

Place Names of Cooper County, Missouri including lost towns, landmarks, and waysides

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A Directory of Towns, Villages, and Hamlets Past and Present of Cooper County, Missouri, compiled by Arthur Paul Moser.

Bell Air (Bellair)

Directions: Located in Section 13, Township 47 North, Range 18 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Stay on state road 5 going south for approximately another 8.3 miles until state road 5 crosses a gravel road. Don't blink on you will miss it.

History: The life of this "town" is interwoven with the history of the Leonard and Ravenswood Farm, as well as with the Wyans and others. L. P. Bell first settled it in 1848. At one time it was a postal office and the area had a physician, clothing store with tailor, and a blacksmith. Now only the church remains to mark to spot of Bell Air.

Post Office: The community of Bellair was served by a post office form 1849-1864 and afterwards as the town of Bell Air from 1864-1906

Big Lick

See Gooch's Mill

Billingsville (Bellingsville)

Directions: Located in Section 28, Township 48 North, Range 17 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Stay on state road 5 for another 3 miles until it intersects with the first gravel road on your left (east). Take the gravel road for about 0.1 mile. Welcome to Billingsville.

History: In the late 1920s there was a general store operated by Henry Hoflander and a blacksmith shop owned and operated by Thomas McDonough. It is now best known for the St. John United Church of Christ and their annual fall festivals. At one time there was a store, blacksmith, school, and church. Only the church remains.

Post Office: This hamlet was served by a post office from 1871-1875 and then from 1890-1942.

Blackwater

Directions: Located in Sections 34 and 27, Township 47 North, Range 19 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 13 miles. Then take route Z west for 0.2 miles until it connects with route K. Take route K north for 3 miles. You are in Blackwater.

History: The first permanent settler was James Broach who arrived in 1816. This makes Blackwater one of the oldest trading posts in Cooper County. The Lamine River is situated on the east and south and the Blackwater River on the north. Today Blackwater is rebuilding and repairing its buildings and attempting to bring the town back to life.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1873-1874 and then from 1877 to the present.

Bluff City

Directions: *The location of Bluff City is unknown other than being located in Palestine Township.*

History: *[Insert History here], Most likely the same town as Hirst.*

Post Office: *There is no record of a post office at Bluff City.*

Boonville

Directions: *Start here, you can find it on any map.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1825 to the present.*

Bridgeport

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1860-1864.*

Buffalo Prairie

See Prairie Lick

Bunceton

Directions: *Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Stay on state road 5 going south for approximately another 11 miles until state road 5 intersects with route J. Take route J to east for 3.3 miles and you will be in downtown Bunceton!*

History: *Bunceton was laid out in 1868 by Harvey Bunce.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1868 to the present.*

Buzzard Roost

Directions: *Located in Section 28, Township 48 North, Range 15 West. Starting from Gooch Mill travel 1/2 mile.*

History: *This was a derogatory name applied to the Negro community living in this area.*

Post Office: *There is no record of this hamlet having a post office.*

Byberry

Directions: *Located in Section 5, Township 45 North, Range 18 West. From Boonville take state road 5 until you are one mile from the county line. There you will find an unmarked county road head east (your left). Travel on that road for 2.5 miles until the road turns directly south. You are in the general area of Byberry.*

History: *There is no record of a town having been platted in this location. Instead Byberry appears to be a group of houses or a dispersed community.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1890-1914.*

Carrsville

History: *I can find no record of a town named Carrsville. If this town were named after the Carville families; one possible location would have been [insert possible location here].*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1850-1855.*

Chouteau Springs (Chouteau, Sulfur Springs)

Directions: *Located in Section 16, Township 48 North, Range 18 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for approximately 2 miles or until you reach the first gravel road on your right. Take this gravel road around the bend to your right until you reach the cemetery on your right, which is approximately .5 miles. Keep going oh, about another .5 miles you will go down into a flat valley, with the springs on your left.*

History: *For many years a popular local resort and mineral springs. In the late 1920s Everett Spry operated the park, O. Robbins had a store, and Mrs. Day ran the hotel*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1890-1896.*

