), 3/96, P. 36); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, it was on the main line 2 rail mi from Millstone and 2 rail mi from Neon. But not shown on the 1960 timetables;

/ SECO (Letcher Co.): Named for the South East Coal Co. (N.M. Webb, editor of the Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); Initials of the S.E. Coal Co. that owned (or leased) land there. (Hardy, thesis, 1949, P. 38); po est. 10/2/1915, Ben F. Wright....(NA); (Pron. "See/k(oh)") On the N. Fk. of the Ky. R. Named for the SE Coal Co. Completed in c.1917-8 by the Laviers family which still controls the SE Coal Co. Harry Laviers, Sr., a Welshman, came to the US age c. 16. In coal business since then....The company has hdqtrs. in Irvine, Ky. with mt. branch of the firm now at Isom. Very bad train wreck there in 1918....
~~Since~~ The co. has always been non-Union.

In the 1930s and especially in the late '50s, there was much labor strife and lots of violence. Now: commu. has been sold to pvt. individuals and many of the older houses have been torn down. Not much coal is coming out of there anymore but it's still called Seco. Dont recall's it ever been called anything else but the site used to be controlled by the feuding Wright family: e.g. the Wright-Reynolds feud from the 1890s to c.1910 was fought in that area. Dr. Benj. Franklin Wright, one of its best known citizens, died in 1969. He was the coal co. doctor. Almost became a Lt. Gov. Had great political ambitions. One of the region's

really aggressive men and was the county's political boss for almost 40 yrs. Now, most of the camp is privately owned, control having been given up by the Laviers family. The mines there have been about worked out.....(Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);

✓ SECO (Letcher Co., Ky): The South East Coal Co. began its operations in Letcher Co. in 1914. Seco was located on the old W.S. Wright farm. (MT. EAGLE, spec. hist'l. ed., ca. 1932-33);

✓ SECO (Letcher Co.): Named for the South East Coal Co. org. in 1915. Thriving coal mine town with c. 1000 pop. c.1949. The company was org. in 1915 by A.D. Smith & Henry (sic. LaViers and began operation that yr. Dr. B.F. Wright, MD, was 1st pm.....PO serves a large trad. area. (FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway PO, 9/1/1949, P. 17). The S.E. Coal Co. was org. 1914 and Henry La Viers was made gen'l. mgr. then.

✓ SECO (Letcher Co.): By 1923 this (had-become) was considered one of the cleanest coal towns in E. Ky. Company town for So. E. Coal Co. which in 1914 had bought the land from Bill "Lunce" Wright... ("Pretty Mining Vill. Nestle in Letcher Hills, Once Battle Ground Reynolds Wright Feuds" (sic) LOU. HERALD, 1/20/1924);

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South East Coal Co. has moved its sales office from Columbus, Ohio to 340 South Broadway in Lexington. South East, based in Irvine, sells more than 2 million tons of coal annually to U.S. and foreign buyers.

B.T.

✓ SECO (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to B.T. Wright, 6/29/15, this proposed po would serve the vil. of Seco with a pop. of 250, 60 ft e of Boone Fk of Ky R, 4 mi from co. line, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Mater po, 3 mi s of Fleming po, $3\frac{3}{4}$ mi e of Millstone po, 75 yds e of L&E whose sta. = SECO, (map)// In 5/19, Dr. B.T. Wright pet. for a move 500 ft nw to a pt 400 ft w of Ky R, 1000 ft w of Big Branch, 150 ft w of L&N (sta=Seco), 6 mi from co. line, 2 mi n of Mater po, 3 mi s of Fleming po// Acc. to Walter L. Hooper, 8/39, it was 500 ft nw of US 119, 200 ft nw of Seco (rr) Sta, 300 ft nw of Boone Fk, 1 mi ^N of Kona po 2 mi ^N of Neon po, 2 mi ^S of Cromona, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of Holbrook po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Bilvia po. (SLR);

✓ SERGEANT (Letcher Co.): Named for a local family. Founded 1886. (N.M. Webb, Editor of the Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. Steel, 4/22/1922); po est. 5/29/1890, Nehemiah M. Webb; 9/17/1894, John S. Webb... (NA); (pron. "Ser/djant") Family name... On the old r'd. to Neon. PO long before the coal camps were built in the 1910s & '20s. Now: just a po rather than a commu. as such. Tho' most of the area mines have long since worked out, mining is still considered the pop's main activity. Almost ghosted but being revived. Some families moving back in, many from the North, in trailers. Doc Franklin used to have a store there. DK if he or anyone else still does. DK if he is still alive. (Morry Conn ^{12/24/77})

✓ SERGEANT (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Arch C. Kensucker, 3/18/13, this po was 100 ft w of Ky R, within 20 ft w of Thornton Ck, 1 3/4 mi n of Mayking po, 2 mi s of Craftsv. po, 2 mi s of Thornton po, 44 ft n of Lex. & East. RR// In 7/14, Ida Webb pet. for a move 1/4 mi w to a pt 2 mi n of Mayking po, 2 1/2 mi sw of Craftsv. po, 2 1/2 mi s of Thornton po. (map)// Acc. to D.B. Franklin, 7/24/39, it was 1200 ft nw of Ky R, 1 1/2 mi directly w Thornton po, 5 mi s of Southdown po. (SLR); Acc. to th 1880 Census, Nimiah (sic) Webb (14) lived with his father Jason or Jesse (60) and the latter's wife Lou-demia (32) and his bro. John S. (3) in the town of Whitesb. But not nr. any Sergeants;

✓ Nehemiah Webb (1865-1945) and John S. Webb (ne 1876) were the sons of Jason L. and Leudemia Hubbard Webb; Benj, Webb (1783-1872) to Letcher Co. in 1806; Jason Webb, son of Benj. and Jennie Adams Webb, lived on Webb Branch of N. Fk. nr Sergeant (in the Jenkins W. Quad.) and was buried in the Thornton Cem. (G. Bennett Adams, "My Family" Part One, in Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 4 (1), 3/1993, Pp. 45-48); Nehemiah M. Webb, son of Jason and his 2nd wife Leudemia (Hubbard) Webb, was ne 1865. In 1893 he marr. Ellen Williams. (Webb Fam. in E. KENT., Vol. 17 (1), 6/1981, P. 25);

✓ SERGEANT (Letcher Co., Ky): Abraham Sergeant (ne 1777 in NC and died in Harlan Co., Ky in 1837. His son, David Sergeant (ne 1809 in Caswell Co., NC) marr. in 1829 to Christena Morgan (1811-1902) and died in Knott Co. in 1898; Nehemiah Webb was ne Sergeant, Ky; Henry Sergeant was L. Co. sheriff in the early 1930s. Pion. Sergeants in the county were two bros. David and Andrew from Va. via N.C. (MT. EAGLE hist. ed., ca. 1932-33);

