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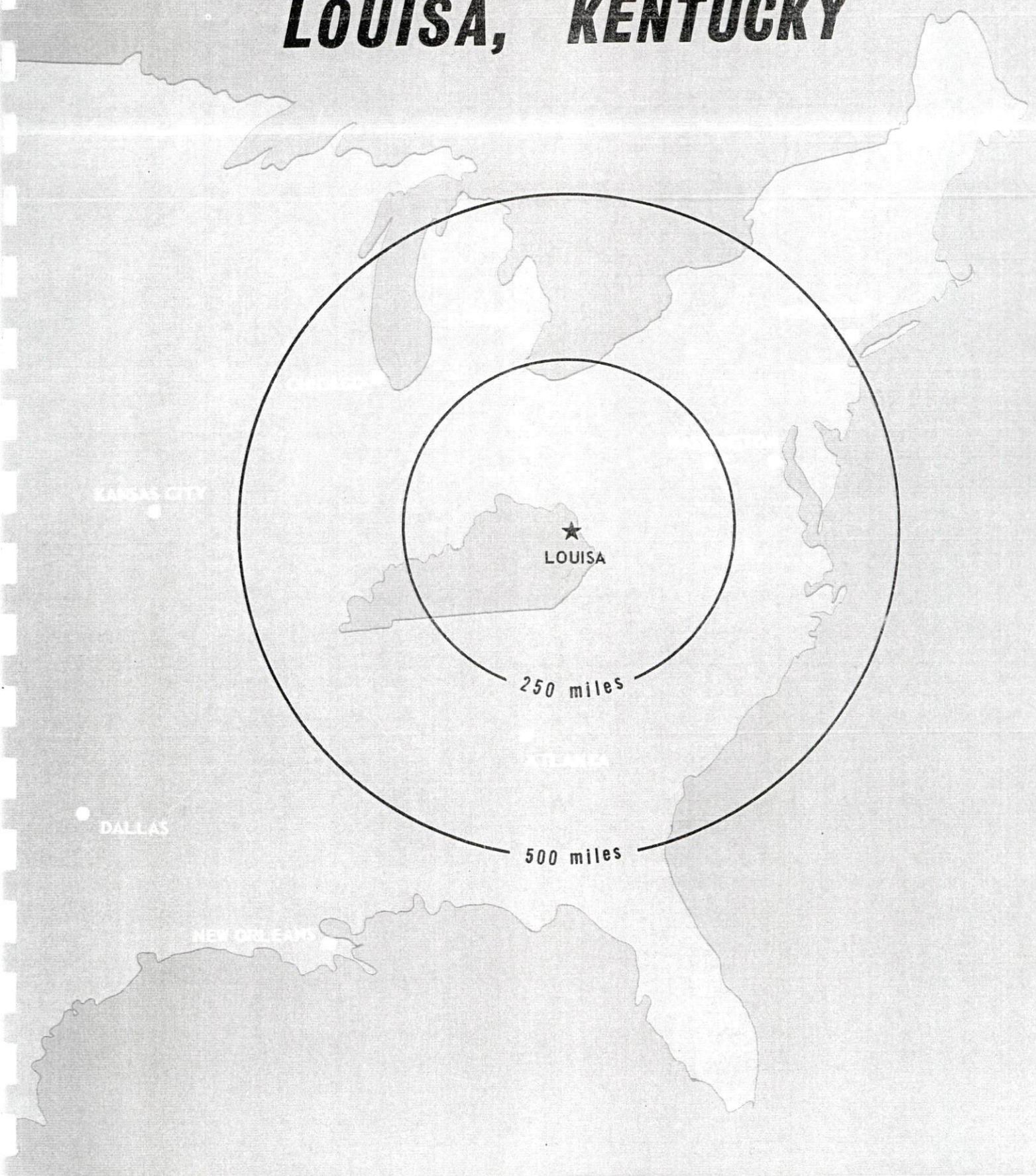
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