Clarks Fork

Directions: *Located in Section 28, Township 48 North, Range 16 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for approximately 7 miles until it intersects with county road Y. Take county road Y east for approximately 0.5 miles. The general area to the North is Clarks Fork.*

History: *There was a store there in the late 1920s being operated by Ed Fricke and Herman Timm. Be sure to ask about their ghosts.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1841-1908.*

Clear Creek

Directions: *Located in Sections 2 and 11, Township 47 North, Range 19 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwest direction for 7.6 miles until you reach the intersection with route N. Take route N to the west for approximately 3.6 miles. Clear Creek, a religious community.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1871-1872.*

Clifton City (Cranmer's Mill, Corum's Mill, Clifton)

Directions: *Located in Sections 17 and 18, Township 46 North, Range 19 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwest direction for approximately 20 miles. Congratulations, you have arrived!*

History: *Once known as "the Devil's Half Acre" because it was a place where several notorious characters frequented to cause numerous skirmishes. It was on the Katy railroad. On this site was originally Cranmer's Mill, which later became Corum's Mill. It was George Cranmer who named the post office Clifton. See also Cold Neck.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1873-1959.*

Coal Bank

Directions: Located on the Section 21 and 22 line, Township 47 North, Range 17 West. Start at Lone Elm and take route KK heading west. Travel approximately 2.2 miles until reach the first intersection which is Coal Bank Road. Stop the car and look around; this is as good as it gets.

History: No town was ever platted in this location. The focal point of this area is the church. During the Civil War, Federal troops camped nearby during Price's invasion.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1854-1868.

Cold Neck

Directions: Located in Section 8, Township 46 North, Range 19 West. Cold Neck? You cannot get there any longer. But if you are determined to try then start your journey in Clifton City at the intersection on 135 and BB. Take Route 135 north for .5 mile and stop the car. Off to the east, your right, you will see the Lamine River in the distance. Getting permission from the landowner walk across the fields for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile until you reach the riverbank; sit down and enjoy the view of Cold Neck.

History: Cold Neck is mentioned in the very earliest records of the county. My supposition is that it was the area focal point before Clifton City into existence; and that it was the actual site of Cranmer's mill.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1852-1866 and then again from 1868-1872.

Corvoli (Carioli)

Directions: Talk about a place that I have never heard. The only hint on the location is on R. F. D. northwest of Pilot Grove. So my best guess is start from Pilot Grove on route KK west then north then west for a total of approximately 5 miles until the road turns into a gravel road with a fork heading north and another fork leading west. Take the gravel road leading west for another .2 mile. William Trigg owned the land to the north and if anyone had erected a store here it would have been Trigg. Additionally, there was once a schoolhouse located on this land.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1900-1906.

Conner's Mill

Directions: Located on the western line of Section 18, Township 48 North, Range 15 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 4 miles. Next take interstate 70 east for 5 miles until it intersects with state road 179. Take state road 179 southeast for 1.5 miles until it intersects with county road V travel south for 1.9 miles until it intersects with a gravel road going west. Taking the gravel road heading west (right) for approximately 2 -3 miles or until you reach the first gravel road on your left. Back the car 100 yards down the road, stop, look to your left out of the car window. You are there.

History: Mr. James F. Conner was a small boy when he, with his parents, settled in Saline Township. He is the proprietor of the Conner's mill, situated on the Petite Saline Creek, about nine miles east of Boonville, which was erected by Charles Force, and until it was purchased by, Mr. Conner, who changed it into a steam mill, it was run entirely by water power. This mill was built at a very early day, and has proved of great benefit to the inhabitants of this township, as it gave them a market at home for their surplus products. As with most mills there was a small settlement at Connor's mill. The village had six or eight frame and log houses, the mill, a store, and a wagon maker's shop.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1899-1906.

Cranmer's Mill

See Clifton City. See Cold Neck.

Crossroads

Directions: *Start at Conner's Mill go back to the intersection that you just left. This should be Crossroads.*

History: *Another town, the name of which is now unknown, was located at the "cross road," north of Conner's mill, near the late residence of judge Jesse Ogden, but was soon abandoned.*

Corum's Mill

See Clifton City. See Cold Neck.

