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Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C., 26th St, 1884

SIR: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office of Vilas, County of Mason, State of Kentucky, 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 special carrier, for which service a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount of the salary of the postmaster at such of 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. Henry Mattingly

care of the Postmaster of Marysville, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called

"Vilas" Plum Fork

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

It will be situated in the _____ quarter of Section _____, Township _____ (North or South), Range _____ (East or West), _____ in the County of Mason, State of Kentucky.
It will be on or near route No. 3037A, being the route from Burlingame to Marysville on which the mail is now carried three times per week.
The contractor's name is R. P. Polite.
Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. Yes.
If not, how far from, and on which side of it?—Ans. None.
How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—Ans. None.
Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans. None.
Where intersect the route again?—Ans. None.
What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. None.
If not on any route, is a "Special Office" wanted?—Ans. No. To be supplied from _____.
The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Rocky Mills, Mason Co. its distance is 3 miles in a East of South direction from the proposed office.
The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Chapel its distance is six miles in a West of North direction from the proposed office.
The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is Springsdale distance by the most direct road 3 miles in a North East direction from the proposed office.
The name of the most prominent river near it is Shelby.
The name of the nearest creek is Shelby Creek.
The proposed office will be 3 miles from said river, on the South side of it, and will be 1/2 miles from said nearest creek, on the East side of it.
The name of the nearest railroad is Kentucky Central.
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 station?—Ans. Distance from proposed office to nearest Railroad is about 4 1/2.
What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest flag station?—Ans. None.
State name of station: _____
What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest station at which mail trains make regular stops?—Ans. None.
State name of station? _____
If the proposed office is located where it can be supplied from a crane or flag station, or located over 80 rods from the station where mail trains make regular stops, will the mail be carried to and from the proposed office without expense to the Department?—Ans. None.
If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. 21
Also, the population to be supplied by the proposed office.—Ans. 130
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 _____ day, _____, 1884.

(Sign full name.) Henry Mattingly, Proposed P.

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

Henry W. Riggs
Postmaster at Marysville
Mason County, Ky.

Should the within named Post Office be established it will be a great convenience to people in that immediate locality. I recommend same. Very respectfully, A. E. Stevenson

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

Diagram showing the site of the

in Township (N. or S.), Range (E. or W.) of

Meridian, County of Massachusetts, State of Mass., with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.



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

(NORTH.)



Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the mile.

(SOUTH.)

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