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Abstract:
The ten volumes report the results of a cultural resources survey in the Harry S. Truman Dam and Reservoir Project, Henry, Benton, St. Clair, and Hickory counties in southwestern Missouri. The combined volumes relate the findings of historical, architectural, archeological surveys conducted between 1975 and 1977. Volume I contains an outline of Osage River history to serve as a background for historical studies; Volume II is a historical gazetteer. Volume III contains the architectural survey of the reservoir. Volumes IV
through IX report the archeological survey of the reservoir. Volume IV is a description of the archeological survey, the results of that survey, and an analysis of prehistoric settlement-subsistence patterns in the reservoir area. Volume V contains analyses of surface collections obtained during the survey, and includes studies of chipped stone tools, ground stone tools, hematite, ceramics, and projectile points.

Volume VI consists of an interpretation of the Euro-American settlement at the lower Pomme de Terre River valley. Volume VII is a study of the results of preliminary testing at several sites in the lower Pomme de Terre River valley. Volume VIII contains the results of excavations in rock shelters along the Osage River. Volume IX contains studies relating to tests conducted in early occupation sites in the reservoir area, and an analysis of some Middle Archaic materials.

Finally, Volume X contains four environmental study papers, detailing the bedrock and surficial geology, the historic plant resources, and special studies of the soils and geology of portions of the reservoir.

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INTRODUCTION TO HISTORICAL GAZETTEER

The Historical Gazetteer is intended mainly to be a reference work. However, in studying the names of places, one also encounters patterns that give new perspectives on the culture and history of the Osage River region. The patterns described below are one part of the heritage of place names.

Most broadly, dividing places between two categories, natural features (rivers, streams, creeks, prairies, springs, land forms), and cultural features (counties, towns, townships, schools, churches, ferries, mills), we find that there has been a tendency in the naming of places for the names of natural features to also attach themselves to cultural features. It was common for people to name their churches for rivers or streams (14%) or for land forms, situation, or location (21%). Likewise, many towns (17%) were named for their setting or other physical attribute, about one half of these for rivers and streams. However, the movement from the name of a natural feature to a cultural feature, did not work in the other direction. That is, rivers, creeks, streams, and other natural features only in very exceptional instances (less than 1%) took their names from towns, schools, churches or other cultural features. The identity of places by nomenclature tended to flow more from nature to culture than from culture to nature. Taking the specific kinds of places individually, we find a rough chronological outline that helps explain the more general pattern.

The Osage River and its larger tributaries were the first places named by white men in the region. The French attached names to these navigable waterways because of their economic importance which made each deserving of an
individual identity. In each of the names of the fourteen largest rivers and streams, some aspect of this French influence still remains, though often in a corrupted form. Of less importance to the French, who were fur traders or trappers and therefore not permanent settlers, but of primary importance to the American settlers who followed them, were the smaller streams or creeks. Most often the settlers named these smaller tributaries either for a characteristic plant or animal (33%) or some other natural endowment of the stream (19%). These features were flowing parts of nature before the settlers arrived and natural names seemed appropriate and meaningful for knowing the identities of these places. When later settlers arrived, they found early settlers and families, living along the streams almost as a part of the natural setting, and attached the names of these early settlers to the streams and creeks (31%).

While rivers and streams were important as positive reference points in the natural environment, the large expanses of tall grass or "prairies," were less positive reference points, known most often (67%) for their length, size or shape. Since the prairies were known as obstacles to transportation, common reference would be to a place "twelve miles across the prairie," hence, "Twelve Mile Prairie." Of all the names for natural places, these names, as well as the prairies themselves, have been changed the most by men. None of the historic prairie names are now commonly attached to these places that have long since lost their prairie character to agricultural subdivision.

Land forms and springs tended to acquire names of similar type and proportion as streams and creeks. Families and local figures gave names to many land forms (46%), followed in importance by descriptive names (20%), and
flora and fauna (13%). For springs, a name embodying the description, location, or character of the spring was most often attached (52%) followed by the name of a geographically close family or local figure (29%).

For the most part, cultural features acquired names after natural features. However, chronological generalization here is loose and adequate only for the broadest overview. The counties, first of the cultural features named, were named by the Missouri State Legislature before the Civil War, and reflect not that body's awareness of the natural environment but its desire to glorify national political figures (86%). Local families and early settlers were much more important in the naming of local settlements or towns (35%) than were these state and national figures (9%). Many towns took their names from natural features (17%), about half of these from rivers and streams. But few towns (4%) took their names directly from the flora and fauna that gave their names to so many natural features, especially rivers and streams. The hunters and gatherers who named so many streams and creeks were less influential by the time settlements formed.

County sub-divisions or "townships" were formed all through the nineteenth century. But more often their formation followed the growth of concentrations of families or settlements from which they took their names (22%) than preceded the growth of settlements to which they gave their names (1%). Even more often, the townships took their names from important natural features (31%), usually from the dominant river or stream. As in the case with towns, local figures were more important for sources of township names (20%) than were national or state figures (16%). Also as was the case with towns, the flora and fauna were relatively unimportant (2%) as sources of names for
townships. This was also the case for schools (7%) and churches (6%).

Schools and churches grew up together, usually following the formation of settlements. Schools, therefore, often took their names from towns or villages (18%), local landowners or local figures (25%). Almost as important were the natural setting (24%). But far down the list in importance were national figures (2%), ideals (5%), and church or Biblical influences (3%). Perhaps surprisingly, churches themselves got names more commonly from their natural setting (36%) than from Biblical or nominally religious sources (24%). The important businesses that were also important site referents, ferries (90%) and mills (55%), most often took their names from their owners and operators.

The brief, abstract, and suggestive comments above are not meant to summarize all the meaning of the Historical Gazetteer. While patterns are contained in the names of places, and are worth studying since the naming of places was an unplanned yet patterned form of behavior, the heritage of place names also finds importance in the diversity of names, the socially individual names like Fraction Point, Hog Skin, Lizard Lick, Bugtussle, Crackerbox, Hardscrabble, Hog Eye, Needmore, and many others, that defy neat categorization but remain part of the heritage of place names.
Aaron Post Office (Bates)
Near the west line of Mingo T. Established about 1892 and named for Aaron Stayton.
OSHB, 63; BAB

Adobe Church (Henry)
Built in 1842 of adobe brick by Amasa Jones on his farm in Walker T. Named for construction material.
HHSC, 452, 453

Adrian (Bates)
Town in SE Deer Creek T. on Mo. Pac. R.R., founded in 1880 and named either for a Michigan town or for one of Mr. Talmadge's (general passenger agent for R.R.) sons.
MHR, 10: 197-213; BCR

Adrian School (Bates)
Transferred from town.
SSR

Agricola School (Henry)
NE Big Creek T. Named for Masonic Lodge in Carrsville.
WHD; SSR

Akard (Cedar) Later Owen's Mill
A trading point near the mouth of Bear Creek named for Judge J. M. Akard. Established at the end of the Civil War. Also known as Hubbard Mill, Tatum Mill, Crows Mill. Dam built SE; NE; NE2, T34; R26.
JAJ; JAG

Alberta Post Office (Henry)
Northern Bethlehem T. established at Will Logan's store. Named for Alberta Steele (1881), the admired daughter of Jack Steele, a Clinton traveling man
who stopped at the store often. Now extinct.

Alder Creek (Cedar)
A stream flowing near El Dorado and emptying into Cedar Creek named for the many alder bushes growing along its course.

Alder School (Cedar)
A local family name.

Alexander's Mills (Benton)
A post office in SW Alexander T. from 1862 to 1868. Named for Judge George Alexander, an early settler from Kentucky who first settled on Turkey Creek in 1832. He was elected county judge in 1836 and served until 1844.

Alexander Township (Benton)
SW corner of county, taken out of earlier Montgomery T. which is now NW corner of Hickory County. From 1873 to 1876 it was known as Alexandria T., then reverted to Alexander T. Named for Judge George Alexander.

Alice (Cedar)
Named for a woman in the neighborhood. A store NW of Stockton & m. and founded about 1870. (J. A. Jackson; J. A. Gunnier) Also called Horse Creek and Mule Creek.

Allen School (Benton)
Located in NE Tom T. and named for a landowner in
Allen's Prairie (St. Clair)

In Collins T. named for a family living on the prairie. Named for the prairie area near Collins back in the 1840's. Named for William Allen, a settler there. People in the bottom lands did not appreciate the land in the Allen prairie as being very productive. A few people settled there and broke the prairie with mule and bull tongue and plow. Allen came from Virginia in about 1840 with a large family and many slaves. Allen was one of the few men in the neighborhood wealthy enough to have a saddle horse especially used for riding and saved from the plow.

HHSC, 1051

Almon (Hickory)

A post office, 1886-1922 in the E part of Stark T. A family name. Formerly called Goose Neck. The town was not platted. A water mill was built about 1854 on the Little Niangua Creek and the post office was established in 1868.

HHI, 50

Altona (Bates)

A village in SE Grand River T., laid out in Jan. 1860 by William Crawford who named it for his home town, Altoona, Pa. But Eaton says it was named for the Prussian city of Altona, near Hamburg. This contention is supported by the spelling. Perhaps this is a case of "contamination" or double origin.

HCB, 828; MHR, 10: 208
Altona School (Bates)
From the town.

American School (Henry)
In Walker T. Named to distinguish it from German-town district nearby. Also called "Sorghum College," from the sorghum made near the school.
SSR; JO

Amity School (Cedar)
An ideal name.
SSR

Amoret (Bates)
A town on the K.C., Ft. Scott and Gulf R.R. in W part o: Homer T., laid out in 1890 by the Missouri Coal and Construction Company. Named by the founders for the Amorites, one of the tribes of Canaan (Gen. 15:16). The Amorites were as ungodly and depraved as any tribe of Canaan.
AHB, 275

Amos (Vernon)
A town laid out in 1894 when the K.C. Southern R.R. was built and named for Mr. Amos Nickerson who already had a store there.
VPB, 29

Amsterdam (Bates) (earlier Burrows)
Laid out by the Amsterdam Town Company when the K.C. Southern R.R. was built in 1891. The railroad was financed by Holland Capital and the town was named for Amsterdam, Holland.
AHB, 267

Antioch Christian Church (Hickory)
1 m. SW of Pittsburgh. The building was put up in 1875. Cf. above. Perhaps 30 Missouri counties have a church named "Antioch," usually Christian.
Biblical name.

GHH, 256

Antioch Church (Hickory)

Primitive Baptist church on North Prairie, 4 m. NW of Cross Timbers. This was the first church in what was then (1833) Benton County.

LHB, 68

Antioch School (Benton) (Henry)

Biblical.

SSR

Appleton City (St. Clair) (earlier Arlington)

This name was given to the town about 1872 in honor of D. S Appleton (1824-1890) of the Appleton Pub. Company who gave $500 library to the City.

EB, II, 123

Appleton Township (St. Clair)

Organized in 1880 and named for the town.

HHSC, 1000

Ararat School (St. Clair)

A biblical name.

SSR

Arbor Grove M.E. Church South (Vernon)

In Montavallo T. organized in 1881 by Mrs. Sarah G. McAllister and named for the bush arbor office in which the first Sunday School was held.

HVH, 861

Archer Creek (Benton)

In E Cole T., a west branch of Big Buffalo Creek. Probably a family name.
Argos (Benton)
Extinct town just a mile or less E of Warsaw on the road toward Jefferson City.
NMM, 1846

Arkansas School (St. Clair)
In Dallas T. named for its location in country similar to Arkansas and for the backwoods people.
SSR

Arlington (St. Clair) (later Appleton City)
Laid out Sept. 22, 1870 and named for a man who ran a hotel there.
HHSC, 1,004

Arnica (Cedar) (later Fincastle)
Named for a spring which people thought contained the medicinal properties of Arnica. Called Fincastle in 1882. (Arnica -- herb with yellow flowers made into tincture and used as stimulant and curative for bruises and sprains) Now extinct.
GH

Arthur (Vernon)
Village laid out by Frank P. Anderson March 30, 1881 on the Mo. Pac. R.R. named for one of Mr. Talmadge's sons (general passenger agent for the R.R.)
BCR

Arthur School (Vernon)
From town.
SSR

Ashworth School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.
SSR
Athol (Bates)
A coal station in Western Lone Oak T. on Mo. Pac. R.R. Named for a station, now extinct. Probably for a sub-division of E. K.C. named by an investment company for a hilly district in northern Perthshire, Scotland, then shortened; now a stock American place name. 

Austin City (Henry) (also part of Deepwater P.O.)
Town in S part of Walker T. started by Dr. Amasa Jones and John H. Austin, teacher at Harmony Mission for whom the town was named. The P.O. was called Deepwater because there was another Austin in the state. The town was moved to Germantown about 1864. Today all that remains is an adobe house.

Austin's Mill (Vernon) (later Ball's Mill, then Ball-town, then Little Osage)
W part of Osage T. founded by Cecil D. Ball in 1839 for whom it was later named. Originally named for D. H. Austin who came from Ky. to Mo. in 1835 and had a mill there in 1836.

Avery (Benton and Hickory)
Village on the border line between Benton and Hickory and partly in both. Named for Henry Avery one of the commissioners appointed by the General Assembly of Missouri in 1837 to select a county seat for Benton Co. First stock of goods brought to this trading point by Wright and Rash, Feb. 10, 1890, 1 m. E of the present village site. In
1897, William Bynen built the first store on the present site.

Avery School (Benton)
In SE Alexander T. for the town.

Avery Settlement (Henry)
In NW Tebo T., named for a family who settled there in an early day.

Avola (Vernon)
Town in SW Drywood T. platted in 1869 named from a combination of letters of two or three names of early settlers in that community.

Avola School (Vernon)
From the town.

Bacon Township (Vernon)
Organized out of Osage T. in 1856 and named for James Bacon who lived in St. Clair on the Vernon County line as early as 1840. He died Oct. 28, 1854.

Badger School (Vernon)
Named for Dr. Albert Badger, a local figure.

Badger Township (Vernon)
Organized in 1873 and named for Dr. Albert Badger,
a popular physician. He came from New Orleans and settled in the NE part of Vernon in 1844. Died March 14, 1911.
HVH, 438

Bagnell Dam (Miller)
Named for town which was named for William Bagnell, the contractor who built the branch line of the Mo. Pac. R.R. of which Bagnell is the terminal.
PG 1886

Baird College (Henry)
Founded at Clinton by H. T. Baird of Hardin College, for whom it was named. Extinct.
HH, 162

Baker Post Office (St. Clair)
In N part of Jackson T. established in 1869, discontinued 1918. Named for Mr. Ike Baker (1848– ) who was postmaster.
HHSC, 1040

Baker's Store (Cedar)
Baker's Store is a country store named for the owner and operated since 1915.
JAJ; JAG

Bakersville (Vernon)
A settlement six miles and a half NW of Nevada established in 1926 by George Baker for whom it was named.
DF

Balke Prairie School (Benton)
In North Central part of Williams T. named for a family who owned land on this prairie.
Ballard Post Office (Bates)
NW Spruce T. established about 1886 and named for Hon. J. N. Ballard (1842-7) presiding judge of the county court and later state senator.

Ballard School (Bates)
From town or P.O.

Ballou's Branch (Benton)
A small branch, 4 m. long, in S part of Lindsey T. emptying into the Osage R. Named for D. C. Ballou, who called out the militia during the Slicker War in 184-1. Also judge of the circuit court, 1859. He was the first surveyor (1840-44) and first resident attorney in the county.

Balm (Cedar) (earlier Cedar Springs)
So called for the medicinal qualities of the water. Laid out in 1884.

Balltown (Vernon) (earlier Austin's Mill, Ball's Mill, later Little Osage)
Adopted by Mr. Ball soon after 1839 when he set up a country store and home.

Barber Hollow (Benton)
NW Lindsey T., leading E into Little Tebo Creek. Probably family name.

Barker's Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Tebo Creek in SE Springfield T. named for Dick Barker, an early settler who settled on
the stream near Mt. Olivet Church in 1839.

HHSC, 479

Barnes School (Cedar)
Local family name.

Bates County
Western border county in Missouri. Origin of name is controversial. For Frederick Bates (1777-1825) sec. of La. Ter. 1806-12, sec. of Mo. Ter. 1812-21, gov. of Mo. 1824-5, or for his still more famous brother Edward Bates (1793-1869) lawyer and Congressman, 1826-28, national Whig leader and Attorney General of U. S. under Lincoln, 1860-4. All the possibilities presented by F. Shoemaker in Bates County Democrat, June 22, 1916. The matter favors Edward Bates. See Territorial Laws, II, 331 and Laws of Missouri, 1840-1, p. 30 for reference to the original act creating the county which settles the question, "... a new county to be called the county of Bates, in honor of Frederick Bates, Late Governor of the State of Missouri."

The area of Bates County was successively included in Howard Co. (1816), Cooper Co. (1818) then in Lillard Co. (1820), Jackson Co. (1825). It was finally named Bates County by Act of Legislature on Jan. 16, 1833; then Jan. 29, 1841 it was attached to Jackson Co. for civil and military purposes. In 1855 the present Vernon Co. was cut off and the boundaries have since then remained fixed.

An old settler, remembering the frequent reorganizations of counties in this territory, said "We lived in four counties ... and did not move once ... it was first Van Buren, then Cass, then Vernon and now Bates." For Bates County history see:
Batesville Post Office (Bates)
Named for county and located at Harmony Mission in 1841 and moved to Papinsville in 1848. Name given to Harmony Mission, the only settlement shown in Bates County in the 1840's.
AHB, 307; M

Baugh School (Benton)
NW Lindsey T. named for owner of the land.
SSR

Bear Creek
CZP, n. 382; HHSC, 889

Bear Creek (Cedar) (also called Payntersville)
Town named for nearby creek. Began as a trading post in the 1850's. Just after the Civil War Charles W. Paynter and Jefferson Jackson opened a store there. People started calling the village Payntersville, but the P.O. was still called Bear Creek.
JR, JAJ, JSB

Bear Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek. Probably named for the animal.
HHSC, 468
Bear Creek Church (Henry)
Methodist Episcopal Church organized in 1835 and named for nearby creek.
HH, 120

Bear Creek School (Cedar)
From town or township.

Bear Creek School (St. Clair)
From stream.

Bear Creek Township (Henry)
In SW county, organized in 1873 and named for the stream.
HHSC, 468

Beaver Creek (Benton)
See Knobby Creek.

Bedford (Vernon) (later Handley, then Panama)
The earliest name of a town in the coal mining district in the north part of Osage T. founded about 1880; named for Jack Bedford, coal mine operator and superintendent for the Rich Hill Mining Co. and owner of the land. After Bedford lost influence, renamed Handley.
WHA, NH

Bee Branch (Henry)
A tributary of Big Creek in the NW Big Creek T. named for the wild bees so common along the creek in trees. (common in Missouri)
WHDB

Bee Branch School (Henry)
For the stream.
Bellamy City (Vernon)
Town in Dover T. laid out by Thomas Bellamy in Sept. 1882. Named for his brother Henry R. Bellamy who came from Carthage in about 1881. Both were from England originally.
HVH, 848

Bellamy School (Vernon)
For the town.

Bells Mill (Bates)
Saw mill on the Marais des Cygnes built shortly after the Civil War and named for James S. Bell (1836-?), who came to Bates in 1867.
HCB, 802

Bell's Mill (Cedar)
Built on Bear Creek in the 1840's and named for the builder and operator, Mr. Bell.
JAW, JSA

Bells Mill Post Office (Bates)
In E New Home T., named for the mill above.

Belmont (Henry) (later Spring Grove, then Windsor)
Earliest name for town in NE Windsor T. founded by R. F. Taylor and Mr. Majors in 1855. Later called Spring Grove because Belmont was already taken as a P.O. name. Called Belmont either after the wife of a founder or after Portia's home in Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.
HHSC, 379, 384

Belmont School (Bates)
Literary?

Belmont School (Vernon)
SW Harrison T. built in 1855 on land given by James McKell. Literary name? above.
Belvoir (Vernon) (earlier Son's Ferry)
   After Belvoir Castle in Leicestershire, England.
   Norman-French name.
   HVH, 547

Belvoir School (Vernon)
   For town.

Bender's Field (Benton)
   At the confluence of the Grand and Osage Rivers.
   W&M, III, 146

Benton County
   In west central Missouri. Organized Jan. 3, 1835
   out of parts of Pettis and Greene counties. In
   1845 it lost some territory to the new Hickory
   County. In 1841 it lost some territory to Camden
   County, land west of the Niangua. In 1845 it
   lost 216 sq. m. in NW, between Windsor and Ionia,
   to Pettis. Named for the U.S. Senator (1821-51).
   Counties in seven other states bear his name;
   thirty towns and villages. For Benton County
   history see:

   Frontier Days, Pioneer History of Benton County,
   History of Cole, Moniteau, Morgan, Benton,
   Miller, Maries and Osage Counties, Mo. (Chicago,
   Goodspeed, 1889) 1172 p.
   History of Benton County, Mo., James H. Lay
   and George C. Worth, (Warsaw, 1912) 135 p.
   A Sketch of the History of Benton County, Mo.,
   James H. Lay, (Hannibal, 1876, reprinted) 76 p.
   The History of Benton County, K. K. White and
   K. W. Miles (Clinton, 1969) 3 v.
Benton School (St. Clair)
For Mr. Green Benton, local leader.

Benton Township (Cedar)
Laid out by first court and named for T. H. Benton. Established May 8, 1845. Reorganized May 25, 1871 and Feb. 6, 1880. HC, 390-7

Bentonville (Benton)
Post office since 1891 in SW Alexander T. for Senator Benton or the county. MHR, 10:209

Berry Bend (St. Clair)
Bend in Osage R. in NE St. Clair next to Benton County; the area labelled "park" on Z. Pike's notebook map. JZP, pl 18

Berry School (Henry)
For local figure.

Bethel Church (Benton)
Christian Church on Little Tebo Creek organized June 24, 1842, discontinued by 1861. A biblical name, the site of Jacob's dream (Gen. 28: 19), signifying the house of God. LHB, 68

Bethel Church (St. Clair)
In N Polk T. organized April 29, 1837 by Rev. Elijah Williams and Rev. Hiram Savage. From Bible as above. HHSC, 1944

Bethel M.E. Church (Vernon)
Erected in Coal T. in 1876. From Bible as above. HVH, 566
Bethel School (Bates)
From Bible as above.

Bethel School (Cedar)
From Bible as above or from church.

Bethel School (Vernon)
From Bible as above.

Bethlehem Baptist Church (Henry)
In Bethlehem T. organized in Sept. 1854 by Elder Peter Brown at the residence of James Lee. From Bible meaning "house of bread."
HHSC, 487

Bethlehem School (Henry)
For church.

Bethlehem Township (Henry)
In SE organized in 1873 out of part of Grand River T. and named for the church.
HHSC, 486

Bever School (Bates)
For local figure.

Big Buffalo Creek (Benton)
Flows out of Morgan through E. Benton. So called for buffalo found here by early settlers.
AM

Big Buffalo School (Benton)
NE Cole T. named for stream or animal.
SSR

Big Coal Bank (Henry)
Coal bank 3½ m. from Windsor named because of its notable size.
HHSC, 380
Big Coon Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of Sac River in S. part of county. Named for raccoons.
HHSC, 889

Big Creek Township (Henry)
In N. county, one of the first four T. created. Reorganized in 1873. Named for the stream. First voting precinct and election Aug. 1836.
HHSC, 444

Big Deer Creek (Hickory and Benton)
Flows NE from Hickory into Benton and into the Osage River. Named for the plentiful deer and called big to distinguish it from its tributary, Little Deer Creek.
CGM, 23

Big Mill Creek (Hickory)
See Mill Creek.

Big Monegaw Creek (St. Clair) (also Big Monegan)
Tributary of the Osage River named for the Indian Chief of Osage.
CZP, 385

Big Spring (Benton)
Medicinal spring near Cole Camp. Named for its size.
GHB, 459

Birch Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Little Drywood Branch in north central Center T. named for the tree.
HVH, 583

Bird Branch (Benton)
In NE Lindsey T. running east where it joins Duren Creek. Named for a local family.
RIR
Bird School (Benton)
In SE Alexander T. named for Bird Branch.

Birdsong Post Office (St. Clair)
In center of Washington T. named for W. S. Birdsong who owned the farm adjoining the P.O. Birdsong was a Missionary Baptist minister born in 1859 in Moniteau Co., Mo. and came to St. Clair in 1869.

Bishop's Store (Benton)
In S Alexander T. The post was originally established by John F. Hogle, an Indian agent for the U.S. Government, and a Frenchman named Narcisse Pensineau at the mouth of Hogle's Creek, where they found the largest Indian village. Then called Hogle's Trading Post and was the first white settlement in Benton Co. Around 1832 Thomas J. Bishop set up a store here but folded in 1837-38 when the Indians left. The village of Bishop's Store had a P.O. from 1860 to 1868.
LHB, 15, 25

Black Jack (St. Clair) (Also Sample)
This name was given to Sample Post Office by the settlers for its location in black jack timber.
LC

Black Jack School (St. Clair)
For the town or post office.

Black Oak (Hickory)
See Preston.

Black Oaks Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River in S Bogard T. named for the trees along the stream.
HHSC, 440
Black School (Bates)
For A. Black, a local figure.

Black Sulphur Springs (Benton)
Six medicinal springs 5 m. W of Warsaw, on the Osage R. noted as a resort before 1861. Probably called "Black Sulphur Springs" to distinguish them from nearby White Sulphur Springs. Campbell (1874) called them Clark Sulphur Springs, for an early landowner.
GHB, 458

Blaine (Benton)
P. O. in 1892 named for James Gillespie Blaine (1830-93) now extinct.

Blaine (Vernon) (later Marion, then Humble, then Horton)
On the Osage River, 1/2 m. N of the Marmaton, laid out on land given by Charles L. Humble on March 29, 1884, after whom it was later renamed. The original name for the Plumed Knight who lost race for presidency in 1884.
HVH, 394

Blair Line (Henry and St. Clair)
See the K.C., Osceola and Southern R.R.

Blair School (Vernon)
From Civil War days.

Blairstown (Henry)
Town in NE Bogard T. laid out by a R.R. company and named in honor of John I. Blair (1802-99), a noted capitalist, who was connected with the R.R. for years and worked on 20 R.R. over his career. Blairstown located July 9, 1885 on R.R.
HH, 105, 163
Blairstown School (Henry)
From the town.
SSR

Blakely's Mill (St. Clair) (earlier Boots Mill, later Iuka Springs)
Blakely bought the mill from Boot after the Civil War.

Blakey's Mill (Cedar)
Built in 1840's on Sac River by Blakey.
HC, 360

Blakey Church (Vernon)
First church in Clear Creek T. built by Rev. R. A. Blakey from whom it was named in 1857.
HVH, 458

Blalock School (Henry)
SSR

Bledsoe (Hickory)
P. O. 1867-8 in E Montgomery T., 3 m. N of Wheatland. Named because the office was kept in Bledsoe Montgomery's house. He was a son of Judge Joseph C. Montgomery for whom Montgomery T. was named. Bledsoe was a settlement before Wheatland was founded, on the Quincy and Hermitage Road. Bledsoe was on the Butterfield Stage route, the Warsaw and Bolivar road.
NMM, 1960

Bledsoe's Landing (Benton)
Where old military road from Palmyra to Springfield crossed the Osage R., 1½ m. above Warsaw.
Established in the fall of 1831 by Lewis Bledsoe for whom it was named. Also called Osage, New Town or Log Town and Bristoe's Town. In 1837 it rivaled Warsaw for the county seat. The settlement survived as late as 1855. This place called "Osage" on Revised Greenleaf Brattleboro, 1842 ma, WG; LHB, 36

Blue Branch (Benton)
SE Lindsey T., running N into the Osage R., named for color of water.

Blue Mound School (Vernon)
For mound nearby.
SSR

Blue Mounds (Vernon) (Also called Twin Mounds)
Two natural mounds located in NE Blue Mount T. From a distance the larger mound appears hooded or capped in a blue veil.
CZP, n. 385

Blue Mound Township (Vernon)
For mound above.

Blue Ridge School (St. Clair)
For landscape.
SSR

Bluff Springs School (Cedar)
For a stream.

Board School (Vernon)
For Mr. Abel S. Board, a local figure.
SSR

Boeschenville (Benton)
A P.O. 1876-1900 in NE Benton on Haw Creek named for two early settlers on that creek, John and
Gesche Boeschen. First called Boeschen's Store.
GHB, 512

Bogard Township (Henry)
In NW Henry, organized Aug. 1857 and named for the stream. There never have been any towns in the T. unless Urich, founded in 1871, can be called a town.
HHSC, 429, 439, 440, 441

Bohrenburg School (Benton) (Also Bahrenburg)
In central Williams T. named for early landowner.
SSR

Bone Fork Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Miami R. in NW Pleasant Gap T. named for a man who settled in this county several years before the Civil War.
HCB

Boone Branch (Benton)
In N Union T., a branch of Mossy Creek.

Boot's Mill (St. Clair) (later Blakely's Mill, then Iuka Springs)
Earliest name of a town in NW Osage T. named for Martin S. Boot, a native of Virginia, who came to St. Clair in 1853.
HHSC

Bowen (Henry and Johnson)
In Windsor T. of Henry on county border, established by Bowen Coal Co. in 1930 for which it was named.
RJB

Bowling Green School (St. Clair)
Borrowed from Ky.
SSR
Box School (Benton)
In WC Fristoe T. named for a landowner.
SSR

Box Township (Cedar)
Laid out by the court in 1855 and named for Mr. Box who dug his coffin out of a big walnut log about 1835. This odd behavior caught wide attention and so the T. was named for him.
HC, 390; JAJ

Boyler's Mill (Benton)
P.O. 1867-8 on NE border of Cole T. later moved into Morgan Co. Probably named for an early proprietor.
GG

Boyler's Mill (Benton)
P.O. from 1874, 1876-1921 16 m. SW of Versailles in NW Buffalo T. Named for James Byler, changed to Boyler by P.O. department. A water flour mill located here. Spelled Byler's in Hayward's Gazetteer in 1853.
HG

Brackney School (Bates)
For a local figure.

Bradford School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.

Brandon (Benton)
P.O. 1910-33 near the N border of White T. Named for a prominent landowner.
EHF
Brauersville (Benton)

P.O. 1886-97 and small village in Union T. named for Frederick Brauer (born about 1826) who served as postmaster for 8 years.

PG

Brickley Hollow (Benton)

In central Cole T., leading SW into Cole Camp Creek. A family name.

Brill's Hill (Benton)

Scenic hill along the shore of Lake of the Ozarks named for an early landowner, Charles Brill who was a Union soldier in the War of 1861.

CGM, 494

Bristoe's Town (Benton)

See Bledsoe's Landing.

Bristow (Vernon)

Town in Badger T. established about 1889 or 1890. Named by a person in the neighborhood for Senator Joseph Little Bristow (1861--), who was assistant postmaster general. Bristow was a senator from Kansas (1909-1915).

MBM

Bronaugh (Vernon)

Town in Moundville T. laid out in spring of 1886 when the Nevada and Minden R.R., now the Joplin Branch of the Mo. Pac. was built by the Bronaugh Town Co. Named in honor of W. C. Bronaugh, owner of the land where it was built. Capt. C. Bronaugh spent 13 years trying to secure freedom for the Younger boys who had been sent to prison for life after the Northfield, Minnesota raid, Sept. 7, 1876. Bronaugh, like the Youngers, was a
Confederate soldier. When the Younger boys were finally released, Capt. Bronaugh brought them back to Henry and Vernon counties, where both got a hero’s welcome.
HH, 721; HH, 208

Bronaugh Church (Henry)
In SE Springfield T. named for Mr. Frank Bronaugh.
HHSC, 484

Bronaugh School (Henry)
For Judge C. C. Bronaugh, a local figure.

Browder School (Hickory)
In S Stark T. named for an early landowner.

Browning School (Henry)
For Mr. Frank Browning, a local figure.

Brownings Ferry (Henry)
Near Brownington on Grand River, run by Mr. Browning before the Civil War.

Brownington (Henry)
Village adjoining Consville, founded by Capt. Consallis or Consalus, in 1869 on the Clinton and Osceola R.R. and named by the people for Mr. Browning who had been a large slave owner and owned land on which the town was built. Mr. Consallis (Consalus) was a Republican and therefore not respectable enough to have the town named for him.

Brownington Presbyterian Church (Henry)
Organized in 1873 and named for the town.
HHSC, 465
Brownington School (Henry)
From the town.

Brown Mill (St. Clair)
Water mill on Clear Creek west of Tiffin 2 m. built about 1850 and named for an early settler who operated the mill.
HHSC, 871

Brush College School (Bates)
For flora.
SSR

Brush College School (Vernon)
For flora.
SSR

Brush Creek (Benton)
Rises in NW Benton and flows SW into Henry and Tebo Creek near the county boundary. Named for thick brush on its banks.
GHB, 456; PH

Brush Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of the Sac F. in S St. Clair named for the brush on the banks.
HHSC, 889

Brush Creek School (St. Clair)
From the stream. See Civil War Cemetery in school yard and Capt. B. F. Cook's stone.

Brushy Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Elk Fork in E Grand River T. mentioned by Pike and named for brush on the banks.
CZP, n. 389

Brushy Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in W Walker T. Named
for brush on banks.
HHSC, 450

Brushy Church (Henry)
HHSC, 442

Brushy Creek (Benton)
In E Cole T. rising near Zora and running SW into the Osage R. near Lakeview Heights. Named for brush on the banks.

