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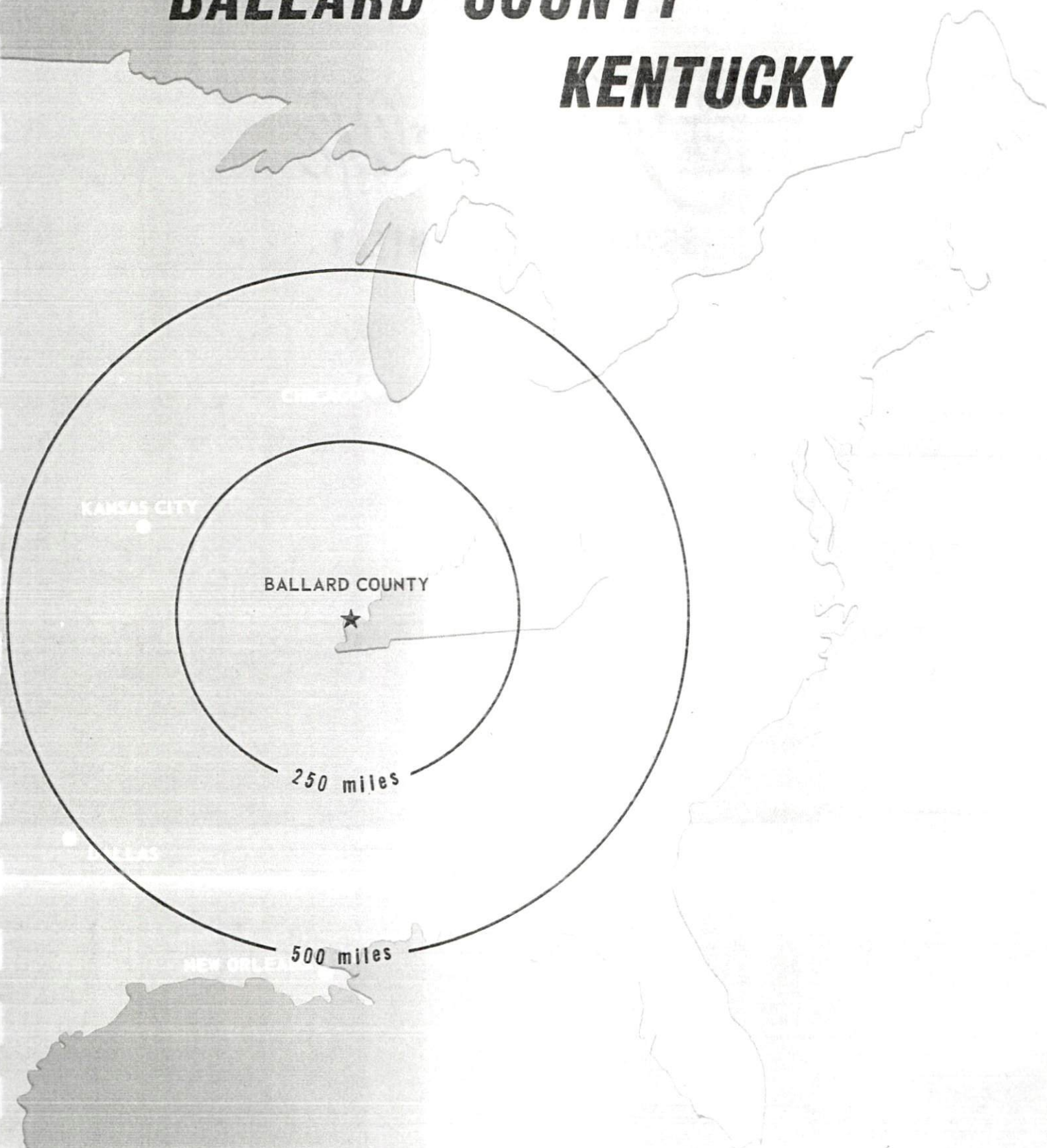
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

