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HODGENVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITE

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1972

For more information about the following site, contact Mr. Carl Howell, Hodgenville Chamber of Commerce, Hodgenville, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 50 acres

LOCATION: 1 mile south of city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Site fronts on U.S. 31-E (Kentucky 61)

WATER: City of Hodgenville

SIZE LINE: 6-inch line across U.S. 31-E parallel to

site, 8-inch line 1 mile from site

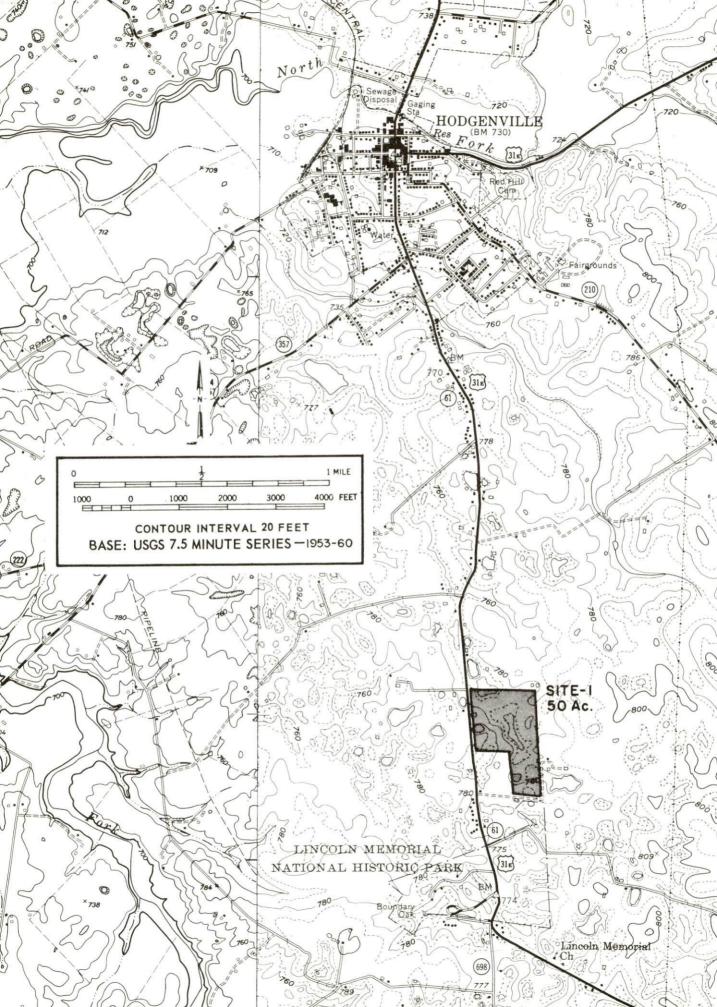
GAS: Louisville Gas and Electric Company

SIZE MAIN: Gas main approximately 1 mile from site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: City of Hodgenville

