

1968

# Industrial Resources: Simpson County - Franklin

Kentucky Library Research Collections  
Western Kentucky University, [spcol@wku.edu](mailto:spcol@wku.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/simpson\\_cty](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/simpson_cty)

 Part of the [Business Administration, Management, and Operations Commons](#), [Growth and Development Commons](#), and the [Infrastructure Commons](#)

---

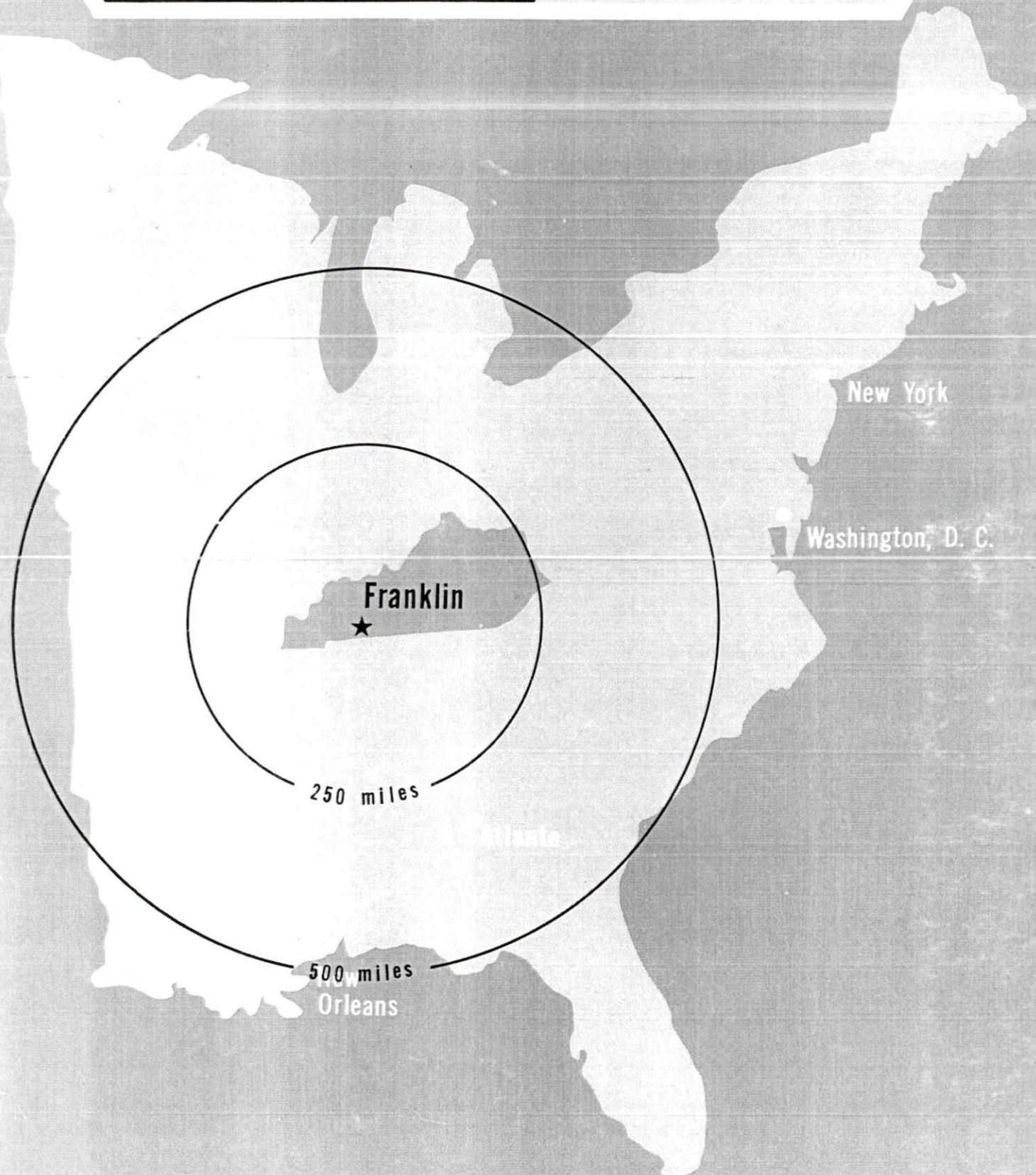
## Recommended Citation

Kentucky Library Research Collections, "Industrial Resources: Simpson County - Franklin" (1968). *Simpson County*. Paper 12.  
[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/simpson\\_cty/12](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/simpson_cty/12)

This Report is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in Simpson County by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact [topscholar@wku.edu](mailto:topscholar@wku.edu).

