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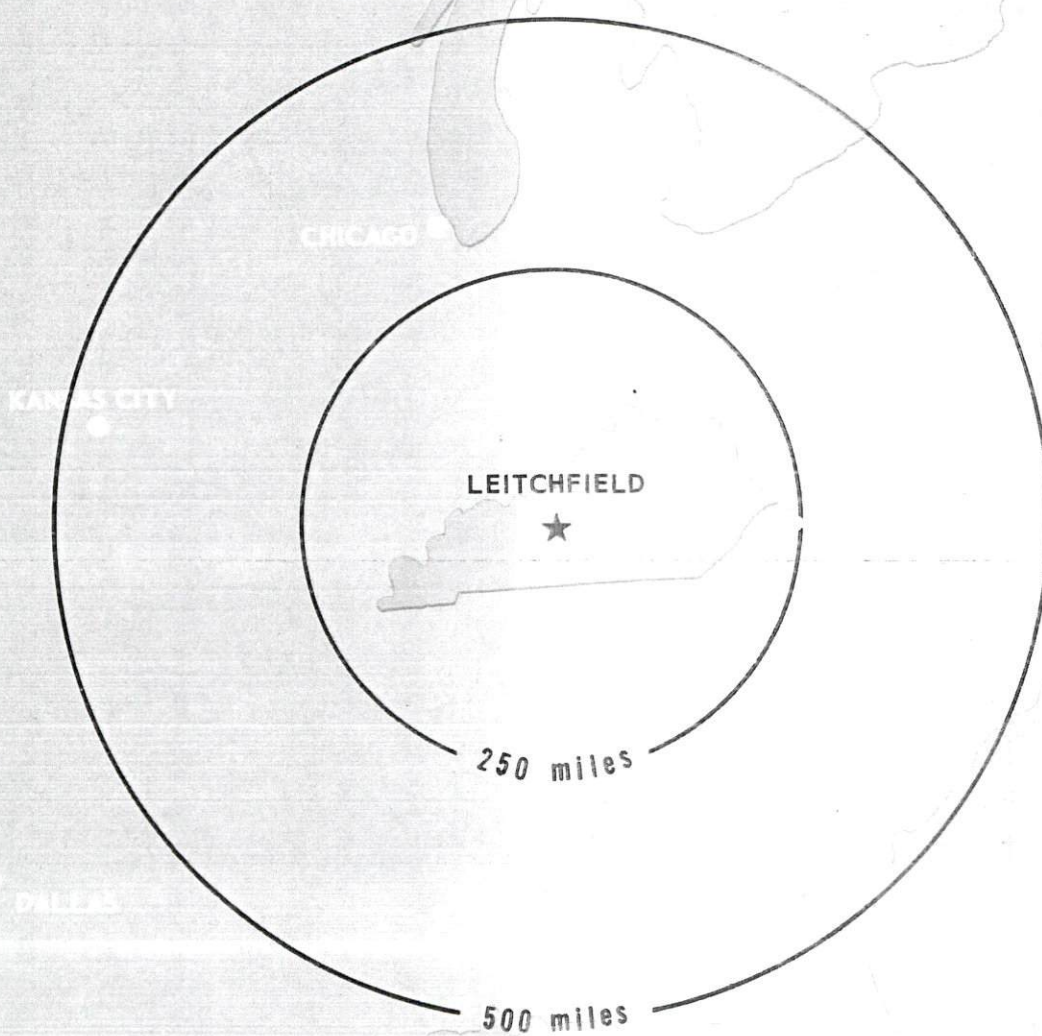
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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## ***LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY***



LEITCHFIELD INDUSTRIAL SITES

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## LEITCHFIELD INDUSTRIAL SITES

For additional information concerning the following industrial sites, contact Mr. Kenneth Goff, Leitchfield, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

- SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 6 acres, level  
LOCATION: North city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Floyd Street; Embry Street will be paved  
and serve as access road.  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central Railroad spur on site  
WATER: Leitchfield Municipal Water Company SIZE LINE: 12-inch  
GAS: Leitchfield Municipal Gas Company SIZE LINE: 4-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Warren RECC  
SEWERAGE: Leitchfield Municipal Sewer Company  
OWNED BY: Leitchfield-Grayson County Industrial Foundation
- SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 6 acres, level to gradual slope  
on east side of site  
LOCATION: North city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Floyd Street; Embry Street will be paved  
and serve as access road  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central Railroad spur on site  
WATER: Leitchfield Municipal Water Company SIZE LINE: 12-inch  
GAS: Leitchfield Municipal Gas Company SIZE LINE: 4-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Warren RECC  
SEWERAGE: Leitchfield Municipal Sewer Company  
OWNED BY: Leitchfield-Grayson County Industrial Foundation
- SITE #3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 15 acres, level to gradual slope  
on east side of site  
LOCATION: North city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Salt River Road  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central Railroad spur approximately 200 feet  
from site  
WATER: Leitchfield Municipal Water Company SIZE LINE: 12-inch  
GAS: Leitchfield Municipal Gas Company SIZE LINE: 4-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Warren RECC  
SEWERAGE: Leitchfield Municipal Sewer Company  
OWNED BY: Leitchfield-Grayson County Industrial Foundation



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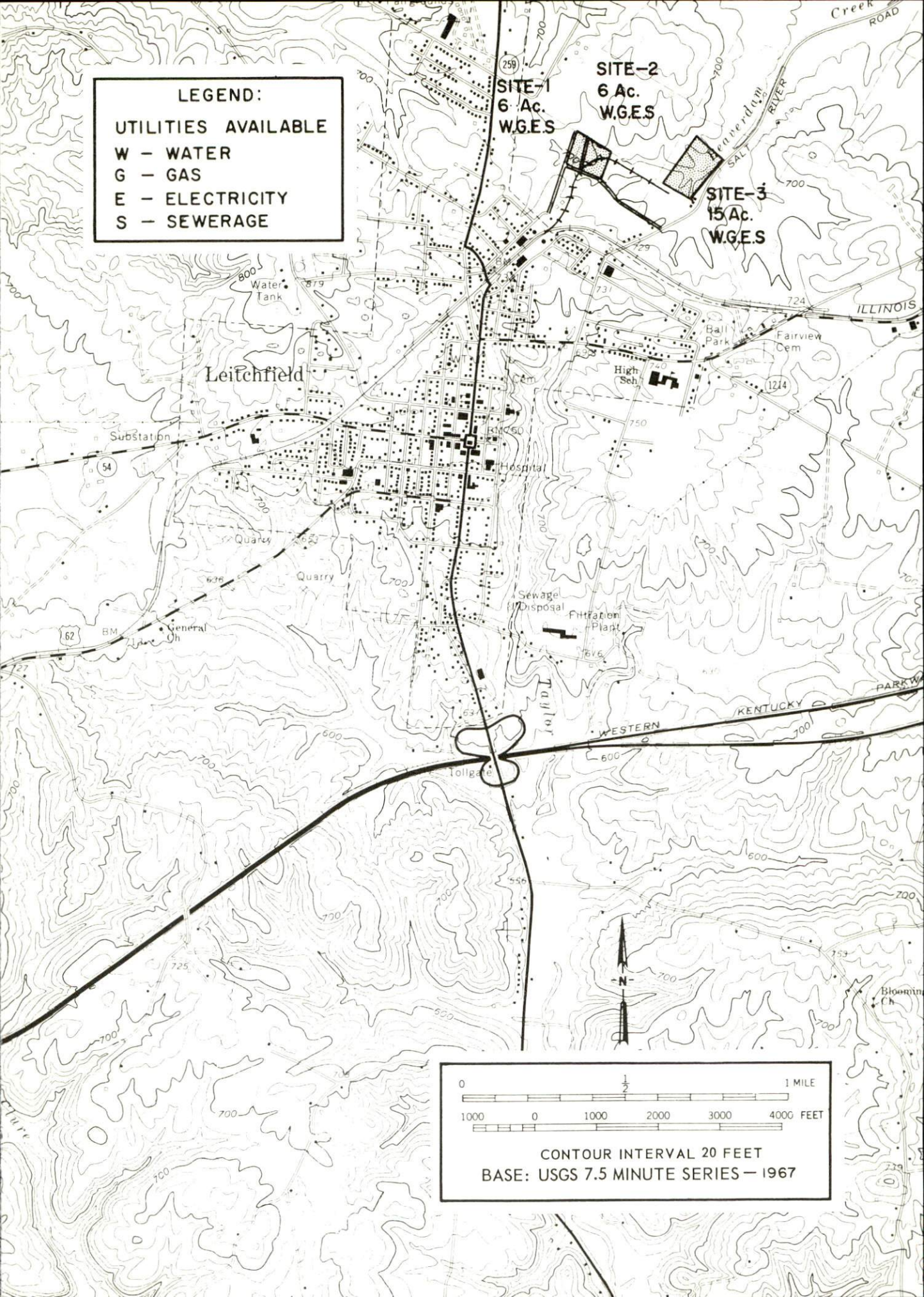
**UTILITIES AVAILABLE**

