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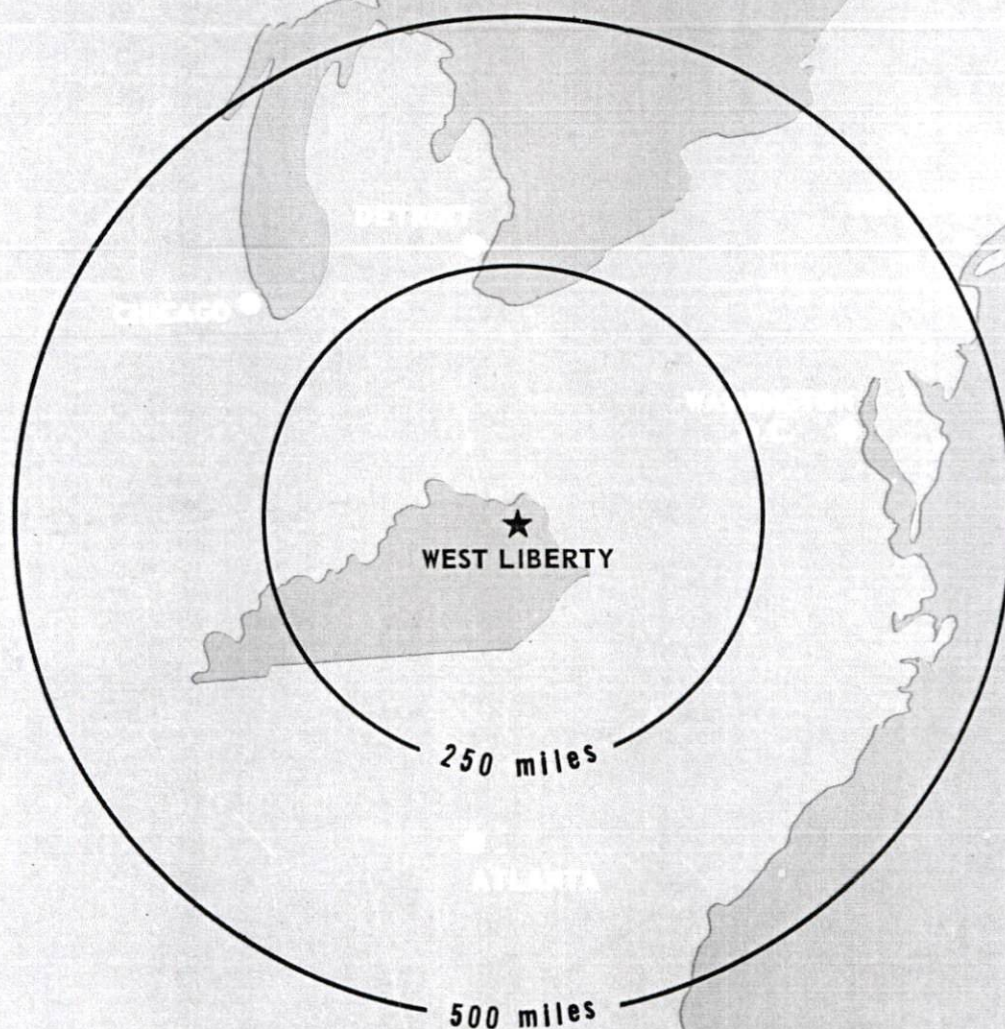
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