Cotton (Dick, Dick's Mill)

Directions: *Located in Section 30, Township 46 North, Range 16 West. Starting in Boonville, Missouri, take state road B south for a little over 11 miles until it intersects with route J. Take route J west for 0.3 miles until it intersects with route T. Take route T south / southeast for approximately 4 miles. When you run out of road you are in Cotton.*

History: *There was a country store here in the late 1920s managed by a "hustler" named Wade Long. The "town" was once called "Dicks Mill". The store is now used for storage and the mill and blacksmith shop are long gone.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1868-1906.*

Dick (Dick's Mill)

Directions: *See Cotton. Dick's Mill was less than .1 mile south of Cotton.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1887-1899.*

Elkton

See Otterville.

Elliott

See Merna.

Emmons Landing

Directions: *Like Lamine Landing there really is not an easy way to get there. Travel up the Missouri River by boat, past the mouth of the Lamine River for approximately .8 miles and you will be there. By land, take the directions to the William Ashley Burial Grounds. When the road runs out go north .1 mile by foot. In 1877 the road reached all the way to the river.*

Post Office: *This is no indication of this spot every having a post office.*

Ewingsville

See New Lebanon.

Fairpoint (Fair Point)

See New Lebanon.

Fairview

History: *In Cooper County there was a Fairview Grange, Fairview School District with a Fairview School (located in Clarks Fork Township), a poor house located at Fairview, a "Fairview Dairy Farm" (located south of Boonville in Boonville Township). Other sources list Fairview as being in Prairie Home Township. I give up on this one.*

Post Office: *There is no record of this area ever having a post office.*

Fieldsborough

History: *Although this place was once served by a post office; I have no idea of the location. Given the time frame of 1833-1838; this place could well be located in a county other than Cooper County.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1833-1838.*

Fort McMahan

History: *In the year 1812 or 1813 there was a fort by this name built somewhere in Lamine Township. The exact location is not known.*

Post Office: *There is no record of this area ever having a post office.*

Fort Osage

History: *In 1808 Indians killed John Ruffy six miles above Fort Osage. Having a post office and being mentioned in the history books does not mean that this site is located within the present day boundaries of Cooper County. I would travel further south to find this area.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1820-1826.*

Gillespie

History: *I have no idea of where this place was located or whether it is within the present day boundaries of Cooper County. The Gillespie name is prominent in Cooper County history, with most of the families living in Blackwater Township.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1852-1855.*

Gilroy

History: *Dr. Waid Howard ran a store at this place in 1847 until he moved his business to Tipton, Missouri*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1852-1858.*

Gooch Mill (Big Lick, Gooch's Mill, Gooches Mill)

Directions: *Located in Sections 29 and 20, Township 48 North, Range 15 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 4 miles. Next take interstate 70 east for 5 miles until it intersects with state road 179. Take state road 179 southeast for 1.5 miles until it intersects with county*

road V south for 1.9 miles until it intersects with a gravel road going east. It is approximately .1 mile east on the gravel road.

History: Sometimes known as "Big Lick" and once a thriving little community with its mill on the banks of the Petite Saline, a well-stocked general store and several other small business. The old covered bridge across the creek was still in use in the late 1920s.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1840-1906.

Green Grove

See New Lebanon.

Harriston (Harrison)

Directions: Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for 6.4 miles until you reach Pilot Grove. Continue out of town on state road 135 until you reach Route N going to the east (your right). This is approximately .7 miles. Take route N for about .2 mile until you see a gravel road going south southwest (your left) and paralleling the railroad tracks. When it intersects with another gravel road, look out the window to your left. Welcome to Harriston.

History: Harriston was established in 1873 and grew to be a shipping point for grain and livestock on the railroad. It had a railroad depot, post office, two general stores and a blacksmith. It was named after Dr. N. W. Harris who donated the land. One house remains in Harriston

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1873-1908.

Hirst

History: Near the south edge of the county on the MKT railroad. Probably also known as Bluff City

Houstonville

History: A town called "Houstonville," was laid off by B. W. Levens and John Ward at the ferry landing, opposite Rocheport, and some lots were sold, but not much improved. The site of the town has long since disappeared under the encroaching waters of the Missouri river.

