



Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2, 1887

SIR: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at Wheeling Mill, 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,

A. E. Stevenson
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. J. B. Ramage
care of the Postmaster of Maynard, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

The proposed office to be called

Ramage

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

It will be situated in the South quarter of Section one, Township Eight (North or South), Range Four (East or West), in the County of Belmont, State of Ohio. It will be on or near route No. C & W R R, being the route from Bridgeport to Cleveland to, on which the mail is now carried six times per week.

The contractor's name is

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.

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

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.

To be supplied from

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Maynard its distance is one & seven eighths miles in a north direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Fairpoint its distance is 2 1/2 miles in a south direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is St. Clarksville distance by the most direct road 4 miles in a south east direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is Ohio

The name of the nearest creek is Wheeling

The proposed office will be 1 1/4 miles from said river, on the south side of it, and will be on Bank of miles from said nearest creek, on the north side of it.

The name of the nearest railroad is Cleveland & Lorain & Wheeling

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. on north platform comes to track

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

State name of station: Wheeling Valley

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

State name of station? Maynard

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. can be delivered by Catch Post

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

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

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 July 7, 1887 day of

(Sign full name.)

Joseph Bell Ramage, Proposed P. M.

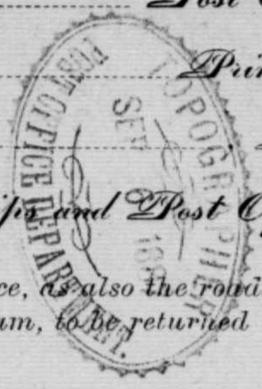
I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James Smith
Postmaster at Fairpoint Ohio

(OVER.)

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

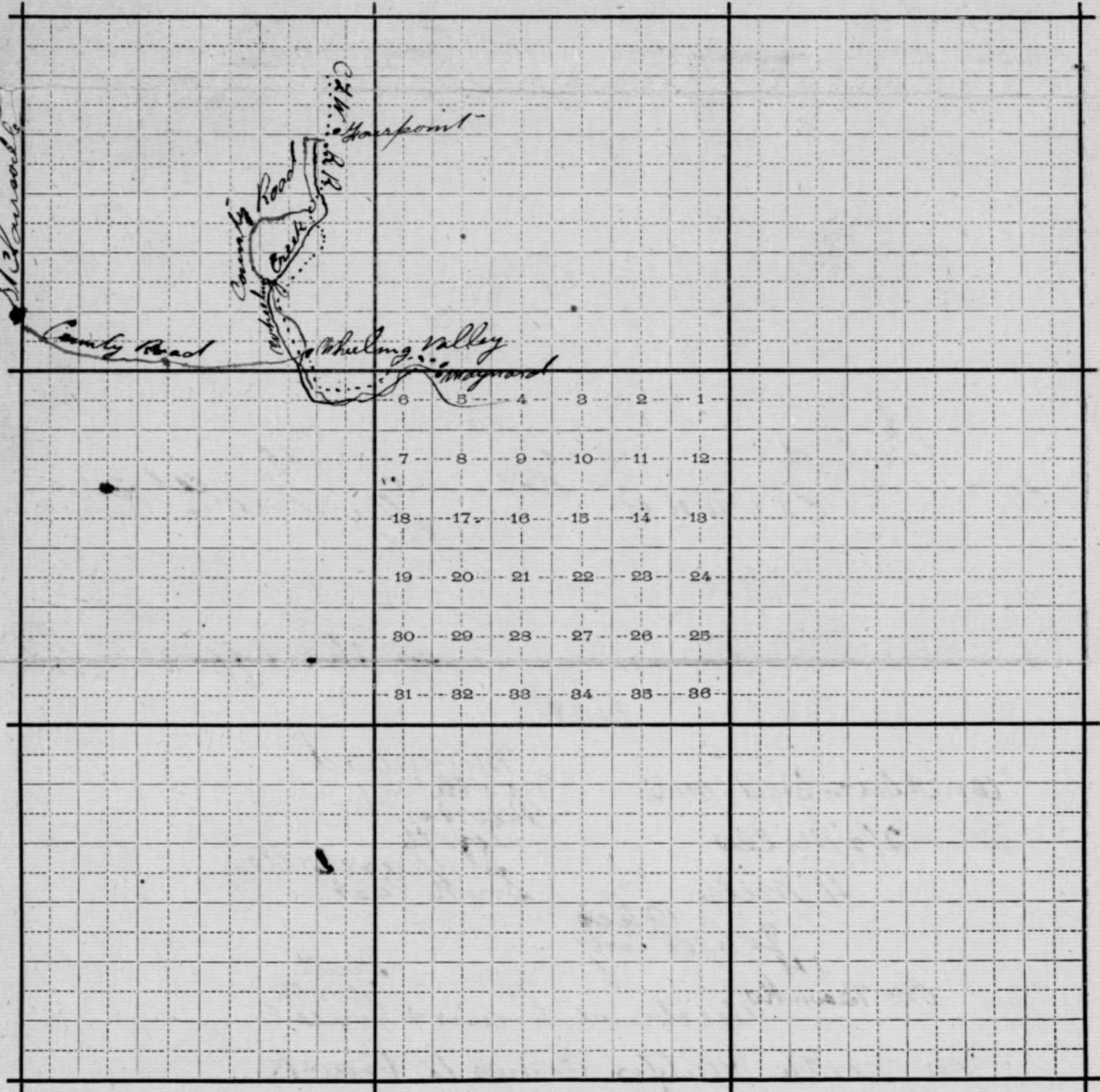
Diagram showing the site of the *Ramage* Post Office
 in Township Eight (N. or S.), Range Four (E. or W.) of
 Meridian, County of *Belmont* Principal State
 of *Ohio*, with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.



Ramage
Ohio

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.

(NORTH.)



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

(SOUTH.)