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TRIMBLE COUNTY

HOTELS - None

RESTAURANTS

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RATES</u>
Bedford	Bedford Sweet Shop	35¢ and 50¢
Bedford	Woody's Inn	35¢ and 50¢
Carrollton and Bedford Highway No. 42	Colonial Inn	75¢
Halfway between Carrollton and Bedford Highway No. 42	Halfway Inn	50¢
Between Sligo and Bedford Highway No. 42	Kentucky Tavern	75¢
Between Sligo and Bedford Highway No. 42	Kentucky Inn	35¢
Milton	Bayne's Recreation Hall	
Milton	Adcock's Lunch Room	
Between Milton and Bedford	White Tavern	

(The above places in Milton do not serve regular meals but are good eating places)

BANKS

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Bedford	Bedford Loan and Deposit Bank
Milton	Farmers Bank of Milton

HOSPITALS - None

CHURCHES

LOCATION

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Wise's Landing

Baptist and Christian

Middle Creek

Baptist

Hickory Grove

M. E. Church, South

South Bedford

Pentecostal Church

Bedford

Baptist, M. E. Church and Christian

Bedford and Campbellsburg Road

Antioch Church (Baptist)

Providence

Baptist

Bethel Community

M. E. Church

Union Grove

Union Church, M. E., Baptist and Christian

Mt. Carmel

M. E. Church South

Mt. Bird

Christian Church

Mt. Pleasant

M. E. Church, Beech Grove Christian, Poplar Ridge Baptist

Milton

Baptist, M. E. Church and Christian.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES - None

SCHOOLS

Parochial - None

Public - Twenty-one, one-room schools and two twelve-grade schools with an enrollment of one thousand two hundred and forty-eight.

FRATERNAL ORDERS IN COUNTY

Masons, Odd Fellows, Red Men, Modern Woodmen of America, Eastern Star, Rebecca.

American Legion Post (Joe McCain Post No. 75 with membership of 51) Regular meeting date - Third Friday night of each month at Bedford High School Building.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

No Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimist or Lions Clubs.

Womans Club of Bedford - Membership of forty-five. Regular meeting date third Thursday night of each month in homes of members. Junior Club with membership of thirty-nine active members. Regular meeting date - first Thursday night of each month in homes of members.

D. A. R. - None

Candle Club of Bedford - Membership of sixteen. Regular meeting date second Friday night of each month in homes of members.

NEWSPAPERS IN COUNTY

Trimble Democrat, Bedford. Editors, Bell, Barclay and Bell.

INSTITUTIONS - None

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Old Preston Home, colonial type, formerly owned by Col. John Preston, on a farm bordering the Ohio river located five miles below Milton, now owned by James Rodgers.

The original slave quarters still exist and the home itself is noted for its architecture inside and out.

The door knobs were originally of solid silver and during Col. Preston's life time was most elaborately furnished, part of the furniture was said to have belonged to Queen Anne. At the death of Col. Preston's widow the property was willed to the Catholic Church and later the home and its contents were sold at public auction.

Beautiful trees, shrubs and a gorgeous view of the Ohio river make it especially attractive to visitors.

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Bedford Springs about one-half mile south of Bedford, one of the three springs mentioned in the United States Dispensary, one being in Germany, the other in Pennsylvania.

The water from these springs is said to be peculiarly adapted to diseases of the kidneys and issues from underneath a cliff of rock near the main buildings.

Before the war with the States it was a famous watering resort and continued to be operated until after 1900.

At present the Old Hotel which is used as a residence now stands.

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A large rock on the farm of L. C. Yager, one-half mile north of Bedford on Highway No. 37 used during the Civil War as a post-office by Confederate soldiers because of the natural honey-combed formation of the rock.

Lookout Point from top of Milton Hill where a superb view of the Ohio river can be seen as well as Madison, Indiana, and the fertile valley. Hunters Bottom, which contains the richest land in Trimble county. This is the site of a former Indian Fort.

RECREATION

Public Parks - None

Country Clubs and Golf Clubs - None

The Trimble County Fair Grounds, C. R. Barnes, proprietor, is located one-fourth mile from town on Bedford and Milton road.