LOUISA, KENTUCKY



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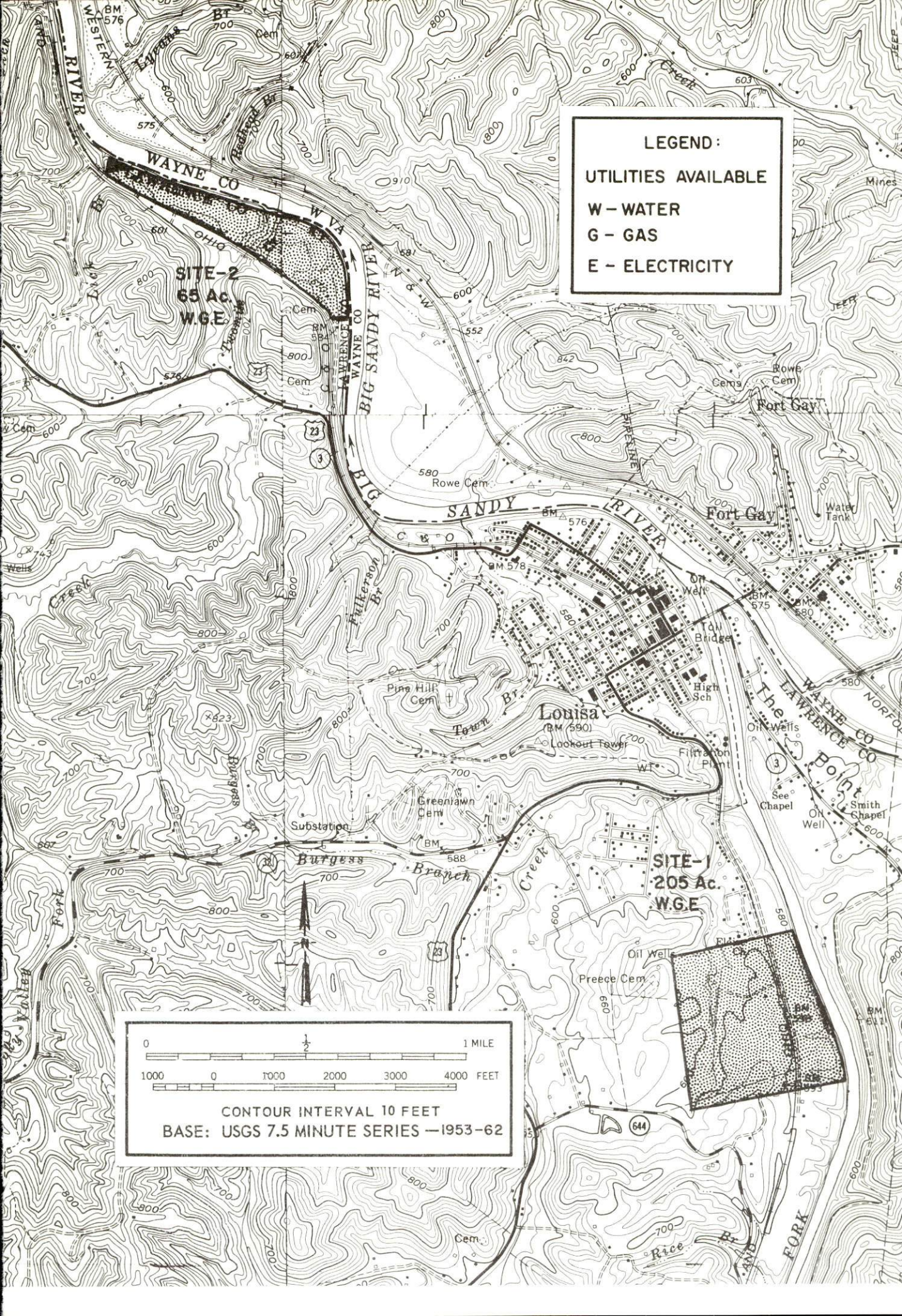
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SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 205 acres, gently rolling
LOCATION: 1 mile south of Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: County road from site onto U.S. 23
RAILROADS: Chesapeake & Ohio Railway bisects the site.
WATER: Louisa Water Company
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 65 acres, gently rolling
LOCATION: 1 mile north of Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U.S. 23 borders the site.
RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway borders the site.
WATER: Louisa Water Company
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Not available, package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 33 acres, gently rolling
LOCATION: 2 1/2 miles north of Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U.S. 23 borders the site.
RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway across U.S. 23
from site
WATER: Raw water
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #4: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 155 acres, level
LOCATION: 2 1/2 miles north of Louisa
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U.S. 23 borders site
RAILROADS: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway borders the site.
WATER: Raw water
GAS: Columbia Gas of Kentucky
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private