Howard's Rock (Howard's Bluff)

Directions: T49 R18 Section 36 on the bank of the Missouri River

History: Based on the 1897 Land Platt for Cooper County; this is landmark and not a town. The rock is located directly on the bank of the Missouri River.

Post Office: This is no indication of this spot every having a post office.

Jewett's Mill

Directions: Located in Section 27, Township 48 North, Range 16 West, Northwest Quarter and Southwest sub quarter section.

History: No record exists of a post office.

Jotown (Joetown)

History: Located between Billingsville and Speed. Gottholt Schubert operated a mill in this location. T47 R17 Section 5 one mile NE of County Farm.

Post Office: No record exists of a post office.

Jones

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1824-1825 and then again from 1828-1831.

Lakota (Pigeon Roost)

Directions: You will love these directions. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 15 miles to Prairie Home, Missouri. Once there take route J west (right) for approximately 2.5 miles until it intersects with route O. Take route O south (left turn) for 2.6 miles. You are in Pisgah. You are going to continue on Route O for a long time. I hate to do this, but it is the third gravel road on your right going south past Pisgah. I you reach the intersection of Routes O and N then turn around and drive a mile back up the road. Going south Lakota would be the southwest corner of the intersection of Route O and the gravel road.

History: About 1900, George Pealer built a general store here. And in 1902 it became a post office. Mr. Pealer was the one who named it Lakota. Originally it was known as Pigeon Roost due to the large flocks of passenger pigeons roosting there. By 1906 the post office was gone and by 1918 so was the store. It was torn down in 1931.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1902-1906.

Lamine (Lamine City, La Mine)

Directions: Located in Section 3, Township 48 North, Range 18 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 3.8 miles. Then take state road 41 in a northwesterly direction for 2.3 miles.

History: Once a thriving community on the west bank of the Lamine River. Turley store has long since closed and Lamine consists of little more than a couple of houses.

Post Office: La Mine was served by a post office from 1838-1924 and as Lamine from 1922-1956.

Lamine Landing

Directions: There really is not a road that reaches this area. Traveling to the mouth of the Lamine River by boat is the easiest way. Lamine landing is on western shore of the Lamine River at the mouth of the river.

History: Thomas Mellor at one time kept a distillery on his property close by.

Post Office: There is no record of Lamine Landing ever having a post office.

Lone Elm

Directions: Located in Section 24, Township 47 North, Range 17 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo, take state road B south for a little over 9.6 miles until in intersects with route KK. You have reached Lone Elm.

History: *There was a store here in the 1920s was established by Ed Fricke in the 1880's. This area is best known for the Lutheran Church located here.*

Post Office: *There is no record of Lone Elm ever having a post office.*

Martinsville

Directions: *Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for approximately 2 miles or until you reach the first gravel road on your right. Take this gravel road around the bend to your right until you reach the cemetery on your right, which is approximately .5 miles.*

Post Office: *There is no record of Martinsville ever having a post office.*

Merna (Elliott)

Directions: *Located in Section 35, Township 49 North, Range 16 West. From Boonville, Mo take Locust St until you reach the intersection with 11th Street. Keep going straight on the gravel road. Stay on the gravel road for approximately 4 miles until it intersections with another gravel road. Take the left fork. The road will sharply downward. Approximately 0.5 miles down the road level out and make a sharp turn to the right. The bend in the road is Merna.*

History: *This land was platted for a town named Elliott. History does not record whether any buildings were ever erected on this site. The name of Elliott was taken after the landowners. Evidently, the purpose was to create a shipping point on the railroad also having river access for shipping.*

Post Office: *There is no record of Merna ever having a post office.*

Midway

See Prairie Home

History: *Two miles east of the present site of Prairie Home was regarded as the half way place between Jefferson City and Boonville; and was a stage stop and a post office site. Albert Tompkins entered this land in 1835. He kept the stage stop and the post office at his home. This was at an early date long before Prairie Home had found a place on the map.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1843-1864.*

Milton

See Gooch Mill

Mount Carmel

Directions: *Located in Section 6, Township 45 North, Range 18 West. You can't get there any longer. But I can tell you that you are a determined soul. So go to Otterville and find the junction of Routes BB and A. Follow Route A to the east for approximately 2 plus miles until Route A turns 90 degrees to the north. Don't turn! Go straight ahead for about another mile until you find the first road to the right (south). Turn right and travel another .2 of a mile until you reach the Land owned by the Missouri Conservation Department. You have succeeded in finding Mount Carmel.*

History: *Mount Carmel was once located on major roadway leading from Boonville to Syracuse. But things change and Otterville, three miles to the west, eclipsed Mount Carmel. The roads have now all changed and the Mount Carmel is now located on Missouri Conservation Department lands.*

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1839-1858.