✓ SERGEANT (Letcher Co., Ky): ^{This} "The coal town with po is on the N. Fk. of the Ky. R at the mouth of Webb Br., some 3 (air) mi ne of Whitesb. Founded in 1886 and, with its po est. 5/29/90, named for a prominent local family, it was a coal company town from 1917 to 1930." (Book-P. 267); Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 7 mi ne of Whitesb. with a pop. of 250. J.S. Webb was pm, J.S. & W.B. Webb had gen. store, Benj. Craft had gen.store, J.E. Craft ran flour mill. Fairview Seminary. W.B. Webb was a newspaperman. M.J. Wright & Co. flour mill, etc; pop=75 (1930); Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, it was 4 rail mines from Ermine, 7 rail mi from Whitesb, 2 rail mi from Millstone;

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✓ SERGEANT (Letcher Co.): On the Ky. R. 7 mi.⁷
n. of Whitesb. The 1st mine there opened in
1917 by Geo. C. Criscillis & Everett F.
White of Williamsburg, Ky. After several
changes in ownership, it closed in 1930
for "high prod'n. costs and low sales." Most
of the miners "had established their homes
in Sergent in 1935 and (continued to) work
for area mines...." Named for an ex-Letcher
Co. sheriff. D.B. Franklin was pm (c1949)
At that time it had 5 businesses... (FIRST
TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway PO,
9/1/1949, P. 15); (F452c)

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SKYLINE (Letcher Co.): "Skyline was given its name by Major Cornett. Major looked into the future and decided that one day mail would be carried by air, so it was called Skyline."

(Marilyn Cornett, "Place Names in Letcher Co." ms, ALC, sent to me, 10/25/1972); po est. 2/25/1921, Major Cornett; 5/13/22, Edward D. Cornett ... (NA); (Pron. "Sk(ah) \rightleftarrows (eye) / l(ah)n \leftleftarrows (eye) On Big Branch of Line Fork Creek, almost in Perry & Harlan Co's. On one of the very earliest settled creeks in the co. The Whitaker family settled there and the Isons too before 1800. Most residents say they live on Big Branch rather than Skyline. Mostly the younger ones

identify their home as Skyline. DK how it got name or who named it, probably the Isoms. May be aptly named because you can see mts. and sky from it. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); pop. of 75 in 1930;

SKYLINE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Major Cornett, 11/27/1920, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Meadorville and it would be 6 mi s of N.Fk. (Ky R), 600 yds s of Line Fk (the rest of the data on the film was too light)// Acc. to Mrs. Ada Cornett, 3/12/43, it was 500 ft w of Line Fk, 4 mi s of N.Fk, 3 mi n of Defeated Ck po, 6 mi e of Banks po, 5 mi s of Hallie po, 6 mi w of Roxana po// On 4/30/50, W.B. Walker, PO Insp, pet. for a move 1 1/5 mi n to a pt 50 ft w of Line Fk. Ck, 4 1/2 mi s of Hallie po, 6 mi e of Banks po, 10 mi n of Linefork po, 19 (road-?) mi sw of Roxana po. (SLR);

✓ SMOOT CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): 8-10 mi. long, The 1st area coal mine was est. 1915 by Dave Hayes (sic), Chas (Charlie) Back, and John A. Webb. They leased coal fro Monroe Frazier. Camp was built for 25-30 workers. What had been the Smoot Creek po and rr sta. was n.ch. to Dalna for Hayes' daughter. The mine and camp were acquired by Joneses (who came from Pa.) and renamed Elsiecoal. They were later acquired by John P. Gorman who named them Hot Spot. Their next owner named them Premium. (Mae Frazier, Combs Family: Descendants of Shadrick Combs....., Lex., 1982, Pp. 97-8);

✓ SMOOT CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 12/6/1890, Johnathan (sic) H. Frazier; 7/9/91, Solomon J. Frazier whose apptmt. was rescinded; 5/29/00, Jas. Frazier... 3/4/11, Burnett Frazier; Disc. 1/31/1914 (mail to Roxana) (POR-NA); Acc. to Johnathan H. Frazier, 11/12/1890, this proposed po would be $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of N.Fk. (KyR), on the n side of Smoot Ck, 4 mi w of Hogg po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Jeremiah po, 8 mi w of Whitesb. po// In 4/08, James Combs pet. for a move 3 mi s to a pt at the mouth of Smoot Ck, 4 mi sw of Crown po, 3 mi ne of Roxana po, 3 mi n of Bee Fk po. (map) (SLR);

SMOOT CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 8 mi from Whitesb. and had a pop. of 100. Jonathan (sic) H. Frazier was pm, blacksmith, and J.P., Wm. Banks was a shoemaker, and D.D. Ison had gen.store, etc; Familiar with this stream on which Combs had been the earliest settlers. Wonders if the name could have been corrupted from smooth, suggesting a smooth surface of the creek's bed or smooth flowing water. (Apparently not aware of any Smoot families.) (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); A branch of N.Fk. and the name was applied at least since 1881, acc. to old deeds. Other pm's= Isaac D. Maggard, Shade R. Combs (2/4/01 to 6/8/04), Jas Combs, Burnett Frazier. ("Trace Fk. of Smoot Ck" by Shirley Frazier Breeding in Essays in E.Ky. Hist, ed. by Stuart Sprague, msu fundn, Inc. 1984, pp. 31-7);

SMOOT CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Shadrack Combs (ne ca. 1819) had 50 acres on Smoot Ck. that were surveyed in and 100 acres there surv. in 1847. He lived at the mouth of Bee Tree Fk and marr. Patsy Casebolt. (Mae Frazier "Hist. of the Letcher County Combses" undated clipping with no source in the Caudill Libr. Examined 8/9/00); Early Smoot Ck. was an area thru road attracting many travelers. (Ibid.); Shade "Black" Combs ne 1844, son of Wesley (ne 1815) and Polly (Hogg) Combs wh lived and owned 1100 acres on Smoot Ck. betw. Bee Tree and Henry Breeding Fk. Shade marr. Eliz. Logan and raised family on Rockhouse nr Colson. He was a L. Co.

sch. super and sheriff and owned a gen. store at Colson (nr the jct. of the present Ky 7 and Airport Rd. He was a C.W. vet and later moved to Allen, Ky. where he died. Children incl. Van (q.v.) Shade's bro. was Henry Combs, ne 1856 who marr. Carrie Combs. Henry was tchr and Knott Co. Ct. Clerk and was later was pm of Carrie in Knott Co. that was named for his wife. He died in 1920. (Ibid.);