LEGEND:

UTILITIES AVAILABLE

W - WATER

G - GAS

E - ELECTRICITY

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

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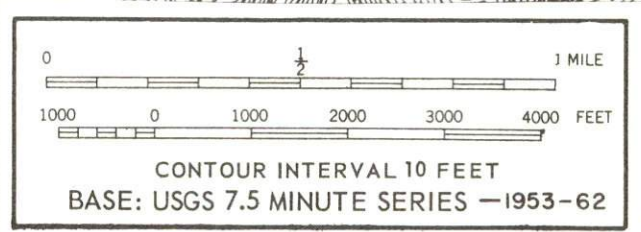
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33 Ac.
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SITE-4
155 AG.
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Hubbardstown

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(Big Sandy Sta)

LAWRENCE
WAYNE CO



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
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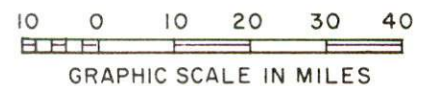
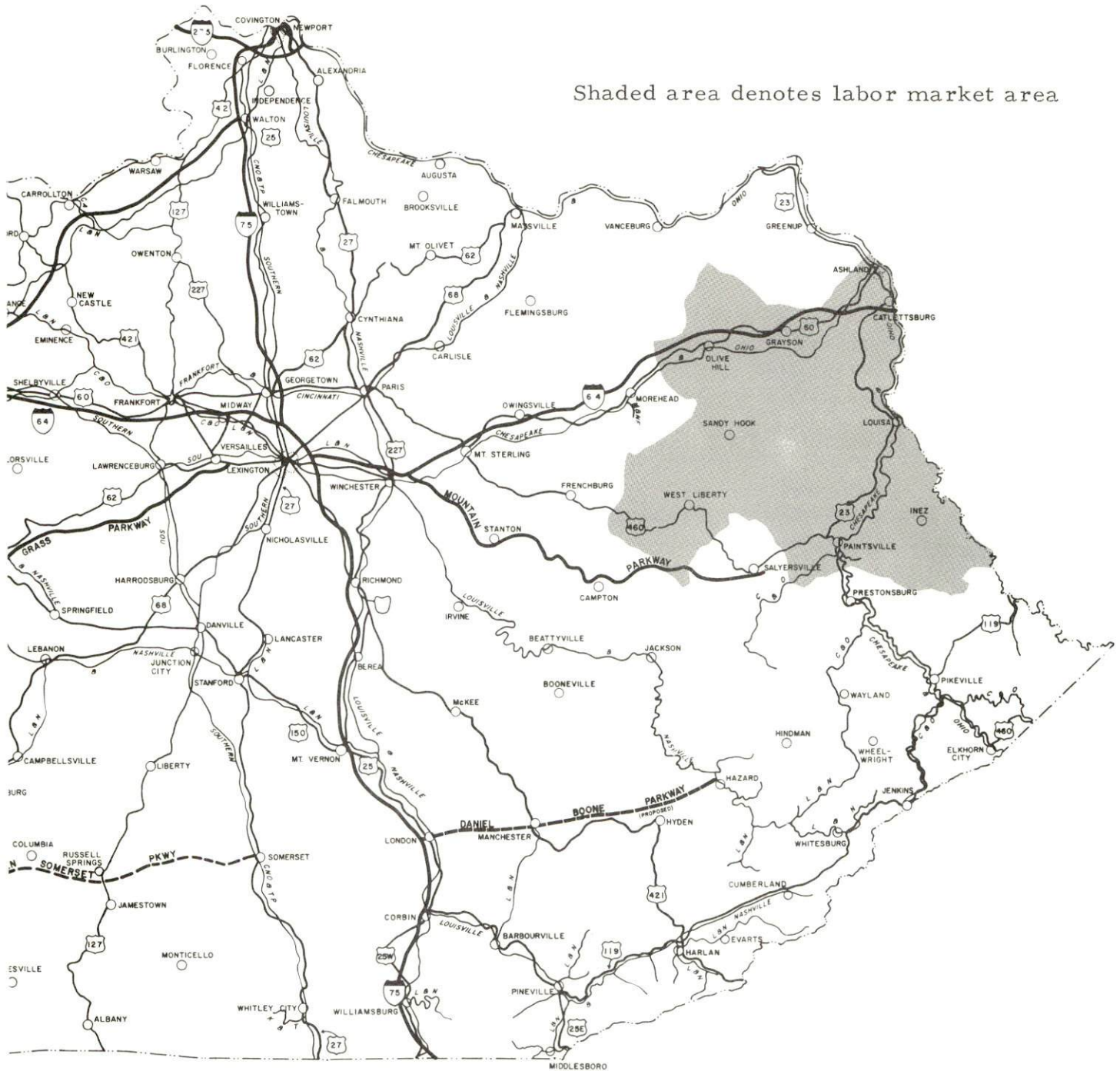
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LOUISA LABOR MARKET AREA

