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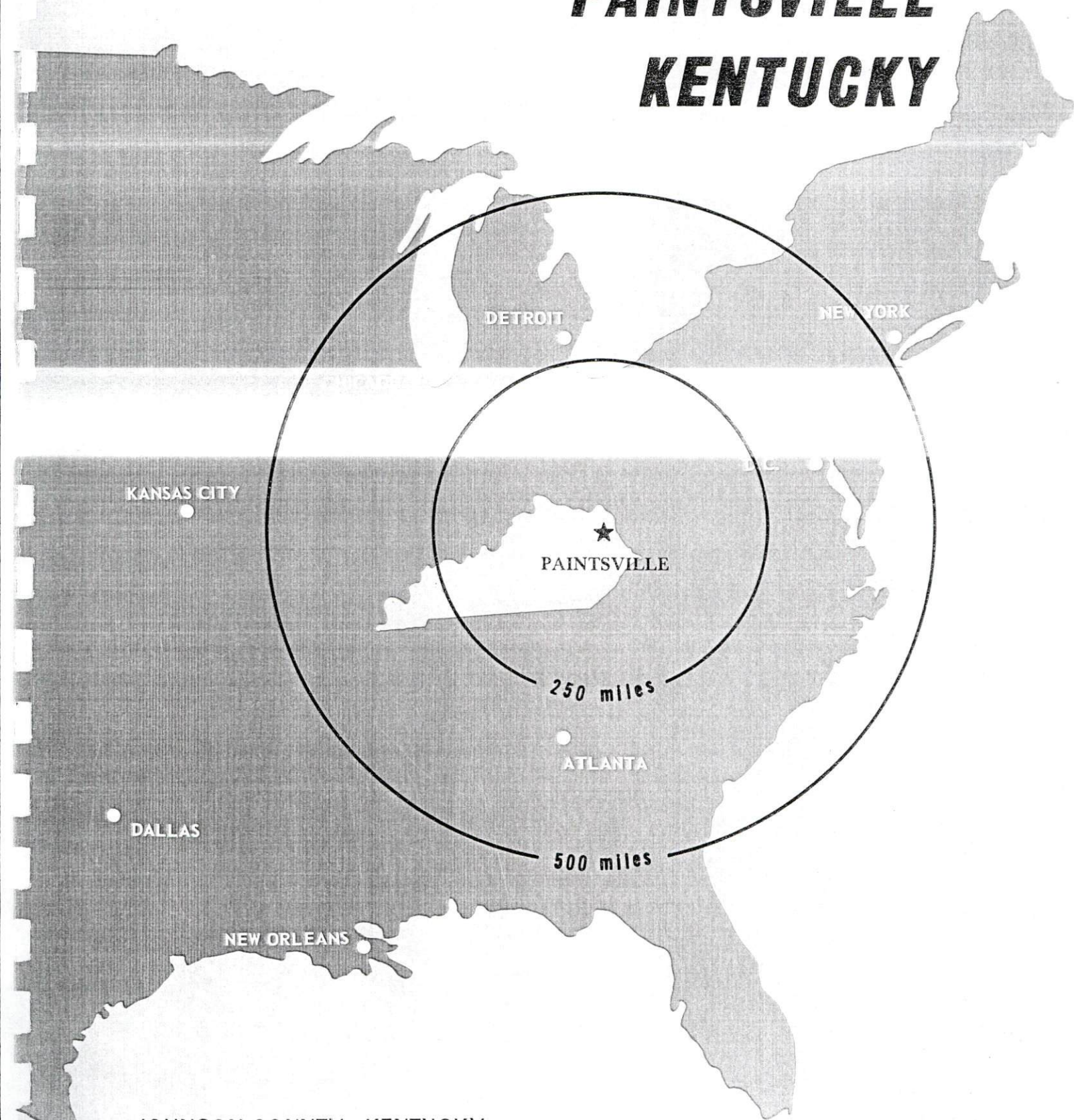
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

