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BATH COUNTY

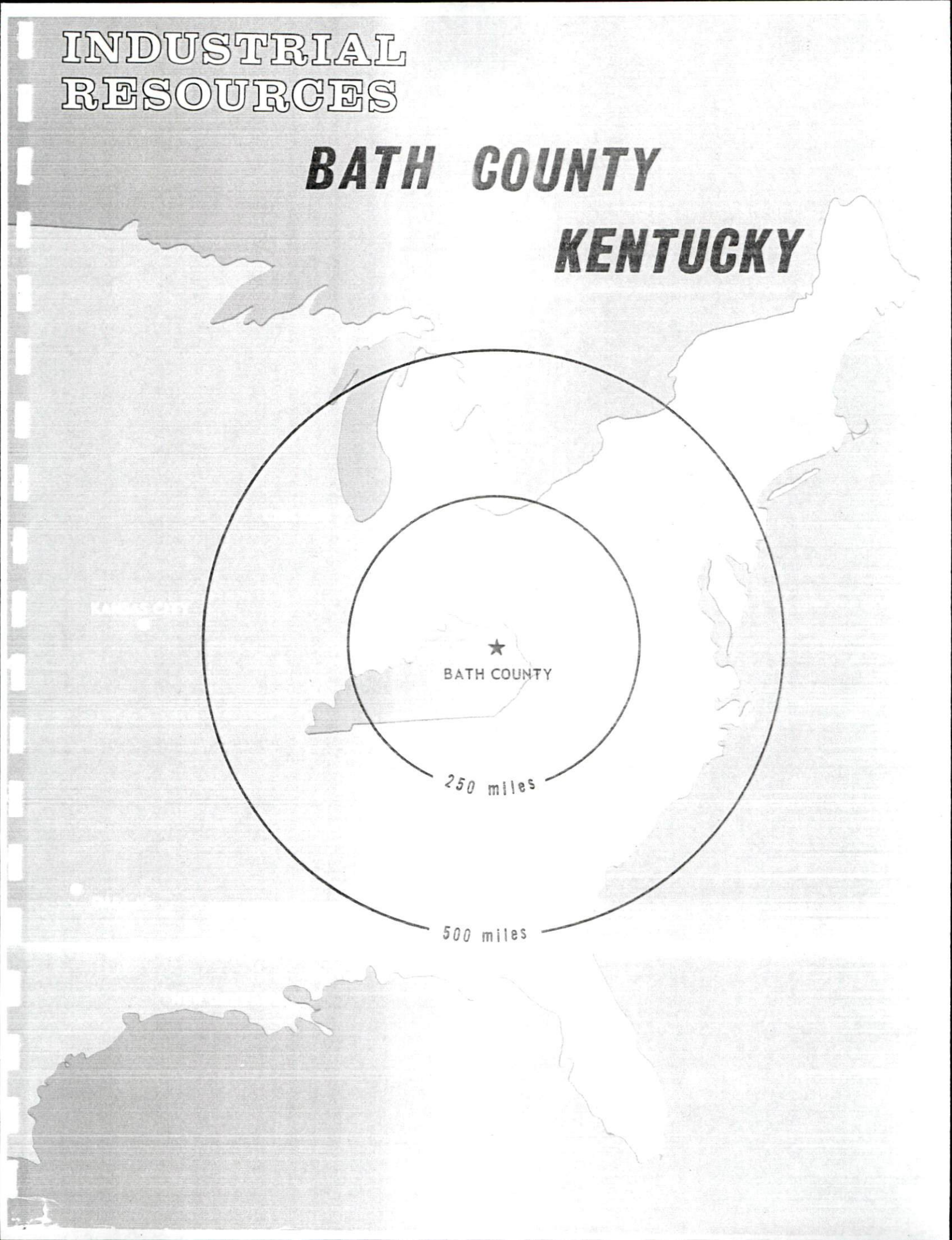
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BATH COUNTY INDUSTRIAL SITES

