

No. 1004.)

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 9, 1879.

SIR: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at Mount Custer, 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 the 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.

Very respectfully,

JAMES N. TYNER,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. Minerva S. Collins
care of the Postmaster of Moorefield, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called

Mount Custer Compher

[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 on the N. E. quarter of Section 21, Township (10) Flushing
Range 6, in the County of Belmont, State of Ohio

It will be on or near route No. 21364, being the route from Cadiz
to Cambridge, on which the mail is now carried 3 times per week.

The contractor's name is George Jackson

Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. No

If not, how far from, and on which side of it?—Ans. 2 1/2 Miles South

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—Ans. 2 1/2 Miles

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans. Moorefield Harrison Co

Where intersect the route again?—Ans. 2 1/2 Miles West of Moorefield on the Anyra Road

What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. Not any

If not on any route, is a "Special Office" wanted?—Ans. Yes

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

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Anyra Harrison Co
its distance is 4 1/2 miles, in a West direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is Kenyon Belmont Co
distance by the most direct road 5 miles, in a Easterly direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is

The name of the nearest creek is Stillwater

The proposed office will be _____ miles from said river, on the _____
side of it, and will be 1/2 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. _____

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. 42

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—Ans. 350 Persons

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 12
day of December, 1879.

(Sign full name.) Minerva S. Collins, Proposed P. M.

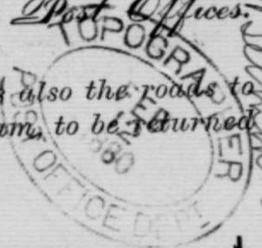
I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Postmaster at

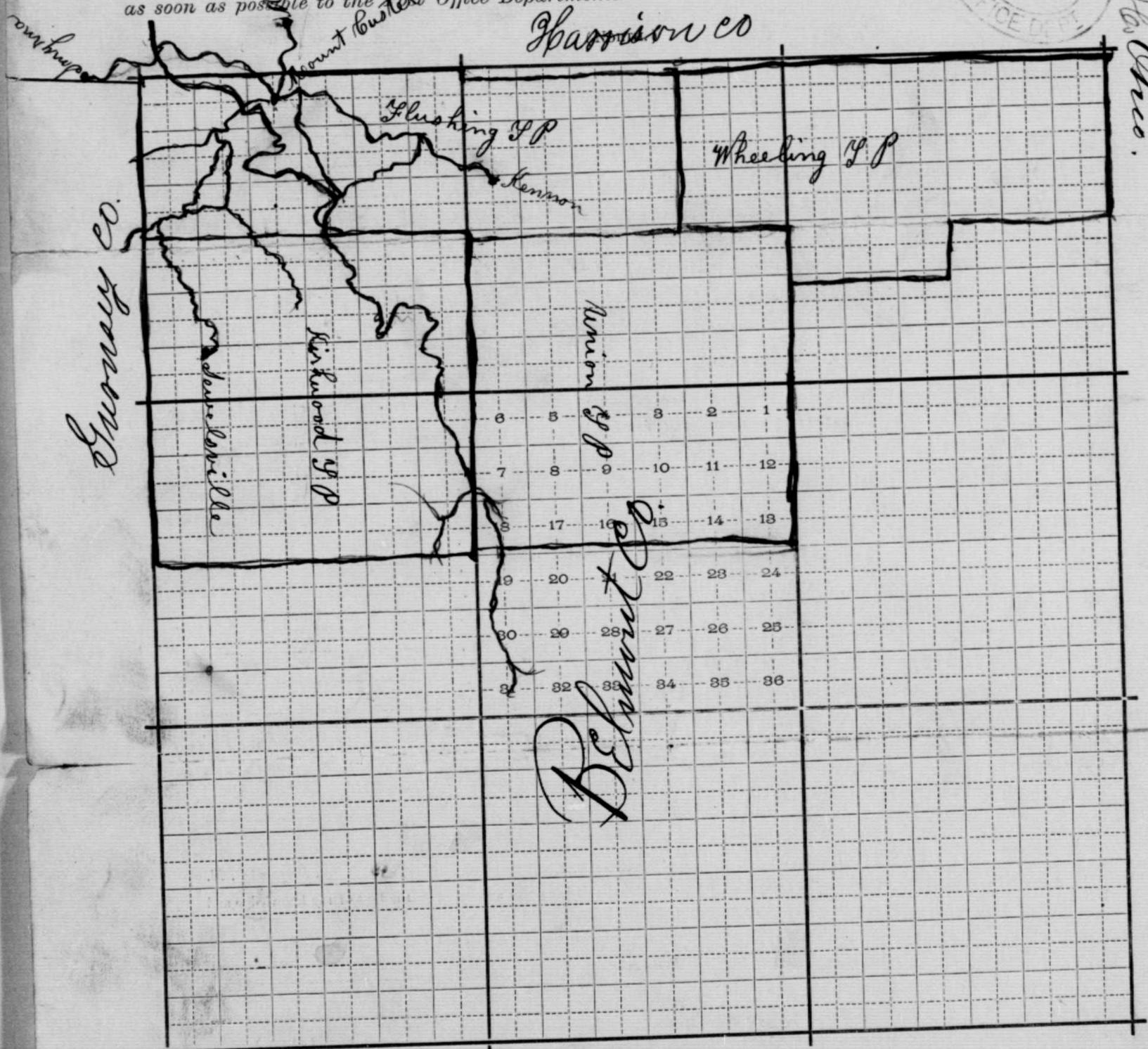
Thos Hopkins
Moorefield
Harrison Co Ohio
(OVER.)

Diagram showing the site of the Mount Custer Post Office
 in Township Flushing, Range 6 of Staubenville Land District
 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.



Completed 17 Dec 1879.
 Belmont Co. Ohio.



Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the mile.

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