OPTIONED BY: Hodgenville Chamber of Commerce



INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY

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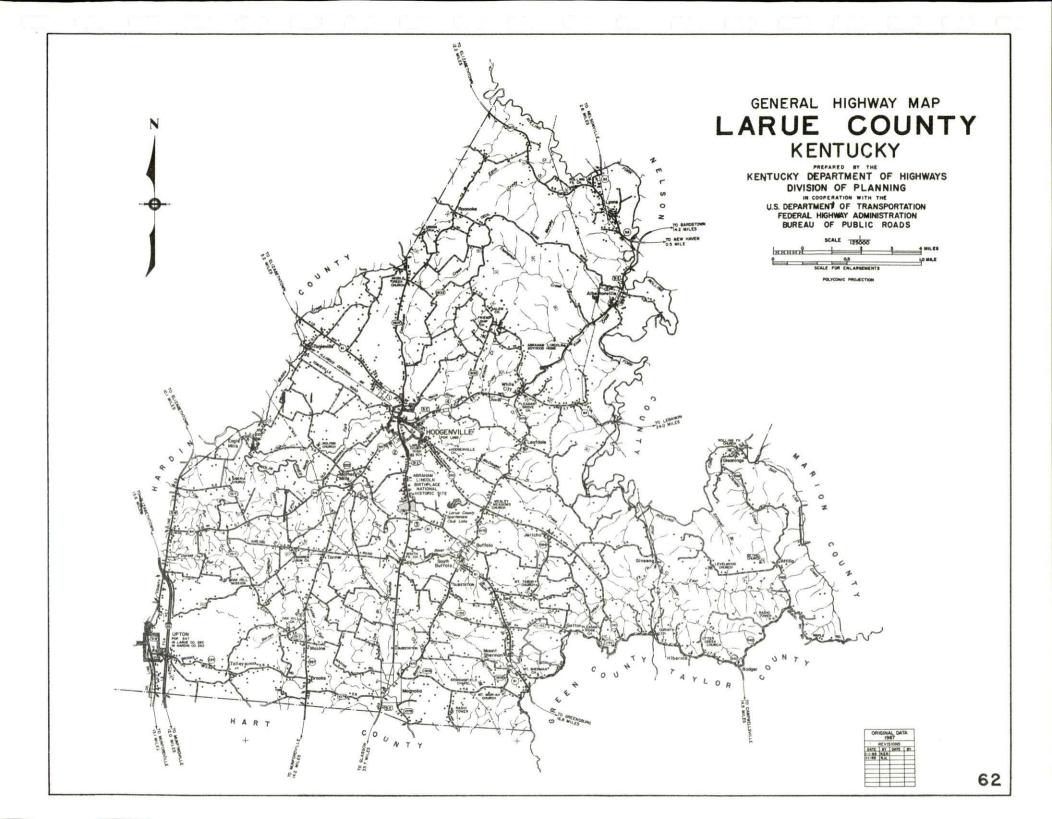
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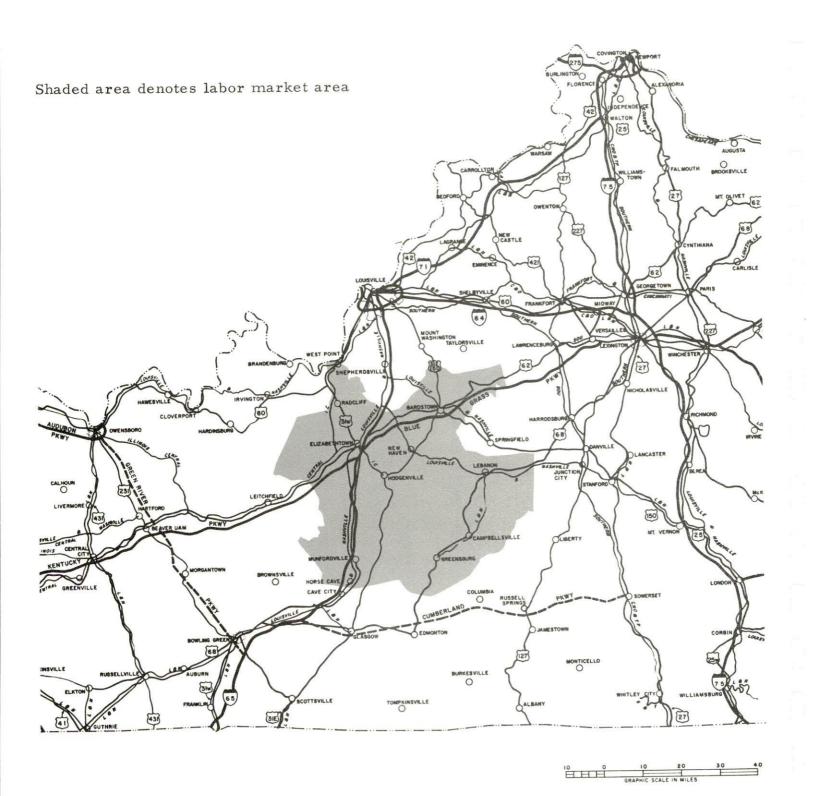
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HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Hodgenville, located in the Mississippian Plateau Region of west-central Kentucky, is 50 miles south of Louisville, Kentucky, 150 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 132 miles north of Nashville, Tennessee. The town's location places it within 12 miles of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where I-65, the Blue Grass Parkway, and the Western Kentucky Parkway converge. Hodgenville, county seat of Larue County, had a 1970 population of 2,562.

