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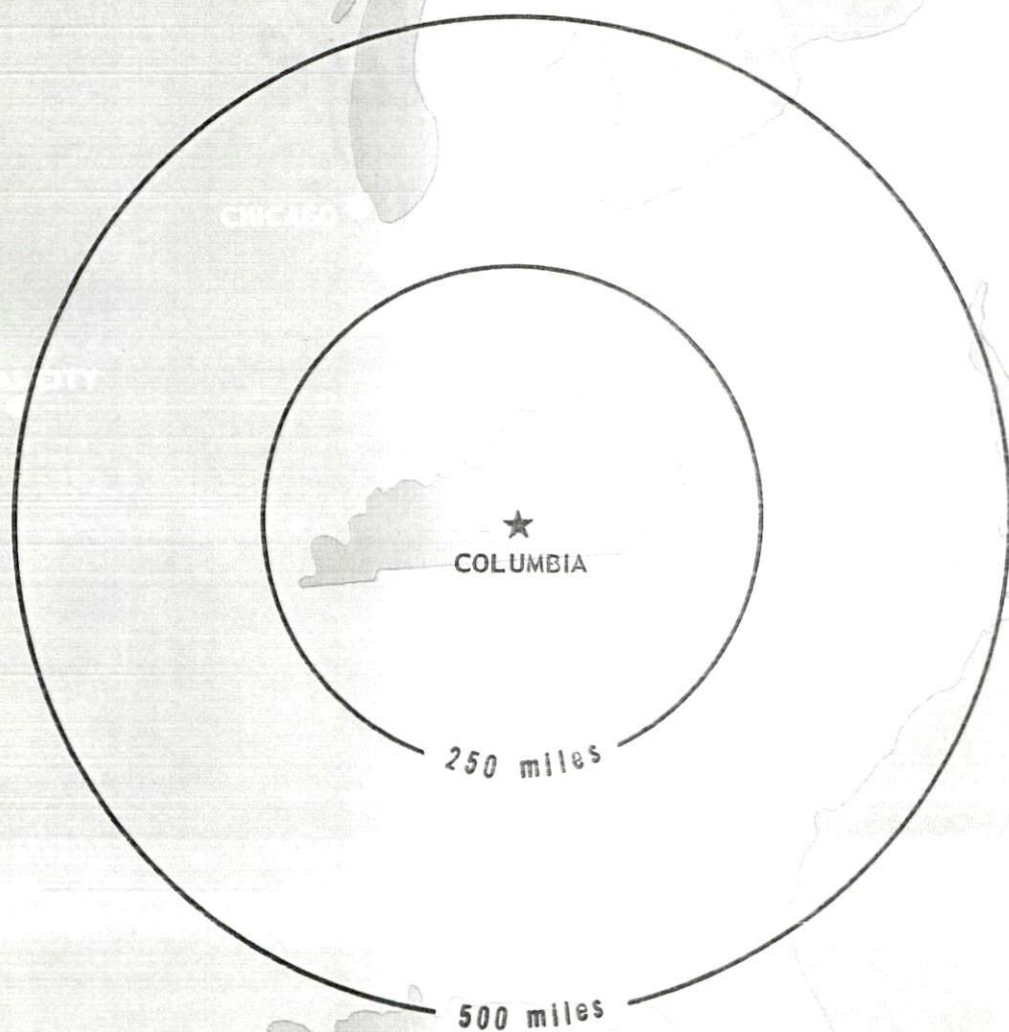
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

COLUMBIA, KENTUCKY



COLUMBIA INDUSTRIAL SITES
1971

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SITE #1: ACREAGE: 12 acres
LOCATION: One-fourth mile southeast of
Columbia
ZONING: Industrial Park
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Unimproved road to
Kentucky 55
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on site
GAS: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE MAIN: 2-inch main, 1,000 feet
from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
or Taylor County RECC
SEWERAGE: Columbia Utilities Commission
OWNERSHIP: Columbia-Adair County
Industrial Association

