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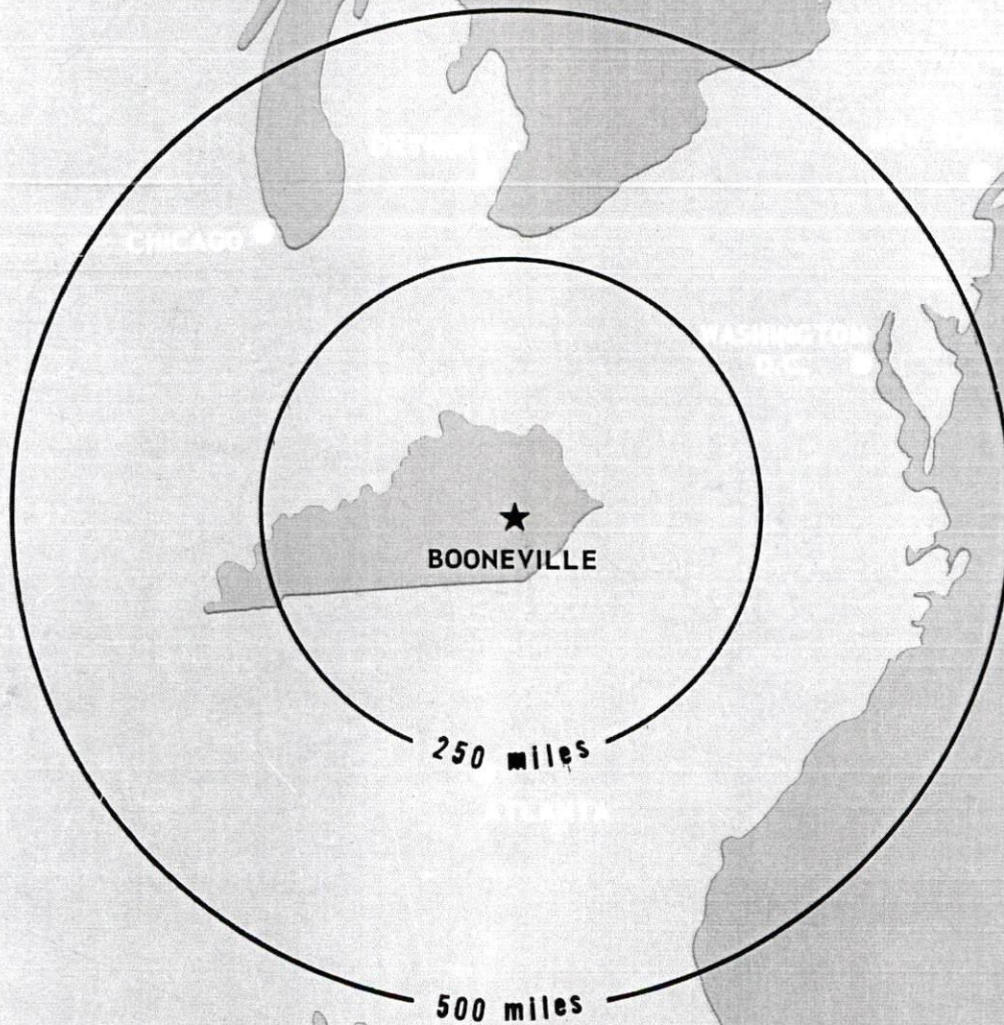
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

BOONEVILLE ***KENTUCKY***



BOONEVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE

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BOONEVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE

For additional information concerning the following site, contact Kendall Robinson, Booneville, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE # 1: ACREAGE: 37 acres
LOCATION: 3 miles southwest of Booneville
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Route 11, 1 mile northwest
of site. Scoville Road divides property.
WATER: Booneville Water and Sewer District
SIZE LINE: 6-inch line on property
ELECTRICITY: Jackson Rural Electric Cooperative
Corporation
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OPTIONED BY: Owsley County Planning Commission