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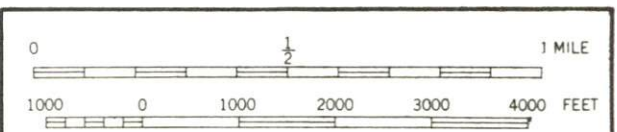
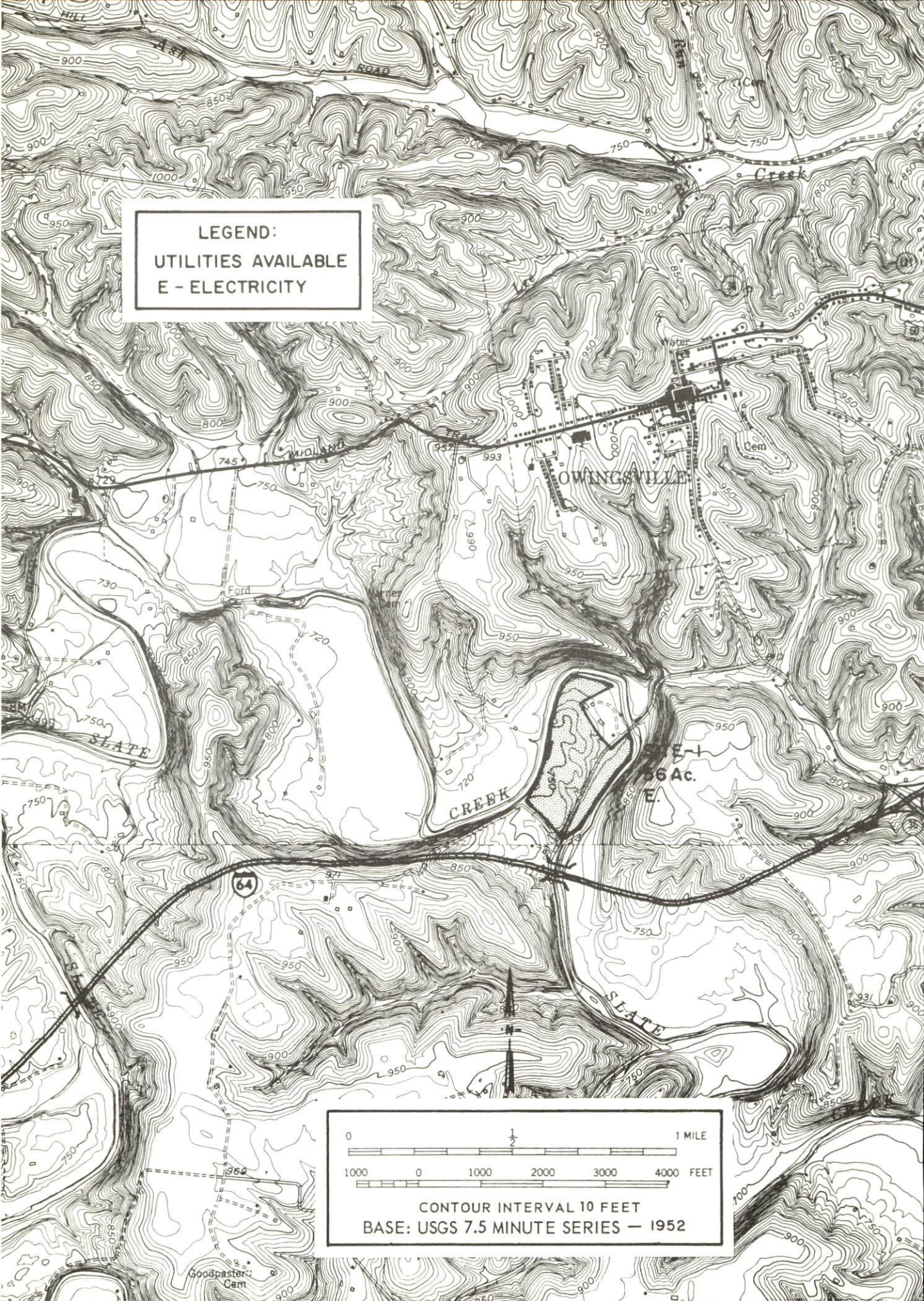
BATH COUNTY INDUSTRIAL SITES

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SITE # 1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 56 acres, gently rolling
LOCATION: 1 mile southwest of city limits
HIGHWAY ACCESS: I-64 located 1 mile southeast of site,
Kendall Springs Road bisects site
WATER: Owingsville Water Works
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line 3,000 feet from site
GAS: Delta Natural Gas Company
SIZE LINE: 3-inch line 2,000 feet from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Bath County Industrial Foundation

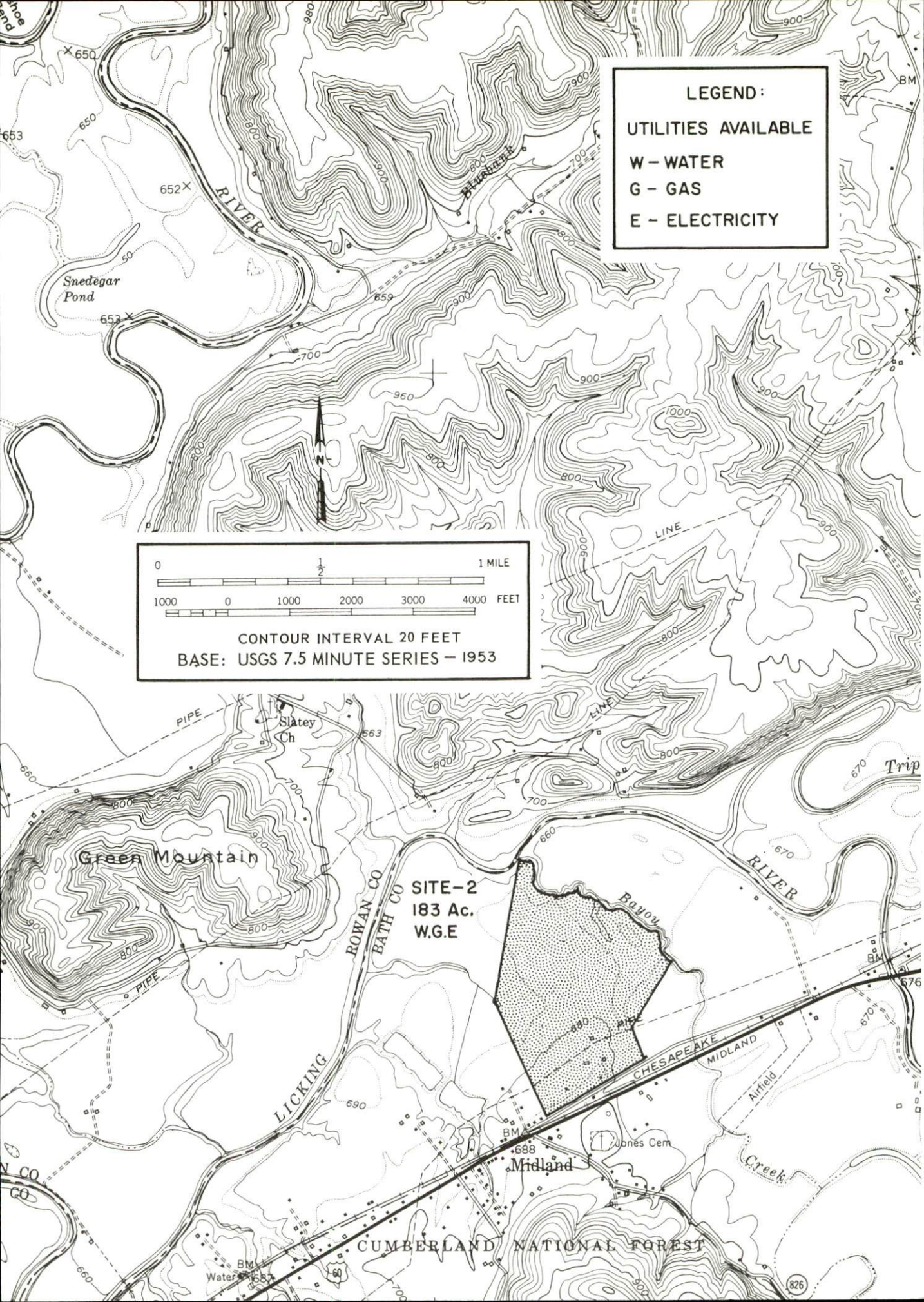
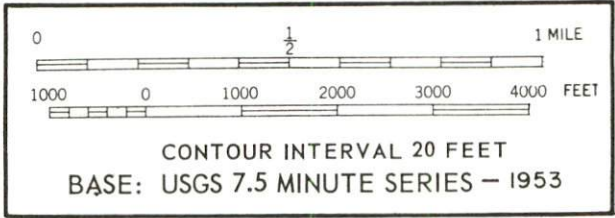
SITE # 2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 183 acres, level to rolling
LOCATION: Northeast Midland; 11 miles east of
Owingsville
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Paved county road to U. S. 60
RAILROAD: Chesapeake and Ohio Railway
WATER: Bath County Water District
SIZE LINE: 10 inches
GAS: Delta Natural Gas Company
SIZE LINE: 2 and 4 inches
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Midland Industrial Foundation,
Owingsville, Kentucky