Shaded area denotes labor market area



LOUISA, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Louisa, the county seat of Lawrence County, lies in the extreme eastern part of the state along the Kentucky-West Virginia border. The Tug Fork and the Levisa Fork meet at Louisa to form the Big Sandy River. Louisa is 31 miles from Ashland, 212 miles from Louisville, and 37 miles from Huntington, West Virginia. U. S. 23 connecting points south passes through Louisa.

The population of Louisa in 1960 was 2,071. The 1970 estimated population of Lawrence County is 11,300.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Lawrence County averaged 2,700 in 1968, with agriculture providing 400 jobs, trade and services 420 jobs, government 365 jobs, and contract construction 550 jobs. Manufacturing provides nearly 250 jobs, an increase of over 500 percent since 1960. The major industrial product is carpets.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$1,274, which is considerably below the Kentucky average.

In the labor market area, which includes Lawrence and its six adjoining counties, the total employment is 40,300, with agriculture providing 3,700 jobs, trade and services 9,170 jobs, and government 5,550 jobs. Area industrial employment has increased by approximately 30 percent since 1960 with sharpest gains in primary metals. Despite important industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 3,285 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 5,960 men and 6,770 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 7,645 young men and 7,250 young women will become 18 years of age by 1976 and potentially available for work. Also, the current labor supply would be increased by the number of men and women in Wayne and Mingo Counties in West Virginia who are available for industrial jobs.

2. Local transportation is considered good. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway serves Lawrence County. U. S. 23, one of the major highways south, runs through Lawrence County and the City of Louisa. Interstate 64 is only a few minutes away. Commercial air service is available only minutes away at Tri-State Airport, Kenova, West Virginia. Southern Greyhound Bus Lines serves Lawrence County.

3. Ample supplies of gas and electricity are available in Lawrence County. Louisa is served by the Kentucky Power Company and Columbia Gas of Kentucky. The water supply from the Big Sandy River is adequate for additional growth.

4. Industrial sites - Louisa has four sites available for industrial use.

5. Two universities and two community colleges are located within 50 miles of Louisa. Two area vocational schools are located within 30 miles of Louisa.

Community Programs For Improvement

Louisa has a new 1,250,000-gallon-per-day water treatment plant which was completed in March of 1970. Future plans include additional water storage facilities and lines.

A new swimming pool is under construction and a new 150-bed hospital is in the planning stage. Louisa is in the process of annexing property just south of the city. When the annexation is completed, the city will have gained approximately 150 new families.

