

(No. 30.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

CONTRACT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, *Jan. 13th.*, 1875



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SIR:

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

Respectfully, &c.,

J. M. Post
Second Assistant Postmaster General.

To POSTMASTER AT

Burley's Mills
Belmont Co.
Ohio

The (P. O. Dept.) name of my office is *Burley's Mills*
* Its local name is *used to be Bensays mills 1/2 mile west of me*
It is situated in the *North West* quarter of Section No. *9*, in Township
Six (6) (north or south), Range *3* (east or west), County
of *Belmont*, State of *Ohio*

The name of the most prominent river near it is *the Ohio River*
The name of the nearest creek is *Indian Whaling Creek*
This office is *4* miles from said river, on the *West* side of it, and is *fifty* miles from said nearest creek, on the *North* side of it.

The name of the nearest office on route No. *9831* is *Bridgeport*, and its distance is *4 1/2* miles, by the traveled road, in a *Easterly* direction from this my office.
The name of the nearest office, on the same route, on the other side, is *St Clairsville* and its distance is *5 1/2* miles in a *Westward* direction from this my office.

The name of the nearest office off the route is *Neffsiding or Shields*, and its distance by the most direct road is *4* miles in a *Southward* direction from this my office.
This office is at a distance of *4* miles from the *Neffsiding* Station of the *Central Ohio* Railroad, on the *North* side of the railroad.

State, under this, the names of all other offices near your office, in different directions from it, and their distances from it by the most direct roads. *Coal Run P.O. is North of us about 5 miles*

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

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

(Signature of Postmaster.)

James L. Burley

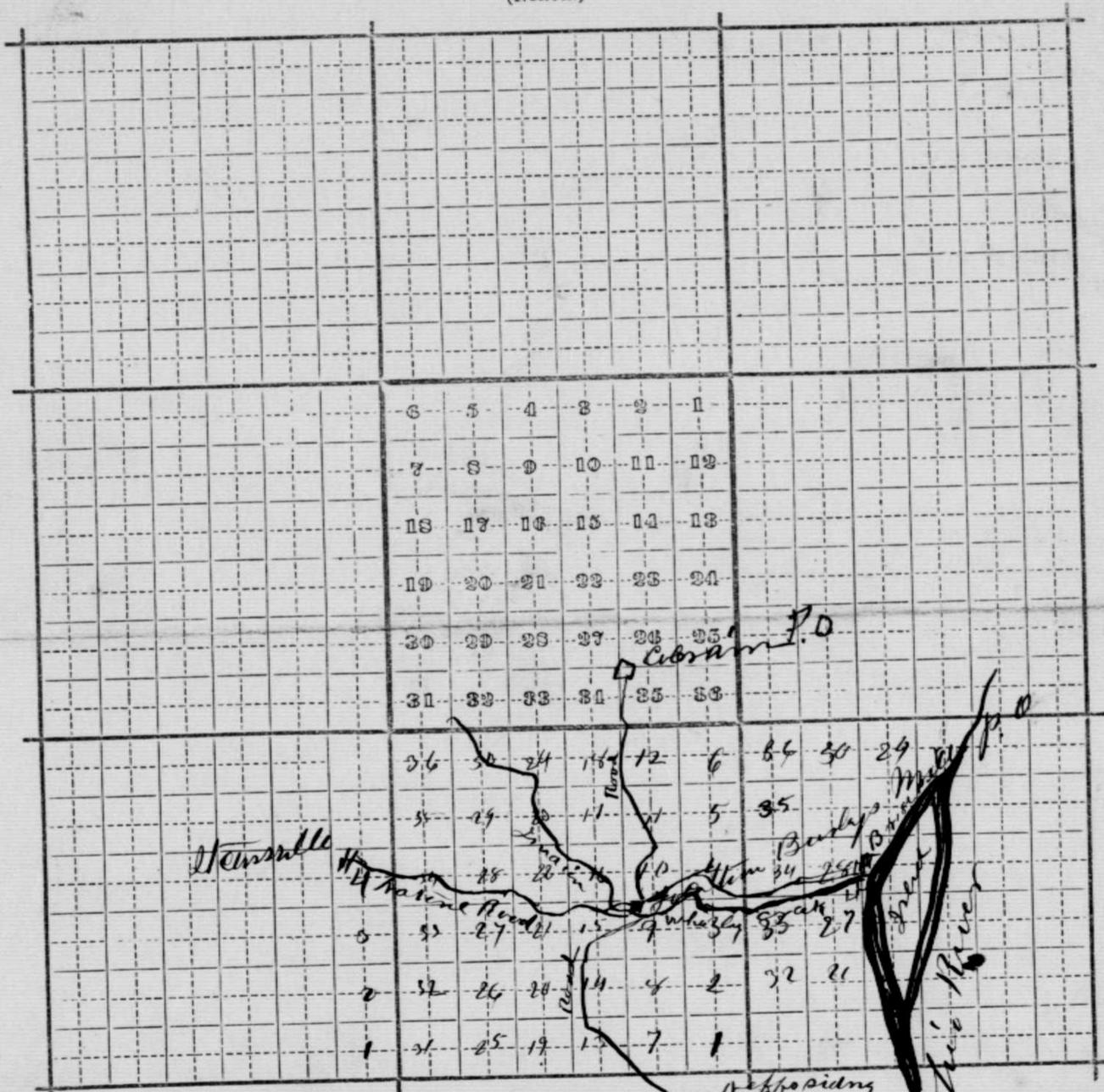
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Diagram showing the site of the Burley Mills Post Office
 in Township 6 Range 3 of Principal
Meridian, County of Belmont, State
 of Ohio, with the adjacent Townships and Post
 Offices.

