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BEDFORD: This 6th class city located on US 42 and 421. It is 30 miles Northeast of downtown Louisville, and is the seat of Trimble County. It is said to have been settled around 1808 by the family of Richard Bell who built his home on the hill above what was to become the famed antebellum resort of Bedford Springs. The town was chartered in 1816 and was probably named for Bell's hometown. The post office was established on March 23, 1818, with William E. Young as postmaster. In 1837, soon after the county was established, the town was made county seat.

MILTON: This 6th class city with post office in the Ohio River bottom extends for over 1/2 mile up Tiber Creek and for 3 miles along US 421 toward Bedford, which is 7 miles south. The town was first situated between Canip Creek and Tiber Creek, (earlier called Town Branch). Years later the town of Kingston was founded below Town Branch, and in 1872 was incorporated into Milton. The Milton Post Office was established by John or Robert Moffett, sometime in the first decade of the 19th century. No one knows how or why it acquired its name.

WISES LANDING: This hamlet on KY 1488 and Barebone Creek, in the Ohio River bottom, 4 1/2 miles west of Bedford, was once a busy port and landing probably named for the descendants of William Wise, a Revolutionary War Veteran. From 1830 or earlier until 1913, it was served by the Corn Creek Post Office, named for the stream that joins the river about 1 1/2 miles north.

CORN CREEK: A post office and small settlement in Bedford precinct, Trimble County, six miles from Bedford, the county seat, and 1/4 mile from Wise's Landing, on the Ohio River, to which point goods should be shipped. Methodist, Reform and Baptist Churches are sustained. Land is worth from \$20 to \$100 per acre. Mail, semi-weekly. James A. Bare, Postmaster.

EWINGFORD: This hamlet with extinct post office is on US 421 at the mouth of Town Branch of the Little Kentucky River, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Bedford. The post office was in operation from 1873 to 1904, was named for the local ford on the Ewing family's land. Taken from Rennick.

Ewingford: On Little Kentucky River about three miles east of Bedford on US 421 at a crossroads. Was evidently established by the Ewing family who were for many years prominent land-owners there. Had a store years ago. Antioch Baptist Church is nearby. Has a restaurant and filling station run by Shirley Hunter. About two dozen dwellings gathered around a small bridge over the river. By C.A. Hollowell

HISLE: Almost nothing remains of this hamlet and post office, now generally referred to as Callis Grove, on US 421, 3 miles north of Bedford. The first post office to serve this vicinity was the short-lived Callis, from June 1893 to Sept. 1894, with Robert E. Callis postmaster. On June 4, 1909, Callis re-established the post office in his store as Hisle for a Trimble County family, and was its postmaster before it closed in 1913. A Methodist Church Group built a large open-air tabernacle in a

nearby grove and is said to have applied the name of Callis Grove to it and thus to the community.

MOUNT PLEASANT: This extinct crossroads hamlet and post office were on KY 625, 4 miles west-northwest of Bedford. The post office, in operation from 1892 to 1907, was aptly named for its location at one of the highest points between Louisville and Cincinnati. Taken From Rennick.

Mount Pleasant: About five miles northeast of Bedford on SR 625. Early 1900's had a store, school, and two churches. It is a crossroads community. Doubt it was ever a post office. Named because it is said to be the highest point between Louisville and Cincinnati. Store and school are gone but churches are still there. By C. A. Hollowell.

KINGSTON: On the Ohio River, had 59 inhabitants in 1870 and three stores. Incorporated with Milton 28 March, 1872. (See Milton)

PALMYRA: Six miles from Bedford and eight from Milton, it is a small village. Its post office name is Winona.

WINONA: Was relocated at the store of E. O. Vail, it was also a blacksmith shop. Milo Vail ran a machinery "Fixit Shop" for years. Name was changed to Monitor.

GUM: This was a post office in the western part of Trimble County on what is known as Corn Creek and until recent years appeared on the maps of Kentucky. Its exact location escapes me, but I know the general area. It was near the Ohio River.

Jennings: Another store-school-church crossroads community. This one is in the southwestern part of Trimble County near the Ohio River and the Oldham County line. Even the name has gone with the wind.

PLEASANT RETREAT: School only, but a community center for a fine farming community for many years until better roads brought about consolidation. The name is still used. It is several miles south of Milton.

PROVIDENCE: A fine community in eastern Trimble County near the Henry County line. Had two stores, an active Baptist church, a two-room school in days agone. Probably 50 houses in the area. The name is still used as a voting precinct.

MONITOR: A small community at a road forks in eastern Trimble County near the Carroll County line. In horse and buggy days it had a store and school and was served by nearby Union Grove Church. Its post office was named Winona. A few years ago a Louisville TV station had a sheriff from Trimble County interviewed as a native of the community. It seems they had done some research and came up with the information that this is a community in the US so-named.