

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec 6, 1884

SIR: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at Belmont, County of Belmont, State of Ohio, it will be necessary for you to carefully answer the subjoined questions, get a neighboring postmaster to certify to the correctness of the answers, and return the location paper to the Department, addressed to me. If the site selected for the proposed office should not be on any mail route now under contract, only a "Special Office" can be established there, to be supplied with mail from some convenient point on the nearest mail route by a special carrier, for which service a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount of the salary of the postmaster at such office will be paid.

You should inform the contractor, or person performing service for him, of this application, and require him to execute the inclosed certificate as to the practicability of supplying the proposed office with mail, and return the same to the Department.

Very respectfully,

FRANK HATTON, First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. A. J. Wortman, Postmaster of Vallonia, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called Heath

Select a short name for the proposed office, which, when written, will not resemble the name of any other post office in the United States.

It will be situated in the NE quarter of Section 8, Township 5 (North or South), Range 3 (East or West), in the County of Belmont, State of Ohio

It will be on or near route No. B. & O. R. R., being the route from Bellair to Jamesville, on which the mail is now carried 12 times per week.

The contractor's name is B. & O. R. R. Co.

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

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

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—Ans. have no means of determining.

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

Where intersect the route again?—Ans.

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

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

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Vallonia, To be supplied from

its distance is 1 1/2 miles in a western direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is

its distance is 2 1/2 miles in a Eastern direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is Businessburg,

distance by the most direct road 5 miles in a South western direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is Ohio

The name of the nearest creek is Meigs

The proposed office will be 3 miles from said river, on the West side of it, and will be 3 Rods from said nearest creek, on the North side of it.

The name of the nearest railroad is Bellair Jamesville & Cincinnati R. R.

If on the line of or near a railroad, on which side will the office be located; how far from the track; and what is, or will be, the name of the station?—Ans. South side 18 ft. from track name of station, Cross.

What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest flag station?—Ans. about 60 rods.

State name of station: Cross

What will be the distance from the proposed site to the nearest station at which mail trains make regular stops?—Ans. about 60 rods.

State name of station? Cross

If the proposed office is located where it can be supplied from a crane or flag station, or located over 80 rods from the station where mail trains

make regular stops, will the mail be carried to and from the proposed office without expense to the Department?—Ans. Yes. The R. R. Company will change the station to this point. I believe. (See note.)

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

Also, the population to be supplied by the proposed office.—Ans. see Bellair 75

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 10th day of December, 1884.

(Sign full name.) Andrew J. Wortman, 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.

Robert C. Miller, Postmaster at Amble Belmont Co. Ohio

(OVER.)

Be careful to answer the inquiries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.