LEGEND:
W - WATER
E - ELECTRICITY

SITE-1
37 Ac.
W.E

0 1 1 MILE
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1961

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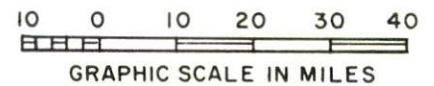
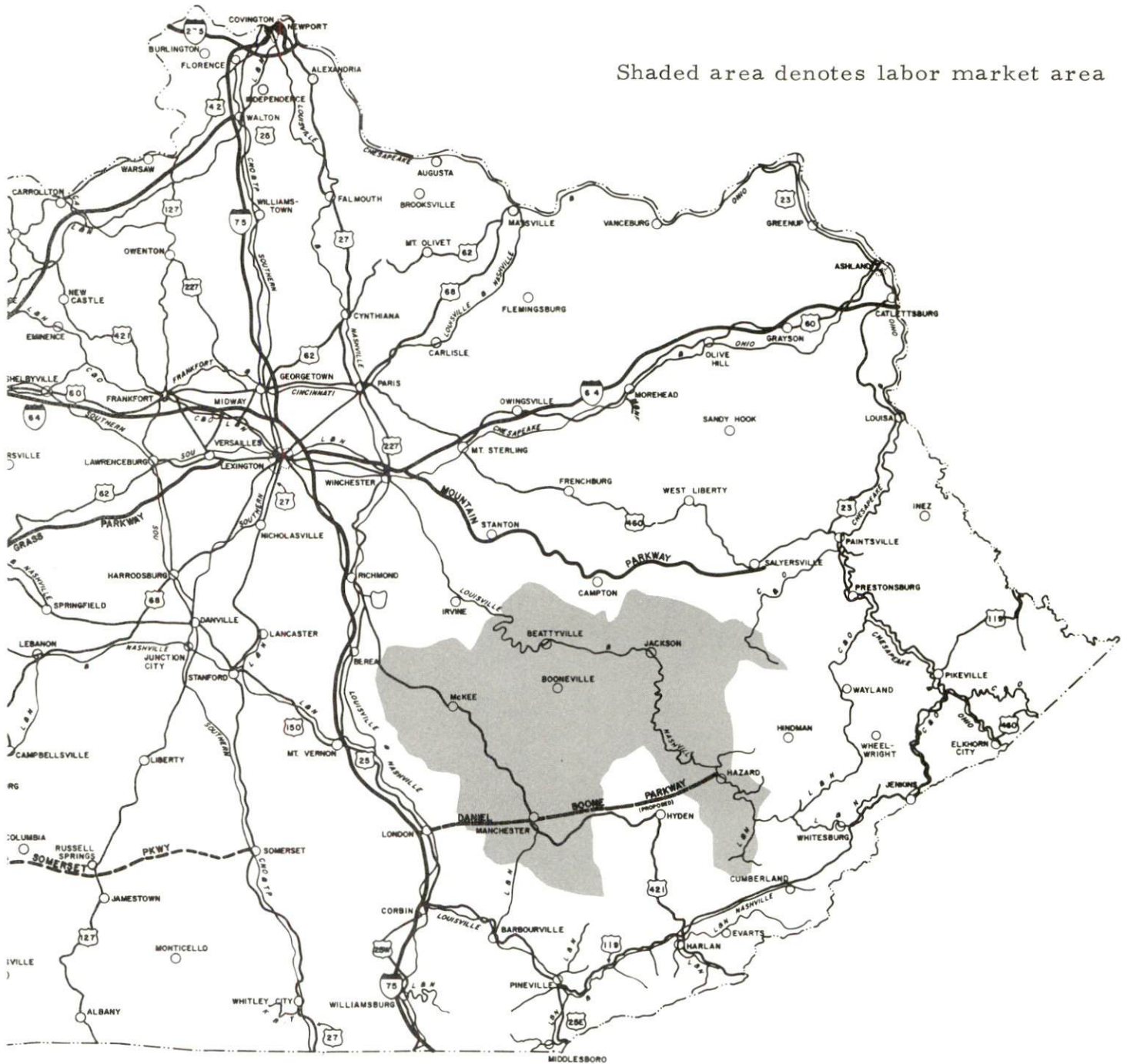
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BOONEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Shaded area denotes labor market area



BOONEVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Booneville, the county seat of Owsley County, is located in the Eastern Mountain Region of Kentucky, 77 miles southeast of Lexington, 157 miles southeast of Louisville, 85 miles south of Cincinnati, and 130 miles southwest of the Ashland-Huntington area. Booneville had a 1970 population of 126.

Owsley County had a 1970 population of 5,023 and at present is strictly agrarian and undisturbed by strip mining and pollution. Its location in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky provides it with vast opportunities to become a recreation center.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Owsley County averaged 900 in 1969. Agriculture supplied 400 of these jobs and government employed 200. At present there are no manufacturing firms located in Owsley County.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1969 was \$993. Total personal income has increased 78.8 percent since 1959.

Booneville is the hub of a labor market area that includes Owsley, and the five adjoining counties. Area employment totaled 16,500 in 1969, including 2,500 jobs in agriculture, 4,240 jobs in trades and services, and 5,200 jobs in government. The area's major industrial products are lumber, furniture, and leather products.

The area has a deficit of 7,454 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial-employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current labor supply of 5,250 men and 6,325 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition 5,975 young men and 5,650 young women will become 18 years of age by 1977 and potentially available for work.

2. The Oaks Truck Line provides trucking service from Booneville to Lexington. The Mountain Parkway is located only 31 miles to the north and provides Booneville with access to Interstate 64 which is a major link to the east and west. Commercial air service is available at the London-Corbin War Memorial Airport in London, 59 miles south of Booneville.

3. Energy - The Jackson County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation supplies the entire county with electrical power.

4. Industrial sites - Booneville has one available site consisting of 37 acres. Water and electricity are available at the site.

5. Owsley County schools operate under the county school system. One university, two senior colleges, two junior colleges, and two community colleges are within 110 miles of Booneville.

Community Programs for Improvement

The construction of a new Owsley County High School is expected to be finished in 1971 at a cost of \$528,000 dollars. The new structure is located on Kentucky Highway 28, approximately .5 mile east of Booneville.

The City of Booneville is planning a recreation area and general playground which is to be completed in 1971. The city police department is getting a radio-equipped patrol car in 1971.

Federal funds in the amount of \$245,000 have been allocated for the planning and design of the Booneville Reservoir. It has been estimated that the lake will cover 3,680 acres. The lake will be used for recreation, flood control, and water storage. It is expected to be ready for construction by 1972.

At present, a bond issue is being considered to provide funds to rebuild the county courthouse which was destroyed by fire. The bond issue will be decided in 1971. The preliminary plans call for a two-story building.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Booneville's location in the eastern Kentucky mountains provides great possibilities for recreation facilities.

Booneville is located at the edge of the Daniel Boone National Forest and Natural Bridge State Resort Park is only 31 miles to the north. Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Fort Boonesborough State Park, and Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park are scenic areas only a short driving time from Booneville.

Other attractions are the Mountain Music Festival and the Western Style Square Dance Festival held each year at Natural Bridge State Resort Park during the months of July and September.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Booneville	126	143	165	- 11.9	- 13.3
Labor Market Area	80,022	94,665	118,510	- 15.5	- 20.1
Owsley County	5,023	5,369	7,324	- 6.4	- 26.7
Breathitt County	14,221	15,490	19,664	- 8.2	- 21.2
Lee County	6,587	7,420	8,739	- 11.2	- 15.1
Clay County	18,481	20,748	23,116	- 10.9	- 10.2
Jackson County	10,005	10,677	13,101	- 6.3	- 18.5
Perry County	25,714	34,961	46,566	- 26.4	- 25.0

