PLACE NAMES OF JACKSON COUNTY

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Advent a post office in Southern Washington District on Second Creek, a branch of the Middle Fork of the Poca Creek, established June 9, 1893 and named for the Advent Christian Church, then the leading one in the community.

Allen's Fork a former post office on Allen's Creek, a branch of Pocatalico River on the Jackson/Kanawha County line- established July 8, 1862 and discontinued December 20, 1870, the name was later changed to Loop. Probably named for a member of the Allen family.

Almon Run, a tributary of Parchment Creek

Alumrock Run, a tributary of Laurel Run on the Bear Fork of the Tug Fork of Big Mill Creek, in Washington District. Probably named for the water tasting like alum in early days**.**

Amberson Island an early name for Buffington Island, named for a Mr. Amberson, an early squatter on the island.

Angel Ridge located between Parchment Creek and Cox's Fork of Parchment Creek in Ripley District, origin of name unknown.

Angerona a former post office and village in Union District. It was laid out in 1847 by Nathan Ong. Legend is that it was named by Robert Ong and the name was misread by the Post Office Department, thus transcribing the C to A.

Anthony Hill is on Dutch Ridge in Grant District.

Antioch the name of a church and former school on Cow Run in Union District, probably named for the ancient city of that name in Syria, the site of the first Christian church.

Aplin the name a former post office, ridge, elementary school and United Methodist Church in Washington District. Named for William N. Aplin, a large landowner in the area, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island and came here about 1848.

Ash Lick Run a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek in Grant District.

Baby Hollow located on Elk Fork of Mill Creek.

Bailey Run a tributary of Little Pond Creek in Grant District, probably named for a member of the Bailey family

Balis Knob located east of Ravenswood, probably named for a member of the Balis family

Baptist Grove a church and cemetery at Frozen Camp, probably named for the Baptist church holding their meetings in a grove before the church was built or signifying the church was built in a grove

Bar Run a run eight miles west of Ripley

Barnes Run a tributary of Turkey Fork of Sandy Creek

Beaty Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek at Crow Summit, named for the Beaty Family, early settlers in the area a former post office in Grant District, named for the Beaty family, early settlers in the area

Bear Branch a tributary of Little Pond Creek in Grant District

Bear Fork a main tributary of the Tug Fork of Big Mill Creek, likely named for a bear being killed on the stream at an early date

Bear Run a extinct name for Bar Run, eight miles west of Ripley

Bear Run a tributary Fallen Timber Run, a tributary of the Right Fork of Big Sandy Creek

Bee Run a tributary of Grasslick Creek at Fairplain

Bee Run a tributary of Nesselroad Run of Big Sandy Creek

Bee Run a tributary of Little Pond Creek

Bee Tree Hollow located on Little Pond Creek

Beech Fork a tributary of the Bear Fork of Tug Fork of Mill Creek.. An elementary school of the same name was once located there, named for the many large beech trees located on the stream

Beechgrove Church on Nesselroad Run was named for the beech grove in which it was built

Bells Hollow located on the Dog Fork of Poca Creek

Ben's Run a tributary of Lynncamp Creek of Right Fork of Sandy Creek

Berry Flats is located in northern Washington District, probably named for a large number of berry patches found on the flats

Belgrove a former post office located on the waters of Bear Fork in Washington District, it was named for a beautiful grove of sugar maple trees in the vicinity where all-day gatherings were held

Big Hollow located on Sugar Creek near Mt. Tell in Washington District, the name is self evident

Big Horse Run a tributary of Parchment Creek was named for a big horse found on its waters

Big Run a tributary of Upper Mill Creek near Frozen Camp, too little to be a creek, but a large run

Big Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek

Biglick Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek

Billy's Run a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek in Washington District. It was named for William "Old Billy" Allen, an early settler, who became lost while hunting and camped one night on the stream

Beautiful River an Indian name for the Ohio River

Blood Run a tributary of the Nesselroad Run of Big Sandy. Perhaps named because the waters were blood colored after a rain due to the red clay in the watershed

Boar Run a tributary of the Tug Fork of Mill Creek, probably named for a large boar being found on its waters in early days

Board Run a tributary of Big Run, Upper Mill Creek, named for John Board, an early settler on its waters

Boardtree Run a tributary of Laurel Fork of Bear Fork in Washington District, probably named for a large tree which made many boards when sawed for lumber

Boggess Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Big Sandy Creek, named for a member of the Boggess family

Briar Run a tributary of the Crooked Fork of Big Sandy Creek, likely named for the large number of briars on its banks

Brisco United Methodist Church is located in Washington District, it was named for Warwick Briscoe, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Browning a former post office in Grant District

Browning Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek at Silverton, it was named for the Browning family

Brush Run a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek

Brushy Fork tributaries of the Right and Left Fork of Sandy Creek

Buck Creek a tributary of the Nesselroad Fork of Sandy Creek in Grant District probably named for a large buck being killed there

Buck Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Big Sandy Creek, so called from Patton Carder having killed a large buck on the stream about 1840

Bucket Run a tributary of the Trace Fork of Big Sandy Creek, probably named by the surrounding hills creating a bucket effect

Buckeye Knob a high hill on the headwaters of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, probably named for a buckeye grove on the hill, elevation 1095 feet

Buffalo Creek a tributary of Claylick Run

Buffington Island an island in the Ohio River near Sherman, named for Joel Buffington, an early settler on the island; formerly called Amberson's Island, named for an early squatter in the area.