WEST LIBERTY KENTUCKY



WEST LIBERTY INDUSTRIAL SITES

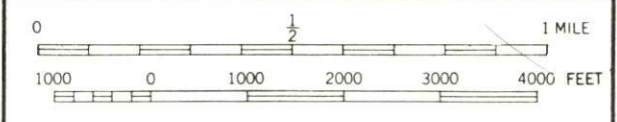
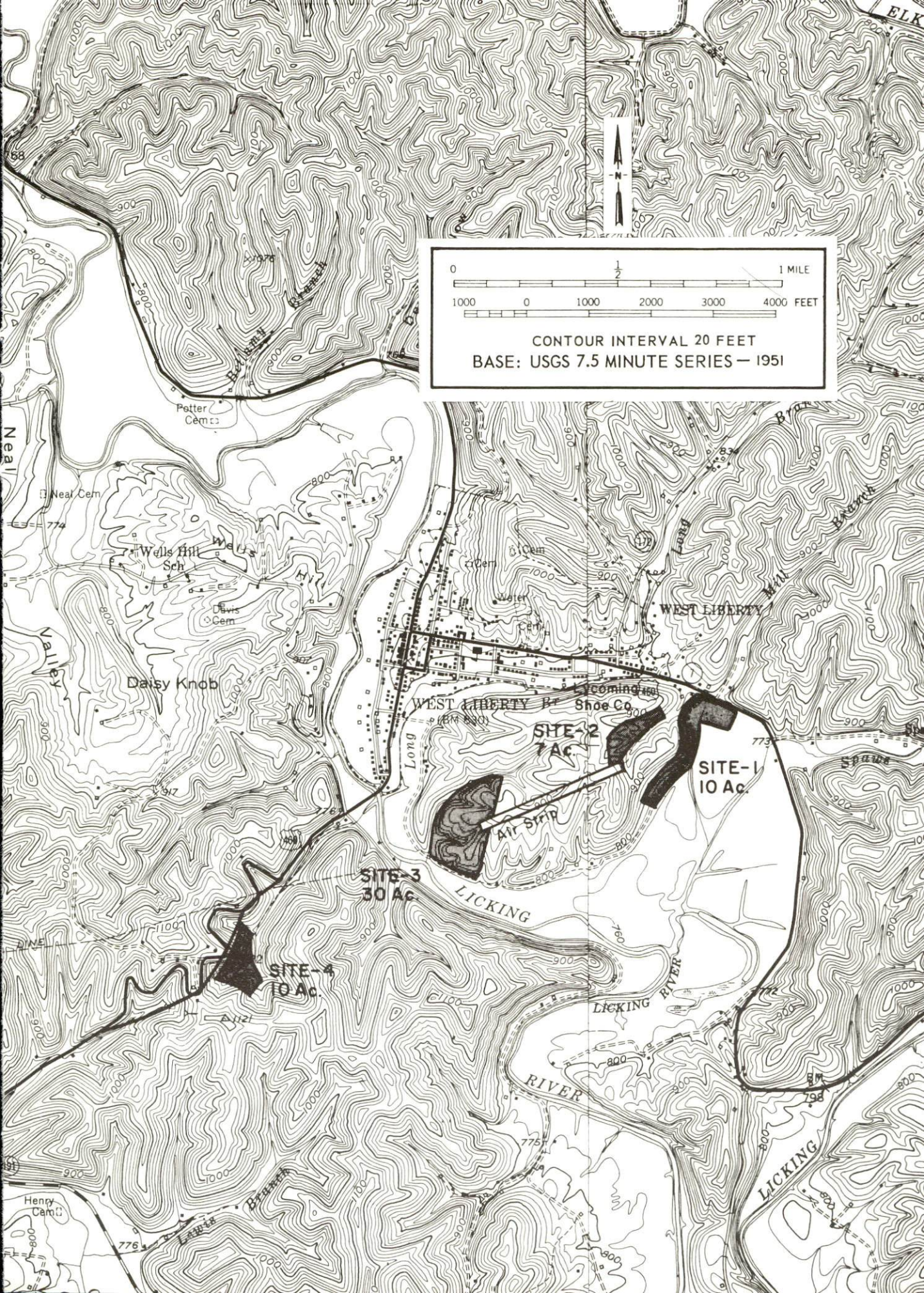
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WEST LIBERTY INDUSTRIAL SITES

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For additional information concerning the following sites, contact Mr. Joe Haney, West Liberty, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

- SITE #1: ACREAGE: 10 acres
LOCATION: One-half mile east of city limits
HIGHWAYS: Site borders U.S. 460; dirt access road through site
RAILROADS: Not rail served
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
GAS: Elam Utility Company; 2-inch main approximately 500 feet from site
WATER: West Liberty Water Works; 2-inch line through site; 10-inch water main approximately 1,500 feet from site
SEWERAGE: West Liberty Water Works; 8-inch main 400 feet from site
OWNERSHIP: Private
- SITE #2: ACREAGE: 7 acres
LOCATION: One-half mile southeast of business district; located at northeastern end of airport runway
HIGHWAYS: U.S. 460 approximately one-fourth mile from site via paved access road
RAILROADS: Not rail served
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
GAS: Elam Utility Company; 2-inch main approximately 200 feet from site
WATER: West Liberty Water Works; 10-inch line on site
SEWERAGE: West Liberty Water Works; 8-inch main through site
OWNERSHIP: Private
- SITE #3: ACREAGE: 30 acres
LOCATION: 1 mile south of business district; located at western end of airport runway
HIGHWAYS: U.S. 460 approximately three-fourths mile from site; access road to site - partly paved, partly unimproved dirt
RAILROADS: Not rail served
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
GAS: Elam Utility Company; 2-inch main approximately 2,000 feet from site
WATER: West Liberty Water Works; 10-inch line approximately 500 feet from site
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OWNERSHIP: Private
- SITE #4: ACREAGE: 10 acres, of which 5.5 acres are developed
LOCATION: Southwest of city, approximately one-half mile from city limits
HIGHWAYS: Site borders U.S. 460.
RAILROADS: Not rail served
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
GAS: Elam Utility Company; 2-inch main approximately 3,000 feet from site
WATER: West Liberty Water Works; 2-inch line within one-half mile of site
SEWERAGE: West Liberty Water Works; 8-inch sewer main within one-half mile of site
OWNERSHIP: Private