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 10 acres
LOCATION: One-fourth mile southeast of
Columbia
ZONING: Industrial Park
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Unimproved road to
Kentucky 55
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on site
GAS: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE MAIN: 2-inch main 1,000 feet
from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
or Taylor County RECC
SEWERAGE: Columbia Utilities Commission
OPTIONED BY: Columbia-Adair County
Industrial Association

SITE #5: ACREAGE: 10 acres
LOCATION: Inside Columbia city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Access to Kentucky 61
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE LINE: 6-inch line on site
GAS: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE MAIN: 3-inch main on site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Columbia Utilities Commission
OPTIONED BY: Columbia-Adair County
Industrial Association

SITE #3: ACREAGE: 36 acres
LOCATION: Adjoins Columbia city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Unimproved road to
Kentucky 55
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line 500 feet from site
GAS: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE MAIN: 2-inch main 1,500 feet
from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Columbia Utilities Commission
OPTIONED BY: Columbia-Adair County
Industrial Association

SITE #4: ACREAGE: 8 acres with 12,800 square foot
building on site
LOCATION: Inside Columbia city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts on Kentucky 206
and Kentucky 55
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE LINE: 6-inch line on site
GAS: Columbia Utilities Commission
SIZE MAIN: 3-inch main on site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Columbia Utilities Commission
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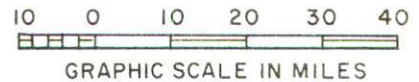
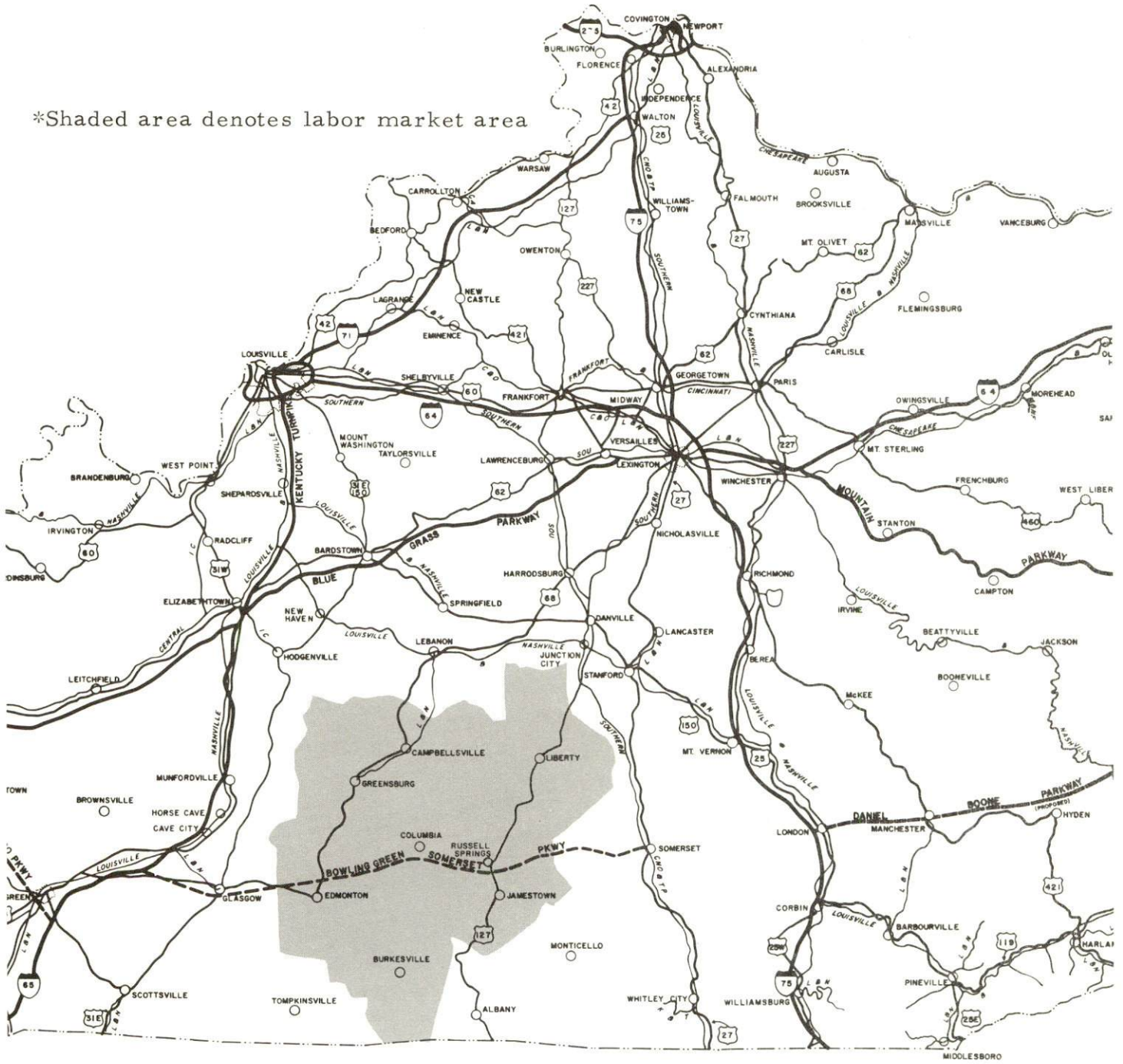
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COLUMBIA LABOR MARKET AREA