BALLARD COUNTY

KENTUCKY



BARLOW INDUSTRIAL SITES

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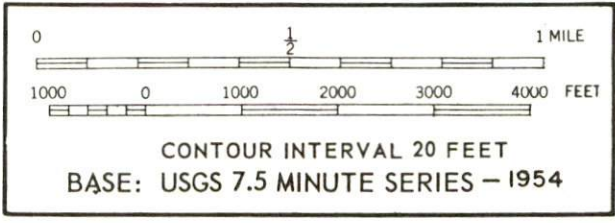
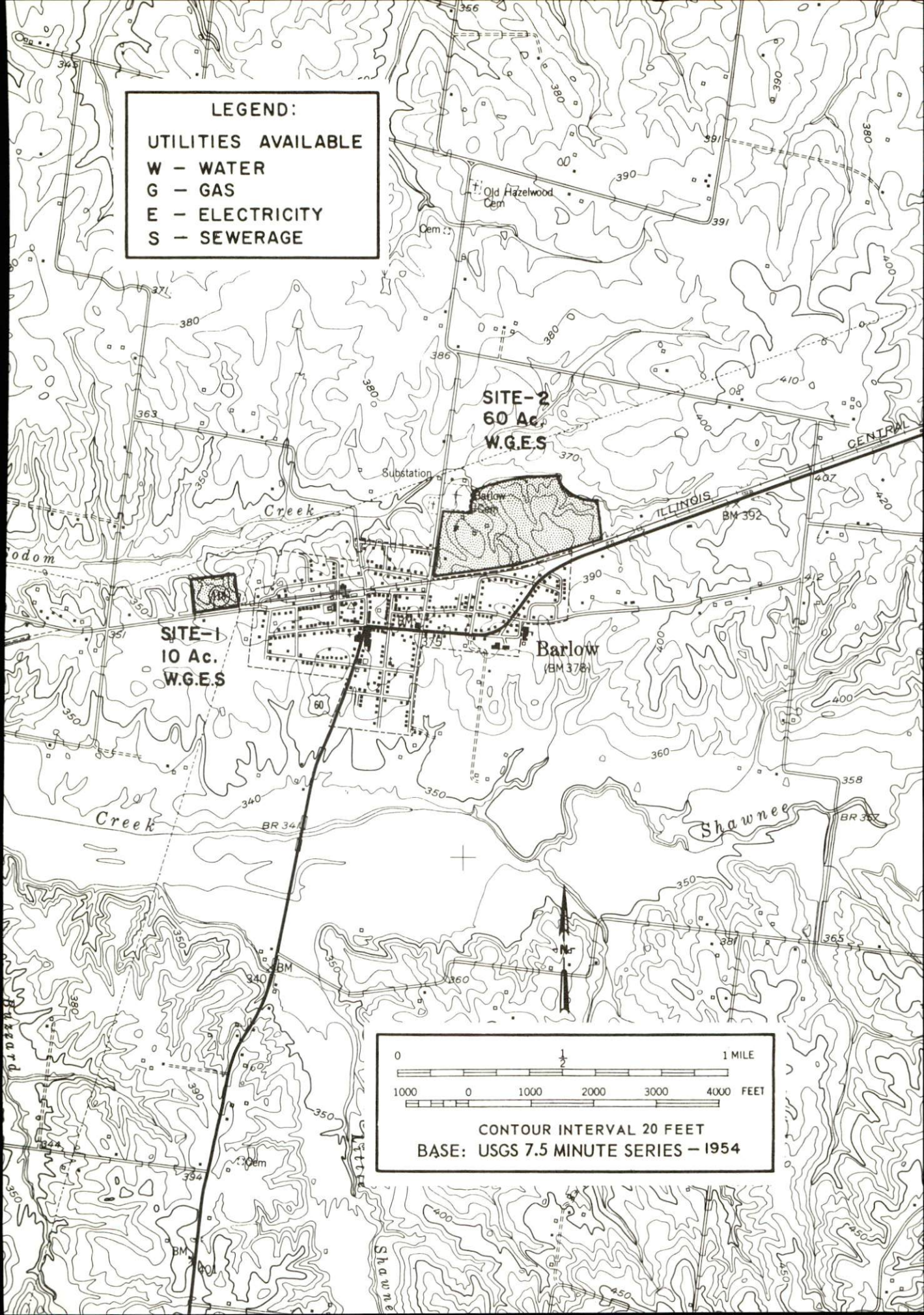
SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 10 acres, level to rolling
LOCATION: West of Barlow city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 118 fronts the site.
RAILROAD: Illinois Central is on east side of site.
WATER: Barlow Water System
 SIZE LINE: 4-inch
GAS: Commonwealth Service Corporation
 SIZE LINE: 2-inch
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Barlow Water & Sewerage System
OPTIONED BY: Barlow Chamber of Commerce
CONTACT: Claud Notgrass, Barlow, Kentucky