Larue County, covering a land area of 260 square miles, is bounded on the west by Hardin County, on the south by Hart, Green and Taylor Counties, on the southeast by Marion County, and on the northeast by Nelson County. In 1970, Larue County had a population of 10,672.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Larue County in 1970 averaged 2,800 with agriculture providing 900 jobs, manufacturing 300, trade and services 420, and government 300. In 1971 manufacturing provided 370 jobs. Major industrial products are: industrial uniforms, whiskey, and dried feed.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1970 was \$2,284. Between 1959 and 1970, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 113 percent.

The Hodgenville labor market area includes Larue County and the six surrounding counties. Area employment in 1970 totaled 48,600 with agriculture providing 8,600 jobs, trade and services 9,540, government 10,100, and manufacturing 9,340. In 1971 manufacturing provided 9,675 jobs. Area industrial employment has increased approximately 90 percent since 1961 with sharpest gains in the apparel, textiles, metal products, and rubber industries. Despite industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 6,545 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 4,380 men and 3,485 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 8,120 young men and 7,755 young women will become 18 years of age by 1978 and potentially available for work.

- 2. The local transportation capability is good. The Illinois Central Railroad provides Hodgenville with a variety of services. Trucking service is provided by five common carriers. I-65, a north-south route, the Blue Grass Parkway and the Western Kentucky Parkway converge just south of Elizabethtown, 12 miles northwest of Hodgenville. The Elizabethtown-Hardin County Airport, 12 miles from Hodgenville, has a 2,800-foot paved runway capable of accommodating light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at Standiford Field, Louisville, only 50 miles north of Hodgenville.
- 3. Kentucky Utilities Company, Nolin RECC and Inter-County RECC provide electric power to Hodgenville and portions of the county. Natural gas is furnished in Hodgenville by the Louisville Gas & Electric Company, whose source of supply is the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation.
- 4. Industrial sites Hodgenville has one 50-acre site available for industrial use.
- 5. Education is an important growth asset for Larue County. Three senior colleges, one university, three community colleges and two junior colleges are located within 60 miles of the county.

The Elizabethtown Vocational Extension Center is located in Elizabethtown and offers training in six courses. The Jefferson County Area Vocational School is only 50 miles from Hodgenville and offers nineteen courses.

Community Programs for Improvement

Community improvements include:

- 1. The Lincoln National Bank is building a new branch bank.
- 2. A 70-unit public housing project has been completed.
- 3. A new commercial complex has been completed containing the following businesses: furniture store, gas station, beauty and barber shops, real estate office, variety store, shoe store, laundromat, and grocery store.
- 4. An addition in telephone switching equipment is scheduled to take place within the next two years, which will facilitate the placing of long distance and local calls.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Local recreational facilities include a swimming pool, tennis courts, playground equipment at local schools, lighted baseball and football fields, little league football and baseball, pony league baseball, and high school baseball and softball.

Area recreation includes Rough River Dam State Resort Park, a 377-acre park located approximately 62 miles from Hodgenville, on the Rough River Reservoir. Facilities and activities include a lodge, pool, cottages and camping accommodations, beach, bathhouse, boat and motor rentals, paddle boats, fishing, miniature golf, tennis, hiking, shuffleboard, picnic shelter, playground area, supervised recreation and a 2,500-foot paved airstrip inside the park.

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Site, located at Hodgenville, includes 116 acres of the original Thomas Lincoln farm where Abe was born and lived until he was 2 1/2 years old. Nearby is Abraham Lincoln's Boyhood Home.

My Old Kentucky Home State Park, 25 miles away, was originally called Federal Hill and was the home of Judge John Rowan. Here in 1852 Judge Rowan's young Pittsburgh cousin, Stephen Collins Foster, was inspired to compose his immortal melody "My Old Kentucky Home" which later became the official song of Kentucky. Park facilities include: gift shop, amphitheatre, playground area, and camping accommodations.

