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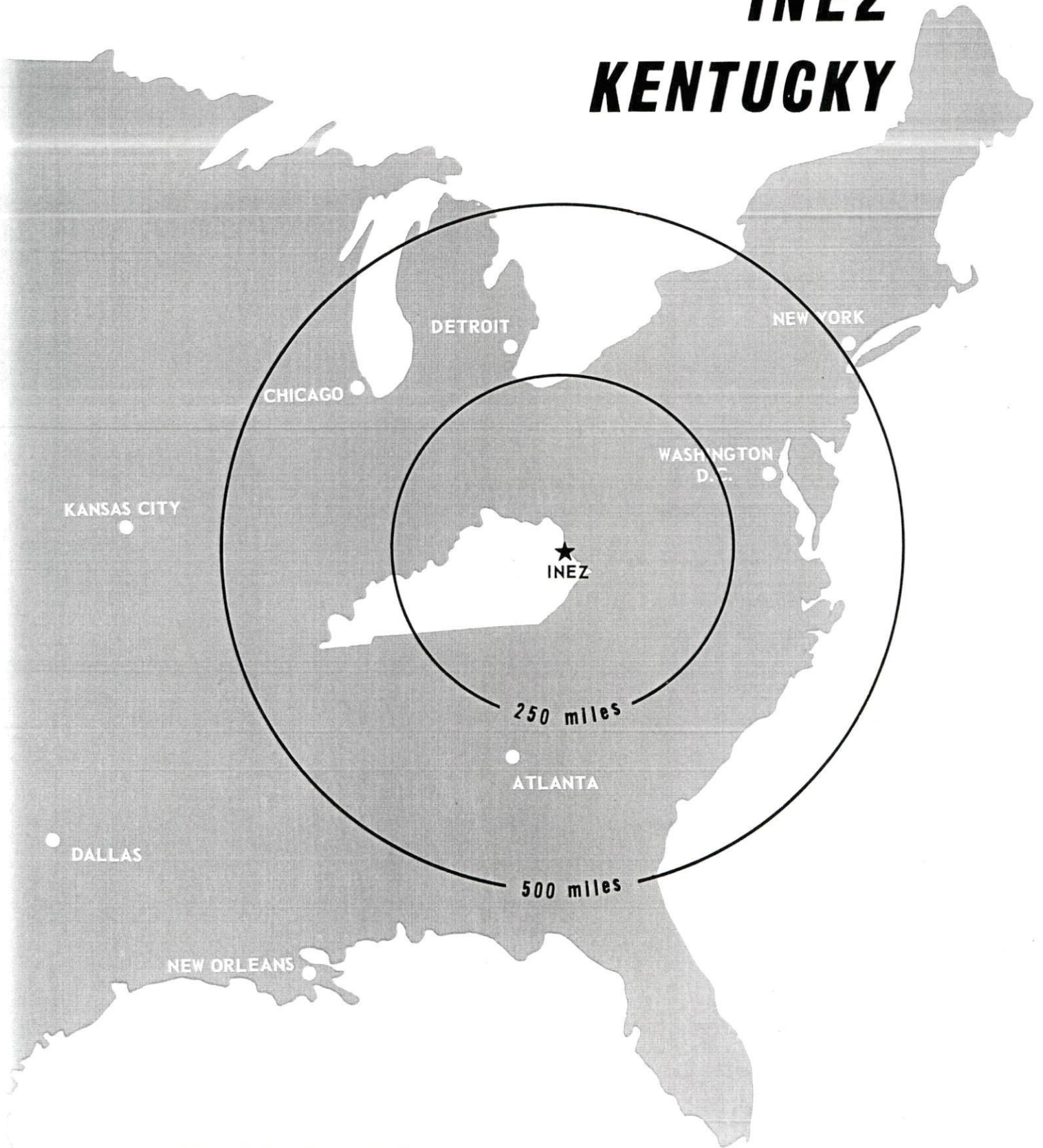
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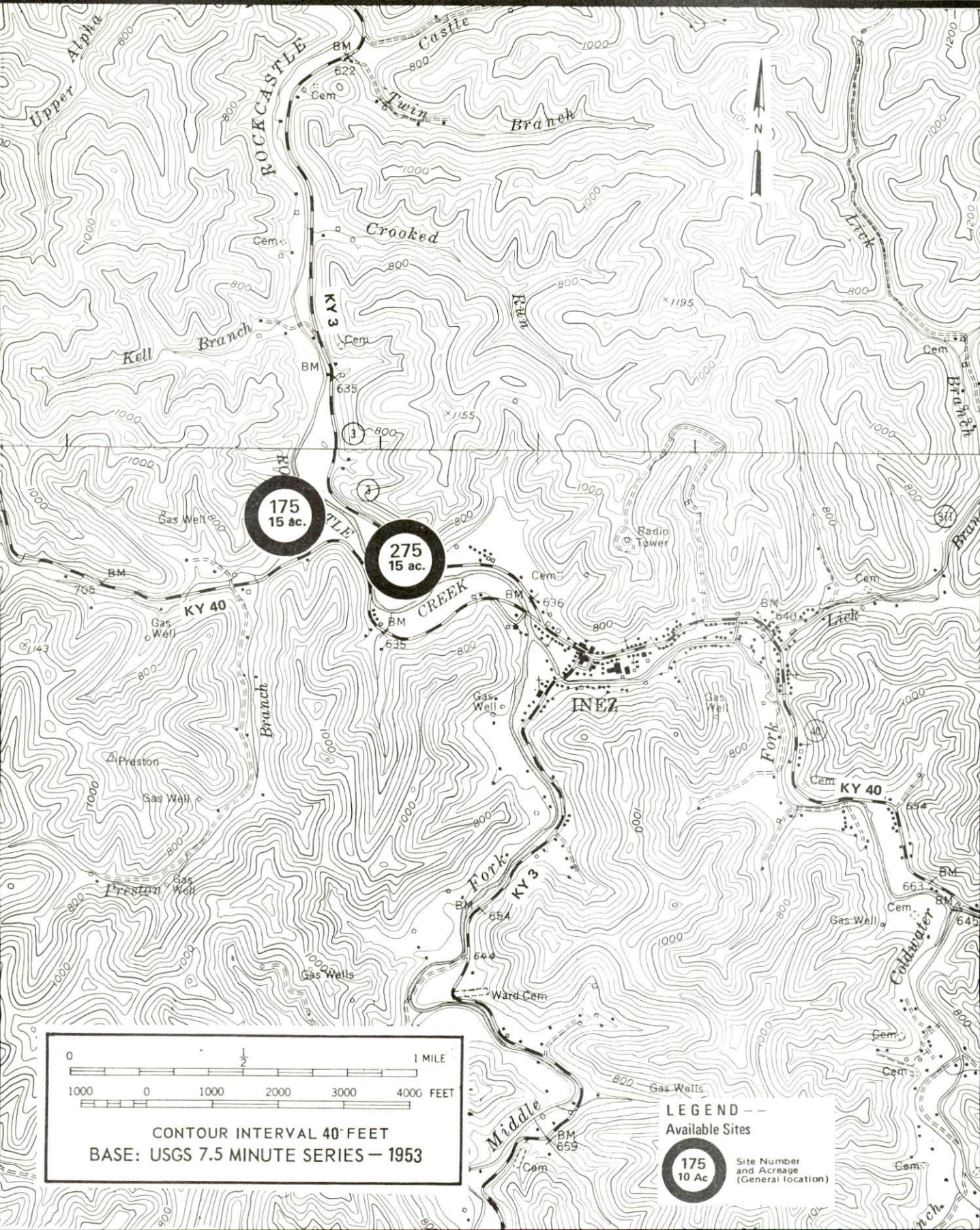
INEZ **KENTUCKY**



MARTIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

INEZ, KENTUCKY --- Index to Industrial Sites --- 1975

For detailed data on individual sites, contact Eugene Ward, Mayor, City Hall, Inez, Kentucky 41224, or the Industrial Development Division, Kentucky Department of Commerce, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

INEZ, KENTUCKY

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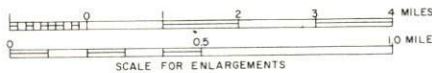
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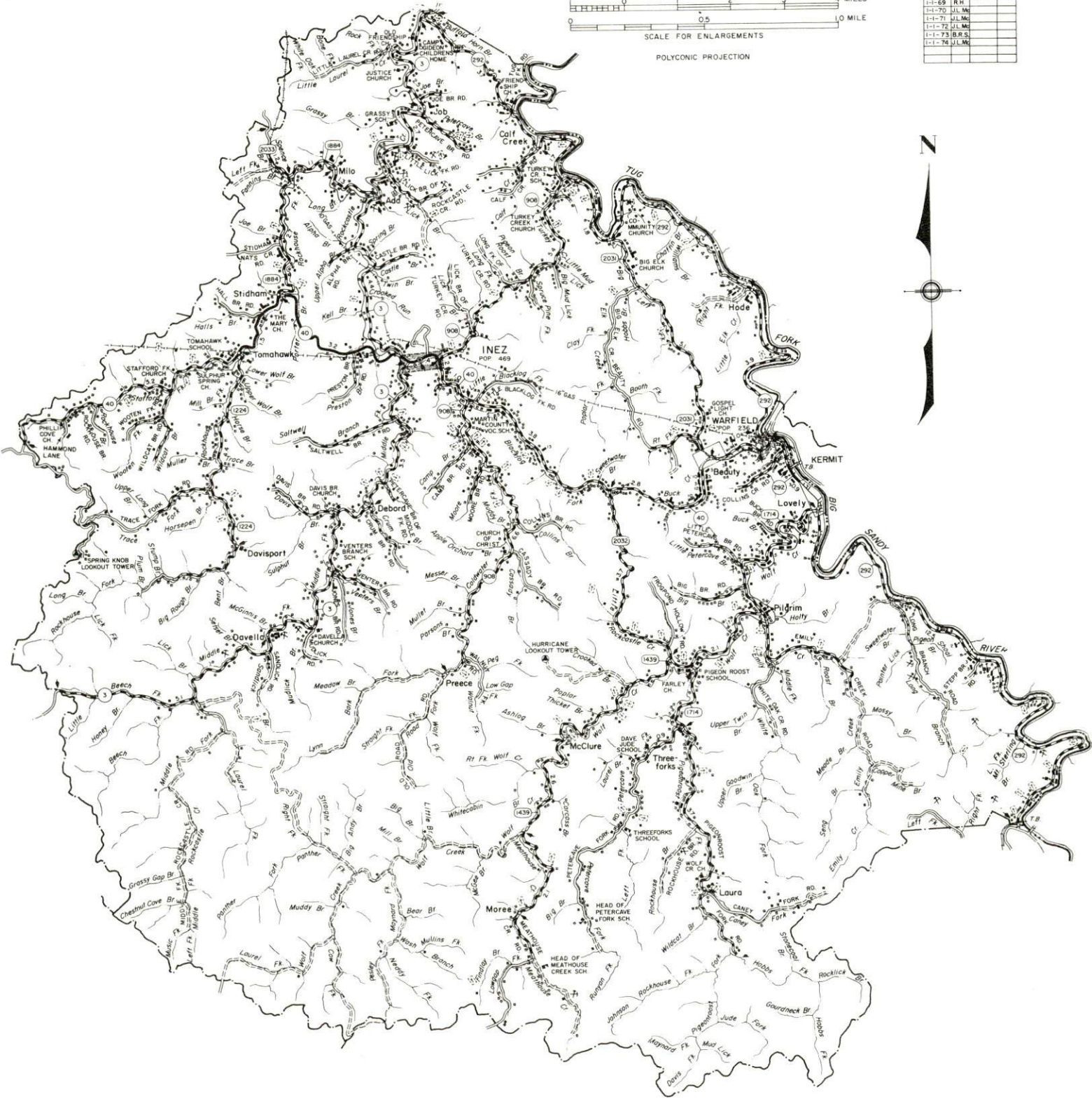
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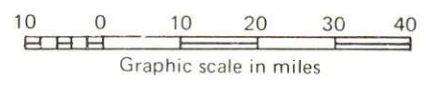
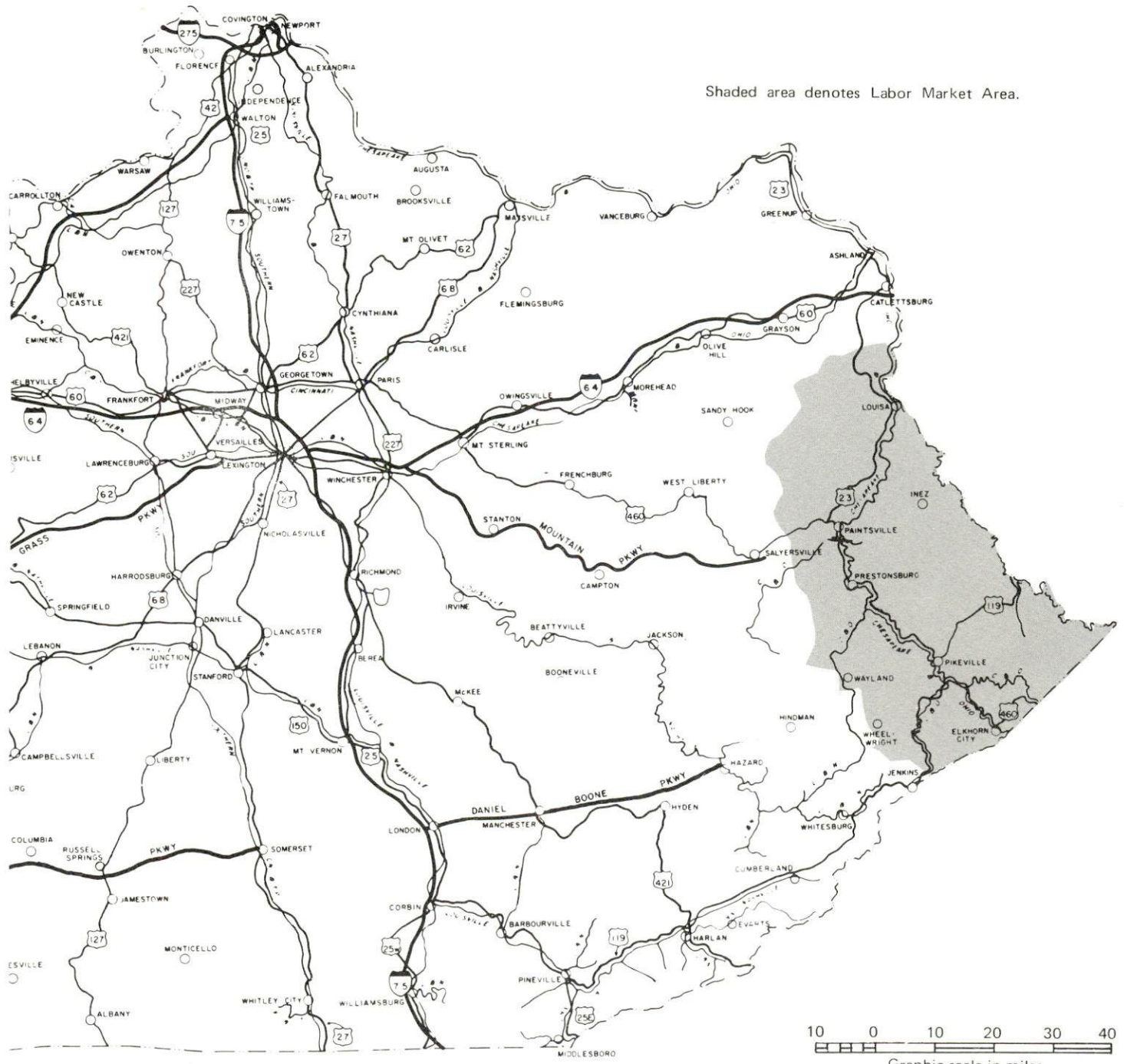
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POLYCONIC PROJECTION



