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Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
APPOINTMENT DIVISION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1, 1899

SIR: Before the Postmaster General decides upon the application for the establishment of a post office at West Bridgeport, 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 (see section 702, Postal Laws and Regulations of 1893), for which service a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount of the salary of the postmaster at such office will be paid by the Department.

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,

J. H. Bristow

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr.

E. W. Reid

care of the Postmaster of Bridgeport - Ohio, who will please forward to him.

STATEMENT.

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The proposed office to be called

West Bridgeport

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 35th quarter of Section 35th, Township North of Center (North or South), 2nd Range (East or West), in the County of Belmont, State of Ohio.

It will be on ~~any~~ route No. 31498, being the route from Wheeling, W. Va. to Leady, Ohio, on which the mail is now carried not times per week.

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

If not, how far from it?—3 1/2

* 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 one side, is Bridgeport, Ohio its distance is 2 1/2 miles in a South Easterly direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office, on the other side, is Colerain, Ohio its distance is 3 1/2 miles in a North West direction from the proposed office.

The name of the other nearest office to the proposed one is Martins Ferry, Ohio its distance by the most direct road is 3 1/2 miles in a 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 Creek

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

The name of the nearest railroad is Cleveland & Pittsburgh, also Cleveland, Levan & 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.

Give the population to be supplied by the proposed office.—Ans. about 300

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

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 3rd day of June, 1899.

(Sign full name.) Edward W. Reid, 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. (This must be signed by Postmaster at nearest office.)

Calvin Elder
Postmaster at Colerain
Belmont Ohio (OVER.)

* At a "special office" the postmaster is authorized to employ a carrier to supply the office as often as practicable, for a sum not exceeding two-thirds of the postmaster's compensation.

Applications for post offices should be accompanied by petitions of the citizens interested.

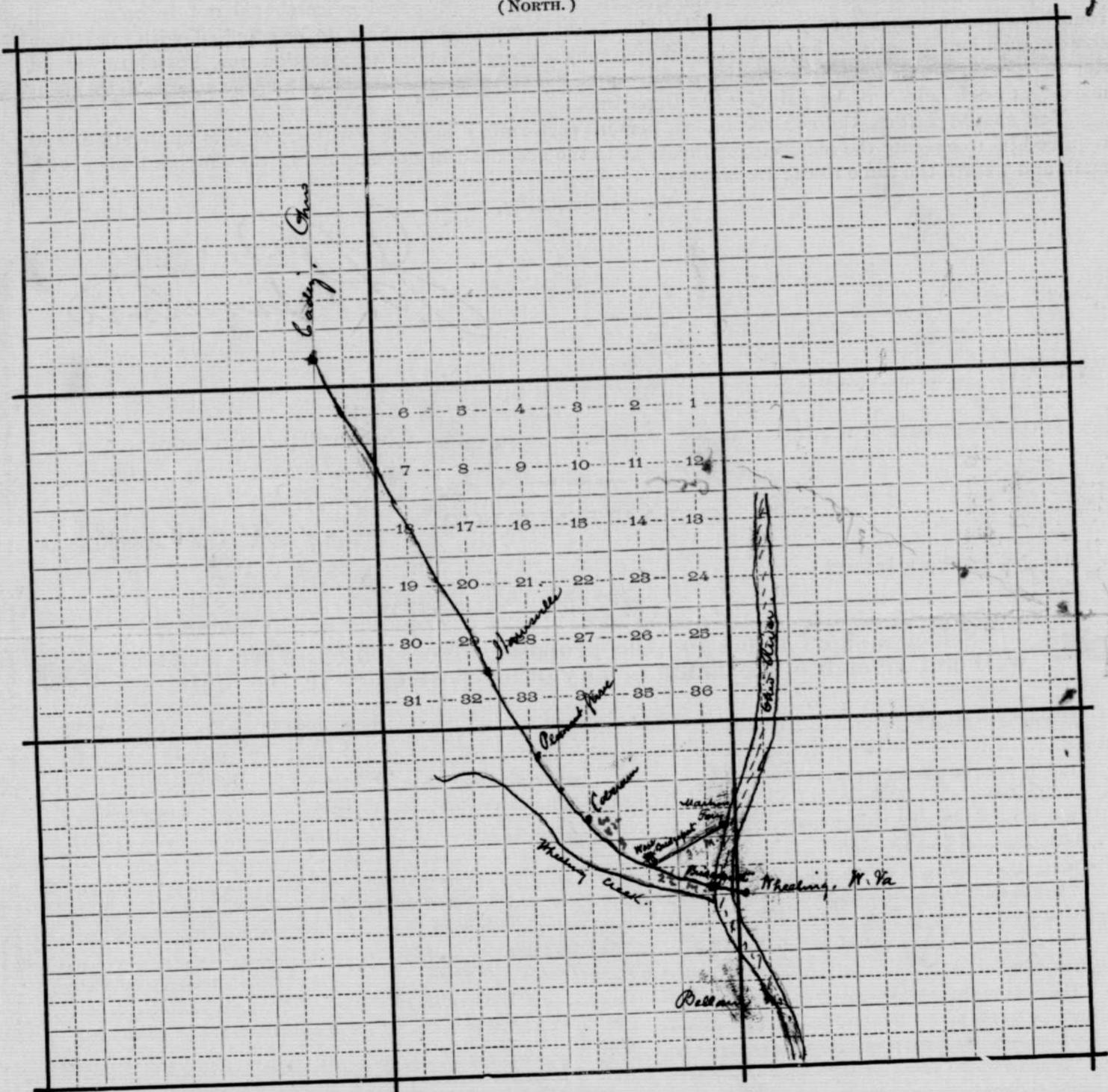
Diagram showing the site of the West Bridgeport Post Office,
 in Township Pease (N. or S.), Range 2 (E. or W.) of E. 4. Principal
 Meridian, County of Delmont State
 of Ohio, with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.

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W. H. Blinn, 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.)

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