Brushy Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Big Creek in Bogard T. named for the brush on its banks.
JO

Brushy M.E. Church (Henry)
Organized in Oct. 1866 on Brushy Creek in Walker T. named for its location and later moved to Prairie Zion Church.
HHSC, 453

Brushy Mound (Bates)
SE New Home T. named for the brush growing on the mound.
BM

Brushy Mound (Vernon) (later Letiembre Hill, then Tiembre Hill, then Timbered Hill)
First name of a natural hill on S side of Marmaton in Blue Mount T., for flora.
VH, II, 648

Bryan School (Bates)
For the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan.
SSR
Bryan School (Vernon)
For the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan.
SSR

Buck Branch (Benton)
In the center of Union T. running W into Big Deer Creek and named for the animal frequently spotted by pioneers along its banks.

Buckeye Creek (St. Clair) (Later Wrights Creek)
Charted by Pike in St. Clair Co. Named for the flora growing along its banks.
CZP, II, n. 381

Buckhorn School (Bates)
In SE last Boone T. and named for a Buck's horn that had been nailed over the door by two men in the community in an attempt to settle a dispute whether to name the school for Mr. Halderman or Mr. Galloway, two citizens.
SSR

Buckley Hollow (Benton)
In N Union T. leading W into Big Bear Creek and probably named for an early landowner in the county.

Buffalo Creek (Benton)
See Big Buffalo Creek.

Bugtussle (Cedar)
A store established about 1921 E of Arnica was named this jokingly and became customary. 3.7 m. E of Arnica -- at the turn of the road -- where the road jogs south. The store ran until the 1940's.
JAG; AMW; CA
Bull's Horn River (Vernon)
Named for Marmaton on Bradbury's map.

Bunker Hill School (Henry)
In E Bogard T. built on a hill and named for a fist fight between early settlers that earned the region the reputation for being the site of the "Battle of Bunker Hill."
SSR

Burdett (Bates)
A town in WC East Boone T. on Mormon Fork Branch, laid out in 1870 by Daniel Cauthrien and Oliver B. Heath and named after Hon. S. S. Burdett (1836-1914), a member of Congress from 1869-73.
AHB, 264

Burnett's Branch (Bates)
HCB, 890

Burdett School (Bates)
From the town or P.O.

Burnett Station (Johnson)

Burgess School (St. Clair)
For Mr. Benton Burgess, a local figure.
SSR

Burns School (St. Clair)
Named for Mr. John Burns, a local figure.
SSR

Burrows Post Office (Bates) (Later Amsterdam)
In WC West Point T. named for first postmaster, Freeman Burrows.
OSHB, 62
Busbee School (Vernon)

Named for Mr. Moses Busbee, local figure.

SSR

Butcher (Hickory)

Once known as Fairview. W Hickory on Hwy T, W of R.

Butler (Bates)

Town in C Mount Pleasant T. laid out April 19, 1852
and named for Orlando Butler (1791-1880) of Ky.
who was very popular with the southern Democrats and
ran for President in 1848.

AHB, 247

Butler Academy (Bates)

Organized in 1874 in Butler and named for the town.
Destroyed by fire in 1900.

HCB, 865

Butler School (Bates)

From the town.

Butler Township (St. Clair)

In NE St. Clair, organized in 1868 and named for
William Orlando Butler, general in the Mexican
War and Congressman (1839-43).

HHSC, 1034

Byler Branch (Benton)

In central Cole T. rising near Edmonson and running
SW into Cole Camp Creek. Early spelling of Boyler
of Boyler's Mill in same locality.

Calhoun (Henry)

Town in SE Tebo T. laid out by James Nash in 1837
and named after John C. Calhoun (1782-1850) of
S. C. Nash first settled on this place in 1835.
Calhoun was the leading contender for location of
the county seat until the commissioner decided to
found it at the center stake of Rives County and
hence, Clinton.
HHSC, 425-7

Calhoun School (Henry)
From the town.
SSR

Cal Waldo Bend (St. Clair) (Later Harris Bend)
Fork in the Sac River named for Calvin Waldo who
settled on the Sac River in Osceola T. about 1832.
d. 1858.
HHSC, 823

Campbell's Station (Bates)
Town on the Marais des Cygnes River established
after the Civil War and named for a family store
near there. Now extinct.
WWM

Camp Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Osage, in SW Hudson T. named by
early settlers for the people who camped there
on their way to the Kansas Territory.
AHB, 282

Camp Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in E part of Walker T.
named because settlers camped here when freighting
goods across from Boonville.
HHSC, 450

Camp Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the West Fork of Clear Creek so
named because Confederate soldiers camped here
during the Civil War.
VB, II, 536
Camp Branch Church (Henry) (earlier Stone Chapel, later Montrose Cumberland Presbyterian Church)
Given in 1869 for the stream.

Camp Branch M.E. Church (Henry)
Organized in 1850 in Walker T. named for the near\nstream.
HHSC, 454

Camp Branch School (Henry)
For the stream.

Camp Clark (Vernon)
Located 3½ m. SE of Nevada by Brig. Gen. Harvey C.
Clark, Brig. Gen. James A. DeArmand, and Major
Willia L. Chambers in 1908 and named for Clark,
commander of the Missouri National Guard (1899-1921).
PMP

Cane Hill (Cedar)
Trading point in S Cedar. Tom Dale and his son,
Bill, and John Rountree opened the first business
there in 1868. Dale named the place for the cane
produced here. (Most descriptive place names with
"cane" or "caney" modifiers are found in SE Mo.)
In 1975 still a thriving general store with gas
pumps and a few new houses close by.
JR

Cane Hill School (Cedar)
From the town.

Cantrell Hollow (Benton)
In N Union T. leading SW into Big Deer Creek.
Probably a family name.

Caplinger Mills (Cedar) (earlier Williams Mill, later Sacville)
Town named for Samuel Caplinger who moved there from Tenn. in 1842 and bought Williams Mill on Sac River.
MHR, X, 273

Caplinger Mills School (Cedar)
For the town.

Carbon Center (Vernon)
Town settled in 1879, laid out in 1881. In center of the coal fields in NE Osage T. Named for the mineral deposits.
HVH, 394

Cardinal River (Benton)
See Turkey Creek.

Carl School (Vernon)
For Mr. Ursula A. Carl, a local figure.

Carrsville Mill (Henry)
Established in Big Creek T. by early settler for whom it was named. (W. H. Dorman) 12½ m. NW of Clinton. In 1874 it had a flour mill, general store and 50 people.
CGM, 231

Carrsville Post Office (Henry) (later Petersburg)
Earliest name for town in Big Creek T. Established about 1875.

Carrsville Union Church (Henry)
So named because all denominations met there.
HHSC, 446

Catherine Post Office (St. Clair)
In SW Polk T. Established in the store of Mr. Vigus Bridges and named for a daughter of one of the postal officials.
PG
Cave -- There are probably 50 places in Missouri with cave in the name, Cave Springs, etc.; but none in the Osage region. Lots of them are just to the east and south.

Cedar Church (Cedar)
Baptist, organized by Obadiah Smith in 1838 and named for the creek. It served as church, school house and community center.

WC

Cedar County
Named for Cedar Creek, not as Eaton says, for the main stream in the county which is the Sac River. There were cedars on the bluffs overlooking this stream, as with most hill streams in the early days. (Session Acts 1844-5) First settlers, John Crisp, Robert Graham, Thomas English and Mr. Crump, located on Sac R. 2 m. W of Stockton, on Nov. 17, 1832. Created Feb. 14, 1845 from parts of Dade and St. Clair. Seat of justice located at Stockton in 1846. For Cedar County history see:

- History of Hickory, Polk, Cedar, Dade and Benton Counties, (Chicago, 1889) 967 p.
- Missouri History in Cedar County, Clayton Abbott (Greenfield, 1971) 600 p.

C, I, 549, 550, 551

Cedar Creek (Cedar)
Cedar Creek was so called by first settlers for the trees.
Cedar Creek (Henry)
   Tributary of Grand River in S Leesville T. Named for flora. There are more than a dozen Cedar Creeks in Missouri.
   HHSC, 471

Cedar Grove Church (Benton)
   A Baptist church 6 m. SW of Warsaw, organized in 1868 and named for the Cedar grove.
   HC, 518

Cedar Hall School (Cedar)
   Named for its location.

Cedar Mill (Cedar)
   Built on Cedar Creek by John G. Williams who came from Cole County in 1837.
   WC, 14

Cedar Springs School (2) (Cedar)
   From town.

Cedar Springs (Cedar) (later Balm)
   Established about 1880 and named for county.

Cedar Township (Cedar)
   Laid out in 1845 and named for the county (Mo. 16), p. 390. Reorganized May 25, 1855, Feb. 6, 1880.
   HC, 390-5

Cedar -- Perhaps the most common descriptive modifier in Missouri place names with about 200 schools, towns, creeks, townships, etc. running from Cedar Bay, Branch, Bluff, Creek, Falls, Fork, Grove, Hill, Mill, Ridge, Springs, Valley, -ville.

Centennial School (St. Clair)
   See Howell
Center School (2) (St. Clair)
Named for its location
SSR

Center Township (St. Clair)
In center of St. Clair, organized about 1890 and
named for its location.

Center Township (Hickory)
In center of Hickory, one of the original townships
created in March, 1845. Named for location.
GHH, 230

Center Township (Vernon)
Organized in 1855 and named for its location.
HVH, 53

Centerview School (Benton)
Center of White T. Named for location.
SSR

Centerville (Cedar)
Trading point 18 n. NW of Stockton at very early
time. Destroyed during Civil War and never
rebuilt. Laid out in 1857 by Joshua Howell.
ADH

Chalk Level (St. Clair)
Village started in 1866 in N Center T. Legend
says it was so called because the people were
reputedly "pretty level headed" and they could
"chalk" it down. More likely so called because
of white chalky soil. Another doubtful story of
origins related to a carpenter who had a spirit-
level and he spent much time chalking and level-
ing everything he built. Locals started talking
of the place as Chalk Level.
HHSC, 1023, HAH
Chalk Level School (St. Clair)
    From the town.
    SSR

Chalk Level Township (St. Clair)
    In NC St. Clair organized Nov. 4, 1869 and named for the town.
    HHSC

Chapman (Benton)
    P. O. 1887-1893 7½ m. E of Warsaw and named for the man who gave the land for the townsite.
    POG, 249

Charlotte Township (Bates)
    In WC -ates.
    AHB, 273

Charlow Branch (Vernon) (also Shiloh Branch)
    Tributary of the Little Osage in Richland T. This form of the Biblical "Shiloh" is probably the earliest given the stream by the earliest settler who was part Indian and lived on its banks.
    VH, II, 659

Cherry Creek (Cedar)
    Flows into Horse Creek and named for the cherry trees which line its banks.
    JL, GWB

Cherry Dale School (Benton)
    In N Lindsey T. named for its location amid many wild cherry trees.
    SSR

Cherry Grove School (Bates)
    For flora.
    SSR
Cherry Valley School (Cedar)
  For location.
SSR

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R.R. (Benton)
  Through Ionia and Brandon. Chartered by Illinois
  Leg. in 1847, amended, 1851.

Childers (Hickory)
  P.C. 1886-1910 in NE Jordan T. near Benton-Hickory
  line. First called Roney for George Roney, post-
  master. Name changed to Childers in 1900. Now
  extinct.
  WW, 401

Childers Creek (Cedar)
  Childers Creek named for pioneers of that name
  who lived along it.
AMW, FMD

Chloe Post Office (St. Clair)
  NW Butler T. named for Miss Chloe Phillips (1892-  )
  daughter of Dr. Phillips whose store housed the
  post office.
  TGB

Chorette's Mill (Bates)
  On the Marais des Cygnes 2 m. from Harmony Mission
  in 1833 and named for John B. Chorette, a French-
  man.
  AHB, 284

Chouteau's Store (Bates)
  This was a settlement on the Marmaton R. at the
  mouth of Big Drywood Creek near where the town
  of Deerfield now is. Named for Pierre or Auguste
  Chouteau.
Clair Springs (Cedar)
Just south of the county line near where Cedar Springs now is. Perhaps named for its closeness to St. Clair county.

Clark Creek (Benton)
Rises in NW White T. and flows into Tebo Creek. Named for family who owned land along it.

Clark Sulphur Springs (Benton)
See Black Sulphur Springs.

Claud (Cedar)
Charles E. Eliston put up the store and had the trading point named Claud for his nephew. 7 m. NE of Caplinger Mills and 9 m. W of Humansville.

Clay Hill School (Bates)
For soil.

Clay Post Office (St. Clair)
HG

Clayton Station (Vernon) (later Eve)
Town 2 m. NW corner of Coal T. laid out after completion of M.K. & T. R.R. in honor of Powell Clayton of Kansas and Arkansas (Governor, Arkansas, 1868).

Clear Creek (Vernon, St. Clair)
Speedwell T. in St. Clair and into Grand R., earlier called Pesnaw or Beshaw Creek. Named for quality.

CZP, II, n. 385
Clear Creek (Benton)
Rises in SW White T. flows S into Tebo Creek and named for its clear water and gravel bed.
CGM, 23

Clear Creek (Cedar)
Named for its water.
JSB, JAJ

Clear Creek Church (Benton)
Baptist church on Clear Creek.
LW, 129, 130

Clear Creek Township (Vernon)
In EC Vernon organized about 1866 and named for the stream.
HVH, 453

Clear Spring (Cedar) (later Lebeck)
Named for Clear Creek
JAJ, JSB

Clear -- Rivals "Cedar" as common component in Missouri place names. Clear Creek, Water, Springs, View, Branch, Fork, etc.

Cleveland School (Henry)
For President G. Cleveland.
SSR

Climax School (St. Clair)
Ideal name?
SSR

Cline Hill School (Cedar)
A local family name.
SSR
Clinton (Henry)
County seat laid out by Anderson Young, Daniel M. Boone and Daniel McDowell in 1836. Land was entered Dec. 12, 1837. Named in honor of DeWitt Clinton, (1769-1828) governor of N.Y. and prime mover in constructing the Erie Canal. The town was incorporated in 1865. By 1874 it was on its way and becoming a commercial center, being at the junction of the M.K. & T. R.R. with the K.C. M. & M. R.R. It lies on the north border of Grand River on the border of a high rolling prairie. Aug. 26, 1870 the Tebo and Neosho R.R. reached the town ... prosperity.
HHI, 101; CGM, 231-2; C, II, 31-2

Clinton Academy (Henry)
Founded in 1879 by Prof. W. H. Stehl in Clinton and named for the town. Extinct about 1891.
HHSC, 337

Clinton School (Henry)
From town.
SSR

Clinton Township (Henry)
S Henry, originally part of Grand River T. and Springfield T. In 1860 it was all in Grand River T. Organized in 1872-3 and named for town.

Clintonville (Cedar)
Laid out in 1857 by G. B. Adcock and named for the neighboring town of Clinton.
CGM

Clintonville School (Cedar)
From the town.
SSR
Cloverdale (Benton)  
Town in central White T. P.O. in 1867-8. A favorite place name where there is clover; it is found in nine other states.  
CgM, 23  

Clover Dale School (Vernon)  
For flora.  
Ssr  

Coal (Henry)  
SE of Clinton on the R.F.D. from Clinton to Alberta. Sec. 19 T41 N R 24 on Hwy 7, named for the mineral. See Coale.  

Coal Bank Branch (Vernon)  
Tributary of Moore's Branch in Coal T. named for coal along its banks.  
WJM  

Coal Branch (Henry)  
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in SE Osage T. named for mineral.  
HiSC, 467, 468  

Coal Creek (Vernon)  
Tributary of Clear Creek named for the coal mines in this section.  
DLF  

Coal Hill (Cedar)  
W of Cedar Springs 3 m. R27W church, school and 4-H Club.  

Coal School (Henry)  
Transferred from the town.  
Ssr
Coal Township (Vernon)
In NW Vernon organized after 1856 and named for the mineral.
HVH, 582

Coale (Henry) (earlier Coale's Store, then Galbreath, then Coalesburg)
Replaced Coalesburg in 1893 to avoid confusing the mail with Clarksburg. More recently the "e" has been dropped.
HHI, 123

Cobb (St. Clair) (earlier Ritchie Mill, then Howard's Mill)
Given by Bob Evans for a large pile of corn cobs left where he had been feeding stock all winter.
BBB

Cogswell's Mill (Vernon)
On S side of Marmaton near the Deerfield T. line and named for Mr. J. C. Cogswell who came to Vernon in 1853 from Jackson Co., d. Nov. 26, 1872.
HVH, 893

Cole Camp (Benton)
P. O. since 1853 in central part of Williams T. on Cole Camp Creek, laid out as a town in 1857.
Named like Cole County for Capt. Stephen Cole, a famous Indian fighter, who had camped on the creek. Cole was born in Virginia and came to Mo. in 1807 and settled first on Loutre Island in present Montgomery Co. Settled near Boonville and was later wounded in the Salt River Indian skirmish. Cole's Fort is near Boonville. He served in the Mo. Territorial Leg. after the War of 1812 and was finally killed by Indians in 1842.
on th. Rio Grande opposite El Paso. Big, strong, illiterate frontiersman. Unionist center in the Civil War and called "the cradle of most of liberty in Missouri" by Maj. Small. HHM, I, 182; W&M, I, 38c

Cole Camp Creek (Benton)
Rises in S Williams T. and flows S into the Osage R. Pike called this the Francis River. The stream has also been called Vermilion and Coal Camp. Vermilion for the red earth produced by burning the shale overburden in coal fields. Either variant spelling of coal or after Stephen Cole as above. (See Cole Camp)
CZP, I, 377; MHR, X, 209

Cole School (St. Clair)
In Roscoe T. named for a man who owned a farm where the school was built, later renamed River View School for its new location.

Cole Township (Benton)
One of four original townships organized Feb. 1835 and then included all of Cole and Union and E side of Frisstown T. and NE corner of Hickory Co.

Colesburg (Henry) (also Coale)
Settled in 1859 and called Cole's Store. 1867-30 - Galbreath; 1880 - Colesburg.
HHSC, 477, 478

Coleville (Bates)
Town in Deer Creek T. laid out April 29, 1859 by Silas Gilmore and Samuel Cole, for whom it was named.
HCE, 823
Coleville School (Bates)
   For the town.
   SSR

College (Hickory)
   Settlement 2 m. N of Cross Timbers on the road to Warsaw.
   CM

Collen's Ford (Vernon) (earlier Rapids de Kaw)
   Adopted in honor of Peter Collen, a Frenchman who was the first white settler in Blue Mound T. in 1836 or 7 on S Bank of the Osage. Also called Colley Ford.
   HVH, 51; CZP

Collins (St. Clair)
   Town in central Collins T. laid out in 1885 on land granted by George Nettleton and William Robinson. Named for the township.
   SCP, 53

Collins Mill (Henry)
   In SE Henry erected in 1835 by William Collins for whom it was named.
   HHSC, 901

Collins School (Cedar)
   From the town.
   SSR

Collins School (Henry)
   For O. B. Collins, a local figure.
   SSR

Collins School (St. Clair)
   For town.
   SSR
Collins Township (St. Clair)
In SE St. Clair organized in 1872 and named in honor of Judge William Collins (1856- ) judge of county court.
HHISC, 1050

Coloma (Henry)
Town in Big Creek T. laid out Oct. 30, 1855 on land granted by Alfred Kemsey, Nathan D. Lane and Gideon Dunham, trustees of the Concord School District. Probably named after towns in California, Louisiana, Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin of the same name but who knows which?

Columbia Hall School (Henry)
From lodge or hall.
SSR

Comer School (Henry)
For R. E. Comer, a local figure.
SSR

Como (Henry) (later Grange Hall, then Piper)
Earliest name for town in central Walker T. started about 1880 and named for Lee Covey who had a store there and Will Moberly (Co-Mo).

Concord School (Bates)
Ideal name. Perhaps the most common American name for schools and churches.
SSR

Concord School (Benton)
In Pristoe T.
SSR

Concord School (Cedar)
SSR
Concord School (Hickory)
   In E Wableau T.
   SSR

Concord School (St. Clair)
   SSR

Conley Branch (Benton)
   In E Fristoe T., running NE into Turkey Creek, a family name.

Connely's Springs (Vernon) (later Fair Haven Springs)
   Earliest name of a town on the W line of Bacon T. named for J. W. Connely who came from Cole County to Vernon County in 1881 and laid out the town July 20, 1885.
   HVH, 721

Consville (Henry)
   Town in Osage T. laid out in 1869 by Capt. J. L. Consollis (1835-), a native of N. Y. who came to Henry in 1857. Town is now part of Brownington.
   HHSC, 463, 746

Cook's Mill (Cedar)
   1 m. below the mouth of Horse Creek on a branch 200 yards away from Cedar Creek, named for its builder and owner, Mr. Cook.
   FK, GWB

Cook's Mill (Henry)
   Pre-Civil War grist mill on Grand R. named for its builder, Jacob Cook.
   HCP

Coon Creek (St. Clair)
   For animal or for Jacob Coonce, the first permanent white settler.
   JM
Coon Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Elk Fork River in SE Grand River T. named for raccoons found along this creek by the early settlers.
BM

Coon Creek Baptist Church (St. Clair)
On Allen's Prairie in Collins T. organized in 1842 and named for its location on Coon Creek. Moved to Collins about 1885.
HHSC, 1052

Coon Creek Settlement (St. Clair)
Settlement on Coon Creek made in 1838 in W St. Clair and named for creek. One of the first settlements in St. Clair County. Originally called Coonce Creek for Jacob Coonce, the first permanent white settler in the county.
RPJ; JM

Cooney Creek (Benton)
In SE Cole T., running SE into the Osage River.

Cooper College (Vernon)
Organized in 1892 by a number of citizens of Moundville and named for Mr. W. H. Cooper, one of the foremost citizens of the town.
VH, II, 644

Cooper County (Benton)
When Missouri was first divided into counties, Benton County, north of the Osage, was part of Cooper County.
MM

Cooper Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in the central part of Fairview T. Named for an early settler.
HHSC, 467
Cooper School (Benton)
In central Tom T., a family name.
JRB

Copeland Post Office (St. Clair)
In N Monegaw T. named for Jim Copeland who ran the store after settling here from Virginia shortly after the Civil War.
RPJ

Copperas Springs (St. Clair)
In Monegaw T. south of present site of Johnson City named for the sulphate of iron in the water.
AH

Corbin Post Office (St. Clair)
In N part of Polk T. established by Jim Corbin for whom it was named.
JC

Cornersville (Hickory)
A P.O. from 1867-68, 1886-96 4 m. E of Weaubleau. The P.O. was kept in the home of John Gentry and mail was supplied twice a week by horseback to Wheatland. Also Cornersville's in Maryland, Mississippi and Tennessee. 15 m. SW of Hermitage PG

Cornett School (Henry)
For J. B. Cornett, a local leader.
SSR

Corn Hill School (Benton)
For the corn grown in this N part of Tom T.
SSR

Cornland (Bates)
On the Marais des Cygnes at the iron bridge on
the road to Rich Hill in New Home T., named for the rich corn land.
AHB, 279

Cornland School (Bates)
From town.
SSR

Cottey College (Vernon)
In Nevada and named for the Misses Cottey of Knox County, Mo., who gave the buildings. Founded by Mrs. Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard and presented by her to P.E.O. Sisterhood.
HVH

Cottonwood Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes in SE New Home T. Named for the trees.
WRM

Cottonwood Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Honey Creek rising in central Shawnee T. named for the trees.
JSB

Cottonwood Branch (Vernon) (originally Gut Creek)
Renamed for offensiveness of the name Gut Creek.
DF

County Line School (Henry)
In Osage T., named for location on St. Clair - Henry line.
SSR

Courtney (Bates)
Prentice Courtney tried to establish this town in W Boone T. in 1890; he failed.
Cove City (Bates)
Town in NW Mingo T., of great importance in the 1870's now extinct. Named for the creek.
AHB, 262

Cove Creek (Henry)
BM

Cove Creek Baptist Church (Bates)
Organized March 21, 1871, located in Mingo T.

Crackerbox (Cedar)
Name of a tiny store opened about 1910 and run about 10 years, so called by locals for its size.
GH

Crane Creek (Hickory)
Flows into Pomme de Terre just below Hermitage. Named for Taylor Crane, a pioneer farmer. Many Cranes used to be found here.
JOT

Crawfish Hollow (Benton)
In NE Linsey T., flowing SW into Little Tebo Creek. Named for the crayfish that abound in the creek.

Crawford School (Bates)
Named for Col. Crawford, a local figure.
SSR

Crawley School (Vernon)
For Henry Crawley, a local figure.
SSR

Cream Ridge School (Hickory)
3½ m. E of Pittsburgh. Named for the colored rock
strata on the ridge.
EIM

Crescent Hill (Bates) (earlier Union Town)
Called Crescent Hill in 1862 for the round hill on which it stands. The Mo. Pac. R.R. bypassed it, and it is now extinct.
AHB, 263

Crescent Hill Lake (Bates)
In NE Deer Creek T. named for the town.

Crescent Hill School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Crest (Benton)
Town in E Williams T. and a station on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R.R. The name is descriptive of the high point of land on which the town stands.
RM, 226

Crews School (Henry)
For a local figure.
SSR

Crook's Springs (St. Clair)
Resort established in Roscoe T. in 1929 by Mr. Lee Crook (1869- ) for whom it was named.
Crook came to St. Clair in 1876.

Cross Lane School (Hickory)
In Montgomery T. named for its location at cross roads.
EIM
Cross Roads (St. Clair) (later Damascus)
A store in Butler T. started about 1890 and named for its location. Later the post office was established and a new name was needed -- chose Damascus.

Cross Roads School (St. Clair)
See Fraley.

Cross Timbers (Hickory) (originally Garden City)
P.O. since 1867-8 in the WC part of Cross Timbers T. on Stark's Creek platted Feb. 24, 1871 by Ezekiel Kirby. The term "cross timbers" used for a belt of forest land in prairie. Cited in DAE in 1820 and in Washington Irving's Tour of the Prairies in 1835.

Cross Timbers Township (Hickory)
In NC part of Hickory formed by court in 1873 and named for its chief settlement. Carved out of Stark T., reduced in 1881 to W boundary on the river and further cut by creation of Jordan T.

Crow and Crutchfield (St. Clair) (later Osceola)
Store at an Osage River crossing erected in 1836 and named for Phillip Crow and Richard P. Crutchfield. Later renamed Osceola upon erection of other buildings.

Crow Island (St. Clair)
In the Osage River below Osceola. Named for
Phillip Crow who built the first home in Osceola.
SCD, 12/24/14

Crow's Mill (Cedar)
Built on Cedar Creek in 1840's or 50's and named for the owner. Also called Owen's Mill.
HC, 357

Culver (Bates)
Town in SE Shawnee T. established about 1894 and named for A. H. Culver, a merchant who came to Bates from Illinois in 1878.
BCD, 5/18/16

Cumpton School (Bates)
Named for Mr. J. M. Cumpton, a local figure.
SSR

Curtis School (Henry)
For Capt. Curtis, a local figure.
SSR

Dallas Township (St. Clair)
SE county organized in 1872 and probably named for C. M. Dallas (1792-1864), vice president in 1844.
RPJ

Damascus Post Office (St. Clair)
Replaced Cross Roads when that place got a post office, named for the old capital of Syria.
1 Kings 19:15

Dana (Bates) (earlier West Point)
A post office occupying the town site of West Point established in 1886.
OEBB, 63

Dan Waldo Bend (St. Clair)
Town on Sac River in Reseese T. named for ...
who came to this county with the first settlers.
HHSC, 832

Davison Bend (St. Clair)
On the Osage R. in Jackson T. named for a man who settled in the bend of the river.
HHSC, 1039

Davis School (Benton)
A school in SE Union T. named for the original site.
JRB

Davis Township (Henry)
In SW Henry, organized in 1873 and named for William Davis (1814- ) a native of Kentucky who came to Henry from Pike in 1856.
HHSC, 457, 734

Deadwood Branch (Vernon and Barton) (later Drywood Branch)
Empties into the Marmaton in Vernon and given name by pioneers for the ridges along its course covered with dead timber.
HVH, 154

Decherd (St. Clair) (earlier Vista; later Vista)
Given for Mr. Hugh Decherd, postmaster at Osceola. Decherd was from Texas, moved to St. Clair in 1874 and was sheriff (1896-1900). Mr. Dawson was furious at the name change so in 1891 he changed it back to Vista.
HD

Dederick (Vernon) (also spelled Dedrick; earlier Goodrich)
For F. E. Dederick of Albany County, N.Y. who granted land Feb. 24, 1903 when the Eldorado Branch of the M.K. & T. R.R. was built.
VPB, 4, 7
Dederick School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Deep Creek (Benton)
See Little Tebo Creek.

Deep Slough Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes in NW New Home T. named by the settlers for the depth of the stream.
Deepwater School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

Deepwater Township (Bates)
In E Bates, named for the stream.
AHR, 271

Deepwater Township (Henry)
In SW Henry organized in 1840 and named for the stream. The stream was the principle attraction to settlers of the early 1840's, and the settlements along its banks were some of the earliest in Henry County.
Hill, 107

Deer Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Grand River in the North part of Bates, named by settlers for the deer in the section.
HCB, 760

Deer Creek (Cedar)
Tributary of Silver Creek and named by pioneers for the abundance of deer.
TGR; THBD

Deer Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River rising in Deer Creek T. and named for the popularity of deer hunting along its heavily wooded banks.
HHSC, 379

Deer Creek (Hickory and Benton)
Rises in N Hickory and flows into Osage R. Named for fauna.
LHP
Deer Creek -- Of the 10 "Deer Creeks" in Missouri, 6 flow through Osage River counties. Besides the ones listed in Bates, Cedar, Henry, Hickory-Benton listed above, others are in Polk and Osage counties, downstream a bit. Also "Deer Creeks" in Clinton, Knox, MacDonald and Monroe counties. Indication that deer were as important to the early white settlers in the Osage Valley as they had been to the Osage Indians.

Deer Creek School (Henry)
From the stream.
SSR

Deer Creek Township (Henry)
In E Henry, organized in 1873 and originally part of Tebo and Springfield townships. Named for the stream.
HS

Deerfield (Vernon)
Town in N Deerfield T., laid out Dec. 19, 1871 by David Redifield and named for the township.
HVH, 522

Deerfield School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Deerfield Township (Vernon)
In NW county between the two Drywoods, organized in 1855 and named by the soldiers of Ft. Scott who hunted the great herds of deer on the range in this section.
HVH, 316
Dell (Benton)
A town in N Fristoe T., 6 m. S of Warsaw named originally “Dell Delight” and had a P.O. by that name from 1876 to 1895. Name shortened to Dell in 1895 and discontinued in 1910.
GHB, 512

Dell School (Vernon)
For the situation or landscape.
SSR

Delmar Post Office (Henry)
In NW Davis T. established in the store of T. A. Law and James Law and named by postal authorities. Perhaps for one of the seven Delmars in other states or for Delmar Avenue in St. Louis.
TAL

Diamond Grove School (Vernon)
For the flora.

Diamond Mill (Bates)
Erected in 1869 to N Butler by D. S. Fairchild and named by him; probably an emblematic name.
HCB, 860

Diamond Point School (Henry)
Emblematic name.
SSR

Diehr School (Vernon)
Named for Mr. Alva Diehr, a local figure.
SSR

Dillon School (Bates)
For Mr. M. L. Dillon, a local figure.
SSR
Dillon Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Grand R. in Bethlehem T. named for an early settler.
HHSC, 481

Dillon School (Benton)
In NW Benton, NW part of Cole T.; a family name.
JRB

Dillon School (St. Clair)
For John Dillon, a local figure.
SSR

Ditler Branch (Benton)
In N Lindsey T., a branch of Clear Creek, probably a family name.

Ditto Post Office (St. Clair) (earlier Spring City)
Adopted about 1886 when the name Spring City was rejected by postal authorities. The name Ditto was selected, meaning "the same" (as Spring City).
WIB

Dixie School (Bates)
In East Boone T. built about 1870 on land given by Mrs. J. B. Masterson. She wanted it called Dixie for her southern sympathies.
SSR

Dixon's Mill (Henry)
Erected on Honey Creek in 1838, owned by John Dixon for whom it was named.
WHD; HHSC, 101

Dixon's Store (Cedar) (also Red Hill)
Named for the owner, established about 1900.
Dodson Mounds (Vernon)
A natural mound located in NW Walker T. and named for Dr. J. N. B. Dodson who came from Camden County in 1855, d. March 17, 1893.

Dollie (St. Clair)
Where Monegaw flows into Osage, doubtless means Dottie. Mentioned in Coues Expedition of Pike n. 385.
CZP, n. 385

Donia Post Office (St. Clair)
In west part of Speedwell T. named for Caledonia Bunnell Dade (1857- ) whose husband owned the land where the office was established in Mr. Markham's store. Mrs. Dade came to St. Clair from Randolph in 1871.
TED

Dooly Bend School (Hickory)
SW of Hermitage. A family name and also located in the bend of a creek. James Dooley entered land here in 1852 and the school name was a corruption of his name.
GHH, 223

Dottie Post Office (St. Clair)
In Osage T. W of Monegaw Springs, named by Mr. Ruston, postmaster at Roseoee, for his daughter. Later moved to Monegaw City.
JSP

Double Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Meriis Des Cygnes in I. Lone Oak T. named for two branches that came together in Lone Oak T.
BCB, 760
Double Branch Church (Bates)
   Named for stream.