W - WATER

G - GAS

E - ELECTRICITY

S - SEWERAGE



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BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1967

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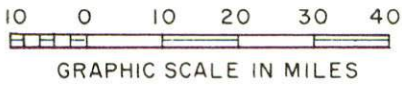
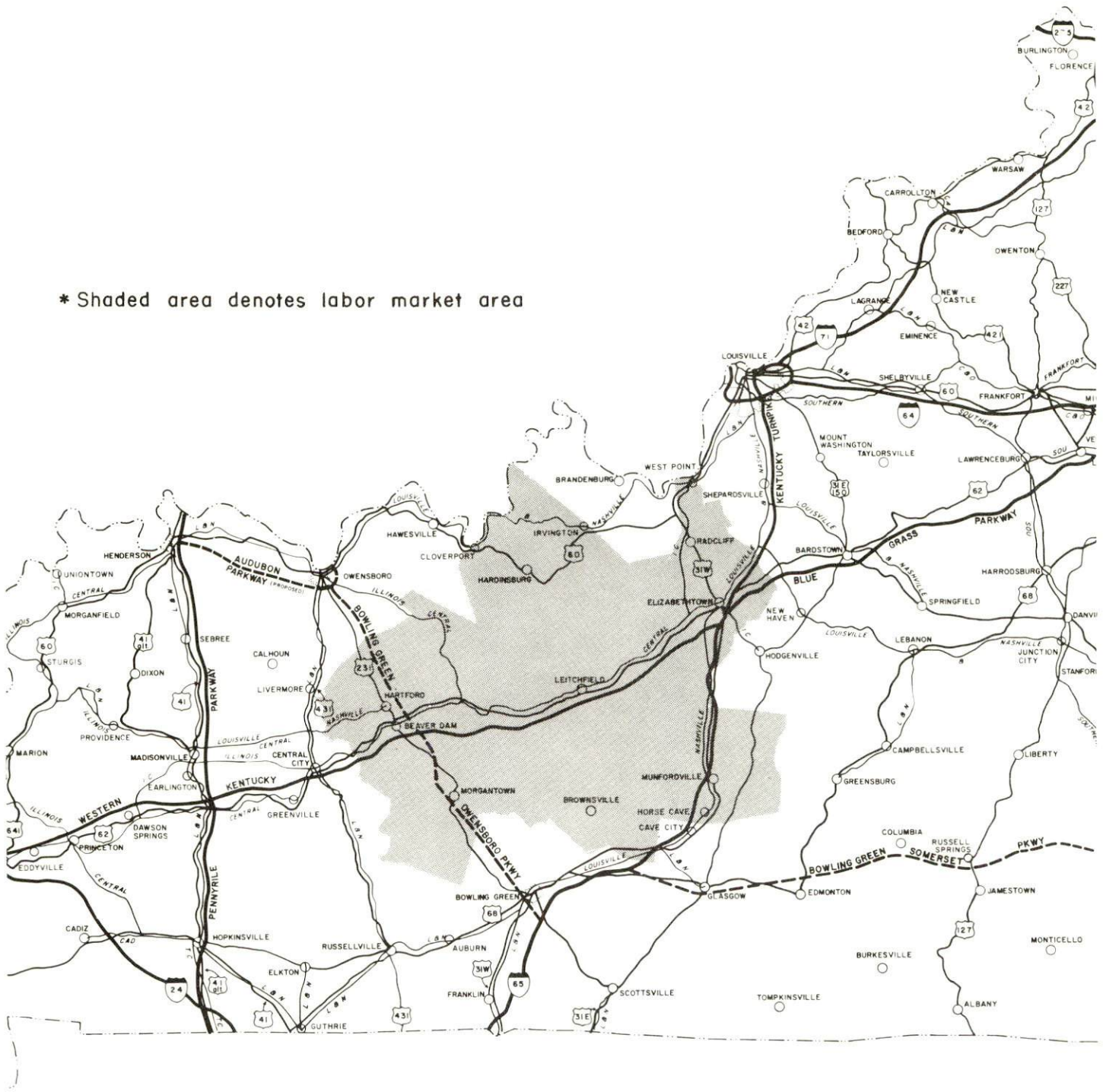
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LEITCHFIELD LABOR MARKET AREA