*Shaded area denotes labor market area



COLUMBIA, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Columbia, county seat of Adair County, is situated in the rolling Pennyryle Plain of southcentral Kentucky. Columbia is 92 miles southwest of Lexington, Kentucky; 100 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 128 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee; and 157 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee. The population of Columbia was 3,234 in 1970 and the population of Adair County was 13,037.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Adair County averaged 3,900 in 1969 with manufacturing providing 300 jobs, trade and services 640 jobs, and government 300 jobs. Since 1960 manufacturing employment has increased by approximately 190 new jobs. Major industrial products are work and casual clothing.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1969 was \$1,680. Between 1959 and 1969, per capita personal income in the county increased approximately 103 percent.

The Adair County labor market area includes Adair and the six adjoining Kentucky counties. In 1969 employment in the labor market area totaled 27,800 including 9,100 in agriculture. Manufacturing furnished 5,980 jobs, trade and services 3,515 jobs, and government 2,400 jobs. Industrial employment in this area has increased approximately 94 percent since 1960, with sharpest gains in the apparel, machinery and metal products industries.

Despite industrial gains in recent years, this area still has a deficit of 1,548 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where potential for additional manufacturing production is good.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 5,340 men and 3,540 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 4,285 young men and 4,120 young women in this area will become 18 years of age by 1977 and potentially available for work.

2. Major highway access is by Kentucky Highway 80, and with the completion of the Bowling Green-Somerset Parkway, highway transportation in that area will be greatly improved. The Columbia-Lu Dot Airport has a 2,100-foot turf runway and can accommodate light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at the Bowling Green-Warren County Municipal Airport, 71 miles distant.

3. Electric power is available in large quantity from Kentucky Utilities Company, Farmers RECC, and Taylor County RECC. Columbia's municipal gas system is supplied by Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation. The treated and raw water supply is adequate for continued growth.

4. Industrial sites - Columbia has five sites available for industrial use.

5. Education is an important growth asset for Columbia. Columbia and Adair County are served by a common school system and educational television is being made available.

One university, three senior colleges, three junior colleges, and two community colleges are located within 90 miles of the county, with Lindsey Wilson Junior College located at Columbia.

The Russell County Vocational Extension Center at Jamestown, 19 miles from Columbia, offers six different courses. This extension center is affiliated with the Somerset Area Vocational School, 47 miles from Columbia, where eleven different courses are offered.

Community Programs for Improvement

Columbia's recent community improvements include: the appointment of an air board to study the feasibility of a larger facility, a new girls' dormitory at Lindsey Wilson College, remodeling of both main banks, the opening of drive-in facilities for both banks, a 75-acre country club, a new downtown church, opening of Green River Reservoir and Homes Bend Dock, construction of a park for campers by the Corps of Engineers with electricity, water and sewerage facilities, application made for funds to provide a county-wide water system, and a proposed new state highway garage and State Police barracks.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Mammoth Cave National Park, located 58 miles from Columbia, provides the visitor with more than 150 miles of chartered caverns occurring on five distinct levels. Guided tours are conducted daily the year around. There are many interesting attractions in the park. Accommodations available all year include a motel-type lodge, a hotel, and

cottages. Camping facilities, picnic areas, and trailer parks are excellent. Recreation facilities are also available including tennis, shuffleboard, and boat trips.