PAINTSVILLE KENTUCKY



JOHNSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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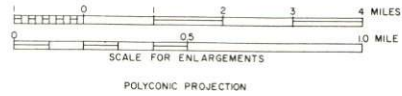
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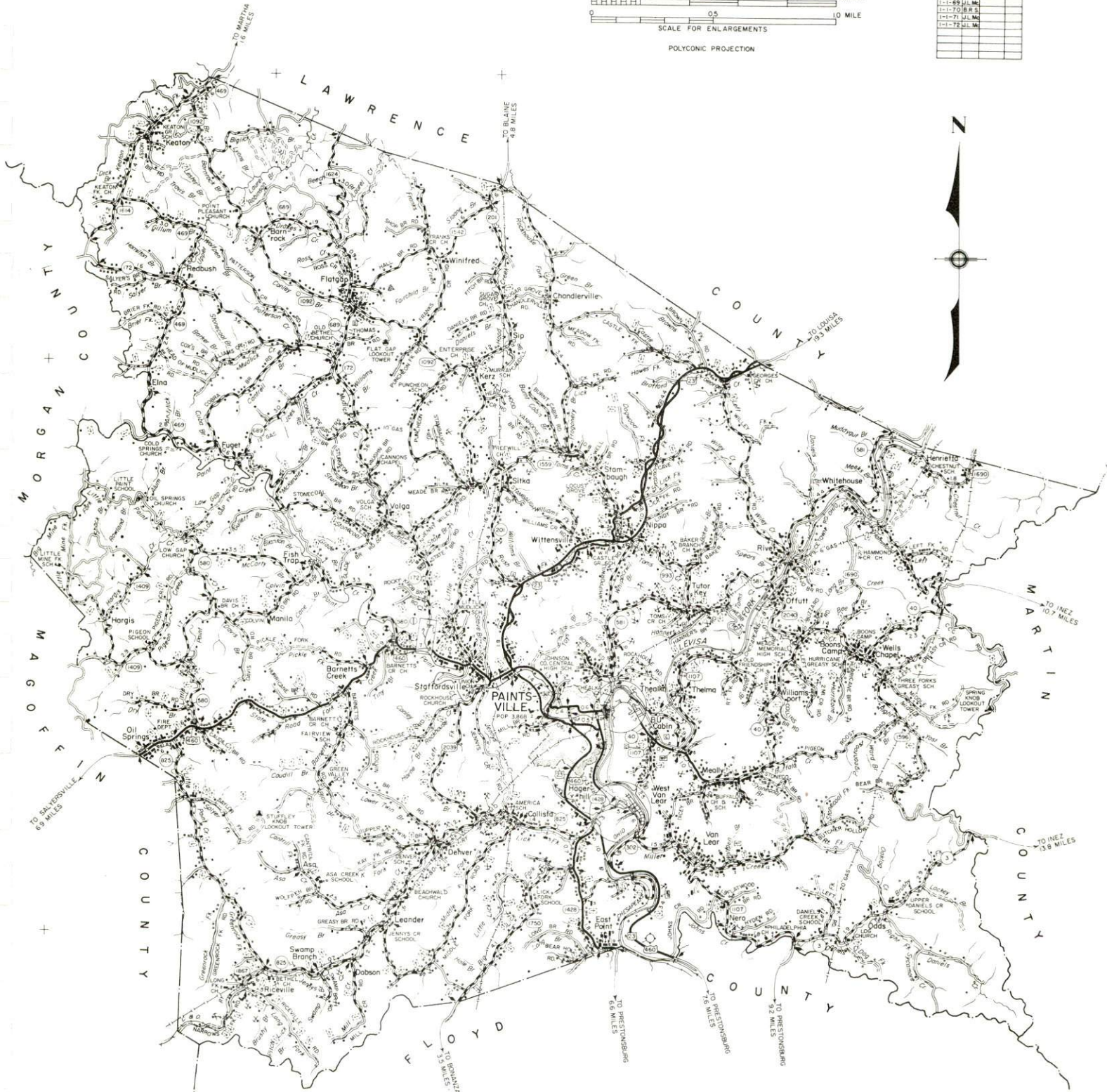
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP JOHNSON COUNTY KENTUCKY