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Owsley County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	900	16,500
Agricultural	400	2,500
Nonagricultural	500	14,000
Manufacturing	0	600
Trade and Services	40	4,240
Government	200	5,200
Other	260	3,960

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY JUNE 1970 AND 1960 ^{3/}

Industry	Owsley County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	% Change	1970	1960	% Change
TOTAL	0	0	0	538	615	- 12.5
Food & Kindred Products	0	0	0	92	72	+ 27.8
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	0	0	115	0	
Lumber & Furniture	0	0	0	212	524	- 59.5
Printing, Publishing, Paper	0	0	0	39	4	+ 875.0
Other	0	0	0	80	6	+1233.3

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
BOONEVILLE, KENTUCKY ^{4/}

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>	
		<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.50	\$4.25	\$3.50
Laborer	1.60	1.75	1.60
Machinist	2.00	3.00	2.40
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.25	3.00	2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.75	2.00
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.50	\$2.00
File Clerk	1.60	1.90	1.70
Receptionist	1.60	1.90	1.70
Secretary	1.60	2.50	2.00
Typist	1.60	2.00	1.70

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
BOONEVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971^{5/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1977 (Becoming 18 Years of Age)^{6/}</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market						
Area	11,605	5,268	6,337	11,622	5,979	5,643
Owsley	1,318	856	462	703	367	336
Breathitt	1,898	839	1,059	2,228	1,122	1,106
Clay	2,317	923	1,394	2,748	1,413	1,335
Jackson	1,666	743	923	1,369	701	668
Lee	1,110	545	565	926	463	463
Perry	3,296	1,362	1,934	3,648	1,913	1,735

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{7/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Owsley County	\$ 4,963,000	\$ 2,776,000	+78.8
Labor Market Area	111,811,000	74,226,000	+50.6
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+97.7

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Owsley County	\$ 993	\$ 527	+88.4
Labor Market Area	\$960 to 1,510	\$527 to 1,100	NA
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+83.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Owsley County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,120
Elementary	706
High School	414
Student-Teacher Ratio	25-1
Elementary	25-1
High School	26-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	34.1
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$409.95
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1970	\$597,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Hazard Area Vocational School	Lee County
Miles Distant	Hazard	Beattyville
Curriculum	43	11
	Business and Office	Accounting Jr. Mgmt.
	Health Occupations	General Clerical
	Electronics	Secretarial-Steno
	Highway Technology	Auto Mechanics
	Auto Body Repair	Carpentry
	Auto Mechanics	Drafting
	Carpentry	Electricity
	Cosmetology	Welding
	Diesel Mechanics	
	Drafting, Electricity	
	Heavy Equipment	
	Operation & Maintenance	
	Machine Shop	
	Mine Mechanics	
	Welding	

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 110 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	9,602	Masters
Berea College	Berea	1,400	Baccalaureate
Pikeville College	Pikeville	740	Baccalaureate
Alice Lloyd Junior College	Pippa Passes	297	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson	374	Associate
Hazard Community College	Hazard	212	Associate
Southeast Community College	Cumberland	343	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving - Nearest rail service, provided by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, is located at Beattyville, 11 miles from Booneville.

Services - Carload freight, switching, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BEATTYVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO: 9 /

No. of Days		No. of Days	
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	4	Los Angeles, Calif.	6
Birmingham, Ala.	4	Louisville, Ky.	2
Chicago, Ill.	4	Nashville, Tenn.	3
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	New Orleans, La.	5
Cleveland, Ohio	4	New York, N. Y.	5
Detroit, Mich.	5	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	4

Truck Service

Company

Oaks Truck Line*

Home Office

Beattyville, Kentucky

*Oaks Truck Line has service to Lexington only.

