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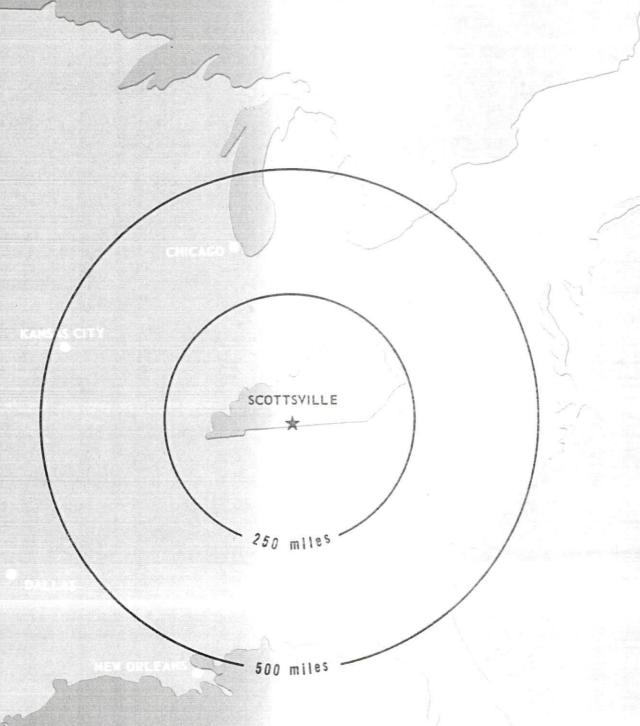
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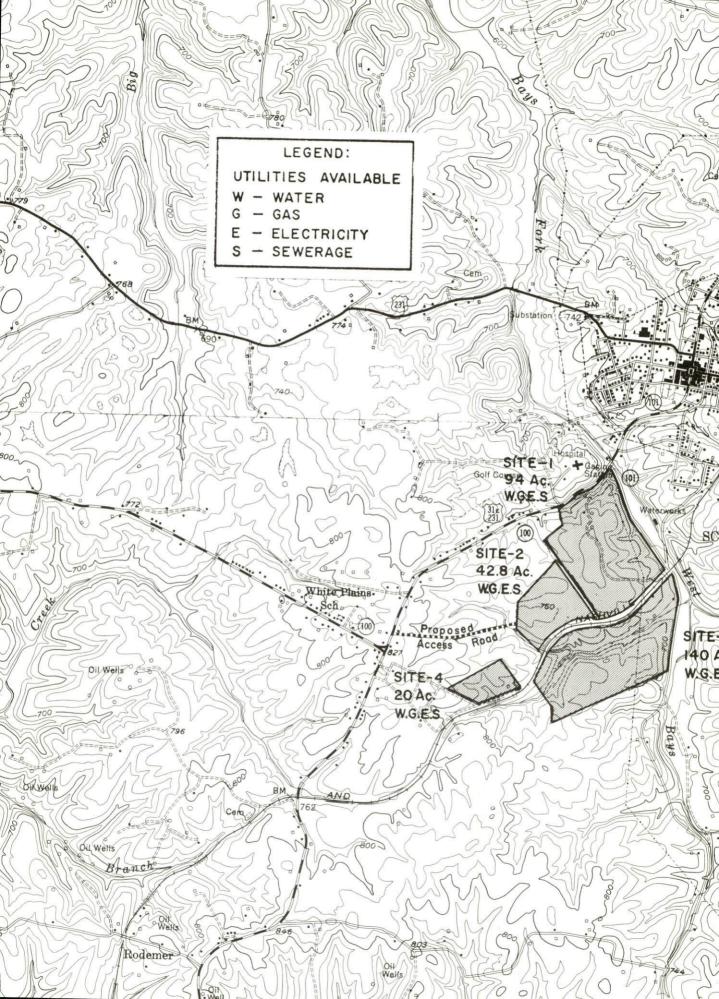
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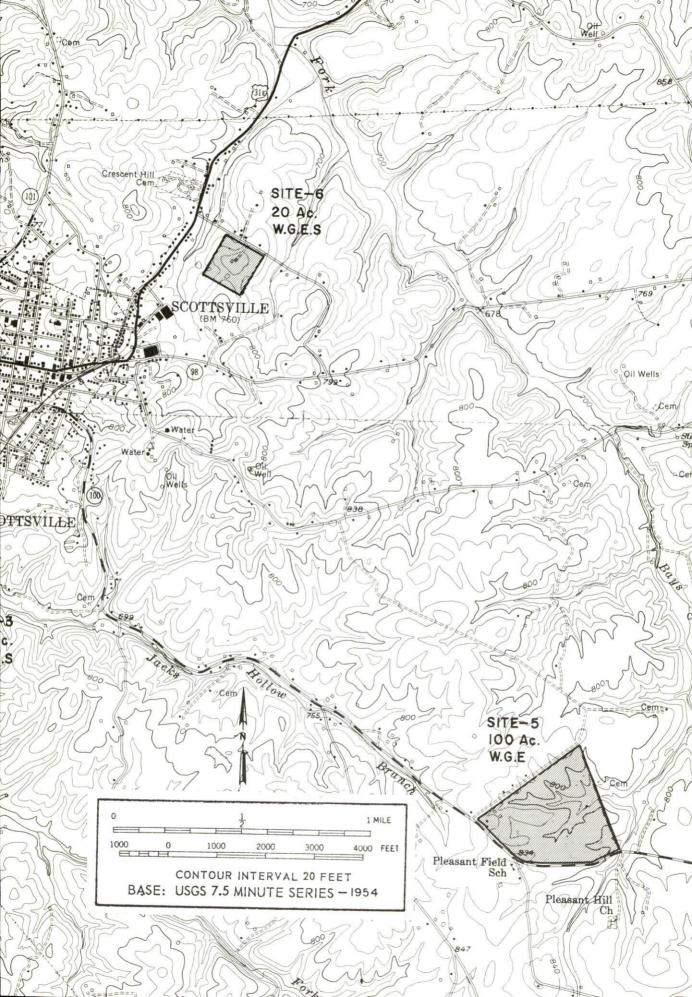
# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

SCOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY



SCOTTSVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITES





#### SCOTTSVILLE INDUSTRIAL SITES

For additional information concerning the following sites, contact Mr. Elmer Bashore, President, Scottsvilleillen County Chamber of Commerce, Scottsville, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Centucky.

SITE # 1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 94 acres,

portions level to steep

LOCATION: Southwest of Scottsville just

outside city limits ZONING: Agriculture

HIGHWAY ACCESS: U.S. 31-E

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad

WATER: Will be extended

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on adjacent property

GAS: Will be extended

SIZE LINE: Gas line within 1,000 feet of

property

ELECTRICITY: Tri-County Electric

Membership Cooperative

SEWERAGE: Will be extended - adjacent to

property

OPTIONED BY: Scottsville Industrial Foundation

SITE # 2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 42.8 acres

(according to survey made by Padgett Engineering of Bowling Green - 20 feet

variation in topography) LOCATION: Southwest of Scottsville just outside

city limits

ZONING: Agriculture

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Access road right-of-way to

U.S. 31-E

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad

WATER: Will be extended

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on adjacent property

GAS: Will be extended

SIZE LINE: Gas line within 1,000 feet of

property

ELECTRICITY: Tri-County Electric

Membership Cooperative

SEWERAGE: Will be extended - adjacent to property

OWNERSHIP: Scottsville Industrial Foundation

SITE # 3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 140 acres, level to slightly rolling