✓ SMOOT CREEK (Letcher Co., Ky): Smoot Sta. on the Smoot Creek Spur, 1 mi beyond Dalna. (Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables); This creek was so identified in the 1843 Letcher Co. tax list. Shadrick Combs and Solomon Frazier had prop. there as did Edward R. Polly and Hiram Wright Moses Spencer Adams (1812-1890), son of Moses and Mary (Garland) Adams was nicknamed "Smoot". (Letcher Herit. News, Vol. 8 (2), 9/1997, P. 37); Moses (Smoot) Adams (1812-1890) marr. Rebecca Hall; Smoot's father Moses settled his family nr the mouth of Pert Ck., 2 mi above Whitesb. ca. 1806-8. He died in 1854, age 79. He lived directly opp. the Sam'l. Blair Cem. Moses was the son of Wm. His 1st wife Mary Garland Adams died after 1821 and Moses marr. (2) Kissiah Hays. Among

Moses and Mary's children was Moses ("Smoot") Adams (ne 1812) who marr. Rebecca Hall or Roberts. ("Moses Adams of Letcher Co, Ky" by Ethel Adams Baker of Artois, Cal. in The E. Kentuckian, Vol. 7 (2), 9/1971, Pp. 3-4); Moses "Smoot" Adams ne 1812 at Pert Ck and died in 1890. Son of Moses and Mary (Garland) Adams. He marr. Rebecca Hall (1812-1880+); The 7 mi long ck. was settled in the early 19 cent. and was "sparsely populated" till the rr came in. (Hot Spot Sch: Recollections of a Ky. Mt. Sch., 1920-1964, Letcher Co. Hist'l. Soc., 1998, passim);

SOLOMON BRANCH OF NORTH FORK (Letcher Co., Ky) (in the Whitesburg Quad. was named for Solomon Adams who settled at its mouth, son of NC-born pion. John Adams and bro. to Stephen and Randall. Solomon marr. Nancy Hogg, Hiram's sister. (G. Bennett Adams, "My Family" Part I, in Letcher Heritage News, Vol. 4 (1), 3/1993, Pp. 45-48);

Disc. 1965. As RB from 1965-1975 (P#9)

✓ SOUTHDOWN (Letcher Co.): po est. 6/6/1921, Wm. M. Holbrook... (NA); (pron. "Sowth/down") on Crafts Colly, about 5 mi. from W'burg. Technically a branch of the Ermine PO. Acc. to local resident, it was named for southdown sheep. Some local man, c. 30-40 yrs. ago, had a herd of southdown sheep. DK who he was. PO will probably be phased out very soon. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977); PO serving ngbd. on Crafts Colly Ck. So heavily populated that it was thought that one po would not be sufficient so this was also est. (Ibid.);

✓ SOUTHDOWN (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Wm. M. Holbrook, 3/1921, another name was proposed for this new po but it was too light on the film. So was most every-
thing else. But it would be 3 mi s of Colly po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Polly (?) po// On 8/4/37, Nettie B. Hart, act. pm, pet. for a move 1.2 mi se to nearly 4 mi nw of Ermine po, 3 mi nw of Farraday po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Sergeant po, 4 mi s of Lester po, 100 yds n of Colly Ck; 4 mi nw of N.Fk. (Ky.R.)// Acc. to Lovell G. Franklin, act. pm, 12/6/43, the Southdown po was serving the Crafts Colly commu., 2 mi w of Ky R, 100

N
Ft. w of Colly Ck, 2 mi ^Ns of Ermine po, 2 mi sw of
Farraday po, 5 mi from Whitesb. po// On 5/1/44, Mrs.
Cora Adkins pet. for a site ch. $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi nw to a pt. $3\frac{1}{2}$
mi n of Ky R, on Colly Ck, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi ^Ns of Ermine po, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi
w of Farraday po. Eff. 5/10/1944// In 7/49, Robert
Hayes, PO Insp., pet. for a move 200 yds se to a pt.
6 mi ne of Whitesb. (rr) Sta, $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi n of Ky R, 4 mi n
of Ermine po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi wnw of Farraday po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi sse of
Polly po, 4 mi ene of Van po. (SLR);

Collins (II, P. 464) reports a Stony Gap po then in operation in Letcher Co., along with Whitesb. and Partridge. He omitted reference to Rosedale. Could the commu. served by the Rosedale po have then been called Stony Gap?;

✓ STICK (Knott Co., Ky): Acc. to E. King, 6/12/1891,
the po was est. 4/15/1891, 1½ mi w of Right Beaver
Creek, 5 mi n of Deane po, 6 mi ne of Rockhouse po.
(SLR);

✓ THORNTON (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to no sign, 8/1908, this po was 2 mi nw of Ky R, on Thornton Ck// On 7/27, 22, John S. Webb pet. for move $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi s to Bastin (rr) Sta., 150 ft n of N.Fk.(Ky.R), ca. 300 ft e of Thornt. Ck, ca. $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi e of Sergeant po, ca. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Millstone po, ca. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi se of Colly po, 50 ft n of L&N, 5 mi from co. line. Eff. now. Most of the pop. to be served will be at the mouth of Thornt. Ck, and the Bastin & Apex coal camps. Pop. of 1000 within a mi of prop. site// Acc. to Dallas Craft, 7/29/39, it was 367 ft e of Bastin Sta, 100 ft n of N.Fk, 1 mi sw of Farraday po, 1 mi ne of Sergeant po,, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Millstone po. (SLR);

THORNTON (Letcher Co.): Acc. to Harry M. Caudill, early explorers to Camp Fork of Rock house Creek found the name Thornton Crawford on a tree. Hence Thornton's Creek. (check with Buck Scalf) (Harry M. Caudill, interview, 7/26/1971); APO (2000); On the ne side of US 119 (1996); Pop. of 110 (1930); Bastin Sta. was on the Thornton Creek Spur (1921 L&N timetables); and on the main line (in 1960) two rail mi from Mayking and 2 rail mi from Kona;

✓ THORNTON (Letcher Co.): po est. 5/9/1908,^{Apo}
Lizzie Holbrook... (NA); (Pron. "Th(aw)rn/
tən"). Acc. to Harry Caudill, "when the 1st
white settlers were beginning to live there or
this branch of (the) No. Fk. of the Ky. R.,
they found a no. of trees marked Thornton
Crawford and the date was 1772-74.... Many
times, instead of saying Thornton Crawford,
the tree would say 'T. Crawford' and the date
(sic) and this is..probably right. The name
Thornton has not been a common surname here
and it seems to be more likely to be a xian
name of some sort." X A no. of small coal camps

quoting
from Terry.

were built there, mostly by the Slemp family from Tenn. In the 1920s, it was called Sergent ("Ser/djant"). In a no. of small hollers from here, small mines were opened and camps established. In a short while, the commu. came to be known as Thornton and the coal co. may later have assumed this name (but I'll need to check on this)... Still a mining commu. tho' most of the coal camps has been dismantled. Many people who had left are returning and it's not losing its younger people as much. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); (q.v. Sergent)...