INEZ LABOR MARKET AREA



INEZ, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Inez, the county seat of Martin County, is located in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. Inez is 58 miles south of Ashland, Kentucky, 138 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky, 60 miles south of Huntington, West Virginia, and 216 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Martin County covers a land area of 231 square miles and is bordered on the east by West Virginia. The 1974 population of Martin County was 10,400.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Martin County averaged 2,390 in 1973, including 20 in agriculture, 750 in government, 250 in trade and services, and 1,310 in mining. There was no manufacturing employment in 1973.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$2,692, an increase of 124.5 percent since 1969.

The Inez labor market area includes Martin County, the four adjoining Kentucky counties, and Wayne and Mingo Counties in West Virginia. Employment in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area totaled 36,140 jobs in 1973, including 550 in agriculture; 6,680 in government; 8,910 in trade and services; 9,270 in mining; and 2,140 in manufacturing.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 13,840 men and 12,790 women available for jobs in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area. In addition, 7,510 young men and 7,140 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1981 and will be potentially available for work. The current labor supply would be supplemented by the number of men and women in the adjoining West Virginia counties who are available for industrial jobs.

2. Transportation - The nearest rail service is provided by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company at Kermit, West Virginia, 10 miles distant. In addition, the Chessie System provides rail service at Paintsville, Kentucky, 24 miles to the west, and at Louisa, Kentucky, 25 miles to the north. Three truck lines serve Inez. Kentucky Highway 40 serves Inez and links with U. S. 460 which connects with the Mountain Parkway to the west. Commercial air service is available at the Tri-State Airport, 51 miles distant. Combs Airport, 29 miles from Inez, has a 3,200-foot paved runway capable of accommodating light aircraft.

3. Power and fuel - Kentucky Power Company provides electric power to Inez and parts of Martin County. Martin County is also served electricity by the Big Sandy RECC. Natural gas is furnished by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., whose source of supply is Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. There are three distributors of propane in Inez and six distributors of distillate fuel oil located within 25 miles of Inez.

4. Education - One public school system, the Martin County School System, operates within the county. There are two universities, one senior college, two junior colleges, and two community colleges located within 90 miles of Inez. Vocational training is available at the Martin County Area Vocational Education Center located in Inez. Training is offered in six course areas. The Mayo State Vocational-Technical School, located 24 miles from Inez, offers 25 different courses.

