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This courthouse was built in 1959 to replace the previous courthouse that burned in a fire. Kentucky Historical Society, J.H. Patrick Kentucky Courthouse Photographs. Graphic21_Box1_FF81.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY: PRATER'S FORT, LICKING STATION, ADAMSVILLE, SALYERSVILLE

Salyersville has been called by several names: Prater's Fort, Licking Station and Adamsville. "Uncle Billie" Adams founded the town. He owned extensive farmland, a hotel, gristmill, tannery and blacksmith shop. The village which grew up around his home and businesses was called Adamsville until 1861 when it was renamed Salyersville for Samuel Salyer, the legislator who sponsored creation of Magoffin County. In 1871 Adams and his wife gave land for courthouse and other public buildings.



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