✓ 2nd pm John R Webb (9/28/1917+) was 2nd pm of Sergent 9/17/1898+

TILLIE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 10 mi from Whitesb. Ira S. Hill was pm and dealer in drugs and jewelry, Jas. Hensley had a sawmill, Other Hills lived there; On Colly Creek. Named for Tillie Hogg. DK that it was ever called Hogg. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/1977); No Tillie Hogg in family records; Acc. to 1880 Census, Jas. Tilley (sic) (50) & wife Mary (46) lived in Prec. #6 but not nr Ira Hill (14), son of Wm. W. (51) & Susan (48) Hill in Prec. #3; No 19 cent. Tillie families listed in L. Co. family records, 1994-5 Acc. to 1900 Census, Ira Hill (3/70) & wife Josa (1/62) and their children, but no Tillie, lived in Rockhouse Dist. but not nr. any Hoggs. No Tillie families in the ~~the~~ county;

✓ TILLIE (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. as Hogg 6/14/1890,
Ira S. Hill, 5/9/94, Martha A. Everidge; ch. to Tillie
2/4/95, Isa S. Hill, 4/5/99, Jos. Daniels...Disc. eff.
5/31/33 (POR-NA); Acc. to Ira S. Hill, 5/9/90, the
proposed po of Hogg would be on the w side of Colly Ck
and 8 mi n of Ky R, 10 mi nw of Whitesb. po, 5 mi e of
Jeremiah po, 3 mi sw of Rockhouse po// On 9/27/94, M.A
Everidge pet. for a site ch. (7/30/94) $\frac{1}{2}$ mi se to a pt
9 mi n of Ky R and on the s side of Colly Ck, $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi e
of Jeremiah po, $9\frac{1}{2}$ mi nw of Whitesb. po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of
Rockhouse po, 4 mi ne of Smoot Ck po// On ? 27/05,
Nannie E. Collins, as Tillie pm, pet. for a site ch.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi e to a pt 8 mi e of Ky R, on w side of Collie Ck

3 mi w of Sandlick po, 2 mi se of Isom po// In Jan. ?, Fannie Collins pet. for a site ch. ca. 1/5 mi e to a pt 3 mi e of Isom po, 3 mi sw of Colson po, on Colly Creek// Acc. to Lyda Proffitt (sic), 9/21/26, it was 3 3/4 mi e of Colson po, 7 3/4 mi nw of Whitesb. po, 2 3/4 mi nw of Willaluce po. (very light)// In July 1928, Pearl Adkins, act. pm, pet. for a site ch. (but not clear how far) west to a pt ca 50 yds w of Colly Ck, 2 mi e of Isom po, 1 1/2 mi n of Willaluce po. (SLR);

✓ TILLIE (Letcher County, Kentucky) (Named for a pioneer family. (Acc. to Webb in a letter to Steel, 4/22/1922. In the Steel files, OGP.) (Check the Steel correspondence)....

"family name" - n.m. Webb, Editor,
Mt. Geale, Whitesburg, Ky.

✓ p.o. est. 2/4/1895 with Ira S. Hill, pm.
Lately known as Hogg, 6/14/1890. (ch.) Mail to Tillie from Hogg 2/4/1895. (Acc. to the National Archives) Tillie PO disc. 0/4.

5/31/1933;

✓ TOCSIN (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to Ezekiel Elberson Bentley, 4/13/1906, the 1st name suggested for this new po was Don and it would be in Knott Co., 1½ mi w of Rockhouse Creek, on Beaverdam Creek, ca. 4 mi ne of Colson po, 4 mi sw of Omaha po, 4 mi w of Democrat po. (Acc. to SLR-Knott Co.); po est. in Letcher Co. 6/22/1906, Ezekiel E. Bentley; 9/4/09, Henry Baker; Disc. 4/30/1914 (mail to Colson) (POR-NA); Acc. to Henry Baker, 7/09, it was in Letcher Co, on Rockhouse Ck, 8 mi nw of N.Fk. (Ky R), 2½ mi sw of Democrat po, 3 mi nw of Lester po. (SLR);

TOLLIVER TOWN (Letcher Co.): (Pron. "T(ah)l/ə/
ver=2½ syl. Town") Betw. Neon Jct. & Haymond
Named for the many Tollivers there. Sch. by
that name. Elect. prec. is called by that name
too. Never a po there. Had a few stores that
competed with the company store at Haymond &
the stores at Neon. Now: homes & a Pres. Chu.
That's all. (Wm. Terry Cornett, interview,
12/24/1977);

✓ TONNY (Breathitt Co., Ky): ' po est. 5/13/1907,
Allbritton Potter; Disc. 12/16/1911 (mail to Belvia)
(POR-NA); Acc. to Albritton B. Potter (storekeeper),
4/1907, the 1st name proposed for this new po was
Bass, Rass, or Rose (check) and it would be 2 mi ne
of Bilvia po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Wright po, 3 mi se of Vilas
po. (the rest of the film was too light) (SLR);

TYRA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to the 1900 Census, Rachel Brown (nee 9/1872) lived with her husband Elihue (sic) Brown (3/62) nr Browns and Tyrees, etc. in the Whitesb. Dist;

✓ TYRA (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 4/6/1905
with Rachel Brown, pm.; Garfield Tyree, pm,
12/11/1905. Disc. 11/15/1910. (Acc. to the
National Archives); Acc. to Rachel Brown, 1/1905,
this proposed po would be on the n side of Dry Fk, ca.
3 mi n of the Ky R, ca. 2 mi n of Crown po, ca. 4 mi s
of Sand Lick po, ca. 6 mi n of Whitesb. po// In 5/1909,
Benj. J. Brown pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{4}$ mi sw to a pt. $2\frac{1}{2}$
mi e of Crown po, 50 yds n of Dry Fk. (SLR); Rachel Tyre
daughter of David Tyree, Jr. & Mary Ann Harriet Susan
(Thomas) Tyree. Nee 1872. Mar. Elihu Brown, son of Benj.
and Mary (Blair) Brown;

"Polly"

1886

TYRA (Letcher County, Ky.)

Acc. to N.M. Webb, editor of the Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky. in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922 (q.v.), this was a "Family Name."

No post office now. Not listed in Field.

Not in the 1969 or 1970 Rand McNally Atlas.