Double Branch School (Bates)
   For the stream.
   SSR

Double Lake (Bates)
   In E New Home T., named for two small lakes joined
together by a small body of water.
   BM

Douglas School (Bates)
   For Stephen A. Douglas.
   SSR

Dover Township (Vernon)
   In SW Vernon, organized after Aug. 6, 1872. Origin
   uncertain. Either for one of the 24 Dovers in the
   U.S. or family name, or possibly, Dover, England.
   HVH, 842

Downing School (Vernon)
   For Mr. William Downing, a local figure.
   SSR

Doyal Township (St. Clair)
   In SE St. Clair, organized in 1872 and named for
   H. L. M. Doyal.
   RJ

Doyelston Post Office (St. Clair)
   On the Bolivar road, 7 m. S of Osceola established
   in 1870 with H. L. M. Doyal as postmaster. The
   spelling changed to more usual form of the name.
   HHSC, 1053
Drexel (Cass and Bates) (earlier Stuart City)
Adopted in 1891 for Anthony J. Drexel, Philadelphia capitalist and surveyor.
CCL, 3/2/16

Drywood Branch (Vernon and Barton) (see Deadwood Branch)
CZP, II, n. 386

Dry -- This is a very popular place name in Missouri with perhaps 200 dry bayous, branches, creeks, forks, hollows, lakes, ridges, springs and valleys. But most of these are found in Eastern Missouri, the wettest part of the state. In the seven SW Missouri counties under study here, only Drywood Branch has "dry" in the title. These are the most often drought stricken of Missouri counties and the descriptive title dry probably fits more locations here than other areas of the state.

Duck Creek (Benton)
N. Lindsey T., an eastern branch of Clear Creek. Named for the wild habitat for ducks.
GHB, 456

Duck Creek (Benton)
In White T. Barker's Creek flows into it.
GHB, 456

Dumpling Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River in E Bethlehem T. said to be named for its rapid flow, giving the word "dumpling" a new meaning.
TWO

Duncan Creek (Vernon)
A tributary of Little Osage R. in W Henry T. and named for Peter Duncan who settled on the east
side of the creek in 1839. He was wounded in the Civil War and shortly died. HVH, 410

Dunham School (Henry)
For A. J. Dunham, local figure. SSR

Dunkard School (St. Clair)
For a group of local inhabitants. SSR

Dunnagan’s Grove (Vernon)
In SE Dover T. and named for Samuel Dunnegan who settled near the Barton County line in 1844. He died in 1867. VH, II, 552

Dunnegan’s Mill (Cedar)
Francis Dunnegan, an uncle of T. H. D. Dunnegan of Bolivar, a pioneer, settled near Sac River in 1856 and built a mill just above the bridge of U.S. Hwy 54. It was used till about 1880. THBD

Duren Creek (Benton)
Rises in NE Lindsey T. and runs E into Cole T. to join Cole Camp Creek. For Mannen Duren who settled near its mouth Feb. 1831 and was Lindsey’s T. first election judge. LHB, 16

Durham Hollow (Benton)
In N Fristoe T., running E into Turkey Creek near its mouth. Probably named for the Durham cattle. (Duroc, below)
Durham School (Vernon)
   For William Durham, a local figure.
   SSR

Durnell Chapel (Hickory)
   A Baptist church E of Weableau named for the
   numerous Durnell family in the neighborhood.
   JPD

East Boone Township (Bates)
   In N Bates, named for Daniel Boone and its location.
   AHB, 263

East Fairview School (Vernon)
   For location.

East Fork (Cedar) (also Little Sac)
   Used in the early days to designate East fork of
   Sac River.
   JSB

East Fork of Burnett's Creek (Bates)
   E tributary of Burnett's Creek.
   BM

East Fork of Tebo Creek (Henry and Benton)
   Tributary of Tebo Creek for which it is named.
   Rises in Johnson County.
   HMSC, 374

East Liberty M.E. Church (Vernon)
   In Henry T. organized in 1884. Ideal name for a
   location.
   HVH, 413

East Otter Creek (Henry)
   Tributary of Otter Creek for which it was named.
   SC
East School (Henry)  
For local figure.

East Washington School (Vernon)  
A name of direction and location.  
SSR

Eaton (Cedar)  
20 m. NW of Stockton. Destroyed in Civil War and not rebuilt.  
CGM

Ebb Post Office (St. Clair)  
In SW Roscoe T. named for Ebenezer Vaughn, son of Rev. Vaughn who lived in the neighborhood.  
MS

Edgewood (Henry) (later Tightwad)  
Earliest name of town in Leesville T. given for its location on the edge of the timber. Later renamed Tightwad.

Edgewood School (Bates)  
For its situation or landscape.  
SSR

Edgewood School (Henry)  
For situation or landscape.  
SSR

Edmonson (Benton)  
A P.O. 1887-1915 in N Cole T. A family name.  
MHR, 10: 197-213

Edmonson School (Benton)  
Above  
SSR
Edsall (Cedar)
3½ m. SW of Filley and 6½ m. NW of Stockton. After 1838 John Edsall operated a store there.
WW, 355; CA, 170

Edwards (Benton)
A P.O. since 1886 on the W branch of Deer Creek, 6 m. SW of Knobby, named for an early settler who owned land in the vicinity.
MHR 10:210

Edwards School (Bates)
For Mr. D. C. Edwards, a local figure.
SSR

Edwards School (Benton)
In SC Union T. named from the village.
SSR

El Dorado School (Bates)
In Homer T., an ideal name, also known as Hot Water School, a nickname earned when men came to move the school and were met by angry women who threatened to throw hot water on them. The school was not moved.
SSR

El Dorado School (Cedar)
For the town or township.
SSR

El Dorado Springs (Cedar)
Laid out July 20, 1881 by Natt and Payton Cruse who ran the first business, and so called from Spanish, "The Golden," by way of one of the 14 other El Dorado's in the U. S. A noted health resort.
MHR 10:273
Elk Creek (Benton)
   See Flat Creek.

Elk Fork (Bates)
   Tributary of Grand River in NE Bates named for a watering place for elk in this section in early days and for crookedness of the stream.

Elk Fork Post Office (Bates)
   In home of William Crawford near Elk Fork Creek, 1861-3.
   BRC

Elkhart (Bates)
   Town in central Elkhart T. founded after 1872 and named for the T.
   LSHB, 63

Elkhart Township (Bates)
   In NW Bates, named for Elkhart, Indiana, organized about 1868.
   CCB, III, 263

Elkton (Hickory)
   P.O. since 1867-8, 86 in central part of Tyler T. first settled by Dr. Blue and named from animal. 2½ m. SW of Elkton is the site of one of the two Butterfield Stage stops in Hickory County. The State Historical Marker in town is not the spot. The Yoast Place is gone, but the place is marked by two pear trees, an old cellar and a few rocks.
   MHR 11: 173

Elkton School (Hickory)
   Central Tyler T. named from the village.
   SSR
Ellis (Vernon) (formerly Prewitt)
Renamed from Prewitt to Ellis because the M.K. & T. R.R. demanded a shorter name. Named either for a company employee or for first passenger to alight.

Ellis Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Little Osage R. in E Henry T. and named f.r Mr. R. T. Ellis who came to Vernon in 1866.
HVH, 417

Elliston School (Cedar)
Family name.
SSR

Elm Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River in Davis T. named for the large elms that grew along the edge of the stream.
HHSC

Elm Branch School (Henry)
For the stream.
SSR

Elm Grove School (St. Clair)
For flora.
SSR

Elswick School (Bates)
For Oliver Elswick, a local figure.
SSR

English Settlement (St. Clair)
On the Big Monegaw in the S part of Appleton T. settled about 1829 and so named to distinguish it from the Indian settlements.
HHSC, 1962
Enoch Post Office (Vernon)
In Richland T. and named after Enoch S. Weyland who came from Ohio to Vernon in 1838.
VH, II, 760

Enterprise School (2) (Bates)
Ideal name.
SSR

Enterprise School (Henry)
See Miller.
SSR

Eureka School (Vernon)
Emblematic name.
SSR

Eve (Vernon) (earlier Clayton Station)
Given in 1886 to avoid confusion with Clayton in St. Louis and was given by Mrs. I. B. Crockett.
Feminine Christian name.
JB

Evening Shade School (Benton)
In E Fristoe T. named for its location.
JRB

Excelsior School (Cedar)
Ideal name.
SSR

Fairfield (Benton)
P.O. since 1853 on the Pomme de Terre River and Alexander T., organized Mar. 15, 1869 on the farms of two early settlers. A stock, complimentary, American place name, 25 in the country. One version of this name's origin tells that
when the Indians and the whites were confronting one another, the whites found themselves at a disadvantage and invited the Indians to come down on the field and fight fair.

MHR 10: 197-213

Fairfield School (Benton)
School in E Alexander T. named for the village.

SSR

Fair Haven School (Vernon)
From the town.

SSR

Fair Haven Springs (Vernon) (earlier Connely's Springs)
Adopted 1895 when settlers decided to make a health resort at the place.

VII, I, 523

Fairmount (Henry)
Town in Bear Creek T. laid out on land granted by Jerhome (sic.) McAbee on June 6, 1857, probably descriptive.

PB-H

Fairmount School (Bates)
For the situation or landscape.

SSR

Fair Oaks (Bates)
Settlement in Hudson T. established in 1920 by W. Troy Brown and named for the oak trees there.

Fairplay School (Bates)
Ideal name.

SSR
Fairview (Vernon)
Town in SW Drywood T., laid out by Mr. Thomas R. Dawes before the Civil War. Locally descriptive name.
VII, II, 572

Fairview Church (Bates)
In Elkhart T., doubtless descriptive local name.
LC

Fairview Church (Vernon)
In E Moundville T. organized about 1880 and named for its location in open country and for its fair view.
SH

Fairview School (Bates (3), Benton, Cedar (3), Henry, Hickory, Vernon)
Perhaps the most popular stock name for schools in Missouri.
SSR

Fairview Township (Henry)
In SC Henry, organized in 1873, originally part of Springfield T., named for the school.
MD

Fan School (Bates)
In NE Deer Creek T. named for a decoration over the door. Later when the fan was painted red, white and blue, the school's name was changed to Red, White and Blue School.
SSR

Fargo (Benton)
P.O. 1895-1901 probably for William George Fargo (1818-81) one of the founders of Wells, Fargo
Express Co. and mayor of Buffalo, N.Y. 1862-66. Fargo, N.D. was named for him.

Fargo School (Benton)
In NW part of Tom T. named for the former village.

Farmers Institute (Henry)
School in Bear Creek T. built before 1873, named for its location in a farmers' section.

Feaster Branch (Benton)
In NW Cole T., running S into the Osage R. named for early landowner.

Feaster School (Benton)
In SW Cole T. named for the landowner.

Feely Junction (Bates) (later Monteith)
First name given to a R.R. junction located in NW part of Lone Oak T., established about 1885 and named for the Feely family.

Ferry School (Vernon)
For Benjamin E. Ferry, a local figure.

Field's Creek (Henry) (earlier Lake Creek)
Given by settlers for Mr. Joseph Fields, the first sheriff of Henry County who settled on creek in N part of the T. about 1831 or 1832 but died in 1836.
Field's Creek School (Henry)
From the stream.
SSR

Fields' Creek Township (Henry)
In central Henry and named for Joseph Fields by w.w. of the creek. Organized in 1873, originally part of Grand River and Springfield T.
HHSC, 90, 435

Fifteen Mile Prairie (Benton) (or 15 Mile Prairie)
Just S of Osage River in eastern Benton County running N and S into Hickory County - on the W side of the Pomme de Terre is Twenty-five Mile Prairie. (No other distinguishing feature of the prairies -- no particular animals.) The prairies were obstacles and hence named for their length.

Filley (Cedar)
Named for Chauncey I. Filley, senator from St. Louis.
JAJ

Fincastle (Cedar) (earlier Arnica)
Laid out in 1882 by T. T. Loy and M. Jacobs.
Reason for name unknown.
HC, 421

Finey (Henry)
In SE Osage T., established by J. D. West. Named by West for a child of his brother.
RLT

Finey School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

Fishing Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Elk Fork in SE Shawnee T., named for
its numerous fishing holes.

BM

Fishing Hollow Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River in Davis T., named for the
great number of fishing holes.
HHSC, 458

Fish Lake (Bates)
Tributary of Miami River, in the W part of Lone
Oak T., named by early settlers for number of fish
then found in the lake.
BMW

Flat Creek (Benton, Pettis, Morgan)
Rises in NW White T. of Benton, flows N, apparently
named Elk Creek on some maps in Benton County.
Probably descriptive name, a corruption of the
French "plat" for shallow. The river does deserve
this name.

Flat Rock Creek (Benton)
In E Cole T., a W branch of Brushy Creek, probably
named for the flat rocks found in the bed.

Flat Rock School (Cedar)
For location.
SSR

Flat Rock School (Vernon)
For minerals and soil.
SSR

Fleming Branch (Benton)
In H. Lindsey T., a western branch of Little Tebo
Creek, named for an early landowner in the vicinity.
Flint Springs School (Hickory)
In E Jordan T. named for an early settler and its location near a spring.
SSR

Flint -- There are about 30 descriptive names in Missouri with flint as a component but none in this area. Perhaps like "dry" flint is too common to be descriptive in southwest Missouri.

Flowing Springs School (Cedar)
From a stream.
SSR

Fly Creek (Vernon)
In Clear Creek T. and named for the great swarms of flies that once bred near the stream.
HVH, 453

Fly Creek School (Vernon)
For the stream.
SSR

Foland's Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Marmaton R. in NE Washington T., and named for Jacob Foland who came to Vernon from Tenn. in 1857, d. 1898.
HVH, 484

Forbes School (Bates)
For Mr. S. Y. Forbes, a local leader.
SSR

Fordney School (Benton)
In SW Williams T., a family name.
SSR

Forest Grove (Cedar)
8½ m. SE of El Dorado Springs
WW, 355
Forest Grove School (Cedar)
For its location.
SSR

Forest Grove School (St. Clair)
In Speedwell T., also called Greasy Corner School for the crossroads where clay road becomes very slippery when wet.
BZ

Forest Home School (Cedar)
From town or township.
SSR

Forrest Chappel (Hickory)
A M.E. Church, five miles E of Pittsburg built in 1887.
GHH

Fort Carondelet (Vernon)
Established by Pierre Chouteau, Sr., under the authority of Spain in 1794-5 and named for Baron Carondelet, Governor General of La. The fort was no longer standing when Pike went through (Aug. 1806) but he refers to it as "the position where Mr. Chouteau formerly had his fort, not a vestige of which was remaining, the spot being marked by the superior growth of vegetation." The location of Fort Carondelet is still disputed. Coues puts it at Halley's Bluff concurring with Holcombe's History. Carl Chapman supported this with archeological evidence in "The Indomitable Osage in Spanish Illinois (Upper Louisiana) 1763-1804." However, Jim Atteberry of Lowry City disputes all these versions, pointing to building remains coinciding with the dimensions of the fort laid
out by the Spaniards and reprinted in Houck's *Spanish Regime in Missouri* a mile east of here. Donald Jackson's edition of Z. Pike's Journals (1966) presents a convincing version of Pike's trip that puts "Chouteau's Fort" (Carondelet) several miles east of Atteberry's location. One further possibility is that since Chouteau had to build the fort not for his own protection but as part of the bargain he entered with the Spaniards, he did not build a fort or just put up a rude cabin. Pike's elliptical comment may be ironic "the spot being marked by the superior growth of vegetation."

CZP, II, 384; CP; JZP; HVH; JA

Forthview (Benton)
On the Lake of the Ozarks in N Union T., a descriptive name.

Fort Lyon (Benton)
P.O. 1868-70, 1876-1902 in W White T., 19 m. NW of Warsaw, named for Gen. Nathaniel Lyon (1818-61) who commanded the Union Forces in Mo. until he was defeated and killed in the Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861. Counties are named for him in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and Nevada and there is Lyon Park and Lyon School in St. Louis. After the Battle of Cole Camp, June 19, 1861, Lyon chased Governor Jackson's rebel forces through Warsaw south to battles at Carthage and Wilson's Creek.

LNB, 72

Fort Toothman (Bates)
NW in Charlotte T., a federal fort built in late 1862, housing a colored regiment of 150 to 200 troops. Somewhere near the fort, towards the
Marais des Cygnes River, is the site of the Battle of Toothman. Named for the Toothman farm nearby.
OSHBD, 187-88

Foster (Bates) (earlier Walnut)
Given in honor of Gov. Charles Foster of Ohio (1828-1904), then known as "Calico Charley," who was secretary of the Walnut Land and Coal Company, having just completed his term (1880-4) as Governor of Ohio.
ASHD, 277

Foster School (Bates)
From town or post office.
SSR

Fowler Chapel (Benton)
M.E. Church 1 m. W of Lincoln, named for the main supporter and organizer, Samuel Fowler.
GHB, 217

Fowler School (Cedar)
Family name.
SSR

Fox Ridge School (Hickory)
See Independence School.
SSR

Fraction Point School (Benton)
In NE Fristoe T., the district is very small, hence the name.
JRBD

Fraley School (St. Clair)
In Dallas T., named for a man who owned the land, but the building was later moved to a cross roads site and renamed Crossroads School.
SSR
Francis River (Benton)
    See Cole Camp Creek.

Francis School (St. Clair)
    In Appleton Township, named for the wife of the County Superintendent, who helped to get the school for the district.

Franklin School (Bates, Henry (2), Vernon)
    For Benjamin Franklin.

Frazier School (Vernon)
    For Joseph A. Frazier, a local figure.

Fredonia (Benton)
    A P.O. 1896-1910 on the Osage River in N Union T. This is very popular American place name found in 17 other states with ideal significance. It was once proposed as a name for the U.S.—Home of Freedom.

Fredonia School (Benton)
    School in NE Fristoe T. named from the town.

Freedom Church (Henry)
    In Bethlehem T. named by a family of early settlers.

Freedom School (Benton)
    School in W Alexander T.

Freedom School (Henry)
    From the church.
Freeman School (St. Clair)
In Roscoe T. named for Ansel Freeman who owned the land before the Civil War. When it was rebuilt, the school was called Green Valley School for its situation.
SSR

"Free Nigger Springs" (Benton)
Near Fairfield named for two free Negroes, Lige and Manuel, who settled there between 1833 and 1836.
GHB, 465

Freeze Out School (Bates)
In NE Spruce T. named for its desolate location.
LC

Fremont (Cedar) (earlier Lancaster, later Stockton)
Given in 1847 for Gen. John C. Fremont and kept till 1857 when it was changed to Stockton.
HC, 174

Friendship School (Cedar)
Ideal name.
SSR

Freund School (Benton)
In E Williams T., a family name.
SSR

Frisco R.R. (St. Clair and Henry)
This national R.R. purchased the K.C., Osceola and Southern R.R. running from Kansas City to Springfield. The major commercial artery for the "Golden Valley" region in 1900. In 1901 with purchase of the Memphis R.R., the Frisco controlled all three previously competing lines between Springfield and Kansas City, reduced service and raised rates,
making this route profitable for the first time since the rails were laid.
HH, 200-202

Fristoe (Benton)
Town in SE Fristoe T. with P.O. since 1896, different from the early trading post N of Warsaw known as Fristoe Town in 1837. Both were named for Judge Markham Fristoe, early settler.
MHR, 10: 197-213

Fristoe School (Benton)
In SE Fristoe T. named from the town.
SSR

Fristoe Tow. (Benton)
Early trading post N of Warsaw established by Judge Markham Fristoe and a rival with Warsaw for the county seat in 1837. On the Sedalia road and was also known as Old Town to distinguish it from the newer Osage or Bledsoe's Landing which was called New Town.
LW, 30

Fristoe Township (Benton)
Organized June 18, 1845 and named for Judge Markham Fristoe, then on county court bench.
MHR, 10: 197-213

Fry School (Bates)
For T. J. Fry, a local figure.
SSR

Fuller (Benton)
P.O. 1897-9
PG
Gaines (Henry) (earlier Gains Farm, also Goughi)
Shortening of Gaines Farm adopted in 1886. First named for its location on Ben Gaines' farm.
TP

Galbreath (Henry) (earlier Coale's Store, later Coalesburg, then Coale, also spelled Galbraith)
Given in 1861 when J. D. Galbreath occupied the store until 1867. He came from Tennessee in 1861.
HHSC, 447

Galinipper Creek (St. Clair) (earlier Light Creek)
Given because of profusion of large galinippers (large languid mosquitos) on the stream.
RPJ

Galmey (Hickory)
P.O. 1888-1904 in SW Center T. spelled Calmey on highway map. Trading point, not surveyed as a town.
HHI, 56-7

Gardner's Mill (St. Clair)
On Weaubleau Creek in Polk T. erected in 1845 by James Gardner who settled from Tennessee in 1842.
HHSC, 957

Gardner's Mills Post Office (St. Clair)
In Polk T. named for Gardner's Mill.
CCM

Garland (Henry) (also New Covington and later Harvey)
Town in Honey Creek T. laid out about 1890 by the St. L. & S.F. R.R. on Bill Covington's land and named for his son Garland. The station was renamed New Covington in 1894 because another town on the R.R. line in Kansas was called Garland. The town name changed with the station.
HH, 162
Garland School (Henry)
From the town.
SSR

Garrett's Mill (Benton)
A sawing, planning, hub and spoke mill on Grand River, 3½ m. NW of Warsaw, running in 1874 and named for the owner.
CGM

Gasconade County (Cedar, St. Clair, Hickory, Benton)
When Missouri was first subdivided, Gasconade County included a huge area south of the Osage and north of Wayne County.
MM

George School (Henry)
For William George, a local figure.
SSR

German Center School (St. Clair)
In Butler T., named for the large number of Germans in the neighborhood. As a result of the anti-German feeling in WW I, the name was changed to Valley Center School for its situation.
SSR

Germantown (Henry) (also Noah Post Office)
Town in N Deepwater T. started in 1857, platted by Peter Richard Kenrick, archbishop of St. Louis diocese of the Roman Catholic Church and named for the German Catholics who settled there. The post office was called Noah because there was another Germantown in Mo. After the R.R. located 3 m. away, many of the houses and stores were moved to Montrose.
HHSC, 407
Gerster (St. Clair)
Town in central Dallas T., laid out in 1898 on land granted by George Gerster (1864- ), S. W. Gerster (1854- ), and Adam Gerster (1861- ), for whom it was named. They came from Hickory in 1896.
SWG

Gerster School (St. Clair)
For the town.
SSR

Gibson (Benton)
P.O. 1889-1891, named for the first owner of the store here.
JRB

Gill School (Vernon)
For J. F. Gill, a local figure.
SSR

Glade Springs School (Vernon)
From a church.
SSR

Glendale School (Henry)
For situation.
SSR

Glendale School (St. Clair)
See Sweet.
SSR

Glendale School (Vernon)
For situation.
SSR

Glenrock (Henry)
A trading point in SF Leesville T. established...
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about 1880 and named for the man who first had a store there. Now extinct.

WS

Glenwood School (Henry)
For situation.
SSR

Glenwood School (Vernon)
For situation.
SSR

Globe School (Benton)
School in NC Union T. named for the school's globe used in studying geography.
SSR

Goddard Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek rising in Spruce T. and named for Dr. Goddard who practiced in Johnstown before the Civil War.
CAL

Goddard's Mill (Bates)
In Charlotte T. on the Goddard Branch, named for Dr. Goddard (above).

Goff's Post Office (Henry)
First P.O. in the county established in 1835 in Deer Creek T. and named for William Goff, postmaster.
HHSC

Golden School (Benton)
In NE White T., an ideal name signifying "the way of wisdom is golden."
JRB
Good Hope School (Henry)
In Bethlehem T., named for the church and also
known as Pretty Bob Creek School for its location
near the creek.
WGY

Goodin School (Bates)
For a local figure.
SSR

Goodin School (Bates)
In Deer Creek T., a family name of earliest settler.
Later changed to Possum Trot School for its loca-
tion in rough, rugged terrain surrounded by timber.
Later renamed Hess for Gotlib (sic) Hess who gave
the land.
SSR

Goodrick (Vernon) (later Dederick)
Earliest name of a town in Clear Creek T. named
for Isaac Goodrick, owner of the town site.
HVH, 458

Goose Creek (Hickory)
Settlement on Little Niangua R. in E Hickory County.

Goose Lake (Bates)
In NC New Home T. named for the geese that used
the lake in early days.
JNA

Gouge-eye (Henry) (also Goughi and Gaines)
Given by Mr. Will Wright for P.O. in California
or for the frequent fights that took place here.
GMM

Graceland (Cedar)
For the beautiful country; closed with rural
delivery soon after it was established about 1900.
GH

Graham School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.
SSR

Grand Daddy's Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in central Walker T.
named for its flowing through W. A. Gates' farm.
Gates was known as Grandaddy to the whole neighbor-
hood.
HHSC, 450

Grand Osage Village (Vernon)
Early Indian village located E of Horseshoe Lake
where Little Osage received a creek from the south
and named for the Grand Osage Indians. The village
is gone and leaves its trace in the name Old Town
Branch.
CZP, II, 386

Grand River
Tributary of the Osage, rising in Kansas and so
named for its being the largest river in that area.
It joins the Osage NW of Warsaw. This is an
Americanization of the original French name Riviere
Grande, the "big river," it is the largest branch
of the Osage after the Sac and Niangua. Also
known as South Grand River to distinguish it from
the larger Grand River in Northern Missouri.
Mentioned by Pike.
CZP, II, 379

Grand River Township (Bates)
In NW Bates, named for the river and organized in
April 1870 out of Minto and Spruce T.
A4B, 262
Grand River Township (Henry)
Organized in 1860 in SE Henry and named for the river. Abolished in 1873.
HHSC, 159

Grand View School (Bates) (St. Clair) (see Ledbetter)
For situation.
SSR

Grange Hall (Benton)
Assembly hall at Palo Pinto where Grange held its meetings.
GHB, 512

Grange Hall (Henry) (earlier Como, later Piper)
Gave about 1887 for the Grangers who had a lodge there, later renamed Piper when P.O. established; there was already another office named Grange Hall in the state.
MAD

Grange Hall (Henry)
In Walker T. named for the town, changed to Piper School (above).
SSR

Grant School (Henry)
For a local figure.
SSR

Grapevine P.O. (St. Clair)
In Center T. near Ohio P.O. named for Hugh Johnson's large vineyard. So called by the settlers for this landmark.
SJH

Greasy Corner School (St. Clair)
See Forest Grove.
SSR
Greasy Nation School (Vernon) (later Phillips School for Jack Phillips)
In the NW part of Dover T., a satirical name for the character of the children who attended school.
SSR

Green Castle School (Bates)
In Osage T., probably descriptive. Given by Bates County residents proud of their fertile and beautiful countryside.
SSR

Greene Springs (Vernon)
Springs in NE Badger T. named for Mathew J. Greene, who settled from North Carolina in 1865 in Virgil T., then moved to Badger T. in 1870, from there to California where he died in 1910.
HVH, 439

Greene Springs (Vernon)
Town laid out by Mathew J. Greene on Sept. 25, 1886 on John C. Shaffer's land and named for the adjoining springs (above).

Greene Township (Hickory)
In SE Hickory, one of the original five townships created in March, 1845. Probably named, like nearby Greene County and twelve other American counties, for the Revolutionary War hero General Nathaniel Greene (1742-86).

Greenfield School (Benton)
In NC White T. for location.
JRB

Green Ridge School (Bates) (Cedar) (Henry)
For location.
SSR
Green Springs School (Vernon)
   From the town.
   SSR

Green Top School (Vernon)
   See Leach.
   SSR

Green Valley School (Bates) (St. Clair) (Vernon)
   For situation.
   SSR

Green View School (Bates)
   For situation.
   SSR

Greenwood School (St. Clair)
   See Shryer.
   SSR

Green -- The region has more than its share of place names with "green." Contrast this with "dry."

Griesel Post Office (St. Clair)
   In Washington T., named for John A. Griesel, postmaster.
   LC

Griggs School (Bates)
   For W. M. Griggs, a local figure.
   SSR

Gum Springs (Cedar)
   For an old Cumberland Presbyterian campground four miles W of Stockton. It was family name of local landowners.
   JAG; JAJ

Gum Springs School (Cedar)
   SSR
Gut Creek (Vernon) (later Cottonwood Branch)
   Tributary of the Marmaton in Richland T. so called by Mr. Beard for its peculiar shape.

Hackberry Creek (Vernon)
   Tributary of Drywood Creek in W Deerfield T. named for the hackberries growing along its banks.
   HVH, 576

Hackler School (Bates)
   For R. Hackler, a local figure.
   SSR

Haletown Settlement (Vernon)
   VH, 545

Halley's Bluff (Vernon)
   CZP, II, 384

Hallico River (Hickory and Benton)
   See Hogle's Creek.

Hall School (Cedar)
   A family name.
   SSR

Halls Point (Cedar)
   Now extinct. On Turkey Creek, 6 m. west of Humansville.
   NMM

Hamlet (Cedar)
   For Charles Hamlet, store owner.
Hamlin's Mound (Vernon)
Natural mound in NW Blue Mound T. named for Collin Hamlin who came here from Ky. in 1857.
HVH, 535

Handley (Vernon) (earlier Bedford, later Panama)
Named for Joe Handley, a coal miner who owned half the land, later renamed because there was another Handley in the state. Shipping station built and named by the M.K. & T. R.R. for J. W. Handley who came to Vernon about 1883, died 1929.
NH

Happy Hill School (Bates)
In Pleasant Gap T., named by the boys of the community for its location on a hill and for the shouting Methodists who held meetings there. Also called Sheep Skin School for the sheep that were stolen and skinned near the school in the lawless days after the War.
SSR

Haran (Hickory)
Now known as Weaubleau.

Hardscrabble (Bates) (also Johnstown)
Nickname given for the "hardscrabble" (poor land yielding little with much effort) farmers and miners who drank and got in brawls and would flee across the county line when officers tried to arrest them.
OSHB, 195

Hardwood (Vernon)
Settlement on the Vernon-Barton County line on a branch of the Big Dry Wood Creek.
NNM
Harlan Junction (St. Clair)
In N Doyal T., named for the maiden name of Mrs. E. W. Tracy, whose husband was station agent at Vista.
HHB

Harmony Mission (Bates)
Mission sent to the Osage Indians in 1821 and located on the Marais des Cygnes River about six miles from its junction with the Osage, on land granted by the Indians in Council. The Mission was sent by the United Foreign Missionary Society, representing the Presbyterian and Dutch Reformed Churches. The "family" included 10 men, 15 women, and 16 children enlisted from many Eastern states. They set out from N.Y.C. on March 7, 1821, reached Pittsburgh and started down the Ohio on April 19, reached St. Louis June 5, and arrived in the Osage country and met the Indians August 2. After 15 discouraging years, the Mission was abandoned. The name came not from the socialistic communities patterned after Robert Owen's New Harmony, Indiana, but with reference to the union of different denominations in the establishment of the mission.
AHB, 51; HHM, I, 197; HHAI, I, 887; MHR, 9: 102-3, 83-91; 19: 409-18; 20: 3-8-92; VH, I, 173-6

Harmony School (Bates)
For mission.
SSR

Harper Post Office (St. Clair)
For Mr. Green Harper, a local figure.

Harris (Vernon)
R.R. station in SW Harrison T. on the K.C.S. R.R.
named for George W. Harris who owned a large farm where the R.R. built a station.

CPr

Harris Bend (St. Clair) (earlier Cal Waldo Bend)
Given when W. J. Harris moved in the bend from Virginia in 1870.

Harrison Township (Vernon)
SW Vernon, originally (1842) included the entire W ¼ of Vernon in honor of William Henry Harrison, ex-President, by Judge William Profitt.

HVH, 765

Harris School (St. Clair)
From the bend (above).

SSR

Hartley (Cedar)
A store established about 1914 in SE Cedar and named for Dick Hartley, the owner.

SHA

Hartley School (Cedar)
Local family name.

SSR

Hartville School (Hickory)
In W Cross Timbers T., a family name.

SSR

Hartwell (Henry)
Station on the K.C. & S. R.R. in Honey Creek T., named for a surveyor of the R.R.

HH, 159

Hartwell School (Henry)
For the town.

SSR
Harvard School (St. Clair)
See Lizard Lick.
SSR

Harvey (Henry) (also Garland, earlier New Covington)
Station on the St. L. & S.F. R.R. in NE Honey Creek T., given in 1894 for Fred Harvey, owner of the Harvey restaurants. Town called Garland.

Harviell (Henry)
10 m. NW of Clinton, 4 m. SE of Church.
WW, 399

Harwood (Vernon)
Town in SE Bacon T., laid out by John T. Birdseye, May 27, 1882, agent for Charles E. Brown of St. Louis, one time owner of the land. Named for a St. Louis minister.
HVH, 722

Harwood School (Vernon)
For the town.

Hastian (Benton)
P.O. since 1886 in N Union T., named in honor of a local family.
MHR, 10: 210

Hastian School (Benton)
School in W Cole T. named for the village.
JRB

Haw Creek (Morgan and Benton)
Rises in SW Haw Creek T. in Morgan and flows N and enters Benton Co. and reenters Morgan. Named for the many black haw trees in the area.
Hawkins Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Big Drywood Creek in Moundville T., named for John Hawkins, an early settler.
VH, I, 640

Hay Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Osage R. in Osage T., named for the tall prairie grass that grows along the edge of the bank.
SC

Haymaker's Mill (Bates)
On the Marais des Cygnes River about 1870 and named for Mr. Haymaker. In 1880 it washed away.
AHB, 278

Haynes School (Bates)
For Mr. H. O. Haynes, a local figure.
SSR

Hazel Dell School (Bates) (Cedar) (Vernon)
For situation.
SSR

Hazel Valley School (Hickory)
In E Cross Timbers T.
EIM

Head of Steamboat Navigation at the Osage (Vernon)
This location changed depending on the weather, but maps showed it as the junction of the Little Osage and Marais des Cygnes Rivers. For practical purposes, little freight was ever carried above Osceola.
CM, 1861
Heard's Spring (Hickory)
N of where Wheatland now stands. It served as temporary county seat in 1845 and part of 1846, until the permanent selection of Hermitage. Named because it was located on John Heard's farm. GHH, 230-2

Heath's Bend (Benton)
On the Osage River, a prairie bottom named for O. G. Heath, landowner. LHB

Heath's Ferry (St. Clair) (earlier Taber's Ferry)
Given when Milton Heath took over the ferry. HHSC, 1073

Heimsath's Store (Benton)
See Lake Creek.