Community Programs for Improvement

Commercial and Industrial

The Mid America Pipeline Company is in the process of constructing a 2 million-ton per year coal mining and processing facility on Wolf Creek in Martin County.

The county has purchased a site at Inez with 15 acres available for industrial use.

The Martin Countian, a new weekly newspaper, began operation in August of 1975.

Twelve new commercial businesses have opened.

Utilities

Engineering specifications are being made for the Martin County Water District #2 which will consist of 25 miles of water line and two storage tanks. The Martin County Water District #1 is now laying water lines from Inez to the mouth of the Little Rockcastle Creek where the service for the new water district will begin.

Public Safety

The Inez Fire Department has built a two-story fire station with two bays and a training area. The force will have a new 750 gpm pumper by the end of 1975.

The Warfield Fire Department is building a three-stall fire station, soon to be completed.

The Martin County Sheriff's office has a new regional radio communications system and plans to purchase another patrol car.

Recreation

A county swimming pool is to be built with completion expected by the summer of 1976. Martin County is in the process of acquiring 97 acres of land to be developed as a recreation area with baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and outdoor basketball courts.

Education

The Sheldon Clark High School, a new consolidated county high school, was completed in August of 1972. An athletic field, which is under construction at the high school, will provide a football field, baseball field, track and stadium.

There are plans to add a mining occupations course to the curriculum of the Martin County Area Vocational Education Center.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Inez is located in a region of Kentucky filled with beautiful scenery and numerous areas for outdoor recreation. Some of Kentucky's fine state parks are located within easy driving distance.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 37 miles southwest of Inez, is a 1,700-acre park located on Dewey Lake. A resort lodge, cottages, and camping facilities are available. The park, surrounded by a 12,000-acre forest, offers a swimming pool, a lighted 9-hole golf course, riding stables, picnic areas, playgrounds, boat docks, boat and motor rentals, and a launching ramp. A skylift carries riders to the top of Sugar Camp Mountain and back. Musical productions are presented in the park's amphitheater during the summer months.

Grayson Lake State Park, 70 miles northwest of Inez, has been developed on a 1,500-acre lake. The park has a beach and bathhouse, picnic areas, camping sites, and a boat dock.

Cabwaylingo State Forest, 25 miles northeast of Inez in West Virginia, is an 8,125-acre forest offering small game hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking, camping, cabins and a lodge.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS

Area	Population				Percent Change	
	1974*	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Inez	N. A.	**	566	622	--	- 9.0
Labor Market						
Area	145,500	134,590	151,989	184,595	-11.4	-17.7
Martin County	10,400	9,377	10,201	11,677	- 8.1	-12.6
Floyd County	38,900	35,889	41,642	53,500	-13.8	-22.2
Johnson County	19,500	17,539	19,748	23,846	-11.2	-17.2
Lawrence County	11,600	10,726	12,134	14,418	-11.6	-15.8
Pike County	65,100	61,059	68,264	81,154	-10.6	-15.9

*Provisional Estimates.

**Disincorporated prior to 1970.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970, 1960, 1950. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, No. 120, June 1975.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1973

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Martin County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,390	36,140
Agricultural	20	550
Nonagricultural	2,370	35,590
Manufacturing	0	2,140
Government	750	6,680
Trade and Services	250	8,906
Mining	1,312	9,271

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations. Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, Annual Report.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1974 AND 1964

Industry	Martin County			Labor Market Area		
	1974	1964	% Change	1974	1964	% Change
TOTAL	20	85	-76.5	1,904	790	+141.0
Food & Kindred						
Products	0	0	--	157	165	- 4.8
Tobacco	0	0	--	2	2	0
Apparel, Textiles,						
Leather	0	0	--	685	90	+661.1
Lumber, Furniture	20	85	-76.5	146	315	- 53.7
Printing & Publishing,						
Paper	0	0	--	43	52	- 17.3
Chemicals, Petroleum						
& Coal, Rubber	0	0	--	53	45	+ 17.8
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	0	--	118	48	+145.8
Machinery, Metal						
Products, Equipment	0	0	--	688	73	+842.5
Other	0	0	--	12	0	--

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1974, September, 1964.