\* Shaded area denotes labor market area



## LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

### Location

Leitchfield, the county seat of Grayson County, is located in western Kentucky, 18 miles south of Rough River Reservoir on U. S. 62. Leitchfield is 73 miles southwest of Louisville and 112 miles northeast of Nashville, Tennessee. Population of Leitchfield was 2,982 in 1960. In 1969, population of Grayson County was estimated at 15,500.

### The Economic Framework

Total employment in Grayson County in 1968 averaged 4,705, with agriculture employing 1,600, manufacturing 720, trade and services 685, and government 605. During the first nine years of the decade, manufacturing employment increased 405 jobs or 130 percent. Approximately 250 additional manufacturing jobs were created when the new Seng Company went into production. Major industrial products are furniture parts, transformers, and apparel.

Per capita income in Grayson County in 1968 was \$1,666, an increase of over \$800 since 1959.

In the seven-county labor market area, total employment in 1968 averaged 40,757, with 9,570 employed in agriculture, 5,810 in manufacturing, 7,398 in trade and services, and 10,057 in government. Manufacturing employment in the labor market area has more than doubled since 1959.

### Resources For Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 5,675 men and 4,380 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 7,355 young men and 7,230 young women will become 18 years of age by 1975 and potentially available for work.

2. Transportation facilities are excellent for Leitchfield and Grayson County. The Western Kentucky Parkway is located south of the city limits with an interchange off Kentucky 259. U. S. 62 passes through Leitchfield, and Kentucky 79 provides adequate north-south access.

Rail service is provided by the Illinois Central Railroad. Local air service is available at Rough River Dam State Park, with commercial service at Bowling Green, 55 miles south.



3. Natural gas and water and sewage treatment are provided through municipal facilities. Electric power is provided by the Kentucky Utilities Company.

4. Leitchfield is located within easy driving distance of both institutions of higher learning and vocational education centers. Bowling Green, Louisville, and Owensboro provide institutions of higher learning and area vocational schools. Community colleges are located at Elizabethtown and Fort Knox.

#### Community Programs For Improvement

Leitchfield has undertaken several programs for community improvement. Included in this program is an improved water system, three watershed projects, and a planned county water system. The Sportsman's Club has planned development of the old city lake and park, and the city is constructing two new parks.

#### Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Recreational facilities in Leitchfield include one indoor theater and one drive-in theater, a skating rink, and playground equipment at the schools. Little League baseball is available; a new miniature golf course and driving range has been constructed. The Jaycees have plans for a youth club and a 9-hole golf course is under development.

Rough River Dam State Park is located 18 miles northeast of Leitchfield on Rough River Reservoir. The resort-type park of 9,234 acres offers a 40-room lodge and cottages and camping accommodations. The park has accommodations for swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking, and supervised recreation. A 2,500-foot paved airstrip is available within the park.