Helton Branch (Benton)
In NW Union T., leading W into Turkey Creek, a family name.

Henry County (earlier Rives)
In WC Missouri, organized in 1835 under the name of Rives but changed to Henry for Patrick Henry in 1841. In 1820 part of Lillard County, in 1830 Davis and Blackwater Townships in Lafayette County were organized and included in territory of Henry County. In 1832 Tebo T. was organized including the future Henry and Johnson counties. In May 1834 Springfield T. was organized and together with Tebo included the area used in making Henry County the next year. The law establishing Rives County, named for William C. Rives of Virginia, was approved Dec. 13, 1834. In 1840 Rives became a
Whig and the name was changed in honor of another famous Virginian, Patrick Henry.
HH, 79, 80, 84, 87, 104-5; HHSC, 131-2

Henry Township (Vernon) (earlier Summers T.)
First named Summers when reorganized in 1856, re-named in honor of John McHenry of Bates.
HVH, 409

Hermitage (Hickory)
P.O. since 1867-8, 1886 in central Center T. platted in 1847 and made county seat by a vote of the people March 14, 1847. Bought from Thomas Davis. Commissioners chose the name, after the residence of Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," before the site was chosen. The pioneers were mostly Jacksonian Democrats from Tennessee. Later there were strenuous rivalries for removal, but all were defeated.
MHR, 11: 173; HHi

Herrel School (Bates)
For J. L. Herrel, local figure.
SSR

Hess School (Bates)
See Goodin.
SSR

Hickory Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Mormon Fork, named for the trees along its banks.
BM

Hickory Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Bone Fork in East Boone T., named by early settlers for the trees on the banks.
BMW
Hickory County
SW Missouri, organized February 14, 1845, the year of President Jackson's death and named in his honor (1767-1845). "Old Hickory" as he was known, died at his home "Hermitage" hence the county seat of Hickory County. Gannett says this name alone or with suffixes is borne by 46 places in the U.S. MHR, 11:172; GCD

Hickory Grove Church (Henry)
Organized August 16, 1874 by Rev. John A. Murphy in Tebo T., named for its location in a grove of hickory trees.
HHSC, 423

Hickory Grove School (Cedar) (Henry) (2)
For situation.
SSR

Hickory Township (Benton and Hickory)
NE corner of Hickory County and cut off with Hickory County, Feb. 14, 1845. Named for A. Jackson (above).
GHH, 476

High Hill Church (St. Clair)
In Butler T. SE of Lowry City, built about 1890 by the Baptists. Named for location.
JP

High Hill School (St. Clair)
For situation.
SSR

Highland School (Henry)
For situation.
SSR
High Point School (2) (Cedar)
   For situation.
   SSR

Hightower's Branch (Vernon)
   Tributary of Marmaton R. in N Walker T., named for
   Joshua Hightower who came from Camden Co. to Vernon
   in 1854, d. 1898.
   VH, I, 532

Highway School (Vernon)
   See Smith.
   SSR

Hillsdale School (St. Clair)
   For situation or landscape.
   SSR

Hillside School (Bates)
   For situation.
   SSR

Hill's Mill (St. Clair)
   Horse mill erected in 1837 and operated by Wright
   Hill.
   HHSC, 1061

Hink School (Benton)
   In SE Williams T.  A family name.
   JRB

Hockman (Benton)
   A P.O. 1886-1904 in E Fristoe T., 9 m. E of Dell
   and named for W. W. Hockman, farmer born in Ohio
   in 1834 who moved to Benton in 1875.
   MHR, 10: 210

Hoffman Bend (St. Clair) (also spelled Huffman)
   Near Roscoe and named for David Hoffman who came
from Virginia in 1836.
HHSC, 833

Hoffman's Ferry (St. Clair) (also spelled Huffman)
Ferry across the Osage R. operated by David Hoffman
in 1839 for whom it was named.
HHSC, 833

Hogan's Crossing (Vernon)
On Drywood in Coal T., and named for Parson Henry
Hogan, who preached at Westminster Church.
VH, II, 500

Hog Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Mulberry Creek in the W Homer T., named
for hogs in this vicinity.
BM

Hog Eye (Vernon) (later Nevada City, then Nevada)
Earliest name for settlement in central Vernon,
later renamed. So called for the hog wallow in
the center of the settlement. Given about 1850.
AJK

Hogle Creek Prairie (Hickory)
In S Montgomery T., named for the creek.
MW

Hogles' Creek (Hickory and Benton)
Rises in Hickory County, runs through E St. Clair
and flows NE into Benton and the Osage. Named
for John F. Hogle, German and government Indian
agent before 1832. His trading post was at the
mouth of this stream. On Pike's map this stream
charted and spelled Hallico River. Sometimes
called Noyles Creek. Before Hogles trading post
was well known, this stream was called Rain River
on some maps.
LHB, 15; CZP, II, 380
Hogle's Creek P.O. (St. Clair)
In Jackson T., named for the creek.
RPJ

Hogles Creek School (Benton)
School in NW Alexander T. named from Hogles Creek.
SSR

Hogles Trading Post (Benton)
See Bishop's Store.

Hog Skin School (Bates)
Pleasant Valley.
SSR

Holloway Island (Benton)
Island in the Osage R., in bend just above the mouth of Grand R. The source of name not ascertained, possibly connected with Capt. John Holloway, who raised a militia company in 1846 for the Mexican War and served under Gen. Sterling Price in New Mexico. Also led militia company during the Slicker War.
GHB, 492; CZP, II, 379

Homer Township (Bates)
In W Bates.
AHB, 274

Honey Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Big Creek, rises in NW Shawnee T., named for the honey found in numerous beehives in the trees along the stream.
HHSC, 430

Honey Creek Township (Henry)
In NW Henry organized in 1873 and named for the stream (above).
Hoover (Vernon) (later Stotesbury)
Given to town in SW Henry T. for Hoover Town Assoc. by the trustees when it was laid out Dec. 3, 1883 by Jacob Rumbaugh and Richard Kaufman. Called Hoover for the Hoover brothers who had a store there after coming from Kentucky in 1870.
HVH, 414

Hoover Chapel M.E. Church South (Vernon)
In SW Henry T., organized in 1871 and named for the Hoover Brothers, leading members.
VH, II, 599

Hoover School (St. Clair)
For Jim Hoover, a local figure.
SSR

Horn Branch (Benton)
In SW Cole T., running S into the Osage River.

Horse Creek (Cedar)
Tributary of Cedar Creek in Cedar County, located in SE Montevallo T., and named by the settlers for the horses hidden here by horse thieves after the Civil War.
HVH, 851

Horse Lot Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Bone's Creek in SW Mound T. named by early settlers for the horse lot close to the stream.
BMW

Horseshoe Bend (St. Clair)
S corner of Jackson T. named for its shape, 8 m. NE of Osceola. Full circuit of the bend 6 m. but the obstacle across the heel of this shoe is ½ of a mile. In the 1870's it was a prospective site
for a large water mill. In those days there was a lake in the middle of the bend and thousands of ducks were killed there. On the east side of this bend on the old Lenner Gover farm is the Gover Mill that did a big business about the time of the Civil War. Part of the mill was ruined. "I wish some painter would lose his way on some June day, and find himself on a point over looking this grand scene and give us a painting which would give him great peace and give us great pleasure."

HHSC, 440; SCD, 3/6/13

Horseshoe Lake (Henry)
W Honey Creek T., named for its shape.
HHSC, 440

Horseshoe Lake (Vernon and Bates)
County line, named for its shape.
CZP, II, 386

Hortense Post Office (Henry)
In NW Leesville T., by Mr. John Whiteside, in his store and named by his wife for a character in a serial story running in the local newspaper.
HH, 204

Hortense School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

Horton (Vernon) (earlier Blaine, then Marion, then Humble)
In 1890 Mr. Humble refused to donate land to the R.R. for cattle pens so the town was moved two miles N and named by the R.R. for an official of the company.
HVH, 194
Horton School (Vernon)
   For the town.
   SSR

Hot Water School (Bates)
   See Eldorado.
   SSR

Howard (Bates) (later Hume)
   Earliest name selected but never officially adopted
   of a town in Howard T., laid out August 14, 1880 by
   Noah Little and named for the T. Renamed Hume
   because there was another Howard in the state.
   BFJ

Howard School (Vernon)
   For Avery B. Howard, a local figure.
   SSR

Howard Township (Bates)
   In SW Bates, for Gov. Benjamin Howard (1760-1814),
   Governor of La. Territory (1810-12) and first
   governor of Missouri Territory.
   AHB

Howard's Mill (St. Clair) (earlier Ritchie Mill, later
   Cobb)
   Adopted in Civil War for John Howard who took over
   the mill. Howard came to St. Clair in 1837 from
   Kentucky. Mill destroyed by fire in 1890 and P.O.
   renamed Cobb.
   HHSC, 1061

Howard's Mound (Vernon)
   Natural mound in Blue Mound T. named for Avery B.
   Howard who came from St. Clair to Vernon in 1855.
   He died in 1864.
   HVH, 535
Howell School (St. Clair)
In Appleton Township, named for James Howell who lived nearby. When new building was erected in 1876, the name was changed to Centennial School with reference to the year.
SSR

Hoyle's Branch (Vernon) (later Reed's Branch)
Tributary of Osage R., the earliest name given to a branch in Metz T., originally named for Esq. Hoyle, early settler.
VH, II, 604

Hudson (Bates) (later Lahia P.O.)
First name of a town in N Hudson T. laid out in 1867 by Judge Charles I. Robards in anticipation of the R.R. and named by the colony of New York immigrants who had settled there, for Henry Hudson and the river. The M.K. & T. R.R. missed the town and it quickly became extinct. The Lahia P.O. established on the site.
AHB, 282

Hudson School (Bates)
From the town.
SSR

Hudson School (Cedar)
Local family name.
SSR

Hudson Township (Bates)
In SE Bates, named for the town.

Huffman's Creek (Hickory)
In Stark T. flows NE into Little Niangua River, named for an early settler and landowner on its banks.
GHH, 205
Hughes School (Benton)
NW White T., named for ancestors of George H. Hughes who settled in the spring of 1832.
LHB, 12

Hulda (Benton)
See Mount Hulda.

Humble (Vernon) (earlier Blain, then Marion, later Horton)
In honor of Charles L. Humble who gave the land.
HVH, 394

Humble School (Vernon)
For above.
SSR

Hume (Bates) (earlier Howard)
Adopted in 1880 for the Hume Distillery at Louisville, Kentucky. Three barrels of whiskey had been shipped from this distillery to Howard, Kansas but mistakenly delivered to Howard, Missouri. It arrived when the people were hunting for another name because Howard was already the name of another P.O. in Missouri.
ABH

Hume School (Bates)
From the town.
SSR

Huntingdale (Henry)
Town in SW Shawnee T., founded about 1855 on land granted by J. B. Swindell and named by him for its location as a great hunting place in an earlier day.
HHSC, 432
Huntingdale School (Henry)
From the town.
SSR

Huntley Mill (Henry)
Built in 1845 on Grand River in Clinton T., named for the man who ran it.
HHSC, 101, 320

Hutraler School (Benton)
A school in the SE White T., named for an early settler.
JRB

Hyatt School (St. Clair)
In Speedwell T., named for Clay Hyatt, owner of the land on which the school was built, but renamed Dewey School for Admiral Dewey (1837-1917) when Hyatt antagonized the school officials.
SSR

Hyattsville (Cedar) (later Olympia)
Named for Mr. Hyatt who ran the first store.
AMW; JL

Iconium (St. Clair)
In SE Jackson T., established in 1879 on land granted by Levi Gover. One of St. Paul's first churches in Asia Minor.
Acts 13: 51

Iconium School (St. Clair)
From a town or P.O.
SSR

Igo Post Office (Vernon)
1 m. NE of Bronaugh named by the citizens for a remark made by George Hardy. During a dissention
filled discussion on what to name the place, Hardy got up and left saying, "Call it whatever you please, but here's where I go to dinner." Later moved to Bronaugh.

OWN; PG

Independence School (Bates)
Ideal name.
SSR

Independence School (Cedar) (2)
Ideal name.
SSR

Independence School (Henry)
Ideal name.
SSR

Independence School (Hickory)
W of Pittsburg, an ideal name but locally called "Fox Ridge School" for the many foxes in the neighborhood.
SSR

Indian Creek (Benton)
Tributary of Cole Camp Creek in SE Williams T., a favorite hunting ground of the Indians. Many Indian relics on its course.
CGM

Industry (Henry)
In N Honey Creek T., laid out on land granted by Leander Bensley, July 14, 1883, probably an ideal name.
PG

Ionia (Benton - Pettis)
On the county line, belonging to different counties
at different times. Pettis (1833-35), Benton (1835-45), February 26, 1845 when 24 sq. m. in NW Benton were cut off, Ionia was on the line. 1876-95 listed as a Pettis P.O. (Ionia City), 1896-1904 listed as Ionia still in Pettis, but since 1910 it appears as Ionia, listed for Benton. Originally called Peel Tree for the Peeled Tree there noted as a landmark by early settlers. Ionia named for the ancient country in Asia Minor, a name taken by many Masonic lodges with reference to the five Masonic "orders of architecture," Tuscan, Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, and Composite. Probably directly for the Masonic order, indirectly for ancient history.

Ionia School (Benton)
NE White T., named from the P.O.
SSR

Iron Springs (Vernon)
Near Nevada, for rusty water, by Mr. West.
MMS

Island Slough (Bates)
A cut off between the Marais des Cygnes and Burnett's Creek, named for the island formed by the cut off and the deep ditch.

Iuka Springs (St. Clair) (earlier Boot's Mill, then Blakely's Mill)
Given by Dr. J. W. Wheeler who had a drug store there and granted land for the town in July 1867. Wheeler named it for an Indian.
AWA

Ivy (Cedar)
W. E. Phipps started a store here about 1910 and named it Ivy for the quantity of ivy growing on
the nearby swamp land. In 1890 there were 40 people living here. Now there is nothing to mark the spot.

CA

Jack Branch (Benton)
NE Union T., running W into Knobby Creek, for an early landowner.

Jackson Mill (Henry)
Water mill on Grand River in Clinton T., established about 1840 by Mr. Jackson. Disused about 1900.

JSBa

Jackson School (Cedar)
For a famous man (Andrew Jackson).

SSR

Jackson School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.

SSR

Jackson Township (St. Clair)
NE St. Clair, organized in 1841 and named for Andrew Jackson (1767-1845).

HHSC, 1037

Jaketown (Cedar) (P.O. Mollie)
For the trading point, Jake Dixon's store.

JAG; GH

Jefferson Park School (Henry) (2)
For Thomas Jefferson.

SSR

Jefferson School (Vernon)
Above.

SSR
Jefferson Township (Cedar)
Above, laid out in 1845.
HC, 390

Jenkin's Bridge Post Office (St. Clair)
In Dallas T., on Weaubleau Creek, perhaps where T crosses Weaubleau Creek - Wilkerson's Mill.
HG

Jerico Springs (Cedar)
Laid out in June, 1882 by D. G. Stratoon who bought the land. Named as a combination of the ancient Jericho and an early landowner, Joseph B. Carico.
MHR, 10: 273

Jerusalem (Cedar)
Given jokingly and unofficially by the residents to a part of Jerico Springs cut off from the main town by Jordan Creek. The residents make fun of their imaginary Biblical trips from one town to the other.
AMW, JL

Johnson Branch (Benton)
NW Union T., running W into Turkey Creek, named for a family.

Johnson City (St. Clair)
Town in Monegaw T., laid out on land given by James E. Patterson and William Hodgson on Feb. 23, 1867 and named for Andrew Johnson (1808-75), then President of the U. S.
HHSC, 1021

Johnson City School (St. Clair)
From the town.
SSR
Johnson School (Bates)
For Mr. Seneka Johnson, a local figure.
SSR

Johnson School (Cedar) (Vernon)
Family name.
SSR

Johnson Spur (Benton)
Central Williams T., on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R.R. named for the owner of the land on the ridge.
LW, 69

Johnstown (Bates) (also Hardscrabble)
Town in SE Spruce T., settled about 1845 and named for the number of men named John who lived there. Later nicknamed Hardscrabble. ("How Johnstown Got Its Name," Windsor Review, May 24, 1923) Don and Jim Johnson founded this town by opening their store here. In 1849, they acquired a P.O. It was a center for Indian traders who exchanged furs there for more trade articles. This lively trade center was decimated during the war and bypassed by the M.K. & T. R.R.
OSHB, 27

Johnstown School (Bates)
For the town or P.O.
SSR

Jonesville (Henry)
In Fairview T., laid out August 7, 1857 on land granted by Humphrey Hogan, named for unknown person.
HCP, 8
Jordan (Hickory)
P. O. since 1910 in W Jordan T., 5 m. E of Cross Timbers. Named for the man who built a steam mill here in 1904, George W. Jordan of Drakesville, Iowa who formed a joint stock company together with others of Appanoose County, Iowa.
GHH, 61

Jordan Creek (Cedar)
Stream running through Jerico Springs from Jerusalem. Named for the river in Palestine because it was near Jerico.
AMW, JL

Jordan Township (Hickory)
NE Hickory, cut off from Cross Timbers T., exact date uncertain, named for its chief settlement.

Journey's Branch (Vernon) (earlier Teel's Branch)
Given when Peter Teel sold the land to J. B. Journey about 1880.
ET

Judy's Gap (Hickory)
See Quincy.

Kader (Cedar)
Country store about the time of the Civil War, named by Julian Osborne, owner, for a friend who later became postmaster.
FK; AMW

Kansas City, Osceola and Southern R.R. (also Blair Line) (St. Clair and Henry)
Built by John I. Blair, the R.R. went from Springfield to Kansas City and was a major commercial artery of golden valley. Purchased by the Frisco R.R. in 1900.
Katy Post Office (Vernon)
Office and station in Coal T. on the M.K. & T. R.R. (familiarly known as the "Katy") for which it was named. Later the office was moved to Eve.
BJ; DF

Katy Railroad
See Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company.

Kaysinger Bluff (Benton)
The Board of Geographic Names in Washington issued its report that the official spelling is "Kaysinger" not "Kasinger." The Army officially changed the name. Art Sindt, president of the Osage Valley Flood Control and Water Conservation Association in Warsaw, and Dr. Conso Sally, mayor of Warsaw, went before a Congressional committee to settle this matter and did research in old newspapers. Now the Corps will spell it Kaysinger.
SCC, 11/19/59

Keck School (Vernon)
For William Keck, a local figure.
SSR

Keith (Bates)
On the St. Louis and San Francisco R.R. in N. Osage T., named for R.H. Keith in 1887, president of the Central Coal and Coke Company; now abandoned.
WHA

Keith School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Kelley School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.
SSR
Kettermen Post Office (Vernon)
SW Blue Mound T., for M. Kettermen in August 1831.
HVH, 548

Kidd's Chapel (St. Clair)
In Chalk Level T. built by the Methodists in 1852 and named for D. B. Kidd who owned most of the land.
HAH

Kimsey School (Henry)
For Mr. Littlebury Kimsey, a local figure.
SSR

Kimsey's Mill (Henry)
Built in 1837 on Honey Creek in Big Creek T., by Littlebury Kimsey, for whom it was named.
HHSC, 101, 126

Kimseyville (Henry)
In Big Creek Township, named for a family of Kimseys, early settlers. Also Kimsey. Littlebury Kimsey and others settled here in 1832 and he built the first water mill in Henry County.
HHSC, 432

King Prairie (St. Clair)
In Dallas T., named for the Kings who came to St. Clair in 1834 or 1835 and owned some 400 acres of prairie land.
HHSC, 1048

Kings Prairie School (St. Clair)
For the prairie.
SSR

Kinneytown (Cedar)
For a store on the highway between Stockton and Flat Play, established about 1805 and named for Davis.
JDH; JAG
Kisner Post Office (Bates)
NC Hudson T., named for Charley and Will Kisner who had a store where the office was located shortly after the Civil War.
BMW

Kitten Creek (Vernon)
In SE Bacon T., named by the travelers who stopped overnight at Mrs. Melton's house at the headwaters of this stream, where the Harmony Mission Road crossed the stream, for the incredible number of cats she kept.
HVH, 453

Klondike School (Bates)
In Walnut Township, S of Foster, named for the Klondike Gold Rush in 1897. The old circuit clerk went to dig gold and there was great excitement at the time.
SSR

Knabbs Creek (Bates) (now spelled Knobbs)
Tributary of the Miami R. named for a man who settled on this stream at a very early date. Spelling changed through an error made by someone in plotting a map.
HCB, 760

Knobby (Benton)
See Nobby.

Knobby Creek (Benton)
Tributary of Osage R., rising in Union T. named for the "knobby" character of the countryside. Sometimes called Beaver Creek for the animal found there.
GHB, 454
Kreissel's Mill (Benton)
P.O. in 1874. Mill in S William T., on a branch E of Cole Camp Creek, named for the owner, the mill was built by Christopher Kreisel and his son, Eugene who settled in Benton County in 1838.
GHB, 723

Kreisel School (Benton)
In SW Williams T. named from Kreisel's Mill, the early village was located here.
SSR

La Due (Henry)
HHSC, 459, 460

La Due Christian Church (Henry)
Davis T., organized in 1866 and named for the town.
HH, 127

La Due School (Henry)
For the school.
SSR

Lady Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Osage named for Wilton Lady, a Frenchman who was an early settler near the mouth of the stream.
CZP, II, 385

Lafayette County
In 1825 the name Lilliard County was changed to Lafayette County in honor of General Lafayette who visited the area in that year.
Lahia (Bates) (earlier spellings, Lahi and Lahai)
P.O. established on the old town site of Hudson in 1877. Pronunciation agrees with earlier spellings. Probably spelling was changed from Lahai by common use of place names ending in -ia Californic, Virginia, etc. The origins, shadowy. Perhaps for its laying high on the prairie. Perhaps a shortening of the Biblical "La-hai-roi" Genesis 24: 62. AHB, 282

La Hunta (St. Clair)
Name given to the junction of the Osage and Sac rivers. This is undoubtedly an Anglo-Saxon corruption of "La Junta." The junction for joining of these two rivers -- phonetically known as La Hunta. "... any man ... might be thrilled with great thoughts as to what general things God was doing when these formations were taking place." SSD, 4/6/11

Lake Creek (Benton)
P.O. 1868-70, 1876-95, 1899-10 in the NE part of Williams T., named for the stream, Lake Creek. Written Lakecreek in 1910. First called Heimsath's Store for the owner of an early trading post. MHR, 10: 210

Lake Creek (Benton)
Rises in N Williams T., Benton and runs into Pettis and Morgan. Named because after high water, the creek floods thousands of acres of bottom land giving the region the appearance of being a lake with trees growing in it. MHR, 10: 210
Lake Creek (Henry) (later Fields Creek)
First name of a tributary of the Grand River, later renamed Fields Creek. The original name was given for George W. Lake, early settler.
HHSC, 435

Lake Creek School (Benton)
In NE Williams T., named from the P.O. here.
JRB

Lake George (Henry)
In N Honey Creek T., named for an early settler on whose land the lake was located.
WHD

Lake of the Ozarks
An irregular body of water extending over four counties including Morgan, Camden, Benton, Miller, at one time said to be the largest artificial lake in the world. 129 miles long, comprising 95 sq. miles of water and shore line of 1300 sq. miles. Created in 1931 by the completion of the Osage Dam at Bagnell. Principal tributaries of the Osage flooded include Niangua, Little Niangua, Gravois and Glaize Rivers. The name was much disputed; the General Assembly of Missouri passed a resolution that it be called Lake Benton for Thomas H. Benton. J. W. Vincent, editor of the Linn Creek Reveille, tried to have it called Lake McClurg after Governor J. W. McClurg (1818-1900), who was governor of Missouri from 1868-1870. However, through popular use and by fiat of the builders, it came to be called the Lake of the Ozarks.

Lake Ozark Forest (Benton)
In NE Fristoe T., along the S bank of Osage R., named from the Lake.
Lake Sac-Osage (St. Clair)
At Osceola, an artificial lake constructed in 1929 named for the Sac and Osage Rivers.
LLU

Lake School (Vernon)
From the township.
SSR

Lakeside Estate (Benton)
A lake resort, on the N bank of the Osage R. in S Cole T., named for its location.
EJH

Lake Springs Park (Vernon) (later Radio Springs Park)
Earlier name of a resort in Nevada begun by Harry C. Moore and later renamed Radio Springs Park.
VH, I, 456

Lake Township (Vernon)
In WC Vernon and named for the lake on the N side of the Marmaton in SW part of the T.
HVH, 892

Lakeview Heights (Benton)
P.O. since 1933 in central Cole T., named descriptively for location. Overlooks the Lake of the Ozarks from the N side.
EHP

Lamberton's Store (Cedar)
Trading point named for Christopher I. Lamberton who built the store in 1838.
WC, 14

Lancaster (Cedar) (later Fremont, then Stockton)
Court ordered a town laid out Feb. 11, 1846.
the seat of justice, called Lancaster, probably for one of the 17 other Lancasters in the U.S.
HC, 408

Landaker School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.
SSR

Landon Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Little Drywood Creek named for a family that lived on the stream in early days.
VH, I, 570

Land School (Henry)
For Joe Land, a local figure.
SSR

Large Prairie (Vernon, Cedar)
Prairie lands in S part of these two counties, east of the Osage line, 1808.
WCM

Lauder Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Moore's Branch in Coal T., named for a family who settled on the banks of the stream in an early day.
WJ

Lawler School (Henry)
For Rev. William B. Lawler, a local figure.
SSR

Leach School (Vernon)
In N Montevallo T., named for Charles Leach who gave the land. In 1886, when Mr. Leach moved away, the name was changed to Green Top School. The new name was given by F. H. King for a town in Adair County, Missouri.
GF
Lebeck (formerly Clair Spring)

Ledbetter School (St. Clair)
   In Chalk Level T., named for Rufus Ledbetter, who owned the land where the school was built. When it was rebuilt, it was renamed Grandview School.
   HAH

Leesville (Henry) (earlier Tebo)
   Adopted in 1857 in honor of Andrew Jackson Lee who came from Kentucky in 1830. Killed in the Civil War. Other proposed names for Leesville — Centersville, Starvation Point, Pinch-him-slyly, Hardscrabble, Nigger Head.
   HHSC, 476

Leesville School (Henry)
   For a town.
   SSR

Leesville Township (Henry)
   In E Henry, organized in 1873 and named for the town.
   HHSC, 471

Lefker Mill (Bates)
   Established on the Marais des Cygnes R. in 1870 and named for Judge John A. Lefker (1836— ) who came to Bates from Indiana in 1869.
   AHB, 275

Lefler School (Vernon)
   For Mr. Levi Lefler, a local figure.
   SSR

Lelia (Cedar)
   For a store established about 1905, for a woman in the neighborhood, ½ m. SE of Balm.
   JDH; JAJ
Lemon Branch (Benton)
In NW Cole T., running SE into Duren Creek.

Leslie (Benton) (also Lessley)
Former village on the S. boundary of Union T. Also spelled Lessley. Family name. This settlement was not on a major road.
CGM; M&A

Letiembre Hill (Vernon) (earlier Brushy Mound, later Tiembre Hill, then Timbered Hill)
Renamed Letiembre Hill about 1839 for Henry M. Le Tiembre, a Frenchman who settled there in 1838. Probably corrupted through phonetics first to Tiembre then Timber and Timbered Hill.
HVH, 382

Levy (Henry)
Station on the St. Louis & Kansas City C. & S. R.R. in W Bethlehem T., named for Robert Levy, owner of farm near where the switch was built. Now extinct.
TWO

Lewellen School (St. Clair)
For John Lewell, a local figure.
SSR

Lewis School (Henry)
From a town.
SSR

Lewis School (St. Clair)
For Dr. Lawrence Lewis, a local figure.
SSR

Lewis Station (Henry)
Town in Deer Creek T. on the M.K. & T. R.R. laid out on land of Howell Lewis (1808-1883), for whom it
was named in 1871. Mr. Lewis, native of Virginia, came to Missouri in 1836. 
HHSC, 380, 484, 802; M, 1872

Liberty Baptist Church (Vernon)
Early Baptist Church in Vernon, organized in 1818 in Montevallo T., disbanded in 1862 but reorganized in 1867. Ideal name.
VH, II, 623

Liberty Church (Hickory)
M.E. church, 2½ m. S of Hermitage, erected in 1883. Ideal name.
GHH, 256

Liberty Church (St. Clair)
Baptist church in Jackson T. NE of Iconium, organized in 1890 in the Liberty School House for which it was named.
LC

Liberty Hall School (Cedar)
Ideal name.
SSR

Liberty School (Bates) (Benton) (Cedar) (Henry) (St. Clair)
Ideal name.
SSR

Light Creek (See Gallinipper Creek) (St. Clair)
Tributary of the Osage.
CZP, II, n. 383

Ligonier Post Office (Vernon)
PG
Lima School (Henry)
In Clinton Township, established about 1865. Probably from the South American city. SSR

Lime River (later Weaubleau Creek)
Named by the early settlers for the great quantity of limestone rock found in the creek. On Pike's Map (1806).
CZP, II, n. 383

Limestone Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Miami River, located in E Elkhart T., named for the limestone rock along its banks.
HCB, 874

Limestone School (Benton)
School in S Lindsey T., named for the strata of limestone rock in the neighborhood.
SSR

Lincoln (Benton)
MHR 10: 210

Lincoln School (Henry) (Vernon)
Historical name from the Civil War days.
SSR

Lindale (St. Clair) (earlier Marge)
Given by the M.K. & T. R.R. May 1920 when a telegraph office was opened at the terminal here.
ACJ, 1920

Lindley Creek (Hickory)
Enteres Hickory at SE corner and passes S into Polk,
reenters Hickory and flows into Pomme de Terre. Abraham Lindley entered land, 1847.
GHH, 205, 222

Lindley Prairie (Cedar)
A family name.

Lindley Prairie School (Cedar)
Family name.

Lindsey Township (Benton)
One of original townships organized February, 1835 and at first included Morgan County W of Cole and Williams T., N of the Osage and Grand Rivers, and all of White T. The creation of White T. in 1838 reduced it to its present boundaries. Named for Judge John W. Lindsay, then on the court, later misspelling "Lindsey" was accepted.
LBB, 26

Linn Township (Cedar)
Laid out by first court in 1845, named for the abundance of Linden trees in the region.
WCB; AMW

Lipe Branch (Vernon) (also called Mill Branch)
So called for an old pioneer, Evan Lipe.
HVH, 875

Little Brush Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of the Osage in NC Osceola T., named for the brush growing along its bank.
HESC, 776

Little Clear Creek (earlier Little Peshaw) (Vernon)
Given by settlers for the stream it empties into.
HVH, 453
Little Coon Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of the Osage River in W St. Clair named for the raccoons in the vicinity.
HMSC, 889

Little Cynthia Branch (Vernon) (also McDougall's Branch)
Named for Cynthia Brown.
VH, II, 616

Little Deer Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Deer Creek for which it was named.
ABO

Little Deer Creek (Hickory and Benton)
Rises in Jordan T., Hickory, runs N into Union T., Benton, then NW into Big Deer Creek.
GHB, 454, 455

Little Deer Creek School (Bates)
For the stream.
SSR

Little Drywood (Vernon)
Tributary of the Marmaton. Smaller than the neighboring Drywood Creek.
MVH, 516

Little Grant School (Henry)
In W Shawnee T. named by L.P. Beaty upon the suggestion of Doc Clark, who said the school reminded him of a dwelling built by the Grant family.
SSR

Little Hoccles Creek (Benton)
In E Alexander T., running N into Hoccles Creek near Wisdom. So named to distinguish it from Hoccles Creek.
Little Jewel School (St. Clair)  
In Appleton T., one of the oldest schools in the region. The name is emblematic, probably for the first building's size.  
SSR  

Little Lake (Henry)  
In SW Bogard T., named for John Little on whose land it was located. Little settled here before the Civil War.  
HHSC, 440  

Little Mill Creek (Hickory)  
Flows NW emptying into the Pomme de Terre.  
GHII, 206  

Little Monegaw (St. Clair) (also Monegan or Monegau, earlier Mine River)  
Given for Monegaw Springs and because it is a smaller stream than its neighboring stream.  
CZP, II, 383; HHSC, 889  

Little Niangua Baptist Church (Hickory)  
Organized in 1858, built about 1870. Now located 1 m. SW of Almon, named for location near the Little Niangua River.  
HHI, 50  

Little Niangua River (Hickory)  
Tributary of Big Niangua R. about 6 or 8 miles above its mouth in W. Osage T.  
CZP, II, 205  

Little Osage (Vernon) (earlier Austin's Mill, then Hall's Mill, then Balltown)  
Given by Cecil D. Ball in 1951 for the Osage River.  
HHII, 386
Little Osage River (Vernon)
From Kansas through N Vernon where it joins the Marmaton and empties into the Big Osage. Named for the tribe of Little Osage Indians.
CZP, II, n. 386

Little Osage Village (Vernon)
Early Indian village located 6 miles from the Grand Osage Village and named for the Little Osages who before settled on the Missouri River, but according to Lewis and Clark, "finding themselves much oppressed by the saukees and other nations left this place and built a village five miles from the Grand Osage Town" about the beginning of the eighteenth century. It has long since disappeared. Mentioned by Pike as about 6 miles higher and on the other (W side of the Little Osage) side.
TLC, I, 49; CZP, II, 387

Little Pomme de Terre River (Hickory and Benton)
Branch of the Big Pomme de Terre R., rising in S Wheatland T., flowing N and joining the Pomme de Terre near Fairfield.
LHB, 68

Little Robinson Creek (Vernon)
Tributary of Robinson's Creek.