Recreation, Entertainment, and Livability

Louisa is within easy driving distance of many of Kentucky's beautiful lakes and state parks.

Jenny Wiley State Park, 40 miles distant, is a 1,700-acre resort park. The facilities include: sky lift, hiking, riding, swimming pool, boating, fishing, golfing, and picnicking.

Greenbo Lake State Park, 50 miles distant, is a 3,300-acre park with lodge. The facilities include: lake swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, camping, and picnicking.

Carter Caves State Park, 42 miles distant, is a 1,000-acre resort park with lodge. Besides the beautiful caves, the park offers rugged cliffs, mountain streams, and natural bridges. The recreational facilities include: swimming in pool or lake, hiking, riding, golfing, boating, camping, and picnicking.

Also, the many entertainment facilities of Ashland are only 30 miles away.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

	Population			Percent Change	
	1970 (Est.)	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Louisa	-	2,071	2,015	-	+ 2.8
Labor Market Area	131,400	132,449	143,158	- 0.8	- 7.5
Lawrence County	11,300	12,134	14,418	- 6.9	-15.8
Boyd County	55,400	52,163	49,949	+ 6.2	+ 4.4
Carter County	20,500	20,817	22,559	- 1.5	- 7.7
Elliott County	6,300	6,330	7,085	- 0.5	-10.7
Johnson County	17,600	19,748	23,846	-10.9	-17.2
Martin County	9,900	10,201	11,677	- 3.0	-12.6
Morgan County	10,400	11,056	13,624	- 5.9	-18.8

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1968 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Lawrence County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,710	40,291
Agricultural	397	3,705
Nonagricultural	2,313	36,586
Manufacturing	248*	9,724*
Trade and Services	416	9,169
Government	366	5,555
Contract Construction	552*	2,175

*1969.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY

JUNE 1960 AND 1969 ^{3/}

Industry	Lawrence County			Labor Market Area		
	1969	1960	%Change	1969	1960	%Change
TOTAL	248	38	+552.6	9,724	7,527	+ 29.2
Food & Kindred Products	32	24	+ 33.3	319	337	- 5.3
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	189	0	-	1,153	617	+ 86.9
Lumber & Furniture	22	9	+144.4	290	393	- 26.2
Printing, Publishing, Paper	4	4	-	271	174	+ 55.7
Chemicals, Petroleum,						
Coal, Rubber	0	0	-	892	661	+ 34.9
Stone, Clay, Glass	0	0	-	639	1,134	- 43.7
Primary Metals	0	0	-	5,425	4,109	+ 32.0
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0	-	732	98	+646.9
Other	1	1	-	3	4	- 25.0

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

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Big Sandy Publishing Co., Inc.	Job printing	4	2	2
Louisa Box & Lumber Co.	Lumber, pallets, and stakes	36	35	1
Louisa Carpet Mills	Carpets	144	115	29
Louisa Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	Soft drinks	16	14	2
Louisa Fashion Fabrics	Women's & men's jackets	40		
Louisa Supply Co.	Feed	17	16	1
Alvin Harold Scarberry	Pallets	12	12	0

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

Classification	Wages Per Hour		
	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Production Laborer	\$1.60	\$1.60	\$1.60
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.00	\$2.75	\$2.35
Laborer		1.60	
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.00	2.50	2.25
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	1.80	1.70
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Chief Clerk	\$1.60	\$1.85	\$1.72
Telephone Operator	1.60	1.90	1.75

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Louisa at this time.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
LOUISA LABOR MARKET AREA

County	1970 Current Labor Supply ^{6/}			Future Labor Supply by 1976 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) ^{7/}		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	12,730	5,960	6,770	14,900	7,646	7,254
Lawrence	1,663	758	905	1,274	669	605
Boyd	2,398	828	1,570	5,768	2,910	2,858
Carter	2,480	1,391	1,089	2,325	1,208	1,117
Elliott	1,009	563	446	763	382	381
Johnson	2,494	1,190	1,304	2,116	1,092	1,024
Martin	1,297	599	698	1,394	725	669
Morgan	1,389	631	758	1,260	660	600