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WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY

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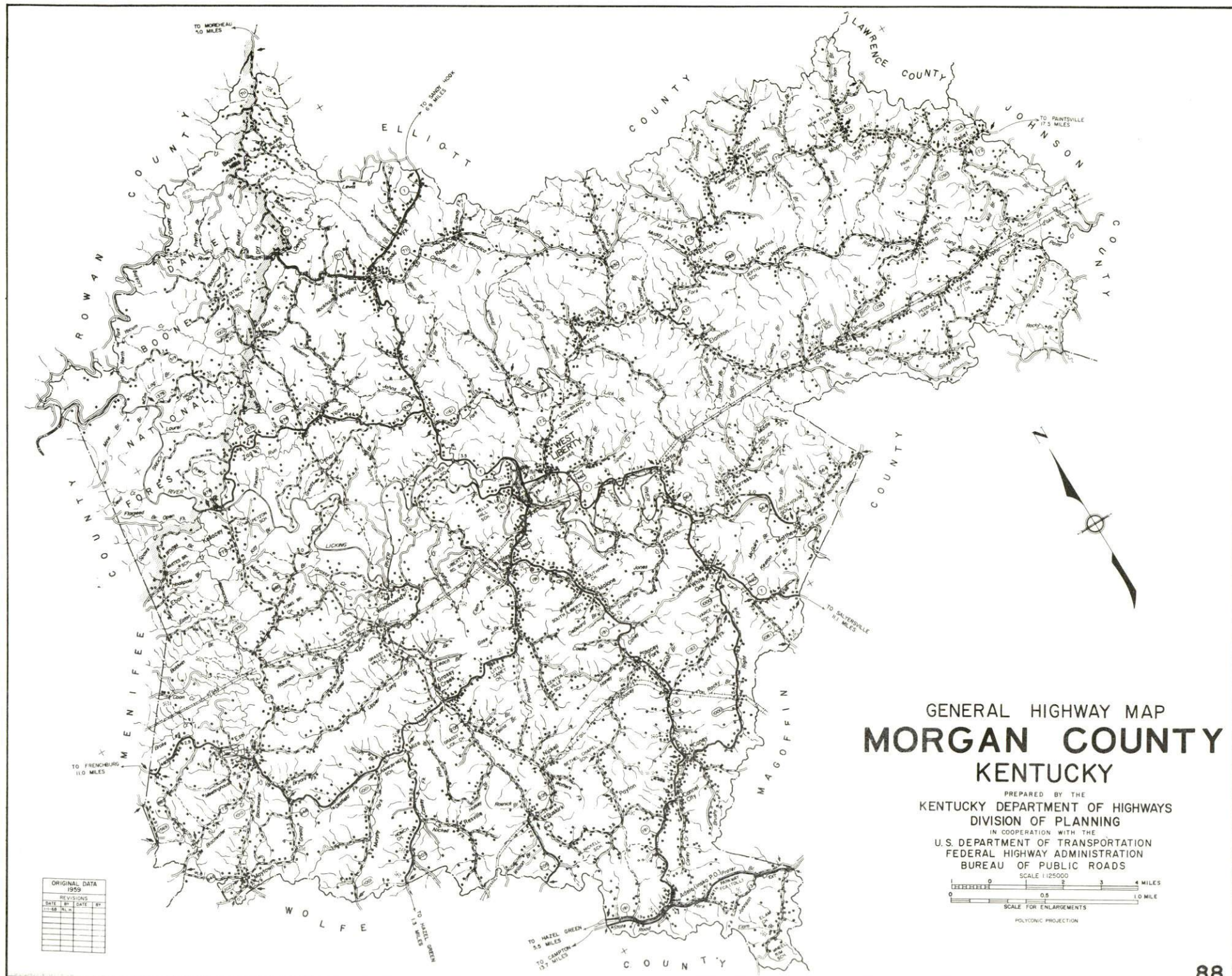
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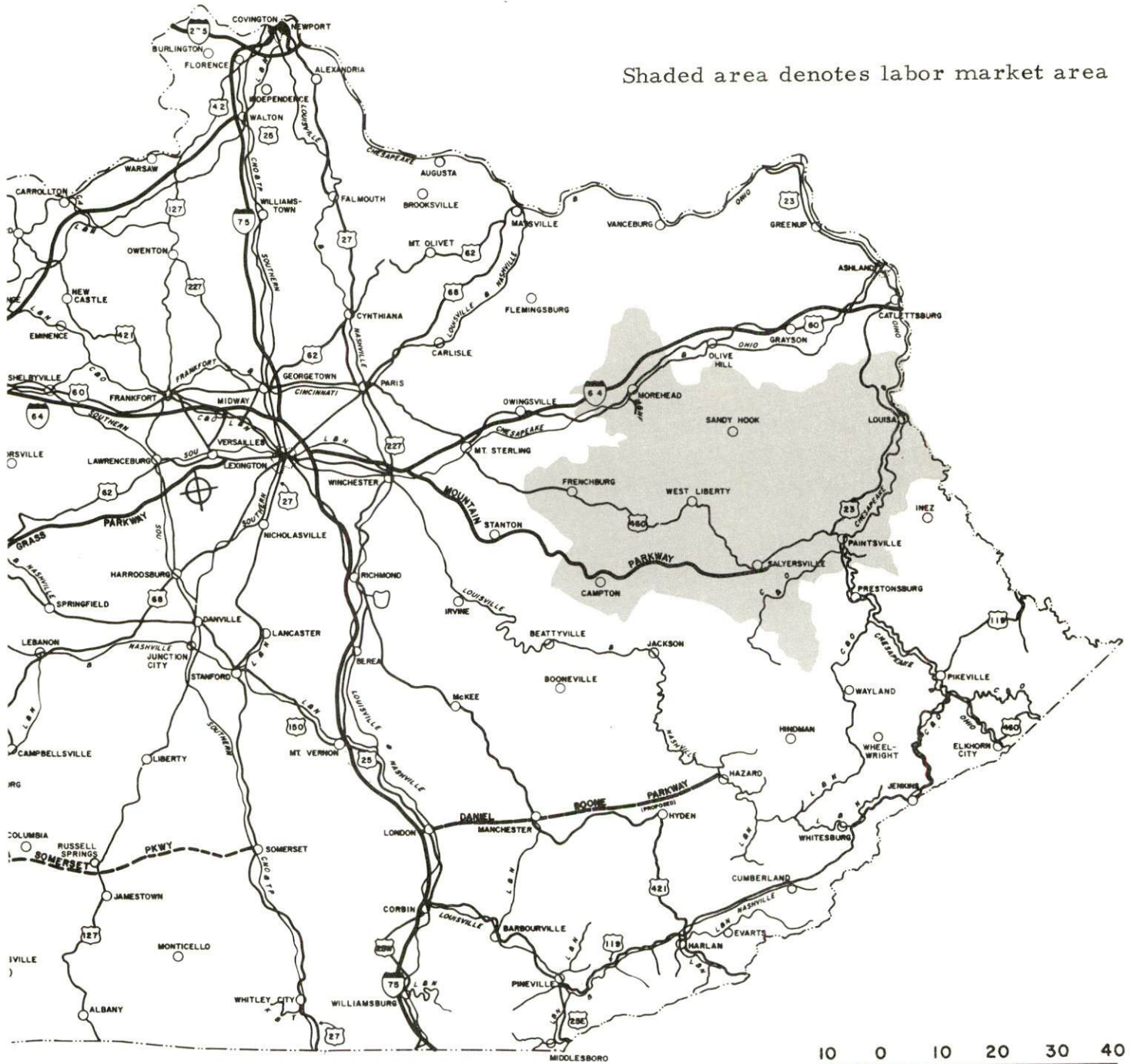
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WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

