

Please bear in mind  
this article was  
actually written  
in 1965.

From Rex to Lamb ...

or Catfish Point to Wyandotte ...

A History of  
THE 107 POST OFFICES  
OF BOLIVAR COUNTY.

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1836 - 1965

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This is the history of the 107 small post offices established in Bolivar county since its organization by the legislature in 1836. It is for me a landmark.

For about three years I have been researching and writing post office histories for various counties in Mississippi as a semi-avocation and semi-serious pursuit. In the back of my mind lurked the idea that perhaps some day I would finish all 82 of Mississippi's counties and thus have the entire state on record in a never-before achieved feat.

This was only an idea. Gradually it has strengthened into a resolve.

Bolivar is the 50th county for which I have now written post office histories. I now consider that I have come so far along this path there can be no turning back. I now hope that within another two to three years I can complete the project. 82 in all. 50 now finished. 32 to go.

In the 149 years since Bolivar county was formed (in 1836) there have been 107 small post offices established within her borders by the

United States Post Office Department. The offices were in country stores, in private residences and in some cases in their own little building. Through the years they have been scattered across the Bolivar county landscape in almost every corner and at every crossroads. If all 107 of the little federal enclaves were still in existence you could almost literally throw a rock from one to the other from Round Lake to Bogue Phalia creek and from Alligator to Choctaw Bend. Of course, the great majority of them are long closed but through the years the county has had a post office for every eight square miles of its area. The coming of free rural mail delivery in 1896 was the signal of doom and since that time the little offices have been shutting down like street lights at dawn.

### Three Concordias

Unusual circumstances surround some of the offices. For instance, an office named Concordia was established on three separate occasions and it is not clear from the record whether they were all at the same locations or at three separate sites. Victoria, Rosedale and Beulah were closed down only to be re-opened. The original Beulah appears to have been a completely separate community from the second one which, of course, continues on up until today.

### Only Through 1965

This article ceases its coverage in the year 1965. The reason for this is simply that I am doing this as history and things could happen from the time I began work on it until I finally finish. Therefore, I am stopping my work at 1965 and some other historian perhaps can some day pick up there and bring the history forward.

This article lists each of the 107 offices, the date of its creation, the date of its discontinuance where applicable, and the name and dates of service of every postmaster or postmistress who ever served up to 1965.

The accompanying map will not have all 107 offices on it since there were some which simply defied location. I don't know where they were; I just know they existed. You might also find some communities on the map which never had post offices. The map is primarily for the purpose of locating as many old Bolivar county communities as possible.

Allow your mind's eye to ramble as you read the list of old offices. Smell the fragrance and experience the ambience of the country store. See the coffee bags, twist tobacco and jars full of candy.

This is history.

Before going into the details of the dates and postmasters of all the offices, here is a list of the 107 offices, in chronological order as they were established in the long ago.

The 107 Post Offices

First, the 17 still-existing offices: Alligator, Beulah, Benoit, Boyle, Cleveland, Duncan, Gunnison, Lamont, Merigold, Mound Bayou, Pace, Rosedale, Scott, Shelby, Shaw, Skene and Winstonville. Bolivar is fortunate in this respect. Most counties only now have about 6 to 8 offices.