LOCATION: One-half mile south of Scottsville

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 101

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad

borders northwest edge of site

WATER: Scottsville municipally owned system

GAS: Scottsville Gas Company ELECTRICITY: Tri-County RECC

SEWERAGE: Scottsville municipally owned

system

OWNERSHIP: Privately owned

SITE # 4: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 20 acres, level to

LOCATION: Approximately 2 1/2 miles southwest

of Scottsville off U.S. 31-E

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Access road off U.S. 31-E RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad

borders southeast edge of site

WATER: Available

GAS: Available

ELECTRICITY: Available SEWERAGE: Available

OWNERSHIP: Privately owned

SITE # 5: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 100 acres, level

to rolling LOCATION: Approximately 3 miles southeast of

Scottsville

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 100

WATER: Available

GAS: Lines will be extended to site

ELECTRICITY: Available OWNERSHIP: Privately owned

SITE # 6: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 20 acres, gently rolling

LOCATION: Three-fourth mile northeast of city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Fronts county maintained road; one-fifth mile to U.S. 31-E

WATER: Scottsville municipally owned system

GAS: Scottsville Gas Company

ELECTRICITY: Tri-County RECC

SEWERAGE: Scottsville municipally owned system

OWNERSHIP: Privately owned

# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES SCOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

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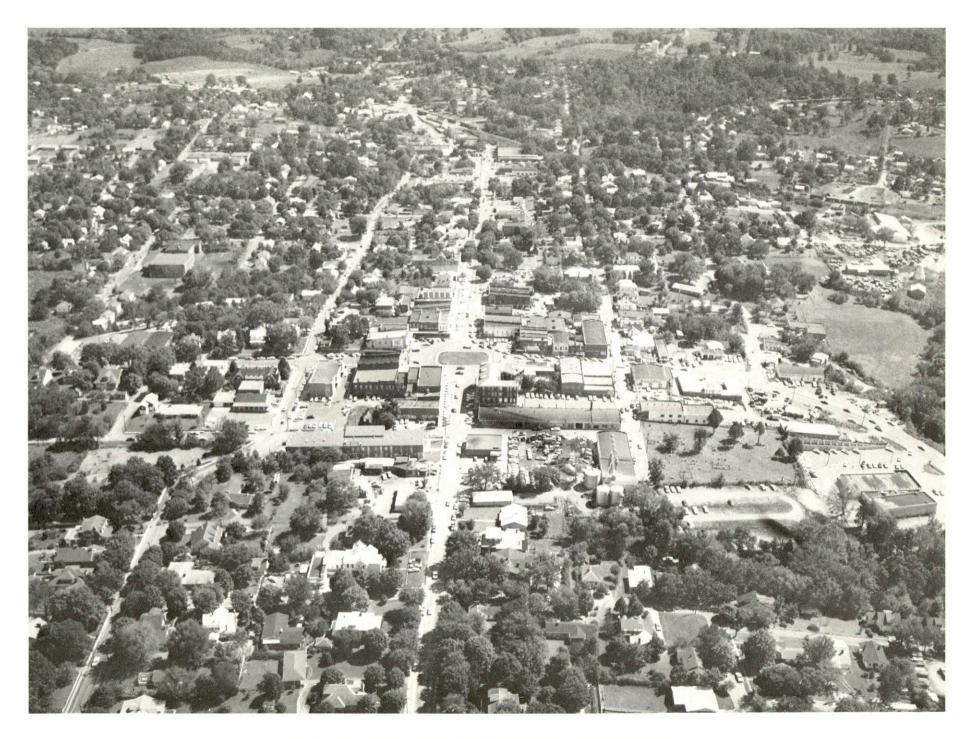
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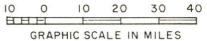
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AERIAL VIEW OF SCOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY

#### SCOTTSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA





#### SCOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

#### Location

Scottsville, the county seat of Allen County, is located in south-central Kentucky, on the Kentucky-Tennessee border. Nashville, only 65 miles south, is the nearest major city. Louisville, Kentucky, is 120 miles north and Lexington, Kentucky, is 160 miles northeast. Population of Scottsville was 3,324 in 1960. In January, 1969, the population of Allen County was estimated at 12,200.