Old Mulkey Meeting House State Shrine, located 45 miles from Columbia, was erected in 1773.

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park, encompassing 3,000 acres, has a lodge, cottages, and camping facilities. The recreational facilities include: swimming, boating, riding, hiking, golfing, picnicking, fishing, and tennis.

Green River Reservoir, located 8 miles from Columbia, has an 8,200-acre lake, and a dirt and rock fill dam 141 feet high and 2,350 feet long. The facilities include fishing, boating, swimming, and picnicking.

Dale Hollow Reservoir, a 27,700-acre lake, lies partly in Kentucky and partly in Tennessee. The facilities include: cottages, boating, swimming, and fishing.

Barren River Reservoir State Park is located 54 miles from Columbia. This state park encompasses 1,800 acres. The facilities include: camping, boating, fishing, and golfing. A 51-room lodge will be completed in 1971.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Columbia	3,234	2,255	2,167	+43.4	+ 4.1
Labor Market Area	79,024	83,838	93,590	- 5.7	-10.4
Adair County	13,037	14,699	17,603	-11.3	-16.5
Casey County	12,930	14,327	17,446	- 9.8	-17.9
Cumberland County	6,850	7,835	9,309	-12.6	-15.8
Green County	10,350	11,249	11,261	- 8.0	- .1
Metcalf County	8,177	8,367	9,851	- 2.3	-15.1
Russell County	10,542	11,076	13,717	- 4.8	-19.3
Taylor County	17,138	16,285	14,403	+ 5.2	+13.1

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Adair County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	3,900	27,800
Agricultural	1,600	9,100
Nonagricultural	2,300	18,700
Manufacturing	300	5,980
Trade and Services	642	3,513
Government	300	2,400

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY JUNE 1970 AND 1960 ^{3/}

Industry	Adair County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	% Change	1970	1960	% Change
TOTAL	288	100	+188.0	6,275	3,233	+ 94.1
Food & Kindred Products	4	15	- 73.3	238	241	- 1.2
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	160	0		4,909	2,262	+117.0
Lumber & Furniture	119	77	+ 54.5	789	695	+ 13.5
Stone, Clay & Glass	5	3	+ 66.7	24	18	+ 33.3
Primary Metals	0	0		59	0	
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0		220	0	
Other	0	5		36	17	+111.8

COLUMBIA MANUFACTURING FIRMS, WITH 15 OR MORE
EMPLOYEES, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT ^{4/}

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
City Supply Company	Ready mixed concrete	17	16	1
R. E. Gaddie, Inc.	Plant mix concrete	20	20	0
Morrison Lumber Company	Rough lumber	25	25	0
Oshkosh B Gosh, Inc.	Work & casual clothing	150	15	135
Whitney & Whitney	Hardwood lumber	20	20	0

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>	
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>		
Assembler	\$1.60	\$1.75
Inspector	1.60	2.55
Production Laborer	1.60	1.75
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	2.00	2.75
<u>Service Employees</u>		
Electrician (Class-A)	\$1.75	\$3.00
Laborer	1.60	2.25
Machinist	2.00	2.75
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.50	3.40
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.50
<u>Office Employees</u>		
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.00
File Clerk	1.60	1.90
Receptionist	1.60	2.00
Secretary	1.60	2.10
Typist	1.60	2.00

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

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

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
COLUMBIA LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current Labor Supply, 1970 ^{6/}			Future Labor Supply by 1977 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) ^{7/}		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	8,879	5,338	3,541	8,406	4,287	4,119
Adair County	1,715	1,003	712	1,394	690	704
Casey County	1,866	1,098	768	1,455	740	715
Cumberland County	971	675	296	783	419	364
Green County	682	435	247	1,167	620	547
Metcalfe County	1,061	596	465	859	431	428
Russell County	1,886	1,135	751	1,080	554	526
Taylor County	698	396	302	1,668	833	835