LEGEND:
UTILITIES AVAILABLE
E - ELECTRICITY



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES — 1952

LEGEND:
 UTILITIES AVAILABLE
 W - WATER
 G - GAS
 E - ELECTRICITY



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BATH COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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EAST MAIN STREET, OWINGSVILLE

BATH COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Bath County is located in the northeast part of Kentucky. The region, known as the "Knobs," borders on the Daniel Boone National Forest. The estimated 1970 population for Owingsville was 1,600, while the 1970 estimate for Bath County is 8,600. Owingsville, the county seat, is 47 miles from Lexington, 75 miles from Ashland, and 125 miles from Louisville. Midland is located 12 miles east of Owingsville.

The Economic Framework

Bath County is primarily a rural, agricultural county. Total employment averaged 2,190 in 1968 with agriculture providing 1,186 of these jobs. Many workers in Owingsville commute to nearby Mt. Sterling for employment.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$1,381. This figure is considerably lower than the Kentucky average, indicating a real potential for economic growth.

Area employment totals 26,900 including 7,340 in agriculture. Manufacturing furnishes 5,675 jobs. Area industrial employment has increased 94.5 percent in the past 9 years with sharpest gains in electrical equipment and supplies and apparel. Despite important industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 2,320 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is very good.

Resources For Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 2,890 men and 2,685 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 3,850 young men and 3,670 young women will become 18 years of age by 1976 and potentially available for work.
2. The local transportation capability is good. Rail service is available 3 miles distant at Preston. Interstate 64 passes 1 mile south of Owingsville and connects with Interstate 75 at Lexington. These are major highway arteries into the south, midwest and east. Commercial air service is available at Lexington, 47 miles distant.
3. Energy - both natural gas and electricity - is available in large quantity.

4. Owingsville and Midland both have one available industrial site.

5. There are six senior colleges and one junior college within 70 miles of Owingsville.

Community Programs for Improvement

Owingsville has recently annexed 38 acres and plans to annex an additional 20 acres for subdivisions; General Telephone Company has completed a new communication center building; and two new classrooms have been added to the Owingsville elementary school.

Planned improvements include a 26-unit low-cost housing project; new Mercury vapor lights to be extended to Interchange I-64; extension of an 8-inch sewer line to a housing project; and a swimming pool.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Lions Club Park, containing 10 acres, is located approximately 1 mile from Owingsville. Facilities include: three barns with 100 stables, show ring, bleachers, clubhouse, picnic shelter, tables, grills, and concession stands. An annual horse show is held in the summer and fishing in Slate Creek is a popular park activity.

Camping, hunting and hiking trails are available in Daniel Boone National Forest, about 12 miles east, adjacent to Cave Run Reservoir.

Natural Bridge State Park is 37 miles south of Owingsville. The park has a resort lodge, Olympic pool, dining room, gift shop, efficiency and one-bedroom cottages, tent and trailer camp sites with central service building, 55-acre lake, boating and boat rentals, bathhouse, picnicking, horseback riding, hiking and nature trails, fishing, playground and supervised recreation. Located in the Daniel Boone National Forest is the Red River Gorge. This area abounds in high stone cliffs, unique rock formations, deep valleys, mountain streams, and a profuse forest and wildflower covering. There are 12 great natural bridges in the area. Natural Bridge is the largest; its arch is 78 feet long and 65 feet high.

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park is 45 miles northeast of Owingsville. The park has a picnic shelter with rest room, bathhouse, Olympic swimming pool, playground, hiking trails and a museum. The museum is a panorama of historical objects and paleontological displays.

Fort Boonesborough State Park is 36 miles southwest of Owingsville. The park has tent and trailer camp sites with central service building, a splendid river beach, bathhouse, boat dock and launching ramp, boat rentals, playground and fishing.