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Lawrence County	\$ 15,014,000	\$ 8,129,000	+77.2
Labor Market Area	265,836,000	149,961,000	+84.7
Kentucky	8,516,000,000	4,655,000,000	+82.9

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Lawrence County	\$1,274	\$ 705	+80.7
Labor Market Area	\$879 to 3,054	\$421 to 1,896	+108.8 to +61.1
Kentucky	2,645	1,552	+70.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Lawrence County</u>
Total Enrollment	2,670
Elementary	1,988
High School	682
Student-Teacher Ratio	26-1
Elementary	30-1
High School	22-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	39.5
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$344.86
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1969	\$495,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area Schools</u>	
	Ashland Area Vocational School	Mayo Area Vocational School
Location	Ashland	Paintsville
Miles Distant	28 miles	31 miles
Curriculum	Accounting Jr. Management General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Certified Housekeeping Clothing Service Child Care Practical Nursing Electronics Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry, Welding Commercial Foods Cosmetology Drafting, Machine Shop Electricity Radio & TV Repair	Accounting Jr. Management General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Data Processing Practical Nursing Electronics (Communication) Electronics (Industrial) Tool & Die Design Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry, Welding Cosmetology, Printing Diesel Mechanics Drafting, Machine Shop Electricity Mine Machinery Mechanics Radio & TV Repair

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 50 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Ashland Community College	Ashland	1,011	Associate
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	428	Associate
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,460	Masters
Marshall University	Huntington, West Virginia	7,629	Masters

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Lines serving - Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company
 Services - Freight, siding, switching, REA Express

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM LOUISA, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

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

Truck Service

Company

Bell Lines, Inc.
 Point Express, Inc.

Home Office

Charleston, West Virginia
 Charleston, West Virginia

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11</u> / LTL TL		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time LTL TL	
Atlanta, Ga.	452	4	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,297	6	5
Birmingham, Ala.	518	4	2	Louisville, Ky.	212	3	2
Chicago, Ill.	489	4	2	Nashville, Tenn.	359	4	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	179	2	1	New Orleans, La.	869	5	3
Cleveland, Ohio	431	2	1	New York, N. Y.	729	4	2
Detroit, Mich.	379	2	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	299	2	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	254	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	449	4	2

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location: Tri-State Airport
 Runways: Kenova, West Virginia (30 miles distant)
 Length: 1 paved
 Lighting: 5,280 feet
 Beacon, runway
 Services: Beacon, runway
 80, 87, 100, 130 octane; major A & E repairs;
 restaurant; storage; car rentals; limousine;
 taxi; lodging; Piedmont, Allegheny, Eastern,
 and Wright Airlines

Bus

Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi

3 cab companies - 24-hour service

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Louisa - Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW

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

Company serving Lawrence County - Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative
and the Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative,
Grayson, Kentucky; Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative,
Paintsville, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving - Columbia Gas of Kentucky

Source of supply - United Fuel Gas Company

Size of transmission line - 10-inch

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

BTU content - 1,175; Specific gravity - .65

Distribution pressure - 6 ounces

Rates

First	1,000 cu. ft.	\$2.3157
Next	29,000 cu. ft.	.8257 per M cu. ft.
Next	570,000 cu. ft.	.6957 per M cu. ft.
All over	600,000 cu. ft.	.5557 per M cu. ft.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving - Louisa Water Company
Source - Big Sandy River
Treatment plant capacity - 1,250,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 900,000 gallons
Type treatment - sedimentation, filtration, pre- and post-chlorination,
and fluoridation
Storage capacity - 500,000 gallons
Average pressure - 50 psi
Size mains - 4, 6, 8, and 12 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Minimums for different inch meters

5/8-inch	first 2,000 gals.	\$ 4.00
3/4-inch	first 2,000 gals.	4.00
1-inch	first 2,000 gals.	6.00
1 1/2-inch	first 2,000 gals.	8.50
2-inch	first 2,000 gals.	10.00
3-inch	first 2,000 gals.	16.00
4-inch	first 2,000 gals.	18.00
6-inch	first 2,000 gals.	28.00
8-inch	first 2,000 gals.	35.00

The rates above the first 2,000 gals. are the same
for all lines.