New Lebanon (Green Grove, Ewingsville, Fair Point, Fairpoint, and Lebanon)

Directions: Located in Section 7, Township 46 North, Range 18 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for 12 miles. At the intersection of state road 135 and route 3 and route A; take route A directly south for approximately 3.1 miles. New Lebanon, a friendly place.

History: One of the oldest settlements in the county having been founded in 1819 - 1820 by a band of Kentuckians headed by Rev. Finis Ewing. At first life centered around the church and school, later came the flouring mill, the blacksmith shop and the store.

This town has had many names in 1820 it was known as Green Grove. From 1821-1847 the town was called Ewingsville after Finis Ewing. It was called Fair Point or Fairpoint from 1847-1887 and from 1887-1976 it was called New Lebanon. Throughout this time period it was alternately called New Lebanon. The town was unincorporated in 1976.

Post Office: Served by a post office as Ewingsville from 1827-1842; as Fair Point 1850-1862; as Fairpoint from 1868-1869; and as New Lebanon from 1887-1906.

New Palestine

See Speed

New Salem

History: New Salem, most likely, was located at the site of one of the two New Salem churches. Given the age of the post office the presumption is that it was located at the site of the New Sales Cumberland Presbyterian. This church is located on section 12, township 47, range 16, Prairie Home Township. It was organized in 1821, at the residence of Alexander Johnston, by Rev. Robert W. Morrow, who was sent out to the west in 1819.

Post Office: Served by a post office in 1840.

Old Palestine (Palestine)

Directions: Located in Section , Township North, Range , West.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1835-1836 and then again from 1838-1849.

Otterville (Elkton)

Directions: Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for approximately 20 miles until it intersects with route BB. Take route BB south to southeast for 6.2 miles.

History: Once known as "Elkton" because of the large number of elk and deer that abounded there. The first settlers in the region came there in the 1820's but the town was not laid out until 1854 by W. G. Wear, a merchant known as "Long George", who built the first warehouse. Once a strategic site for the Union Army during the Civil War. The encampment was selected and designed by General William T. Sherman.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1848 to the present.

Overton

Directions: Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 4 miles. Next take interstate 70 east for 5 miles until it intersects with state road 179. Take state road 179 northwest for .2 of miles until it intersects with state road 98. Take state road 98 northeast for 1 mile. Scenic Overton!

History: Located opposite from Rocheport this is more of a community than a town. At one time it had a post office, several stores and a blacksmith shop.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1864-1944.

Petersburg

Directions: T47 R17 Section 20 NE Quarter SW Sub-Quarter on the railroad line 2 miles south of Speed.

History: Named after Samuel Peters who first settled on this land in 1818. It was located on the Osage Valley and Southern Kansas railroad. This platted town was doomed from the beginning.

Post Office: There is no record of Petersburg ever having a post office.

Pigeon Roost

See Lakota

Pilot Grove

Directions: Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for 6.4 miles. Pilot Grove, my kind of town!

History: The town was laid out in 1873 by Samuel Roe and situated on the Katy railroad.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1833 to the present.

Pisgah

Directions: Located in Section 2, Township 46 North, Range 16 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 15 miles to Prairie Home, Missouri. Once there take route J west (right) for approximately 2.5 miles until it intersects with route O. Take route O south (left turn) for 2.6 miles.

History: Came into existence when the Shelton blacksmith shop was built there in 1818. Later came a church and a mill (at one time run by Patrick Mahan). A store was still there in the late 1920's. Little remains except the cemeteries to mark the existence of Pisgah.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1848-1910.