Lincoln's Homestead State Park, 50 miles distant, is a 153-acre settlement of Abraham Lincoln's grandparents and boyhood home of Lincoln's father. Park facilities include: 18-hole golf course, picnic areas, museum, and gift shop.

Mammoth Cave National Park, approximately 50 miles distant, is a 51,000-acre park. Mammoth Cave is one of the world's largest networks of cavern corridors, covering more than 150 miles of charted caverns on five distinct levels. Cave attractions include: Snowball Dining Room, Frozen Niagara, Crystal Lake and Bottomless Pit. Other park attractions include: Scenic Boat Trip on the Green River, sunset cruise, nature trails, amphitheatre, and a visitor center exhibit room with audio-visual programs hourly.

Green River Lake State Park, located 30 miles distant at Campbellsville, Kentucky, includes 1,182 acres. Facilities and activities at the park include: an 8,200-acre lake, fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking and primitive camping.

Perryville Battlefield State Shrine, 57 miles distant, is the site of Kentucky's greatest Civil War battle. This 17-acre site contains a picnic shelter, playground, and small museum.

Proximity to Louisville provides the area with entertainment such as the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky State Fair, Actors' Theatre, Kentucky Opera Association, Louisville Ballet, Louisville Orchestra, harness racing, thoroughbred racing as well as professional baseball and basketball.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS $\frac{1}{}$

		Population		Percent	Change
Area	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Hodgenville	2,562	1,985	1,695	+29.1	+17.1
Labor Market Area	170,752	158,843	137,986	+ 7.5	+15.1
Larue County	10,672	10,346	9,956	+ 3.2	+ 3.9
Green County	10,350	11,249	11,261	- 8.0	- 0.1
Hardin County	78,421	67,789	50,312	+15.7	+34.7
Hart County	13,980	14,119	15,321	- 1.0	- 7.8
Marion County	16,714	16,887	17,212	- 1.0	- 1.8
Nelson County	23,477	22,168	19,521	+ 5.9	+13.6
Taylor County	17,138	16,285	14,403	+ 5.2	+13.1

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1970 $\frac{2}{}$

Major Employment Group	Larue County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,800	48,600
Agricultural	900	8,600
Nonagricultural	1,900	40,000
Manufacturing	300	9,344
Trade and Services	422	9,543
Government	300	10,100
Other	878	11,013

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1971 AND 1961 $\frac{3}{2}$

		rue Co	unty	Labor	Market	Are	ea
Industry	1971	1961	% Change	1971	1961	% C	hange
TOTAL	372	123	+202.4	9,677	5,083	+	90.4
Food & kindred products	56	89	- 37.1	1,224	1,368	-	10.5
Tobacco	0	0	= -	13	19	-	31.6
Apparel, textiles, leather	277	0		4,738	2,532	+	87.1
Lumber & furniture	26	27	- 3.7	399	475	-	16.0
Printing, publishing, paper	4	5	- 20.0	494	101	+	389.1
Chemicals, petroleum,							
coal, rubber	0	2		858	18	+4	,666.7
Stone, clay & glass	9	O	(= (=)	123	133	-	7.5
Primary metals	0	0		136	0		
Machinery & metal							
products, equipment	0	0		1,392	246	+	465.9
Other	0	0		300	19	+1,	478.9

HODGENVILLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT $\frac{4}{}$

		En	nploym	ent
Firm	Product	Total	Male	Female
Herald-News	Newspaper, job printing	4	3	1
Larue County Ready Mix,				
Inc.	Ready mixed concrete	8	8	0
Nationwide Uniform Corp.	Industrial uniforms	215	25	190
Raikes Lumber Co.	Lumber, barrel staves	16	16	0
Joseph E. Seagram & Sons,				
Inc.	Whiskey, dried feed	73	72	1
Thompson Heading &				
Stave Mill, Inc.	Barrel staves, headings	17	17	0