Mammoth Cave National Park, one of the world's largest networks of cavern corridors, is located 30 miles south of Leitchfield. Facilities available include lodges, hotel and motel accommodations, park museum, cave trips, camping and picnic areas.

My Old Kentucky Home in Bardstown, 57 miles distant, is considered the state's immortalized shrine.

The Nolin Reservoir is located on the south boundary of Grayson County. Recreational facilities will include boating, fishing, and swimming.

With the close proximity to the metropolitan areas of Bowling Green, Louisville, and Owensboro, Leitchfield residents have access to a multitude of entertainment facilities, ranging from cultural arts programs to college and professional sports.

# THE LABOR MARKET

## POPULATION TRENDS <sup>1/</sup>

Area	1969 (Est.) <sup>2/</sup>	1960	1950	Percent Change	
				1960-69	1950-60
Labor Market Area	157,400	147,868	139,749	+ 6.4	+ 5.8
Leitchfield	NA	2,982	1,312		+127.0
Grayson County	15,500	15,834	17,063	- 2.1	- 7.2
Breckinridge County	14,600	14,734	15,528	- 0.9	- 5.1
Butler County	9,200	9,586	11,309	- 4.0	- 15.2
Edmonson County	7,600	8,085	9,376	- 6.0	- 13.8
Hardin County	78,900	67,785	50,312	+16.4	+ 34.7
Hart County	13,700	14,119	15,321	- 3.0	- 7.8
Ohio County	17,900	17,725	20,840	+ 1.0	- 14.9

## GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS - 1968 <sup>3/</sup>

Major Employment Group	Grayson County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	4,705	40,757
Agricultural	1,601	9,570
Nonagricultural	3,104	31,187
Manufacturing	716	5,810
Trade and Services	685	7,398
Government	605	10,057
Other	1,098	7,922

## MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1959 AND 1968 <sup>4/</sup>

Industry	Grayson County			Labor Market Area		
	1968	1959	%Change	1968	1959	%Change
TOTAL	716	311	+130.2	5,810	2,038	+ 185.1
Food & Kindred Products	36	43	- 16.3	274	192	+ 42.7
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	444	222	+100.0	2,771	1,074	+ 158.0
Lumber & Furniture	44	25	+ 76.0	430	176	+ 144.3
Printing, Publishing, Paper	19	5	+280.0	135	80	+ 68.8
Chemicals, Petroleum, Coal, Rubber	0	0	-	689	11	+6163.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	21	16	+ 31.3	237	246	- 3.7
Machinery & Metal Products	147	0	-	963	66	+1359.1
Other	5	0	-	311	193	+ 61.1



LEITCHFIELD MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>5/</sup>

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Arnopallet, Inc.	Pallet lumber	5		
Avalon Cheese Co.	Cheese, dried whey	21	18	3
C. P. Electronics, Inc.	Transformers	195	19	176
Grayson County News	Newspaper, job printing	4	1	3
T. J. Haycraft Sales Service	Feed	3	3	0
Industrial Wood Co., Inc.	Lumber, wood pallets	20		
Leitchfield Concrete Products	Concrete blocks, concrete septic tanks, ready mixed concrete	18	16	2
Leitchfield Gazette	Newspaper, job printing	5	3	2
Leitchfield Manufacturing Company	Men's, women's, and children's sportswear	NA		
Leitchfield Ready Mix	Ready mixed concrete	4	3	1
Paper Novelty Manufacturing Company	Christmas decorations	27	8	19
Seng Company	Furniture parts	250		
Treat Stave Company	Barrel staves	15		
Vermont-American	Cutting tools	11	7	4

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS  
LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY 6/

Classification	Wages Per Hour Starting
<u>Production Employees</u>	
Assembler	\$1. 60
Inspector	1. 70
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	1. 60
<u>Service Employees</u>	
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2. 50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1. 75
<u>Office Employees</u>	
Bookkeeper	\$250 (monthly)
File Clerk	175 (monthly)
Receptionist	150 (monthly)
Secretary	225 (monthly)
Typist	250 (monthly)