Pleasant Green

Directions: Located in Section 25, Township 47 North, Range 19 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for 14 miles. Pleasant Green welcomes you.

History: *Not technically a town because it was never chartered. It is a distinct community on the Katy railroad. It was originally built around the Pleasant Green or Walker Plantation.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1842-1867 then again from 1869-1871 and finally from 1873-1954.*

Prairie Home

Directions: *Located in Section 20, Township 47 North, Range 15 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 15 miles.*

History: *James Boswell was its first businessman, opening a store in the early 1870s.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1874 to the present.*

Prairie Lick (Buffalo Prairie, Prairie Lick Station, Lick)

Directions: *Located in Section 18, Township 48 North, Range 17 West. A very difficult place to get to. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Go west on interstate 70 for 4 miles. Then take state road 135 in a southwesterly direction for approximately .2 miles until you see a gravel road on your left. Take the gravel road for approximately 1.8 miles or until it intersects with another gravel road. Take the gravel road going south (to your right) for approximately .1 to .2 miles and you will be there.*

Before the train come through this area, the region was known as Buffalo Prairie.

History: *There was a store here in the late 1920's operated by George W. Drennen, who had been there since about the turn of the century. Also a grain elevator and blacksmith shop were located here at one time.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1899-1906.*

Rankin's Mill

Directions: *Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction. After you cross over I-70 and approximately .6 miles later you will discover a gravel road to your right (west). Take the road and about a mile later it will left turn (south) and continue for about another .5 miles until it intersects with Route U. Take Route U to your left (east) for about .3 miles or until you cross the bridge going over the Petite Saline creek. Off to your right (west) would have been Rankin's Mill.*

History: *The names "Woodville" or "Woodville Mills" were originally used to identify the Rankin Mill property. At one time, the mill was a very popular spot for the young people of Boonville. Rankin Mill operated for some time before closing in 1918. The buildings have been demolished. A popular fishing spot.*

Redd's Store

History: *There was a Redd and Gibson general merchandise store in Lamine. Mr. Redd was also known to have been a postmaster from 1874 to 1883. J. T. Redd owned land and buildings in T49 R18 Section 31 NW Quarter on the Road.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1888-1889.*

Rollingsville

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1855-1863.

Round Hill

Directions: Starting in Boonville, Mo, take state road B south for a little over 9.6 miles until it intersects with route KK. You have reached Lone Elm. Stay on route B going south for about another 2.5 until it intersects with Route J. Take Route J going west (right) for approximately 2.4 or until you see Route B again heading south (left). Get on route B and follow it for what appears to be 7.3 miles. At this point you are heading east and Route B will take a turn to the south (right) and straight ahead still going east the road turns into Route AA. Take Route AA for about .7 miles until it intersects a gravel road. Look north and then look south at this side of the intersection. Welcome to Round Hill.

History: Round hill really has no claim to fame. It was once a small community of about four homes with two stores, blacksmith, Negro school, doctor, mill, etc.. The owner of the land also owned the land that is now Tipton and he, William Tipton Seely, is the founder of Tipton.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1837-1864.

Sale

Directions: Located west of Vermont in the only known direction. Amazingly, when you follow those directions you come to the approximate location of Soleville. Edward Sole once owned land in this area.. Therefore, I believe "Sole" was mistakenly written as "Sale"; and that Sale and Soleville are one in the same.

Post Office: There is no record of Sale ever having its own post office.

Salt Springs (Heath's Lick)

Directions: Located west of Vermont in the only known direction. Amazingly, when you follow those directions you come to the approximate location of Soleville. And in this area is land once owned by one Edward Sole. Therefore, I believe "Sole" was mistakenly written as "Sale"; and that Sale and Soleville are one in the same.

History: Sardine was a corruption of the name of its most prominent citizen, one elderly Dean, whose sour countenance gave him the nickname of "Sorry." Eventually "Sorry" Dean became Sardine and the hamlet bore his name. A general store, a blacksmith shop, a stage stop and several houses comprised the place.

Post Office: There is no record this area ever having a post office.