# **INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES**

**FRANKLIN  
KENTUCKY**



FRANKLIN INDUSTRIAL SITES

1968



## FRANKLIN INDUSTRIAL SITES

Cost per acre of the following sites will be furnished upon request by James S. Davis, First Federal Savings & Loan, Franklin, Kentucky, Phone: 502 586-4473, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce

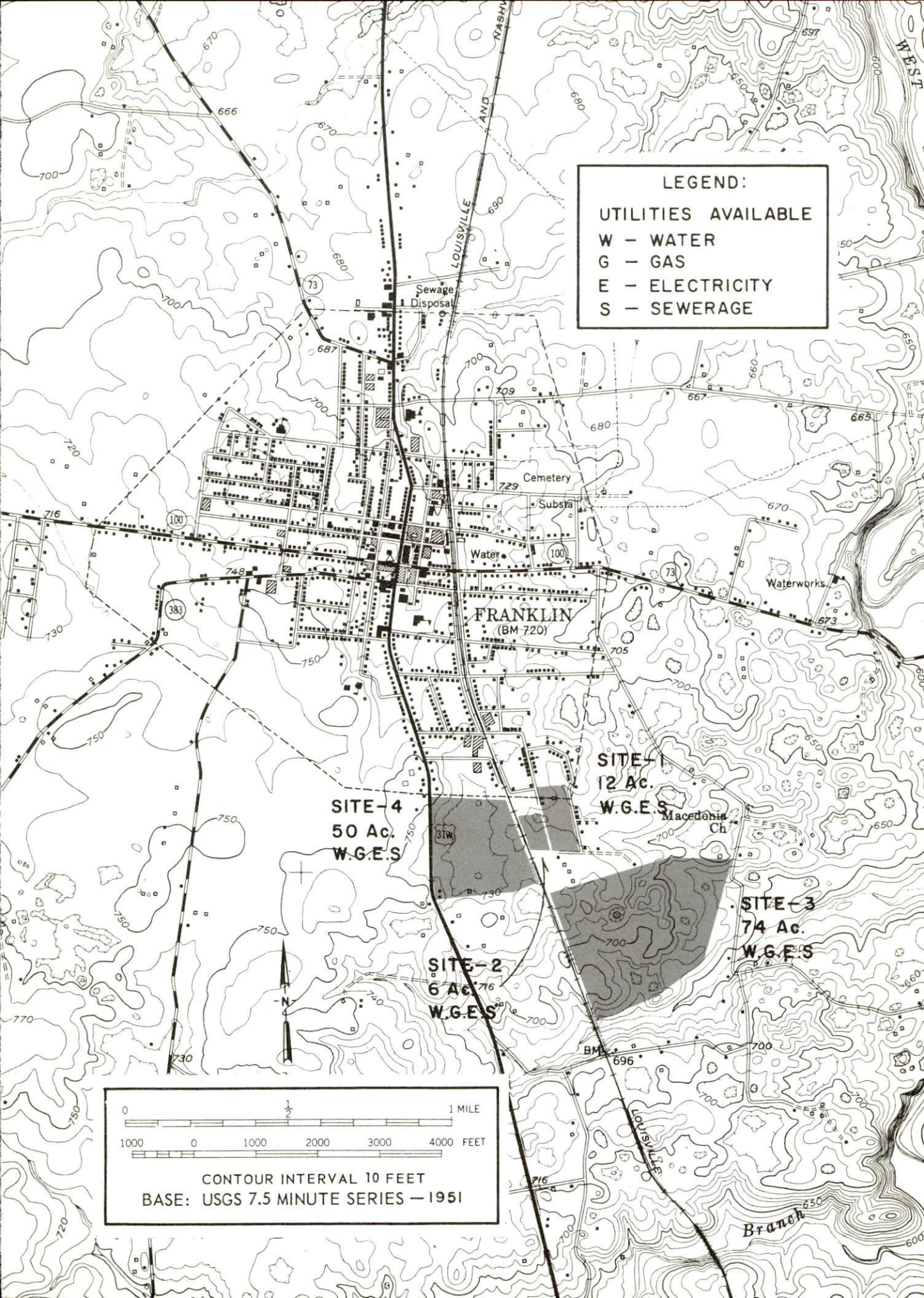
SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 12 acres, slightly rolling  
LOCATION: Southeast of Franklin  
ZONING: Heavy industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: City street  
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad  
WATER: City water  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Franklin Electric Plant Board  
SEWERAGE: City of Franklin  
OPTIONED BY: Franklin Industrial Development Association