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

Area	1969	1959	% Change
Adair County	\$ 23,219,000	\$ 11,784,000	+ 97.0
Labor Market Area	166,926,000	78,443,000	+ 112.8
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

Area	1969	1959	% Change
Adair County	\$1,680	\$ 829	+102.6
Labor Market Area	\$1,540 to 2,950	\$690 to 1,319	NA
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+ 83.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Adair County</u>
Total Enrollment	2,902
Elementary	2,076
High School	826
Student-Teacher Ratio	25-1
Elementary	24-1
High School	26-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	46.7
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$432.05
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1970	\$1,521,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Somerset Area Vocational School	Russell County Jamestown
Miles Distant	47	19
Curriculum	Data Processing General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Distributive Education Health Occupations Electronics (Technology) Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Machine Shop Printing	Health Occupations Trade & Industrial Auto Mechanics Carpentry Electricity Welding

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 90 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Lindsey Wilson Jr. College	Columbia	413	Associate
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville	914	Baccalaureate
Centre College	Danville	776	Baccalaureate
Berea College	Berea	1,400	Baccalaureate
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	10,737	Masters
Sue Bennett College	London	172	Associate
Somerset Community College	Somerset	667	Associate
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown	632	Associate
St. Catharine Jr. College	St. Catharine	173	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Columbia - The nearest rail service, provided by Louisville & Nashville Railroad, is located at Campbellsville, only 19 miles from Columbia.

Services - Freight, siding, switching

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM CAMPBELLSVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO: ¹⁰/₁

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

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Central Motor Express, Inc.	Campbellsville, Kentucky
Manning Motor Express, Inc.	Glasgow, Kentucky
Sanders & Leigh	Liberty, Kentucky
Skaggs Transfer, Inc.	Louisville, Kentucky
United Parcel Service	Louisville, Kentucky

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11</u> / LTL TL		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time LTL TL	
		Atlanta, Ga.	332			2	1
Birmingham, Ala.	266	2	1	Louisville, Ky.	100	1	1
Chicago, Ill.	400	2	1	Nashville, Tenn.	128	1	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	213	2	1	New Orleans, La.	610	2	3
Cleveland, Ohio	454	2	1	New York, N.Y.	869	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	475	2	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	494	2	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	157	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	364	2	1

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	Columbia-Lu Dot Airport	Bowling Green-Warren County Municipal
Location:	One-half mile southwest of Columbia	Bowling Green, 71 miles distant
Runways:	1 turf	2 paved
Length:	2,100 feet	4,000 feet; 6,500 feet
Traffic Control:	Wind sock, tetrahedron	Wind tee
Lighting:	Lights on request	Runways, obstructions, beacons, and wind tee until midnight
Services:	80 octane fuel, taxi, and air charters	80 and 100 octane; jet A-50; storage; minor A & E repairs; FAA Flight Service; station; taxi and rental car service; restaurant on field; Wright Airlines

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Company

Taxi

Two taxi companies - 24-hour service

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Columbia - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 773,000 KW

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

Company serving Adair County - Taylor County RECC and Farmers RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Taylor County RECC, P. O. Box 100,
Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718; Farmers RECC, 504 South
Broadway, Glasgow, Kentucky 42141

Natural Gas

Company serving Columbia - Columbia Utilities Commission

Source of supply - Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation

Size of transmission lines - 30-inch

Distribution lines - 3, 2, and 1 inches

Btu content - 1,025

Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 8 psi

Rates:

Commercial

	40,000 cu. ft.	\$32.65
All over	40,000 cu. ft.	.65 per MCF

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Columbia - Columbia Utilities Commission
Source - Russell Creek
Treatment plant capacity - 1,000,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 275,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 400,000 gallons
Type treatment - Settling, filtering, chloride, fluoride
Storage capacity - 489,000 gallons
Average pressure - 45 to 95 psi
Average temperature - 55° F.
Size mains - 4, 6, and 8 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Water Tap		\$50.00
First	3,000 gallons	\$ 3.90 (Minimum bill)
Next	7,000 gallons	8.5 ¢ per 100 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	7.5 ¢ per 100 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	6.5 ¢ per 100 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	6 ¢ per 100 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	5 ¢ per 100 gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	4 ¢ per 100 gallons