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed, or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department. If on, or near a railroad, mark the railroad and adjacent station accurately.

(NORTH.)



(SOUTH.)

Centerville Ohio

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, *March 14*, 1872

SIR:

Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at *Burley Mills*, County of *Belmont*, State of *Ohio* at which you are recommended for postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application; and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicability of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to Department other than net proceeds.

Be careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES W. MARSHALL,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. *James L. Burley*
Care of the Postmaster of *Bridgport*, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called *Burley Mills*.

[The name of the candidate for postmaster should not be applied as the name of a post office. It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERMANENT name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State; and you should aim to select a name not appropriated to any office in the United States.]

It will be situated in the *N.W.* quarter of Section *15*, Township *Peace*
Range *3*, in the County of *Belmont*, State of *Ohio*

It will be on or near route No. *9066*, being the route from *Wheeling W. Va.*
to *Cambridge*, on which the mail is now carried *12* times per week.

The contractor's name is *R. W. Primmer (H. S. Campbell Sub-Contractor)*

Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. *Yes*

If not, how far from and on which side of it?—Ans. *on south side of Road*

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—Ans. *None*

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans. *Not at all*

Where intersect the route again?—Ans. _____

What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. *None*

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is *Bridgport*
its distance is *4 1/2* miles, in a *East* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is *St. Clairsville*
its distance is *5 1/2* miles, in a *West* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is *Bridgport*
distance by the most direct road is *4 1/2* miles, in a *East* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is *Wheeling River*

The name of the nearest creek is *Indian Wheeling Creek*

The proposed office will be *4 1/2* miles from said river, on the *West*
side of it, and will be *25 yards* miles from said nearest creek, on the *North* side of it.