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY 5/

Y		Wages Per Hour			
Classification	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing		
Production Employees					
Inspector	\$1.60	\$3.15	\$2.08		
Service Employees					
Electrician	\$2.75		\$3.50		
Laborer	2.00	\$4.00	2.50		
Truck Driver	1.60	3.25	2.60		
			1		
Office Employees					
Bookkeeper	\$1.80	\$3.44	\$2.50		
File Clerk	1.60		1.75		
Receptionist	1.60		2.00		
Secretary	2.00		2.50		
Typist	1.60	3.00	1.87		

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union	Representing workers at:
United Garment Workers of America Distillery, Rectifying, Wine & Allied Workers International Union of	Nationwide Uniform Corp.
America, AFL-CIO	Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - HODGENVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

						77
					abor Suppl	
	Curren	t Labor Si	apply, 1971	6/ (Becomi	ng 18 Yea	rs of Age)
Area	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market						
Area	7,868	4,383	3,485	15,877	8,121	7,756
Larue	632	365	267	1,179	600	579
Green	677	433	244	974	513	461
Hardin	2,015	1,059	956	6,508	3,323	3,185
Hart	1,202	671	531	1,423	746	677
Marion	900	593	307	1,202	628	574
Nelson	1,738	863	875	2,961	1,503	1,458
Taylor	704	399	305	1,630	808	822

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME $\frac{8}{}$

Area	1970	1959	% Change
Larue County Labor Market Area	\$ 24,385,000 573,097,000	\$ 10,351,000 247,004,000	+135.6 +132.0
Kentucky	9, 202, 000, 000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 9/

Area	1970	1959	% Change
Larue County	\$2,284	\$1,071	+113.3
Labor Market Area	\$2,199 to 4,341	\$900 to 2,190	N. A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+ 83.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Larue County
Total Enrollment Elementary	2,555 1,350
Junior High	445
High School	760
Student-Teacher Ratio Elementary Junior High High School	22-1 24-1 23-1 19-1
State Rating of High School	Comprehensive
Percent High School Graduates to College Current Expenditures Per Pupil Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1971	29.3 \$488.94 \$1,624,000
Parochial School	
Total Enrollment Elementary	40 40
Student-Teacher Ratio Elementary	20 - 1 20 - 1

Vocational Schools

Nearest Extension Center Elizabethtown Extension Center Location Elizabethtown Miles Distant 12 Curriculum Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity Welding

Vocational Schools (continued)

Nearest Area School

Location Miles Distant Curriculum

Jefferson County Area Vocational School Jeffersontown 50 Mechanics Horticulture Data Processing General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Distributive Education Dental Assistant Practical Nursing Electronics (Communications) Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Commercial Foods Drafting Machine Shop Office Machines Repair Printing Radio, TV Repair

Colleges and Universities

Name	Area - Within Location E	60 Miles nrollment	Highest Degree Conferred
Bellarmine College	Louisville	1,655	Baccalaureate
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville	856	Baccalaureate
Elizabethtown Community			
College	Elizabethtown	679	Associate
Fort Knox Community			
College	Fort Knox	392	Associate
Jefferson Community			
College	Louisville	3,800	Associate
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia	324	Associate
Spalding College	Louisville	1,067	Masters
Saint Catharine Junior	Saint		
College	Catharine	141	Associate
University of Louisville	Louisville	10,468	Ph.D., M.D.,
•		**************************************	D.M.D., J.D.

Welding

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Hodgenville - Illinois Central Railroad

Services - Freight, siding, switching; nearest piggyback facilities in Louisville, 50 miles distant

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM HODGENVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO: $\frac{10}{}$

	No. of Days		No. of Days
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	4	Los Angeles, Calif.	5
Birmingham, Ala.	3	Louisville, Ky.	1
Chicago, Ill.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	3	New Orleans, La.	3
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, N. Y.	5
Detroit, Mich.	4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	3

Truck Service

Com	pany

Crutcher Transfer Line, Inc.
Dixie Ohio Express, Inc.
Manning Motor Express, Inc.
McLean Trucking Company
Southern Forwarding Company