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 60 acres, level to rolling
LOCATION: Northeast of Barlow city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 60 is south of site.
RAILROAD: Illinois Central borders south section of site.
WATER: Barlow Water System
 SIZE LINE: 4-inch
GAS: Commonwealth Service Corporation
 SIZE LINE: 2-inch
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Barlow Water & Sewerage System
OWNED BY: G. P. May
CONTACT: Gerald Wells, Mayor, Barlow, Kentucky

LEGEND:

UTILITIES AVAILABLE

- W - WATER**
- G - GAS**
- E - ELECTRICITY**
- S - SEWERAGE**



INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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and
The Wickliffe Chamber of Commerce

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BALLARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Ballard County lies in the Jackson Purchase region of extreme western Kentucky. The county is bordered by the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, with the confluence a short distance north of Wickliffe, the county seat.

Paducah, the trading center of western Kentucky, is located in adjoining McCracken County and is accessible via U. S. Highways 60 and 62.

The population of Ballard County was estimated at 8,100 in 1969.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Ballard County averaged 2,240 in 1968. Non-agricultural employment represented over 1,400 of that total. Manufacturing employment will increase substantially upon the completion of the new Westvaco paper plant. Employment is expected to reach 350 by the Spring of 1970.

Other employment characteristics were represented in 1968 by the 800 persons employed in agriculture, the 300 government employees, and the trade and services employment of 200.

In the Ballard County labor market area, which includes Ballard and the three adjoining Kentucky counties, total employment averaged 37,900 in 1968. Manufacturing employment averaged 9,350. McCracken County provides more than two-thirds of the total employment average, and over one-half of the manufacturing employment.

Resources For Growth

In the Ballard County labor market area, there is an available labor supply of 2,425 men and 1,785 women, and the good highway access is highly conducive to commuting.

Additional assets for industrial growth include the electric power provided by Kentucky Utilities Company, excellent treated water supply and sewerage service. Rail service is available through the Illinois Central Railroad. Educational facilities in the area are complimented by the Paducah Community College and the two area vocational schools, also located in Paducah.

Two industrial sites are presently available at Barlow.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Ballard County offers its residents a friendly and wholesome atmosphere in which to work and live. The Ballard County Fish and Game Refuge provides unexcelled beauty, and is a garden spot for hunters and fishermen. The location of the county at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers offers a wide variety of water recreation. In nearby Paducah, entertainment attractions, such as athletic and cultural events, are both numerous and varied.

The people of Ballard County reflect the community atmosphere in their warm, outgoing hospitality.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

	Population			Percent Change	
	1969 (Est.)	1960	1950	1960-69	1950-60
Labor Market Area	101,000	101,221	95,252	- 0.2	+ 6.3
Ballard County	8,100	8,291	8,545	- 2.3	- 3.0
Barlow	800	731	657	+ 9.4	+ 11.3
La Center	1,000	882	593	+ 13.4	+ 48.7
Wickliffe	1,200	917	1,019	+ 30.0	- 10.0

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1968 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Ballard County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,236	37,899
Agricultural	821	3,511
Nonagricultural	1,415	34,388
Manufacturing	58	9,350
Trade and Services	199	10,232
Government	292	4,409
Other	866	10,397

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1959 AND 1968 ^{3/}

Industry	Ballard County			Labor Market Area		
	1968	1959	% Change	1968	1959	% Change
TOTAL	58	198	- 70.0	9,350	9,002	+ 3.9
Food & Kindred Products				728	672	+ 8.3
Apparel, Textiles, Leather				3,148	3,754	- 16.1
Printing, Publishing, Paper	42	5	+ 740.0	336	218	+ 54.1
Chemicals, Petroleum, Coal, Rubber				2,102	1,741	+ 20.7
Stone, Clay & Glass	9	147	- 93.9	421	380	+ 10.8
Primary Metals				247	0	
Machinery & Metal Products				2,144	1,923	+ 11.5
Other	7	46	- 84.8	224	314	- 28.7