Bull Run a tributary of the Ohio River in Grant District, probably from a buffalo bull being killed there in early days

Bullfrog Run a tributary of Claylick Run, probably named for the large population of bullfrogs there

Burgess Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Big Sandy Creek, probably named for a member of the Burgess Family

Burnt Run a tributary of Claylick Run near Ripley, likely this area was burned over at an early date

Burnt Run a tributary of the North Fork of Grasslick Creek at Fairplain, likely this area was burned over at an early date

Bush Hollow located on the South Fork of Grasslick Creek, named for a member of the Bush family who lived there

Buttermilk a local name for the Lockhart locality, located on the Left Fork of Sandy Creek in Grant District. It was so called by John, a brother of Hiram Sommerville, from observing Hiram's children making daily trips to a neighbor, Isaac Cheuvront house and returning with pails of buttermilk

Buzzard Roost Knob located in eastern Grant District, probably named for a large number of turkey buzzards roosting on the hill

Cain Ridge located in the Rockcastle area, likely named for a member of the Cain family. There was a Joab Cain in Kanawha County in 1800

Camp Run a tributary of the Turkey Fork of Sandy Creek

Campbell Hollow located on the Copper Fork of Sandy Creek

Carthage a discontinued post office is southwestern Ripley District near the Mason County line, probably named for the famous city in North Africa destroyed by the Romans

Centennial Church located on the headwaters of Sycamore Creek, Ripley District, probably named thus because it was founded in the centennial year of our nation, 1876 **Chase/Chase's Mill** a former post office and grain mill located at the foot of Salt Hill on Upper Mill Creek, named for the Chase family who owned the mill for years

Cherry Grove Church located on Cow Run in Union District, named for the wild cherry grove in which it was built

Cherry Run a tributary of Nesselroad Run of Sandy Creek, named for the wild cherry grove on its banks

Cherrycamp Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek, named for the wild cherry grove on its banks

Claylick Run a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek

Claylick Run a tributary of Mill Creek near Ripley

Cockle Run a tributary of the Crooked Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named for the cockleburs growing there

Coleman Branch a tributary of Grasslick Creek, named for Michael Coleman, an early hunter who was shot and scalped by Indians

Coleman Chapel located on Muses Bottom, Grant District, named for Thomas Coleman who gave the money and land for the church and cemetery, Thomas was a grandson of Michael Coleman

Coon Run a tributary of Nesselroad Run, Ravenswood District

Coonrod /Conrad Hill located on Route 33, west of Ripley, named for Elmer and Oliver Coonrod (Conrad) early settlers there

Copper Fork a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named from the copper color of the water after a rain

Cottageville a post office and unincorporated town in Union District. First known as Wright's Mills and later as Moore's Mills before being named Cottageville by Daniel Deming Rhodes, February 24, 1860. The first post office in the county was established here on January 26, 1828, while this was part of Mason County

Cow Run a tributary of Big Mill Creek in Union District is believed to be named for a buffalo cow being killed on its waters at an early date

Cox's Fork a tributary of Parchment Creek, named for a member of the Cox family, early settlers here

Crane Knob a high hill in southern Ripley District, named for the Crane family

Cranenest Run a tributary of Tug Fork at Staats Mills, named for a crane's nest found on the stream in early days

Crooked Fork a tributary of Big Sandy Creek. Headwaters of this stream extend from Ravenswood District into Union District and terminating near Flatwoods.

Crow Summit a former post office located between Sandyville and Silverton in Ravenswood District, named for the Crow family, long prominent in the county

Cuba a former post office located on the headwaters of Little Sandy Creek in Grant District, probably named for Cuba which was much in the news at the time the post office was established in 1894

Cunningham Ridge located in southern Ripley District, named for the Cunningham family, early settlers in that area

Danstown a discontinued post office in Ripley District near the head of Roundknob Run, a tributary of Parchment Creek

Davis Hollow located on White Oak Run in Southern Washington District named for the first settler, a Davis

Dawson Branch a tributary of the Spicewood Branch of Pocatalico Creek, named for members of the Dawson family

DeLong Hollow located on the Cabin Fork of Pond Creek, named for the DeLong family, first settlers in the hollow

Deadman's Hollow located on Little Sandy Creek

Derenburger Hollow located on Little Sandy Creek, named for a member of the Dernberger family, very early settlers of the area

Devil's Den Hollow located on Dudden Fork of Pocatalico

Divide Hill located south of Kenna on old Rt. 21, divides Mill Creek watershed from Pocatalico watershed.

Dog Hollow a tributary of Dudden Fork of Poca Creek. Local story—a dog was killed there as a result or resulting in a neighborhood squabble around 1900.

Doughty Hollow located on the Middle Fork of Poca Creek near Fletcher, probably named for the Doughty family, first residents of the hollow

Douglass a discontinued post office in Union District at the mouth of Mill Creek, formerly known as Ripley Landing, named for Hiram Douglass, postmaster for many years

Drift Run a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named for fallen debris washing down in floods from a drift at the mouth of the stream

Dry Fork a tributary of the Crooked Fork of Sandy Creek

Dudeon's/Dudden's/Dudding's/Dudeon Fork a discontinued post office on Dudeon's Fork of Pocatalico Creek in southern Ripley District, probably named for John Dudeon (Dudden) a Kanawha County settler before 1800. (Local story says trappers built a shanty at the mouth of Dudeon and left the name carved on a tree.)

Duncan a post office and village in eastern Ravenswood District located on the Right Fork of Big Sandy

Dutch Ridge located in northeastern Grant District, possibly named for the settlers of German descent, then commonly known as "The Dutchies" on the ridge

Ebenezer Baptist Church located in Grant District, named for the town in Israel where Philistines defeated the Israelites and captured the Ark of the Covenant

Edgar a discontinued post office located at the head of Pleasant Valley Run in Ripley District

Eighteenmile Creek a tributary of the Kanawha River in southwestern Ripley District, it being eighteen miles from Pt. Pleasant at its mouth

Elk Fork a tributary of Mill Creek, it was named for two elk seen on the stream in pioneer days by Adam, a slave belonging to Michael Rader.