If near a railroad, state on which side the office will be located, how far from, and the name of the station or depot.—
Ans. *C. & P. R.R. at Bridgport 4 1/2 miles*

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. *not*

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—Ans. *200 families*

A diagram, or sketch from a map, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

ALL WHICH I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this *16th*
day of *March*, 1872.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. E. Howell Postmaster of *Bridgport Belmont Ohio*

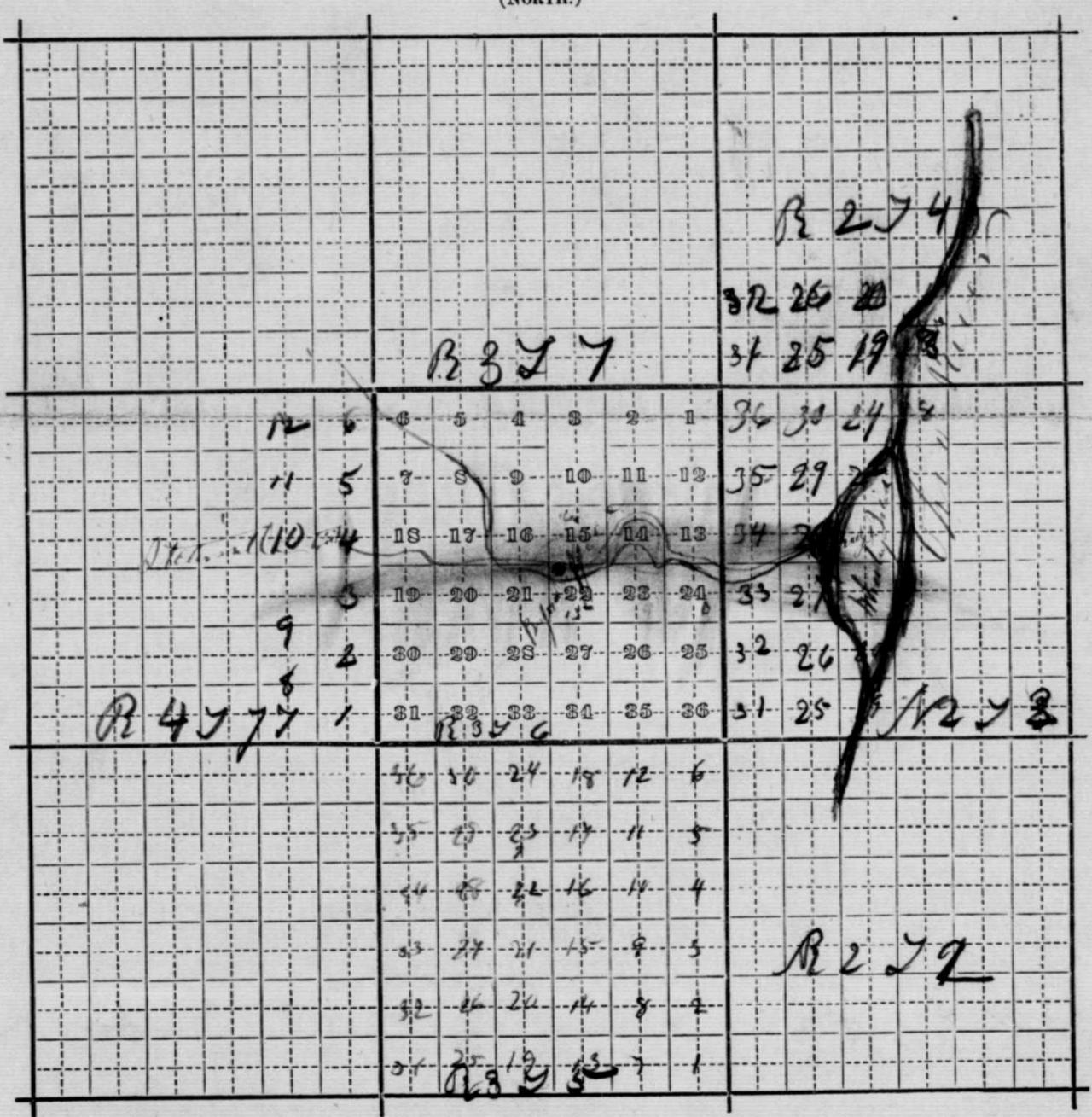
The whole Name of Mr Burley is required.

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March 27, 1872.
 Burley's Mills, Ohio.
 Belmont Co.

(NORTH.)



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

(SOUTH.)