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 6 acres, slightly rolling  
LOCATION: Southeast of Franklin  
ZONING: Heavy industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: City street  
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad  
WATER: City water  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Franklin Electric Plant Board  
SEWERAGE: City of Franklin  
OPTIONED BY: Franklin Industrial Development Association

SITE #3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 74 acres, rolling  
LOCATION: Southeast of Franklin  
ZONING: Heavy industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: On industrial access road  
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad  
WATER: City of Franklin  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Franklin Electric Plant Board  
SEWERAGE: City of Franklin  
OPTIONED BY: Franklin Industrial Development Association

SITE #4: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 50 acres, gently rolling  
LOCATION: South of Franklin  
ZONING: Heavy industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 31-W  
RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad  
WATER: City of Franklin  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Franklin Electric Plant Board  
SEWERAGE: City of Franklin  
OPTIONED BY: Franklin Industrial Development Association





LEGEND:

UTILITIES AVAILABLE

W - WATER

G - GAS

E - ELECTRICITY

S - SEWERAGE

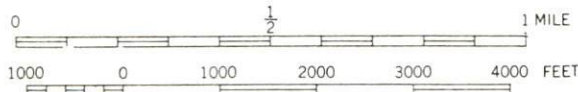
FRANKLIN  
(BM 720)

SITE-1  
12 Ac.  
W.G.E.S.

SITE-4  
50 Ac.  
W.G.E.S.

SITE-2  
6 Ac.  
W.G.E.S.

SITE-3  
74 Ac.  
W.G.E.S.



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1951

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY

Prepared by

The Kentucky Department of Commerce

in cooperation with

Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce

1968

This copy has been prepared by the Kentucky Department of Commerce,  
Division of Research and Planning, and the cost of printing paid from  
state funds.





CITY OF FRANKLIN



# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Page</u>
INDUSTRIAL SITES . . . . .	i
FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE . . . . .	1
THE LABOR MARKET . . . . .	3
Population. . . . .	3
Employment Characteristics . . . . .	3
Wage Levels. . . . .	5
Labor Organizations . . . . .	6
Labor Supply . . . . .	6
Income and Sales. . . . .	7
EDUCATION . . . . .	9
Elementary and High School. . . . .	9
Vocational Schools . . . . .	10
Colleges . . . . .	10
TRANSPORTATION. . . . .	11
Rail . . . . .	11
Highways . . . . .	11
Truck Service. . . . .	11
Air. . . . .	12
Other Transportation Services. . . . .	12
POWER AND FUEL. . . . .	13
Electricity . . . . .	13
Natural Gas . . . . .	14
Coal . . . . .	15
Fuel Oil. . . . .	15
WATER AND SEWERAGE . . . . .	17
Water. . . . .	17
Sewerage . . . . .	17

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Page</u>
AGRICULTURE-NATURAL RESOURCES-CLIMATE . . . .	18
Agriculture . . . . .	18
Mineral Resources . . . . .	18
Water Resources . . . . .	18
Forests . . . . .	19
Climate . . . . .	19
LOCAL GOVERNMENT . . . . .	20
Structure . . . . .	20
Finance . . . . .	20
Taxes . . . . .	20
Planning and Zoning . . . . .	21
Safety . . . . .	21
Fire. . . . .	21
Police. . . . .	21
Sanitation. . . . .	21
HEALTH . . . . .	23
Hospitals . . . . .	23
Nursing Homes . . . . .	23
Public Health . . . . .	23
OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES . . . . .	25
Housing . . . . .	25
Communication . . . . .	25
Libraries. . . . .	26
Churches. . . . .	26
Financial Institutions . . . . .	26
Hotels and Motels . . . . .	26
Clubs and Organizations . . . . .	28
Recreation . . . . .	28
Local . . . . .	28
Other . . . . .	28
Community Improvements . . . . .	29
Public. . . . .	29
Business and Industrial . . . . .	29
Other . . . . .	30
HISTORY . . . . .	31



## FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

### Location

Franklin, the county seat and largest community in Simpson County, is located in Kentucky's Western Pennyroyal area in the southwestern part of the state, 6 miles north of the Tennessee state line. Franklin is situated approximately 43 miles north of Nashville and 131 miles southwest of Louisville.

### The Economy

Simpson County has a balanced economy based on employment in manufacturing, trades and services, and agriculture. Total county employment averaged 5,700 in 1967. Manufacturing, which provides 2,000 jobs, has almost tripled in employment thus far during the 1960's.

