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TOPOGRAPHER.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

CONTRACT OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 7th, 1870.



SIR:

To enable the Topographer of this Department to determine, with as much accuracy as possible, the relative positions of Post Offices so that they may be correctly delineated on its maps, the Postmaster General requests you to fill up the spaces and answer the questions below, and return the same, verified by your signature and dated, under cover to this Office.

Respectfully, &c.,

Wm. Smith
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

To POSTMASTER AT Black

Mason Co

The (P. O. Dept.) name of my office is Black

* Its local name is also Black

It is situated in Maywell Township,

County of Mason, State of Kentucky

The name of the most prominent river near it is Ohio

The name of the nearest creek is Lawrence

This office is 6 1/2 miles from said river, on the South side of it, and is

2 1/2 miles from said nearest creek, on the South side of it.

The name of the nearest office on route No. 9622 is Fearn Leaf, and its distance is 3 1/2 miles, by the traveled road, in a Western direction from this my office.

The name of the nearest office, on the same route, on the other side, is Maywell and its distance is 6 1/2 miles in a Eastern direction from this my office.

The name of the nearest office off the route is Washington, and its distance by the most direct road is 5 miles in a South East direction from this my office.

This office is at a distance of _____ from the _____ Station of the _____ Railroad, on the _____ side of the railroad.

State, under this, the names of all other offices near your office, in different directions from it, and their distances from it by the most direct roads. Minerva is 6 1/2 miles north west

* If the town, village, or site of the Post Office, be known locally by another name than that of the Post Office, state that other name here, that it may be identified on any published map of the State (or Territory) if appearing thereon.

A diagram of the township (or, where the land is not so divided, a sketch map,) showing the precise location of your office, together with the adjoining Post Offices, towns or villages, the roads, railroads, and larger streams or creeks, in addition to the above verbal description, will be useful, and is desired.

A correct map of the locality and adjacent country might be furnished by your County Surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department; it being, however, for the general interest and advantage of the community to have the Post Offices correctly located on the maps, it may be expected that this will be cheerfully furnished on proper application.

State (on margin of this sheet) whether there is on file at your county seat (court-house), or in the hands of your County Surveyor, a map of the county.

State also the present Surveyor's name and Post Office address.

(Signature of Postmaster.) Wm. S. Smith

(Date.) Feb 25 1870