BALLARD COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT 4/

Firm	Product	Employment		
		T	M	F
<u>Barlow</u>				
Beamer Handle Co.	Hickory, ash handle stock	3	3	0
Neal Parsons	Braided nylon dog leashes, braided nylon rope	1	0	1
<u>Kevil</u>				
Bradford Corp.	Prefabricated metal pipe	20		
David Gibbs	Rough lumber and crossties	5	5	0
Kevil Broom & Mop Co.	Brooms and mops	1	1	0
Sunrise Feed Service	Feed	4	3	1
Tele Service Co.	Metal telephone booths, telephone reconditioning service	45	24	21
<u>La Center</u>				
Stewart Printing Co.	Job printing	1	1	0
<u>Wickliffe</u>				
Advance-Yeoman	Newspaper, job printing	5	2	3
General Concrete Co.	Concrete	6	6	0
Kissair Heading Co.	Barrel headings	NA		
Sippi Products, Inc.	Pottery lamp bases and novelties	176	90	86
Waldschmidt Lumber Co.	Lumber	41	40	1
Westvaco Corp.	Paper mill	350		

HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY ^{5/}

Classification	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$5.50	\$5.50	\$5.50
Laborer	3.30	3.50	3.30
Machinist	2.50	3.10	2.75
Mechanic, Maintenance	4.70	4.70	4.70
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	3.75	3.75	3.75
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$1.65	\$1.60
File Clerk	1.60	1.65	1.60
Receptionist	1.60	1.65	1.60
Secretary	1.60	1.70	1.65
Typist	1.60	1.65	1.60

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
BALLARD COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

County	Current Labor Supply ^{6/} 1970			Future Labor Supply by 1976 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) ^{7/}		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	4,208	2,424	1,784	9,821	5,068	4,753
Ballard	532	186	346	744	366	378
Carlisle	606	374	232	468	242	226
Graves	1,665	1,026	639	2,608	1,347	1,261
McCracken	1,405	838	567	6,001	3,113	2,888

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Ballard County	\$ 15,814,000	\$ 8,502,000	+84.8
Labor Market Area	272,963,000	159,775,000	+70.8
Kentucky	8,516,000,000	4,655,000,000	+82.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

	1968	1959	% Change
Ballard County	\$1,939	\$1,081	+79.4
Labor Market Area	\$1,939 to 2,889	\$1,069 to 1,802	+81.4 to +60.3
Kentucky	2,645	1,552	+70.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Ballard County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,675
Elementary	1,169
High School	506
Student-Teacher Ratio	22-1
Elementary	27-1
High School	17-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Other Accreditations	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Percent High School Graduates to College	60.7
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$442.79
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1969	\$1,190,000

Vocational Schools

Nearest Area Schools

	Tilghman Area	West Kentucky Area
Location	Paducah	Paducah
Miles Distant	33	33
Curriculum	Nurse Aide Practical Nursing Surgical Technician Ward Clerk Distributive Education Electronics (Technology) Highway Technology Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Appliance Repair Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Barbering Carpentry Cosmetology	General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Electronics Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Barbering Carpentry Commercial Foods Cosmetology Drafting Electricity Groundskeeping and Landscaping Masonry Tailoring

Nearest Area Schools

Tilghman Area

Small Engine Repair
Machine Shop
Welding
Drafting
Electricity

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 50 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Paducah Community College	Paducah	1,051	Associate
Murray State University	Murray	7,334	Masters

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Lines serving Barlow and La Center - Illinois Central Railroad

Lines serving Wickliffe - Illinois Central and Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroads

Services - Sidings, switching, freight

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM LA CENTER AND WICKLIFFE,
KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

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

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

La Center

Dixie Highway Express, Inc.
Harper Truck Service, Inc.
McLean Trucking Co.
Modern Truck Line, Inc.