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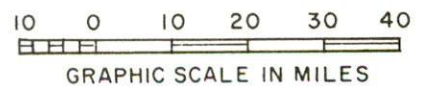
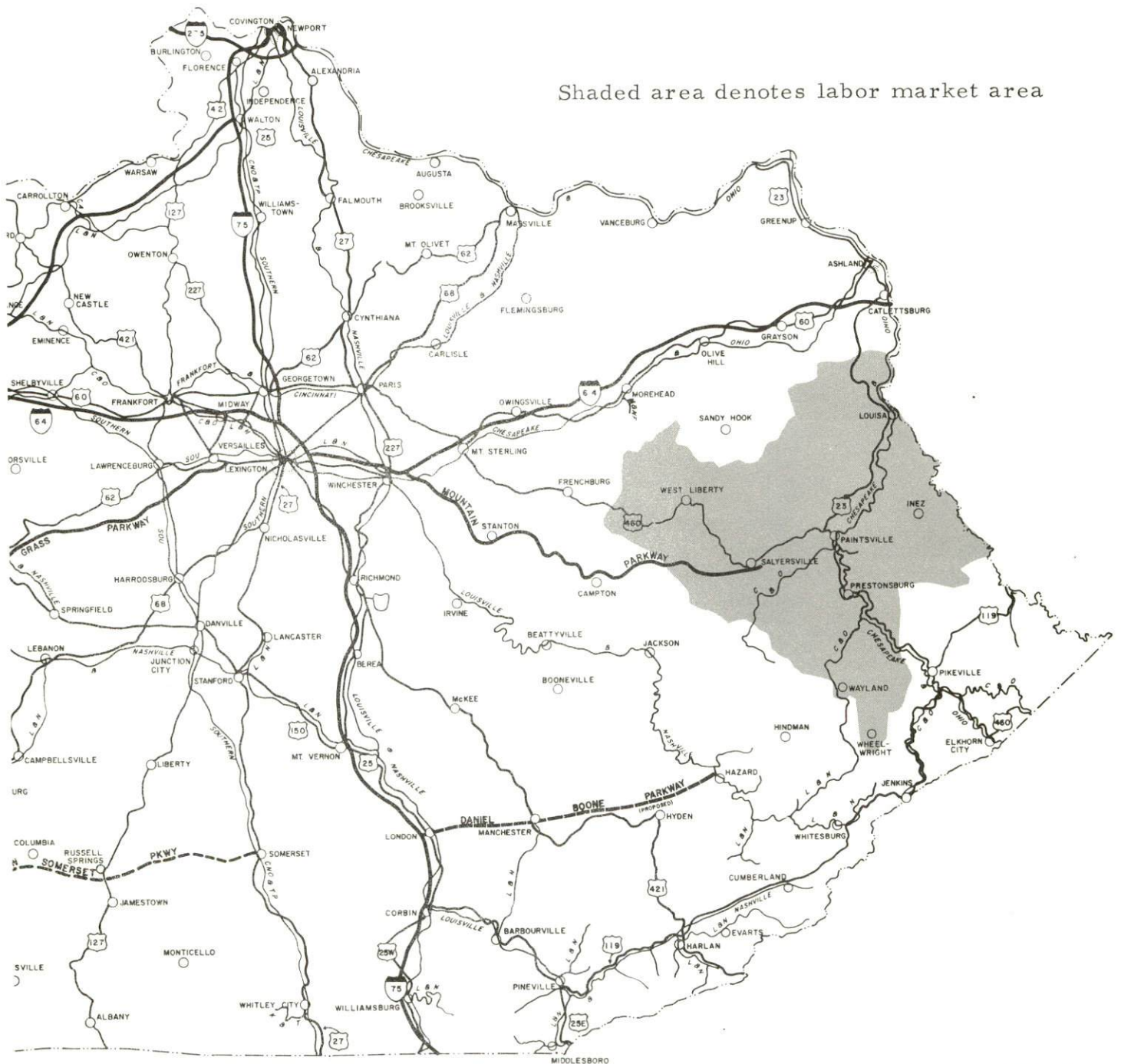


ORIGINAL DATA		
1968		
REVISIONS		
DATE	BY	DATE
1-1-69	J.L.M.	
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1-1-72	J.L.M.	



PAINTSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

Shaded area denotes labor market area



PAINTSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Paintsville is the county seat of Johnson County. The city is located in the east central portion of the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky, 195 miles east of Louisville, Kentucky, 195 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 255 miles from Knoxville, Tennessee. Paintsville had a 1970 population of 3,868.