Home Office

Louisville, Kentucky Akron, Ohio Glasgow, Kentucky Indianapolis, Indiana Bowling Green, Kentucky

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

		Deliv	ery			Delive	ry
	Highway	Time	$e^{\frac{11}{2}}$		Highway	Time	е
City	Miles	LTL	TL	City	Miles	LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	381	3	2	Los Angeles, Calif	. 2, 157	6	5
Birmingham, Ala	. 319	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	50	2	1
Chicago, Ill.	349	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	132	3	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	150	2	1	New Orleans, La.	662	4	3
Cleveland, Ohio	402	2	2	New York, N. Y.	819	6	4
Detroit, Mich.	416	2	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	444	4	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	215	3	2	St. Louis, Mo.	314	3	2

Air

	Nearest Local	Nearest Commercial
	Elizabethtown-Hardin County Airport	Standiford Field
Location:	Elizabethtown (12 miles from Hodgenville)	Louisville (50 miles from Hodgenville
Runways:	l paved	3 paved
Length: Traffic	2,800 ft.	7,800 ft, 5,000 ft., 7,250 ft.
Control:	Wind tee and wind sock	Control tower, approach control, ground control, guards, radar service, departure control
Lighting:	Sundown to sunrise	Runways, obstructions, beacon and approach lights, center line on runways
Services:	80-100-130 octane, flight instructions, transportation available, restaurant across high- way from field, charter, lodging by reservation	Louisville-Jefferson County Air Board; 80-100-115 octane; jet fuel; storage; major A & E repairs; TWA, American, Eastern, Delta, Piedmont, Ozark, and Allegheny Airlines; Hertz and Avis, National rent-a-car service; res- taurant; taxi; and city bus service

Bus - Southern Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi - 24-hour service

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Hodgenville and portions of Larue County - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company Total generating capacity - 1,215,000 KW

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

Company serving Larue County - Nolin RECC and Inter-County RECC Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative Total generating capacity - 548,000 KW Industrial rates furnished by - Nolin RECC, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, or Inter-County RECC, Danville, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Hodgenville - Louisville Gas & Electric Company
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission mains - 16-inch (distributor)
Distribution mains - 2 inch, 4-inch, and 8-inch
BTU content - 1,040 per cubic foot
Specific gravity - 0.6
Rates: Industrial rates will be provided upon request by the Louisville
Gas and Electric Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

Other Fuels

One fuel oil distributor is located in Hodgenville. Propane is available from distributors in Elizabethtown, 12 miles away.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Hodgenville - City of Hodgenville
Source - North Fork of Nolin River
Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 275,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 465,000 gallons
Type treatment - Coagulated, settled, filtered, chlorinated, and fluoridated
Storage capacity - 500,000 gallons
Size mains - 8 and 6 inches
Average pressure - 45 psi
Average temperature - 52 degrees F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	3,000 gallons	\$4.00 Minimum bill
Next	7,000 gallons	1.10 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.90 per 1,000 gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.70 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	.45 per 1,000 gallons

Surface water sources - Nolin River and Rolling Fork of Salt River Average discharge - North Fork Nolin River at Hodgenville 45.6 cfs (29 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - West central portion 50 to 200 GPM; north central and south central and southwestern portions to 5 to 50 GPM; eastern one-fourth 5 GPM or less

Sewerage

Company serving Hodgenville - City of Hodgenville
Design capacity - 280,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 280,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Clarifier, trickling filter, secondary clarifier
Treated effluent discharged into - North Fork of Nolin River
Size of sanitary mains - 6 to 15 inches
Size of storm mains - 6 to 16 inches
Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
Income, 1971 - General Fund \$85,308.28; Water and Sewer Fund \$102,515
Fees and licenses - Business licenses vary from \$15 to \$500 annually
according to type of business; auto license \$5 annually; \$25 annual fee
for trucks loading or unloading in city limits

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms Budget, 1971-72 - General Fund \$104,421; Road Fund \$43,934