Elk Fork Post Office was located on Elk Fork stream

Emma a discontinued post office and church located about 15 miles south of Ripley in Ripley District, near the Jackson-Putnam County line

Ephesus Baptist Church located on the mouth of Merical Run, a tributary of Grasslick Creek, named for the city of Ephesus in Roman Asia (now Turkey) one of the seven churches mentioned in St. Paul's writings and in the Book of Revelations

Evergreen Hills a recent village on Mill Creek west of Cottageville

Evans a village & post office located four miles west of Ripley on Isaacs Run, named for Ephriam S. Evans, an early settler who was very prominent in Jackson County history

Faber Hollow located on Poca Creek, southern Ripley District, named for Hiram Faber who first settled in the hollow

Fairplain name of a village, former post office and elementary school located on a rolling plain "fair plain" on the headwaters of the north branch of Grasslick Creek, about five miles south of Ripley. The first post office here was named Grass Lick for the stream on which it was located

Fairview Church there were three churches by this name one located in southeastern Union District, one on South Poverty Ridge and one in eastern Ravenswood District

Fallen Timber Run (formerly Falling Timber Run) a tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek, named for the fallen timber on the stream in early days

Falling Water Church a former church located on Bear Fork at Belgrove, named for a little waterfall on a cliff behind the church

Falls Run a tributary of Mill Creek at Cottageville which enters the stream at the falls of Mill Creek, an old mill was once located here

Farley Run a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek near Wiseburg in Grant District, named for the Farley family

First Creek a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca Creek, Second Creek is farther up the stream

Five Mile Run a tributary of the Turkey Fork of Sandy Creek

Flatwoods a village in Union District located on the headwaters of Crooked Fork of Big Sandy Creek, named for the comparatively level land on which it is built, formerly covered by a stand of virgin timber

Fletcher a former post office located on the Middle Fork of Poca Creek, Washington District, named for George Fletcher whose home was closest to the site of the post office when it was established. Major L. Fletcher was an early settler in the area

Flinn a discontinued post office on the waters of Pond Creek in Grant District, named for a member of the Flinn family, prominent early settlers in the area

Fisher's Point a former post office located on Fisher's Ridge in southern Ripley District. Named for the Fisher family which was very numerous in that section in early days and at the present time. **Fisher Ridge**, **Fisher School**, **Fisher's Community Church** and **Fisher Hollow** were likewise named for the Fisher family

Forest Home School a former elementary school located on the headwaters of Laurel Fork near Kentuck

Forked Run a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek at Gay. A stream with two forks

Foster Chapel a church named for the ridge where it is located

Foster Ridge a discontinued post office and church in southwestern Ripley District near the Mason County line

Frog Hollow located on Parchment Creek, probably named for the large number of frogs inhabiting the area in early days

Frozen Camp a tributary of Upper Mill Creek in northern Washington District and the name of a village, church and former post office located on the creek. The village was once known as **Parsons City** from the many persons of that surname living there. It was named for a party of hunters at an early date who once camped on the stream during winter and almost froze to death when the night turned cold. Captain William Parsons, the first settler near Ripley, was one of the hunters. He later made his home here and is buried in the cemetery on the hill, with his father, Charles Parsons.

Gandee's Run a tributary of Tug Fork of Mill Creek near Staats Mills, it runs down the middle of Hogg Hollow, named for a member of the Gandee family, early settlers in the area

Garden Hollow on Spicewood Branch of Poca River

Garfield a discontinued post office in eastern Ravenswood District, named for James A. Garfield, who was assassinated shortly before the post office was established in 1883

Garnes Hollow on the headwaters of Dudden Fork

Garnes Knob the highest point in Jackson County, elevation 1225 feet, west of Kenna and named for Joseph Garnes, an early settler in the area

Gates Ridge located in Grant District

Gay a village and post office located on the left fork f the Elk Fork of Mill Creek

Gays Branch a tributary of Pocatalico Creek

George's Island a former island in the Ohio River located above the mouth of Mill Creek, now covered with water, probably named for George Washington, was later known as Goose Island

Gin Run a tributary of Stonelick Creek in Ripley District

Given a village and post office located near the forks of Parchment Creek, named for the first post master there, William B. Given

Goldtown a village and former post office located on Pocatalico Creek in extreme south of Ripley District, there is a legend that a treasure of gold was buried there

Good Hollow located on Middle Fork of Pocatalico Creek, Washington District, named for the Good family, first settlers in the hollow

Goshen Church & School a church and former school located on a hill behind the Kentuck post office, named for the land of Goshen, in Egypt, where the children of Israel lived in biblical times before they were freed by Moses

Grass Run (1) a tributary of right fork of Cow Run (2) a tributary of Tug Fork near Staats Mills (3) a tributary of Parchment Creek

Grasslick Creek a tributary of the Tug Fork of Mill Creek, named for the grassy "old fields" found by the old settlers

Guilding Light Church located on Spicewood Branch of Pocatalico Creek

Gunneltree Run a tributary of Lamp's Run in Grant District

Hall Knob located on Poverty Ridge in Ripley District and named for the Hall family who were very early settlers here

Happy Hollow located on Pocatalico Creek in Ripley District, suppose everyone was happy in the hollow

Hargreave Knob located just east of Ripley near Rt. 33 and named for a member of the Hargreave family

Harmon Ridge located in northern Washington District near Elk Fork and named for the Harmon family, early settlers here

Harpold Hollow tributary of Parchment Creek, probably named for Solomon Harpold, one of the first settlers on Parchment

Harris Ridge located in southern Ripley District and named for the Harris family

Hart Ridge located between Frozen Camp and Elk Fork in Washington District and named for Marshall Hart, an early settler in the area

Hartley Run tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek and named for Thomas Hartley, the first settler on the stream

Haw(s) Run tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, probably named for the hawthorn or haw berry bushes on the stream in early days

Hemlock a discontinued post office located at the mouth of Briar Run in Ravenswood District, probably named for a large grove of hemlock trees in the section when the post office was established

Hereford a discontinued post office and village in northern Washington District at the mouth of Joe's Run on Rt. 33, probably named for Thomas A. Hereford of Mason County, an early member of the bar of Jackson County

Hickory Grove located in southeastern Ripley District and named for the hickory tree

Hickory Hollow located on Bear Fork of Mill Creek and named for the hickory tree

Hickory Hollow located on Pocatalico Creek and named for the hickory tree

Hills Crossing located near the Ravenswood Aluminum Works in Union District, named for a member of the Hill family, early settlers here

Hog Hollow located on Grasslick Creek, probably named for the hogs that roamed wild in the hollow in pioneer days

Hogg a discontinued post office in southwestern Ripley District near the Putnam County line, probably named for the Hogg family who were very prominent in the area

Hogg Hollow a tributary of Tug Fork of Mill Creek near Staats Mills, named for James Hogg, the first settler in the hollow

Hogtrail Run tributary of the Roadfork of Little Sandy Creek, probably named for early settlers driving droves of hogs down this stream to market

Hopewell Church located at Mt. Alto in Union District

Horner's Run tributary of the Turkey Fork of Sandy Creek

Horseshoe Bend located on the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, named for a horseshoe shaped bend in the creek

Huntsville a former post office and considerable sized village during the first part of this century located on the headwaters of Cow Run in Union District, probably named for Jabel Hunt who was residing in the area at the time.