(Check....); Named for the descendants of David Tyree;

David Tyre (sic) paid taxes on prop. he owned on Camp branch (1848); Tyree Cem. at Crown; These Tyrees are mentioned in L. Co. fam. records (1994-5): Benj. E. Tyree (1856-1927), son of David Jr. (1828-1916) and Mary Tyree. He was son of David, Sr. and Rachel (Rogers) T;

ULVAH (Letcher Co., Ky.) Named by a railroade for the poem "Ulvah's Isle." (Harry Caudill, 7/26/1971); Named by the rr. (N.M. Webb, editor of the Mt. Eagle, in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); po est. as Gourd, 11/1/1897, Wm. T Haney...ch. to Uhlva, 3/27/1914, Wesley B. Collins...(NA); (Pron. "Uhl/vee") At the mouth of Line Fork Creek, almost at the Perry Co. line. Named by a railroader for some favorite story or poem of his: 'I am king of Ulvah's Isle'....Always a whistle stop on the L&N. Later a no. of coal ramps were installed there. Very active little commu. until a few yrs. ago. The po is active, in the only store

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(or business) left in the commu. Nicknamed by younger people "Chicken City" because Mr. Watts used to run an "egg factory" there.

(Wm. Terry Cornett, interview, 12/24/1977);
Pop. of 314 in 1930; PO was in operation at least thru Dec. 1995; Acc. to L&N timetables it was 1 rail mi from and 6 rail mi. from Blackey; Cornettville.

✓ ULVAH (Letcher Co., Ky): "This hamlet with po lies on the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, 11½ (air) mi w of Whitesb. It was est. on 10/1/1897 by Wm. T. Haney who called it Gourd. In 1912 the L&N RR reached this pt. and, it is said, named its local sta. for a line from Thomas Campbell's poem Lord Ullin's Daughter: 'Oh, I'm the chief of Ulva's Isle....' Two yrs. later the po also assumed this name. Mr. Watts' local 'egg factory' recently inspired the nickname Chicken City." (Book-P. 300);

ULVAH (Letcher Co.): 1st called Guard^(sic), it was renamed in 1921 for the rr sta. Acc. to a resident, the sta. was called Ulvah in 1912 ✓ for the man who stole Lord Ullan's daughter. When they arr. at a large river, the couple offered a boatman a pound to take them across. When the boatman asked their names, the man said "I am the chief of Ulvah's Isle." Coal, timber, and truck farming commu. Vic. had a no. of truck mines and sawmills. PO in local store... (FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway PO, 9/1/1949, P. 14);

ULVAH (Letcher Co., Ky): Vil. with po in the middle of Lusk family holdings. Wes Collins was pm. I.T. Dixon was the 1st pm. Then he was a pumper for the L&N. Two large water tanks by the Ulvah Sta., but now gone. ca. 1918-9 a gen. store est. by Kelly Holcomb, who became pm, and Fitch Dixon. Another store was run by Wm. Hartley Lusk. In 1927 Kelly Holcomb bought most of the vil. from Polly Ann Lusk and opened another store owned in recent yrs. by Steve and Sinnie (Holcomb) Watts. Sinnie succeeded her father as pm. The Gourd po was on the N. Fk. (of Ky R), 2 mi from present Ulvah. (KY EXPL Vol. 12 (4), 9/97, P. 88--check on this....);

✓ ULVAH (Letcher Co.): The ballad was LORD ULLIN'S DAUGHTER by Thos. Campbell, 1803. He was a Scottish poet (1777-1844) "She eloped with the Chief of Ulva's Isle (sic); the fugitives embarked in a row-boat, which capsized (for a storm had arisen) and Lord Ullin from the shore witnessed the catastrophe..." (Wm. S. Walsh, HEROES AND HEROINES OF FICTION, Phil: Lippincott, 1914, P. 366) "Now who be ye, would cross Lochgyle, / This dark and stormy water? / Oh, I'm the chief of Ulva's isle, / And this, Lord Ullin's daughter

✓ UZ (Letcher Co., Ky): "This one-time L&N RR sta. and epo were on the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, 2 (air) mi w of Whitesb. This was the scene of the early frustrations of W.S. Morton, Jr., the resi. eng. responsible for laying the E. Ky. Div. tracks thru L. Co. in 1911-2. From the very beginning, wrote Mr. Morton some yrs. later, 'the rr encountered tough sledding at and around what is now Uz. Property owners forbid surveying parties to cross their land; then the right-of-way could not be bought at a reasonable price; ground for a depot was hard to obtain; the contractor was always behind in his work; bootleggers kept the construction camp in an uproar; and the contractor and

and the resi. eng. were always squabbling.' Finally, one day, after J.E. Willoughby, the L&N's supervisory engineer, 'had listened to a recap of Mr. Morton's troubles,' he suggested the analogy to the biblical Job's difficulties in the land of Uz. Morton asked 'if he could honor Job's homeland and name the sta. Uz. This was done and it has been Uz ever since, tho' always locally pron. 'yuzee'. The local po was est. as Field on 3/2/1906 on the N. Fk. of the Ky. R, just above the mouth of Dry Fk. In 1914 the po was renamed Uz when it was moved down the river to the sta. site." (Book-P. 302);

✓ UZ (Letcher Co.) Commonly pron. Yu/zēē though intended to be pron. to rhyme with "buzz". "This station...was so designated in honor of Job of the land of Uz....It was given this appellation by J.E. Willoughby, chief engineer of construction, after he had heard many a hard luck tale from his resident engineer, W.S. Morton, Jr., about his troubles with the natives, laborers, topography, etc. of that section. Uz is about six miles w. of Whitesburg...." (Kincaid A. Herr, L&N RR, 1964, P. 197);

✓ UZ (Letcher Co., Ky): On 8/3/14, J. Henry Brown pet. for the name ch. of the Field po and its move 3/4 mi w to serve the Uz Sta (of the L&N), 75 ft n of Ky.R, 1 1/4 mi s of Smoot Ck, 3 mi w of Ice po, 5 mi e of Roxana po, 4 mi ne of Oscaloosa po, 45 ft s of rr// Acc. to Andrew Frazier, 7/26/39, the po was at the Uz sta, 40 ft n of the Ky R, 2 1/2 mi se of Hot Spot po, 4.6 mi nw of Whitesb. po. (SLR); Acc. to a Whitesb. PO SLR (1938), the Uz po was 7 mi w;

✓ UZ (Letcher Co.): Field po est. 3/2/1906,
Clinton Boatright...ch. to Uz, 9/10/1914, J.
Henry Brown... (NA); (Pron. "Yū/zee" but never
"Uhz") Comes from the book of Job. My story
is probably true. Whistle stop on the L&N until
c.1940. People mostly refer to that area as
being "down on the river." Or the "down the
river area" betw. Whitesb. & Hot Spot. Some
people still refer to it as Uz, but most dont.
PO in a little store. (Wm. Terry Cornett,
interview, 12/24/1977); Disc 1939