Johnson County contains 264 square miles and had a 1970 population of 17,539.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Johnson County in 1971 averaged 5,270 with agriculture providing 300 jobs, manufacturing 340, trade and services 2,225, government 1,240, and mining and quarrying 340. Since 1961 manufacturing employment has increased by approximately 311 percent or 258 jobs. The major industrial item is plumbing products.

Per capita income in the county in 1970 was \$1,973. Between 1960 and 1970, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 154 percent.

The Paintsville labor market area includes Johnson and the five surrounding counties of Floyd, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin and Morgan. Area employment in 1971 averaged 21,760 jobs with agriculture providing 2,020, manufacturing 1,760, trade and services 4,780, government 4,880, and mining and quarrying 3,200. Area industrial employment has increased approximately 296 percent or 1,276 jobs since 1961 with sharpest gains in the machinery and metal products, apparel, textiles and leather industries.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years, the area still has a deficit of 6,793 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 estimated labor supply of 12,880 men and 10,205 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition 5,690 young men and 5,125 young women will become 18 years of age by 1978 and potentially available for employment.

2. The local transportation capability is good. The Chessie System provides Paintsville with a variety of rail services. U.S. Highways 23 and 460, which are "AAA" north-south trucking routes, serve the county. The Mountain Parkway is only 20 miles distant, and I-64 is only 55 miles distant. The Combs Airport has a 2,800-foot paved runway capable of accommodating light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at Tri State Airport (Walker Long Field) only 50 miles distant at Kenova, West Virginia.

3. Electric power is provided in large quantity by Kentucky Power Company, which has a major generating plant only 35 miles distant, and by Big Sandy RECC. Natural gas service is provided by Paintsville Gas System, whose source of supply is the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company. Three distributors of propane and butane, and three distributors of distillate fuel oil are located in Paintsville and the immediate area. Low sulphur content coal is available locally.

4. Two public school systems operate within Johnson County and educational television is available. One university, one senior college, two junior colleges and one community college are located within 50 miles of Paintsville.

The Mayo State Vocational-Technical School is located in Paintsville and offers training in 28 different courses.

Community Programs for Improvement

Projects for community improvement under construction include: a city maintenance building and an office, maintenance, and storage building for the city Gas and Water Department. Planned improvements include: a \$750,000 neighborhood facilities complex which will have a 9,583 square foot building located on 7 acres.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

The city operates a park and playground which covers a 16-acre area inside the city limits. Facilities include a modern swimming pool with separate wading pool and brick bathhouse, three all-weather tennis courts, all-weather basketball and volleyball courts, lighted softball and baseball diamonds, croquet and horseshoe courts, and picnic tables and grills. A full-time park supervisor is employed during the summer months.

Paintsville also has an 18-hole golf course and modern country club. The facilities of this club are open to the citizens of Paintsville and neighboring towns and to tourists. Several notable golf tournaments are held there each year.

A stadium owned by the Paintsville Independent School District is the site for football games, an annual horse show and events connected with the annual Apple Festival. The Festival, held in October of each year, brings 20,000 visitors to the city.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 12 miles distant, provides 1,700 acres of water recreation on Dewey Lake, surrounded by 12,000 acres of forest. The facilities include a lodge, cottages, camping areas, sky lift and amphitheater. The recreational facilities include boating, swimming, fishing, golfing, hiking, riding, shuffleboard and picnicking.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Paintsville	3,868	4,025	4,309	- 3.9	- 6.6
Labor Market Area	93,993	105,937	130,904	-11.3	-19.1
Johnson County	17,539	19,748	23,846	-11.2	-17.2
Floyd County	35,889	41,642	53,500	-13.8	-22.2
Lawrence County	10,726	12,134	14,418	-11.6	-15.8
Magoffin County	10,443	11,156	13,839	- 6.4	-19.4
Martin County	9,377	10,201	11,677	- 8.1	-12.6
Morgan County	10,019	11,056	13,624	- 9.4	-18.8

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1971 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Johnson County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	5,270	21,760
Agricultural	300	2,020
Nonagricultural	4,970	19,740
Manufacturing	340	1,760
Trade and Services	2,223	4,778
Government	1,240	4,870
Mining and Quarrying	338	3,203