Sardine

Directions: Located near Clarks Fork are the only directions. Given all of the criteria, the most probably area is on land once owned by T. I. Dean. Located in the center of Section 27, Township 48 North, Range 16 West is the land of T. I. Dean. Maps also indicate a store being located on this exact spot. And best of all, it is only a mile away from Clarks Fork. So if you want to get there follow the directions to Clarks Fork but stay on Route 87 for approximately another ½ mile until you reach the next road heading west. Follow that road for about 1 mile until it makes a sharp dogleg to the south. At the corner of the dogleg, Sardine would be immediately to the north. Savor the moment.

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Post Office: There is no record of Sardine ever being serviced by a post office.

Soleville

Directions: Four miles southeast of New Lebanon are the only known directions. But following this directions and you end up on land once owned by Edward Sole. This land is located in Section 28, Township 46 North, and Range 18 West. So if Soleville is your destination start by heading to Byberry. Don't take the road heading east; but slam on your brakes and you will slide into the intersection of Route PP and Route 5. Of course you will want to take Route PP heading west. You will so turn north, then west, then north until Route PP in no longer a paved road. You are now in the heart of Soleville. Edward Sole's land is to your immediate west (left).

History: In 1899 Julia Jenkins was a teacher at Mt. Zion and a resident of Soleville. This and other information lead one to the inevitable conclusion that Soleville was a dispersed community covering many square miles of land. Most probably Edward Sole ran a post office from his home and named it Soleville. Thus giving this community its name.

Post Office: Served by a post office from 1887-1905.

Speed (New Palestine)

Directions: Located in Section 8, Township 47 North, Range 17 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take US 40 also known as state road 5 to the interstate 70 interchange. Stay on state road 5 going south for approximately another 7.1 miles until state road 5 intersect with route F. Take Route F going east for approximately another 3 miles. What a town in its hey day.

History: First called New Palestine and one of the older settlements in the county. It was originally called New Palestine when the town was moved from Old Palestine to the new site by the railroad. It was later named Speed in honor of Austin Speed. In the late 1920s it had a population of several hundred and was on the Boonville / Versailles Branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad.

Post Office: Served as a post office as New Palestine from 1869-1898 and as Speed from 1898-1955.

Sulfur Springs

See Chouteau Springs

Sweeney

Post Office: There is no record of Sweeney ever having a post office.

Vandalia

Post Office: Serviced by a post office in 1868.

Vermont or Vermont Station

Directions: Located in Section 15, Township 47 North, Range 17 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo, take state road B south for a little over 9.6 miles until in intersects with route KK. You have reached Lone Elm. Stay on route B going south for about another 2.5 until is intersects with Route J. Take Route J going west (right) for approximately 2.4 or until you see Route B again heading south (left). Get on route B and follow it until you reach the first gravel road to your right (west). This appears to be 2.5 miles. Take the

gravel road going west for approximately .6 miles past the deserted railroad bed, then look to your left. Vermont Lives!

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1838-1864 and then again from 1869-1925.*

Walnut Grove

Post Office: *There is no record of Walnut Grove ever having a post office.*

Washington

History: *There was a town called "Washington," laid off by B. W. Levens, about one mile below Overton, near the Missouri river, on the farm lately occupied by Timothy Chandler. Several lots were sold, houses built, and for a while considerable business done. But the site of the town has long since disappeared, and the spot on which it was located cannot be designated by any persons living. Indeed, but few in that locality are aware of the fact that such a town was ever located and inhabited.*

Post Office: *There is no record of Washington ever having a post office.*

Wills

Directions: *Located in the southwest corner of the county in Clear Creek Township on the M.K.T. railroad.*

Post Office: *There is no record of Wills ever having a post office.*

Wooldridge

Directions: *Located in Section 23, Township 48 North, Range 15 West. Starting in Boonville, Mo take state road 87 in a southeasterly direction for 4 miles. Next take interstate 70 east for 5 miles until it intersects with state road 179. Take state road 179 southeast for 5 miles.*

History: *Incorporated 05 Feb 1904 with the late A. F. Nixon as mayor. Its rise as a town dates from the coming of the River Route of the Missouri Pacific railroad from Jefferson City to Kansas City. The railroad doesn't stop any longer and Missouri River floods have erased a portion of the town.*

Post Office: *Served by a post office from 1902 to the present.*