UZ, (Letcher Co., Ky.) Station on the Eastern Kentucky Div. of the L. & N. RR. Derived from the Bible, being the land of Uz where Job lived. Founded by W.S. Morton, retired locating engineer, living, c1949, at Spring Hill, Tenn. and J.E. Willoughby, "one-time chief engineer for construction" of the L. & N. RR. Says Morton, the name commemorated the fact that the troubles the rr had when it was being built were similar to those Job had. Morton was ~~(then)~~ a div. engineer of construction during the construction of the No. Fork Ext. in 1911-12. "From the very beginning, writes Mr. Morton, the Railroad encountered 'tough

sledding' at and around what is now Uz. Property owners forbid surveying parties to cross their land; then the right of way could not be bought at a reasonable price; ground for a depo was hard to obtain; the contractor was always behind with his work; bootleggers kept the construction camp in an uproar; and the contractor and the resident engineer were always squabbling. Finally, one day, after Mr. Willoughby had listened to a 'recap' of Mr. Morton's troubles, he said: 'Morton, did you ever hear of a man named Job?' Mr. Morton replied that he had and that he doubted that Job had half the trouble he had, but that he was

willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. However, he would ~~(xxx)~~ like to name the station in honor of Job's homeland and thus, according to Mr. Morton, 'Uz wuz.' Pronounced U-zee ~~(xxxxxxx)~~ by some people. (R.R. South, "Our Station Names--Their Family Trees" in L. & N. EMPLOYEES' MAGAZINE, 10/1949, P. 14-5)

VADA (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Wilson C. Mullins (9/1871) to 1956) lived with his parents John (1/32) and Sarah (12/32) and nr Jas. A. Mullins (/4/54) and wife Marget L. (sic) (11/55) in Cumb. Dist. but no Vada;

✓ VADA (Letcher County, Ky.) p.o. est. 3/20/
1900. } Disc. eff. 12/31/1902 with papers to
Owenfork. (Acc. to the National Archives)

Wilson C. Mullins, 1st pm.

On 10/4/1901 Mullins was succeeded by Henderson
Bowling who was succeeded on 5/28/02, by Jas. A.
Mullins, the last pm. (POR-NA); Acc. to ? (everything
on this film was too light)// On (too light) too
light pet. for a move 126 rods (ca. 0.4 mi) n to (or
was it only 26 rods? Everything was too light....)
(SLR); ["vā/də"] Heard of it but dk where it was.
(Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

✓ VAN (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 10/24/1906, Hiram Whitaker, order rescinded 1/26/07; 9/2/08, Shade R. Combs...Disc. 1987 (POR-NA); Acc. to Shade R. Combs, 10/15/08, the po was 6 mi n of Ky R, 1½ mi n of Smoot Ck, ca. 3½ mi from Crown po. (map)// Acc. to Henry Y. Brown, 12/4/42, it was 60 ft e of Smoot Ck, 4 mi ne of N.Fk. (Ky.R), 4 mi ne of Hot Spot sta, 4 mi n of Premium po, 3½ mi w of Crown po, 5 mi s of Isom po. (SLR); pop. of 85 (1930); Named for Van Combs. (N.M. Webb to Steel, 4/22/22); On Smoot Ck, 5 mi from Whitesb. DK about the name. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

✓ VAN (Letcher Co., KY): The Letcher Co. Combs family prog. was Shadrack Combs (ne 1784 in NC and died sometime in the 1850s. He patented land on the Ky. R. in 1815 and 1822 and owned land on Smoot Ck. He lived at the mouth of Smoot Ck. DK who he married. They had a son, also Shadrack (1812-1891), one of whose sons was also Shadrack (Shadrack "Red Shade" Combs [1859-1940]) who marr. Mary Ann Adams. They lived on the Solomon Adams Br. of Smoot Ck. Red Shade and his son John Combs (1887-1959) were rural mail carriers. Henry Y. Brown was a Van pm. He was the son of Johnny and Polly (Mullins) Brown of Dry Fk. He marr. (in 1899) Malinda (Lindy) Combs and lived on Smoot Ck, 1½ mi from Dry Fk.

Lindy's gt. grandfather was Shadrack Combs, the prog., and the Browns early lived in his home at the mouth of Bee Tree Fk. Henry was a tchr, farmer, and bookkeeper for the Amburgey Coal Co. and ran the Van store & po. His wife worked with him. (Mae Frazier, Combs Family: Descendants of Shadrack Combs....., Lex, 1982, Pp. 2, 42, 87, 191. All of Mrs. Frazier's Combs family data from undated newsp. clipping is also in this mono.); Acc. to 1900 Knott Co. Census, Shade Combs (1/1844), a Hindman gro., lived with wife Eliz. (6/52) & son Van B. (5/80), a tchr;

✓ VAN (Letcher Co., Ky): Shade Combs (1859-1940) lived at the head of Trace Fk. of Smoot Ck and had the Van po in his home. The po served that fork. None of his child, was a Van and his wife was Mary Ann Adams. Other pm's were Earnest Combs, H.Y. Brown, and Betty Brown. (Shirley Frazier Breeding, "Trace Fork of Smoot in Essays in E. Ky. Hist. ed. by Stuart Sprague, MSU Foundation, Inc. 1984, Pp. 31-37); ~~Van Combs was son~~ No Van Whitaker listed in family records ^{Creek"} (1994-5); Van Combs was son of Shade "Black" Combs, (ne 1844), son of Wesley & Polly (Hogg) Combs. Shade marr. Eliz. Logan and raised family on Rockhouse nr Colson and owned a gen. store at Colson, nr jct. of Ky 7 & Airport Rd. (see Smoot Ck. entry) (Mae Frazier Hist. of Letcher Co. Combses, clip.)