Birmingham, Alabama
Paducah, Kentucky
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Paducah, Kentucky

Wickliffe

Henry Edwards Trucking Co.
Dixie Highway Express, Inc.
Harper Truck Service, Inc.
McLean Trucking Co.
Modern Truck Line, Inc.

Clinton, Kentucky
Birmingham, Alabama
Paducah, Kentucky
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Paducah, Kentucky

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	426	2-3	1	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,044	5-7	4-5
Birmingham, Ala.	332	2-3	1	Louisville, Ky.	251	1-2	1
Chicago, Ill.	404	2-3	1	Nashville, Tenn.	174	1-2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	363	1-2	1	New Orleans, La.	555	3-4	2-3
Cleveland, Ohio	611	3	1-2	New York, N. Y.	1,009	4-5	2-3
Detroit, Mich.	577	3	1-2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	672	3-4	1-2
Knoxville, Tenn.	359	2-3	1	St. Louis, Mo.	155	1-2	1

Air

Nearest Commercial

Barkley Field

Location:

Paducah, 33 miles distant

Runways:

2 paved

Length:

6,500 feet; 4,000 feet

Traffic Control:

Wind tee

Lighting:

Beacon, boundary, obstruction, runway
lights, runway identification lights

Services:

80 and 100 octane, jet fuel, Delta and
Ozark Airlines, taxi, limousine,
U-Drive-It, storage, major A & E
repairs

Bus

Continental Trailways and Connors Bus
Lines

Rental Services

U-Haul trailers are available at
Wickliffe, other rental services are
available at Paducah.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Barlow, La Center, and Wickliffe - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Lexington, Kentucky

Company serving Ballard County - Jackson Purchase RECC

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Lexington, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Barlow, La Center, and Wickliffe - Commonwealth Service Corporation

Source of supply - Trunkline Gas Company

Size of transmission lines - 3-inch

Distribution lines - 1 1/2 and 2 inches

BTU content - 1,025; Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 30 psi; Peak demand at 0° F. - 950,000 cu. ft.

Rates:

Barlow

Residential and Small Commercial

First	500 cu. ft. or less	\$1.35 Minimum
Next	2,500 cu. ft.	1.36 per M cu. ft.
Next	7,000 cu. ft.	1.25 per M cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft.	1.09 per M cu. ft.
Next	20,000 cu. ft.	.93 per M cu. ft.
Over	40,000 cu. ft.	.74 per M cu. ft.
Minimum Monthly Bill		1.35

Industrial rates will be furnished by Commonwealth Service Corporation.

Large Commercial

First	500 cu. ft. or less	\$2.13
Next	3,500 cu. ft.	1.16 per M cu. ft.
Next	6,000 cu. ft.	.90 per M cu. ft.
Next	30,000 cu. ft.	.64 per M cu. ft.
Over	40,000 cu. ft.	.59 per M cu. ft.
Minimum Monthly Bill		2.13

Wickliffe

Large Commercial

First	500 cu. ft. or less	\$2.13
Next	3,500 cu. ft.	1.16 per M cu. ft.
Next	6,000 cu. ft.	.90 per M cu. ft.
Next	30,000 cu. ft.	.64 per M cu. ft.
Over	40,000 cu. ft.	.59 per M cu. ft.
Minimum Monthly Bill		2.13

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Barlow - Barlow Water System
Source - 2 wells
Treatment plant capacity - 345,000 gpd
Type treatment - chlorination and soda ash
Storage - 80,000 gallons
Average pressure - 40 psi
Size mains - 2, 4, and 6 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

\$6 per month, water and sewer bill combined.
Commercial use will be negotiated.