#### The Economic Framework

Total employment in Allen County averaged 4,515 in 1968, with manufacturing providing 850 of these jobs. Since 1959, manufacturing employment increased by 286 jobs, or 50.8 percent. Major industrial products are lumber, wood products and apparel.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$1,773, or \$841 below the Kentucky average.

Area employment, which includes Allen and the adjoining Kentucky Counties of Barren, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren, totals 48,640 including 9,462 in agriculture. Manufacturing furnishes 11,740 jobs. Area industrial employment has more than doubled since 1959, with sharpest gains in machinery and metal products, lumber and wood products, apparel and rubber products.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years, the area still has a deficit of 455 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio.

#### Resources For Growth

- 1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 3,185 men and 1,485 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. Workers could reasonably be expected to commute to Scottsville from Monroe and Simpson Counties. In addition, 5,480 young men and 5,235 young women will become 18 years of age by 1975 and potentially available for work.
- 2. The local transportation capability is good. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad serves the area with a variety of services. There is easy access to Interstate 65, U. S. 31-E, and U. S. 231.

- 3. Energy both gas and electricity is available in large quantity and there is an ample water supply.
  - 4. Industrial sites Scottsville has six available industrial sites.
  - 5. Western Kentucky University is 24 miles distant.

#### Community Programs For Improvement

Beautification of the square in the center of Scottsville has recently been completed. A new shopping center is under construction.

#### Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

The world-renowned Mammoth Cave is located 45 miles north of Scottsville, Dale Hollow Reservoir is 40 miles distant, and Old Hickory Lake is 20 miles away, all of which have excellent recreational facilities. Barren River Reservoir, 10 miles northeast of Scottsville, has a 23,000-acre lake with all water sports available.

Western Kentucky University, located in Bowling Green, offers nine months of sports, lectures, art exhibits, and concerts.

#### THE LABOR MARKET

#### POPULATION TRENDS 1/

				Percen	t Change
Area	1969 (Est.)	1960	1950	1960-69	1950-60
Labor Market Area	114,000	109,410	110,454	+4.2	- 0.9
Allen County	12,200	12,269	13,787	-0.6	- 11.0
Scottsville	NA	3,324	2,060		+61.4

### GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS $\frac{2}{}$

	1968	1968
Major Employment Group	Allen County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	4,516	48,644
Agricultural	1,325	9,462
Nonagricultural	3,191	39, 182
Manufacturing	849	11,741
Trade and Services	753	9,906
Government	495	6,724
Other	1,094	10,811

# MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1959 AND $1968\frac{3}{2}$

	А	llen C	ounty	Labo	r Mar	ket	Area
Industry	1968	1959	% Change	1968	1959	% (	Change
TOTAL	849	563	+ 50.8	11,741	5,733	+	104.8
Food & Kindred Products	5	4	+ 25.0	923	838	+	10.1
Tobacco	0	0		128	125	+	2.4
Apparel, Textiles,							
Leather	361	403	- 10.4	3,302	2,055	+	60.7
Lumber & Furniture	475	151	+214.6	1,035	544	+	90.3
Printing, Publishing,							
Paper	8	5	+ 60.0	183	114	+	60.5
Chemicals, Petroleum,							
Coal, Rubber	0	0		787	22	+	3477.3
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	0		60	50	+	20.0
Machinery & Metal							
Products	0	0		5,300	1,985	+	167.0