Little Tebo (Henry) (later Sand Creek)
First name of a tributary of Tebo Creek rising in SE Shawnee T.
CZP, II, n. 379

Little Tebo Creek (Benton)
Rises in S White T., flows into Osage R. 1 m. below the mouth of Grand River and 2 m. above Warsaw.
Pike mistakenly calls it Vermillion R., but on his map charts it as Deep Creek, descriptively. Presently called Little Tebo to distinguish it from Big Tebo, or Tebo Creek, a few miles west which empties into Grand River.

CZP, II, 379

Little Turkey Creek (Benton)
W tributary of Turkey Creek in W Fristoe T., rising near Dell and running north. Named to distinguish it from Turkey Creek.

Little Weaubleau (Hickory)
Tributary of Weaubleau Creek for which it was named. Rises in Hickory County.

HHSC, 1049

Lively (Benton)
P.O. 1901-10 in NE Union T. near the mouth of Knobby Creek named for the fact that business was lively here when the P.O. was first established.

EHP

Lizard Lick School (St. Clair)
In Washington T., named for the great number of lizards in that section. Later people considered it undignified and changed it to Harvard School.

SSR

Locust Grove (Henry)
Settlement and office in SC Henry in Bethlehem T., named for its location.

HG

Locust Grove School (St. Clair) (Benton)
For situation.

SSR
Logan School (Henry) (Vernon)
For William Logan, a local figure.
SSR

Log Town (Benton)
See Bledsoe's Landing.

Lone Elm School (Vernon)
For the flora.
SSR

Lone Oak Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Double Branch in E Lone Oak T., named for a lone oak tree visible for a great distance and a famous gallows in early days.
BMW

Lone Oak Post Office (Bates) (later Stumpton)
First name of P.O. in WC Pleasant Gap T., named for the stream just half mile away.
AHB, 281

Lone Oak School (Vernon)
For the flora.
SSR

Lone Oak Township (Bates)
In SC Bates County named for the stream.
AHB, 279

Lone Spring (Hickory)
P.O. 1886-1904 in SE Hickory near the Dallas County line. The P.O. was kept on the farm of Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin, first postmaster. Named for the only spring on her farm.
JPD
Lone Star School (Bates)
   Emblem name.
   SSR

Lone Star School (Vernon)
   See Tucker's.
   SSR

Lonevale School (Henry)
   For situation.
   SSR

Longacre School (Vernon)
   For A. J. Longacre, a local figure.
   SSR

Long Ridge Church (St. Clair)
   Organized in 1869 in Dallas T., named for its situation.
   HHSC, 1048

Long Ridge School (St. Clair)
   See Stiles.
   SSR

Look Out School (Benton) (Henry)
   NE Fristoe T., named for its situation.
   SSR

Looney's Springs (St. Clair) (later Slat Creek Springs, then Magneola Springs)
   A white sulphur spring 3 m. E of Monegaw Springs given for the owner, John C. Looney.
   HHSC, 957, 1024

Lost Branch (Vernon)
   Tributary of Landon Branch in NW Drywood T., named because it sometimes retreats underground for a mile or so then appears again.
   VH, II, 570
Lost Corner School (Bates)
New Home T., named for its location on early survey, where it was not included in either New Home or Lone Oak T.
SSR

Lost Creek (Vernon)
In central Bacon T., named because it travels into the ground.

Louisville (Bates)
Near mouth of Mine Creek started by McDaniel before the war who named it for Louisville, Kentucky. Extinct after the war.
HCB, 958

Love School (Cedar)
Ideal name.
SSR

Lower Ferry (Benton)
Crosses the Osage R. at Warsaw, established by George Hooper and named because it was below Upper Ferry.
GHB, 505

Lowe School (Vernon)
For Captain Manse Lowe, a local figure.
SSR

Lowry City (St. Clair)
In W Butler T., laid out in March 1871 when the Clinton and Osceola R.R. was begun and named by John Hancock in honor of a wealthy resident of Evansville, Ind., for whom he had formerly clerked.
HHSC, 1034
Lowry City Junction (St. Clair)
Built in 1885 on the Gulf and Frisco R.R., named for the town, discontinued about 1930.
SCP

Lowry City School (St. Clair)
For the town.
SSR

L. P. Union School (Benton)
In S Alexander T., the letters "L.P." stand for Little Pomme, the river near the school.
VAL

Lucas Post Office (Henry)
In W White Oak T., established in 1838, named for an early settler who kept the P.O. and the store.
Laid out as a town in 1871; population 100 in 1874.
HHSC, 449

Lucas School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

Lutjen School (Benton)
In N Cole T., a family name.
SSR

Lutsenhizer Mill (Bates)
On Straight Branch in 1841, named for Jacob Lutsen-
hizer who settled here from Ohio in 1839; extinct after 1854.
AHB, 292

Mabary School (Hickory)
SE Start T., a family name, for John Mabary, sheriff of the county in 1855.
GHHH, 225, 241
McCall's Branch (Benton)
   In N Fristoe T., running N into the Osage R., named for a former landowner, H. M. McCall.
   CGM, 510

McCarty Creek (Vernon)
   Tributary of Clear Creek in W Montevallo T., named for Mr. McCarty who settled on the stream about 2 m. from Barton County line in 1838. He sold his claim in 1849.
   HVH, 851

McCoy's Branch (Vernon)
   Rises in N Deerfield T., and empties into the Marmaton, named for Mr. McCoy, an early settler killed during the Civil War.
   HVH, 516

McDavitt School (Bates)
   For Mr. J. P. McDavitt, a local figure.
   SSR

McDougal’s Branch (Vernon) (also Little Cynthia Branch)
   Tributary of Horse Creek in Cedar County, named for A. McDougal who came to Vernon from N.Y. about 1870.
   HVH, 851

Macedonia (Hickory)
   P.O. 4 m. N of where Wheatland now is.
   PG

Macedonia Baptist Church (Hickory)
   Near Wheatland, built in 1880 and named for the place where Paul first began his missionary work in Europe (Acts 16:9).
   GHH, 255
McFarland School (Benton)
   In NE Lindsey T., named for an early landowner.
   SSR

McFlish Branch (Bates)
   Tributary of Mormon Fork, named for an early settler.
   JNA

McHugh School (Vernon)
   For a local figure.
   SSR

McKenzie's Branch (Vernon)
   Tributary of Osage River in W Bacon T. and named for Nelson G. McKenzie who came from Cooper County to Vernon in 1840. He died in 1856.
   HVH, 709

McKill's Branch (Vernon)
   Tributary of Little Drywood Branch in S Harrison T., and named for Judge James McKill, Sr., who came from Morgan County to Vernon in 1846. He died in 1859.
   VH, II, 593

McKill's Chapel (Vernon)
   In S Harrison T., erected in 1860 and named for Judge James McKill (above).

McKill School (Vernon)
   (above)
   SSR

McKinley School (Bates)
   For William McKinley.
   SSR

McMurdo School (Benton)
   In SE White T., named for the owner of land.
   FMB
McNeil School (Bates)
For Mr. James McNeil, a local figure.
SSR

McNeil's Mill (Vernon)
At Balltown and named for Col. R. W. McNeil who came from Ohio to Bates in 1843 and started a mill in 1852. He died Dec. 16, 1900.
HVH, 388

McPeak Switch (Bates)
On the St. Louis & San Francisco R.R. close to the Kansas line, named for John G. McPeak, a coal mine operator. He moved to Houston, Texas.
WHA

Madison Township (Cedar)
Laid out in 1845 and named for James Madison.
HC, 390

Magneola Springs (St. Clair) (earlier Looney's Springs, then Salt Creek Springs)
Coined by Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, in 1911. She understood the word to be Latin for "great well."
CAM

Majorville (Benton)
In NE Fristoe T., 2 m. E of Dell, named for a pioneer family, probably that of Lewis Redd Major, brother-in-law of Gen. George W. Smith, who came with him in 1833 from Kentucky to Pettis. See Smithton.
HGS, 10

Mallard (Henry)
Station on the K.C. & S. R.R. in the central Honey Creek T., where duck hunters, who belonged to the
Kansas City Hunting Club, get off the train. Named for the ducks.  
JSB

Malt's Point (Cedar)  
Settlement in Washington T.

M and P Church (Hickory)  
In E Preston, established in 1899, shortening of Methodist and Protestant.  
EIM

Manoa (St. Clair) (later Taberville)  
Earliest name of a village laid out in 1859 by Robert H. Sproull on land belonging to Dr. Taber on the N bank of the Osage River in Taber T.  
Manoa said to be an Indian name.

Maple Dale School (Vernon)  
For the flora.  
SSR

Maple Grove School (Bates) (Henry) (2)  
For flora.  
SSR

Marais des Cygnes River (Bates)  
Rises in Kansas and flows through S Bates. First known as Marais des Cygnes on a map published by Bradford in 1838. The name means swan marshes and was given for the broad, swampy lowlands along its course. Indian legend repeated in old days had it that an Indian brave in love with an Indian maiden sought to prove his bravery in battle was killed, and the bereaved maiden went to this stream, saw her beloved, threw herself in and drowned, when a white swan appeared and hence the name.  
AIB, 980; CZP, II, n. 386
Marge (St. Clair) (later Lindale)
First name of a terminal on the M.K. & T. R.R. 3 m. SW of Appleton City, built about 1915, later re-named Lindale, given either for Marge Duncan, whose father owned the land where the terminal was built or for Marge Donnahue, who was admired by some of the railroad officials.
ACJ, 5/20

Marion (Vernon) (earlier Blain, later Humble, then Horton)
Given in honor of Gen. Francis Marion (1732-1795), Revolutionary War hero known as the "Swamp Fox."
HVH, 391

Marmaton River
Tributary of the Little Osage River, rising in E Kansas and flowing through central Vernon. Perhaps of Indian origin, first meaning uncertain. Perhaps a corruption of the French Marmite, signifying pot or cooking kettle. The settlers called it "Mommytaw" and the earliest map shows it in 1839.
HVH, 484

Marshall Creek Settlement (Henry)
Named for the creek.
LR

Marshall Creek School (Henry)
For the stream.
SSR

Marshall School (Bates)
For a local figure.
SSR

Martin's Mill (Vernon)
In SC Virgil T. on Clear Creek before 1844. Probably named for an early settler.
JH
Marvel Post Office (Bates)
On the Marais des Cygnes in New Home T., appearing for the first time in 1853 Gazetteer. Discontinued after 1876. Named for the man who ran the P.O.

Marvin Post Office (Bates)
In Davis T., near where Delmar now is, named for a minister who was a prominent citizen in the community in an early day and also was in the legislature.

Marvin School (Henry)
For the town.

Masters (Cedar)
Trading point in SE Cedar, named for Col. James Master, a prominent Springfield lawyer who made a political speech there in 1895.

Mate Creek (Cedar)
Settlement on the Nevada to Stockton stage line on Horse Creek.

Matlock Hollow (Benton)
In W. Union T., leading W into Turkey Creek, named for the residents.

Maurine (Henry)
Mayesburgh (Bates)
Town in SE Mingo T., founded in 1878 and named for J. M. Mayes who had a store there.

May Hollow (Benton)
N Union T., leading E into Big Deer Creek.

Meadow (Cedar)
Store in Washington T., named for the meadow at the side of the store. Now gone.

Meadow County
Never organized. This was a railroad schemers idea. The R.R. interests attempted in 1870-1 to make the General Assembly carve out pieces of Pettis, Johnson, Henry and Benton counties, making Meadow County with the county seat at Windsor and Warrensburg, Sedalia, Warsaw and Clinton on each of the corners. The efforts failed at the 1872-3 session.

Melton's Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Kitten Creek in SW Bacon T., named for Mr. Melton who came to Vernon County before 1850, died in 1891.

Melvin (Benton)
P. O. 1897-9, probably Christian name of first postmaster.

Memphis R.R. (St. Clair and Henry)
One of three competing R.R. between K.C. and Springfield. When the Frisco obtained the Memphis in 1901, it controlled all three of these parallel lines.
Merritt School (Henry)
For Judge M. B. Merritt, a local figure.
SSR

Merryfield School (St. Clair)
For Mr. Elson Merryfield, a local figure.
SSR

Merwin (Bates)
In West Boone T., near the Kansas line, laid out at the time of the building of the K.C. P. & G. R.R. in 1891 on land owned by L. S. Richardson, and named for James C. Merwin, R.R. promoter.
BCD, 5/18/16

Merwin School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Metz (Vernon) (earlier Pleasant Valley)
First named Pleasant Valley then renamed Metz during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870 soon after Gen. Bozaines' capitulation at Metz.
HVH, 887

Metz School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Metz Township (Vernon)
Organized in 1873 and named for the town.
HVH, 884

Miami Center School (Bates)
For the stream.
SSR
Miami River (Bates)
In SW Bates, flows in SE direction and empties into the Marais des Cygnes in Lone Oak T. Named for the Miami Indians who used to come from Kansas in dry weather to hunt and camp on its banks.
HCB, 760

Miami Center School (Bates)
For situation or landscape.
SSR

Mid Way (Bates)
Filling station on Highway 71 established about 1930 and named because it is midway between Rich Hill and Butler.
RBJ

Mill Branch (Vernon) (also called Lipe Branch)
Tributary of Little Clear Creek in NC Montevallo T. named for an old mill pond.
VH, II, 627

Mill Creek (Hickory) (also Big Mill Creek)
Rises near Nemo in N Green T., flows NW to join Big Pomme de Terre near Hermitage. Named for an early mill.
GHN, 205

Millers Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Osage named for an early settler in Bacon T.
CZP, II, n. 385; HVH, 711

Miller School (Bates)
For Mr. Alf Miller, a local figure.
SSR
Miller School (Henry) (Hickory) (Vernon)
Named for local figures.
SSR

Mill Sap Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Mormon Creek, rises in Mound T., flows NE, named for a man Millsap, who was an early settler before the Civil War.
JNA

Milo (Vernon)
Station on the Lexington and Southern R.R. division of the Mo. Pac. R.R. in NW Drywood T., laid out by J. L. Samples, October 4, 1881; named for Milo Main, an old resident of that locality.
HVH

Milo School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Mine Creek (Bates)
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes from Kansas into Walnut T., named for the coal uncovered by the constant washing of the stream and left exposed so people could walk along its banks and pick it up.
RPJ

Mine River (St. Clair) (On Pike's map, Mire Creek; later Little Monegan or Monegau or Monegaw)
Earliest name of a tributary of the Osage in Pike's Journal (perhaps an error).
CZP

Mingo Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Grand River, located in central Shawnee T., named for a tribe of Indians who lived along this stream. The Mingos were a detached band of
Iroquois who came from Ohio or Kansas in 1831 settling on the Neosho River, whence they went to Indian Territory in 1867.
HCB, 760; HHAI

Mingo School (Bates)
For the stream.
SSR

Mingo Township (Bates)
In NE Bates, named for the creek.
AHB, 261

Minnow Branch (Benton)
Rises in NW Buffalo T., Morgan County, flows into Cole T., Benton and joins Buffalo Creek. Minnows for bait were netted here.
LTS

Minor Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Big Tebo in Deer Creek T., named for a man who owned the land on the creek in an early day.
HS

Minson Creek (Henry)
A tributary of Deepwater Creek in SC Osage T., named for an early settler near the stream.
HHSC, 467

Mission Branch (Bates)
Rises in Pleasant Gap T., empties into the Marais des Cygnes in Prairie T. Named for old Harmony Mission by the old settlers.
AHB, 317

Mission Branch School (Bates)
For the stream.
SSR
Missouri Pacific Railroad (Benton)
A branch line comes from Sedalia into Benton, through Mora, Cole Camp, Lincoln, Schuyler, and Warsaw. This R.R. incorporated on March 12, 1849. The Warsaw branch was incorporated February 24, 1853.
LAM, 1852-3

Mitchell School (Cedar)
For a local family.
SSR

Mobley School (Vernon)
For Judge H. P. Mobley, a local figure.
SSR

Moffatt School (Henry)
For a local figure.
SSR

Mokan (Bates)
Town on the Mo.-Kansas line in Walnut T., named for the two states.

Mollie (Cedar) (P.O. of the trading point Jaketown)
Submitted to the Postal Department by Jake Dixon of Jaketown; named for a female member of his family.
JAG

Monegaw Post Office (St. Clair)
On a hill near the present Monegaw City., named by Mr. Alton for the Springs. Moved to Monegaw City.
SAH

Monegaw Cave (St. Clair)
One half mile from Monegaw Springs in Chalk Level; named for the springs.
HHSC, 1030
Monegaw City (St. Clair)
In central St. Clair, begun by Mr. Houck before 1856; named for the springs.
HHSC, 1030

Monegaw Mills (St. Clair)
On Reids Creek, erected 1857, disappeared during the war. Named for location.
HHSC, 1021

Monegaw School (St. Clair)
For the town.
SSR

Monegaw Springs (St. Clair) (earlier Stinking Waters)
Given for a famous Indian chief of legend, meaning "owner of such money." The legend told of Spanish silver hidden in a cave. When the Spaniards went to retrieve it, they were attacked by Indians and all but one died. But Monegaw aided one before he died and the Spaniard told him where the silver was stashed. The chief got hold of it and bought horses and a wife. No documentation of a chief of this name outside of accounts of the legend.
HHIM, 1, 250-3; HHSC, 1027; TOC, 25; VD

Moneteith (Bates) (earlier Feely Junction)
Given by the R.R.
WHA

Montevallo (Vernon) (earlier Old Montevallo)
1 1/2 m. SE of the old town which was destroyed in the war. The present town was platted by Samuel Manatt, Nov. 24, 1881, and the old name was kept.
HHIM, 81-8
Montevallo Academy (Vernon)
Chartered by a special act of the Legislature, Dec. 12, 1855, named for the town and destroyed with the town.
HVH, 858

Montevallo School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Montevallo Township (Vernon)
In SE Vernon and organized in 1855, named for the town.
HVH, 851

Montgomery Branch (Hickory)
In central Wheatland T., flowing NW into Montgomery T., emptying into the Little Pomme de Terre; named for the township.
GHH, 206

Montgomery School (Bates) (Cedar)
For a local figure.
SSR

Montgomery Township (Benton) (Hickory)
Organized in 1835, comprising all of Tom and Alexander Townships, W Fristoe and NW Hickory County, running out beyond Quincy. In 1838 it lost all its Benton County territory to the newly formed Alexander T., retained that in Hickory County, named for Judge Joseph C. Montgomery, then on the county court bench. Became one of the first T. in Hickory County in 1843.
LHB, 24

Montrose (Henry)
Town on the N.K. & T. R.R. laid out in 1871 in I. Deepwater T. Three possible origins of the name:
1) the mound S of town was covered with wild roses;
2) named for Mrs. Joseph Patton, whose name was Rose;
3) named after the Count of Montrose, hero of a novel
that Mrs. Patton was reading.
HHSC, 409

Montrose Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Henry) (earlier:
Stone Chapel, then Camp Branch Church)

Montrose School (Bates) (Henry)
The one in Bates perhaps for one of Walter Scott's
heroes.
SSR

Moon Lake (Vernon)
In NW ilue Mound T., named for its shape.
MJ

Moore's Branch (Vernon)
In S Coal T., named for a settler who lived on its
head waters in Kansas.
HVH, 562

Moore School (Henry) (St. Clair)
For local figures.
SSR

Mora (Benton)
In N Williams T., near the border of Pettis County,
platted by the Mo. Pac. R.R. in 1882 as a flag stop
on the R.R. The name is Spanish for raspberry and
was perhaps brought back from the SW after the
Mexican War.
GHB, 492, 512

Mora School (Benton)
School in N Williams T. named for the village.
SSR
Morgan School (Hickory)
EC Stark T., named for an early family who settled there.
EIM

Mormon Fork Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Grand River named for the Mormons who were driven out of Jackson County in 1833 and made a settlement on this creek.
AHB, 264

Morris Place (Vernon)
Laura V. Morris of St. Charles County, February 14, 1889 gave land that lies N of the Lexington and Southern R.R. for a subdivision to be known as Morris Place.
PBV, 4, 16

Moss School (Vernon)
For Mr. M. J. Moss, a local figure.
SSR

Mossy Creek (Benton)
N Union T., running N into the Osage R., near Duroc. Named for the marshy boggy condition of the land adjoining the creek.
VAL

Mossy School (Benton)
N Union T., named for the creek.
SSR

Motley School (St. Clair) (2)
For J. D. Motley, a local figure, and Pink Motley, a local figure.
SSR
Mound Branch (Bates)
   Tributary of the Miami in the NW Lone Oak T., named for the mounds nearby.
   HCB, 760

Mound Lake (Bates)
   In SL New Home T., named for the mound nearby.
   BMW

Mound School (Henry) (St. Clair)
   For the situation.
   SSR

Mounds Post Office (Vernon)
   Near Bronaugh, named for location near three or four mounds.
   HAL

Mound Springs (Henry)
   In S Lessville T., named for the soft mushy substance built up into a mound by deposits from the springs.
   WS

Mound Springs School (Henry)
   From the springs.
   SSR

Mound Township (Bates)
   In NC Bates, named for a series of mounds throughout the T.
   AHR, 268

Mound Valley School (Bates) (Vernon)
   For situation.
   SSR

Moundville (Vernon)
   NC Moundville T., laid out by Harvey Karnes on the
8th of March 1860 and named for the natural mound on which it was situated.
HVH, 789

Moundville School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Moundville Township (Vernon)
Organized March 6, 1867 on petition of Harvey Karnes and others and named after the town.
HVH, 785

Mountain Grove School (Cedar)
For the town.
SSR

Mountain View (Benton)
P.O. established as Mount View in 1853, changed to Mountain View in 1862, now extinct. Named for situation. SC Benton, settlement just ½ m. from Hickory County line. A Mt. View is also shown in Hickory County ½ m. S of the county line.
GHB, 512; NMM

Mt. Carmel Church (Henry)
In Davis T., built by the Presbyterians in 1860. Biblical name.
BIB, Jos. 19:26

Mt. Carmel M.E. Church (Bates)
In Charlotte T., organized in 1875, for Biblical mountain where Elijah triumphed over the prophets of Baal.
IB, 1 Kings 18:19

Mt. Carmel School (Henry)
From the church.
SSP
Mt. Enon School (Cedar)
   From a church or the Bible.
   SSR

Mt. Enterprise (Cedar)
   10 m. S & SW of Stockton near the site of White House which was completely destroyed in the Civil War.
   CMo, 127-8

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church (Vernon)
   In Virgil T., organized in 1868. Biblical.
   BIB, Jos. 15:54

Mount Heerman School (Benton)
   SE Alexander T., misspelling of Biblical Mount Hermon, conjectured site of the transfiguration. Perhaps mistaken for the Heerman family, long time residents.

Mount Home School (Benton)
   School in SW Tom T., named for its location on a large hill.
   JRB

Mount Hope Baptist Church (Henry)
   In Davis T., named for its situation on a mound.
   HIIHC, 487

Mount Hope School (Benton)
   School in N part of Alexander T., an ideal name.
   SSR

Mount Hulda (Benton)
   Town in N Cole T., P.O. established 1903-17 under name of Hulda, changed to Mount Hulda in 1918. Origin uncertain.

Mount Lungsden (Cedar)
   Trading point 1 1/4 m. SW of Pleasant View near a mill on Cedar Creek. Origin unknown.
Mount Lasca School (Benton)
NE Alexander T., named for its location.
SSR

Mount Olive School (Cedar) (St. Clair)
From Bible or a church.
SSR

Mt. Olivet Church (Benton) (Henry) (St. Clair)
A mountain near Jerusalem, site of Christ's ascension.
BIB, Acts 1:9-12

Mt. Pleasant Church (Benton)
M.E. church formerly called Poplar Bluff Church, taking its name from the schoolhouse of that name.
Descriptive.

Mount Pleasant Church (Henry) (later Urich Baptist Church)
SW corner of Bogard T., on Knob Creek, on a mound.

Mt. Pleasant Township (Bates)
In central Bates, for its stately location.
AHB, 273

Mount Taber Christian Church (St. Clair)
1882 in Taber T., a Biblical name; however, in the Bible it is spelled Tabor.
BIB, Judges 4:6

Mount Vernon M.E. Church South (Vernon)
In Clear Creek T., organized about 1861 on land given by Benjamin Snodgrass, probably named for the home of George Washington.
SMS; VII, II, 553

Mt. Vernon School (Bates)
A borrowed name from a state (Virginia).
SSR
Mt. Victory School (St. Clair)
Collins T., named by Mr. Wiegand for the victory won over the hill on which it stands.
SSR

Mount View (Benton)
See Mountain View.

Mount View School (Benton)
SW Pristoe T., named from the P.O.
SSR

Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Henry)
Organized at Huntingdale in 1855, a Biblical name.
BIB, II Sem 5:6; HHSC, 433

Mount Zion Church (Henry)
Cumberland Presbyterian Church organized in 1855 by Rev. Fines Washington in Windsor T., a familiar Bible name.
BIB, I Kings 8:1; II Kings 19:18; HHSC, 393

Mt. Zion M.E. Church (Henry)
S part of Osage T., organized about 1850, Biblical (above).
HHSC, 466

Mt. Zion Post Office (Henry)
Osage T., named for the church.
MTP, PG

Moxley Chapel (Benton)
M.E. church, S, i m. N of Warsaw, built in 1882, named for an early settler who gave the land for the church.
GHB, 517

Muddy Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of Osage in N St. Clair, named for its
mudiness.
CZP, n. 386; HHSC, 889

Mulberry Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes located in NW West Point T., named for mulberry trees that grew along its bank.
HCB, 760

Mulberry School (Bates)
For the town or P.O.
SSR

Mulberry School (Hickory)
In Cross Timbers T., in NE corner of the county, named for its location in a mulberry grove.
EIM; JOT

Mule Creek (Cedar)
See Alice in Benton T.
CMo, 127-8

Mulberry Creek (Vernon)
Tributary of Pea Branch and named for the mulberry trees growing along its banks.
HVH, 851

Mulberry Post Office (Bates)
Office and town established in 1867 on the creek for which it was named.
AHB, 275

Myers School (Hickory)
N Wheatland T., named for a landowner on whose land the school was built. Discontinued.
EIM
N. & M. Connection (Vernon) (later Nassau Junction)
First name of a junction on a lane of the M.K. & T.
R.R. built in 1886 from here to Coffeyville. SE of
Nevada, named for the Nevada and Minden Connection.

Nash School (Vernon)
For Mr. George Nash, a local figure.
SSR

Nassau Junction (Vernon) (earlier N. & M. Connection)
Given by A.S. Blodgett, chief engineer in building
the Nevada and Minden R.R. in 1886, adopted 1895,
probably for Nassau, N.Y.
JBJ; FEG

National School (Benton)
In S Tom T., an ideal name.
SSR; JRB

Nay (Benton)
Central part of Williams T., a family name.
VAL

Needmore (Cedar)
Name of a store 3 m. NE of Cane Hill, established
about 1900 and named by a local joker as a pleasant
criticism of the small amount of goods in stock.
GH; JAG

Nelson Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Little Tebo Creek in SE Deer Creek T.,
named for a man who settled on the banks of the
stream in early days.
HHSC, 483; H.S

Nemo (Hickory)
P.O. 1895-6, 1900-10 in N Green T., 7 m. SE of
Hermitage at the crossing of the Warsaw and Polivar
Road. Probably for Captain Nemo of Jules Verne's tremendously popular, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Local people believe the name is an outgrowth of the U. S. Postal Department's encouragement to choose short names, and they believe the name to mean "little."

HHi, 62

Nemo School (Hickory)
Named for the town.

SSR

Nevada (Vernon) (earlier Hog Eye; then Nevada City)
Shortening of Nevada City, adopted by order of first incorporation, March 3, 1869. The town is always pronounced *Nevada* while the state name is pronounced *Nevada*. The postal officials are credited (?) with picking this pronunciation.

HVH, 606

Nevada City (Vernon) (earlier Nevada)
Given by Col. Hunter who had spent some years in California and suggested calling it after the county seat of Nevada County, California; given when the town was laid out by John W. Boyd of Jasper and Abram Cassel of Cass on Oct. 1, 1855. Nevada County, Calif. was the heart of the Mother Lode Country, where quartz gold mining and vein mining first replaced the hydraulic and placer techniques. This industrial mining introduced a new scale into the gold fields and many of the small independents left or became employees. Some returned to Missouri.

HVH, 606
Nevada School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

New Covington (Henry) (later Harvey; also Garland)
Named for Bill Covington but changed to Harvey a few
months later because there was another town on the
R.R. by that name.
JSB

New Harmony School (Henry) (Vernon)
Ideal name.
SSR

New Haven School (Hickory)
Central Stark T., on the former location of Highway
65, named because it was a "new haven" or safe place.
EIH; JPD

New Home (Bates)
Village in SW New Home T., laid out in 1869 and named
for the residence of Col. Samuel F. Hawkins, whose
wife named their home, "New Home."
HCB, 892

New Home School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

New Home Township (Bates)
In SW Bates, named for the town, organized out of
Walnut T., Feb. 1872.
AMB, 278

New Piper (Henry)
N of Piper on Highway K.

New Tiffin (St. Clair) (earlier Old Tiffin; also Whitley)
When the P.O. at Old Tiffin was moved to Whitley in
1891, the post office officials refused to grant the office because there was another just two miles away; the people got the post office at Tiffin moved to the site of Whitley.

New Town (Benton)
See Bledsoe's Landing.

Nigger Creek (Benton)
E Lindsey T., running S into the Osage, named for the number of dark colored boulders, called "niggerheads" found in the bed of the stream.

Nigger Springs (Benton)
See Five Nigger Springs.

Noah Post Office (Henry) (also see Germantown)
NC Deepwater T., at Germantown. Chosen for brevity of the name and also for the father of the only family saved at the deluge.
BIB, Gen. 5:28-32; JJC

Nobby (Benton)
Village in E Union T., where a P.O. was twice established, 1886-88 and 1899-1910. Originally spelled Knobby but simplified in the 1910 Postal Guide; from nearby Knobby Creek.
MHIP; 10:197-213; PG

Norris School (Henry)
For the town.

North Muddy School (Ratles)
For the stream.
Norris (Henry) (earlier Norris Forks)
Shortened through usage, then adopted officially.
HHSC, 446

Norris Fork (Henry)
Tributary of Big Creek, named in memory of William Norris who settled on this stream in Henry in 1831.
HHSC, 569

Norrisfork (Henry)
So called, one word, a settlement before the Civil War.
NMM, 1860

Norris Forks (Henry) (later Norris)
Central Big Creek T., founded in 1875 and named for the stream. Later shortened to Norris.
HHSC, 446

Norris School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

North Muddy School (Bates)
For the stream.
SSR

North Dell School (Benton)
Central Fristoe T., named for its location N of Dell.
SSR

North Double Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Double Branch in NW Pleasant Gap T., named for its being a N tributary of Double Branch R.
BMW

North Fairfield School (Benton)
N White T., named to distinguish it from Fairfield School in Alexander T.
JRB
North Indian Creek (Benton)
    See Williams Creek.

North Pleasant Hill School (Benton)
    NW White T., named to distinguish it from South Pleasant Hill School.
    SSR

North Post Office (Henry)
    In Clinton T., on the K.C., Ft. Scott and Memphis R.R. established when the R.R. was built and named for a man who came in from the east to operate the mines.
    PG

North Star School (Benton)
    W Union T., an emblematic name.
    EJH

Northville Post Office (St. Clair)
    GG

Noyles Creek (Benton)
    See Hogles Creek.

Nyhart Post Office (Bates)
    Named for Noah Nyhart, pioneer citizen of Bates.
    BCD

Nyhart School (Bates)
    For the town.
    SSR

Oakdale School (Henry) (Vernon)
    For the flora.
    SSR

Oak Grove Baptist Church (Vernon)
    Organized Dec. 20, 1885 in Clear Creek T. and named for its situation.
    VII, 11, 553
Oak Grove School (Bates-2) (Benton) (Henry) (St. Clair-2) (Vernon)
For flora.
SSR

Oak Hunter Hollow (Benton)
N Union T., leading E into Big Deer Creek, named for the oak trees, noted for its number of oak hunters (squirrels) and their homes.

Oakland School (Henry)
For flora.
SSR

Oak Ridge School (St. Clair) (Vernon)
SSR

Ohio Post Office (St. Clair)
1½ m. W of its present location, this P.O. was first established in 1878 and named by settlers from Ohio who came about 1870.
HHSC, 1023

Ohio School (St. Clair)
For the town.
SSR

Old Harmony Mission Road (earlier Osage Trail)
Located March 7, 1835 and named for the Mission.
LHB, 15

Old Indian Trail
Pan S to E in a NW course entering Johnson SE of Warrensburg, thence N toward Lexington on the No. River, the trail ran S to the Osage near where Warsaw now stands. First used by Indians.
CHG, 73
Old Ionia (Benton)
See Ionia.

Old Montevallo (Vernon) (later Montevallo)
1½ m. NW of present town of Montevallo, founded by William Withers in 1850 and named by Mr. German, a scholar, from two Spanish words, monte and valle, meaning a combination of hill and valley.
HVH, 857

Old Papinsville Road (earlier Osage Warpath)
Given for the town.