Company serving Wickliffe - Wickliffe Municipal Water Works
Source - well
Treatment plant capacity - 432,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 101,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 189,000 gallons
Type treatment - chlorination, soda ash and calgon
Storage capacity - 76,000 gallons
Average pressure - 85 psi
Average temperature - 60°
Size mains - 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	1,000 gallons	\$3.00 Minimum
Next	4,000 gallons	1.45 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.30 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	1.15 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	1.05 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
Over	50,000 gallons	.40 per M gallons

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE PER METER SIZE:

5/8 or	3/4-inch meter	\$ 3.00
	1-inch meter	3.00
1 1/4 or	1 1/2-inch meter	5.10
	2-inch meter	15.00
	3-inch meter	35.00
	4-inch meter	45.00
	6-inch meter	65.00

Surface water sources - Ohio River

Average discharge - Almost unlimited supply for industrial purposes

Expected ground water yield - Entire county 500 to 1,000 gpm

Yield along main streams - Ohio River, as above with large industrial supply

Sewerage

Company serving Barlow - Barlow Sewer System

Design capacity - 50,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 50,000 gallons

Treatment - secondary

Type treatment - trickling filter

Treated effluent discharged into - Shawnee Creek

Size of sanitary mains - 8, 10, and 12 inches

Rates - included with \$6 per month water bill

Company serving Wickliffe - Wickliffe Sewer System

Design capacity - 200,000 gallons

Average daily flow - 70,000 gallons

Treatment - primary

Type treatment - comminution

Treated effluent discharged into - Mississippi River

Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches

Rates - \$3.50 per month for residential; \$4 per month for commercial

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Barlow

Structure - Chairman of the board - 2-year term; 5 trustees - 2-year terms

Budget 1969 - General Fund \$12,598; Water and Sewer Fund \$23,300

Fees and licenses - none

La Center

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1969 - General Fund \$17,800; Water and Sewer Fund \$31,000

Fees and licenses - unloading tax \$10 annually; city wheel tax \$2.50 per vehicle

Wickliffe

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1968 - Income \$74,830

Fees and licenses - truck unloading license \$10 annually

County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1969-70 - General Fund - \$75,515; Road Fund \$87,000

Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>Ballard County</u>
Real Estate	\$1,629,554	\$2,622,698	\$30,822,676
Tangibles	640,180	676,985	6,066,763
Public Service	366,894		16,830,955

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation - 1969 ^{12/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>Kevil</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>Ballard County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015	\$.015	\$.015	\$.015
County	.200	.200	.200	.200	.200
School	.553	.553	.553	.553	.553
City	.450	.270	.350	.250	
Total	\$ 1.218	\$ 1.038	\$ 1.118	\$ 1.018	\$.768

*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.

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Ballard County Planning Commission

Plans in process - Base studies, map studies, sewer and water plan

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>Kevil</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>	<u>Ballard County</u>
Total staff	2	1	1	1	1
Radio-patrol cars	1	0	1	1	0
<u>Fire</u>					
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7	9	8	8	
Volunteers	25	12	18	25	
Equipment:					
500 gpm pumpers				1	
750 gpm pumpers	1	1	1	1	
utility truck			1	1	

Sanitation

	<u>Barlow</u>	<u>La Center</u>	<u>Wickliffe</u>
Type service	private	municipal	private
Cost	\$3 monthly	\$2.50 monthly	\$2.50 monthly
Collection frequency	once weekly	once weekly	once weekly
Trash pickup	yes		
Disposal method	county dump	county dump	county dump

HEALTH

Hospitals

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Nearest general hospitals - located in Paducah	2	355

General hospital facilities - Both hospitals are equipped with diagnostic and therapeutic equipment, emergency rooms and operating rooms. The Western Baptist Hospital has a cobalt and intensive care unit.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care homes - at Kevil and La Center	2	59

Public Health

Facility - Ballard County Health Department
Staff - Sanitarian, nutritionist, nurse, clerk, health officer
Budget 1969-70 - \$24,000 (Est.)

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation
Services - Toll-free exchange within county, direct dial and private lines are planned.

Telegraph - Telegraph service is available at Paducah, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois.

Postal -

Barlow

3rd Class U. S. Post Office
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - twice daily

Kevil

2nd Class U. S. Post Office
Mail received - 4 times daily
Mail dispatched - 4 times daily

La Center

2nd Class U. S. Post Office
Mail received - 4 times daily
Mail dispatched - 4 times daily

Wickliffe

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

Newspaper Dailies - Advance-Yeoman, Ballard County News
Circulation - 2,600 3,100

Radio -

Stations received from - Paducah and Benton, Kentucky; Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Television -

Reception from - Paducah, Kentucky; Cape Girardeau, Missouri;
Harrisburg, Illinois
Kentucky Educational Television - Murray, Channel 21

Library Services

Ballard County is served by a bookmobile. Library facilities are available in Paducah, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois. A county library is presently being planned.