The grounds contain a good half mile track and grand stand which is surrounded by tall poplar trees that can be seen for many miles and the natural setting is ideal for a place of this kind.

A two day Fair is held here every year which is not only of particular interest to Trimble county, but to adjoining counties.

ELECTRIC SYSTEM

The county of Trimble is furnished all electricity by the Kentucky Power and Light Company. Private ownership.

Bibliography

C. A. Bell, Druggist, Bedford, Kentucky

William Jackson, Commodity Clerk in W. P. A. Office, Bedford, Kentucky

Gilbert Woods, Proprietor of Woody's Inn, Bedford, Kentucky

W. Raymond Sanders, Service Officer of American Legion Post at Bedford,
Kentucky.

Mrs. Harold Bray, Active member of Junior Woman's Club, Bedford, Kentucky

Miss Virginia Scott, County Relief Worker in Trimble County for eleven
months, Campbellsburg, Kentucky.

Mrs. Eugene Mosley, Vice-president of Senior Woman's Club and wife of
County Attorney, Bedford, Kentucky.

Miss Martha Pierce, Clerk in W. S. Pierce's Store, member of Candle Club
in Bedford, Kentucky.

Jas. W. M. Mahan, Supt. Trimble County Schools, Bedford, Kentucky.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESTON HOME
Trimble County

The Preston home originally known as the Old Norfolk Plantation before it was purchased by John and Mary Howard Preston, and owned for the past twenty-nine years by Mr. James L. Rodgers the present owner, is located five miles from Milton on Pecks Pike.

The road leading to the home needs work and in its present condition would be rather discouraging to visitors.

The gate leading into the grounds proper is flanked on each side by large concrete posts. As one approaches the home the first thing that is seen is the site of the former slave quarters, most of which have been torn down. The last remaining one, a picturesque three room log cabin is also being razed by the present owner.

In the large yard which is dotted here and there with beautiful maple and sugar trees there are many out buildings standing, namely, the overseers house, building used as a school and chapel. office, saddle and harness room, tool house, smoke house, etc.

Of these buildings the architecture of the smoke house is the most outstanding being a tall brick building about 20 x 20 with four tiers of poles, which was built to hold a hundred herd of hogs after they were butchered. The original key a huge iron one, is still used to open the door. There are no windows in the building and the only light furnished, other than by the door, is through several small openings covered with iron grating. At the top of the building. In the center of the dirt floor is a huge pit where hickory logs burned for days to smoke meats to just the right constituency.

As this house was used only as a summer home by Mrs. Preston, who lived in Louisville during the winter months, it is rather hard to heat.

The front rooms of the house are of brick but due to the fact that some one told Mrs. Preston that a brick house was unhealthful she had these rooms plastered on the outside and weatherboarded.

When Mrs. Preston willed this plantation of twenty-three hundred acres of land to the Catholic Church the will was contested by her heirs and broken. In 1897 the place was divided into over twenty farms and sold at public auction. When the abolition spirit broke out this place was given over by the Prestons to the cause of the negro, although they were large owners of slaves. Della Webster used their home as an Underground Railway Station. It is claimed that it was here that Eva, of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame, was housed after she fled from the blue grass section.

Those who love communion with God through trees, running waters, and hills that tower in magnificence, may go there and find solace and contentment. There, in fancy, you can still hear the Priest's in the Chapel murmuring their prayers and there you will find still the typical old southern plantation.

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Personal interview with Mrs. James L. Rodgers, Milton, Kentucky.

Sketch - "Norfolk" - The Preston Place, by Byron Bacon Black, published in the Bedford High School Journal, "The Elbmirt" 1916.

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The Old Indian Fort - Lookout Point

When Highway #37 was completed, it was discovered that just at the top of the Milton Hill a superb view of Madison, Indiana, as well as the fertile valley, Hunters Bottom, on the Kentucky side and the Ohio River for many miles, could be seen so part of the road was fenced off and is reserved as a "Lookout Point" for tourists who wish to enjoy one of the most beautiful views along the entire river.