Old Road (Benton) (also Old Military Road)
Cut out by U. S. Government by act of March 7, 1835 for military purposes through Boonville, Springfield, and Fayetteville, Arkansas to Fort Smith. A principal line of communication from the Missouri River to Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, it ran through Benton County, crossing the Osage at Warsaw.
LHB, 15

Old Shawnee Town (Benton)
Extinct village on Shawnee Bend, just west of where the Grand empties into the Osage, on the right bank of the Osage River. Named for the Big Shawnee Indian village once on this spot.

Old Tiffin (St. Clair) (New Tiffin, also Pape)
First name of a town in Speedwell T., 1½ m. NW of New Tiffin surveyed and platted in April 1878 by Ralph C. Bowles; the name was given to the settlement during the Civil War by the settlers from the old Tiffin, Ohio. Later the P.O. was moved to Whiskey, still later a P.O. called Pape was cut here.
LHB, 1878
Old Town (Benton)
Fristoe Town.

Old Town Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Marmaton River, rises in E Washington T., flows into Osage T., where it gets its name from the old town of the Osage Indians, at one time located at the mouth of this stream.
HV, II, 676; HVH, 484

Old Walnut School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Old Zora
See Zora.

Olive Branch Baptist Church (Vernon)
Organized soon after the war in Henry T. Named either for the olive leaf carried back to Noah's Ark (Gen. 8:10) or for the emblem of peace used in the Bible.
BIB, Neh. 8:15; Zech. 3:8; 4:12; Jer. 11:16

Olive Branch School (Bates)
In Charlotte T., named for the emblem of peace.
Above

Olive Branch School (Benton)
In SE Union T.
Above

Olive Point School (Hickory)
Baptist Church in E Stark T.
EIM

Olive School (Bates)
Emblematic name.
SSR
Olympia (Cedar) (earlier Hayattsville)
Hyatt, the store keeper submitted names to the post office in 1895 and of the list the Department selected Olympia, probably for one of the other four U. S. towns named Olympia.
JL

Omar (Cedar) (earlier Whitehare)
About 1880 the name was changed by the Post Office to shorter name. Probably the Christian name of someone in the neighborhood.

Opossum Branch (Bates) (spelled Possum also)
Tributary of Miami T. in N Lone Oak T., named for the animal.

Orchard Grove School (Bates)
For the flora.
SSR

Orion Post Office (St. Clair)
In Monegaw T., started in May 1871, extinct when Ohio P. O. set up in 1878.
HHSC

Orr School (Benton)
School in Central Lindsey T., named for a landowner in the district.
JRE

Osage (Benton)
See Bledsoe's Landing.

Osage River (Benton, St. Clair, Vernon)
One of the earliest places named in Missouri, called "Riviere Osage" by Du Tisne in 1719. Named by the French for the Indian tribe. But earlier, the Spaniard, Coronado spoke of the "Haxa" or "Hayas"
at this place. According to Long, the name came from
the Indian name Wa ca se or Waw sash e or Wass ash sha.
Marquette spelled it "Ouchage" and "Autre scha." On
Franquelin's map it was spelled "Zages," and spelled
"Huzzas," "Ous" and "Wawhas" by Andrei Penicaud.
Perhaps it meant strong, referring to the impressive
size of the Indians. Bradbury said few of them were
under six feet tall. Houck claimed the meaning of
the original Wacase was merely "men" or "people,"
and Matthews supports this. At the time of Pere
Marquette's journey (1673), these Indians were close
to the mouth of the Missouri. The French got their
word for "people" or "man" confused with the more
particular name for the tribe which meant to them,
"Children of the Middle Waters." Hodge says the
name Osage was a corruption of the native Wazhazhe.
"The waters of the Osage sometimes in the year are
almost blue and the river by some people is called
the Rhine of Missouri."
PM; TL, 273; ISH; O; HVH, 94; CZP, II, 370; AHB, 47;
HHM, I, 177-9; SCD, 1/30/13

Osage School (Bates) (St. Clair)
For the river.
SSR

Osage Township (Bates)
S Bates, named for the river. Organized in May 1870
out of Lone Oak T.
AHR, 385

Osage Township (Henry)
SH Henry, organized in 1873 out of Springfield T. was
created in 1872. In 1858 Osage T. was created and
included in Fairview T. For the river.
MHSO, 462
Osage Township (St. Clair)
In W St. Clair, organized about 1890 out of Monegaw and Tabor T.

Osage Township (Vernon)
Organized in 1855 and named for the tribe of Indians who had their villages in this township at one time.
HV, II, 647; HVH, 381

Osage Trace
Trail extending from the Osage Village through Vernon, St. Clair, Cedar, Polk, Greene, Stone, and Taney Counties, Missouri, named for the Osage Indians.
HHM, I, 226

Osage Trail (later Old Harmony Mission Road)
From Osage Village through St. Clair, Benton, Pettis, Saline to the Missouri River used by the Indians.
HHM, I, 226

Osage Valley Highway (Henry and St. Clair)
The first state highway constructed from K.C. to Springfield, it crossed the Osage at the Crow Island Bridge near Osceola, and was built across the several counties mostly by subscriptions and donations of work by citizens. Dedicated August 24, 1916.
SCD, 1915-16

Osage Valley and Southern Kansas R.R. (Benton) (also Osage Valley, SW and Kansas R.R.)
Incorporated Nov. 21, 1857, it was to run from Jefferson City toward Emporia, Kansas running through Benton, Henry and Bates. Work began in 1870 along the line toward Warsaw, but the enterprise collapsed.
GHB, 524
Osage Warpath

Now the Old Papinsville Road. Name for the old Harmony Mission road as it ran south toward Arkansas.
HHM, I, 226

Osateka Spring (Vernon) (Radio Springs)

Near Nevada, named by Mr. West who said he was guided by an Indian spirit to this location.

Osceola (St. Clair) (earlier "Crossing of the Osage at Crow and Crutchfield")

Given in honor of the celebrated Indian chief of that name, shortly after 1836. Laid out 1839. "In full view of the river, bluffs, hills, valleys and forests having a natural drainage which many great cities might well covet." "The Queen City of the Osage," before the Civil War.
CZP, II, 382n; HHSC, 982; SCD, 5/6/11

Osceola School (St. Clair)

For the town.

Osceola Township (St. Clair)

E St. Clair, organized in 1841 and named for the town.
HHSC, 976

Osiris (Cedar)

Established in 1900 by J. M. Biddy who submitted names and got a post office in 1902. He picked the name from Egyptian mythology, the god of light, health and agriculture.
AMW

Otter Creek (Henry)

Tributary of Osage River in Osage T., named for the large number of otters in this section.
SC
Ovid (Bates)
A coal chute located in SW Lone Oak T., named for
Ovid Miller, owner of the land.
HA

Ovid School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Owen's Mill (Cedar) (earlier Akard)
Built about 1870, the importance of the mill caused
people to cease using the name Akard and call it
Owen's Mill for the name of the man who built and
operated it.
JAG; GH

Owsley School (Hickory)
W of Mulberry School, named for an early landowner.
EIM

Oyer (St. Clair)
Central Roscoe T., named for William Oyer, owner of
a store there and postmaster.
PG

Ozark Mountains
Combination of two French words "aux arcs," arcs was
short for Arkansas, the tribe of Indians originally
occupying the region, so the name means "the moun-
tains in the Arkansas country." Some locals claim
the name is a combination of the names of two Indian
tribes, the Osage and the Arkansas, but this is un-
likely. Ouchita as in Ozark-Ouchita bears some
resemblance to one spelling of the Osage, Ouchage,
y by Marquette and there may be some parallel evolu-
tion here. Another interpretation that takes the
name from "Aux Arcs" claims that it means "at the
(country or place) of the Arkansas." The Quapaw Indians after moving West were known as Les Arcs in the typical French style of abbreviation. Aux arcs, was then a reference to their place and was mistaken by the English for one word and spelled Ozark. Father Gravier in the Jesuit Relations writes: "It is called by the Illinois and the Oumiamis the river of the Arkansas because the Arkansas formerly dwelt on it." The name of the mountains would then have come from the river which was called "Arkansas" for the Indians dwelling there.

Pace-town (Cedar) (nicknamed Pepperville, Sandridge, and Snackout)
Named for Ike Pace who established a store there in 1904.
ANW; GWB

Packard (Hickory)
P.O. 1892, 1901, 1902, unidentified.
PG

Palm Grove (Henry)
Old log cabin belonging to Mr. Palm in winter of 1838-9 in Bethlehem T.
HISC; 486

Palm School (Henry)
For a local figure.

Palopinto (Benton)
P.O. 1876-1904 in S White T., a trading post of some importance in 1889. Spanish name meaning stained timber probably borrowed from the E Texas river and county of the same name. The name probably was brought back from the SW by men of Capt. John
Holloway’s Benton County militia company that marched across the plains in the summer of 1846 under General Sterling Price to New Mexico. In 1889 there were still five members of this expedition living in the county. Other Missouri place names owing their origins to this period and experience with Latin contact include: Mexico, Taos, Brazito, El Dorado, Oronogo, Lima, Callao, Valparaiso, Bolivar, Nevada. Before 1896 the name was written with two words, but this was contracted and combined to Palopinto.

GHB, 492; 512

Panama (Vernon) (earlier Beford; then Handley)
Given by the Central Coal and Coke Company about 1882 for the interest in the Panama Canal at that time.

HV, II, 658

Panama School (Vernon)
For the town.

SSR

Panther School (Bates) (also Painter)
Tributary of the Osage River in SE Hudson T., named for panthers in the vicinity or for a panther killed near the stream. Painter may be in accordance with the customary pronunciation of the name of the animal in pioneer days.

ABB, 282; CZP, II, 385 n

Pape (St. Clair) (also Old Tiffin)
P.O. on the site of Old Tiffin, named for Gideon Pape (see Pape’s Mill) in July 1876.

MISSC, 1876

Pape’s Mill (St. Clair)
NE Speedwell T., named for Gideon Pape who owned the land and built the mill about 1876.

MISSC, 1876
Papinsville (Bates) (also spelled Papinville)

Town 3 m from Harmony Mission on the Marais des Cygnes River, laid out April 1847, named for Melincourt Papin, a Frenchman and Indian trader. Became county seat in 1848.
HHSC, 930; CZP, II, 385n.

Papinsville School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Parker School (Cedar)
Local family name.
SSR

Parkerville (Bates)
Town laid out June 29, 1857 on land granted by Wiley Parker for whom it was named in East Boot T., now extinct.
HCE, 805

Park Grove School (St. Clair)
From the town.
SSR

Parks School (St. Clair)
For Mr. Solomon Parks, a local figure.
SSR

Parks Grove P.O. (St. Clair)
Town and office in Butler T., laid out in 1870 on land granted by Jim Parks, for whom it was named.

Parks Settlement (Henry)
In Joesville T., started in 1833 and named for the Parks family that came from Lincoln County, Kentucky in about 1850.
HHSC, 92
Pashaw (Vernon)
Town in Virgil T., named for its location on Peshaw Creek. Probably a variant spelling of the Indian name.
VH, II, 672

Passaic (Bates)
Town on the Mo. Pac. R.R. laid out by Charles S. Conklin July 14, 1891 and named for the town of the same name in New Jersey.
AHB, 268; BCD, 5/18/16

Passaic School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Passo (Bent n)
P.O. 1899-1908 in N Lindsey T. The town is much older, going back to the period shortly after the Mexican War and is probably, like Mora and Palopinto, a name brought back with Holloway's Company. It signifies the pass or gap or passage and the extra "s" was added to the Spanish "paso" to preserve the Spanish hissing "s" sound.
CCD

Patrick (Henry)
NC Henry, doubtless a personal name or the Christian name of Patrick Henry for whom the county was named.
MESC

Patty School (Bates)
For Mr. J. M. Patty, a local figure.
SSR

Payntersville (earlier Bear Creek)
In honor of a popular merchant, Charles W. Paynter.
Pea Branch (Vernon)

Tributary of McCarty Creek in NW Montevallo T., named for wild peas that grew along its banks.

HVH, 851

Peal Bend (Benton)

For settler.

Peal Bend School (Benton)

School in S Tom T., named for its location on a bend of the Osage and for the Peal family.

SSR

Pecan Branch (Bates)

Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes located in SW Mt. Pleasant T., named for pecan trees growing along its banks.

WRM

Peelor Springs (Henry)

Iron spring in Bethlehem T., located on M.S. Peelor's farm. Mr. Peelor settled here about 1840 from North Carolina and died in 1884.

HH, 173

Peel Tree (Benton)

See Ionia.

People's Ferry (Benton)

Crossed the Osage at Warsaw, established in 1887 by a corporation and was so called to distinguish it from other ferries that had been owned by individuals.

GHB, 505

Peoria Post Office (Bates)

Began 1867, discontinued after 1870. The name must be connected in some way with the famous Peoria Tribe of Indians for whom towns in Illinois are named.

PG
Pepperville (See Pacetown)

Persimmon Creek (Benton)

A fork of Flat Creek rising in Benton and flowing NE into Pettis, perhaps Lake Creek on more recent maps, named for the familiar tree.

GHB, 456

Peru (Bates)

Settlement in Lone Oak T., named by C. C. Blankenbaker for an office planned but never established on the site before the war. The name may be from the South American country (see Lima School).

AHB, 280

Peru School (Bates)

For the town.

SSR

Peshaw (Vernon) (also Beshaw; later Clear Creek)

First name of a creek rising in Barton and running through NE Vernon, past NW corner of Cedar and through St. Clair, emptying into Grand River. An Indian name with uncertain meaning; called Beshaw by Coues.

HVH, 842; CZP, II 385n.

Peter Creek (Bates)

Tributary of the Grand River in central Mingo T., named for Peter Ewing, early settler in this section.

HCB, 849

Petersburgh (Henry) (earlier Carrsville)

Given in 1886 for Peter Lane who had a store there.

Lane came from Ohio in 1842.

HHSC, 795
Phillips School (Vernon)
For Jack Phillips, a local figure.
SSR

Phillips School (Vernon)
See Greasy Nation.
SSR

Picnic Hollow (Benton)
NE Union T., leading NW into Big Deer Creek near Hastain, named for its being a favorite retreat for Fourth of July picnics.
JRB

Pierce School (Benton)
Centra. White T., a family name.
JRB

Pine (none in the region)
There are dozens of Missouri place names with pine as root--Pine Bluff, Pine City, Pine Creek, Pinedale, Pine Flat, Pine Grove, Pine Hill, Pine Hollow, Pine Knott, Pine Lawn, Ridge, Log, Mountain, Run, etc.--but there are no Pine names in the upper Osage valley.

Piper (Henry) (earlier: Como; then Grange Hall)
Adopted in 1891 for Bob Piper, owner of the land where the office was built.
PG

Piper School (Henry)
See Grange Hall.
SSR

Pittsburgh (Hickory)
P.O. since 1807 in Green T., named for the Pitts family, early settlers. Suffix added in honor of the Pennsylvania city. The Pitts family came from
near Vicksburg, Miss. in 1845 and shortly relocated in Hermitage; for some time the place was called "deserted village."
MHR, 11:173; HHi, 62-3; GHH, 252

Pittsburgh School (Hickory)
Central Pittsburgh, named for the village.
SSR

Plain View School (Bates)
Name of approbation.
SSR

Plain View School (Benton)
School in W Williams T., descriptive of location.
SSR

Plainville, U. S. A. (Hickory) (see Wheatland)
Phoney name for Wheatland given by James West (phoney name for Carl Withers) to disguise the identity of the town which was the setting for his anthropological study of "a small contemporary American rural community." The identity is only thinly disguised: "... southern midwest ... not over 1,000 inhabitants ... still lively trading and social center ... a community which had the fewest possible economic and social factors which might complicate the problem under scrutiny ... Protestant ... as 'level' as possible socially and economically ... on a flinty detour through Woodland County ... the county seat six miles away ... a book-length History of Woodland County, published in 1907 ... Plainville ... rests near the edge of a little prairie ... the geographical center of Woodland County, which covers an area of slightly over 400 square miles ... 6,500 people of Woodland County ... population of Plainville is 275.
that of the county seat, Discovery, five miles east, is 250 ... Discovery is ... on the Apple River ...
Stanton, eleven miles west, has 450 inhabitants ... "X," a county seat of 1,000 inhabitants, situated thirty miles north of Plainville ... "Y," another county seat, about the same distance south ... Lakin-
town, a regional metropolis of 60,000 people, in the hills seventy miles south ... Metropolis is northward 135 miles ... the settlers themselves came mostly from the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee.
JW

Pleasant Gap (Bates)
Town in Pleasant Gap T., settled about 1840, laid out by Joseph Smith who named it for its pleasant situation in a gap between hills covered with timber. One of the two towns shown on maps in Bates County in the 1840's.
AHB, 281; M, 1849

Pleasant Gap School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Pleasant Gap Township (Bates)
SE Bates, named for the town, organized prior to 1861.
AHB, 280

Pleasant Green School (Benton)
WC Union T., named descriptively.
JRB

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (Henry) (later First Baptist Church of Windsor)
Organized 1853, in 1867 removed to Windsor and named as above. Originally named for its location in a
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grove of oaks.
HHSC, 389

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (St. Clair)
W Roscoe T., for its location.
HHSC, 1062

Pleasant Grove School (Benton) (St. Clair)
For situation.
SSR

Pleasant Hill (Hickory)
N edge of Wheatland, named for its location.
EIM

Pleasant Hill Church (St. Clair)
In Doyal T., organized in 1852 and named by the
members for its location.
HHSC

Pleasant Hill School (Benton) (St. Clair-2)
For situation.
SSR

Pleasant Plain School (Vernon)
For situation.
SSR

Pleasant Ridge School (Bates, Cedar, Henry, Hickory,
Vernon)
For situation.
SSR

Pleasant Run Branch (Vernon)
1 m. N of Sheldon, flows NW into Little Drywood, named
because along its course the sandstone forms cozy
grottoes, and with trees and bushes, presents delightful retreats and pleasant seats.
HVH, 812
Pleasant Run Post Office (Vernon)
Established in 1867 close to the stream for which it was named. Discontinued, 1870.
VH, II, 510

Pleasant Site Post Office (St. Clair)
Descriptive name. Settlement in 1850's.
NMM, 1860; GG

Pleasant Springs (St. Clair)
For the church.

Pleasant Springs Baptist Church (St. Clair)
Organized in 1847 3 m. W of Roscoe, named for its location near a small spring.
HHSC, 1065

Pleasant Valley (Vernon) (later Metz)
Town on Reed's Branch N of the Osage, descriptive. Renamed because another town in the state had the name.
VH, II, 606

Pleasant Valley School (Henry, Bates, Hickory, St. Clair, Vernon)
Approbation.
SSR

Pleasant View (Cedar) (earlier Zinn's Mill)
First named Zinn's Mill, this trading point and post office was changed and named for its situation.
WC, 422

Pleasant View School (Henry) (St. Clair) (Vernon)
Approbation.
SSR

Plum Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Miami River in the NE West Point T.
named by early settlers for the wild plum trees growing along its banks.

WRM

Plum Grove School (Henry)
For the flora.

SSR

Polecat Creek (Cedar)
Named by pioneers for the abundance of cats in early days (skunk?).

JL; GWB

Pole Hollow (Benton)
SE Williams T., leading into Buffalo Creek, named for the abundance of fence pole, fishing pole trees, and for the willows growing here.

Polk Township (St. Clair)
E St. Clair, organized in 1841 and named for James K. Polk, Congressman, and later president.

HHSC, 1044

Pomme de Terre River (Hickory and Benton)
Rises in Greene County, flows N through Polk, Hickory and Benton and empties into the Osage in S Fristoe T., Benton. Coues says it was pronounced "Pumly Tar" by natives and Pike charted it as "Potatoe River" attempting to Anglicize it. This stream formed the division line between the Indians and the whites until 1835, officially, but lots of settlers and trappers went west of the Pomme. It was named by French fur traders, meaning "Potato River" for the cowberry, ground nut, or wild bean, probably for the Chufa (groundnut), a plant with edible tuberous roots, pinnate leaves and clusters of brownish purple fragrant flowers also called dwarf ginseng
or harbinger-of-spring, or for the apios tuberosa, French word for the groundnut, given apios for the pear-shaped root, used in Indian diet and sometimes called "sagaban." This river is sometimes called the Big Pomme de Terre to distinguish it from the Little Pomme de Terre. More likely named for a plant with "ground apple" characteristics, like the groundnut, than for any plant bearing close resemblance to what we know as a potato, which was probably unknown to these French backwoodsmen for its Irishness.

"... a large tributary of the Osage, runs through the county of Benton, and along its banks some of the richest lands in Missouri are found, covered with the finest timber for building fencing (with the exception of pine) that any county produces. Pomme de Terre runs a northwest course, and its waters are discharged into the Osage five miles above Bledsoe's. About twenty miles above Bledsoe's ferry, and probably in the county of Benton, there is a mill site on the Osage River ...."

JFM; CZP, II, 380; LHB, 7; GHB, 508

Poplar (Benton)
P.O. 1897-1904 in NE Linsey T., named for the poplar trees in the vicinity.

RM

Poplar Bluff Church (Benton)
See Mt. Pleasant Church.

Poplar Bluff School (Benton)
See Poplar School.

SSR
Poplar School (Benton)
In E Lindsey T., formerly called Poplar Bluff School for its location among poplar trees on a bluff. GHB, 517

Portia (Vernon)
Town in NE Clear Creek T., started in 1894 by Will Weaver who had a store there. A literary name from The Merchant of Venice, chosen either by the postal authorities or the people of the town. DLF

Possum Trot School (Bates)
See Goodin. SSR

Potato River (Hickory and Benton)
See Pomme de Terre River.

Potter School (Cedar)
Local family name. SSR

Potts School (St. Clair)
For a local figure. SSR

Powell School (Henry)
For a local figure. SSR

Powers Ferry (Benton)
At Warsaw, founded by Markham Fristoe and named for Ed Powers who ran the ferry. LW, 20

Powers Mill (Bates)
Steam saw and grist mill erected in S Butler in 1867 and named for M. S. Powers. HCB, 860
Prairie Center School (Vernon)
   For situation.
   SSR

Prairie City (Bates)
   Town in Prairie T., laid out by Joshua N. Durand
   May 2, 1858, named for its situation.
   BCD, 5/18/16

Prairie City School (Bates)
   For the town.
   SSR

Prairie Creek (Benton)
   In W Fristoe T., running NW into Pomme de Terre R.,
   named from its location of a vast prairie.

Prairie Dell School (Vernon)
   See Willhite.
   SSR

Prairie Flower School (Benton)
   NW Williams T., emblematic name.
   JRB

Prairie Grove Baptist Church (St. Clair)
   In SE Jackson T., organized in April 1869, named for
   its location on the prairie in a little grove of
   timber.
   HHSC, 1040

Prairie Grove School (Henry)
   Named for the situation.
   SSR

Prairie Grove School (Hickory)
   For situation.
   SSR
Prairie Hill School (St. Clair)
   For situation.
   SSR

Prairie Home School (St. Clair)
   For the situation or landscape.
   SSR

Prairie Lake (Bates)
   In Osage T., named for its location on a prairie.

Prairie Mound School (Cedar)
   Descriptive.
   SSR

Prairie Rose School (Bates)
   For the flora.
   SSR

Prairie School (St. Clair)
   For situation.
   SSR

Prairie Township (Bates)
   Located in S Bates, organized in 1870 out of Pleasant Gap T., and named for Prairie City.
   AHB

Prairie Union School (Vernon)
   For the situation.
   SSR

Prairie Valley School (Cedar)
   Descriptive.
   SSR

Prairie Valley School (Hickory)
   S Tyler T., in a valley in a prairie region.
   SSR; EIM
Prairie Valley School (Vernon)  
For situation.  
SSR

Prairie View School (Benton)  
NW White T. (above)  
SSR

Prairie View School (Cedar)  
For situation.  
SSR

Prairie Zion Church (Henry)  
In Bear Creek T., established by the Methodists and named for its location and the Biblical name. Removed to Piper about 1891.  
BIB, I Kings 8:1; II Kings 19:31

Pres Blevins Township (Henry)  
4½ sections of land not included in either Davis or Honey Creek Township, given in honor of R. P. Blevins, (1831— ) the oldest male child born in the county.  
HHSC, 460

Preston (Hickory) (earlier Black Oak)  
P.O. since 1886 in W Stark T., platted by S. C. Howard and R. I. Robinson, December 8, 1857, named for the town of the same name in Wayne County, Pa. At the outset of the Civil War most of the citizens being Southern sympathizers fled south, and the town was for a time almost deserted. Formerly called Black Oak for the tree.  
MHR, 11:173

Pretty Bob Creek (Henry)  
Tributary of the Grand River, named for Bob Lawler.  
WGY
Pretty Bob Creek School (Henry)
   See Good Hope.
   SSR

Prewitt (Vernon) (later Ellis)
   Earliest name of a town in Deerfield T., laid out
   July 5, 1876 by W. A. Still and later renamed Ellis.
   In honor of Major W. W. Prewitt, who came from
   Missouri River country and settled in 1857, 1 m. NW
   of the village of Prewitt.
   CPr; HVH, 523

Pryor Creek (Vernon)
   Tributary of the Little Osage from the N, named for
   William Pryor who came from Warren County to Vernon
   in 1834 and settled 3/4 mile from the mouth of the
   creek.
   HVH, 884

Public Swindle School (Vernon)
   In E Moundville Township, so named because of accusa-
   tions about the building of the school. Later re-
   named Fairview School for the church.
   SSR

Quarles Post Office (Henry)
   SE Shawnee T., named for Benjamin L. Quarles, who
   owned the land. Quarles was a native of Kentucky
   who came to Henry in 1854.
   HH, 204

Queen City of the Osage (St. Clair) (see Osceola)
   SCD, 10/5/11

Quincy (Hickory) (earlier Judy's Gap)
   P.O. since 1867-8 in central Montgomery T., settled
   near 1833 and platted by Isaac M. Cruce in 1848.
   Probably for President John Quincy Adams. Eighteen
other towns in the U. S. have his name. Earlier called Judy's Gap for Samuel Judy who had a blacksmith shop there and for the gap or opening near this place between two prairies, 25 Mile Prairie and Hogle Creek Prairie.

MHR, 11:173

Quincy School (Hickory)
Central Montgomery T., named from a town located here.
SSR

Racket (Benton)
P.O. since 1899 in W Lindsey T.
PM, 226

Racket School (Benton)
W Tom T., named from the P. O.
JRE

Radio Springs Park (Vernon) (earlier Lake Springs Park)
Given Sept. 25, 1910 when the park was purchased by Mr. West from Bloomington, Ill. Mr. West was a spiritualist and said he was guided by an Indian spirit to name it Radio. Supposedly he was influenced by radium qualities of the water.

VH, I, 456

Rain River (Benton)
See Hogle's Creek.

Rainey Post Office (St. Clair)
SW Doyal T., named for H. G. Rainey who owned land where the store and office were established. Mr. Rainey, a native of Kentucky, came to St. Clair from Indiana in 1879.

RPJ
Rainey School (St. Clair)
For the town.
SSR

Rapids de Kaw (Vernon) (later Collen's Ford)
Given by the French because the Kaw Indians were in the habit of crossing the Osage at this point in the present Blue Mound T. on their hunting expeditions.
HVH, 451: CZP

Raymond (Benton)
P.O. 1902-4 on the Sedalia, Warsaw and Southern R. 6 m. SW of Cole Camp, the Christian name of the first proprietor of the store.
PG

Red Hill (Cedar) (also Dixon's Store)
Named for the badly washed red hill between the store and the river nearby. A nickname for Dixon's Store.
JAJ; GH

Red Hill School (Cedar)
Descriptive.
SSR

Redmond School (Bates)
For J. W. Redmond, a local leader.
SSR

Red, White and Blue School (Bates)
See Fan.
SSR

Reed's Branch (Vernon) (earlier Hoyle's Branch)
Given when Solomon and Samuel Reed and their father located on the stream in 1842.
VH, II, 604
Reid's Creek (St. Clair)
In Monegaw T
HHSC, 1021

Reif Spur (Bates)
A coal switch located on the Mo. Pac. R.R. in Osage T., named for Mr. Reif who owned a mine.
AK

Reo (Vernon)
CMH

Reynard (Bates)
Proposed station in central Hudson T., on the R.R. supposed to be built from Rich Hill to Appleton City. Named by Mrs. McWilliams for Mr. Fox, head of the R.R. company.
MSH

Reynard School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Richards (Vernon)
Town laid out in 1890 by W. K. Royce, president of Enterprise Investment and Improvement Company, and named for Col. Richards, who was one of the members of the town company and also a lawyer in Ft. Scott, Kansas.
VH, II, 661

Richards School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR
Rich Hill (Bates)
Town in SC Osage T., surveyed in 1880 for the Rich Hill Town Company and named for the P.O. two miles NW of the city.
AHB, 253

Rich Hill Post Office (Bates)
Two m. from present city of Rich Hill, established in 1868 and named by E. W. Ratekin for its situation on a hill underlaid with coal and thought to be one of the richest hills in the county.
AHB, 253

Rich Hill School (Bates)
For the town.
SSR

Richland School (Henry)
Descriptive.
SSR

Richland Township (Vernon)
Organized after 1855 and named for its rich farm lands or for Richland County, Ohio.
HVH, 748

Rich Valley School (Bates)
Name of situation or landscape.
SSR

Rich Valley School (Bates) (St. Clair)
For landscape.
SSR

Rickey Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of Monegaw, named for a family who settled on the banks of the stream in an early day.
EW
Rinehart Post Office (Vernon)
Five m. SE of Metz, named for Johiel H. Rinehart, who came in 1866 from Illinois and settled between Metz and Rinehart. He later moved to Denver.
HVH, 887

Rinehart School (Vernon)
For Mr. W. H. Rinehart, a local figure.
SSR

Ritchie Mill (St. Clair) (later Howard Mill; then Cobb P.O.)
First name of a mill on Sac River about 10 m. SW of Osceola erected in 1841 by William F. Ritchie, Ky., for whom it was named. Later renamed Howard's Mill.
HHSC, 956

Ritter Branch (Benton)
In E Union T., running W into Knobby Creek, probably a family name.

Rively (Bates)
Mining town located in New Home T., now extinct, named in 1888 for J. T. Rively, mining superintendent of the Rich Hill Coal Mining Company.
AHB, 279

River View School (St. Clair)
See Cole.
SSR

Rives County (later Henry County)
First name given to a county organized in 1835 in honor of Hon. William Cabel Rives (1795-1864), U. S. Senator from Virginia. He served in the Virginia militia of 1814 and in the second war with Great Britain. In 1835 he was elected to the Senate as a Democrat, but in 1841 he became a Whig and the strongly Democratic Rives Countians petitioned the
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legislature for a change which the Democratic Missouri Legislature was glad to grant. The county was re-named in honor of Patrick Henry.
LAM, 1840-1, 40-1

Roberts School (Vernon)
For a local figure.
SSR

Robinson Creek (Vernon)
Tributary of West Fork of Clear Creek and named for an early settler.
HVH, 453

Robinson School (Vernon)
For Mr. E. Robinson, a local leader.
SSR

Rock House (St. Clair)
Cave in the bluffs which overlooks the Osage River at what is called Whitley's Bend; named for the large house-like rooms.
HHSC, 1069

Rock Island Railroad system (Benton)
Through the NW corner of Benton, full name is Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific R.R.

Rock Post Office (Vernon)
Henry T. 6 m. SE of Hume, named by Jerry Kearns for its location on a limestone ledge.
PG

Rock School (Cedar)
For location.
SSR

Rock Springs School (Benton)
WC Union T., named for its location near springs
that seep through a ledge of rock.

Rockville School (Bates)
For the town.

Rocky Dale School (Benton)
Central White T., named for its location.

Rocky Point School (St. Clair)
For minerals and soil.

Rocky Ridge School (Benton) (2)
For situation and location on the Rocky Ridge Road.

Rockville (Bates)
Village in SE Bates on the M.K. & T. R.R. founded in 1868 and named for a great sandstone quarry which was worked in an early day not far from the town.

Rockville Township (Bates)
SE corner of Bates, organized in 1872 out of Prairie City T., named for the town.

Roland School (Cedar)
For the town.

Roney (Hickory)
See Childers.

Rookins Post Office (St. Clair)
Now extinct. In S Washington T., named for Richard
Rookins Moore (1825-1920), early judge of the county court who ran a store there and was the first postmaster. Mr. Moore came to St. Clair from Kentucky in 1845.

Root Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Miami River in E. part of Mt. Pleasant T., named for the overhanging grass roots left exposed by the water that washed the soil away.

Roscoe (St. Clair) (earlier "Want-a-More")
Given after the war when the town was carried to the bluff and P.O. established by Squire Ray. Incorporated 1868.

Roscoe Congregation of Disciples of Christ (St. Clair)
Near Roscoe, organized in 1871 and named for the town.

Roscoe School (St. Clair)
For the town.

Roscoe Township (St. Clair)
S St. Clair, organized in 1870 and named for the town.

Rose Hill School (Cedar)
Descriptive.

Roseland Post Office (Henry)
E Springfield T., started by Mr. Majors, named for the school.

Roseland School (Henry)
See Rose Valley.
Rose Post Office (St. Clair)
Town and office in Doyal T., laid out Aug. 11, 1885 on land granted by William F. Thompson and named for the wild roses growing on the town site.
PB-St. C, 51

Rose Valley School (Henry)
In SW Springfield T., named for its location in a valley and for a patch of wild roses that grew near the school; later, when the school was removed to a ridge, it was renamed Roseland School.
SSR

Rosier (Bates)
Town founded in 1881 in West Boone T., named for A. C. Rosier (1864- ) who came from Iowa in 1882. Now extinct.
AHB, 265

Ross Creek (Benton)
N Cole T., an E branch of Cole Camp Creek, named for two young men named Ross who built a cabin near the mouth in 1830 or 1831.
LHB, 16

Ross Creek School (Benton)
School in N Cole T., named from Ross Creek.
SSR

Round Mound (Bates)
Shawnee T., named for its shape.
HCB, 938

Round Prairie (Vernon)
NW Montevallo T., circled by woods.

