

J.K.W.

Post Office Department,  
OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 4 28 1904

Sir: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at Drury, County of Gallatin, State of Montana, it will be necessary for you to carefully answer the subjunct 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 be not on any mail route, only a "Special Office" can be established, to be supplied with mail from some convenient point on the nearest mail route by a special carrier, for which service a sum equal two-thirds the salary of the postmaster will be paid by the Department.

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

J. B. Distow  
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. ~~Thomas Groves~~ Thomas Groves  
care of the Postmaster of Marshaw, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called Drury

Notice directions for selecting post office names on next page.

It will be situated in the North quarter of Section Hoggins Precinct (North of South)

Range 29376 to the County of Gallatin State of Kentucky

It will be on Marshaw Ky being the route from Tex Ky

Will it be directly on this route—Yes on which the mail is now 6 1/2 times per week

If not, how much would it supply on this route increase the distance necessarily traveled by the carrier in going once over the route? By extending the same 2 1/2 miles

If not on any route, is a "Special Office" wanted?—Yes to be supplied from Marshaw

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on one side, is Lars on Carroll County Ky

its distance is four (4) miles in a Southwest direction from the proposed office

The name of the nearest office on the other side is Tex Gallatin County Ky

its distance is four (4) miles in a Northwest direction from the proposed office

The name of the other nearest office to the proposed one is Elkhidge Gallatin County Ky

its distance by the most direct route is 5 1/2 miles in a North west direction from the proposed office

The name of the most prominent river near by is Ohio

The name of the nearest creek is Stephens

The proposed office will be four (4) miles from said river, on the South side of it, and will be on the bank of Stephens creek, on the West side of it.

The name of the nearest railroad is St. L. & N. O.

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

Give the population to be supplied by the proposed office.—About Three Hundred

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—County Stars

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. 14

At May 1904 I certify to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this

day of May 1904 Thomas Groves, Proposed P. M.

(If Sign full name.)

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

(This must be signed by Postmaster at nearest office.)

Thomas Hylton jr  
Postmaster at Tex

As a "special office" the postmaster is authorized to consider as practicable, for a sum not exceeding two-thirds of the postmaster's compensation.

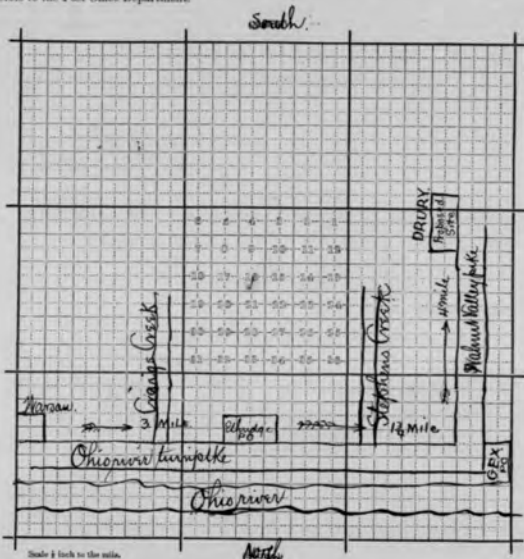
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(OVER)

Diagram showing the site of the *Drury* Post Office, Haggins Precinct in Township (N. 13 S.), Range (E. or W.) of Meridian, County of *Dallatin*, State of *Kentucky*, with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.

Post Office,  
Principal  
State

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.



INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO NAMES OF POST OFFICES.

Attention is called to the following order issued by the Postmaster General, dated April 9, 1894:

"ORDER, No. 114.—To remove a cause of annoyance to the Department and injury to the Postal Service in the selection of names for newly established post offices, it is hereby ordered, that from this date only short names or names of one word will be accepted. There may be exceptions when the name selected is historical, or has become local by long usage, but the Department reserves the right in such cases to make the exception or not as it sees proper. Names of post offices will only be changed for reasons satisfactory to the Department."

The prefix of "East," "Old," "New," "North," "South," or "West," to the name of a post office is objectionable; as also is the addition of "Barg," "Center," "City," "Corners," "Creek," "Cross Roads," "Depot," "Hill," "Hotel," "Hollow," "Junction," "Mill," "Mound," "Peak," "Plains," "Point," "Port," "Prairie," "Rock," "River," "Run," "Ridge," "Store," "Station," "Springs," "Town," "Valley," "Village," or "Village," and all other prefixes or additions, as such prefixes or additions are liable to lead to confusion and delay in transmission of the mails.

Delay may often be avoided by here submitting in order of preference several names as the first selected may be rejected by the Department.

Drury Key