Shaded area denotes labor market area



WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan County, is located on the Licking River in east central Kentucky. Lexington is approximately 90 miles west, while the Ashland-Huntington Area is only 68 miles to the northeast. The population of West Liberty in 1970 was 1,387, while the total Morgan County population was 10,019.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Morgan County averaged 3,000 in 1969 including 300 jobs in manufacturing, 250 in trade and services and 300 in government. Manufacturing employment has increased by 165 jobs or 135 percent since 1960. Major industrial products in West Liberty are children's shoes and lumber.

Per capita income in the county in 1969 was \$1,530, an increase of \$753 since 1959.

The West Liberty labor market area includes Morgan and its seven surrounding counties. Area employment in 1969 totaled 18,300. Manufacturing furnishes 1,775 jobs. Area industrial employment has increased 66 percent since 1960 with sharpest gains in electrical machinery, metal products, leather, apparel and textile industries.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 5,957 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply in the Morgan County labor market area of 6,410 men and 5,550 women available for industrial jobs. In addition, 5,380 young men and 4,775 young women will become 18 years of age by 1977 and potentially available for industrial employment.

2. The nearest rail facilities serving West Liberty are those of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company at Paintsville, 40 miles southeast of West Liberty. Rail service from the Chesapeake & Ohio is also available at Morehead, 47 miles northwest of West Liberty. Located within 25 miles of West Liberty is the Mountain Parkway, a new four-lane highway which connects with the Interstate Highway System. Thus, West Liberty has excellent access to major north-south and east-west routes. Commercial air service is available at Lexington, 85 miles west of West Liberty.