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing firms in Leitchfield.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -  
LEITCHFIELD LABOR MARKET AREA 7/

County	Current Labor Supply			Future Labor Supply by 1975 (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	10,053	5,673	4,380	14,584	7,355	7,229
Grayson	1,727	1,019	708	1,686	826	860
Breckinridge	1,285	569	716	1,590	788	802
Butler	1,181	729	452	965	489	476
Edmonson	1,006	785	221	790	388	402
Hardin	1,647	782	865	6,461	3,283	3,178
Hart	1,152	647	505	1,434	749	685
Ohio	2,055	1,142	913	1,658	832	826

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME 8/

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Grayson County	\$ 25,822,000	\$ 12,468,000	+107.1
Labor Market Area	445,243,000	215,555,000	+106.6
Kentucky	8,360,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 79.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 9/

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Grayson County	\$1,666	\$ 812	+105.2
Labor Market Area	\$1,296 to 4,019	\$661 to 1,949	+96.1 to +106.2
Kentucky	2,614	1,552	+ 68.4

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	<u>Leitchfield Independent</u>	<u>Grayson County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,047	2,587
Elementary	518	1,912
High School	529	675
Student-Teacher Ratio		
Elementary	19-1	73-1
High School	21-1	36-1
State Rating of High School	Standard	Provisional
Percent High School Graduates to College	45.2	26.0
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$300.24	\$318.62
Bonded Indebtedness	\$306,000	\$272,000

### Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Owensboro	Hardinsburg
Miles Distant	55	30
Curriculum	Practical Nursing	Business and Office
	Cosmetology	Education
	Distributive Education	Auto Mechanics
	Electronics (Communications)	Carpentry
	Electronics (Industrial)	Welding
	ETV Technician	Machine Shop
	Auto Body Repair	Appliance Repair
	Auto Mechanics	
	Drafting, Printing, Welding	
	Machine Cabinet Making	
	Machine Shop	
	Office Machine Repair	



Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 60 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Brescia College	Owensboro	1,399	Baccalaureate
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	901	Baccalaureate
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	11,069	Masters
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown	630	Associate

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Lines serving - Illinois Central Railroad

Services - Switching, sidings, freight and REA Express

### RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

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

### Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
D-C International, Inc.	Denver, Colorado
Illinois Central Railroad Company (Railroad pickup and delivery only)	Louisville, Kentucky
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company (Railroad pickup and delivery only)	Louisville, Kentucky
Leitchfield Transfer	Leitchfield, Kentucky
Arnold Ligon Truck Line, Inc. (Ellis Trucking)	Lebanon, Kentucky
Majors Truck Line, Inc.	Caneyville, Kentucky
McLean Trucking Company	Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	336	2-3	1-2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,117	7-9	4-5
Birmingham, Ala.	317	2-3	1-2	Louisville, Ky.	73	1-2	1
Chicago, Ill.	371	2-3	1	Nashville, Tenn.	112	1-2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	183	1-2	1	New Orleans, La.	751	3-4	2
Cleveland, Ohio	424	2-3	2	New York, N. Y.	837	3-4	2
Detroit, Mich.	446	2-3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	472	2-3	1-2
Knoxville, Tenn.	262	1-2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	264	2-3	1

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
Location:	Rough River Dam State Park Airport 18 miles northeast of Leitchfield	Bowling Green-Warren County Municipal Airport Bowling Green, (55 miles)
Runways:	1 paved	2 paved
Length:	2,500 ft.	4,000 ft. ; 5,250 ft.
Traffic Control:	Wind sock	Wind tee
Lighting:	None	Runways, obstructions, beacons and wind tee until midnight
Services:		80 and 100 octane, jet A-50, storage, minor A & E repairs, FAA flight service station, restaurant on field open 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. , Air South and Northern Airlines

Bus

Kentucky Bus Lines, Continental Trailways

Taxi

City Cab Service, 24-hour

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

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

Company serving Grayson County - Warren RECC  
Source of power - Tennessee Valley Authority  
Total generating capacity - 18,202,090 KW  
Industrial rates negotiated by - Warren RECC, Bowling Green,  
Kentucky