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

		E	mployme	ent
Firm	Product		Female	
Allen County Feed & Seed	Feed	3	O	3
Allen County News	Newspaper, job			
	printing	6	2	8
Bryant Lumber Co.	Lumber	34	1	35
The Citizens Times	Newspaper	3	3	6
Orvill Clark Lumber Co.	Lumber	30	0	30
E. L. Bruce & Co., Inc.	Hardwood flooring	40	0	40
Kentucky Pallet Co.	Pallets	30	2	32
Scotscraft, Inc.	Drapery hardware			
	accessories	68	156	224
Scottsville Ready Mix	Concrete	3	0	3
Washington Overall				
Manufacturing Co.	Men's and boys'			
	trousers	60	315	375
Marvin Wood Lumber Co.	Lumber, furniture			
	dimension	59	1	60
Woodmaster, Inc.	Wood folding doors	118	2	120



KENTUCKY PALLET CORP.



WOODMASTER, INC.

# WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS SCOTTSVILLE, KENTUCKY $\frac{5}{}$

		Wages Per Ho	our
Classification	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
Production Employees			
Assembler	\$1.75	\$2.35	\$2.05
Inspector	1.80	2.30	2.27
Production Laborer	1.70	2.20	1.86
Welder, Arc or Acetylene			1.00
(Class-A)	1.83	2.51	3.46
Service Employees			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.96	\$4.77	\$2.96
Laborer	1.60	2.97	2.87
Machinist	2.05	4.00	2.40
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.60	3.25	2.59
Truck Driver, Industrial			
(Class-A)	2.05	3.38	2.40
Office Employees			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$1.60
File Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.60
Receptionist	1.60	1.70	1.60
Secretary	1.60	2.25	2.00
Typist		1.90	

#### LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union Representing Workers a	
International Association of	
Machinists & Aerospace Workers Scotscraft, Inc.	
Machinists Woodmaster, Inc.	

# CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - SCOTTSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

	Curre	ent Labo	or Supply		abor Supply g 18 Years	by 1975 <u>7</u> / of Age)
County	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market						
Area	4,672	3,186	1,486	10,712	5,479	5,233
Allen	859	575	284	1,042	519	523
Barren	1,500	868	632	2,826	1,448	1,378
Monroe	900	666	234	1,189	649	540
Simpson	313	197	116	1,104	559	545
Warren	1,100	880	220	4,551	2,304	2,247

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

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Allen County	\$ 21,626,000	\$ 11,927,000	+ 81.3
Labor Market Area	279,522,000	132,527,000	+ 110.9
Kentucky	8, 360,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 79.6

#### PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

Area	 1968	 19	59	% Change
Allen County	\$1,773	3	\$1,001	+77.1
Labor Market Area	\$ 1,773 to 2,607	\$ 788 to	1,431	+125.0 to +82.2
Kentucky	2,614		1,552	+68.4

#### EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	Scottsville Independent	Allen County
Total Enrollment Elementary High School	580 313 267	2,084 1,302 782
Student-Teacher Ratio Elementary High School	18-1 19-1 16-1	26-1 27-1 23-1
Percent High School Gradu to College Current Expenditures Per		Standard
Pupil Bonded Indebtedness	\$425.09 \$110,000	\$364.73 \$2,024,000

#### Vocational Schools

	Nearest Area School	Nearest Extension Center
Location Miles Distant	Bowling Green	Scottsville
Curriculum	General Clerical Dental Assistant Health Careers Nurse Aide O. B. Technician Practical Nursing Surgical Technician Ward Clerk Distributive Education Electronics Highway Technology Technical Drafting Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Auto Body Repair	General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity Jr. Acct. Mgmt.
	Auto Mechanics 8.	(Cont'd.)



ALLEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



ALLEN COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Nearest Area School (Cont'd.)