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|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bolivar.             | 36. Huntington.      | 71. Round Lake.    |
| 2. Victoria (First).    | 37. Sims.            | 72. Bibbs.         |
| 3. Bolivia.             | 38. Mills.           | 73. Kuhns.         |
| 4. Content.             | 39. Duncan.          | 74. Boyle.         |
| 5. Glencoe.             | 40. Bellevue.        | 75. Shelby.        |
| 6. Concordia (First).   | 41. Hushpuckens.     | 76. Fallback.      |
| 7. Elm Wood.            | 42. Merigold.        | 77. Rex.           |
| 8. Prentiss.            | 43. Masonton.        | 78. Choctaw.       |
| 9. Rosedale (First).    | 44. Shawsburgh.      | 79. Deeson.        |
| 10. Australia.          | 45. Grimmtown.       | 80. Josephine.     |
| 11. Miles Landing.      | 46. Shaw.            | 81. Grapeland.     |
| 12. Carson's Landing.   | 47. Stafford.        | 82. Bellisle.      |
| 13. Beulah (Second).    | 48. Avondale.        | 83. Francis.       |
| 14. Concordia (Second). | 49. Maxime.          | 84. Malvina.       |
| 15. Neblett's Landing.  | 50. Alligator.       | 85. Arnold.        |
| 16. Prides' Point.      | 51. Phalia.          | 86. Skene.         |
| 17. Cooke's Landing.    | 52. Cleveland.       | 87. Lamb.          |
| 18. Terrene.            | 53. Glenwood.        | 88. O'Reilly.      |
| 19. McGehee's Landing.  | 54. Lahomey.         | 89. Busey.         |
| 20. Victoria (Second).  | 55. Mound Bayou.     | 90. Symonds.       |
| 21. Floreyville.        | 56. Lamont.          | 91. Victor.        |
| 22. Riverton.           | 57. Beulah (Second). | 92. Woodside.      |
| 23. Stormville.         | 58. Renova.          | 93. Chambers.      |
| 24. (?)                 | 59. Oak Wood.        | 94. Stringtown.    |
| 25. Flatland.           | 60. Benoit.          | 95. Scott.         |
| 26. Rosedale (Second).  | 61. Gunnison.        | 96. Malinda.       |
| 27. Mound Landing.      | 62. Loddell.         | 97. Tilerville.    |
| 28. Catfish Point.      | 63. Mound City.      | 98. Angosta.       |
| 29. Concordia (Third).  | 64. Perthshire.      | 99. Ivy.           |
| 30. Talladora.          | 65. Gaylesville.     | 100. Pace.         |
| 31. Spoline.            | 66. Wright.          | 101. Harlow.       |
| 32. Gladstone.          | 67. Eutah.           | 102. Taft.         |
| 33. Lake Beulah.        | 68. Little.          | 103. Mehlinger.    |
| 34. Sunrise.            | 69. Bruceville.      | 104. Clusterwood.  |
| 35. Fontaine.           | 70. Everston.        | 105. Meltonia.     |
|                         |                      | 106. Waxhaw.       |
|                         |                      | 107. Winstonville. |

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Alligator	50
Angosta	98
Arnold	85
Australia	10
Avondale	48
Bellevue	40
Bellisle	82
Benoit	60
Beulah (First)	13
Beulah (Second)	57
Bibbs	72
Bolivar	1
Bolivia	3
Boyle	74
Bruceville	69
Busey	89
Carson's Landing	12
Catfish Point	28
Chambers	93
Choctaw	78
Cleveland	52
Clusterwood	104
Concordia (First)	6
Concordia (Second)	14
Concordia (Third)	29
Content	4
Cooke's Landing	17
Dahomey	54
Deeson	79
Duncan	39
Elm Wood	7
Eutah	67
Everston	70
Fallback	76
Flatland	25
Floreyville	21
Fontaine	35

Francis	83
Gaylesville	65
Gladstone	32
Glencoe	5
Glenwood	53
Grapeland	81
Grimmtown	45
Gunnison	61
Harlow	101
Huntington	36
Hushpuckena	41
Ivy	99
Josephine	80
Kuhns	73
Lake Beulah	33
Lamb	87
Lamont	56
Little	68
Lobdell	62
Malinda	96
Malvina	84
Masonton	43
Maxime	49
McGehee's Landing	19
Mehlinger	103
Meltonia	105
Merigold	42
Miles Landing	11
Mills	38
Mound Bayou	55
Mound City	63
Mound Landing	27
Neblett's Landing	15
O'Reilly	88
Oak Wood	59
Pace	100
Perthshire	64
Phalia	51
Prentiss	8

Prides' Point	16
Renova	58
Rex	77
Riverton	22
Rosedale (First)	9
Rosedale (Second)	26
Round Lake	71
Scott	95
Shaw	46
Shawsburgh	44
Shelby	75
Sims	37
Skene	86
Sporine	31
Stafford	47
Stormville	23
Stringtown	94
Sunrise	34
Symonds	90
Taft	102
Talladora	30
Terrene	18
Tilerville	97
Victor	91
Victoria (First)	2
Victoria (Second)	20
Waxhaw	106
Winstonville	107
Woodside	92
Wright	66