MANUFACTURING FIRMS

There are no manufacturing firms in Inez at the present time.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
INEZ LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Under- employed	Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed		Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	13,840	8,780	2,930	2,130	7,506
Martin	780	470	140	170	596
Floyd	4,310	2,830	830	650	1,994
Johnson	2,280	1,560	410	310	903
Lawrence	1,390	950	230	210	561
Pike	5,080	2,970	1,320	790	3,452

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
INEZ LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Under- employed	Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed		Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	12,790	10,530	430	1,830	7,144
Martin	860	680	20	160	575
Floyd	3,380	2,660	140	580	1,906
Johnson	1,610	1,260	70	280	855
Lawrence	1,130	990	50	90	552
Pike	5,810	4,940	150	720	3,256

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Martin County	\$2,692	\$1,199	+124.5
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$2,157 - 3,021	\$1,199 - 2,065	N. A.
Kentucky	4,050	2,894	+ 39.9
U. S.	5,041	3,733	+ 35.1

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, August, 1974. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, April, 1975.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

The nearest rail service is provided by the Norfolk and Western Railway Company at Kermit, West Virginia. Services include 4 east-bound and 3 westbound through freights daily, switching facilities, and a team track with space for 8-10 cars. Nearest piggyback facilities are at Ironton, Ohio, 75 miles from Kermit. Feeder lines of the Norfolk and Western extend from Kermit into Martin County with one line located near Inez. These lines are being used for the shipment of coal.

Rail service is also provided by The Chessie System at Paintsville, Kentucky, 24 miles from Inez and at Louisa, Kentucky, 25 miles from Inez.

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services, contact:

Norfolk and Western Railway Company
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

and/or

Real Estate and Industrial Development
The Chessie System
2 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Truck Service

Company

Hogan Storage & Transfer
Company
Point Express, Inc.

Smith's Transfer Corporation
of Virginia

Other Freight Services

United Parcel Service

Home Office

721 East Fourth Avenue
Williamson, West Virginia 25661
P. O. Box 10185, Station C
Charleston, West Virginia 25312
P. O. Box 1000
Staunton, Virginia 24401

Nearest Shipping Center

Salyersville, Kentucky

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	453	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,318	7
Birmingham, Ala.	514	2	Louisville, Ky.	210	2
Chicago, Ill.	503	2	Nashville, Tenn.	437	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	216	1	New Orleans, La.	856	3
Cleveland, Ohio	351	2	New York, N. Y.	662	2
Detroit, Mich.	464	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	321	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	260	2	St. Louis, Mo.	473	2

Source: Delivery Time only - Point Express, Inc., P. O. Box 10185, Station C, Charleston, West Virginia 25312.

Air

Nearest Local

Combs Airport

Location: 5 miles south of Paintsville and 29 miles from Inez

Runways: 1 paved
Length: 3,200 feet

Traffic

Control: Wind sock

Lighting: None

Services: 80-100 octane fuel

Air Freight

Service:

Nearest Commercial

Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)

9 miles west of Huntington, West Virginia and 51 miles from Inez

2 paved
6,500 feet; 3,000 feet

Tower, approved instrument approach (ILS)

Beacon, runway

Allegheny and Piedmont Airlines, 80/87 and 100/130 octane, jet A fuel, major repairs, weather information, flight instruction, charter, hangars, tiedowns, car rentals, limousine, taxi, restaurant

Accepted on a space-available basis

Rental Services

U-Haul trailer rentals are available at Warfield, 8 miles distant. Car, truck, and trailer rentals are available at Paintsville, 24 miles distant.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Inez and parts of Martin County - Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,065,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
P. O. Box 630
Williamson, West Virginia 25661

Company serving Martin County - Big Sandy RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Big Sandy RECC
P. O. Box 671
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240

Natural Gas

Company serving Inez - Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

Size of transmission mains - 10 inches (supplier)

Distribution mains - 6, 4, 3, and 2 inches

Distribution pressure - 7½ ounces

Btu content - 1,300 per cubic foot

Specific gravity - .710

For rates and supplies contact:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
P. O. Box 1030
Ashland, Kentucky 41101

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Wapeca Building Supply, Inc., Kermit Road, Inez

Western Auto Associate Store, Inez

Young Gas Company, Inez

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil - (Within 25 miles)

Ashland Petroleum Company, Paintsville

Big Sandy Petroleum Company, Inc., Paintsville

Mountain Petroleum Company, Paintsville

Standard Oil Company, Paintsville

Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Louisa

Wheeler and Clevanger Oil Company, Louisa

Residual fuel oil - Arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Inez - Martin County Water District #1
 Source - Impounded stream
 Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gpd
 Average daily consumption - 120,000 gallons
 Peak daily consumption - 125,000 gallons
 Type treatment - Coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, chlorination
 and fluoridation
 Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons
 Size lines - 8, 6, and 4 inches
 Average pressure - 80 psi
 Average temperature - 50-60 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	5/8-inch meter	2,000 gallons	\$ 6.00 (Minimum)
	3/4-inch meter	2,400 gallons	6.70 (Minimum)
	1 -inch meter	5,000 gallons	11.25 (Minimum)
	1 1/2-inch meter	7,500 gallons	14.50 (Minimum)
	2 -inch meter	10,000 gallons	17.75 (Minimum)
Next		3,000 gallons	1.75 per M gallons
Next		5,000 gallons	1.30 per M gallons
Next		15,000 gallons	1.10 per M gallons
Next		25,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next		50,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Next		100,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
Next		200,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons

Tap-on charge:	5/8-inch service	\$125
	1 -inch service	175
	1 1/2-inch service	225
	2 -inch service	275

Surface water sources - Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River
 Average discharge - Nearest gaging station - Big Sandy River at Louisa,
 Kentucky, 4,372 cfs (36 years, unadjusted)
 Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm over entire county

Sewerage

Inez does not have a municipal sewerage system.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Inez is an unincorporated community.

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 7 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1974-75 - General Fund \$112,700; Road Fund \$54,200

Assessed Value of Property, 1974

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Martin County</u>
Real Estate	\$25,441,200
Tangibles	21,069,600
Public Service	13,129,115

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, pollution control equipment, and goods in process inventories are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

Property stored in public warehouses is not subject to local taxation. The state rate is only \$0.015 per \$100.

All property is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1974*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Martin County</u>
County	\$.268
School	.480

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1974.

Planning and Zoning

County agency - Martin County Planning Commission

Subdivision regulations - Martin County plans to institute and enforce county-wide subdivision regulations.

Mandatory state codes enforced - Plumbing, National Fire Protection Association Code, National Building Code (for major buildings and residential construction containing more than 12 bedrooms per building)

Safety

Police

Martin County

Total staff	4
Radio-patrol cars	3
Other equipment	Standard

Fire

Inez

Warfield

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	9	
Volunteers	23	9
Equipment:		
1,000 gpm pumper		1
750 gpm pumpers	1 (on order)	1
500 gpm pumper	1	

Sanitation

Inez

Martin County

Type service	Private	Private
Fee charged:		
residential	\$4 per month	Contract
business	Contract	Contract
Collection frequency:		
residential	Once weekly	When desired
business	When desired	When desired
Trash pickup	When desired	When desired
Disposal method	Landfill	Landfill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

Martin County

Total Enrollment (Fall, 1974)	2,860
Elementary	2,110
High School	750
Student-Teacher Ratio	28-1
Elementary	27-1
High School	30-1
Percent High School Graduates to College	24.6
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$476.90
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$2,603,000*

*Includes advance refunding issue - \$1,120,000.

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
Location	Mayo State Vocational- Technical School Paintsville	Martin County Area Vocational Education Center Inez
Miles Distant	24	
Curriculum	Accounting Jr. Management Data Processing Clerical Secretarial Practical Nursing Learning Lab Electronics (Communications) Electronics (Industrial) Highway Technology Instrumentation Technical Drafting Tool and Die Design Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry- Building Trades Cosmetology Diesel Mechanics Drafting Electricity Graphic Arts Machine Shop Mining Mechanics Radio and TV Repair Tool and Die Making Welding	Clerical Secretarial Auto Mechanics Carpentry- Building Trades Drafting Electricity

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 90 miles</u>		
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	481	Associate
Ashland Community College	Ashland	1,253	Associate
Pikeville College	Pikeville	439	Baccalaureate, Masters*
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	282	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson	273	Associate
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,765	Masters, Ph. D. **
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia	9,772***	Academic and Professional

*Cooperative program with Morehead State University, Morehead, for a Master of Arts in education only.

**Cooperative program with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, for a Ph. D. in education only.

***Enrollment - 1973-74.

HEALTH

Inez has a medical clinic with a staff of three doctors and one dentist. It is equipped to handle most emergencies.

Hospitals

<u>Nearest General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Paintsville Hospital	Paintsville, 24 miles distant	72
Louisa Community Hospital	Louisa, 25 miles distant	90
Highlands Regional Medical Center	Prestonsburg, 37 miles distant	150
Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital	South Williamson, 33 miles distant	143

Other Medical Facilities

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inez

Public Health

Facility - Martin County Health Department

Staff - 2 registered nurses, X-ray technician, health environmentalist, clerk, administrative assistant (part time)

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union
Services - Office at Paintsville

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - Second
Mail received - Once daily
Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspapers -
Weekly and circulation - The Martin Countian, 2,400*
Biweekly and circulation - The Martin County Mercury, 4,500
Other papers received from - Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington and
Williamson, West Virginia

Radio -
Stations received from - Louisa, Paintsville, and Prestonsburg,
Kentucky; Williamson, West Virginia

Television -
Cable service
Reception from - Huntington, Charleston, and Bluefield, West
Virginia
Kentucky Educational Television - Pikeville transmitter - Channel 22

Library Services

Public library - Martin County Public Library
Size collection - 14,000 volumes
Circulation, 1974-75 - 3,600 volumes
Services - Bookmobile, records, record player

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 7
Denominations - Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian
Nearest Synagogue - Ashland (58 miles from Inez)
Congregation - Agudath Achim (reform)

*After one month of operation.