Carter Caves State Park is 41 miles northeast of Owingsville. The park has a resort lodge, resort pool, dining room, coffee shop, efficiency and one-bedroom cottages, tent and trailer camp sites with central service building, group camp, bathhouse, beach, 45-acre lake, boat dock and boat rentals, 9-hole golf course, miniature golf, riding stable, hiking and nature trails, playground and supervised recreation, fishing and guided tours through electrically-lighted caves.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

	Population			Percent Change	
	1970 (Est.)	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Labor Market Area	80,800	75,404	82,187	+ 7.2	- 8.3
Bath County	8,600	9,114	14,410	- 5.6	-36.8
Owingsville	1,600	1,040	929	+53.8	+11.9
Bourbon	18,200	18,178	17,752	+ 0.1	+ 2.4
Fleming	11,200	10,890	11,962	+ 2.8	- 9.0
Menifee	4,300	4,276	4,798	+ 0.6	-10.9
Montgomery	15,000	13,461	13,025	+11.4	+ 3.3
Nicholas	6,400	6,677	7,532	- 4.1	-11.4
Rowan	15,500	12,808	12,708	+21.0	+ 0.8

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1968 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Bath County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,192	26,938
Agricultural	1,186	7,348
Nonagricultural	1,006	19,590
Manufacturing	11	5,677
Trade and Services	192	4,376
Government	343	4,480
Other	460	5,057

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1960 AND 1969 ^{3/}

Industry	Bath County			Labor Market Area		
	1969	1960	% Change	1969	1960	% Change
TOTAL	12	55	-78.2	5,785	2,974	+ 94.5
Food & kindred products	2	40	-95.0	225	227	- 0.9
Tobacco	0	0	--	23	42	+ 45.2
Apparel, textiles, leather	0	0	--	2,940	1,435	+104.9
Lumber & furniture	6	12	-50.0	328	409	- 19.8
Printing, publishing, paper	4	3	+33.3	76	51	+ 49.0
Chemicals, petroleum, coal, rubber	0	0	--	39	20	+ 95.0
Stone, clay & glass	0	0	--	183	231	- 20.8
Machinery & metal products	0	0	--	1,971	451	+337.0
Other	0	0	--	0	108	--

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

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Bath County News Outlook	Newspaper, job printing	5	1	4
Kentucky Packing Co.	Meat processing	4	3	1

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

Classification	Wages Per Hour		
	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$1.60	\$3.00	\$2.50
Laborer	1.60	2.00	1.60
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.60	-	-
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.00	1.60
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$1.90
File Clerk	1.60	1.90	1.70
Receptionist	1.60	2.00	1.75
Secretary	1.60	2.20	1.80
Typist	1.60	2.20	1.70

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
OWINGSVILLE LABOR MARKET AREA

County	1970			Future Labor Supply by 1976 ^{7/} (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	5,573	2,888	2,685	7,522	3,851	3,671
Bath	1,087	618	469	923	460	463
Bourbon	537	150	387	1,835	908	927
Fleming	759	282	477	1,006	511	495
Menifee	707	482	225	440	238	202
Montgomery	771	401	370	1,463	771	692
Nicholas	447	221	226	607	319	288
Rowan	1,265	734	531	1,248	644	604

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ^{8/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Bath County	\$ 13,132,000	\$ 7,680,000	+71.0
Labor Market Area	157,588,000	80,645,000	+95.4
Kentucky	8,516,000,000	4,655,000,000	+82.9

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME ^{9/}

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Bath County	\$1,381	\$ 864	+59.8
Labor Market Area	\$1,147 to 2,377	\$593 to 1,436	+93.4 to +65.6
Kentucky	2,645	1,552	+70.4