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1971 AND 1961 ^{3/}

Industry	Johnson County			Labor Market Area		
	1971	1961	% Change	1971	1961	% Change
TOTAL	341	83	+310.8	1,707	431	+ 296.1
Food & Kindred Products	10	45	- 77.8	25	73	- 65.8
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	104	0	--	1,010	0	--
Lumber, Furniture	0	18	-100.0	197	218	- 9.6
Printing & Publishing, Paper	9	6	+ 50.0	35	28	+ 25.0
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal, Rubber	1	0	--	39	41	- 4.9
Stone, Clay & Glass	7	14	- 50.0	25	39	- 35.9
Machinery, Metal Products, Equip.	210	0	--	366	31	+1,080.6
Other	0	0	--	10	1	+ 900.0

PAINTSVILLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT ^{4/}

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Adams Construction Co.	Ready mixed bituminous asphalt	24	24	0
American Standard, Inc.	Plumbing products	505	180	325
Commercial Printing Co.	Job printing, book publishing, offset printing	3	1	2
McGahan Feed Co.	Feed	7	5	2
Paintsville Outerwear, Inc.	Men's and boys' outerwear	72	8	64
Sandy Valley Press, Inc.	Newspaper, job printing	8	4	4
Wells Machine Shop	Machine shop	2	2	0

WAGES

Wage information will be furnished upon request by the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing manufacturing workers at:</u>
Steelworkers	American Standard, Inc.
Amalgamated Garment Workers of America	Paintsville Outerwear, Inc.



AMERICAN STANDARD, INC.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
PAINTSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1972 ^{5/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1978 ^{6/}</u> <u>(Becoming 18 Years of Age)</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market						
Area	23,090	12,883	10,207	10,815	5,690	5,125
Johnson	4,242	2,425	1,817	1,838	982	856
Floyd	8,463	4,601	3,862	4,156	2,187	1,969
Lawrence	2,616	1,475	1,141	1,194	631	563
Magoffin	2,986	1,694	1,292	1,273	646	627
Martin	2,211	1,134	1,077	1,202	628	574
Morgan	2,572	1,554	1,018	1,152	616	536

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{7/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Johnson County	\$ 33,083,000	\$ 15,322,000	+115.9
Labor Market Area	166,310,000	91,363,000	+ 82.0
Kentucky	9,719,647,000	4,779,695,000	+103.4

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1970*</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Johnson County	\$1,973	\$ 776	+154.3
Labor Market Area	\$1,161 to 1,973	\$361 to 1,207	N. A.
Kentucky	3,019	1,573	+ 91.9

*Unadjusted for commuting.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Paintsville - The Chessie System

Services - Freight, siding, switching; REA Express

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

General Manager, Freight Service
The Chessie System
603 B & O Central Building
2 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Smith's Transfer Corp.

of Virginia

Staunton, Virginia

Hogan Storage & Transfer

Co. (irregular)

Williamson, West Virginia

Point Express

Charleston, West Virginia

United Parcel Service

St. Charles, Illinois

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

City	Delivery Highway Time ^{9/}		City	Delivery Highway Time	
	Miles	TL		Miles	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	453	2nd.	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,298	4th.
Birmingham, Ala.	519	2nd.	Louisville, Ky.	195	2nd.
Chicago, Ill.	490	2nd.	Nashville, Tenn.	360	2nd.
Cincinnati, Ohio	195	1st.	New Orleans, La.	870	3rd.
Cleveland, Ohio	403	2nd.	New York, N. Y.	730	3rd.
Detroit, Mich.	380	2nd.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	300	2nd.
Knoxville, Tenn.	255	2nd.	St. Louis, Mo.	450	2nd.

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	Combs Airport	Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)
Location:	5 miles south southeast of Paintsville	Kenova, West Virginia 50 miles from Paintsville
Runways:	1 paved	1 paved
Length:	2,800 ft.	5,280 ft.
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock and Tetrahedron	Tower
Lighting:	None	Beacon, runway
Services:	80-100 octane fuel; charter flights; flight instructions; courtesy car; tie down; air ambulance	80/87, 100/130, jet fuel; restaurant; storage; car rentals; limousine; and taxi; Allegheny, Eastern, Piedmont, and Wright Airlines

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi

6 companies, 24-hour service

Rental Services

Automobile

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Paintsville- Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Power Company, Ashland, Kentucky