Assessed Value of Property

Classes of Property*	Hodgenville	Larue County
Real Estate	\$9,454,220 (1972)	\$46,870,892 (1971)
Tangibles	2,575,466 (1972)	9,676,861 (1971)
Public Service		8,620,834 (1970)

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1971 12/

Taxing Unit**	Hodgenville	Larue County
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.178	.178
School	.571	.571
City	.220	
Total	\$.984	\$.764

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Hodgenville-Larue County Planning Commission

Plans completed - Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations, Zoning
Ordinance, Public Improvements Program, Capital Improvements Budget
Codes Adopted - Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electric, Fire and Gas
Other programs - Public Housing, Workable program for community
improvement

^{*}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.

Safety

Police	Hodgenville	Larue County
Total staff	6	5
Radio-patrol cars	2	4
Other equipment	radar	
Fire		
American Insurance		
Association Fire Rating	7	
Volunteers	18	8
Equipment:		
750 gpm pumper	1	
500 gpm pumpers	1	1
280 gpm pumper		1
Sanitation		
	Hodgenville	Larue County

	Hodgenville	Larue County
Type service Cost:	private	private
residential	\$2 single monthly \$1.50 multiple monthly	contract
business	contract	
Collection frequency:		
residential	weekly	when desired
business	contract	
Trash pickup		when desired
Disposal method	land fill	land fill

HEALTH

Hospitals

General Hospital	Location		Beds
Hardin Memorial Hospital	Elizabethtown.	12 miles distant	159

General hospital facilities and services - 3 operating rooms, fracture room, cysto room, X-ray room, intensive care, laboratory, pharmacy, emergency room, eye surgery, pediatrics, inhalation therapy, delivery room, nursery, blood bank, ambulance service

Medical staff - 30 doctors, 56 registered nurses, 26 graduate licensed practical nurses, pathologist, radiologist

Nursing Homes

	Number	Beds
Extended care homes	1	50
Personal care homes (multi- purpose home)	1	48

Public Health

Facility - Larue County Health Department

Staff - 1 nurse, 1 sanitarian, 1 clerk

Budget, 1971-1972 - \$38,060.41

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company

Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union Telegraph

Services - Nearest service in Elizabethtown

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Second

Mail received - twice daily

Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspapers - The Larue County Herald-News

Weekly and circulation - 3,250

Other papers received from - Louisville and Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Radio -

Stations received from - Louisville, Elizabethtown and Bardstown, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio

Television -

Cable service

Reception from - Louisville, Lexington and Bowling Green, Kentucky,

Nashville, Tennessee, and Evansville, Indiana

Kentucky Educational Television - Elizabethtown transmitter, Channel 23

Library Services

Public library - Larue County Public Library

Size collection - 25,344 volumes

Circulation, 1971 - 55,710

Services - Story hour, films, paintings, magazines, bookmobile, conference room

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 8

Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Methodist, Pentecostal, Cumberland Presbyterian

Financial Institutions

	Statement as of December 31, 1971		
Bank	Assets	Deposits	
The Lincoln National Bank	\$11,671,425	\$9,979,638	
Savings and Loan Associations	Assets	Shared Accounts	
Larue Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$ 5,448,972	\$4,944,482	

Hotels and Motels

Number	Units
5	52

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Rotary, Lions, Optimist Club

Fraternal - Masonic, American Legion, VFW

Women's - Woman's Club, Ladies' Lincoln Club, Junior Woman's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Little League, Girl Scouts, 4-H Club, FFA

Other - Farm Bureau, Game and Fish Club, PTA, Larue County Saddle Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities
Playgrounds - 4
Swimming pool - 1
Tennis courts - 4
Baseball diamonds - 2
Football fields - 2

Private Recreation Facilities
Country club - 1
Golf course - 1
Other - Teen Club

Tourist Attractions

Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Site, Lincoln's Knob

Creek Home, Lincoln Village Show Barn, Lincoln Trail Ranch

Area (Within 65 miles)

Rough River Dam State Resort Park
My Old Kentucky Home State Park
Lincoln Homestead State Park
Mammoth Cave National Park
Green River Lake State Park
Perryville Battlefield State Shrine

Proximity to Louisville provides the area with entertainment such as the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky State Fair, Actors' Theatre, Kentucky Opera Association, Louisville Ballet, Louisville Orchestra, harness racing, thoroughbred racing, and professional baseball and basketball.