Indian Hollow located on Grasslick

Indian Spring Hollow located on 18 mile Creek in southwestern Ripley District

Independence a hamlet west of Odaville in Ravenswood District, it was named in honor of the Declaration of Independence

Isaacs Run a tributary of Mill Creek at Evans

Jackson Court House the former post office address for Ripley, established in 1832 and changed to Jackson in 1893 and Ripley in 1897, named for Andrew Jackson the president of the United States when the post office was established. It was a common practice in Virginia for the county seat to be called by the name of the county with the annex "Court House". Others so named were Clay Court House and Kanawha Court House (Charleston), etc.

Jackson Run a tributary of the Streight Fork of Sandy Creek at Wilding, named for the Jackson family in that section

Jesse's Run a tributary of Little Pond Creek, probably named for Jesse Hughes, the famous indian fighter who lived in northern Jackson County for some time and is buried above Ravenswood

Jim Lewis Hollow located on the Dog Fork of Pocatalico Creek, named probably the first settler, Jim Lewis

Jim Ridge located on the Jackson-Mason-Putnam County line

Jim White Hollow located near Loop on a branch of Pocatalico Creek, named for Jim White, an early settler here

Joe's Run a tributary of Mill Creek at Hereford. It is the site of the Joe's Run Dam. It was named for Joseph "Old Joe" Parsons, the first settler here

Joe Shamblen Branch a branch of Dudden Fork of Pocatalico Creek, named for Joe Shamblen, a early settler here

Johns Branch a tributary of Sugar Creek a branch of Pocatalico. Probably named for Benjamin or William John who were in Kanawha County in 1802.

Kay Hollow located on Roundknob Run of Parchment Creek, named for a member of the Kay family

Keball (or) Kelbaugh Run a tributary of Lockhart Fork of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, named for a member of the Keball/Kelbaugh family

Kenna a post office and unincorperated village on Rt. 77 in Ripley District, named for John E. Kenna of Charleston, a U. S. Senator from West Virginia

Kentuck a post office in southern Washington District located on Laurel Fork of the Middle Fork of Poca Creek, formerly known as **New Kentuck** The early settlers of this area came from Russel County, Virginia and Pike County, Kentucky, they called this area Kentuck because it reminded them of the eastern hills of Kentucky, which most early settlers pronounced "Kaintuck" or "Kentuck" leaving off the "y".

Kessel Run a tributary of Parchment Creek and named for Job Kessel, the first settler of the stream

Kiner Hollow located on Dudden Fork, a tributary of Poca Creek, named for John Kiner an early settler.

Klondyke Road a street in Ripley named for the Klondyke gold Rush

Kurt Hollow located on Dudden Fork of Poca Creek. Supposedly named for Kurt/Curtis Patterson an early settler there.

Lamp's Run a tributary of Little Pond Creek, named for a member of the Lamp family

Lathem Ridge located in southwestern Ravenswood District named for the Lathem family, early settlers there

Laurel Fork a tributary of Bear Fork of Tug Fork of Mill Creek

Laurel Fork a tributary of Middle Fork of Poca Creek

Laurel Run a tributary of Bear Fork of Mill Creek

Lawrence Hollow a tributary of Wolfe Creek in Ripley District, named for a member of the Lawrence family, early settlers there

Leroy or **LeRoy** a post office and village located at the mouth of Brush Run of Big Sandy Creek in extreme eastern Ravenswood District, established in 1857. LeRoy means "The King" and perhaps was named for the King of England

Letart Island an island in the Ohio River at Mt. Alto now covered with water, named for Joseph Le Tort who established an early trading post near here

Lick Run a tributary of Mill Creek in Union District

Lick Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek at Ravenawood

Lick Run in 1832 there was a Lick Run 10 miles south west of Ripley

Limber Ridge an off shoot of Aplin Ridge near Staats Mills, named for John J. Casto who was known as "Limber John" for his cleverness as a fighter who was the first settler on the ridge,

Ned's Den is a cave located on Limber Ridge. It is where Limber John's grandson Edward H. "Ned' Casto hid in it after a fight with another settler, he was afraid the law would come after him, his mother bringing him food. This cave later bore the name **The Casto Hole** because members of the Casto family's "forting up" in the hole because of danger during the Civil War

Lisez Run a tributary of the Turkey Fork of Sandy Creek, named for the Charles Lisez family, of French extraction, the pioneer family of this stream

Limestone Hill a long ridge located in northeastern Grant District, probably named for the large amount of limestone found in the area

Little Creek a tributary of Mill Creek in northern Washington District, it being to big to be a run, but too small to be a regular creek

Little Mill Creek a tributary of the Ohio River in southwest Jackson County, named because it was a small stream entering the Ohio just below Big Mill Creek

Little Pond Creek a tributary of the Ohio River in Grant District and Wood County, so-named from being a smaller stream north of Big Pond Creek

Little Sandy Creek a tributary of the Ohio River in northwestern Ravenswood and southern Grant District, so-named from being just above Big Sandy Creek

Little Spruce Run is in the Rockcastle area

Little Wildcat Run & **Big Wildcat Run** both are tributaries of Grasslick Creek, the area which they run were full of wildcats in early days

Liverpool a village and post office in eastern Ravenswood District, located at the fork of Brushy Creek and the Right Fork of Sandy Creek. It was named for the city in England by an English owned lumber company in the area when the post office was established in 1891

Lockhart a village and former post office located on the Lockhart Fork of Big Sandy Creek in Grant District named for the Lockhart family which was prominent in the area at the time the post office was established in 1866. Lockhart is also known as **Buttermilk**

Locust Grove Ridge in located northwest of Ripley and was named for a grove of locust trees on the ridge

Loglick Run a tributary of Mill Creek at Angerona

Logston Run a tributary of Little Pond Creek named for the Logston family, early settlers there

Lone Cedar a former post office on Bailey's Run in Grant District

Lone Oak a former post office located in Grant District, named for the large lone oak on the site of the post office in 1907.