### Natural Gas

Company serving - Leitchfield Utility Commission  
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation  
Size of transmission lines - 6-inch  
Distribution lines - 2 and 6 inches  
BTU content - 1,050  
Distribution pressure - 25 psi

Rates:

Current gas rates are as follows:

First	1,000 cubic feet	\$2.50
Next	1,000 cubic feet	.10 per 100 cubic feet
Next	8,000 cubic feet	.085 per 100 cubic feet
Next	40,000 cubic feet	.080 per 100 cubic feet
All over	50,000 cubic feet	.065 per 100 cubic feet



## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

Company serving - Leitchfield Utility Commission  
Source - Rough River Reservoir  
Treatment plant capacity - 1,000,000 gpd  
Average daily consumption - 302,544 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 347,016 gallons  
Type treatment - alum, lime, chlorination  
Storage capacity - 315,000 gallons  
Average pressure - 70 - 80 psi  
Size mains - 10, 8, and 6 inches

### MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$3.50 per M gallons
Next	3,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
Next 50,000 to	100,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons
Next 200,000 to	300,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons
Over	300,000 gallons	.25 per M gallons

Surface water sources - Nolin and Rough River Reservoirs  
Average discharge - 44 cfs on Bear Creek, 700 cfs on Rough River  
Expected ground water yield - 5 gpm or less  
Yield along main streams - none

### Sewerage

Company serving - Leitchfield Utility Commission  
Design capacity - 720,000 gpd  
Average daily flow - 260,000 gallons  
Treatment - primary and secondary  
Type treatment - trickling filter  
Treated effluent discharged into - Bear Creek  
Size of sanitary mains - 8-inch  
Rates - 60 percent of water bill

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms  
Budget, 1968-69 - Income \$72,543; Expenditures \$78,543  
Fees and licenses - one percent occupational license tax

### County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 6 magistrates - 4-year terms  
Budget, 1969-70 - General Fund \$120,700; Road Fund \$88,150

### Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Leitchfield</u>	<u>Grayson County</u>
Real Estate	\$11,091,655	\$52,014,495
Tangibles		8,435,522
Public Service		6,854,209

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Leitchfield</u>	<u>Grayson County</u>
State	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.126	.126
School	.512	.350
City	.176	
Total	\$ .829	\$ .491

\*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 - Leitchfield Planning and Zoning Commission

Plans completed - Land Use Analysis, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, Zoning Ordinance

### Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Leitchfield</u>	<u>Grayson County</u>
Total staff	7	3
Radio-patrol cars	2	2

### Fire

American Insurance  
Association Fire Rating  
Volunteers  
Equipment:  
750 gpm pumpers  
utility truck  
emergency truck

7  
30  
  
1  
2  
1

### Sanitation

Type service	municipal
Cost	business rate varies; residential - \$1.50 per month
Collection frequency	business - twice weekly residential - once weekly
Disposal method	land fill

## HEALTH

### Hospitals

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
General hospitals	1	40
General hospital facilities - operating room, X-ray equipment, recovery room, maternity ward, emergency room		
Medical staff - 5 doctors, 9 registered nurses, 5 licensed practical nurses		

### Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care homes	1	100

### Public Health

Facility - Grayson County Health Department

Staff - Administrator, sanitarian, three nurses, and clerk

Budget, 1968-69 - \$43,630



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company  
Services - standard

Telegraph - Western Union  
Services - full service six days a week

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

Newspaper weeklies - Leitchfield Gazette; Grayson County News  
Circulation - 4,200 1,700

Radio - WMTL  
Hours of operation AM - 6 a. m. to 10 p. m.  
Hours of operation FM - 6 a. m. to 10 p. m.  
Stations received from - Louisville and Owensboro, Kentucky;  
Evansville, Indiana

Television -  
Reception from - Evansville, Indiana; Nashville, Tennessee; Bowling  
Green and Louisville, Kentucky  
Kentucky Educational Television - Elizabethtown transmitter -  
Channel 23

### Library Services

A library is presently being planned for Leitchfield.

### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 12  
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Church  
of God, General Baptist, Methodist, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness,  
Seventh Day Adventist, Methodist, Presbyterian

### Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Leitchfield Deposit Bank Citizens Bank (New)	\$7, 150, 837. 55	\$6, 618, 959. 09
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Leitchfield	\$7, 840, 569. 33	\$7, 454, 792. 89

### Hotels and Motels

Number - 4  
Rooms or units - 62

### Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Leitchfield Development  
Council, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Optimist Club, Jaycees,  
Sportsman's Club

Fraternal - Masonic, VFW, American Legion

Women's - Woman's Club, Homemakers Club, Eastern Star

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

## RECREATION

### Local

#### Public Recreation Facilities

- Parks - 2 planned for construction
- Golf courses - 9-hole course planned
- Baseball diamonds - Little League

#### Private Recreation Facilities

- Movie theaters - 1 indoor, 1 outdoor
- Other - skating rink, miniature golf course

### Area (Within 30 miles)

- Routh River Dam State Park, 18 miles
- Mammoth Cave National Park, 30 miles

# AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

## Agriculture 13/

	<u>Grayson County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	327,680	2,214,400
Percent of area in farm land	71.7	56.8
Number of farms	1,869	11,442
Average size of farms (acres)	125.8	110
1964 value of all farm products	\$5,888,667	\$40,381,853
Value per farm	3,151	3,529
Total crop sales	2,593,527	21,290,622
Total livestock & livestock products	3,287,107	18,999,114
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	2,652,000	23,111,000
Corn (bu.)	930,000	7,336,000
Cattle and calves (number)	35,300	237,100
Hogs and pigs (number)	19,500	124,400
Milk production 1966 (lbs.)	39,440,000	186,295,000

## Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Limestone
Other mineral resources	Petroleum, vein minerals
Acres of commercial forest land	122,000
Most abundant tree species	White oak, red oak, hickory, yellow poplar, beech, hard maple, ash

## Climate 14/

	<u>Grayson County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees F.
Average annual (1968)	54.1 degrees F.
Record highest July, 1966 (5-year record)	98.0 degrees F.
Record lowest January, 1966 (5-year record)	-10 degrees F.
Seasonal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,683
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.73 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (24-year record)	16 inches
Total precipitation (1968)	43.32 inches
Mean number days precipitation (24-year record) (.01 inch or more )	128
Average number days thunderstorms (24-year record)	48
Prevailing winds (17-year record)	South



## HISTORY

Grayson County, the fifty-fourth county established in the state, dates from 1810. Rough River flows along its northern boundary. It is the eighth largest county in Kentucky. Its surface is level to gently rolling, and the soil is fairly fertile. Some tracts of virgin timber remain in the county, and deposits of limestone and iron ore dot the area.

Grayson County was named for Colonel William Grayson, a native and resident of Virginia. He was first elected as a delegate to the Articles of Confederation Congress. He was a member of the Virginia Convention that ratified the Federal Constitution in 1788, which he opposed.

Leitchfield, the county seat, 635 feet above sea level, was incorporated on February 5, 1866. It was named from Major David Leitch who owned the land on which the town was built. Leitch lived in Campbell County, Kentucky, at Leitch's Station, and some of his holdings in Grayson County were adjacent to Washington's claims. It has been said that there is no other town in the world with the exact name of Leitchfield.

- \* George Washington once owned a section of 5,000 acres of land in the extreme northwestern part of the county. He acquired this land in 1788 from Harry Lee, generally known as "Lighthorse Harry."
- \* Jack Thomas was the most popular person in the early history of Grayson County. He was born in a house built by Thomas Lincoln, father of the President. He was the first County and Circuit Court Clerk, and held both offices continuously from the formation of the county until 1851.
- \* Grayson Seminary, incorporated on January 1, 1816, was an outstanding educational institution for a frontier area and continued in operation until the Civil War.
- \* Grayson County has had bad luck with her courthouses. The first building was burned by Confederate soldiers in 1864. The next building was destroyed in 1896. A third courthouse burned in April 1936.

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