Company serving Johnson County - Big Sandy RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 548,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Big Sandy RECC, Paintsville, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Paintsville - Paintsville Gas System

Source of supply - Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company

Size of transmission mains - 8 inches (supplier); 6 inches (distributor)

Distribution mains - 2, 3, 4 inches

Distribution pressure - 12 to 16 ounces

Btu content - 1,000 per cubic foot

Specific gravity - .69

Rates: Industrial rates will be furnished upon request by the Paintsville Gas System, City Hall, Paintsville, Kentucky

Other Fuels

Propane and butane - Ashland Oil, Inc. (bulk plant) - Falcon; Hardware Charlie - Paintsville; B & W Gas Company - Doxol - Paintsville

Fuel Oils -

Distillate fuel oil distributors - Ashland Oil, Inc. (bulk plant) - Falcon; Gulf Oil Corporation - Paintsville; Standard Oil Company - Paintsville

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

Low sulphur content coal - available locally

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Paintsville - Paintsville Water Works and Sewer System

Source - Big Sandy River

Treatment plant capacity - 1,000,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 700,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,075,000 gallons

Type treatment - Alum, lime, soda ash, chlorine, charcoal, fluoride, sand filter

Storage capacity - 1,160,000 gallons

Size mains - 10, 8, and 6 inches

Average pressure - 80 to 110 psi

Average temperature - 76⁰ F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

2,000 gallons	(Min. Bill)	\$ 2.25
5,000 gallons	@ .90	4.95
10,000 gallons	@ .80	8.95
25,000 gallons	@ .70	19.45
50,000 gallons	@ .60	34.45
100,000 gallons	@ .50	59.45
All over 100,000 gallons @ .40 per 1,000 gallons		

Surface water source - Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River

Average discharge - Levisa Fork at Paintsville 2,350 cfs (43 years, USGS, unadjusted)

Expected ground water yield - Northwest half 50 to 200 gpm; southeast half 5 to 50 gpm

Sewerage

Company serving Paintsville - Paintsville Water Works and Sewer System

Design capacity - 730,000 gpd

Average daily flow - 450,000 gallons

Treatment - primary

Type treatment - clarifier, digester, drying beds

Treated effluent discharged into - Big Sandy River

Size of sanitary mains - 8-inch

Size of storm mains - 18, 24, 36 inches

Rates - 70 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
Budget 1972 - General Fund \$170,970; Water and Sewer Fund \$196,583
Gas Fund \$259,107
Fees and licenses - Occupational license varies from \$5 to \$200 per year

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 3 commissioners - 4-year terms
Budget 1972-73 - General Fund \$134,146; Road Fund \$37,700

Assessed Value of Property, 1972

<u>Classes of Property</u> *	<u>Paintsville</u>	<u>Johnson County</u>
Real Estate	\$18,025,310	\$52,846,745
Tangibles	7,634,310	24,702,050
Public Service	5,437,273	17,000,000 (1971)

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1972 ¹⁰/

<u>Taxing Unit</u> **	<u>Paintsville</u>	<u>Johnson County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.292	.292
School	.698	.668
City	.1933	
Total	\$1.1983	\$.975

Planning and Zoning

City Agency - Paintsville Planning Commission
Zoning Enforced - City only
Subdivision Regulations Enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits
Local Codes Enforced - Building, Housing
Mandatory State Codes Enforced - Plumbing, National Fire Protection Association Codes, National Building Code (for major buildings and residential construction containing more than 12 bedrooms per building)
Other Programs - Urban renewal, Public housing

*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.

SafetyPolice

Total staff
Radio-patrol cars

Paintsville

9
3

Johnson County

4

Fire

American Insurance
Association Fire Rating
Full-time staff
Volunteers
Equipment:

6
3
24

15

1, 250 gpm pumper
750 gpm pumpers
500 gpm pumpers
station wagon ambulance
portable pumps
300 gpm
100 gpm

