

Post Office Department,

APPOINTMENT OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, *May 15, 1873.*

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SIR:

Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for a new post office at *Rainey's Station*, 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.

Care of ~~the Postmaster of~~ *Thomas J. Mitchell*, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office will be called *Rainey's Station*

[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 _____ quarter of Section *19*, Township *4*
Range *2*, in the County of *Belmont*, State of *Ohio*

It will be on or near route No. _____, being the route from *Cleveland & Pittsburg*
to *Bellairs & Whaling*, on which the mail is now carried *2* times per *day*

The contractor's name is *Alonge G. Rainey* *Cleveland & Pittsburg R.R.*

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

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. *not any*

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. *not any*

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is *Martins Ferry*
its distance is *three* miles, in a *southerly* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is *Wasson*
its distance is *4* miles, in a *westerly* direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, is *Martins Ferry*
distance by the most direct road is *three* miles, in a *southerly* direction from the proposed office.

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

The name of the nearest creek is *Glens Run*

The proposed office will be *no* miles from said river, on the *west* side of it, and will be *one* 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. *East side immediately on Cleveland & Pittsburg R.R. Rainey's Station*

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. *7500*

Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—Ans. *over 10000*

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 *22nd* day of *May*, 1873

Alonge G. Rainey

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

J. J. Dean Postmaster of *Martins Ferry Ohio*