3. Energy - natural gas is provided by the Elam Utility Company and electricity by the Kentucky Power Company.

4. West Liberty has four available industrial sites, with all utilities either on the site or within a few hundred feet.

5. The Morgan County School System is a growing one with more facilities added each year.

Morehead State University is 47 miles northwest of West Liberty, while the University of Kentucky's Prestonsburg Community College is 45 miles southeast. The University of Kentucky in Lexington is only 85 miles southwest.

Community Programs for Improvement

The City of West Liberty has had many community improvements in the last few years, many more are now under construction, and several others are in the planning stage.

The city has acquired a new restaurant, a discount department store, two new clothing stores, a new mobile home dealership, and several new homes. Many classrooms and portable buildings have been added to the Morgan County School System's elementary schools in both West Liberty and Cannel City. Three of these classrooms and two of the portable units are being utilized for the teaching and training of the mentally retarded. Educational television equipment has been installed at the Morgan County High School and four elementary schools, and is to be installed at Ezel Elementary and High School in the near future. A private ambulance service, based in West Liberty, is now serving all of Morgan County. A new 750-gpm pumper has been added to the West Liberty Fire Department. A new super-market has also been constructed. The community has recently rebuilt the Boy's Club.

The Morgan County Hospital is now under construction. The facility will have approximately 20 acute beds and 30 extended care beds, and is expected to be completed by 1973.

A new county high school-industrial vocational school, which will be located in West Liberty, will be under construction by the early Fall of 1971. Plans call for the structure to be built in three phases with completion of the final phase scheduled for 1974. The academic, or first phase, is scheduled for occupancy by mid-1972. Total cost of this project is estimated at \$3 million dollars. Two new business buildings are also under construction and they will house offices, a restaurant and bowling alley.

Plans are now complete for a new \$80,000 water plant. A community youth center has been proposed and the building approved. The city has also applied for low-rent public housing. Elam Utility Company is planning to extend its lines from Lycoming Shoe Company down to Route 460. The Mountain Rural Telephone Company plans to offer direct dialing in the near future. It has also changed from the carrier method to Microwave resulting in twice the toll lines and better service.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Recreational facilities in and around West Liberty are both numerous and diversified.

Kay Run Lake, which will be 5 miles from West Liberty, is now being developed. It will be Kentucky's fourth largest lake and will offer a lodge, camping, picnicking, swimming, and boating. This \$4 million resort is expected to be completed in 1972. West Liberty is the home of the annual Dogwood and Sorghum Festivals. These two festivals draw crowds from all over Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Grayson Reservoir, 40 miles from West Liberty, offers camping, boating, boat rentals, swimming, beach and separate picnic areas.

Jenny Wiley State Park, a 1,700 acre park located 37 miles southeast of West Liberty, offers a wide variety of recreational facilities, most of which are available for year-round enjoyment. Swimming in either the cottage or community pool, horseback riding, the Skylift, and the Summer Theatre featuring musical theatrics, make Jenny Wiley State Park even more enticing in the summer months.

Natural Bridge State Park, a 1,500-acre park 35 miles southwest of West Liberty, offers year round entertainment. Facilities include a lodge with dining room and gift shop, and cottages. The park also provides seasonal campsites for tents and trailers. Recreation includes swimming in the pool and in the 54-acre lake, fishing, and boating.

The featured attraction here is a bridge carved out of rock by nature. The majestic span stands 65 feet high at a mountain elevation of 1,560 feet, affording a breathtaking view out over deep valleys boxed in by seemingly sheer rock walls. The top of the bridge is 30 feet wide, with a well-defined arch 40 feet thick. A skylift is provided for those who do not wish to hike to the top.

Morehead State University, located 47 miles northwest of West Liberty, in nearby Rowan County, provides the area with various college sports and cultural events.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

Area	Population			Percent Change	
	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
West Liberty	1,387	1,165	931	+19.1	+25.1
Labor Market Area	81,389	84,042	97,933	- 3.2	-14.2
Morgan County	10,019	11,056	13,624	- 9.4	-18.8
Elliott County	5,933	6,330	7,085	- 6.3	-10.7
Johnson County	17,539	19,748	23,846	-11.2	-17.2
Lawrence County	10,726	12,134	14,418	-11.6	-15.8
Magoffin County	10,443	11,156	13,839	- 6.4	-19.4
Menifee County	4,050	4,276	4,798	- 5.3	-10.9
Rowan County	17,010	12,808	12,708	+32.8	+ 0.8
Wolfe County	5,669	6,534	7,615	-13.2	-14.2

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Morgan County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	3,000	18,300
Agricultural	900	3,600
Nonagricultural	2,100	14,700
Manufacturing	300	2,046
Trade and Services	251	4,294
Government	300	4,400
Other	1,249	3,960