Agriculture 13/

	Larue County	Labor Market Area
Total land area (acres)	166,400	1,694,080
Percent of area in farm land	79.0	78.8
Number of farms	1,155	11,107
Average size of farms (acres)	113.9	120.2
1964 value of all farm products	\$ 5,290,760	\$ 52,873,451
Value per farm	4,581	4,760
Total crop sales	2,152,560	26,075,798
Total livestock & livestock products	3,137,726	26,695,337
1969 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	3,306,000	37,208,000
Corn (bu.)	770,000	6,282,000
Cattle and calves (number)	33,600	278,500
Hogs and pigs (number)	19,700	137,700
Milk production, 1968 (lbs.)	35,910,000	308,550,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources
Other mineral resources

Acres of commercial forest land Most abundant tree species Limestone as used in general construction Natural gas in small quantities and some clay

55,300

White oak, red oak, hickory, yellow poplar, beech, hard maple, ash

Climate 14/

	Larue County
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1971	55.6 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966*(8-year record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966* (8-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 (27-year record)	16.50 inches
Total precipitaion 1971	44.67 inches
Mean number days precipitation (27-year record)	
(.01 inch or more)	128
Average number days thunderstorms (27-year record)	47
Prevailing winds (17-year record)	south

^{*}Also on earlier dates, months and years.

HISTORY

Larue County is located in the central part of Kentucky and covers 260 square miles. Rolling Fork River flows along its eastern boundary and around Muldrow's Hill, which was noted for having been the western frontier of surveyed lands in Kentucky until 1784. Nolin River arises near the county's center, flowing to its western border. The land surface is rolling to hilly. The county's soil is limestone-based red clay in the western half, while the other section has a mulatto clay base.

The first settlement in the area was made by Philip Phillips, a Pennsylvania surveyor, and Benjamin Lynn in 1780. The site of Phillips' Fort about a mile above Hodgenville on Nolin Creek. Soon other settlers arrived, Thomas Howell and Stephen Ferrel among them, and the surrounding area blossomed with corn fields and cleared patches.

Larue Became Kentucky' ninety-eighth county in 1843, named for John Larue, a Virginian who brought a number of settlers to Phillips' Fort and purchased the place. His brother-in-law Robert Hodgen, bought the land on which Hodgenville now stands. In 1788 Hodgen obtained permission to erect a mill and an inn there from the Nelson County Court.

Two miles south of Hodgenville, on the Old Sinking Spring Farm, is the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, enshrined at Lincoln Memorial National Park. The log cabin in which Lincoln was born in 1809 is contained in an austere marble structure surrounded by Doric Columns. Though slightly smaller than in its original form, the cabin consists of some of the original materials. The building housing the tiny one-window cabin was dedicated in 1911 by President Taft. Lincoln's boyhood home at Knob Creek is located five miles east of Hodgenville on U. S. Highway 31-E.

The first available population figure for Larue County was 5,859 in 1850, which grew to 9,956 in 1950. The following two decades saw continued growth to 10,346 in 1960 and 10,672 in 1970. Hodgenville, the county seat, had a population of 2,562 in 1970.

Agriculture accounted for 900 of the county's 2,800 employed in 1970, with burley tobacco, corn, milk, cattle and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing employment grew over 200 percent since 1961 to 372 in 1971, with the greatest concentration in the apparel industry. Largest of the county's firms are Nationwide Uniform Corporation, which makes industrial uniforms, and Joseph E. Seagram and Sons, Inc., which produces whiskey.

A major transportation artery, Interstate 65, passes through the western part of the county, and connects with the Bluegrass and Western Kentucky Parkways at Elizabethtown, ten miles from Hodgenville.

Among noted persons in Larue County's history was John T. Hodgen, a grandson of Robert Hodgen, who became a famous surgeon and served as President of the American Medical Association.

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