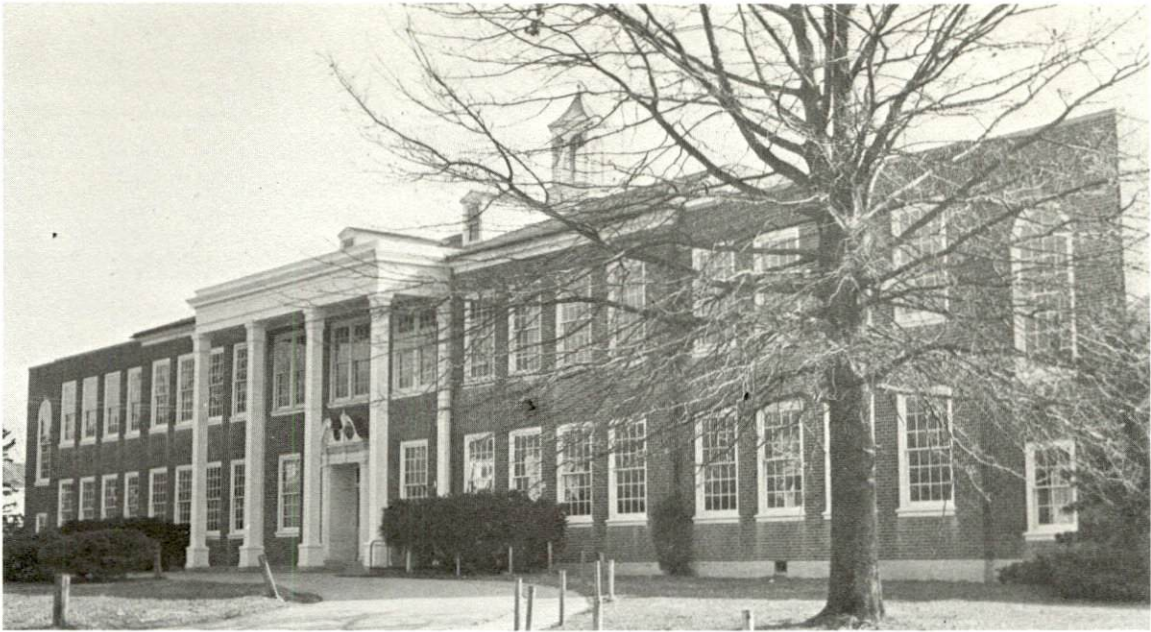
EDUCATION

Public Schools

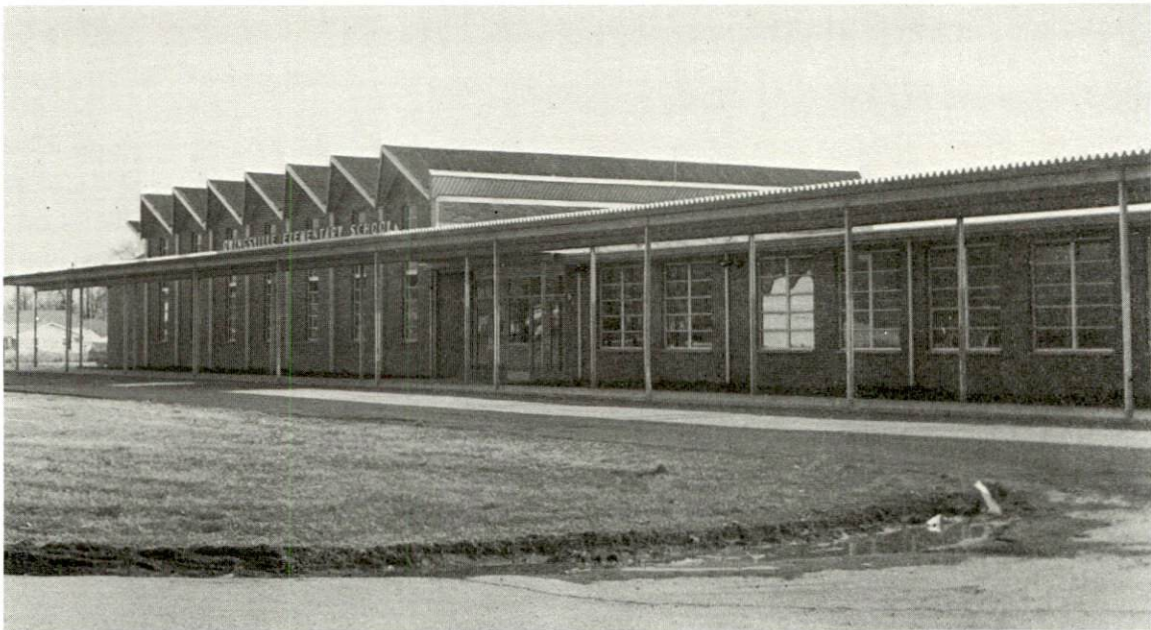
	<u>Bath County</u>
Total Enrollment	2,021
Elementary	1,449
High School	572
Student-Teacher Ratio	19-1
Elementary	17-1
High School	21-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent of High School Graduates to College	33.8
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$392.64
Bonded Indebtedness, January 1970	\$491,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Lexington	Mt. Sterling
Miles Distant	47	11
Curriculum	Data Processing General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Practical Nursing Electronics (Communications) Tool & Die Design Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Commercial Foods Drafting Electricity Machine Shop Office Machine Repair Printing Radio and TV Repair Sheet Metal Welding	Accounting Junior Management General Clerical Secretarial-Steno Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity



BATH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL



OWINGSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 70 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Berea College	Berea	1,399	Baccalaureate
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	9,664	Masters
Georgetown College	Georgetown	1,445	Masters
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,460	Masters
Transylvania University	Lexington	878	Masters
University of Kentucky	Lexington	16,161	Ph. D., M.D., D.M.D., J.D.
Southeastern Christian College	Winchester	210	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Lines serving - Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company serves Preston, Kentucky, 3 miles from Owingsville.

Services - Switching, freight, siding, REA Express

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

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	3		Los Angeles, Calif.	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	3		Louisville, Ky.	1	
Chicago, Ill.	1		Nashville, Tenn.	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	1		New Orleans, La.	3	
Cleveland, Ohio	3		New York, N. Y.	3	
Detroit, Mich.	2		Pittsburgh, Pa.	3	
Knoxville, Tenn.	3		St. Louis, Mo.	3	

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Ecklar-Moore Express, Inc.
McLean Trucking Co.
Point Express, Inc.

Lexington, Kentucky
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Charleston, West Virginia

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	418	3	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,279	6	5
Birmingham, Ala.	484	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	125	1	1
Chicago, Ill.	397	2	1	Nashville, Tenn.	272	2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	103	1	1	New Orleans, La.	895	3	2
Cleveland, Ohio	361	2	1	New York, N. Y.	615	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	490	2	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	355	2	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	220	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	389	2	1

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location: Blue Grass Field
Lexington (47 miles distant)
Runways: 3 paved
Length: 6,500 ft., 3,500 ft., 3,500 ft.
Traffic
Control: Tower approach and ground system, ILS system
Lighting: Approach lighting, beacon, runways and obstruction
lighted
Services: Eastern, Delta, Piedmont and Allegheny;
80, 100 and 145 octane; jet fuel; major A & E repairs;
storage; restaurant; Weather Bureau; flight
instruction; charter service; taxi and U-Drive-It
rental services

Bus

Southern Greyhound Bus Line

Taxi

24-hour service

Rental Services

Car rental

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Owingsville and Midland - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW
Industrial rates negotiated by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Industrial
Development, Lexington, Kentucky

Companies serving Bath County - Fleming-Mason RECC; Clark RECC
Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW
Industrial rates negotiated by - East Kentucky Power Cooperative,
Winchester, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Owingsville - Delta Natural Gas Company
Source of supply - Kentucky Gas Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission lines - 3-inch
Distribution lines - 1, 2, and 3 inches
BTU content - 1050; specific gravity - .591
Distribution pressure - 5 to 16 psi

<u>Rates:</u> First	1,000 cu. ft. or less	\$2.50
Next	1,000 cu. ft. used per month	1.50
Next	3,000 cu. ft. used per month	1.00 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	5,000 cu. ft. used per month	.94 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft. used per month	.85 per 1,000 cu. ft.
All over	20,000 cu. ft. used per month	.80 per 1,000 cu. ft.