Carpentry
Welding
Commercial Foods
Drafting
Tool & Die Making
Electricity
Machine Shop
Office Machine Repair
Printing
Radio & TV Repair
Small Engine Repair

#### Colleges and Universities

	Area - Within	Highest Degree	
Name	Location	Enrollment	Conferred
Western Kentucky			
University	Bowling Green	10,570	Masters

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### Rail

Lines serving - Louisville & Nashville Railroad

Services - Freight, switching, siding

### RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM SCOTTSVILLE, 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.	3
Chicago, Ill.	4	Nashville, Tenn.	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	3	New Orleans, La.	4
Cleveland, Ohio	5	New York, N. Y.	6
Detroit, Mich.	6	Pittsburgh, Pa.	5
Knoxville, Tenn.	4	St. Louis, Mo.	3

#### Truck Service 11/

#### Company

Dixie Highway Express, Inc.
Manning Motor Express, Inc.
McLean Trucking Co.
Skaggs Transfer, Inc.
Theatres Service Co.

#### Home Office

Meridian, Mississippi Glasgow, Kentucky Winston-Salem, North Carolina Louisville, Kentucky Atlanta, Georgia

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

		Deliv	ery			Deliv	rery
	Highway	Tim	$_{\text{ne}} \frac{11}{}$		Highway	Tin	ne
City	Miles	LTL	TL	City	Miles	LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	322	3	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,227	5-6	4
Birmingham, Ala.	285	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	120	1	1
Chicago, Ill.	420	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	65	2	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	235	3	2	New Orleans, La.	287	5-6	3-4
Cleveland, Ohio	479	3	2	New York, N. Y.	890	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	490	3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	525	2	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	207	3	2	St. Louis, Mo.	393	2	2-3

#### Air

	Local	Nearest Commercial
Location: Runways: Length: Traffic Control: Lighting:	Scottsville (private) l turf	Bowling Green 2 paved 4,000 ft.; 5,250 ft. Wind tee Runways, obstructions, beacons and wind tee
Services:		until midnight 80 and 100 octane, jet A-50, storage, minor A&E repairs, FAA flight service station, taxi, rental cars, restaurant, Eastern Airlines
Bus	Southern Greyhound, Cont	inental Trailways
Taxi	24-hour service, seven da	ays a week

#### POWER AND FUEL

#### Electricity

Company serving Scottsville and Allen County - Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation

Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority

Total generating capacity - 18,202,090 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation, Scottsville, Kentucky

#### Natural Gas

Company serving - Scottsville Natural Gas Company Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation Size of transmission lines - 4-inch Distribution lines - 2, 3, and 4 inches BTU content - 1,015; Specific gravity - 0.597 Distribution pressure - 15 to 20 psi

#### Rates:

Minimum Monthly Charge \$1.85

First	5,000 cu. ft.	\$1.026 per M cu. ft.
Next	5,000 cu. ft.	.926 per M cu. ft.
Next	5,000 cu. ft.	.826 per M cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft.	.726 per M cu. ft.
Next	225,000 cu. ft.	. 676 per M cu. ft.
All additional		.590 per M cu. ft.

#### WATER AND SEWERAGE

#### Water

Company serving - Scottsville Water Company Source - Spring Treatment plant capacity - 720,000 gpd Average daily consumption - 550,000 gallons Type treatment - chlorination and fluoridation Storage capacity - 700,000 gallons Average pressure - 60 psi Size mains - 12, 10, 8, and 6 inches

### MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Number of	f Gallons Per Month	Rate Per Month
First	2,000 gallons or less	\$3,00 Minimum
Next	2,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	4,000 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
Next	12,000 gallons	.70 per 1,000 gallons
All over	20,000 gallons	.45 per 1,000 gallons

Surface water sources - Barren River, West Bays Fork Average discharge - 841 cfs, 10.2 cfs

Expected ground water yield - The expected yield of ground water in Allen County, with exception of the northwestern border and a band extending from the north to the central part of the state, is 5 gpm or less.

Yield along main streams - The expected yields for the remaining portions are 50-200 and 5-50 gpm, respectively, and could be considered as a potential for industrial water supplies. Exceptions may be found in restricted areas.