Surface water sources - Green River (Russell Creek)
Average discharge - Russell Creek near Columbia, 267 cfs (30-year record, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 5 to 50 gpm broad central area (running east-west); 5 gpm or less in remainder of county

Sewerage

Company serving Columbia - Columbia Utilities Commission
Design capacity - 395,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 300,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary
Type treatment - Aeration, settling, drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - Russell Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches
Rates - \$75 tap fee; 60 percent of monthly water rate

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
 Budget 1970 - General Fund \$109,150; Water and Sewer Fund \$120,430
 Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses vary from \$10 to \$40 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 7 magistrates - 4-year terms
 Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$85,700; Road Fund \$43,700

Assessed Value of Property, 1970

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Columbia</u>	<u>Adair County</u>
Real Estate & Tangibles	\$17,500,000	
Real Estate		\$53,362,349
Tangibles		14,298,532
Public Service		19,194,001 ('69)

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1970 ^{12/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Columbia</u>	<u>Adair County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.1505	.1505
School	.438	.438
City	.250	
Total	\$.8535	\$.6035

*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 - Columbia Planning Commission
Plans completed - Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Columbia</u>	<u>Adair County</u>
Total staff	4	4
Radio-patrol cars	1	2
<u>Fire</u>		
American Insurance Assoc- iation Fire Rating	7	
Volunteers	24	24
Equipment:		
750-gpm pumper	2	
500-gpm pumper	1	1
Rescue trucks	1	1
Other	2,000 gallon tank truck	500 gallon and 2,000 gallon 300-gpm portable pump tank truck

Sanitation

	<u>Columbia</u>
Type Service	municipal
Cost	
Residential	\$1.25 per month
business	contracted
Collection frequency	
residential	weekly
business	contracted
Trash pickup	same
Disposal method	land fill

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Adair Memorial Hospital	Columbia	36
General hospital facilities - 1 operating room, X-ray, laboratory, emergency room, delivery room, nursery		
Medical staff - 10 doctors active staff, 10 doctors courtesy staff, 13 registered nurses, 12 licensed practical nurses, 1 radiologist		

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	1	50
Personal care homes	2	44

Public Health

Facility - Adair County Health Department
Staff - 1 sanitarian, 1 administrative assistant, 1 registered nurse, 1 clerk, 1 health officer
Budget 1970-71 - \$23,464

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company
Services - Standard

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

Newspapers -	Adair County News	The Columbia Statesman
Weekly and circulation -	3,200	3,500
Other papers received from - Louisville and Campbellsville, Kentucky		

Radio - WAIN - AM & FM
Stations received from - Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky;
Nashville, Tennessee

Television -
Cable service -
Reception from - Lexington, Louisville and Bowling Green, Kentucky;
Nashville, Tennessee
Kentucky Educational Television - Somerset, Channel 29

Library Services

Public Libraries - Adair County Public Library
Size collection - 24,665 volumes
Circulation, 1970 - 40,069 volumes, bookmobile 87,178 volumes
Services - Records, art, films, film strip, projector, copy machine,
story hour, information file, record player, microfilm, Headquarters
of the Lake Cumberland Regional Library

Private Libraries - Lindsey Wilson College
Size collection - 16,000 volumes
Services - Records, film, film strip, microfilm

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 9
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ,
Church of God, Nazarene, Methodist, Presbyterian, Seventh Day
Adventist

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Bank of Columbia	\$6,977,437.83	\$5,981,168.58
First National Bank	6,832,547.23	6,152,142.11

Hotels and Motels

<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Apartments</u>
4	82	5

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary,
Medical Society, Dental Society, Ministerial Association

Fraternal - American Legion, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Women's club, Business and Professional Women's Club,
DAR, Eastern Star, Homemakers

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, FFA, FHA, 4-H, FTA,
Beta, Key Club, Little League, Pony League