Next	3,000 gals.	\$.90 per M gals.
Next	5,000 gals.	.80 per M gals.
Next	5,000 gals.	.70 per M gals.
Next	5,000 gals.	.60 per M gals.
Next	5,000 gals.	.60 per M gals.
All over	5,000 gals.	.35 per M gals.

A special rate may be allowed at 27 1/2 ¢ per M gals.
for large users.

Surface water sources - Big Sandy and Levisa Fork
Average discharge - Big Sandy about 4,200 cfs and Levisa Fork at
Paintsville is about 2,400 cfs (USGS)
Expected ground water yield in different sections - central portion 50 to
200 gpm; northern and southern fourth 5 to 50 gpm
Yield along main streams - 50 to 200 gpm in selected areas

Sewerage

Company serving Louisa - municipal service
Design capacity - 500,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 300,000 gallons
Treatment - primary and secondary
Type treatment - aeration, clarification, chlorination, drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - Big Sandy River
Size of sanitary mains - 4, 6, 8 and 14 inches
Size of storm mains - 8, 12, and 20 inches
Rates - 95 percent of total monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$55,500; Water and Sewer Fund \$106,327
Annual fees and licenses - City auto \$10; parking permit \$18; occupation
\$15; unloading \$30; solicitors \$30; truck license 1 ton \$15 - 2 ton \$20

County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 7 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$114,548; Road Fund \$31,106

Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Louisa</u>	<u>Lawrence County</u>
Real Estate	\$6,830,050	\$26,278,745
Tangibles	1,899,900	5,398,912
Public Service		24,885,686

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Louisa</u>	<u>Lawrence County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.242	.242
School	.417	.417
City	.200	
Total	\$.874	\$.674

*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 - Louisa Planning and Zoning Commission
Plans completed - Base Map, Base Studies

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Louisa</u>	<u>Lawrence County</u>
Total staff	4	3
Radio-patrol cars	1	4
Other equipment	Breathalyzer	

Fire

American Insurance
Association Fire Rating
Volunteers
Equipment:
750 -gpm pumpers

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12

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Sanitation

	<u>Louisa</u>
Type service	municipal
Cost:	
residential	\$1.25 per pick-up
business	1.25 per pick-up
Collection frequency:	
residential	weekly
business	optional
Disposal method	sanitary land fill

HEALTH

Hospitals

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Riverview Hospital	Louisa	41
Louisa General Hospital	Louisa	41
Riverview Hospital facilities - X-ray room, operating room, emergency room, laboratory, pharmacy, delivery room		
Medical staff - 7 doctors, 7 registered nurses, 7 graduate licensed practical nurses		
Louisa General Hospital facilities - X-ray room, operating room, emergency room, laboratory, pharmacy, delivery room		
Medical staff - 5 doctors, 6 registered nurses, 11 graduate licensed practical nurses		

Public Health

Facility - Lawrence County Health Department

Staff - Two registered nurses, one sanitarian, one clerk-typist

Budget 1969-70 - \$37,277

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company
Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union Office, Ashland, Kentucky
Services - telephone to Louisa

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class -1
Mail received - twice daily
Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspapers - Big Sandy News
Weekly and circulation - 2,650
Other papers received from - Ashland and Paintsville, Kentucky;
Huntington, West Virginia

Radio -
Stations received from - Grayson, Paintsville, and Ashland, Kentucky;
Huntington, West Virginia

Television -
Reception from - Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia

Library Services

Public libraries - Lawrence County Library
Size collection - 19,829 volumes
Circulation, 1968-69 - 68,531 volumes
Services - microfilm, film, paintings, records, bookmobile

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 6
Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Church of God, Methodist,
Freewill Baptist, Southern Methodist