Round Prairie Post Office (Vernon)
NW Montevallo T., named because it was built on the
edge of a prairie which lies in a circle of woods.
Discontinued in 1870.
RVH
Round Prairie School (Vernon)
Descriptive.
SSR
Round Top School (Vernon)
Descriptive.
SSR
Roundtree Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Little Drywood Branch in N Moundville T.,
named for John T. Roundtree.
PB-V
Rowland (Cedar)
Trading point in southern Cedar named for R. P.
Rowland who got the P.O. about 1908 and owned the
store for quite some time.
Royal School (Hickory)
E Tyler T., a family name.
EIM
Ruark School (St. Clair)
For a local figure.
SSR
Rucker (Bates)
Coal switch in NE Walnut T., on the Mo. Pac. R.R.
named for Mr. Rucker.
BMW
Russell School (Henry)
For Mr. Richard Russell, a local leader.
SSR
Ryther (Vernon)
Town in NC Dover T.

St. Clair County
SW Missouri county organized Feb. 15, 1841 and named in honor of Gen. Arthur St. Clair (1734-1818) of Revolutionary War fame. He served under Wolfe at Quebec and was the first governor of the NW territory. In 1845 the boundary line of St. Clair County was changed to the present boundary. The territory now in St. Clair was attached to Rives County for civil and military purposes on Feb. 11, 1835. On May 5, 1835 the whole of St. Clair was made a township of Rives under the name St. Clair T. On Nov. 4, 1835, St. Clair was given two T., Weaubleau and Monegaw. In 1840 St. Clair petitioned for independent status.
LAM, 1840-1, 35, 48-9; C, V, 424; HHSC, 836, 853, 855, 856

St. Francis Orphans' Home (Vernon)
Established in Nevada in 1893 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration who had been sent out by the Grimmerstein Convent, Walzenhouser, Appenzell Canton, Switzerland, with a mission to care for homeless children.
VH, I, 476

St. Hellen (Cedar)
Extinct town on Cedar Creek NW of Caplinger Mills.
HMM, 1853

St. Louis - San Francisco R.R. (Hickory, St. Clair) (see Frisco R.R.)
Originally the SW branch of the Pacific R.R., it became the St. Louis-San Francisco R.R. Company in 1876. Runs from St. Clair through SW corner of Hickory and
into Polk. Had ambitious plans to build parallel line all the way to San Francisco.

St. Ludger Church (Henry)
German Catholic Church at Germantown established shortly after 1857 and named for St. Ludger or Ludger, first bishop of Munster, who died in 809.

Sac River (Cedar, Hickory, St. Clair)
Tributary of the Osage. Traditionally thought that during the 1820's the Sac Indians held pow-wows at the big spring where Stockton now stands, and that the earliest pioneer named the stream for them. Sac Indians lived in western Hickory County, 15 miles from Stockton. An old pioneer, "Jack" Beard, said it was named for a party of Sacs of the Missouri River band that camped on it about 1820.

Sacosage (St. Clair)
See St. Clair Democrat, late 1928. Dam built, 1928, created a lake stretching eight miles upstream from Osceola called Lake Sacosage.

Sacville (Cedar) (later Caplinger Mills)
Trading point on Sac River, laid out in 1870 by Shadrach Chandler who named it for the Sac River.

Saint -- This is a very common prefix with hundreds of places St. this and that. But most of these places are found along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Very few in a white, Anglo Saxon-settled area like the upper Osage.

Saline County (Henry)
When Missouri was first divided into counties, most of Henry County was included in Saline County which
stretched from the Osage R. to the Missouri River, a long narrow county between Lilliard and Cooper counties. M, 1824

Salem School (Hickory)
  W Wheatland T.
  EIM

Salt Creek (St. Clair)
  Tributary of the Osage in N St. Clair, named for the salt put along its banks for salting the cattle that came here to drink.
  HHSC, 889

Salt Creek Spring (St. Clair) (earlier Looney Springs, later Magnolia Springs)
  Given for the creek.
  HHSC, 1024

Sample Post Office (St. Clair) (also Black Jack)
  Central Washington T., named for Ben Sample who owned a store there.

Sand Creek (Henry) (earlier Little Tebo)
  Given about 1927 by the Highway Commissioners because there were too many Tebo streams in that section.
  Named for a large sand dune near the source of the creek.
  HS

Sand Hill School (Cedar)
  Descriptive.
  SSR

Sandridge (Cedar) (later Pacetown)
  For sandy ridge on which it stood.

Sandridge School (Cedar)
  For the town.
  SSR
Sandstone Post Office (Vernon)
E Badger T., established in 1867 and named for the rocky country which surrounds it.
JH

Sandstone School (Vernon)
For the minerals and soil.
SSR

Santiago (Benton)
P.O. 1900-4 in central White T., named by the man who laid out the city and who had fought in the Battle of Santiago (1898) during the Spanish American War.
RM, 226

Santiago School (Benton)
Central White T., named for the village.
SSR

Sardis Baptist Church (Henry)
Organized May 4, 1839 in an old log school house on Tebo Creek in Tebo T., a Biblical name. Capital of Lydia in Asia Minor.
HHSC, 424

Sardis Bethlehem Old School Baptist Church (Henry)
Organized May 19, 1866 in Tebo T., and named for early church that joined in this organization.
HHSC, 424

Sartorius School (Vernon)
For Mr. Anthony Sartorius, a local figure.
SSR

Sarvis Branch (Benton)
Tributary of Big Deer Creek in central Union T., possibly named like Sarvis Point in Webster County for the serviceberry bushes that were found along its banks. "Sarvis" is a dialect pronunciation.
Schell City (Vernon)
Town in NW Bacon T., laid out in spring of 1871 by the Schell City Town Company and named for Honorable Augustus Schell of N.Y., a member of the company.
HVH, 715

Schell City School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Schoonover School (Henry)
In N Big Creek T., named for a family who gave the land. In 1890 when a new building was built, the name was changed to Compromise School, a name suggested by T. M. Swindle since the new location had been a compromise between the E and W parts of the district.
SSR

Schuyler (Benton)
P.O. 1897-1904 in NE Lindsey T., a family name.
JRB

Science Hill School (Vernon)
For location.
SSR

Scifers School (Bates)
For I. T. Scifers, a local figure.
SSR

Scott Hollow (Benton)
NW Fristoe T., running W into the Osage River, named for an early landowner.

Scrappie School (Vernon)
See Scroghem.
SSR
Scroghem School (Vernon)
W Center T., named for E. M. Scroghem who gave the land, later renamed Scrappie School for the many fights that took place there. Still later the name was changed to Sylvan Dale School for its situation.

Sedalia, Warsaw and Southern R.R. (Benton)
Built in 1869, it runs south from Sedalia but makes an eastern swerve to pass through Cole Camp.

Selden (Bates) (also Seldom)
Town 2 m. E of Papinsville laid out in 1842 for the county seat, later nicknamed Seldom, finally extinct when the county seat was placed in Papinsville.

Seldom (Bates) (also Selden)
Taken from a speech by John McHenry, leader of the opposition party in the county seat removal fight and leader of the Democratic party in Bates. McHenry called it the "Town of Seldom" because it was very seldom that anyone went to the place.

Sellinger School (Bates)
For Mr. Adam Sellinger, a local figure.

Settle Ford Mill (Bates)
Built about 1850 by Nicholas Poage and named for Morgan Settle, an early settler.

Sexson (Cedar) (later Hamlet)
Trading point in eastern Cedar named for Mort Sexson.
Shady Dell School (Bates)
For the situation.
SSR

Shady Grove School (Henry) (Hickory) (St. Clair)
For the situation.
SSR

Shady Hill School (Cedar)
For the situation.
SSR

Shady Nook School (St. Clair)
For the situation.
SSR

Shanghai (Vernon)
Town in SW Drywood T., about 1½ m. S of Avola, a pre-
Civil War town named either for its reputation for
brawling and drinking or for a word in Missouri dia-
lect used to mean a sort of primitive shanty with
boards nailed up and down.
VH, II, 572; HVH, 814

Shaw Branch (Bates)
Tributary of the Osage in S.E. Pleasant Gap T., named
for William Shaw who came to Bates before the Civil
War.
AHB, 283

Shawnee Bend (Benton)
S Lindsey T., a bend of the Osage R., opposite the
mouth of the Grand T. The Shawnees, originally from
South Carolina, took lands by invitation of the
Spaniards in SE Missouri in 1793 and on the Osage
in 1795. They were separate from the Ohio Shawnees
who rose with Tecumseh in 1798. They sold their
lands in 1825 and went to Texas.
LHB, 10

Shawnee Indian Trail (Henry)
From Shawnee Mound in Henry to Johnson County. NW through Rose Hill T., to Center Knob near Kingsville, named for the Indians.
CHJ, 79

Shawnee Mound Post Office (Henry) (earlier Shawnee Post Office)
Given when the P.O. was moved to its new location on a mound shortly after the war.
HHSC, 431

Shawnee Mound School (Henry)
For a town.
SSR

Shawnee Post Office (Henry) (later Shawnee Mound P.O.)
Established in 1860 and given for the T.

Shawnee Town (see Old Shawnee Town)

Shawnee Township (Bates)
NE Bates, named for the Indians.
AHB, 269

Shawnee Township (Henry)
NC Henry, originally under Lafayette County, and first known as Tebo and Davis T. in 1830. In 1832 it was Tebo T., Lafayette County, in 1834 it was Springfield T., in 1835 it was divided between Big Creek T. and part of Tebo. Organized as now in 1873 named for the Indians.
HHSC, 431

Sheep Skin School (Bates)
See Happy Hill.
SSR
Sheldon (Vernon)
Laid out by Hon. Sheldon A. Wight of Nevada in 1881 who gave the place his Christian name. He came from N.Y. in 1865, owned lots of land, and founded the town on completion of the Mo. Pac. R.R. But another source said Sheldon was one of the four towns named for the sons of Mr. Talmadge, general passenger agent for the entire R.R.
BCR, 12/7/23

Sheldon School (Vernon)
For a town.
SSR

Shiloh Branch (Vernon) (also Charlow)
Biblical passage.
BIB, Gen. 49:10

Shiloh Church (Benton)
M.E. church, S of Fairfield built in 1868, Biblical for tranquility.
BIB, Judges 21:19

Shiloh School (Benton, Henry, Vernon)
Biblical.
Above

Shiptonsburg (Benton)
Former village, exact location unknown, organized in 1941 and named for John Shipton who owned a mill there.
GHB, 551

Shobe (Bates)
Mining town located in New Home T., named for Haley Shobe who settled there about 1881 or 1882 when mines were opened. He went to Rively soon after, and then west. Now extinct.
AHB, 279
Shoe School (St. Clair)
For Mr. Christopher Shoe, a local figure.
SSR

Short School (St. Clair)
For Mr. Hiram Short, a local figure.
SSR

Short School Hollow (Benton)
N Union T., leading SW into Big Deer Creek.

Shryer School (St. Clair)
Washington T., named for the man who owned the land where the school was built. About 30 years ago the name was changed to Greenwood School for its location.
SSR

Silver Creek (Cedar)
Silver Creek flows near some mines which were supposed to contain silver.
CGM, 128

Silver Dale School (Bates)
For landscape.
SSR

Sims' Creek (St. Clair)
Tributary of the Osage R. in W St. Clair, named for an early settler.
HHSC, 889

Six Mile Prairie (Henry)
Prairie just north of Grand R. in Springfield T. running E into Benton County and named for its length. Name for the high prairie in the divide between Tebo Creek and Grand River watersheds before the Civil War. Prairies tend to be named by length -- Twenty-Five Mile Prairie, Twelve Mile Prairie and Six Mile
Prairie. So named probably because the prairies were viewed as obstacles, as things to be crossed. If you know the name, you know the distance. Probably came to be called "6 Mile Prairie" from usage. CGM; M, 1860

Smackout (Cedar) (Pacetown)
Nickname given to Pacetown before the name was official. A colloquialism common among SW Missouri pioneer folk for "entirely out," it was probably applied to the very small store kept here. RIM; AMW

Small Post Office (St. Clair)
Butler T., named for Billy Small whose home it was in. JP; PG

Smith Bend (St. Clair)
NE St. Clair on Osage River. Named for the several families of Smiths living there. PB, St. C.

Smith Mill (Benton)
Central Cole T., on Cole Camp Creek, named for an early settler who ran the mill. CGM, 23

Smith School (St. Clair)
From the bend. SSR

Smith School (Vernon)
Central Badger T., named for Joseph W. Smith who gave the land for the school in 1892, later named Highway School for its location on the old highway between Nevada and Montealvo. SSR
Smoky Row School (Bates)
   For a township, settlement or mission.
   SSR

Smoky Row Settlement (Bates)
   Mingo T., named by the people for the smoke which settled over the houses of the settlement located in a draw in early mornings.
   BH

Snag Creek (Cedar)
   Named for snags so common in the creek.
   FK; GWB

Snyder Mill (St. Clair)
   On Muddy Creek in Butler T., established before the Civil War by Pierson Snyder for whom it was named. Snyder settled here from Ohio before the Civil War and was killed in the war. The mill then became extinct.
   HHSC, 871

Snyder School (St. Clair)
   For Ben Snyder, a local figure.
   SSR

Son's Ferry (Vernon) (later Belvoir)
   First name of a town in NE Bluemound T., laid out on land entered by John F. Son who established a ferry here in 1839.
   HVH, 547

Sonta Post Office (St. Clair)
   PG

Sorghum College (Henry)
   See American School.
South Dell School (Benton)
S Fristoe T., named for its location S of Dell.
JRB

South Double Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Double Branch in central Pleasant Gap
T., named for its being a S branch of the Double
Branch.
BMW

South Drexel (Bates) (later Drexel)
Earliest name for the S part of the town of Drexel,
laid out in 1909 on land granted by J. B. Stuart,
later the S was dropped.
BP-Ba, 13

South Grand River (Benton)
See Grand River.

South Pleasant Hill School (Benton)
Central Alexander T., changed to South signifying it
was in the S part of Benton. Formerly called Pleasant
Hill School for its situation.
JRB

South Worland (Bates) (later Tiger)
Earliest name for a station erected when K.C. & S.
R.R. was built, named for the adjoining town of
Worland, later renamed Tiger for a shorter name.
RJ

Sparrowfoot Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River in Bethlehem T., named for
its shape.
HHSC

Sparrow Post Office (Henry)
W Bethlehem T. named for its location near the creek,
6 m. SE of Clinton.
HH, 204; WW, 339

Speedwell (St. Clair)
3/4 m. N of Roscoe. Named, like the township, for the land surveyor. Extinct town on the Osage River once a landing point for boat traffic on the river bound for Roscoe, present day Osage Heights.
HMM, 1844

Speedwell Township (St. Clair)
SW St. Clair, organized in 1841 and named for one of the surveyors who helped to survey the T.
HHSC

Spout Springs Baptist Church (Hickory)
7 m. E of Cross Timbers, named from its location near some forceful springs.
GHH, 255

Sprague (Bates)
Town in NE Howard T., laid out in 1880 by A. Blaker of Pleasanton, Kansas, named for Charles Sprague, a merchant. But by another version, it was named for H. C. Sprague of St. Louis, general superintendent of the K. C., Ft. Scott & Gulf R.R.
JEC

Sprague College (Bates)
About 1884, Mr. Bryant built a college building.
AHB, 218

Sprague's Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Drywood Creek in NE Coal T., named for Dr. H. H. Sprague who came from Ohio in 1872.
VH, II, 553
Sprague School (Bates)
From a town.
SSR

Spring Branch (Benton)
See Spring Creek.

Spring City (St. Clair) (later Dito)
First name of an office established by Chillian Loveless about 1870 and named for its location near a spring. Later renamed when the office was established at the home of Abner Parks.
WIB

Spring Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Mormon Fork, located in NW West Boon T., named for the springs in the creek.

Spring Creek (Benton)
NW Union T., running N into Turkey Creek near its mouth, called Spring Branch on some maps, it is partially spring fed.

Spring Creek (Cedar)
Empties into Bear Creek.

Springfield Township (Henry)
In E Henry, organized in its present form in 1873, originally one of first four T. in 1834. In 1836 the boundary with Grand River T. was altered. In 1842 more territory was added. In 1860, Osage T. was cut out of Springfield T. Named by the settlers for Springfield, Ohio.
HHSC, 478-9

Spring Grove (Henry) (earlier Belmont; later Windsor)
Shortly after 1855 the postal authorities objected to the name Belmont because there was another town
in the state with that name, and a contest arose be-
tween advocates of Belmont, Spring Grove, and Windsor. 
Spring Grove prevailed but then it was discovered that 
there was another town of that name in Missouri, and 
at last Windsor was accepted. 
HHSC, 384

Spring Grove Church (Benton) 
Baptist church on Tebo Creek named for its location. 
JRB

Spring Grove School (St. Clair) 
For the flora. 
SSR

Spring Valley School (Cedar) 
Descriptive. 
SSR

Spruce (Bates) 
Town in central Deepwater T., founded by J. C. M. 
Young and Captain John Newberry in 1881 and named 
for the old post office in Spruce T.

Spruce P.O. (Bates) 
Office in S Spruce T., discontinued before the Civil 
War. 
PG

Spruce Township (Bates) 
NE Bates; whether it was named for the P.O. or vice 
versa is unknown.

Spry Hollow (Benton) 
N Union T. leading E into Big Deer Creek.

Spy Branch (Bates) 
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes in the NW Homer 
T., named for Spy Mound near its head.
Spy Mound (Bates)
Located in NW Homer T., and named because it served as a watch tower for John Brown and his company during their stay in the neighborhood.
HCB, 844

Square Prairie (St. Clair)
Polk T., named for its shape.
HPJ

Square Prairie School (St. Clair)
Descriptive.
SSR

Stafford (Hickory)
P.O., a stock name borne by 13 other towns and a county in Virginia, originally from the county in England.
PG

Stanton School (Vernon)
For Mr. John A. Stanton, a local figure.
SSR

Starett Creek (Benton)
Lindsey T., about 2 m. N of Warsaw running W into Osage R., probably a family name.

Star Hill School (Hickory)
SW of Pittsburg, an emblematic name.
SSR

Stark's Creek (Hickory)
NW Stark T., flows NE, then turns SE and empties into the little Niangua River, named for John Stark, an early settler on its banks.
GHH, 205, 218
Stark Township (Hickory)

E Hickory, one of the five original T. created in March, 1845. Until 1873 it included also the present Cross Timbers. Named from Stark's Creek.

GHH, 230

Star School (Bates) (Henry, see Blalock) (St. Clair) (Vernon)
Emblematic.

SSR

Stevenson Hollow (Benton)
W Lindsey T., leading S into Tebo Creek, probably for a family.

Stewart's Creek (Bates)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in Spruce T., named for James Stewart who came from Lafayette County in 1832.

AHB, 270

Stiles School (St. Clair)
Doyal T., named for Riley Stiles who came from Kentucky and gave the land. Later renamed Long Ridge School for its location.

SSR

Stinking Waters (St. Clair) (later Monegaw Springs)
First name for the springs in SW Chalk Level T., given by the French trappers who passed through the county. Later renamed Monegaw. It was first named descriptively for the sulphurous odor.

HHSC, 1029

Stockton (Cedar) (earlier Lancaster, then Fremont)
When Gen. John C. Fremont became unpopular with the people of the town, they petitioned the legislature to change the name to Stockton in honor of Richard Stockton, credited with having done much to save
California for the U. S. during the Mexican War. The Legislature approved the change, January 2, 1847. Commander Stockton, U.S.N., arrested Fremont during the Mexican War. In 1846 David Hunter platted the town. Shelby burned the court house in 1863. In 1865 the records were found in a cave in Arkansas. In 1867 a new brick courthouse was built with $10,000 from the school fund.

LAM, 1858-9; C, VI, 88-9

Stone Chapel (Henry) (later Camp Branch; then Montrose Cumberland Presbyterian Church)
First name for a church organized by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1866 at Germantown; later renamed Camp Branch. The first name was for John C. Stone (1814-69) who gave the land for the church. Stone came from N. Carolina in 1838.

HHSC, 408

Stone Coal Branch (Vernon)
Rises in Clear Creek T. and empties into Clear Creek. The name is descriptive, distinguishes mineral coal from charcoal, any variety of hard coal.

HVH, 453

Stone Front School (Vernon)
For the minerals and soil.

SSR

Stonegate School (Vernon)
For minerals and soil.

SSR

Stone School (Vernon)
For minerals and soil.

SSR
Stone's Slough (Bates)
   Tributary of Hog Branch located in SW Homer T., named for an early settler.

Stony Point School (Cedar) (St. Clair) (Vernon)
   Descriptive.
   SSR

Story Post Office (St. Clair)
   S Roscoe T., named for Edward Story (1857-1932), postmaster at the time the P.O. was established.
   LC

Stotesbury (Vernon) (earlier Hoover)
   After building of K.C. & S. R.R. about 2 m. away from Hoover, the townsite was abandoned, and the town was absorbed by Stotesbury which was laid out June 27, 1893, and named for E. T. Stotesbury, who helped finance the R.R.
   HVH, 414

Stotesbury School (Vernon)
   For the town.
   SSR

Straight Branch (Bates)
   Tributary of Deepwater Creek named for its flow straight north for 4 m.
   BMW

Stringtown School (Vernon)
   N Osage T. named for the settlement; later when the schools were redistricted the name was changed to Diamond Point School, taken from the name of an old mine.
   SSR
Stringtown Settlement (Vernon)
Near Panama, named for the houses strung out along a line.

Stuart City (Bates) (later Drexel)
First name of a town on the K.C. & S. R.R. line between Bates and Cass counties laid out by the Missouri Coal and Construction Company in October 1890 on land owned by Jesse P. Stuart for whom it was named.

Stumpton (Bates) (earlier Lone Oak Post Office)
Adopted in 1854 and named for the stumps left standing in the area cleared for the site of the office.

Sturgis Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of West Fork of Clear Creek and named for an early settler.

Stutt's Lake (Vernon) (earlier Tucker's Lake)
Renamed when Mr. William Stutts purchased the land from Tucker.

Sugar Camp Hollow (Benton)
W Linsey T., leading S into Tebo Creek, named from the large number of maple trees in its vicinity, from which quantities of syrup were made in early days.

Sugar Creek (Bates)
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes, named for the sugar maple trees along its banks.
Sulphur Springs (Vernon)
   In Montevallo T., named for its sulphur.
   TLP

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church (Vernon)
   Montevallo T., organized in July 1876 and named for its location near Sulphur Springs.
   HVH, 881

Summers' Branch (Vernon)
   Tributary of Little Osage T., which flows north through Metz T., named for the Summers brothers, Moses, Jesse and Allen, the first American settlers in Vernon. They came from Arkansas in 1829.
   HVH, 884

Summers Township (Vernon) (later Henry T.)
   NW Vernon, the original name given in honor of the Summers Brothers in 1855 when the T. was organized.
   VH, I, 210

Summit School (Bates)
   For a town or mission.
   SSR

Summit Township (Bates)
   EC Bates, named for its location on a gradual rising prairie.
   AHB, 272

Sunny Side Church (Benton)
   Presbyterian Church W of Lincoln, built about 1878.
   GHB, 518

Sunny Side School (Benton)
   N Lindsey T., named for Sunny Side Church.
   SSR
Sunny Slope School (Hickory)
    S Weaubleau T., named for its location.
    EIM; SSR
Sunny Slope School (Vernon)
    For situation.
    SSR
Surprise Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Henry)
    Organized in 1854 in Bethlehem T. by H. B. Witherspoon and John Parks. Named by Witherspoon because it was such a surprise that such a poor community could ever build a church.
    HHSC, 488
Surprise School (Henry)
    For the church.
    SSR
Swamp River (Vernon)
    Tributary of the Marmaton R. in S Richland T.; named for the surrounding swamp land.
    DF
Swan Branch (Bates)
    Rises in Pleasant Gap T., flows across SW corner of Hudson T. into Rockville T. where it enters the Marais des Cygnes R. Named for the swans that once lighted on a low place in the stream.
    BMW
Swartz (Vernon) (also spelled Swarts and Swart)
    Town laid out May 1, 1893, on land given by the Mo. Coal and Construction Company and D. S. Swartz for whom it was named.
    PB, V, 4
Sweet School (St. Clair)
   Speedwell T., named for Squire Sweet, pioneer who
   lived nearby. About 1930 it was renamed Glendale
   School for its location.
   SSR

Sweet Water School (Benton)
   NE Union T., named for the delightful water in the
   vicinity.
   JRB

Sycamore Branch (Bates)
   SE Bates, a tributary of the Marais des Cygnes in
   Prairie T., named for the trees growing along the
   stream.
   AHB, 317

Sylvan Dale School (Vernon)
   See Scroghem.
   SSR

Taber's Ferry (St. Clair) (later Heath's Ferry)
   Operated by Dr. Taber about 1858 near present Taber-
   ville.
   HHSC, 1073

Taber Township (St. Clair)
   W St. Clair, organized in 1870 and named for the town.
   HHSC, 1072

Taberville (St. Clair) (earlier Manoa)
   Given for Dr. Taber who gave the land.
   HHSC, 1073

Taberville Mill (St. Clair)
   Built in Taberville but removed to Appleton City.
   HHSC, 957
Taberville School (St. Clair)
For the town.
SSR
Tackner (Benton)
P.O. 1891-1910 in SE Tom T. near the Osage River, named for a large landowner in the section.
JRB
Tahoma (Benton)
Town in W Williams T. on Cole Camp Creek, an Indian name. Like the nearby Palopinto, Passo and Mora, this name may have been brought back from the SW with veterans of the Mexican War. Tahoma may be a variant spelling of Tehama, name of a California county, said to mean "highwater" for the Sacramento River that overflows its banks here. Perhaps brought back from the '49 gold rush.
FMB
Tally's Bend (St. Clair)
On Osage River in Jackson T., named for James and John Tally who settled in the bend in 1837.
HHSC, 957; 1040
Tally's Mill (St. Clair)
Built in 1869 in Jackson T., named for a family who settled here before the Civil War.
HHSC, 957
Taylor's Store (Cedar) (earlier Williamsburg)
Small trading point taking its name from a Mr. Taylor, storeowner.
AMW; JAJ
Teabo Creek (Benton)
See Tebo Creek.
Teays Chapel (Henry)
Southern Methodist Church in Bear Creek T. built by James E. and Edward Teays in 1881, named for James T. Teays (1807-75), a native of West Virginia who came to Missouri in 1840.
HH, 384

Tebo (Henry) (later Leesville)
First name of a town in NW Leesville T., laid out by A. J. Lee and John French in 1854.
HHSC, 475

Tebo Baptist Church (Henry)
Organized by Daniel Briggs before 1855, named for its location on Tebo Creek.
HHSC, 474

Tebo Creek
Tributary of Grand River in Benton County, rises in S Johnson County, not the Tebo River. Also spelled Tabo, Teabo and Tebeau. Name probably corruption of one of the early day Frenchmen in the area, either Hebert dit Berry Tatuea or Francois Thibeault dit Liberge, both forest traders with customary Indian sobriquets.
HHM, I, 245; RLR, 32-6; M, 1838

Tebo Township (Henry)
NE Henry, originally composed of all of Johnson and Henry counties and half of St. Clair. In May 1834 it became Springfield T., in 1835 it was changed back to Tebo. Boundary lines changed in 1860 and 1868. In 1873, boundary lines were fixed as they are today. Named for the stream.
HHSC, 420
Teel's Branch (Vernon) (later Journey's Branch)
Tributary of Little Drywood Creek in S Center T.,
named for David Teel, who came to Vernon in 1842.
VH, 545

Temple Post Office (Vernon)
SE Lake T., named for the man who was first postmaster.
PG

Ten Mile Prairie (Henry)
Starts in Fairview T., named for its length.
HHSC, 467

Terry Post Office (St. Clair)
NE Dallas T., named for Thomas Terry, first postmaster.
PG

Thatcher Hollow (Benton)
NE Union T., leading N into Big Deer Creek near its mouth, probably a family name.

Thibault River (Benton)
See Tebo Creek.

Thomas School (St. Clair)
Roscoe Township, built before the Civil War, named for a man who lived nearby. Later, redistricted as Shady Grove School for the location.
SSR

Thornton's Ferry (Henry)
Across Grand River, operated by John T. Thornton who came from Virginia to Henry in 1839.
HHSC, 463

Thrush (Henry)
W portion of Springfield T., named for Jake Thrush in whose store the P.O. was kept.
PG
Tiembre Hill (Vernon) (earlier Brush Mound, then Letiembre Hill, later Timbered Hill)
Shortened form of Letiembre Hill which came into use after Letiembre's departure in 1843.
HVH, 382; VH, II, 648

Tiffen (St. Clair)

Tiger (Bates) (earlier South Worland)
Adopted in 1930 for the Tiger Coal mined there.
RJ

Tightwad (Henry) (earlier Edgewood)
Given for an argument between a carpenter and the "close" storekeeper over payment for work done on the store.
WS; TP

Tillery School (St. Clair)
Collins T., named for William Tillery who gave the land. When the school was moved it was named Oak Ridge School for its location.
SSR

Timbered Hill (Vernon) (earlier Brushy Mound; then Letiembre Hill; then Tiembre Hill)
Corruption of Tiembre Hill which gained currency after 1843.
HVH, 384; VH, II, 648; CZP, 385 n.

Timber School (Vernon)
For a hill.

Tingley (Cedar)
Mr. Van Wormer established a trading point in 1897 and named it Tingley in honor of an old citizen Henry Tingley, a Dunkard preacher.
AMW
Tisco School (Hickory)
NE Stark T.
EIM

Toledo P.O. (Henry)
Springfield T., laid out April 24, 1860 on land granted by Robert Robinson and Leonard Greeson, probably named either directly or indirectly for the town in Spain. There are eleven other Toledo's in the U. S.

Tolley's Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Duncan's Creek in central Henry T., name for an early settler.
PB-V

Tom Township (Benton)
W Benton, probably named after Tom Bishop, court clerk when the T. was organized and proprietor of Bishop's Store.
LW, 27-28

Tope Post Office (Henry)
Osage T., named for G. M. Tope, store owner where the P.O. was established. Mr. Tope came from Indiana after the war.
PG

Totten School (Vernon)
For a local figure.
SSR

Tower Grove School (St. Clair)
For the flora.
SSR

Town Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Mound Branch, rises in NE Butler and named for that town.
Town Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Field's Creek rising in NE Fields Creek T., its three branches unite and run S of Clinton. Named by the people who always spoke of going to Clinton as going to town.
HHSC, 435

Towne School (Vernon)
Named for Mr. Eugene Towne, local figure.
SSR

Townsend's Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Little Osage River in Metz T., named for Mr. Townsend who came to Vernon in 1883 from Iowa.
HVH, 699

Tracy Junction (St. Clair)
Central Doyal T., named for E. W. Tracy, station agent at Vista.
RPJ

Tranquillity School (Henry)
Ideal name.
SSR

Trap Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Marshall Creek in Bear Creek T., named for the trapping that early settlers did along its banks.
HHSC, 468

Trinity Branch (Hickory and Benton)
Rises in N Wheatland T., flows NW into Benton, named either for the Holy Trinity or for the triangular shaped piece of land formed by its course.

Tripp School (Bates)
For Charles A. Tripp, a local figure.
SSR
Tucker's Branch (Vernon)
   Tributary of Drywood Creek in SW Deerfield T., named for John Tucker, settled near this stream.
   HVH, 516

Tucker's Lake (Vernon) (later Stutt's Lake)
   N side of the Marmaton in S Lake T., for Greenup Tucker, land owner.
   VH, II, 602; HVH, 892

Turkey Creek (Benton)
   Rises in N Hickory, flows into Osage. Along its banks the earliest settlements in the area were founded. It is called the Big Turkey Creek to distinguish it from the Little Turkey Creek. Named for the abundance of wild turkeys. Pike called it the Scarlet River, perhaps mistaking it for the Vermilion.
   CZP, II, 378

Turkey Creek (Benton)
   P.O. in 1853, named for its location on the creek.

Turkey Creek (Hickory) (St. Clair)
   Begins in Weaubleau T., flows NW into St. Clair, where it empties into the Osage, named for the abundance of wild turkeys.
   GHH, 205

Turnback River (Cedar)
   A party of Tennessee settlers camped here; some turned back because of the coldness and roughness of the land; some of the others stayed.

Turner School (Henry)
   For Capt. John Turner, a local figure.
   SSR
Turpin Branch (Benton)
NE Alexander T., running W into the Osage River, probably a family name.

Twelve Mile Prairie

Twenty-five Mile Prairie (Hickory)
W Hickory County, named for its length. Sometimes called the Wheatland Prairie. Probably so called by travelers for its length. Going south from Warsaw to Bolivar, one crosses the Pomme de Terre at Fairfield; south of that town, go up on the prairie and ride 25 miles.

Twin Mounds (Vernon) (also Blue Mounds)
Two mounds connected by a huge earthen ligament as large as a section of the Chinese wall.

Two Mile Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Marmaton River, named for its length.

Tygard School (Bates)
For Mr. W. F. Tygard, a local figure.