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME IN DAYS FROM
BOONEVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery		City	Highway Miles	Delivery	
		Time ^{10/} TL				Time TL	
Atlanta, Ga.	589	3		Los Angeles, Calif.	2,264	5	
Birmingham, Ala.	523	4		Louisville, Ky.	157	2	
Chicago, Ill.	458	3		Nashville, Tenn.	304	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	162	2		New Orleans, La.	867	5	
Cleveland, Ohio	511	3		New York, N. Y.	926	5	
Detroit, Mich.	532	4		Pittsburgh, Pa.	551	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	347	3		St. Louis, Mo.	421	3	

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location:

London-Corbin War Memorial Airport
London, 59 miles from Booneville

Runways:

1 paved

Length:

6,000 feet

Traffic Control:

Wind sock

Lighting:

Beacon, runway and obstruction lights

Services:

80 and 100 octane; JP-A-50; Piedmont
Airlines; taxi; U-Drive-It; weather;
flight training; charter and ambulance
service; vending machines

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Line at Jackson, Kentucky,
24 miles away

Rental Services

Car and truck rentals are available at Berea, Kentucky,
55 miles away.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Owsley County - Jackson County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Jackson County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation, McKee, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Natural gas is available in the southwestern part of Owsley County, but at present there are no pipelines in the county. Bottled gas is supplied by one distributor in Owsley County and by other distributors in the surrounding counties.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Name of water district - Booneville Water and Sewer District
Area served - The city limits of Booneville and surrounding area
Date when water district began operating - December 10, 1968
Source of raw water - South Fork of Kentucky River
Capacity of treatment plant - 368,640 gpd
Type of treatment - Lime, chlorine, fluoride, potassium, and alum
Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 30,000 gallons
Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 36,000 gallons
Water district storage facilities and capacities:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
Concrete tank	200,000 gallons
Concrete tank	36,000 gallons
Clear well	100,000 gallons

Average pressure - 80 psi
Size lines - 8-inch lines from tanks

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

		(Minimum bill \$4.00)
First	2,000 gallons or less	\$2.00 per M gallons
Next	18,000 gallons or less	1.00 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons or less	.80 per M gallons
Next	30,000 gallons or less	.60 per M gallons
Next	30,000 gallons or less	.50 per M gallons
All over	100,000 gallons	.40 per M gallons

Surface water sources - South Fork of Kentucky River
Average discharge - South Fork of Kentucky River at Booneville,
1014 cfs; (USGS, 35-year record)
Expected ground water yield - 5-50 gpm entire county

Sewerage

Company serving Booneville - Booneville Water and Sewer District

Design capacity - 100,000 gpd

Average flow - 70 gpm

Type treatment - Aeration basin, clarifying basin, recirculation
sludge pump

Treated effluent discharged into - South Fork of Kentucky River

Size of sanitary mains - 8-inch

Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - 5-member Board of Trustees - 2-year terms
Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$6,200; Water and Sewer Fund \$26,167
Fees and licenses - \$20 annual license fee for businesses

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 3 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$27,684; Road Fund \$30,650

Assessed Value of Property, 1970

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Owsley County</u>
Real Estate	\$8,920,795
Tangibles	1,809,200
Public Service	1,863,642 ('69)

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1970 11

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Owsley County</u>
State	\$.015
County	.260
School	.427
Total	\$.702

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Booneville</u>	<u>Owsley County</u>
Total staff	1	4
Other equipment	Standard	Standard

Fire

American Insurance	
Association Fire Rating	10
Volunteers	12
Equipment:	
500-gpm pumper	1

*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

**Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Oneida Mountain Hospital	Oneida-Clay County, 20 miles distant	35
General hospital facilities - Necessary diagnostic services, X-ray room, laboratory, emergency room, operating room, and delivery room		
Medical staff - 6 doctors on staff - 3 in general practice, 1 surgeon, 1 pathologist, 1 radiologist, 8 registered nurses, 3 licensed practical nurses, 3 orderlies, 15 nurses aides, laboratory under direction of American Society of Clinical Pathology, X-ray department under direction of physicians		

Public Health

Facility - Owsley County Health Department

Staff - (part-time) - health officer, public health nurse, health program coordinator, health educator, nutritionist, sanitarian; (full-time) - 2 clerks, 2 home health aides, 2 nurses, 1 OEO assignee, 6 student nurses from Berea College visit the department one day a week.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.
Services - Substation