Lone Oak Church is located on 13-mile creek in Ripley District and was named for a lone oak on the site

Long Hollow & **Long Hollow Church** is located on the Jackson-Mason line in the Rockcastle section

Long Run a tributary of Bear Fork of Tug Fork Creek at Belgrove

Longview Church is located in southwestern Ripley District and named for the long view at the site

Loom Tree Hollow is located at Staats Mills

Loom Tree Hollow is located on Dog Fork of Poca

Loop a former post office located in Jim White Hollow

Louther a former post office and present church located at Frozen Camp in Washington District, probably named for Robert Lowther, with the name misspelled. He was the first post master of Ripley and a land surveyor.

Lower Run a tributary of Laurel Run of Bear Fork

Low Gap the low gap at the head of Skull Run

Low Gap Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek

Lower Big Run a tributary of Bear Fork of Tug Fork Creek

Lynncamp Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek

McClain's a discontinued post office located on Niggletwist in the extreme eastern part of Grant District on the Wirt County line, named for Mahlon McClain, early settlers of the area

McCrady Fork a tributary of Frozen Camp Creek, named for the McCrady who first settled on the stream

McCrosky Run a tributary of Wolfe Creek in Ripley District, named for the family who settled there

McGees Chapel is located at the village of Independence in Ravenswood District

McGraw Run a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, named for Francis McGraw, the first settler there

Martin Chapel is located at the forks of Mud Run in Ripley District

Marshall a former post office and village on Rt. 33, formerly known as **Buffalo City**

Matthews Branch a tributary of the Middle Fork of Pocatalico Creek

Maulcamp Run a tributary of the Nesselroad Fork of Sandy Creek

Meadowdale a former post office and present church located on the Right Fork of Sandy Creek

Meathouse Fork a tributary of Little Sandy Creek, so named for a meathoose having been built on the stream by John Nesselroad and other hunters in pioneer days to keep their wild meat safe from predators while on a hunting expedition

Medina a former post office and considerable sized town at one time, in 1900 it was incorporated with a population of 650, located on Maulcamp Run of the Nesselroad Fork of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named for a city by that name in Saudi Arabia

Melhorn Hill an eminence rising to 1019 feet on Milhoan Ridge in Grant District. The surname of the Milhoan-Milhone family was first spelled Melhorn.

Mentor a former post office located on the Mud Run of Sandy Creek

Merical Run and **Merical Hollow** a tributary of Grasslick Creek, named for the Merical family who settled there after 1870

Middle Fork of Poca a tributary of Pocatalico Creek, the name is self evident

Milhoan Ridge is located in western Grant District on the Ohio River, named for the Milhoan family, early settlers in that area

Mill Creek—was mentioned in several land grants before the first mill was built on the stream, e. g. the grant to Lewis Rogers and William John at present Ripley. Early travelers would note that the falls of the creek at present Cottageville was an excellent site for a mill and was likely so called for this fact, as was the case with several other Mill Creeks in the state.

Millseat Run a tributary of Tug Fork of Mill Creek entering the creek at the site of the former grain and lumber mill at Staats Mills

Millwood a village and post office located at the mouth of Mill Creek on the Ohio River, named for Mill Creek and a beautiful stand of virgin timber in the vicinity at the time the town was established in 1890

Mitchell Run a tributary of Little Creek in Washington District, named for the Mitchell family

Mount Alto a village and post office located in northwest Union District on the Ohio River., named for the high hill northwest of the town

Mount Carmel Church commonly known as **Rocky Knob** is located on the western end of Aplin Ridge at Staats Mills. It was named for the mountain in Israel on which Elijah built an alter to God and confounded the 450 prophets of Baal, later having them put to death. It is built on a rocky elevation, hence the common name

Mount Hebron is located in southwest Union District, named for the principal city of the tribe of Judah in the Bible

Mount Hope Church is located on the headwaters of Trace Fork of Sandy Creek, the name stands for the Christian hope of salvation and eternal life

Mount Moriah Church is located on Parchment Creek, named for the land of that name in the Bible

Mount Olive Ridge, Church and Cemetery is located on Rt. 33, east of Ripley, named for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem mentioned in the Bible

Mount Tell a discontinued post office located on Fisher's Ridge in southern Jackson County

Mount Zion is located on Dutch Ridge in Grant District. Zion was the stronghold of Jerusalem in biblical times. The Ark of the Tabernacle was located here before being moved to Solomon's temple on Mount Moriah.

Mud Run a tributary of Big Sandy Creek.

Mud Run is a tributary of Mill Creek to the west of Ripley

Mudlick Run a tributary of Middle Fork of Poca at Fletcher

Murraysville a village and post office located in the bend of the Ohio River in Grant District. A busy steamboat yard was located there about 1845-1885. The town was named for Elijah Murray who settled there in 1838.

New Geneva a former post office located on the headwaters of Frozen Camp Creek on the Roane County line. Probably named for Geneva, Switzerland by homesick Swiss pioneers, of which they were many in the county when the post office was established in 1857

Nesselroad Run a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, named for John Nesselroad (Nesselrode), an early landowner and hunter here. The former post office by this name was named for Holly C. Nesselroad, the first post master

New Mount Olive is located in the Rockcastle area

Nicholas Hollow is located on the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named for Jeremiah Nicholas, an early settler in the county

Niggletwist Run a tributary of the Lockhart Fork of Sandy Creek.

Oak Hill Church is located south of Ripley, the church was named for the oak trees covering the hill on which it was built.

Odaville a village and discontinued post office located on Rt. 21 north of Sandyville

Old Jesse's Run early place name five miles south east of Ripley

Otterbein Church is located at Angerona and was named for the German bishop at that time.

Parchment Valley a former post office located on Parchment Creek, it is believed to have been named for Jacob Parchment of Lee Creek, Wood County, an early hunter who was killed by Indians in the fall of 1790

Parsons Hollow on White Oak Run, Washington District. Names for the Parsons family.