Other - Sportsman Club, Farm Bureau

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Yes

Park - 1

Playgrounds - 2

Swimming pool - 1

Tennis courts - 4

Baseball diamonds - 2

Football field - 1

Other - Track; boating and fishing in the county

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club - 1

Golf course - 1

Swimming pool - 1

Movie theaters - 1 indoor, 1 outdoor

Area (Within 50 miles)

Mammoth Cave National Park

Old Mulkey Meeting House State Shrine

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park

Green River Reservoir State Park

Dale Hollow Reservoir

Barren River Reservoir State Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture ^{13/}

	<u>Adair County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	251,520	1,529,600
Percent of area in farm land	77.3	72.9
Number of farms	2,101	11,360
Average size of farms (acres)	92.6	98.2
1964 value of all farm products	\$6,717,219	\$40,519,905
Value per farm	3,197	3,567
Total crop sales	3,459,100	23,026,803
Total livestock & livestock products	3,253,017	17,225,018
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	4,398,000	30,990,000
Corn (bu.)	682,000	3,747,000
Cattle and calves (number)	26,700	173,100
Hogs and pigs (number)	9,000	57,000
Milk production (1967) (lbs.)	53,950,000	257,380,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Limestone, Petroleum
Other mineral resources	Natural gas, clay
Acres of commercial forest land	108,000
Most abundant tree species	White oaks, red oaks, hickories, yellow poplar, beech, hard maple, ash

Climate ^{14/}

	<u>Adair County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	59.6 degrees
Average annual 1969	57.0 degrees
Record highest, August, 1968 (9-year record)	99.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1966 (9-year record)	- 9.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	3,494
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	45.85 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet	12.6 inches
Total precipitation 1969	48.98 inches
Mean number days precipitation (27-year record) (.01 inch or more)	126
Average number days thunderstorms (27-year record)	48
Prevailing winds (14-year record)	Northeast

HISTORY

Adair County, the forty-fourth county established in Kentucky, dates from 1801. It was taken from Green County. Its surface is hilly, and the soil is generally poor based principally on slate. There are a few outcroppings of limestone, and around them the soil is fertile. The Green River and its tributaries drain all of the county except the extreme southern portion which is served by a tributary of the Cumberland River. Most of the streams flow from east to west across the county. The elevation of Adair County is around 750 feet above sea level.

Adair County was named for General John Adair who was born in Chester County, South Carolina. He came to Kentucky in 1786, settled in Mercer County and developed some land, but his chief interest at the time lay in protecting the frontier from the Indians. He served in the later conventions at Dänville out of which Kentucky became a state. He found time to take part in the second effort of the United States to deal with the Indians in 1791. He led his forces with such bravery that Lieutenant George Madison, later governor of Kentucky, and Colonel Richard Taylor, father of Zachary Taylor, were highly impressed. The people of his county elected him to the State Legislature nine times, five of which were before Adair County was established. He lost popularity momentarily from his conduct and opinions in the Aaron Burr Conspiracy. Later his actions were vindicated on the grounds that he believed Burr's plans had been approved by the United States government. He fought in the Battle of the Thames as Governor Shelby's aid with such bravery that his name was mentioned in the report to the War Department. He was appointed Adjutant General of the Kentucky troops which he commanded later in the Battle of New Orleans. He was elected governor of Kentucky in 1820, served in the United States Senate from 1825 to 1831, and later served in the House of Representatives of Congress for one term.

Columbia, the county seat, was settled about 1793 by William Hurt, a Revolutionary soldier, who built a cabin and cleared the first large area in Adair County. Later he built a two-story brick structure with a gabled roof and an ell which is one of the buildings of historic interest in Columbia today. The house in which John O'Hara composed one stanza of "The Bivouac of the Dead" stood in the public square. Lindsey Wilson Training School was established in 1903 by Miss Eliza Forte. It was later developed into a class A junior college directed by the Methodist Episcopal Church South. It is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The annual Adair County Fair, held at Columbia in late August, sponsors agricultural exhibits, field sports, and horse racing.

Among the distinguished citizens of Adair County was Jane Lampton, daughter of Benjamin Lampton, who married John Marshall Clemens. Her fourth child, born in Missouri, was Samuel L. Clemens whose pen name, Mark Twain, is world famous.

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