Company serving Midland - Delta Natural Gas Company
Source of supply - Tennessee Gas Transmission Company
Distribution lines - 2-inch
BTU content - 1050
Distribution pressure - 30 psi

<u>Rates:</u> First	1,000 cu. ft. or less	\$2.40
Next	1,000 cu. ft. used per month	1.35
Next	3,000 cu. ft. used per month	.92 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	5,000 cu. ft. used per month	.83 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft. used per month	.78 per 1,000 cu. ft.
All over	20,000 cu. ft. used per month	.75 per 1,000 cu. ft.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Owingsville - Owingsville Water & Sewage Service
Source - Slate Creek
Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 180,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 250,000 gallons
Type treatment - chlorination, settled and filtered
Storage capacity - 85,000 gallons
Average pressure - 68-70 psi
Average temperature - 60° F.
Size mains - 8 and 6 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	1,000 gallons	\$2.60 per 1,000 gallons
Next	9,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
All over	20,000 gallons	.60 per 1,000 gallons

Company serving Midland - Bath County Water District
Source - Morehead Water Plant Board, Morehead, Kentucky
Amount of water which can be purchased in a 24-hour period - 400,000 gallons
Storage capacity - 110,000 gallons
Average temperature - 60° F.; Size mains - 10, 8, 6, and 3 inches
Remarks - Water district now under construction; expected completion date April 1, 1970.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.30 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	1.60 per 1,000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
Next	30,000 gallons	.70 per 1,000 gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	.60 per 1,000 gallons
All over	100,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons

Surface water sources - Licking River
Average discharge - 1,050 cfs - USGS
Expected ground water yield - Northeast portion 5 gpm or less
Yield along main streams - Balance less than 5 gpm

Sewerage

Company serving Owingsville - Owingsville Water & Sewage Service
Design capacity - 300,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 150,000 gallons
Treatment - primary and secondary
Type treatment - dry beds
Treated effluent discharged into - Dry Branch and Slate Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches
Size of storm mains - 12 and 14 inches
Rates - 50 percent of water bill

There is no sewerage system in Midland at this time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
 Budget 1970 - General Fund \$32,000; Water and Sewer Fund \$54,000
 Fees and licenses - Business and occupational license fees range from
 \$15 to \$250 annually

County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 3 commissioners - 4-year terms
 Budget 1970 - General Fund \$117,808; Road Fund \$60,700

Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Owingsville</u>	<u>Bath County</u>
Real Estate	\$6,876,619	\$37,195,594
Tangibles	2,060,850	4,049,120
Public Service	742,206	23,578,806

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Owingsville</u>	<u>Bath County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.187	.187
School	.516	.516
City	.300	
Total	\$1.018	\$.718

Local Projects

The City of Owingsville has a certified Workable Program for Community Improvement and an approved application for 24 units of public housing. The city has adopted and enforces all major codes.

*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

Owingsville

Bath County

Total staff
Patrol cars

3
1

5
4

Fire

American Insurance Association

Fire Rating

8

Volunteers

28

58

Equipment:

500 gpm pumpers

1

3

pumper

1

1

utility truck

1

2

Sanitation

Owingsville

Bath County

Type service

Private

Private

Cost

Business - \$5 mo.

Contract

Residential - \$2 mo.

Collection frequency

Once weekly

When desired

Trash pickup

Weekly

When desired

Disposal method

City dump

County dump

HEALTH

Hospitals

Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling, 14 miles - 87 beds

General hospital facilities - operating room, X-ray unit, laboratory, emergency room, recovery room, 40-bed extended care wing, physical therapy

Medical staff - 13 doctors, 16 registered nurses, 5 graduate licensed practical nurses, 2 licensed practical nurses

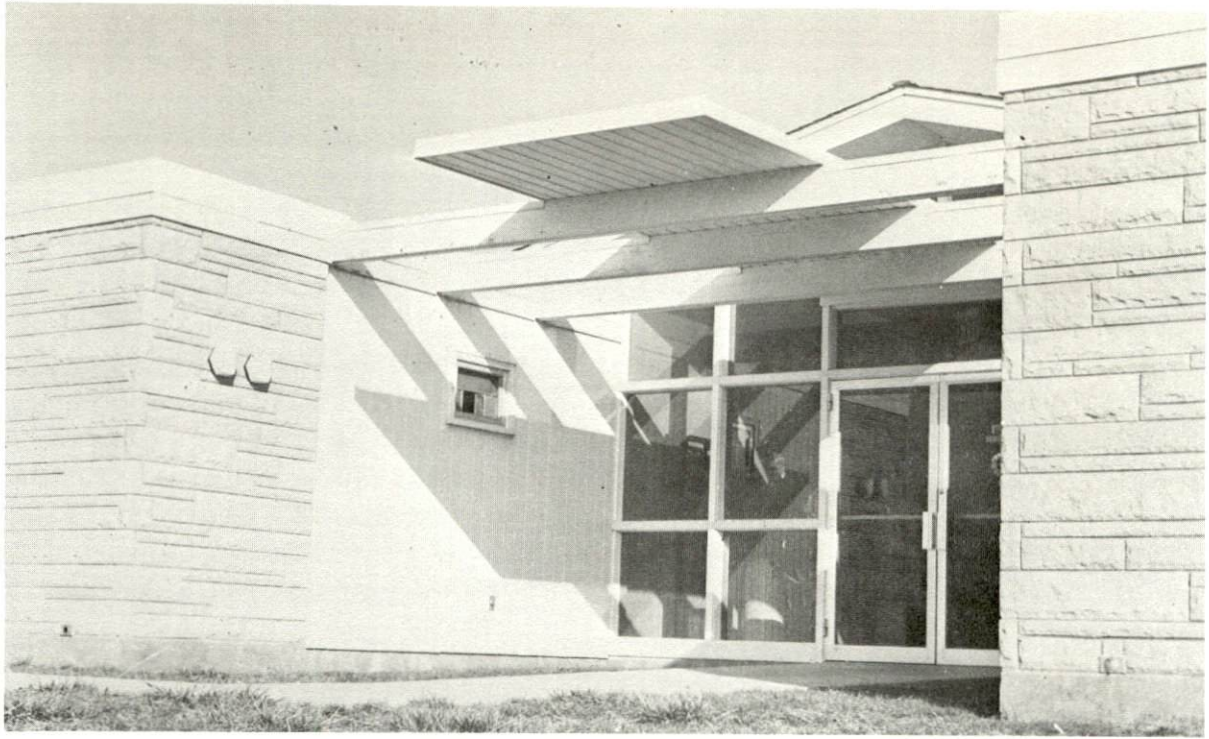
<u>Nursing Homes</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care homes	1	26