Parsons Run a tributary of Nesselroad Run, Grant District.

Parchment Chapel is located at Given

Peppermint Creek a tributary of 13-mile creek in the Rockcastle area

Peter Fork a tributary of the Turkey Fork of Sandy Creek

Piercy a former post office located seven miles northwest of Ripley in Ravenswood District, named for the Piercy family

Pigeonroost Run a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca, probably called that because of a large group of pigeons roosting there in pioneer days

Pine Grove Church is located in northern Ripley District, it was named for the pine grove it was built in

Plainview Church is located at Belgrove, just a plain view, not a fancy one

Pleasant Grove Church is located at Romance on the Middle Fork of Poca

Pleasant Hill is located north of Ripley on Interstate 77

Pleasant Hill Church is located on Parchment valley

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery located about 1.8 miles along Dewey Thomas Road (County Route 21/6) which begins 0n Route 21 just above Lockhart (Grant District). The cemetery is sited just within the Ravenswood District line almost to the Roane County line.

Pleasant Ridge Church is located near Ravenswood on the Grant District line

Note:Carolyn Miihlbach locates Pleasant Ridge Cemetery just inside the eastern Ravenswood District line and sites it on Dewey Thomas Hill and the Ravenswood District Cemetery map places it there also. Dewey Thomas Hill Road seems to be County Route 21/6 branching from Route 21 just above Lockhart and the cemetery at perhaps 1.8 miles along this road. No indication that the cemetery was associated with a church unless Carolyn Miihlbach says so in

her book as a comment with the cemetery list or shows it on that second map which shows both cemeteries and churches.

Pleasant Valley Run is a tributary of the south branch of Grasslick Creek

Pleasant View is on the Ohio River in northeastern Union District. On Route 2 at the bottom of the curvature of the Great Bend.

Pleasant View Church is located on the northern part of Fisher Ridge in Ripley District. Associated with 4 smallish but distinct cemeteries.

Pleasant View Ridge is in Union District.

Plum Hollow located on Poca Creek in Ripley District Pocatalico Creek

Plum Orchard is a former post office at the mouth of Stonelick Creek on **Plum Orchard Run**

Pole Run a tributary of Cedar Run in Ravenswood District

Polecat Bend a tributary of Sandy Creek west of Silverton

Popular Fork a tributary of Little Run in Washington District named for the grove of popular trees on the stream in early days

Portland Station a station of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad on the Ohio River across from Portland, Ohio

Poverty Fork a tributary of Mill Creek in Washington District

Poverty Ridge an elevation between Parchment and Grasslick Creeks. Now Route 21/27 branching from the road to Given, WV; Fairview Church & Cemetery are located on this road.

Price Ridge an offshoot of Aplin Ridge at Staats Mills, named for the Price family, early settlers on the ridge

Pringle Hollow located on the Dog Fork of Poca, named for the Pringle family, the first settlers here.

Providence a former post office three miles south of Angerona

Providence Church located on the headwaters of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek on Rt. 21

Rader Church located at the mouth of Welch Run, a tributary of Elk Fork of Mill Creek, probably named for Rev. John Rader, an early minister here

Rardon Hollow located on Little Sandy Creek in Grant District, named for the Rardon family, early settlers here

Ravenswood is a city and post office in Ravenswood District, located on a large bottom once owned by George Washington at the mouth of Sandy Creek on the Ohio River. The town was laid out in 1835 by Henry Fitzhugh and incorporated, March 1852. Named by a member of the Fitzhugh family for Allan, Lord Ravenswood, in Sir Walter Scott's novel The <u>Bride of Lammermoor</u> which he was reading at the time. The post office was established July 19, 1839. There is no basis in fact for the legend that the city was named Ravensworth for the Fitzhugh estate in Fairfax County, Virginia and that an error was made in transcribing this name.

Red Hill School was located at Frozen Camp and named for the red clay hill on which it was built

Redbrush Run is a tributary of Nesselroad Run of Sandy Creek, the meaning of the name is evident, a run full of brush, usually referred to as "redbrush". The **Red Brush Church** is located on the run and named for it.

Reynolds Hill is one of the offshoots of Salt Hill and is located south of Ripley, named for the Reynolds family, early settlers here

Richards Run a tributary of the Tug Fork of Mill Creek near Staats Mills, believed to be named for Richard Litton, who once lived on the headwaters of the run

Ripley is the county seat of Jackson County, located at the mouth of Sycamore Creek on Mill Creek. The post office here, the second in the county, was established, January 10, 1832. The town was incorporated, December 19, 1832. The most quoted story of the naming of the city notes that it was named for Harry Ripley, a young Methodist minister, who was either drowned, or became so watersoaked that he caught pneumonia and died, while crossing Mill Creek at the iron bridge located near Cedar Lakes greenhouse, then known as Harpold Ford for John Harpold, the first settler there. It is said that he was on his way to be married and had the marriage license in his pocket.

Ripley Landing a former post office and village, the steamboat landing for Ripley, located at the mouth of Mill Creek. The post office was for some time called **Douglass**, for Hiram Douglass, the first post master

Roadfork Run a tributary of Little Sandy Creek, in pioneer times a trace or trail ran up this stream

Robinson Run is a tributary of the Ohio River in Grant District, named for the Robinson family

Rock Hollow is located on the Dudden Fork of Poca, named for the many rock cliffs in the hollow

Rock Lick Run is a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, named for a salt lick located in the rocky area of the stream

Rock Spring Church is located on the headwaters of the Dog Fork of Poca, named for a spring of water raising from a rock in the area

Rockcastle is a post office located on 13-mile Creek near the Mason-Putnam line in southwestern Ripley District, believed named for a rock cliff shaped some what like a castle which a Mr. Casto had attempted to hollow out for a living quarters. This area was added from Mason County in 1867

Rockheap Branch is a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca, named for a large heap of rocks along the stream

Roe's Knob is a high hill with a round top located near Staats Mills, named for Monroe Casto, a son of Joel Casto, who owned the knob.