1
2
1

1 (400 gal. tank)
1

1
1

Sanitation

Type service
Fee charged:
residential
business

Paintsville

Municipal

\$2.00 per month
\$4.00 to \$40.00
per month

Johnson County

Private

\$3.00 per month
Contracted

Weekly
Contracted

Land fill

Collection frequency:
residential
business
Trash pickup
Disposal method

Weekly
Daily
On call
Land fill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Paintsville</u>	<u>Johnson County</u>
Total Enrollment	967	3,511
Elementary	513	2,477
High School	454	1,034
Student-Teacher Ratio	19-1	21-1
Elementary	18-1	22-1
High School	22-1	19-1
State Rating of High School	Standard	Comprehensive
Other Accreditations	The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	
Percent High School Graduates to College	51.8	21.0
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$528.60	\$466.92
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1972	\$676,000	\$2,118,000

Parochial Schools

Total Enrollment	80
Elementary	80
Student-Teacher Ratio	27-1
Elementary	27-1

Vocational Schools

Nearest State School

Location	Mayo State Vocational-Technical School Paintsville, Kentucky
Curriculum	Accounting Jr. Management Data Processing Clerical, Secretarial Practical Nursing Learning Lab Electronics (Communications) Electronics (Industrial) Highway Technology Instrumentation Technical Drafting Tool & Die Design Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry, Drafting Commercial Art Commercial Foods Cosmetology Diesel Machines Electricity, Machine Shop Mine Maintenance, Printing Radio & TV Repair Tool & Die Making, Welding

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 50 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	280	Associate
Lees College	Jackson	352	Associate
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,455	Masters
Pikeville College	Pikeville	824	Baccalaureate
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	457	Associate

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Paintsville Hospital	Paintsville	72
Highlands Regional Medical Center	Prestonsburg, 15 miles away	150

Paintsville Hospital

General hospital facilities and services - X-ray, emergency room, delivery room, laboratory, nursery, obstetrical room, new born nursery, 2 operating rooms, EKG, and inhalation therapy

Medical staff - 8 staff doctors, 2 consulting doctors, 7 registered nurses, 23 graduate licensed practical nurses, 4 licensed practical nurses, 1 consulting pathologist

Highlands Regional Medical Center

General hospital facilities - 3 operating rooms, laboratory, recovery room, coronary care unit, intensive care unit, 2 delivery rooms, 2 labor rooms, premature infant nursery, physical therapy room, X-ray department, inhalation therapy department, pediatrics department, urological surgery suites, outpatient service

Medical staff - 11 doctors, surgeon, urologist, pediatrician, obstetrician - gynecologist, anesthesiologist, orthopedic surgeon, ophthalmologist, general practitioner, internist

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care homes	3	136

Public Health

Facility - Johnson County Health Department

Staff - Administrative assistant and sanitarian, clerk, health aide, 2 family planning aides, 3 registered nurses (part-time)

Budget 1972-73 - \$42,146

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

	<u>Paintsville</u>	<u>Johnson County</u>
Telephone -	South Central Bell Telephone Company	Foothills Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.
Services -	Standard	Standard
Telegraph -	Western Union	
Services -	Telephone, mail	
Postal - U.S. Post Office		
Class -	First	
Mail received -	Twice daily	
Mail dispatched -	Twice daily	
Newspapers -	The Paintsville Herald	
Weekly and circulation -	4,200	
Other papers received from	Ashland, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia	
Radio -	WSIP AM & FM	
Stations received from -	Ashland, Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Lexington and Louisville, Kentucky; Huntington, West Virginia	
Television -		
Cable Service		
Reception from -	Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia	
Kentucky Educational Television -	Morehead State University Transmitter Channel 38	

Library Services

Public Library - Johnson County Public Library

Size collection - 25,000 volumes

Circulation, 1971 - 165,240

Services - Records, art films, projectors, story hour, recreation equipment, reference service

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 14 - Paintsville

Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ,

Church of God, Methodist, Pentecostal

Nearest Synagogue - Ashland

Congregation - Agudath Achim (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1972</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Citizens National Bank (9-30-72)	\$21,839,573	\$19,512,895
First National Bank of Paintsville	12,006,765	10,913,269
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
First Federal Savings & Loan Association	\$18,740,473	\$14,935,286

Hotels and Motels

Total Number - 6

Units - 163

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and Jaycees

Fraternal - Masons, Elks, IOOF, American Legion, DAV

Women's - Woman's Club, Rebekah, American Legion Auxiliary, DAR, Eastern Star, Homemakers, Business & Professional Women's Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Garden Club, Jaycettes, Junior Women's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, FFA, FHA, Rainbow Club, 4-H Clubs, Little League and Pony League baseball