Public Health

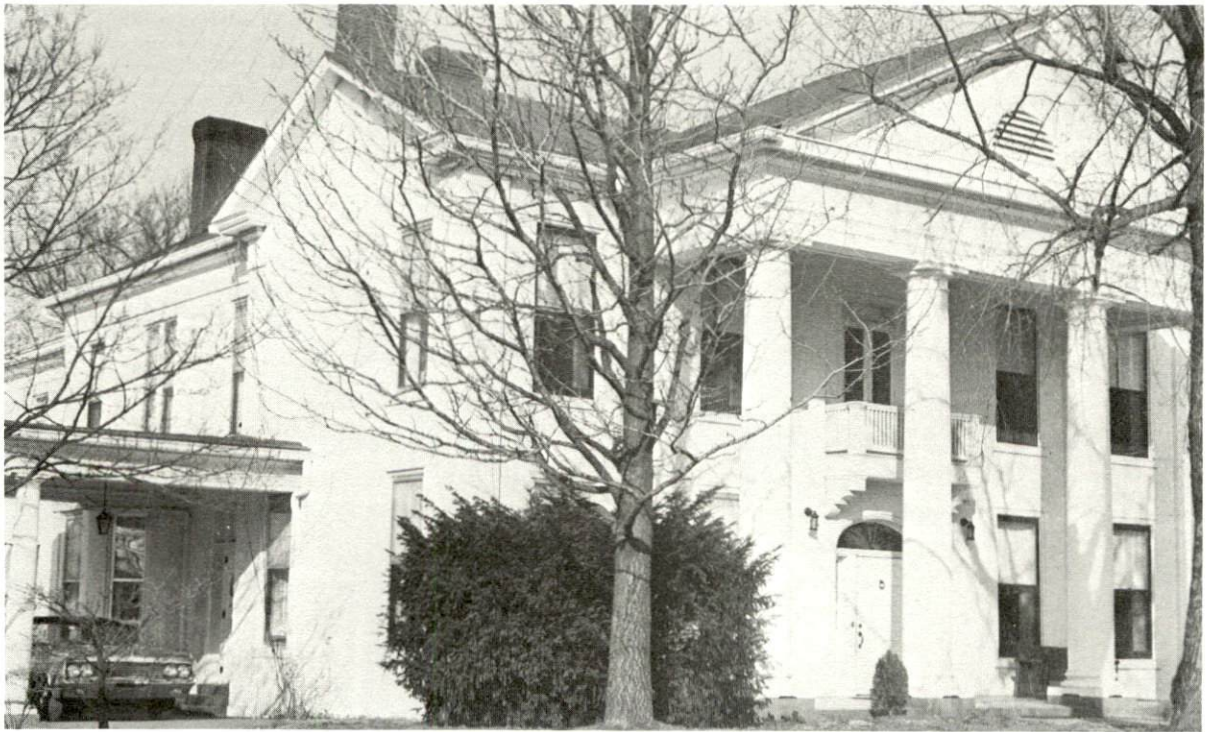
Facility - Bath County Health Department

Staff - 1 nurse, 1 clerk

Budget 1969-70 - \$18,598



BATH COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER



COLONIAL REST HOME, OWINGSVILLE

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company
Services - Standard

Postal - Second-class U. S. Post Office
Mail received - 5 times daily
Mail dispatched - 3 times daily

Newspaper Weekly - Bath County News Outlook
Circulation - 2,300

Radio -
Stations received from - Mt. Sterling, Morehead, Lexington, and
Louisville, Kentucky; and Cincinnati, Ohio

Television -
Reception from - Lexington, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; Huntington,
West Virginia via antenna
Kentucky Educational Television - Morehead transmitter, Channel 38

Library Services

Public library - Bath County Memorial Library
Size collection - 14,013 volumes
Circulation, 1969 - 41,820
Services - Records, films, paintings, periodicals, sports equipment,
television set, story hour, information file material

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 9
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Church
of God, Grace Gospel Tabernacle, Methodist

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1969</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Farmers Bank	\$3,542,754	\$3,249,577
Owingsville Banking Company	3,200,031	2,825,722
Citizens Bank	2,055,592	1,780,709
Salt Lick Deposit Bank	1,392,304	1,198,641

Hotels and Motels

3 motels - 37 units (10 miles distant)

Clubs and Organizations

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

Fraternal - American Legion, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Woman's Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Homemakers

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

Other - Bath County Fox Hunters Club, Bath County Sportsmen's Club, Bath County Farm Bureau, Coon Hunters



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RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Owingsville Recreation Department

Parks - 1

Playgrounds - 2

Baseball diamonds - 2

Football fields - 1

Other - 2 roller rinks in county

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club - 1 (15 miles distant)

Movie theaters - 1 indoor - 1 drive-in (7 miles)

Tourist Attractions

Bourbon Iron-ore Furnace - made cannon balls during Civil War,
Owings House

Area (Within 50 miles)

Morehead State University offers concerts, lectures and art exhibits.