Romance is a post office located on Sugar Creek, a tributary of Pocatalico Creek, in southern Washington District, named for Romance Parsons, a newcomer to the area at the time of the establishment of the post office in 1908, whose given name struck the villagers as a good one for their new post office.

Roundknob Run is a branch of Parchment Creek, named for the round hill or knob on its headwaters

Rush Run is a tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek at Leroy.

Rush Run is a tributary of the Nesselroad Fork of Sandy Creek.

Salt Hill is a lofty eminence south of Ripley named for a salt lick once located at its foot, the **Salt Hill Church** is located on Cedar Lakes Road at the foot on the hill

Sandy Creek, **Big & Little** tributaries of the Ohio River in northwestern Ravenswood and southern Grant Districts. Ravenswood is situated at the mouth of Big Sandy Creek. Sandy Creek is confined within Ravenswood district except for Crooked Fork which extends into Union District and Nesselroad Fork which extends into Grant District, and their branches. Little Sandy Creek originates at Sherman and is confined within Grant District.

Sandyville is a post office and unincorporated town located on the Left Fork of Big Sandy Creek for which it was named. It was called **Sandy** when the post office was established in 1833, the third one in the county. The name was changed to Sandyville in 1892

Sarvis Fork is a tributary of the Left Fork of Sandy Creek, named for the Service/Sarvis trees on the stream, one of Jackson County's remaining two covered bridges is here

Sayre is a discontinued post office and current elementary school located on the Left Fork of Poca, south of Kenna, named for the Sayre family which is very numerous in that section

Sayre Hollow is located on Poca Creek, named for the Sayre family, early settlers here

Scale Run is a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, perhaps named for a livestock weighing station

Schoolhouse a former post office in Union District located just south of the mouth of Little Mill Creek on the Ohio River, named for a schoolhouse once located there

Schoolhouse Hollow is located on 18-mile Creek, named for a school house once located in the hollow

Scull Run see **Skull Run**

Second Creek is a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca, name is self explanatory

Shafer Knob is a hill located at the head of the Left Fork of Claylick Run in Grant District, named for the Shafer family

Shamblen Run a tributary of Grasslick Creek, named for "Old Jesse" Shamblen, the first settler on the run

Shatto a former post office located on the waters of Mill Creek southeast of Ripley, named for the Shatto family, who were residing in the area at the time of the establishment of the post office in 1904

Sheppard's Chapel is located in eastern Grant District at Wiseburg, named for either William or Samuel Sheppard, early ministers there

Sherman a post office located on the Ohio River at the mouth of Little Sandy Creek, named for Isaac B. Sherman who settled here in 1827

Shinn Ridge an eminence located between Stonelick and the southern branch of Grasslick, named for the Shinn family, early settlers in the area

Shockey Run a tributary of the Straight Fork of Sandy Creek, named for the Shockey family, early settlers here

Short Branch a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca, name self explanatory, a short stream, not a long one

Sidneyville located on Interstate 77 in northern Ripley District. Actually located on the Ravenswood Pike (now County Route 11) connecting Ripley and Ravenswood.

Silver Valley is located on the Left Fork of Cow Run in Union District

Silverton a village and former post office in Ravenswood District located on the Straight Fork of Sandy Creek The post office was established in 1877 about the time there was a silver rush in the county, which proved to be fool's silver

Simpson Church is located at Medina in Grant District, probably named for an early minister there

Simpson Hollow a tributary of Cox's Fork of Parchment Creek, named for the Simpson family, early settlers here

Sinaiville a village, United Methodist Church and former school, located on Tug Fork at Staats Mills. Named for the church, founded about 1830, the first Methodist Protestant Church in the county. Early ministers were the Rev. George Casto, Sr., Elijah J. Rollins and Nicholas Caato, son of George Sr. Named for Mount Sianai, where the 10 commandments were given to Moses by Jehovah.

Skidmore a former post office located near the mouth of Tug Fork at the mouth of Buffalolick Run, named for Archibald S. Skidmore, the first post master

Skull Run/Scull Run is a tributary of the Ohio River in Grant District. Before the Civil War, the name was often written Scull, instead of Skull. It is possible that the run was named for the Scull family of Pennsylvania who were early traders in the Ohio Valley before the French & Indian War. John and Nicholas Schull and Nicholas' six sons, Nicholas, Edward, Jasper, John, James and Joseph were all fur traders

Slater Hollow is located on Allen's Fork of Poca, probably named for John Slater, an early Kanawha County settler

Southall Ridge a long ridge located between Grasslick and Tug Fork, named for William Southall, an early settler on the ridge

Spicewood Branch a tributary of Poca Creek, named for the many spicewood trees/bushes on the stream

Spring Creek is a tributary of the Ohio River in Union District, it likely has its origins as a spring

Spruce Hollow is located on Laurel Fork of Middle Fork of Poca

Spruce Hollow is located on Parchment Creek near Given

Spruce Run is a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek

Spruce Run a tributary of Second Creek of Poca. Named for the spruce trees on the stream

Squash Hollow is located on Wolfe Creek, a tributary of Parchment Creek. It was probably named for a patch of squashes found on the creek by an early settler. Indians living in the county grew many squashes for food.

Squirrel Lick a tributary of the Copper Fork of Sandy near New Era, probably named for the many squirrels using a salt lick on the stream in early days

Staats Hollow is located on the Copper Fork of Sandy Creek, named for the Staats family

Staats/Statts Mills a post office and former village located on the waters of Tug Fork of Mill Creek at the former site of the Staats Mill covered bridge. The post office was named for Isaac Staats, whose son, Enoch, was the first post master here in 1879. The name was said to have been changed from Staats to Statts Mills to prevent confusion with the post office at Stouts Mills, Gilmer County, though one old timer, Mrs. Polly Casto, told her daughter that the name was changed from the poor penmanship of Enoch Staats, who sent the name to the Post Office Department. It is possible that the Postville post office, extant from 1840 to 1842 in the county, may have once been located here when the land belonged to a member of the Pfost family.