Tyler Township (Hickory)
S Hickory, one of the original townships created in March 1845. Until 1881 it included also the present Weaubleau T. It was named for President John Tyler (1790-1862) whose administration was just ending (1841-5) when the township was formed. The tenth President's name was given to six towns and two counties in the U. S.
Umber (Cedar)
Store near Cane Hill established about 1905 by Mr. Umber and named for him.
JR

Umber Point (Cedar)
Presently known as Stockton State Park.
SNL, 11/2/69

Underwood Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of Little Clear Creek in SE Drywood T., named for Mr. J. Underwood who came to Vernon from Cass in 1868.
HVH, 814

Underwood Chapel M.E. Church South (Vernon)
Henry T., organized in 1870 and named for J. W. Underwood, above.
VH, II, 599

Uneeda (Henry)
Hamlet in central Bear Creek T., started by Mr. Newton J. Hurst about 1895, named by Mrs. Hurst for Uneeda Biscuits.
JDT

Union Church (Bates) (later Willow Branch Church)
Built before the war by the Old Presbyterians and M.E. Church, the church was named for this alliance and was destroyed in the war.
HCB, 848

Union Church (St. Clair)
Doyal T., built before the Civil War and named because all denominations met there. Now extinct.
JPP
Union Hall School (Cedar)
Ideal name.
SSR

Union Point School (St. Clair)
Ideal name.
SSR

Union School (Benton-Hickory, Henry, St. Clair, Vernon)
Ideal name.
SSR

Union Town (Bates) (later Crescent Hill)
Town in Central Deer Creek T., surveyed in February 1858 and named for Uniontown, Pennsylvania by the Pa. settlers. March 14, 1859, the Missouri Legislature changed the name of Uniontown to "Crescent Hill." No reason was given.
HCB, 821; LAM, 1858-9, 302

Union Township (Benton)
S Benton, organized June 2, 1840 out of the south end of Cole T., it originally included the NE corner of Hickory. So named because it united parts of three previous townships.
LW, 28

Union Valley School (Vernon)
Ideal name.
SSR

Upper Ferry (Benton)
Crosses Osage River at Warsaw, established by William Wright and named for its location above the lower ferry.
GHB, 505
Upper Monegaw School (St. Clair)
For the stream.
SSR

Urbana (Hickory)
Settlement in SE corner of county on the Hermitage to Buffalo Road.
CM, 1866

Urich (Henry)
SE Bogard T., founded in April 1871 by H. C. McDonnell and named for the French general "Uhrich," (1802-1886) who heroically defended Strasburg from the Prussians in 1870. Before the R.R. came, the town was an inland village on the prairie eminence, two miles N of the new town that was built on the river -- a R.R. depot. The people picked up and moved, almost all at once to the new location.
HH, 160

Urich Baptist Church (Henry) (earlier Mount Pleasant Church)
Given in 1875 when the church was removed to Urich.
HHSC, 442

Urich School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

Valhalla Post Office (St. Clair)
NW Jackson T., on land given by Dr. John Wright. Name selected from old Norse "val hall," i.e. "hall of the slain," the name given by the barbarians of Scandanavia for the abode where the god Odin received the souls of those who had fallen in battle. They are represented as spending their time in constant fighting and feasting in his service. Uncertain why the name is attached to this place.
PG
Valley Center School (St. Clair)
See German Center.
SSR

Valley School (Bates)
For situation.
SSR

Vance Branch (Benton)
NE Alexander T. running W into the Osage River, probably a family name.

Vandenburg School (Cedar)
Local family name.
SSR

Vermilion Creek (Benton)
See Cole Camp Creek. Name for Cole Camp Creek on some early maps. Northern tributary of Osage River.
MI

Vernon County
In SW Missouri, organized in 1855 and named for Col. Miles Vernon, (1786-1866) who came from Laclede County to Vernon about 1840. A soldier in Andrew Jackson's army in the War of 1812, he was elected to the Missouri State Senate three times and accompanied Gen. Price's army into the south during the war. In 1825 this area was included in Jackson and Wayne counties; came under Crawford County in 1829 and was attached to Green in 1833. In 1841 when Bates was organized, it included all of Vernon and did so until 1855. In 1851 there was an abortive effort to form two counties. Old Vernon is the official name given to the old area of Vernon County after it was reorganized in 1855, the first organization having
been declared unconstitutional in that year. "Old Vernon" existed between 1851-1855.
VH, I, 206; HVH, 196; MAL, 1856-7, 681

Vernon School
For Colored at Ferguson, established in 1928.
SSR

Veve Branch Reorganized Latter Day Saints (Vernon)
Clear Creek T., organized January 17, 1892, named for Veve P.O.
VH, II, 553

Veve Post Office (Vernon)
Clear Creek T., named for George Mobley's daughter.
Mobley owned a store at the original P.O. site.
Discontinued in 1904.
PG

Victory School (Bates)
Mound T., named by the faction that won in a fight over where to build the school.
SSR

Victory School (Henry)
For a local figure.
SSR

Vine Hill School (St. Clair)
For the flora.
SSR

Vinton (Bates)
E West Point T., founded by Mr. Swink in 1867 and named for a family who owned land in that section.
AHD, 267

Virgil City (Cedar)
Very old trading point on the north line of the
county, laid out in 1866 by B. R. Conyers and Virgil W. Kimball and named for Kimball.

Virgil City (Vernon)
Town in SE Virgil T., part of the village being in Cedar (see above).
VH, II, 672

Virgil City School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Virgil Township (Vernon)
SE Vernon, named for the town.
VH, II, 667; HVH, 875

Virginia (Bates)
W Charlotte T., laid out in 1871 and named by the early settlers for their native state.
AHB, 274

Virginia School (Bates)
From the town.
SSR

Virginia School (St. Clair)
For the state.
SSR

Vista Post Office (St. Clair) (later Dechard)
N Doyal T., laid out in 1885 on land granted by John Dawson and George Nettleton and named for Mr. Dawson's daughter. Dawson came from Kentucky.
PB-St. C, 54

Vista School (St. Clair)
For the P.O.
SSR
Voice Post Office (Vernon)
PG

Wade Mill (Henry)
Built in Tebo T., 1835 by Richard Wade.
HHSC, 101

Wagner's Mill (St. Clair)
Built in 1867 and named for an early settler who built the mill.
HHSC, 957

Wagner School (Henry)
Named for Jake Wagner, a local figure.
SSR

Wagoner (Cedar)
John Potts and John Gwinn built a store and P.O. about 1882 and named the place for C. M. Wagoner, a friend and local landowner.
JL; AMW

Wagoner School (Cedar)
Family name.
SSR

Wales (Vernon)
Shipping point on the Pleasant Hill, Nevada and Joplin Branch of the Mo. Pac. R.R. built for the farmers' convenience in 1888. Probably for the country Wales by way of one of the eight other towns in the U.S. of that name.
VA, II, 678

Walker (Vernon)
Town in central Walker T., and built when the M.K. & T. R.R. was built. Laid out in Dec. 1870 by the Walker Town Company and named for Hiram F. Walker,
an old and prominent citizen.

VH, II, 673

Walker School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Walker Spring (Hickory)
Perhaps a family name, for James Walker, primitive Baptist, a church organized in 1833 and had meetings at the home of Washington Young.
GHH, 216

Walker Township (Henry)
SW Henry, organized in 1873 and named for Calvin E. Walke-, early settler who came to Henry County from North Carolina.
HH, 604

Walker Township (Vernon)
NE Vernon, named for the town.
HVH, 496

Walnut (Bates) (later Foster)
Earliest name of a town founded by the Walnut Land Coal Company, July 3, 1883, later renamed Foster. Originally named for the stream and later applied to the P.O., but it had to be changed because there was already an office of that name in Missouri.
AHB, 277

Walnut Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Little Osage in Dover T., named for the trees along its banks.
VH, II, 565

Walnut Creek (Henry)
Tributary of the Grand named for the trees on its banks.
HCB, 266
Walnut Creek (Bates)
Tributary of the Marais des Cygnes named for the huge black walnut trees along its banks.
AHB, 275

Walnut Creek Post Office (Bates)
Established in 1876 and named for the stream on which it was located. Became extinct when Walnut grew up two miles away.
AHB, 277

Walnut Grove School (Benton) (Cedar)
S Tom T., named for a grove of trees nearby.
SSR

Walnut Township (Bates)
SW Bates, named for the huge trees.
AHB, 275

Walnut Valley School (Benton)
SE Cole T., named for its location in a valley where black walnut trees grow.
JRB

Walton's Spur (Vernon)
Connection on the Mo. Pac. R.R. to serve the fame of the Walton brothers.
DF

Want-a-More (St. Clair) (later Roscoe)
NC Roscoe T., originally on the Osage River near the ferry (before Civil War) and named by Capt. Burgess and Mr. Manning because they wanted more people in the town.

Warder (Vernon)
Town on the Mo. Pac. R.R. in Coal T., named for George W. Warder, who donated the land in 1890.
PB-V, 25
Warsaw (Benton)
A P.O. since 1838 and county seat in WC Benton and S part of Lindsey T., on the Osage River. Organized in January 1838, the first house was built here in the fall of 1831 by Stephen A. Howser, county collector, 1835-6. Howser was responsible for getting the seat of government located here after bitter rivalry against Osage and Fristoe. He named the place for the capital city of Poland in honor of the sympathy felt by Americans at that time for Poland after its unsuccessful rising against Prussia in the 1830's.
MHR, 10:209

Warsaw Island (Benton)
Large island in the Osage River opposite Warsaw.
CZP, II, 379

Warsaw Male and Female Academy (Benton)
Lougan and Shanklin, April 4, 1853 in McMurty Brick Building east of Warsaw; named for its coeducation.
GHB, 513

Warwick Baptist Church (Vernon)
Organized January 1881 and named for Warwick P.O.
HVH, 849

Warwick Post Office (Vernon)
Established 1875 in SW Dover T., De Villiers as postmaster, and named by him for a shire in England.
HVH, 848

Warwick School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Washington School (Bates-2, Henry-2, St. Clair, Vernon)
For George.
SSR
Washington Township (Cedar)
Laid out in 1854 and named for George.
WC, 390

Washington Township (St. Clair)
SC St. Clair organized in 1841 and named for the "father of our country."
HHSC, 1050

Washington Township (Vernon)
EC Vernon and named as above.
HVH, 484

Waverly (Henry)
NW Henry, probably borrowed from one of the other 24 Waverly's in the U.S., descendants of the famous Waverly Abbey in Surrey, England, or for the still more famous hero of Scott's first novel.

Wayland Spring (Bates)
W Homer T., named for a family who owned the land where the spring was located.
WNA

Wayne Hollow (Benton)
NE Union T., leading NE into Knobby Creek, family name for former resident of the vicinity.

Weaubleau (Hickory)
P.O. since 1886 located in N Weaubleau T. Platted by the Rev. Emerson Barber, minister of the Christian church, the first postmaster. He first called the village Haran for the Mesopotamian city where Abraham traveled for a generation on his migration from Ur of the Chaldees to Canaan (Gen. 11:31). Later named for the stream.
GHH, 206
Weaubleau Creek (earlier Lime River; also spelled Wablo and Weablo)
Tributary of the Osage in E St. Clair, rises in Hickory. The name is of Indian origin but its original meaning is not preserved.
CZP, 383 n.

Weaubleau Institute (Hickory)
Male and female academy under the auspices of the Christian denomination built in Weaubleau in 1871. Rev. Emerson Barber was the president of the institute. Named for the town.
GHH, 215, 254-5; JOT

Weaubleau Township (Hickory)
SW Hickory, created in 1881 out of the W side of Tyler T., named for the stream.
GHH, 230

Webster School (Bates)
Historical name from the Civil War days.
SSR

Webster School (Bates)
For Daniel Webster.
SSR

Wego Spur (Bates)

WeMott School (Bates)
For Mr. T. T. WeMott, local figure.
SSR

Wesley Chapel (Benton)
M.E. church near Lincoln named for John Wesley of England, the founder of Methodism.
West Boone Township (Bates)
   NW Bates named for Daniel Boone.
   AHB, 264

West Branch of Tebo Creek (Henry)
   Tributary of Tebo Creek in Tebo T.
   HHSC, 429

West Butler (Bates)
   Village just W of Butler in 1881 when the R.R. was built. Incorporated with Butler in 1882.
   BCD, 6/26/19

West Eldorado (Cedar)
   In the late nineteenth century a syndicate of capitalists proposed to build a city at the Nine Wonders, a cluster of springs one mile SW of Eldorado Springs, now part of Eldorado Springs.

West Fairview School (Vernon)
   For location.
   SSR

Westfield Presbyterian Church (St. Clair)
   Organized in 1873 in Monegaw T., named for its location in the W fields of the old Nesbitt farm.
   HHSC, 1022

West Point (Bates) (later Dana)
   Town 1 m. E of Kansas line in NW West Point T., laid out in 1850 and named for its being the last outfitting place after Westport Landing for settlers going S and W into the Kansas Territory and for its high point on the prairie.
   AHB, 266

West Point School (Bates)
   For the town.
   SSR
West Point School (Vernon)
For location.
SSR

West Point Township (Bates)
NW Bates, named for the town.
AHB, 265

West Union School (Cedar)
For its location.
SSR

West Washington School (Vernon)
For location and George Washington.
SSR

Wheatland (Hickory) (see Plainville, U.S.A.)
P.O. since 1886 in S Wheatland T., platted December 7, 1869 by M. H. Cooper and took the place of Bledsoe which was 3 m. N. Named like eight other U.S. towns of the same name for "Wheatland," near Lancaster, Pa., the home of President James Buchanan (1791-1868), since it was platted just the year after his death there on June 1, 1868.
MHR, 11:173

Wheatland Township (Hickory)
N Hickory, carved from Montgomery and Cross Timbers T. in 1881 and named for the town.
GHH, 230

Wheatley School (Henry)
For Mr. Phyllus Wheatley, a local figure.
SSR

Wheeling Post Office (Vernon)
SW Vernon on state line in Harrison T., named for a man who had a store there.
Whig Creek (Benton)
NC Alexander T., running SE into Pomme de Terre River, possibly named for the political party.

Whitakerville (Benton)
S Lindsey T., about 2 m. S of Warsaw, probably a family name, Whitaker.

White Branch (Benton)
NW Fristoe T., runs N into Little Turkey Creek, probably named for the early County Court Judge William White.
JRB

White Cloud (Hickory)
N Wheatland T., an Indian name, Chief Mahuska (the Prophet), adviser to Black Hawk, largely responsible for Black Hawk War. Five other towns in U.S. bear this name. Inspired John G. Neihardt to write his "Song of the Messiah." (1935)

White Hall School (Cedar)
Family name.
SSR

White Hall School (St. Clair)
Descriptive.
SSR

Whitehare (Cedar) (later Omer)
In 1850's the store was owned by a Mr. Whitehare. About 1880 Clem Jordan requested the P.O. change the name to Omer.
MM

White Oak Creek (Henry)
Tributary of Grand River in Central White Oak T., named for the trees that grew along the stream.
IHSC
White Oak School (Henry)
For the stream.
SSR

White Oak Township (Henry)
W Henry, organized in 1868 and named for the stream.
HHSC, 159, 248

White Rock School (Vernon)
For the minerals and soil.
SSR

White School (Benton)
E Smithton T., named for an early landowner, Judge William White.
SSR

White School (Henry)
For Jo White, a local figure.
SSR

White's Ferry (Henry)
Crosses Grand River at Brownington and operated by David White, for whom it was named. Just downstream from the confluence of Deepwater Creek and Grand River. Early day ferry ... Brownington.
HHSC, 463; M, 1844

White's Mill (Bates)
At Rosier in West Boone T., in 1882 and named for H. White.

White Spring (Benton)
Settlement on the Osage River at White Sulphur Spring. On inside of the meadow on the left bank of the river. Named for the spring.
CM, 1861
White Sulphur Spring (Benton)
Medicinal spring 8 m. NW of Warsaw in Lindsey T., a noted resort until 1861. Name probably suggested by the famous White Sulphur Springs in Greenbrier County, West Virginia.
GHB, 461

White Township (Benton)
Organized Nov. 12, 1838 and named for Judge William White, one of the first settlers.
LHB, 11

Whitley (St. Clair) (later New Tiffin)

Whitley Bend (St. Clair)
On Osage River in Speedwell T., named for John R. Whitley, who settled there from Virginia in 1840.
HHSC, 868, 1068

Wilcox School (Bates)
For Mr. M. G. Wilcox, a local figure.
SOP

Wild Cat Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Bones Creek in SW Mound T., named for wild cats seen by early settlers.
BMW

Wild Cat Cave (Hickory)
S of Hermitage, 100 yards in length with two branches; wild cats once inhabited the area.
EIM

Wild Rose School (Vernon)
For the flora.
SOP
Wilkey Creek (Vernon)
Tributary of Horse Creek in E Montevallo T., named for a settler called Wilkey who came from Ohio before 1866.
VH, II, 628

Willhite School (Vernon)
SW Dover T., named for W. M. Willhite who gave the land. When the school was moved, it was renamed Prairie Dell School for its new location in a low place in the prairie.
SSR

Williams Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Mound Creek named for Gideo Williams who settled there in an early day near this stream.
BMW

Williamsburg (Cedar) (later Taylor's Store)
Given for Jasper Williams who lived near the store before Taylor bought it.
AMW; JAJ

Williams Creek (Benton)
Creek in central Williams T., flows SW into Cole Camp Creek, doubtless named for Ezekiel Williams. Sometimes called North Indian Creek, for its position N of Indian Creek.
GHB, 455

Williams Island (Benton)
Island in the Osage River just below the mouth of Deer Creek, named after Judge William White.
CZP, II, 377

Williams Mill (Cedar) (later Caplinger Mills, also Sacville)
Named for the pioneer owner. Built in 1842 on the
Sac River and sold to Caplinger before the end of the year.

WC, 22

Williams' Switch (Vernon)
Track in Osage T., named for Frank Williams in 1900, it was put in by the Mo. Pac. R.R. to haul coal.

NH

Williams Township (Benton)
NC Benton, organized in Feb. 1835, it has retained its original boundaries. Named for Ezekiel Williams, the true founder and patriarch of Benton County; he was the first Anglo-Saxon settler in the area, coming in the fall of 1830 or 1831 and settling 3 m. SW of Cole Camp. Houck's account of the man makes him one of the most interesting in early Missouri. Ezekiel Williams was a hunter employed by the Missouri Fur Company. In 1806 General Wilkinson broke up an illegal settlement established by Williams on White River. Between 1807 and 1810 he went to the headwaters of the Missouri with a large party and spent two years hunting for the Missouri Fur Company. His party of about twenty men then set out south across Colorado to the Arkansas River. Then the party split and Williams tried to take the precious furs to St. Louis. Half his group was murdered by the Indians, and Williams took refuge with the Arapahoes for the winter. Next March, floating down the Arkansas, he was captured by the Kansas Indians who took his furs and mistreated him. Williams then reached civilization at Boonslick on Sept. 1, 1813. Williams told this story in the Missouri Gazette, Sept. 14, 1816. His story is corroborated by testimony given in a report by Major George C. Sibley to
Governor Clark, Nov. 30, 1813. A highly romantic and largely inaccurate version of Williams' exploits was printed in David H. Coyner, The Lost Trappers: A Collection of Interesting Scenes and Events in the Rocky Mountains (Cincinnati, 1855). A judicious article separating fact from fiction is in Mo. Historical Society Col. Vol. 4 (1912-13), pp. 194-208. The most thoroughly documented and complete version of Williams' exploits, including his settling in Benton County, is in Frederic E. Voelker, "Ezekiel Williams" in LeRoy R. Hafer, The Mountain Men and the Fur Trade of the Far West, IX, 393-409, (Glendale, Calif. 1972). Also see Thomas James - Three Years Among the Indians and Mexicans. In 1820 this old Kentuckian was living on the Missouri River, 5 miles above Franklin, and it was from his residence that William Becknell set out on his famous mission to begin the Santa Fe Trade. In 1830 he led the way to Benton County and organized it.

LW, 10; HHM, I, 201; III, 93

Willow Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Double Branch, named for the trees growing along the banks; tributary of the Osage.
WEM; CZP, 385 n

Willow Branch (Henry)
Tributary of Deepwater Creek in SW Davis T., named for the trees.
HJS, 458

Willow Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of the Marmaton in NW Osage T., named for willow trees along its banks.
MJ
Willow Branch Church (Bates) (earlier Union Church)
Given in 1880 when a new building was built on the Willow Branch.
HCB, 848

Willow Branch School (3) (Bates)
For the stream.
SSR

Willow Branch School (Henry)
For the stream.
SSR

Willow Grove School (Vernon)
For the tree.
SSR

Willow Tree School (Bates)
For the tree.
SSR

Willowville (Cedar)
Trading point established about 1905 in N Cedar, named for the tree.
Gh, JAJ

Wilson Hollow (Benton,
N Lindsay T., leading W into Little Tebo Creek, a family name.

Wilson's Branch (Vernon)
Tributary of West Fork of Clear Creek, named for Col. Wilson, who returned whence he had come (to Virginia) during the Civil War.
MWM

Wilson School (Hickory)
See Prairie Grove School.
SSR
Winchell (Henry)
Switch on the K.C. & S. R.R. in the S Honey Creek T., named for one of the officials of the R.R. by the company.
NBC

Wind Cave (Benton)
For the current of air rushing from its mouth.
GHB, 457

Windsor (Henry) (earlier Belmont; then Spring Grove)
Given by Robert Means, a reader of English history who suggested the name after Windsor Castle on the Thames River. Founded by R. F. Taylor in 1839 on Section 5 known in Meadow County history as the "Bottom."
HHSC, 384

Windsor School (Henry)
For the town.
SSR

Windsor Township (Henry)
NE Henry, organized in 1868 and reorganized in 1873, named for the town.
HHSC, 374, 377

Wisdom (Benton)
P.O. since 1899 in W Alexander T., named for A. J. Wisdom, local resident.
MHR, 10:210

Wisdom Post Office (St. Clair)
Jackson T., near Baker, established about 1880 and named for postmaster. Now extinct.
WLC
Wiseman School (Benton)
SE Union T., family name.
JRB

Wolf Branch (Bates)
Tributary of Cottonwood Creek in SW New Home T., named for two brothers who settled near this stream before the Civil War.
BMW

Wolf Branch Hollow (Benton)
N Union T., leading NE into Big Deer Creek, named for the many wolves found here by early settlers.

Wolf Mound (Bates)
SW Homer T., named for a family who settled before the war.

Wolf School (Vernon)
For the town.
SSR

Wolfe Post Office (Vernon)
Established in Henry T., 1889 and named for Moses Wolfe, a Baptist preacher who settled there about 1869.
CWW

Wolfe's Mill (St. Clair)
S Dallas T., built in 1844 by R. Eads and Francis Yoast who sold it to John J. C. Wolfe for whom it was named.
HHSC, 1047

Woodland School (Bates)
For flora.
SSR
Woods School (Vernon)  
For local figure.  
SSR

Worland (Bates)  
Town on the St. L. & E. R.R. laid out Sept. 4, 1883  
by Arch L. Sims and James M. Tucher and named for  
Harry Worland, a druggist who went to Kansas to evade  
prosecution for violation of the liquor laws.  
BCD, 5/18/16

Worland School (Bates) (2)  
For the town.  
SSR

Writsburg (Bates)  
Filling station on Highway 71 established about 1930  
by Fred Wright.  
RJ

Wright School (Cedar)  
Family name.  
SSR

Wright's Creek (St. Clair) (earlier Buckeye Creek)  
Given for William P. Wright who settled on the banks  
in early days.  
CZP, II, 381 n.

Wright's Creek Baptist Church (St. Clair)  
NW Jackson T., organized in Feb. 1866 by Rev. William  
P. Wright and Rev. C. V. Maddox. Named for its loca-  
tion near Wright Creek.  
HHSC, 1041

Wright's Creek School (St. Clair)  
For the stream.  
SSR
Wright's Island (Benton)
Island in Osage River in bend just above the mouth of Grand River, probably named for Wright's Creek in St. Clair County, a few miles up stream.
CZP, II, 379

Wyatt's Grove (St. Clair)
E Roscoe T., named for a family who lived near the grove and settled here before the war.
HHSC, 857

Yeager (Benton)
P.O. 1896-99, an old settlement on the site of Bledsoe's Landing on the Osage River, 1½ m. above Warsaw; named for Yeager or Yearger, an early settler who started a store there about 1831.
LHB, 16

Yeager School (Benton)
S Cole T., named for the former village.
JRB

Yocum (Bates)
Town in Walnut T., named for G. P. Yocum, an early settler. Now extinct.
WRM

Yolo Post Office (Henry)
N Springfield T., established in the store of C. C. Masters and named for Yolo, California, where his son received his mail.
JS

Youngstown (Cedar)
Trading point established in the early '90's and named for Bud Young who owned the land.
GH; JAJ
Yungar River
Name for Niangua River on early maps. See Bradbury's Map and Carte Geographique, Statistique et Historique Du Missouri (1822).

Zener's Mill (St. Clair)
Mill near where New Tiffin now is; established in 1887 or 1888 by David G. Zener (1836-1907) who came here from Indiana in 1879. Now extinct.
BZ

Zinc (Benton)
Post Office in 1901 in S part of the county, probably named for the zinc deposits in the area.
EJH

Zinn's Mill (Bates)
Elkhart T., named for Merrit Zinn who helped build the mill in 1870.
HCB, 826

Zinn's Mill (Cedar) (later Pleasant View)
Named for the founder of the mill built on Cedar Creek in the 1850's.
JAG; JAJ

Zodiac (Vernon)
Town laid out in Sept. 1881 by Moses Isenhouse and named for the adjoining springs.
HVH, 861
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**TABULATION OF PLACE NAMES IN HISTORICAL GAZETTEER**

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LC  Lee Crook

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LLA  L. L. Alexander

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LTS  Lee T. Simms

M  Missouri Maps, 1824, 1844, 1848, 1853, 1860, 1872

MAD  Missouri and Arkansas Map

MBM  Mary Beiger Myers

MC  Mildred Church

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MHR  Missouri Historical Review

MI  Missouri and Illinois Map, 1827

MJ  Mary Jackson

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NMS  Mrs. Mary Sturgis

MS  Molly Smith

MSH  Mrs. Sally Hunt

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NBC  N. B. Conrad

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NMM  Fiala's New Map of Missouri, 1846, 1860


OSHB  Old Settlers' History of Bates County, Missouri (Amsterdam, Missouri, c1897)

OWN  O. W. Neff

PB  Code for the plat books of the various counties followed by counties: Bates (B), Benton (BE),
Cedar (C), Henry (H), Hickory (Hi), St. Clair (St. C), Vernon (V)

PG  Postal Guide, manuscript United States Post Office records for Missouri

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PM  Pierre Margry, Explorations of the Tributaries of the Mississippi and Discovery of the Rocky Mountains, typescript translation by Beatrice Paddock, 1936

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RI  Rodd Ingles

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RM  Rand McNally Atlas, 1939

RVH  R. V. Homes

SC  Sam Cooper

SCC  St. Clair County Courier

SCD  St. Clair County Democrat

SH  Stanton Herrick

SHA  Sol Hartley

SJH  S. J. Hutton

SMS  S. M. Snodgrass

SNL  Springfield News & Leader

SSR  Missouri State Superintendent of Schools Report, 1931-1932

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MITIGATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE HARRY S. TRUMAN DAM AND RESERVOIR ON THE CULTURAL-HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE UPPER OSAGE RIVER VALLEY

From the survey of cultural-historic resources in the Harry S. Truman Reservoir, I wish now to turn to the prospect of mitigating the impact of the dam and reservoir on the cultural resources. First, the survey is itself only an outline of the past in the Upper Osage Valley. It covers the major contours of change and continuity in the valley but only begins to give a picture of sufficient diversity. This can come only through the contributions of those who know. I invite commentary and criticism, additions of new facts that refine, confute, or support the general statements in the Chronology. The place name study or Historical Gazetteer is even more obviously a living thing (or should be). Here I drew especially heavily on earlier compilers, adding to their work my own discoveries. Since place names are always changing, future modifications are inevitable. The Gazetteer and Chronology should not be viewed as completed things but as projects.

My best hope for the cultural-historic resources is that they should provide a sense of perspective for future generations, and therefore, a possible source of wisdom. I believe this can best be achieved through an integrated program of preservation, display, and publication.

I. Preservation:

The number one priority for mitigation should be preservation. In this, the work of the Army Corps should complement not conflict with the work of state and local historical organizations. Since most of the historic sites have already been cleared of their cultural remains, I recommend that the major effort in preservation be in preserving
memories. An oral history project will draw together the recent past and provide a cultural-historic benchmark by which to measure change in future eras.

a. Oral History

By oral history I mean the systematic interviewing of people, with the intention of preserving their memories. This could be as simple as gathering the reminiscences of a few people talking about specific historic sites, the interviews to be edited to accompany a slide show of the sites. Or it could be a one to two year or continuing project to record in detail the ways in which people have related to their environment in the Osage Valley. How have agriculture, fishing, hunting, mining, recreation, old-age, youth, government, and family changed in the recent past? Such a big oral history project would probably be natural environment oriented. This approach would highlight the diversity of resources in the valley and their changing human uses. There are many types of agricultural soils and settings -- bottomland, prairie, and rocky hills in the area. How is one kind of farm and farmer different from another. The same diversity holds in subsoil mineral resources and their exploitation. Interest in mineral resources first drew white men to the valley and there have been diverse efforts aimed at exploiting mineral resources ever since. Regional adaptations to the turbulent weather and fickle rivers also deserve attention. Federal projects, now so important to the region, are relative newcomers and are effecting changes in the Osage Valley that will run very deep. This process of change is itself worth documenting. The Chronology in the survey is suggestive in each of these areas.

b. Historic Sites:

Historic sites should also be included in a program of preservation. The historic site forms and photographs in
the survey offer some information on the important sites in the project area. Colored slide photographic records of the sites most affected by the reservoir project should be made to supplement the black and white photos in the survey. More in-depth research on sites considered for "site enrichment" in proposed public use areas is recommended.

The following list of historic sites on the various rivers affected by the reservoir should be considered for National Register nominations or site enrichment:

- American Fur Company Post
- Halley's Bluff
- Baker Post Office
- Harmony Mission
- Bledsoe's Ferry
- Hogles Trading Post
- Berry Bend
- Thomas Moore Johnson Library
- Bone Spring
- Nigger Springs
- Caplinger Mills
- Osceola Steamboat Landing
- Clinton Artesian Park
- Peelor Spring
- Cook's Mill
- Roscoe
- Crossing of the Osage at Crow and Crutchfield's
- Sardis Baptist Church
- Crow and Crutchfield's
- Upper Swinging Bridge
- Fairfield Covered Bridge
- White Sulphur Spring
- Fort Carondelet
- Whitley Bend Rockhouse
- Francis Rockhouse

C. Place Names

Special efforts should be made to draw on the heritage of place names outlined in the Historical Gazetteer in establishing new place names with changes demanded by the reservoir project. Below is a list of the places most directly affected by the project:

- Akard
- Baker Post Office
- Alexander's Mills
- Bear Creek
- Avery
- Belvoir
- Avery School
- Bender's Field
Berry Bend
Bishop's Store
Black Sulphur Springs
Blakely's Mill
Bledsoe's Landing
Brownings Ferry
Cal Waldo Bend
Caplinger Mills
Chorette's Mill
Chouteau's Store
Clark Sulphur Springs
Clinton
Cobb
Cogswell's Mill
Collen's Ford
Cook's Mill
Coon Creek Settlement
Corbin Post Office
Crow and Crutchfield's Crossing
Crow Island
Crow's Mill
Dan Waldo Bend
Davison Bend
Deepwater
Dottie Post Office
Dunnegan's Mill
Fairfield
Fairfield School
Fort Carondelet
Free Nigger Springs
Fristoe Town
Gardner's Mill
Garrett's Mill
Halley's Bluff
Hallico River
Harris Bend
Head of Steamboat Navigation
Heath's Bend
Heath's Ferry
Hoffman Bend
Hoffman's Ferry
Hogles Creek
Holloway Island
Horseshoe Bend
Howard's Mill
Huntley Mill
Jackson's Mill
Jenkin's Bridge Post Office
Kaysinger Bluff
Kimsey's Mill
La Hunta
Lake Sac-Osage
Leesville
Lime River
Little Osage
Lower Ferry
Marshall Creek Settlement
Mine River
Monegaw Springs
New Town
Nigger Springs
Old Road
Old Shawnee Town
Osage River  Stinking Waters  Osceola  Taber's Ferry  Owens Mill  Tally Bend  Peal Bend  Tally's Mill  Peelor Springs  Tebo  People's Ferry  Tebo Baptist Church  Pomme de Terre River  Tebo Creek  Powers Ferry  Thornton's Ferry  Rapids de Kaw  Upper Ferry  Ritchie's Mill  Valhalla Post Office  Rock House  Want-a-More  Roscoe  Warsaw  Sac River  Weaubleau Creek  Sacosage  White's Ferry  Sardis Baptist Church  White Sulphur Spring  Shawnee Bend  Whitley Bend  Smith Bend  Wright's Island  Son's Ferry  Yeager  Speedwell

II. Display

While display of cultural resources is not of as immediate concern as preservation, efforts to highlight the heritage of the region would compliment preservation work by raising consciousness and sensitivity to the value of that cultural heritage.

a. Slides

Colored slides available for public showing should depict the important sites as well as the topography and character of the region.

b. Historic Maps

At modest cost, a collection of historic maps depicting the changing cartographic perceptions of the region could be acquired and displayed. A more ambitious...
project might include the commissioning of a large mural-
map specially conceived to see the region through the eyes
of the past.

c. Printed Material

Several copies of the county histories and any
other books or pamphlets in print that relate to the
history of the Osage Valley should be acquired and made
available.

III. Publications

Another way of raising appreciation for the cultural-
historic heritage in the area would be through a series
of pamphlets on selected regions and periods in Osage Val-
ley history.