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

Industry	Morgan County			Labor Market Area		
	1970	1960	% Change	1970	1960	% Change
TOTAL	289	123	+134.9	1,775	1,070	+ 65.9
Food & Kindred Products	1	2	- 50.0	66	82	- 19.5
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	170	0		678	192	+253.1
Lumber & Furniture	102	107	- 4.7	485	580	- 16.4
Printing, Publishing, Paper	10	9	+ 11.1	77	32	+140.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	6	5	+ 20.0	125	163	- 23.3
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0		277	0	
Other	0	0		67	21	+219.0

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

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Courier Publishing Company	Newspaper, letter- press printing, photolathe plate making	9	5	4
Frederick and May Lumber and Supply Company	Rough lumber	111	110	1
Lycoming Shoe Company	Children's shoes	200	180	20
Wells Ready Mixed Concrete, Inc.	Ready mixed concrete	4	4	0

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

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>	
		<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1.60	\$1.95	\$1.80
Inspector	1.60	2.00	1.85
Production Laborer	1.60	1.95	1.80
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.00	\$3.25	\$2.50
Laborer	1.60	2.00	1.70
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.25	1.75
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.25	\$1.85
Receptionist	1.60	2.00	1.80
Secretary	1.60	2.25	1.85
Typist	1.60	1.90	1.75

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union

The Boot and Shoe Workers
Union

Representing workers at:

Lycoming Shoe Company

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -
WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971^{6/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1977 (Becoming 18 Years of Age)^{7/}</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market						
Area	11,962	6,411	5,551	10,153	5,378	4,775
Morgan County	1,448	686	762	1,375	747	628
Elliott County	1,143	687	456	803	401	402
Johnson County	2,523	1,217	1,306	2,201	1,166	1,035
Lawrence County	1,775	852	923	1,403	736	667
Magoffin County	1,785	975	810	1,489	756	733
Menifee County	710	485	225	530	293	237
Rowan County	1,356	819	537	1,458	798	660
Wolfe County	1,222	690	532	894	481	413

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Morgan County	\$ 15,939,000	\$ 8,430,000	+ 89.1
Labor Market Area	125,183,000	59,242,000	+ 111.3
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 97.7

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME^{9/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Morgan County	\$1,530	\$ 777	+96.9
Labor Market Area	\$1,038 to 1,990	\$549 to 947	N. A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+83.4

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Morgan County</u>
Total Enrollment	2,597
Elementary	1,314
Junior High	494
High School	789
Student-Teacher Ratio	26-1
Elementary	25-1
Junior High	35-1
High School	23-1
State Rating of High School	Standard (1) Basic (1)
Percent High School Graduates to College	35.9
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$410.16
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1970	\$117,000

Parochial Schools

Total Enrollment	8
Elementary	8
Student-Teacher Ratio	8-1

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Mayo Area Vocational School	Morgan County
Miles Distant	Paintsville	West Liberty
Curriculum	40 miles, southeast	
	Welding	Drafting
	Industrial Electricity	Electricity
	Auto Mechanics	Auto Mechanics
	Cosmetology	
	Drafting	

Nearest Area
School (Cont'd.)

Carpentry
 Diesel Mechanics
 Radio & TV Repair
 Printing
 Machine Shop
 Auto Body Repair
 Electronics, Maintenance
 Highway Engineering Aide
 Tool & Die Design
 Electronics Communications
 Technical Electronics

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 85 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,030	Masters
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	416	Associate
Ashland Community College	Ashland	1,079	Associate
Pikeville State College	Pikeville	740	Baccalaureate
Transylvania University	Lexington	2,227	Masters
University of Kentucky	Lexington	17,763	Ph.D., M.D., D.M.D., J.D.
Southeastern Christian College	Winchester	148	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson	374	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving - The closest rail service for West Liberty is located 40 miles to the southeast at Paintsville. Service is provided by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company.

Services - Carload freight only, siding, REA Express

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

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

Truck Service

Company

Bell Lines, Inc.
Point Express, Inc.

Home Office

Charlestown, West Virginia
Charlestown, West Virginia

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

City	Delivery			City	Delivery		
	Highway Miles	Time LTL	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time LTL	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	461	3	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,364	7	7
Birmingham, Ala.	494	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	146	3	2
Chicago, Ill.	471	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	307	3	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	178	2	1	New Orleans, La.	820	4	3
Cleveland, Ohio	422	3	2	New York, N. Y.	837	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	443	3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	462	3	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	300	3	2	St. Louis, Mo.	516	3	2

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	West Liberty-Morgan County Airport	Blue Grass Field, Lexington
Location:	2 miles southeast of West Liberty	85 miles west of West Liberty
Runways:	1 paved	3 paved
Length:	2,400 feet	6,500 feet; 3,500 feet; 3,500 feet
Traffic Control:	Wind sock	Tower, guards, approach control, ground control, ILS System
Lighting:	None presently - will have lighting by 1972 (approach lighting)	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways, and obstruction lights
Services:	80-100 octane; phone	80, 100 and 145 octane; jet fuel; major A & E repairs; storage; restaurant; Weather Bureau; flight instruc- tion; charter service; taxi; U-Drive-It service; Eastern, Delta, Piedmont, and Allegheny Airlines