Telegraph - Western Union, closest office at Beattyville

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - 2
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspapers - Peoples Journal
Weekly and circulation - 2,000
Other papers received from - Lexington and Louisville

Radio -
Stations received from - Beattyville, Jackson, Hazard, Lexington,
and Louisville

Television -
Cable Service
Reception from - Lexington, Channel 27; Lexington, Channel 18;
Lexington, Channel 62

Library Services

Public Libraries - Owsley County Public Library
Size collection - 6,000 volumes
Circulation, 1970 - 2,400 per month
Services - Bookmobile, films, records and film strips, participates
in headstart and day care programs

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 4
Denominations - Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Church of God

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Farmers State Bank	\$2,954,666.62	\$2,707,120.17

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Lions, Jaycees

Fraternal - Masons, American Legion, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H, FFA, Glee Club, Beta Club,
Future Homemakers

Other - History Club, Health Club, Sportsman's Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Little League

Playgrounds - 1

Baseball diamonds - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

Movie theaters - 1 drive-in

Cultural Events

Mountain Music Festival

Western Style Square Dance Festival

Area (Within 75 miles)

Dr. Thomas Walker State Shrine

Daniel Boone National Forest

Natural Bridge State Resort Park

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park

Fort Boonesborough State Park

Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture ^{12/}

	<u>Owsley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	126,080	1,315,400
Percent of area in farm land	56.0	35.5
Number of farms	843	5,128
Average size of farms (acres)	83.7	91.0
1964 value of all farm products	\$1,189,108	\$6,828,136
Value per farm	1,411	1,332
Total crop sales	1,077,789	5,307,750
Total livestock & livestock products	111,317	1,517,414
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	1,721,000	8,916,000
Corn (bu.)	78,000	542,000
Cattle and calves (number)	3,100	23,900
Hogs and pigs (number)	800	10,500
Milk production (1967) (lbs.)	1,740,000	27,785,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Petroleum and small amounts of gas
Other mineral resources	Coal and clay
Acres of commercial forest land	96,700
Most abundant tree species	White oaks, red oaks, yellow poplar, hickories, yellow pines, soft maples, hard maples, beech

Climate ^{13/}

	<u>Owsley County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1969	54.6 degrees
Record highest July, 1966 (6-year record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (6-year record)	-10.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,683
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.73 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (25-year record)	16.0 inches
Total precipitation 1969	39.50 inches
Mean number of days precipitation (25-year record) (.01 inch or more)	128
Average number days thunderstorms (25-year record)	47
Prevailing winds (17-year record)	South

HISTORY

Owsley County was the ninety-sixth county formed in Kentucky. Dating from 1843, its territory was taken from Breathitt, Clay and Estill Counties. The Kentucky River flows along the northern border, and its southern fork runs through the county from a south to north direction.

Owsley County was one of the last areas in Kentucky to be settled. It was a hunting ground which the Indians used. It was explored by Daniel Boone, but was first settled by John Shepard, James Moore, and John Abner who penetrated the wilderness by boat.

The county was named for William Owsley. Owsley practiced law in Garrard County and represented that county in the state legislature. He became popular for advocating that Kentucky's laws should be rewritten to incorporate in them the principle of what was right instead of what appeared to be expedient at the moment. Governor Shelby appointed him to the Supreme Court of the state. Owsley was elected to the governorship of Kentucky and served from 1844 to 1848.

Booneville, the county seat, is located in the north-central section of the county. Booneville was incorporated in 1847, and named after Daniel Boone who often camped at the site and owned some land in the vicinity.

Names worthy of remembrance are:

Dr. William J. Moore - Retired dean of Eastern Kentucky University.

Dr. Letcher Gabbard - Retired dean of Texas A & M College

Dr. Hazel Gabbard - United States Department of Education,
Washington, D. C.

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