#### Sewerage

Company serving - municipal
Design capacity - 750,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 300,000 gallons
Treatment - clarifier, digester, filter, drying beds
Type treatment - primary and secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Bays Fork Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 10-inch
Rates - 75 percent of water bill, up to and including 20,000 gallons;
all over 20,000 gallons is \$0.45 per thousand gallons

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms Budget 1968 - General Income Fund \$149,384; Water and Sewer Fund \$174,812

Fees and licenses - Scottsville requires a business and occupational license. Fees range from \$5 to \$50 annually.

#### County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 4-year terms Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$113,400; Road Fund \$31,400

#### Assessed Value of Property - 1969

Classes of Property*	Allen County
Real Estate	\$43,927,698
Personal	11,248,690
Public Service	11,084,466

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

Taxing Unit**	Scottsville	Allen County
State	\$ .015	\$.015
County	. 222	. 222
School	. 571	. 628
City	. 250	. 020
Total	\$1.058	\$ .865

<sup>\*</sup>Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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	Scottsville	Allen County
Total staff	8	3
Radio-patrol cars	1	2
Other equipment	Walkie-talkie	
	breathalyzer	
Fire	,	
American Insurance		
Association Fire Rating	6	6
Volunteers	16	16
Equipment:		
500-gpm pumpers	2	1
750-gpm pumpers	1	

#### Rescue Service

Civil Defense Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 15 to 20

Equipment - truck, walkie-talkie

Personnel training - first aid

#### Sanitation

	Scottsville	Allen County
Type service Cost	municipal \$5 per month for	private contract
	business \$2 per month for residential	private contract
Collection frequency	daily for business twice a week for residential	private contract
Trash pickup Disposal method	on contract land fill	private contract land fill

#### HEALTH

#### Hospitals

	Number	Beds
General hospital - Allen County		
War Memorial Hospital	1	46

General hospital facilities - operating room, X-ray, laboratory, maternity ward, recovery room

Medical staff - 5 doctors, 10 registered nurses, 7 graduate licensed practical nurses, 9 licensed practical nurses

#### Nursing Homes

	Number	Beds
Personal care homes	4	128

#### Public Health

Facility - Allen County Health Department Staff - Sanitarian, clerk, nurse Budget 1968-69 - \$24,035

#### OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

#### Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company

Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union

Services - telephone and mail

Postal - Class-l U. S. Post Office

Mail received - twice daily

Mail dispatched - twice daily

Newspaper Weeklies - Citizens - Time

Circulation

2,800

Allen County News 2,475

Radio

Stations received from - Nashville, Tennessee; Louisville, Kentucky

Television

Cable Service - antennae

Reception from - Nashville, Tennessee; Bowling Green and Louisville, Kentucky

Kentucky Educational Television - Channel 53, Bowling Green, Kentucky Tennessee Educational Television-Channel 2, Nashville, Tennessee

#### Library Services

Public libraries - Allen County Library

Size collection - 14,000 volumes

Circulation, 1968 - 80,000 to 90,000

Services - magazines, records, story hour, pictures, projector, games supplied to nursing homes

#### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 6

Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Church of God, Methodist and Nazarene

#### Financial Institutions

	Statement as of December 31, 1968		
Bank	Assets	Deposits	
Kentucky State Bank	\$ 6,851,949.28	\$ 6,260,346.94	
Farmers National Bank	14,810,562.34	14, 121, 650. 38	

#### Hotels and Motels

Number	Units or Rooms
6	139

#### Clubs and Organizations

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

Fraternal - Masonic, VFW, American Legion

Women's - Homemakers, Garden Club, Mothers Club, Eastern Star, DAR, Business and Professional Woman's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, FFA, FHA, 4-H, Little League, Rainbow Girls



FARMERS NATIONAL BANK



KENTUCKY STATE BANK

#### RECREATION

#### Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Youth, Incorporated
Parks - 1