Bus

Southern Greyhound

Taxi

Two privately operated taxis serve
West Liberty

Rental Services

Closest rental service is in Mt. Sterling,
47 miles distant

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving West Liberty - Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Big Sandy Power Plant

Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW

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

Company serving Morgan County - Licking Valley RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 548,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Licking Valley RECC,
West Liberty, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving West Liberty - Elam Utility Company

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Company

Size of transmission lines - 3 and 2 inches

Distribution lines - 1 to 6 inches

Btu content - 1,170

Specific gravity - .68

Distribution pressure - 10 psi

Rates:

First	1,000 cu. ft. or less per month	\$3.10
Next	10,000 cu. ft.	1.05 per M cu. ft.
Next	10,000 cu. ft.	1.00 per M cu. ft.
Next	19,000 cu. ft.	.95 per M cu. ft.
Next	460,000 cu. ft.	.90 per M cu. ft.
Excess	500,000 cu. ft.	.70 per M cu. ft.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Municipal Water Works
Source - Licking River
Treatment plant capacity - 240,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 165,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 200,000 gallons
Type treatment - Chlorination, filtration, sedimentation, fluoridation
Storage capacity - 300,000 gallons
Average pressure - 100 psi
Size mains - 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$3.60 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	1.35 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.10 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.70 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons

Surface water sources - Licking River
Average discharge - Licking River near Salyersville 159 cfs (31-years, USGS)
Expected ground water yield - 5 gpm or less in northwestern portion of county; 50 to 200 gpm in remainder of county

Sewerage

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Municipal Water Works
Design capacity - 360,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 100,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Digester, trickling filter, aerators, primary and secondary clarifier
Treated effluent discharged into - Licking River
Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches
Size of storm mains - 12 to 36 inches
Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 4 councilmen - 2-year terms
Budget 1971 - General Fund \$73,000; Water and Sewer Fund \$70,000
Fees and licenses - Business licenses range from \$10 to \$20 per year;
auto sticker \$10 per year

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 5 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$44,932; Road Fund \$31,750

Assessed Value of Property

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>West Liberty, 1971</u>	<u>Morgan County, 1970</u>
Real Estate	\$7,178,830	\$30,801,322
Tangibles	1,475,666	5,484,187
Public Service		4,097,864 ('69)

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>West Liberty</u>	<u>Morgan County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.335	.335
School	.356	.356
City	.200	
Total	\$.906	\$.706

*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 - Morgan County Planning Commission
Plans completed - Comprehensive Plan, Initial Housing Element
Codes adopted - Building Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code,
Electric Code, Fire Code, Gas Code

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>West Liberty</u>	<u>Morgan County</u>
Total staff	3	5
Patrol cars	1	1 (radio- equipped)

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7
Volunteers	25
Equipment:	
750-gpm pumper	1
500-gpm pumper	1

Sanitation

	<u>West Liberty</u>
Type service	private
Cost	
residential	\$2.50 per month
business	\$10 per month
Collection frequency	
residential	twice a week
business	6 days a week
Disposal method	burning and land fill

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>Nearest General Hospital*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
St. Claire Medical Center	Morehead, 47 miles	41 (52 beds being added)

General hospital facilities - Emergency room, X-ray equipment, EKG, laboratory, operating room

Medical staff - 3 surgeons, 2 doctors of internal medicine, 5 general practitioners, 11 registered nurses, 8 licensed practical nurses, 4 lab technicians, 2 X-ray technicians, 3 consulting pathologists, 1 consulting radiologist

Expansion Program - At present a new wing is being constructed which will provide 52 additional beds, emergency room, X-ray room, laboratory, 2 major operating rooms, 1 minor operating room, and a cystoscopy room. New services to be offered include cardiac care, pediatrics, obstetrics, and physical therapy. The medical center will affiliate with Morehead State University for a 2-year nursing associate program. The medical center is now affiliated with the University of Kentucky Medical Center for a rotating internship and residency program.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care homes	1	29

Public Health

Facility - Morgan County Health Department

Staff - 1 administrator and sanitarian, 1 nurse and 1 clerk, all of which work full time

Budget 1970-71 - \$32,549.31

*A 50-bed general hospital is now under construction in West Liberty. Completion date is expected to be in 1973.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Mountain Rural Telephone Company
Services - Standard

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

Newspapers - Licking Valley Courier
Weekly and circulation - 3,641
Other papers received from - Ashland, Mt. Sterling and
Lexington, Kentucky

Radio - WLKS - West Liberty
Stations received from - Paintsville, Lexington, Morehead and
Louisville, Kentucky

Television -
Reception from - Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky
Kentucky Educational Television - Morehead, Channel 38;
Lexington, Channel 46

