



Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 12*, 188*4*.

Sir: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at *Santa Fe*, County of *Braxton*, State of *West Virginia*, it will be necessary for you to carefully answer the subjoined questions, get a neighboring postmaster to certify to the correctness of the answers, and return the location paper to the Department, addressed to me. If the site selected for the proposed office should not be on any mail route now under contract, only a "Special Office" can be established there, to be supplied with mail from some convenient point on the nearest mail route by a special carrier, for which service a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount of the salary of the postmaster at such office will be paid.

You should inform the contractor, or person performing service for him, of this application, and require him to execute the inclosed certificate as to the practicability of supplying the proposed office with mail, and return the same to the Department.

Very respectfully,

A. E. Stevenson
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. *C. H. Hight*, care of the Postmaster of *Waynesburg*, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called

Santa Fe Santafe

Select a short name for the proposed office, which, when written, will not resemble the name of any other post office in the State.

It will be situated to the *east* quarter of Section *12*, Township *12* (North or South),

Range *12* (East or West), in the County of *Braxton*, State of *West Virginia*.

It will be on *the* route No. *20120*, being the route from *Falmouth* to *Waynesburg*.

The contractor's name is *W. G. Shrock Norton*, on which the mail is now carried *3* times per week.

Will it be directly on this route?—*Yes.*

If not, how far from, and on which side of it?—*Yes.*

How much will it increase the travel of the mail one way each trip?—*Yes.*

Whence will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—*Yes.*

Whence will the mail arrive at the proposed office?—*Yes.*

What post office will be left out by this change?—*None.*

If one or more routes to a special office are wanted?—*None.*

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is *Braxton*.

its distance is *three* miles in a *Eastern* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is *Milford*.

its distance is *four* miles in a *Western* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is *Waynesburg*.

distance by the most direct road *five* miles in a *Northwest* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is *North Fork of Sinking*.

The name of the nearest creek is *North Fork of Sinking*.

The proposed office will be *on* *North bank* side of it, and will be *one* mile from said creek, on the *North* side of it.

The name of the nearest railroad is *Kentucky Central R.R.*

If on the line of or near a railroad, on which side will the office be located, how far from the track, and what is, or will be, the name of the station?—*Yes.*

What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest flag station?—*Yes.*

State name of station: *Falmouth*

What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest station at which mail trains make regular stops?—*Yes.* *18* Ms.

State name of station? *Falmouth*

If the proposed office is located where it can be supplied from a stage or flag station, or located over 50 miles from the station where mail trains make regular stops, will the mail be carried by mail from the proposed office to the station?—*Yes.*

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—*Yes.* *Eighty*

Also, the population to be supplied by the proposed office.—*Yes.* *200*

A diagram, or sketch from a map, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

ALL WHICH I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this *12* day of *May*, 188*4*.

(To Sign full name.) *J. H. Fetter*, Proposed P. M.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. Brough
Postmaster at *Milford*

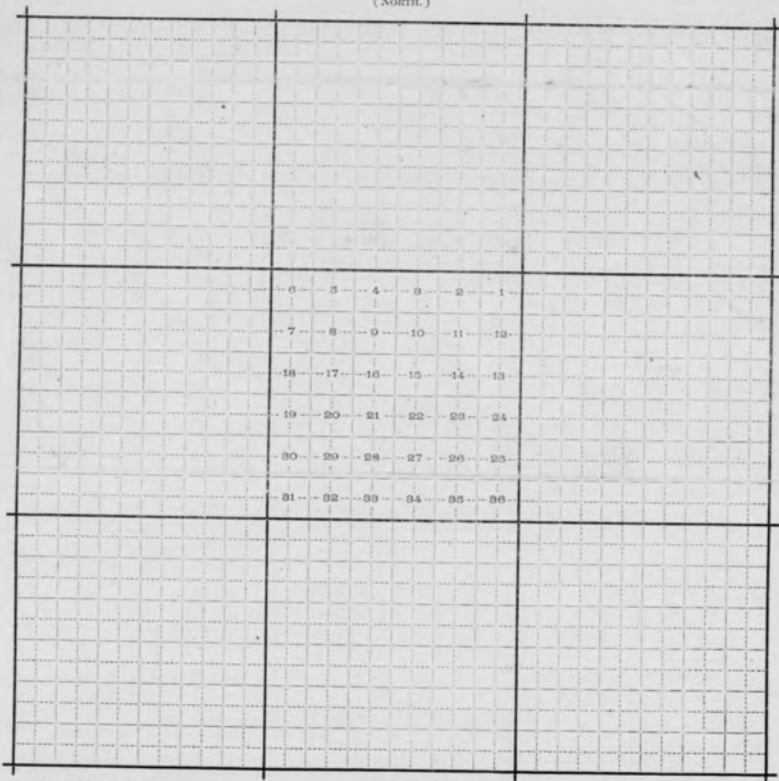
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Be careful to answer the inquiries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Diagram showing the site of the *Post Office*
 in Township _____ (N. or S.), Range _____ (E. or W.) of _____ Principal
 Meridian, County of _____ State
 of _____, with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department.

(NORTH.)



Scale 1/2 inch to the mile.

(SOUTH.)



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