Daniel Boone National Forest

Natural Bridge State Park

Fort Boonesborough State Park

Carter Caves State Park

Blue Licks Battlefield State Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Bath County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	183,680	988,800
Percent of area in farm land	72.4	68.5
Number of farms	1,166	5,824
Average size of farms (acres)	114.1	115.1
1964 value of all farm products	\$5,670,879	\$25,676,490
Value per farm	\$ 4,864	\$ 4,075
Total crop sales	\$3,736,174	\$12,999,724
Total livestock & livestock products	\$1,934,510	\$ 9,310,359
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	5,880,000	26,332,000
Corn (bu.)	451,000	1,805,000
Cattle and calves (head)	23,800	102,900
Hogs and pigs (head)	4,100	22,700
Milk production, 1966 (lbs.)	19,600,000	97,145,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	petroleum
Other mineral resources	limestone, sandstone and low-grade iron ore
Acres of commercial forest land	56,300
Most abundant tree species	Red oaks, white oaks, hickories, yellow poplar, yellow pines, beech, soft maple, ash, hard maple

Climate 14/

Temperature	
Annual mean	55.6° (30-year record)
Average annual 1968	54.1°
Record highest, July, 1966	98.0° (5-year record)
Record lowest, January, 1966	-10.0° (5-year record)
Seasonal heating degree-days	4,683 (30-year record)
Precipitation	
Mean annual total	44.73 inches (30-year record)
Mean annual snow and sleet	16.00 inches (24-year record)
Total precipitation, 1968	43.32 inches
Mean number days precipitation	128 (.01 inch or more) (24-year record)
Average number days thunderstorms	48 (24-year record)
Prevailing winds	south (17-year record)

HISTORY

Bath County, the fifty-sixth county established in the state, dates from 1811. It was comprised of lands taken from Montgomery County. Approximately one-half of the county's territory lies in the Knobs geographical division of the state. There is some timber on the knobs, and one of the largest deposits of iron ore in Kentucky is found in the southeastern part of the county. There are also some bituminous coal beds in this region, but not in workable quantities.

Several mounds and ancient fortification sites are in the county. Most of them are in the vicinity of Sharpsburg some 11 miles west of Owingsville. A few of them, in which large trees are growing, have retained their original appearance. The remains of an enormous mastodon were found in a pond near Sharpsburg in 1851. These remains were housed in the Centre College Museum at Danville, where for many years they attracted widespread attention.

The county got its name from the great number of mineral springs within its borders. Mud Lick, later named Olympian Springs by Henry Clay who owned an interest in them, was the most famous of all the springs in the county. Three kinds of water--sulphur, salt sulphur, and chalybeate--gush from the ground. These springs came into prominence in 1791, and were once widely known as a watering place. Their mineral waters were used for drinking and bathing purposes. Since they are 1,025 feet above sea level the springs became noted for making a "most pure and salubrious air" around them. Their natural setting has been described as a "high mountainous country which is embellished with scenery of a bold romantic character." The first stage line in Kentucky ran between Lexington and Olympian Springs. Salt Lick, a few miles east of Olympian Springs, provided large amounts of salt to the early settlers of eastern Kentucky. An iron furnace was built on Slate Creek as early as 1790, some fifteen years after Hugh Sidwell, Thomas Clark, James Bollard, Elias Trolin and William Calk made some improvements in the vicinity. Cannon balls that weighed as much as four pounds were cast there during the War of 1812. They were transported by wagon to the Licking River, then on flatboats down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans for General Andrew Jackson's forces to use in the battle against the British in January, 1815.

Owingsville, the county seat, was established in 1811 and is located on the top of a low hill near the geographic center of the county. It was named for Colonel Thomas Dye Owings who, along with Richard Menifee, owned the town site. Each of these men wished the town to be named for him, and according to tradition the final decision depended on who could build the finest house. Owings won. His house, a three-story building of red brick, constructed in Georgian Colonial design, had walls three feet thick. All woodwork, windows, doors, and the lovely spiral stairway ascending from the basement to the upper story were made by hand and were brought from Baltimore by oxcart. The fortlike arrangement of the house, with servants' quarters in the basement, portholes, and an entrance to a subterranean passage concealed behind the drawing room fireplace, indicated that, with all its beauty of line and finish, safety was dominant in the architect's plans. After Owings' death the house was used as an inn, and it became a center for social activities in the community. Many prominent visitors were numbered among the guests, including Lafayette and Louis Philippe of France and Henry Clay, in whose honor a ball was given in 1826, when he was Secretary of State.

Several Bath Countians gained prominence in the legal profession, the military, and diplomatic service. The Honorable Richard H. Menifee, son of Richard Menifee who was part owner of the Owingsville town site, served in the Congress of the United States with distinction. Menifee County was named for him in 1869, several years after his death. Henry L. Lane and Claude Matthews were governors of Indiana, and Lane served in the United States Senate from that state. Alvin Hawkins was elected governor of Tennessee in 1880. John C. Mason served in the state legislature for three terms and in Congress for one term. General John B. Hood assumed the command of the Army of Tennessee on July 18, 1864, and fought in the campaigns in Georgia and Tennessee. Ambrose Dudley Mann served as special agent of the United States government to Austria in 1846, to Hungary in 1849, and to Switzerland in 1850.

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