Staats Ridge is located near Rt. 21 south of Ripley, named for the Staats family

Stationcamp Run a tributary of Mill Creek, probably named for a stage station having been located here in early days

Stedman Run is a tributary of Cedar Run in Ravenswood District, named for the Stedman family

Steerlick Run a tributary of Stonelick Creek, possibly being named from a steer seen licking salt at a lick on the stream in early days

Stewart's Hollow is located on the Roundknob Run of Parchment Creek, named for the Stewart family, probably the first settlers in the hollow

Stone Ridge a ridge on Parchment Creek, probably named for the Stone family, early settlers here before the Civil War

Stonelick Creek a tributary of Grasslick Creek, probably named for the stoney bed of the stream where a salt lick was located in pioneer days. **Stonelick Church** is named for the stream

Straight Run a tributary of the Bear Fork of Tug Fork of Mill Creek, named for the straightness of the creek.

Straight Run School was named for the stream where it formerly stood at the mouth.

Sugar Creek a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca

Sugar Run tributary of Falls Run near Cottageville.

Sugarcamp Hollow is located in Ravenswood District

Sunrise Church located in northwestern Ripley District

Sycamore Creek a tributary of Mill Creek at Ripley, named for the large sycamore trees on the stream in pioneer days. In 1832, the creek was known as Parsons Creek, from "Captain Billy" Parsons and his father Charles Parsons, the first settlers on the creek

Temperance Chapel is located at Utica in Grant District, it was probably built during the temperance crusade during the first quarter of this century

13-Mile Creek a tributary of the Kanawha River in the Rockcastle area, supposedly the mouth of the stream is 13 miles upstream from the Ohio River

Tightsqueeze Hollow is located in the Rockcastle area, probably so named from the narrowness of the hollow making it a tight squeeze to live there

Toms Run a tributary of the Ohio River in Union District

Topins Grove a discontinued post office located at the mouth of Logston Run, a tributary of Little Pond Creek

Trace Fork of Sandy Creek a tributary of the Ohio River, see Sandy Creek. This road was once the principal route between Ravenswood and Spencer in Roane County joining the Ripley to Spencer Road midway along its length.

Tug Fork a tributary of Mill Creek. It is believed to be named from the north fork of Mill Creek being called Trace Fork in early days from a trail running up it, so the south fork was called Tug Fork, the settlers using bark or rawhide "tugs" instead of trace chains in their rude harness in early days, and gradually came to distinguish the stream by that name to distinguish if from Trace Fork. Another legend is that the early settlers had a hard 'tug' to make a living on the stream, and from that came the name of Tug Fork. Enoch C. Thomas is said to have first used the name when he moved up on the creek. The first settler on the stream was said to have been the Rev. Elijah J. Rollins in 1816.

Turkey Fork a tributary of Big Sandy Creek, probably named from the flocks of wild turkeys on the stream in early days

Turkey Run a tributary of the Ohio River at Ravenswood

Tuttle Knob is located on Hart Ridge in Washington District

Upper Big Run a tributary of Bear Fork in Washington District

Utah Hill is located northeast of Ravenswood

Utica a former post office and village is located on Cabin Fork of Pond Creek, probably named for the city of Utica, New York

Vista Church is located on the Bear Fork of Tug Fork between Staats Mills and Belgrove

Warfield Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named for a member of the Warfield family

Warren Chapel is located on Divide Hill, south of Kenna. Named in memory of Warren Shamblen, son of Lewis and Matilda (Duff) Shamblen, who bequeathed money to build the church. The Shamblen Cemetery is located there.

Washburn Run a tributary of the Right Fork of Sandy Creek, probably named for a member of the Washburn family

Washington Run a tributary of the Ohio River in Grant District, named for George Washington

Welch Run a tributary of the Elk Fork of Mill Creek, named for Audrey Welch, who settled on the stream about 1832

Welcome Mission Church located at the head of Allen Creek at Advent, name is self evident, everyone is welcome at this church

Wheaton Run a tributary of Sandy Creek, named for the Wheaton family

Wheaton Run a tributary of the Ohio River in Grant District, named for the Wheaton family

White Oak Run a tributary of Poca Creek, named for a large white oak on the stream in pioneer days

White Pine Church is located on the Beech Fork of Bear Fork at Belgrove, named for a large white pine on the site when the church was built, there was also a **White Pine School** located here

Wildcat Run a tributary of Grasslick Creek, named for a wildcat or wildcats found on the stream, which runs through a wild and rocky terrain, a good habitat for the animals

Wilding a former post office located at the mouth of Jackson Run, a tributary of the Straight Fork of Sandy Creek, perhaps named for the wildwoods in the area when the post office was established in 1888.

Willow Grove a former post office on Warth's Bottom in Union District, probably named for the willow trees along the banks of the Ohio River, presently the site of Ravenswood Aluminum

Willow Tree a discontinued post office in Union District, 12 miles west of Ripley. It was established in Mason County in 1869 and moved to Jackson County in 1897, it was named for a large willow tree near the former post office site.

Willowdale a former post office located on Little Pond Creek, probably named for a grove of willow trees along the creek in the valley

Wiseburg a discontinued post office in Grant District located seven miles north-northeast of Sandyville. Established as **Wise** in 1856 and the name changed to Lockharts in 1866, then reestablished as Wiseburg in 1894. It was probably named for Henry A. Wise, who was governor of Virginia about the time the post office was established, and was very popular in Western Virginia at that time.

Wolf Creek a tributary of Parchment Creek, probably named for an early settler

Wolf Hollow a hollow near the Dog Fork of Poca Creek, probably named for an early settler

Wolfpen Branch a tributary of the Middle Fork of Poca

Wolfpen Hollow located on the Crooked Fork on Sandy Creek

Wolfpen Run a tributary of Parchment Creek

* Early hunters caught wolves in log pens, a dead animal was placed in a pen, when the wolf entered the pen, a trap door would close. There was a county bounty on wolves. Wolves were particulars destructive to sheep.

Wrights Mill an early name for Cottageville.

Young a discontinued post in the Upper Poca Creek area near Kenna, named for the Young Family.

Young Hollow is located in the Upper Poca Creek area near Kenna

Zion Ridge a high ridge between Tug and Elk Forks in Washington District. The **Zion Church** is located here. Named for Mount Zion in Jerusalem. In hymns, Heaven is usually referred to as Zion.