✓ VILAS (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 2/23/1901, Cora L. Venters; 7/19/06, Litewell B. Tolliver; 2/14/08, John H. Polly; Disc. 12/31/1911 (mail to Craftsville) (POR-NA); Acc. to Cora Lee Venters, 1/31/01, the 1st name proposed for this new po was Leland and it would be on Ky R, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi e of (too light), $4\frac{1}{4}$ mi w of Bilvia po, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Wright po, 4+ mi nw of Craftsv. po// move (but too light for all data, incl. date & pm. Probably Tolliver or 3/98 (?)// Acc. to John H. Polly, 8/15/08, it was on s side of Ky R, $\frac{3}{4}$ mi s of Boone Ck, $2\frac{1}{4}$ mi from Craftsv. po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi w of Tonny po, 4 mi w of co. line. (map) (SLR);

✓ VILAS (Letcher Co., Ky): Could it have been named for
Wm. F. Vilas, the US Postmaster-General, 1885-88?
(check on him.....);

✓ WHITCO (Letcher Co.): Whitesburg Coal Co.
(N.M. Webb, editor of the Mt. Eagle, Whitesburg, Ky., in a letter to Wm. G. Steel, 4/22/1922); po est. 1/22/1918, Edward L. Williams
....(NA); (Pron. "W(ih)t/k(oh)"). c. 3 mi. fro
Whitesburg. Named for a coal co. Maybe the
Whitson family. Very small camp. Has heard it
described as an Alpine vill. because of the
way it slopes down the mt. Most of the old
camp houses were torn down some 20 or so yrs.
ago. Now almost residential, working class
suburb of W'burg. Commu. has changed a lot as
result of flooding & a no. of fires over the
past few yrs. An effort to incorporate it into

W'burg....No active mines there tho' most of the residents still make their living in mining. Remains of some of the old diggings can still be seen. (Wm. Terry Cornett interview, 12/24/1977); Acc. to Ed L. Williams

✓ 9/17/17, this proposed po would be serving Whitco Sta. and a town of this name given to it by the rr (with a pop. of 60), 300 ft s of N.Fk. (Ky, R), 2 mi w of Whitesb po, 2 mi e of Ice po, 65 ft s of rr. No agent at the st (SLR);

- ✓ WHITESBURG (Letcher Co.): Est. 1842 as co. seat of Letcher. Named for Lt. Gov. Dougherty White. In the latter 19th cent. W'burg was a lumber milling ctr. 1st pm=Wm. Carole, 2/10/1843.....(FIRST TRIP: Lex. to Fleming of the Highway PO, 9/1/1949, P. 15); Named for
- ✓ Daugherty White of Clay Co., father of John D. White who was the US Congressman. Daugherty intro. bill in Ky. Leg. (MT. EAGLE, 5/28/1931); The W. po will be rebuilt at Ermine in a few yrs replacing the Ermine office. (Susan Adams, 8/800)

✓ WHITE^SBURG (Letcher Co.): "A story that comes through my family's trad. is that my gt. gt. grandfather, Judge Jos. E. Cornett, who was the 2nd co. judge here, was the man who was given the responsibility to lay the town of W. out (sic) as the co. seat since there was no co. seat town there when W. was 1st named. (sic) And when they got ready to do the surveying work, a big snow-storm came up and the ground was white for days, and the story was, jokingly, my gt. gt. grandfather named it Whitesburg because of that. Now that's just a legend; I've never heard that anywhere confirmed. (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77)

✓ WHITESBURG (Letcher Co.): Named for Daugherty White of Goose Creek who helped get Letcher Co. est. in the Ky. Leg. (Marilyn Cornett, ms. for ALC-OH and me, "P.N. In Letcher Co." sent to me, 10/25/1972); Two communities competed for the co. seat: Whitesburg and Mayking. Stephen Hiram Hogg owned the site of W'burg. His offer of the site was accepted. And he deeded the land for the co. seat... (P. 13) City named for Cong. White who lived on Goose Creek, Clay Co.... (P. 14) (Isaac A. Bowles, HIST. OF LETCHER CO., Hazard, Ky., 1949); Inc. 3/6/76 (ACTS 1876, vol. 2, p. 36);

WHITESBURG (Letcher Co.): John White, uncle t
John Daugherty White, was a US Congressman
from Ky. Born nr. Cumberland Gap (now Middles
borough) 2/14/1802. Lawyer, practiced Richmon
Ky. In the Ky. Hse. of Reps. 1832. In US Con.
1835-45. Speaker of the House in the 27th
Congress. Appointed judge 19th Judicial Dist.
of Ky. 2/8/1845 till his death 9/22/1845.
Buried Frankfort. John Daugherty White was a
US Cong. from Ky. ne nr. Manchester, Clay Co.
1/16/1849. In Cong. 1875-77 and 1881-5 and
died nr. Manch. 1/5/1920. (BIO. DIR. OF THE
AM. CONGRESS, 1774-1961, USGPO, 1961, Pp. 180
-5);

✓ WHITESBURG (Letcher Co., Ky): "This 5th cl. city and seat of Letcher Co. is on Ky 15 and the N. Fk. of the Ky. R. ... It was founded in 1842 as the seat of the newly co. on land offered for this purpose by Stephen Hiram Hogg. It was named for Daugherty White of Clay Co. who as a st. leg. had succeeded in getting the co. org. that yr. The po was est. as Whitesburgh Court House on 2/10/1843, with Wm. Carole, pm. In 1892 the term. 'h' was dropped. The town was inc. in 1876. A folk acct. of the name, now hardly taken seriously, refers to an early snowstorm that blanketed the site of the future town for days." (Book-P. 316);

✓ WHITESBURG (Letcher Co.): PO est. as Whites-
burgh C.H. 2/10/1843, Wm. Canole (?)...Disc.
11/8/1865; Re-est. 6/12/66, Stephen G. Reid...
n.ch. to Whitesburg, 1/7/1892...5/19/1914,
Nehemiah M. Webb...(NA); (pron. "W(eye)ts ↔
W(ah)ts/berg") Two accts. of naming: (a) Named
for Daugherty White, one of the Clay Co. famil
who was in the Ky. Leg. in 1842 when the co.
was created. (b) "A story that comes through my
family's trad. is that my gt. gt. grandfather,
Judge Jos. E. Cornett, who was the 2nd co.
judge here, was the man who was given the resp
to lay ~~out~~ the town of W. out as the co. seat
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when W. was (~~WHH~~) 1st named (sic). And when they got ready to do the surveying work, a big snowstorm came up and the ground was white for days, and the story was, jokingly, my gt. gt. grandfather named it Whitesburg because of that. Now that's just a legend. I've never heard that anywhere confirmed." DK that Daugherty White was a Congressman. He was involved with the White saltmaking family on Goose Creek, Clay Co. Was pop. in Letcher Co. especially after the co. was created since there was some opp. to this in the Leg. then. Stephen Hiram Hogg, an early land owner in central Letcher Co. including

most of the W'burg site. To get the seat est here rather than nr. the site of Mayking, he offered the co. his land...DK when he died but he lived in W'burg and had many descendants in co. DK when W'burg was 1st settled; perhaps by the Caudills. Never had another name.. Inc. as a town in 1876, 34 yrs. after it was 1st settled. A quiet trading town til the rr came and then it became trading ctr. for the area coal camps. Due to its physical situation betw. the hills, its "possibility for expansion is slim"--cant grow much. Cosm town and well known mostly due to Harry Caudill. (Interview with Wm. Terry Cornett, 12/24/77);

✓ John White, not John Daugherty White was the source of Whitesburg. (1802-1845, Ky. Hse. of Reps.) (See Kozee, P. 833)....