Near this point is located the site of an old fort used by the early pioneers as a protection against the Indians which were very numerous in that section. The fort was located on a bluff which comes out on a projection of rock overlooking two ravines and which has a sheer drop of several hundred feet on two sides, thus forming a natural defense on these two sides.

There is no record of any particular history regarding this place other than that it has always been known by the local residents as the "Old Indian Fort" which was used for the purpose stated above.

It is located on the farm of Lige McIntyre. Near this point there was formerly a ferry used for transportation across the Ohio River.

This high bluff is now fenced off with barbed wire to keep the stock, which graze the adjoining field, from falling off into the ravine many feet below.

Bibliography

Mr. James Strother, former Judge of Trimble County who accompanied me to the site of the Fort. Address is Milton, Kentucky.

Mrs. Owen Scott, Campellsburg, Kentucky, former relief worker of Trimble County.

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Description and History of
Old Bedford Springs
Trimble County

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The Bedford Springs once the scene of elaborate balls and festivities is located about one-half mile south of Bedford just off of Highway No. 42.

One Sunday evening in April 1836, Noah Parker, the owner, and his wife started on a hunt for a turkeys nest, the hunt being one of their evening works. Growing tired of walking they sat down at the foot of a hill where a little stream of water was seething out. Digging a hole with their hands and making acup of pawpaw leaves they drank some of the water and noticed it had a strange mineral taste. After having some of this water analyzed, they found it medicinal. The water is said to be colleviate in nature and especially helpful for ailments of the kidneys. The Parkers then opened the Bedford Springs to the public. Year by year the buildings sprang up till in 1848 the place was at the height of its glory.

Major Nathan Parker, who fell in the Civil War at Wytheville, Virginia, in 1864 was then actively in charge of the place and its one hundred acres of land.

The grounds were then very beautiful with every foot carpeted with blue grass.

In the summer this would be worn to the bare earth by the many who fling from New Orleans and the south from the yellow fever there, come and loitered on it in the shade to drink the exhilarating water.

Only a few years ago was the cottage torn away in which Lazarus W. Powell spent his vacation in 1851 just before he was elected Governor, and some believe that it was here that his political plans for the coming days were formed as at that time the twilight of the lowering Civil War darkness was fast falling. Below this cottage in a small ravine was the Club house where wines were dispensed that had all the colors of that famous coat and where men drank ~~afixkxt~~ to conviviality only - above where the club house stood and a little to the west on a small hill stands the old hotel where a few of the many hundreds lodged and all ate in the great ball room which was also used as the dining room.

At the present time this old hotel has been converted into a dwelling house for tenants, who lived there to cultivate the farm which is now in possession of D. L. Bell heirs and Col. C. A. Bell.

The cottages where the vacationists lived with their families have long since disappeared.

It is a good fourth mile from the hotel to the back of the place where the spring house stood.

The building has decayed and been destroyed, but the invigorating waters of the springs still contain its original medicinal qualities.

Tradition says that one night in August 1851, while the ball was in progress and several hundred guests were looking on, the word was brought that cholera had broken out on the grounds. In a few minutes chaos reigned and the morning found those who were not stricken gone.

The grove of beautiful tall trees which surrounds the old hotel offers an ideal location to those who are seeking a choice picnic grounds as well as being able to enjoy the famed water of the Springs.

Bibliography

Col. C. A. Bell, druggist and prominent citizen of Bedford, Kentucky

Dr. W. P. Bell, Bedford, Kentucky

History of the old Bedford Springs written by Byron Bacon Black for
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POINTS OF INTEREST IN TRIMBLE COUNTY AS MARKED ON MAP

1. Preston Home, located in northwest part of Trimble county, bordering the Ohio River, about five miles from Milton. The road leading to Preston House is in only fair condition - known as Pecks Pike locally.
2. Site of Old Indian Fort located near Lookout Point on the top of Milton Hill.
- ✓ 3. The large rock used by confederate soldiers as a post office, during Civil War, located $\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Bedford on farm of L. C. Yager.
- ✓ 4. Bedford Springs, located $\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Bedford, just off of Highway #42.