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1969</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
The First National Bank	\$8,175,096.22	\$7,574,614.00
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Louisa	\$1,660,998.00	\$1,631,561.00

Hotels and Motels

Number - 3
Units - 33

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Rotary, Lions, Greater Louisa Industrial Foundation,
Jaycees, PTA

Fraternal - Odd Fellows, Masonic Lodge

Women's - Women's Club, Rotary Ann, Junior Women's Club,
Eastern Star

Youth - FFA, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball,
Football, Basketball, Pony League Baseball

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Park - 1

Playground - 1

Tennis courts - 2

Baseball diamond - 1

Football field - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

Movie theater - 1

Tourist Attractions

Birthplace of Fred M. Vinson, former Chief Justice of the United States

Area (Within 35 miles)

Carter Caves State Park, Olive Hill, Kentucky

Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Greenbo Lake State Park, Greenup, Kentucky

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Lawrence County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	272,000	1,338,240
Percent of area in farm land	50.5	50.8
Number of farms	990	5,893
Average size of farms (acres)	137.5	115.3
1964 value of all farm products	\$1,458,052	\$11,826,213
Value per farm	2,632	1,655
Total crop sales	276,577	8,581,243
Total livestock & livestock products	881,275	4,998,683
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	603,000	9,620,000
Corn (bu.)	128,000	705,000
Cattle and calves (number)	10,700	50,900
Hogs and pigs (number)	1,900	10,200
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	7,840,000	46,275,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Petroleum and coal
Other mineral resources	Clay and sandstone
Acres of commercial forest land	221,900
Most abundant tree species	White oak, red oak, yellow poplar, hickory, yellow pine, beech, soft maple

Climate 14/

	<u>Lawrence County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.0 degrees
Average annual (1968)	53.4 degrees
Record highest (80-year record) August 1918	106 degrees
Record lowest February 1899	- 27 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,754
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	38.77 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (30-year record)	24.3 inches
Total precipitation (1968)	43.37 inches
Mean No. days precipitation (8-year record) (.01 inches or more)	142
Average No. days thunderstorms (76-year record)	44
Prevailing winds	Not available

HISTORY

Lawrence County, the sixty-ninth county formed in Kentucky, dates from 1821. Its territory was taken from Greenup and Floyd Counties. It lies in the extreme eastern part of the state along the Kentucky-West Virginia boundary line.

Charles Vancouver of London, England, was issued a patent for a 2,000-acre tract of land by the British Government in 1772, which contained the present site of Louisa, the county seat. The survey of this grant was made by George Washington during the latter part of the 1760's. Vancouver finally came to America and settled at the Forks of the Big Sandy in 1789. He erected a fort, built a few cabins, and did some farming. He was forced to abandon the area because hostile Indians destroyed his corn fields and stole most of his horses.

Frederic Moore migrated west to Lawrence County in 1815 and established a trading center at Louisa. He laid out the symmetrical plan of the town with wide streets, large lots, and a number of small park sites. Unfortunately, most of the park sites have been utilized for other purposes.

Lawrence County was named for James Lawrence, a distinguished American Naval Officer, who died at the hands of the British during the War of 1812. He was the captain of the frigate Chesapeake. Lawrence's last words were: "Don't give up the ship." He was buried with naval honors at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Louisa, the county seat, was established in 1822, a few months after Lawrence County was formed. It is 526 feet above sea level and was named for the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, which had been named by Dr. Thomas Walker in honor of the wife of the Duke of Cumberland.

Louisa grew slowly before the Civil War. During the Civil War it became a battleground for guerillas who fought on both sides. However, after the War, Louisa prospered.

The Big Sandy Dam, near Louisa, became the first moveable needle-type dam built in the United States. A quarter of a century later 1,000,000 barrels of high grade light oil were produced annually.

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson was born in Louisa. He became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1946 and held this office until his death in 1953.

Simeon Willis, Governor of Kentucky from 1943 to 1947, was a Lawrence Countian by birth. He served in this capacity during the latter part of World War II.

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