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Inez Deposit Bank	\$16,769,056.72	\$14,933,243.96	12/31/74

<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
First Federal Savings & Loan Association (branch of Paintsville office)	\$25,057,974.82	\$20,070,952.52	12/31/74

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 2
Total units - 35

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Martin County Development Association, Jaycees,
Lions Club

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows Lodge

Women's-Eastern Star, Rebekahs

Youth - Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H

Other - Sportsman Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Little League, Pony League
Playgrounds - School facilities
Baseball diamonds - 2

Tourist Attractions

Martin County Lake, Milo Lake

Area (Within 70 miles)

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Grayson Lake State Park
Cabwaylingo State Forest

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture*

	<u>Martin County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	147,776	1,344,768
Percent of area in farm land	4.1	14.9
Number of farms	50	1,543
Average size of farms (acres)	121.8	130.0
1969 value of all farm products	\$ 55,280	\$2,590,108
Value per farm	1,105	1,678
Total crop sales	22,966	998,555
Total livestock & livestock products	29,714	1,558,117
1973 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.) (est.)	N. A.	1,194,000**
Corn for grain (bu.) (est.)	7,000	243,300
Cattle and calves (number)	400	11,400
Hogs and pigs (number) (preliminary)	300	2,700
Milk production, 1972 (lbs.)	N. A.	N. A.

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal, natural gas and petroleum
Other mineral resources	Sand and gravel
Acres of commercial forest land	128,400
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, hickory, yellow poplar, beech, soft maple and basswood

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969. U. S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, 1973.

**Does not include the counties of Martin and Pike.

Climate*

Martin County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	56.1 degrees
Average annual 1974	56.6 degrees
Record highest, July, 1970 (13-year record)	95.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966 (13-year record)	-15.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,306
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.47 inches
Mean annual snowfall (37-year record)	15.90 inches
Total precipitation 1974	46.38 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (29-year record)	134
Average number days thunderstorms (31-year record)	46

Prevailing winds (9-year record) West, southwest

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record: Bristol,
Johnson City, Kingsport, Tennessee.

HISTORY

Martin County is situated in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. Its 231 square miles are exceedingly uneven with jagged mountains, inaccessible pinnacles covered with pines, steep cliffs, and river and creek valleys filled with numerous coves and rich bottom lands. It was taken from Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Lawrence Counties. West Virginia borders Martin County on the east where the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River forms the state boundary lines.

Martin County, the one-hundred and sixteenth county formed in the state, dates from 1870. The first settler in Martin County was James Ward, a veteran of the Revolutionary War and a companion of Daniel Boone. Ward chose this area for a campsite and home because of its proximity to several salt licks. He did not have a right of ownership, however, and in a few years, the state of Virginia granted part of Martin County to Ben Say. This grant was among those which Kentucky honored when she became a state in 1792. In 1815 George R. C. Floyd and Associates acquired the area and began to show some progress toward inhabiting this area. Martin County was named for Colonel John P. Martin who served two terms in the state legislature, and one in the Congress of the United States. He was unsuccessful in a bid for the lieutenant governorship in 1848.

Inez, the county seat of Martin County, was founded in 1876. Warfield was the first county seat and is located on the eastern edge of the county. The town of Eden, whose name was changed to Inez, is located in the center of the county. When a post office was established there, the town had to change its name since there was already a post office in the state named Eden. The postmaster of Louisa then named the post office for his daughter, Inez Frank.

The population of Martin County was 3,057 in 1880 and increased to a high of 11,677 in 1950. Over the next twenty years the population decreased, and was 9,377 in 1970. The 1974 estimated county population shows an increase to 10,400.

In the past agriculture has been a chief source of the county's economy; however, the amounts of produce placed on the market have been small. In 1973, only 20 of the county's 2,390 employed were engaged in agriculture. Mining accounted for the largest number employed in 1973, providing 1,310 jobs. Coal, petroleum, and natural gas resources presently serve as the most promising basis for future industrial development of the area.

The lumber industry has also been an important source of revenue in the county.