RECREATION

Local

Paintsville

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program -	Yes
Park -	1
Playground -	1
Swimming pool -	1
Tennis courts -	3
Baseball diamonds -	2
Football field -	1

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club	1
Golf course	1
Movie theaters -	1 indoor, 1 drive-in
Bowling lane	1

Tourist Attractions

Apple Day Festival
Jenny Wiley's Grave

Cultural Events

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park - summer theater

Area (Within 25 miles)

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Dewey Lake

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 11/

	<u>Johnson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	169,024	1,274,432
Percent of area in farm land	30.3	31.9
Number of farms	563	3,210
Average size of farms (acres)	91.0	126.7
1969 value of all farm products	\$707,180	\$6,466,288
Value per farm	1,256	2,014
Total crop sales	499,174	3,944,170
Total livestock & livestock products	196,058	2,461,202
1970 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	644,000	6,678,000
Corn (bu.)	38,000	392,000
Cattle and calves (number)	2,900	29,400
Hogs and pigs (number)	1,100	8,300

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal and petroleum
Other mineral resources	Shales, sandstones, limestones and natural gas
Acres of commercial forest land	136,700
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, hickory, yellow poplar, yellow pine, beech, and maple

Climate 12/

	<u>Johnson County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	56.8 degrees
Average annual 1971	57.0 degrees
Record highest, July, 1970* (10-year record)	95.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966* (10-year record)	-15.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,143
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.06 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (34-year record)	16.7 inches
Total precipitation 1971	43.24 inches
Mean number days precipitation, (.01 inch or more) (26-year record)	133
Average number days thunderstorms (28-year record)	46
Prevailing winds (9-year record)	West - Southwest

*Also on earlier dates, months and years.
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HISTORY

Johnson County, the ninety-seventh county formed in the state, contains 264 square miles and dates from 1843. Its land area was taken from Floyd, Lawrence, and Morgan Counties. The Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River and its tributaries drain the county. These streams have chiseled that section of the Cumberland Plateau into a network of low hills and shallow valleys. The average elevation of the county is under 700 feet above sea level, while 100 miles to the south the elevation is 1,000 feet higher.

The first man to traverse Johnson County territory was Dr. Thomas Walker who was in the employ of the Loyal Land Company. Soon several members of the Long Hunters came into the area. Five miles upstream from Paintsville is a fifty-acre tract now known as Block House Bottom, where Matthias Harman built a hunting lodge. Several years later in 1787 he returned and built a fort at present day East Point. It was from this station that settlers went out to establish Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Pikeville, and other nearby communities. It was also to this fort that Jenny Wiley, the pioneer heroine of Eastern Kentucky, fled after a dramatic escape from the Indians. Her name is preserved today in the Jenny Wiley State Park on Dewey Lake a few miles over in Floyd County.

Paintsville, the county seat, dates from 1810 and was named for Paint Creek, which flows through the town. Early settlers found many of the large trees along the creek stripped of their bark and embellished with drawings of birds and animals, painted in red and black on the smooth undertrunks. They also found odd figures of buffalo and deer painted on the clifflike sandstones along the stream. The town was settled by families from East Point who were searching for fertile lands.

Johnson County was named for Colonel Richard M. Johnson of Scott County. He was educated at Transylvania University, passed the bar examination at the age of nineteen, served in the State Assembly at the age of twenty-two, was elected to the National Congress when only twenty-four (he took his seat a few days after he reached twenty-five), was a United States Senator, and in 1836 was named the vice-president elect.

The 1850 population of Johnson County was 3,873. The population had a steady increase until 1940 when the county reached an all time high of 25,771. Since then the population has slowly declined to its 1970 figure of 17,539.

Agriculture accounted for 300 of the county's 5,270 employed in 1971, with corn, burley tobacco, cattle and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing employment increased from 83 in 1961 to 341 in 1971. Largest of Paintsville's firms are American Standard, Inc., and Paintsville Outerwear, Inc. Johnson County ranks high among the producers of coal and petroleum in the state.

William N. Randolph and John B. Wheatley were school teachers in the county immediately after its formation. John C. C. Mayo, who lived in Paintsville around the turn of the twentieth century, originated the idea of mining coal on a large scale. His dream was realized when a railroad was built into the area.

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