Library Services

Public Libraries - John F. Kennedy Memorial Library
Size collection - 20,000 volumes
Circulation, 1970 - 63,000
Services - Bookmobile rural service, story hour, community
center, TV, ETV, adult education, open 40 hours a week

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 6
Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Church of God,
Church of Christ, Catholic

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Commercial Bank	\$11,634,513.85	\$10,719,075.28

Hotels and Motels

<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>
1	35

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Kiwanis Club, Blood Bank, PTA, Red Cross,
Ministerial Association

Fraternal - Masons, American Legion, VFW

Women's - Women's Club, West Liberty Garden Club, Homemakers,
Ceramic School, Morgan County Women's Republican Club, Eastern
Star, The Circle, Margaret Stacey Guild

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Sunbeams, Brownies, Girl Scouts,
FFA, FHA, 4-H

Other - Band Parents, Booster's Club

RECREATION

Local

Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Yes
Playground - 1
Swimming pool - 1
Tennis courts - 2
Baseball diamond - 1
Football field - 1

Private Recreation Facilities

Country club - 1
Golf course - 1
Swimming pool - 1
Movie theater - 1 (drive-in)
Other - Driving range, 2 tennis courts, croquet court, shuffleboard

Tourist Attractions

Annual Dogwood Festival
Sorghum Festival

Area (Within 70 miles)

Jenny Wiley State Park
Natural Bridge State Park
Grayson Reservoir
Kay Run Lake (now being developed; expected to be completed in 1972)

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	236,160	1,550,720
Percent of area in farm land	69.0	56.7
Number of farms	1,376	6,837
Average size of farms (acres)	118.5	128.5
1964 value of all farm products	\$3,096,065	\$12,151,605
Value per farm	2,250	1,777
Total crop sales	2,461,089	8,686,547
Total livestock & livestock products	634,966	3,456,995
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	3,674,000	12,888,000
Corn (bu.)	160,000	703,000
Cattle and calves (number)	8,200	46,100
Hogs and pigs (number)	2,200	11,300
Milk production (1967) (lbs.)	11,040,000	46,165,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Limestone, coal, fire clay, petroleum
Other mineral resources	Common clays and rock asphalt
Acres of commercial forest land	170,200
Most abundant tree species	Red oaks, white oaks, yellow poplar, hickories, yellow pine, beech and soft maple

Climate 14/

	<u>Morgan County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.0 degrees
Average annual 1970	54.8 degrees
Record highest August, 1918 (82-year record)	106.0 degrees
Record lowest February, 1899 (82-year record)	- 27.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,754
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	38.77 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (82-year record)	24.2 inches
Total precipitation 1969	38.32 inches
Mean number days precipitation (82-year record) (.01 inches or more)	142
Average number days thunderstorms (76-year record)	44
	21.

HISTORY

Morgan County is located in eastern Kentucky on the western edge of the Appalachian plateau. Called the "Bluegrass County of the Cumberlands," its 369 square miles are nestled in the foothills of the Cumberlands. The county is bisected by Licking River, which flows in a northwesterly direction. The land surface is hilly, interspersed with fertile valleys, and the soil is derived from the sandstone and clay rock units in the area.

The area was first traversed in 1787 by surveying parties in the interest of Virginia's Revolutionary War soldiers. The names of John and James Hamilton were found carved on a tree with the date 1793. Daniel Boone visited the area during his early exploration of the state, leaving his initials carved on several trees. A number of families settled there at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and by 1822 Morgan became Kentucky's seventy-third county, named for General Daniel Morgan, a distinguished military officer born in New Jersey. Morgan had fought in Indian wars, the Revolution, and the Whiskey Rebellion, and led Morgan's famed Rifle Regiment.

West Liberty, the county seat since 1836, is located at the geographic center of the county. The town suffered greatly during the Civil War, when twenty-nine buildings, including the courthouse, were destroyed by fire. West Liberty had a population of 1,387 in 1970.

The county had a population of 2,857 in 1830, which grew to an all-time high of 16,827 in 1940. Subsequently, there were declines to 13,624 in 1950, and 11,056 in 1960. Although there was another decline in the next decade to 10,019 in 1970, the rate of decline was only about half that of the previous decade.

Agriculture accounted for 900 of the county's 3,000 employed in 1969, with burley tobacco, corn, cattle, and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing employment totalled 300, most employed in the production of shoes and lumber. Largest of the county's firms are Lycoming Shoe Company, which makes children's shoes, and Frederick and May Lumber and Supply Company. Morgan County was once noted for its large production of cannel coal, but the supply has now become depleted.

Among noted citizens of Morgan County was John M. Elliot, who served two terms in the U. S. Congress and two in the Congress of the Confederacy. James Monroe Brown, a Kentucky Secretary of State and brother-in-law of Henry Clay was also from Morgan County.

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