Playgrounds - 4

Tennis courts - 1

Baseball diamonds - 1

Football fields - 1

Other - picnic grounds

Private Recreation Facilities

Country clubs - 1

Golf courses - 1

Swimming pools - 1

Movie theaters - 1 indoor, 1 outdoor

Bowling lanes - 1

#### Area (Within 25 miles)

Barren River Reservoir - 23,000-acre lake with many recreational facilities
Old Hickory Lake

#### AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

### Agriculture 13/

	Allen County	Labor Market Area
Total land area (acres)	232,960	1,114,880
Percent of area in farm land	78	85
Number of farms	1,745	7,934
Average size of farms (acres)	79	106
1964 value of all farm products	\$4,930,982	\$42,081,194
Value per farm	2,826	4,503
Total crop sales	2,429,684	20,076,635
Total livestock & livestock		
products	2,500,997	23,742,729
1967 agricultural production inc	luded:	
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	3,100,000	22, 152, 000
Corn (bu.)	732,000	6,061,000
Cattle and calves (number)	34,600	922,800
Hogs and pigs (number)	19,400	134,800
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	36,900,000	307,545,000

#### Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources
Other mineral resources
Acres of commercial forest land
Most abundant tree species

Petroleum and limestone Gravel, clay, natural gas 83,500 Red oaks, white oaks, hickor

Red oaks, white oaks, hickories, yellow poplar, ash, beech, and hard maple

### Climate 14/

Temperature (30-year record)	
Annual mean	60.00
Average annual 1968	57.3°
Record highest September, 1966	103.00
Record lowest January, 1966	- 6.00
Mean annual degree-days	3,578
Precipitation (30-year record)	
Mean annual total	45.14 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet	11.3 inches
Total precipitation 1968	43.93 inches
Mean number days precipitation	
(.01 inches or more)	117
Average number days	
thunderstorms	56
Prevailing winds - south	2.

#### HISTORY

Allen County, the fifty-seventh county established in Kentucky, dates from 1815. Its territory was taken from Barren and Warren Counties. Four years later it gave up lands to help form Simpson County. Its surface is generally hilly, its soil is fairly fertile, and timber grows throughout its area. Big Barren River forms about one-half of its eastern and all of its northern border.

Allen County was first settled in 1797 in the vicinity of Scottsville by Joseph Ficklin, Toliver Craig, Henry Collins, Daniel Monroe, and Abram Wood. As early as 1770, according to inscriptions found on beech trees, James McCall spent a night near Scottsville on the way to Natchez, Mississippi. Daniel Boone's initials were found carved on a tree with the date of 1777 beneath them. Some eight miles northeast of Scottsville a millsite that belonged to Ichabod Clark bore the date of 1779. The name of Joseph Boone was found on a tree near Claypool's Mill in the northwestern part of the county.

The county was named for Colonel John Allen, a native of Rockridge County, Virginia, who migrated to Kentucky in 1776 and settled near Danville. As a military leader, he was a man of undaunted courage; and as a Kentuckian, he was a fine specimen of the gentlemen of that day.

Scottsville, the county seat, was named for General Charles Scott who served on a military advisory board in Kentucky for President George Washington during the troubled period of the 1790's, commanded 1,600 mounted Kentucky volunteers in the Battle of Fallen Timber, August 30, 1794, in which the Indians were soundly whipped, and was elected Kentucky's fourth governor in 1808. Before the end of his term the people were in a general state of excitement over the impending crisis with England which erupted into a War in 1812. Scott responded slowly to the fever generated by Henry Clay and his War Hawks, but did call out 1,500 Kentucky volunteers after the war was declared for the relief of General William Hull at Detroit. The troops marched only as far as Georgetown from Lexington when it was learned that General Hull had surrendered Detroit without a fight. Kentuckians then refused to serve under Hull, and Governor Scott commissioned General William Henry Harrison as a major general of Kentucky and authorized him to take command of the Kentucky volunteers.

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