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 23

Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of God, Church of Christ, General Baptist, Methodist, Southern Baptist

Financial Institutions

		<u>Statement as of June 30, 1969</u>	
		<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
<u>Kevil</u>	The Kevil Bank	\$5,185,551.19	\$4,741,025.18
<u>La Center</u>	The First National Bank of La Center	3,262,173.59	2,931,173.26
<u>Wickliffe</u>	Citizens State Bank	3,547,043.63	3,087,920.11

Hotels and Motels

<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>
3	37

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Barlow Chamber of Commerce, La Center Chamber of Commerce, Wickliffe Chamber of Commerce, Lions

Fraternal - Eagles, American Legion, VFW, Masonic Lodges

Women's - Senior Woman's Club, Junior Woman's Club, Homemakers, Eastern Star

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Little League Football, Little League Baseball, 4-H

RECREATION

Local

Ballard County

Public Recreation Facilities

Parks - 3 (Barlow, La Center and Wickliffe)

Playgrounds - 3

Baseball diamonds - 3

Football fields - 2

Other - Boat ramp at Wickliffe, picnic tables at Barlow Park

Private Recreation Facilities

Country Clubs - Ballard County Country Club

Golf courses - 1

Swimming pools - 1

Other - tennis court, boat ramp at Barlow

Tourist Attractions

Ancient Buried City at Wickliffe

Cultural Events

Numerous cultural events are available at Paducah

Area (Within 60 miles)

Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Kenlake State Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Ballard County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	165,760	808,960
Percent of area in farm land	76.0	68.1
Number of farms	900	5,034
Average size of farms (acres)	139.7	117.6
1964 value of all farm products	\$4,617,410	\$17,204,174
Value per farm	7,747	6,454
Total crop sales	2,136,038	7,687,023
Total livestock & livestock products	1,655,603	5,800,647
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	2,530,000	4,358,000
Corn (bu.)	1,472,000	4,771,000
Cattle and calves (number)	25,600	99,300
Hogs and pigs (number)	16,000	80,100
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	23,700,000	86,530,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Sand and gravel
Other mineral resources	Commercial clays under trade name "Ball," "Sagger," and "Wad."
Acres of commercial forest land	47,300
Most abundant tree species	Red oaks, sweetgum, white oaks, hickories, cottonwood, soft maple

Climate 14/

	<u>Ballard County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	59.6 °
Average annual 1968	58.2 °
Record highest July 1954 (26-year record)	104.0 °
Record lowest January, 1963 (26-year record)	- 5.0 °
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	3,821
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	45.23 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (26-year record)	9.0 inches
Total precipitation 1968	48.06 inches
Mean No. days precipitation (26-year record)	
.01 inches or more	114
Average No. days thunderstorms (22-year record)	7
Prevailing winds (22-year record)	southwest

HISTORY

Ballard County, the ninety-third county formed in the state, dates from 1842. It is located in the extreme western part of the state and lies in the Jackson Purchase Region. The county contains 259 square miles of territory. It is bordered by the Ohio River on the north, the Mississippi River on the west, and Mayfield Creek on the south.

Ballard County was named for Captain Bland W. Ballard, a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia, who migrated to Kentucky at the age of 18. He saw extensive military service under Generals George Rogers Clark, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, and William Henry Harrison.

Wickliffe, the permanent county seat, is located just below the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The town also contains burial mounds constructed by pre-historic Indians.

Historical notes of interest:

Fort Jefferson was built by George Rogers Clark and 200 soldiers, nearly four decades before settlers began arriving in Ballard County. This fort was located about five miles below the confluence of the two rivers, and was a base for General U. S. Grant in some southern campaigns during the Civil War.

The "Ancient Buried City" at Wickliffe, now covered by a modern building, contains 153 uncovered skeletons, all in their original positions. The burials were upon, rather than within, the soft alluvial soil. Charcoal found here indicates that fire was used in some manner in connection with the burials. Three modes of burials were used: some bodies were fully extended, some were in bundles, and some were cremated.

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