The vil. of Whitesburg was 1st called Summit City, beginning ca. 1836. Hiram Hogg, landowner, gave 10 acres to locate the seat there. (Arthur Dixon "When Letcher Was Young" in Mt. Eagle ca. 1976, in Letcher Heritage News Vol. 1 (1), 9/1990, Pp. 5-7, 6); No Wm. Canole or Carole in 1850 Census but there were several Wm. Caudles or Caudills in the Whitesb. area. Perhaps its 1st pm was a Caudle;

✓ WHITESBURG (Letcher Co., Ky): APO (2000); had a pop. of 1804 (1930); On Ky 15 and N.Fk. (of Ky.R) Till the building of the coal camps and the arrival of the rr's after 1910, it was the county's only real town. It was named the co's. seat on its inception. Was surv. and laid out in 1843. Named for John Daugherty White of Clay Co. Local story that the town was jokingly named when it was platted on a snowy day in 1842-3. In 1842 the center of the present town was owned by Stephen H. who donated the site for the co. bldgs. as an "inducement" to locate here rather than on nearby Pert Ck. The 1st ct. was held at the latter site. The city was inc. in 1867. By (late 1920s) had become the co's.

major shipping pt. and trading center. One of the region's cultural and media centers with Appalshop and public radio. 5th cl. city. Slow but steady growth after 1970. Pop. (1990)=1636. (Terry Cornett in KY ENCY, 1992, P. 948); 1980 pop.=1525; 1998 esti. pop=1413; Acc. to 1921 L&N timetables, it was on the main line 2 rail mi from Whitco and 3 rail mi from Ermine; Acc. to 1960 L&N timetable, it was .5 rail mi from Mayking;

✓ WRIGHT (Letcher Co., Ky): Wm. M. Wright was ne Letcher and died at McRoberts in 1888. His wife was also a Wnigh. Their son, W.S. (Bill) Wright ne 1852 on Boones Fk. and lived in that vic. till died in 1900. Bill married Lettie Bates, nee 10/1851 at Rockhouse. Their children incl. S.J. Wright, a real estate man at Millstone; J.W. Wright, a Seco merchant; Dr. B.F. Wright, a Seco physician; Dallas Wright (Mrs. R.C.) Craft of L. Co. ("Letcher Co's. Pion. Families" in E. KENT., Vol. 15(3) 3.1980, P. 21);

WRIGHT (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1900 Census, Sam'l. J. Wright, son of Mary Araminta Wright, was ne 12/1859 (and died 8/7/1912. He lived with his wife Martha J. (nee Reynolds) Wright (11/1860-6/1950) in the Millstone Dist. nr Abraham Potter (8/36) & wife Sarah (3/48) and their daughter Mary R.J. (9/87);

✓ WRIGHT (Letcher Co., Ky): po est. 6/13/1882, Samuel Wright; Disc. 10/3/88 (papers to Craftsville); Re-est. 1/4/89, Abraham Potter; 4/24/94, Sarah Potter; 1/4/1910, Mary J. Addington; Disc. 1/14/1911 (mail to Bentley); Re-est. 3/10/1915, Martha J. Wright; Disc. 12/15/1916 (mail to Jenkins) (POR-NA); Acc. to Sarah Potter, 3/25/09, the po was $\frac{1}{4}$ mi n of Ky R, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mi from co line, 8 mi w of Bentley po, 2 mi e of Tonny po// PO re-est. (probably 1915) but everything in film was too light. except that it would be 100 ft n of N.Fk, 150 ft n of the mouth of Holbrook Br. (map) (SLR);

WRIGHT (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1883/4 Gaz, it was 11 mi e of Whitesb; Acc. to 1895/6 Gaz, it was 11 mi e of Whitesb. W.H. Potter had gen. store there; James Wright, the family's Letcher prog., arr. there in 1808 settling in the upper Boone Fk. sect. His son Joel marr. Eliz. Bates, the d. of John Bates who lived at the site of the future Kona....Bad John Wright was a son of Joel. (N.M. Webb in Mt. Eagle, 1931) (KY EXPL. 5/1999, Pp. 31-32); John & Sam'l. Wright paid taxes on prop. on Boons Fk. (1843)

✓ WRIGHT FORK OF BOONE FORK (of N. Fork of the Ky. River, Letcher Co., Ky): was named for "Devil John" Wright. One of the headwaters of the Ky. R. (Thos. D. Clark, THE KENTUCKY, Lex: Henry Clay Press, 1969, P. 15)

✓ WILLALUCE (Letcher Co., Ky): Acc. to 1910 Census, Allen Collins (31) and wife Frances (28) lived in Rockhouse Prec. #3 but no Willa in their family and no Willa Lewis anywhere in the county; Allen Collins (ne 1879) did not have a daughter Willa. Willa Eliz. Lewis (nee 1923 and thus too young for this po), mar. Jos. A. Mullins, Jr. in 1946. She was the daughter of W.F. and Ada (Dixon) Lewis. (L. Co. families hist's., 1994-5); Acc. to 1910 Census, Allen and Frances lived with his bro. Henry B. (45) in Prec. #3;

✓ WILLALUCE (Letcher County, Kentucky). Named
for a Willa Lewis. (Acc. to Webb in a letter
to Steel, 4/22/1922. In the Steel files, CGN)
(Check the Steel correspondence)....

h. m. webb, editor,

mt. Cagle, Whitesburg

✓ p.o. est. 10/6/1915 with Allen Collins, pm.
Disc. eff. 3/15/1929. (Acc. to the National
Archives)

only

✓ WILLALUCE (Letcher Co., Ky): Everything on the 1st film was too light// On 2/18/26, Allen Collins pet. for a site ch. $\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne to a pt 12 mi n of Ky R, 75 ft w of Smoot Ck, $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi ne of Van po, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi sw of Tillie po, 6 mi s of co. line. (SLR); Pop. of 60 (1930); Named for one of the Lewis family. Their name was often pron. "loose". ["wihl/ə/lūs"] (Terry Cornett, 12/24/77); PO was at the head of Smoot Ck and was est. 10/15/15. Allen Collins was its only pm. It closed 3/15/1929. (Shirley Frazier Breeding, "Trace Fork of Smoot Creek" in Essays in E. Ky. Hist., ed. by Stuart Sprague, MSU Foundation, Inc. 1984, Pp. 31-37);

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Blackey
(Letcher Co,
Ky.)

WHITESBURG — Jack Brown, 78, of Blackey, a retired carpenter, husband of Irene Brown, died of cancer yesterday at Whites-

burg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. Services 11 a.m. Sunday at Mount Olivet Regular Baptist Church, Blackey. Visitation after 6 p.m. today at Letcher Funeral Home here.

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