Employment in the four-county area of which Franklin is the center is also characterized by balance. In this area manufacturing provides 10,200 jobs, trades and services almost 8,000, agriculture 7,700, and government 3,100. Manufacturing employment in the area has increased by 89 percent during the past eight years.

The outlook for continuing economic growth in Franklin as well as the entire area is very favorable. Franklin has strong local leadership, community attitudes are good, the labor supply is productive and growing, wage rates are moderate, and industrial sites are available for industry. Interstate Highway 65 gives Franklin high speed access to major markets in the Midwest and the South.

### Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 2,600 men and 1,800 women in the Franklin labor market area. By 1974 the current labor supply will be augmented by the 4,300 young men and 4,200 young women in the area who will become 18 years of age.

### Industrial Sites and Services

Franklin has four industrial sites ranging from 6 to 74 acres. All utilities are available at each site. Each site is rail served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and has highway access. Air service is available from the Bowling Green-Warren County Municipal Airport at Bowling Green, 21 miles distant.

## Recreation

Recreational facilities are plentiful in Franklin and within the Franklin area. Local facilities provide swimming, tennis, golf, and fishing. There are three parks in Simpson County which provide various recreational activities.

Franklin is located within 56 miles of the cave area of Kentucky which provides activities such as cave tours and camping. Several state parks are located in the Franklin area, as well as two Tennessee state parks within easy driving distance. Barren River Reservoir and Shanty Hollow Lake, both within 30 miles of Franklin, provide fishing, swimming, and boating facilities.

Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, 21 miles away, provides various cultural and sports activities. The City of Bowling Green provides various recreational activities such as Beech Bend Amusement Park, drama production, and vocal and orchestra concerts.

## THE LABOR MARKET

### Population

Since 1900 Franklin has had a steady increase in population. Between 1950 and 1960 Franklin's population increased 22.5 percent. The population increase can be attributed to the growth of industrialization in the area.

The population of Simpson County in the 1900-1950 period experienced a gradual rise of 0.5 percent. During the 1950-1960 period, Simpson County saw a decrease in population of 1.1 percent. The 1960-1968 period has seen Simpson County experience a steadily upward gain in population of 11.7 percent. This increase is due to the increased industrialization that has occurred in the area.

TABLE 1

### POPULATION TREND - FRANKLIN AND SIMPSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY <sup>1/</sup>

Year	Franklin		Simpson County	
	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
1900	2,166		11,624	
1950	4,343	100.5	11,678	0.5
1960	5,319	22.5	11,548	- 1.1
1968 <sup>2/</sup>	NA		12,900	11.7

### Employment Characteristics

In 1967, total employment in Simpson County averaged about 5,700. Major segments of employment are manufacturing (2,000), agriculture (1,400), and trades and services (1,000). Unemployment was equivalent to 3.3 percent of the labor force.

Industrial activity has increased significantly in Simpson County in the last eight years. Total employment in manufacturing is now about 2,000 workers, almost 3 times the 700 workers in 1959. Rubber products, and machinery and metal products are the leading products with approximately 1,700 persons employed.

Two industries have located new plants in Franklin during the last eight years. A third firm is presently building a plant facility, and two other firms have recently announced plans to begin construction of new plants in Franklin in the near future.



Franklin's industries have grown and prospered during the 1960's. Eight firms have invested a total of over \$8 million in plant expansions during the period, creating new jobs for over 1,150 workers.

TABLE 2

MAJOR FRANKLIN MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
WITH PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>3/</sup>

Firm	Product	Employment		
		T	M	F
Alliance Rubber Co., Inc.	Rubber bands	60	31	29
Anaconda American Brass Co.	Brass products	(under const.)		
Foremost Dairies, Inc.	Dried whey, sugar of milk	18	17	1
The Franklin Favorite WFKN, Inc.	Newspaper, job printing	14	11	3
Kendall Company	Industrial adhesive tape products	679	342	337
Kerr McGee Oil Industries	Fertilizer	30		
Lenk Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Contract aerosol fillers, soldering irons, blow-torches	245	105	140
Marvel Industries, Inc.	Screw hoists, metal stampings, trailer couplers	82	80	2
Potter & Brumfield	Electrical relays	766	308	458
E. S. Robey & Co., Inc.	Tobacco redrying	104	83	21
Simpson County Lumber Co.	Rough lumber	33	30	3
Simpson Manufacturing Co.	Fatigue pants, dungarees, laundry bags	228	12	216

The four-county Franklin labor market area includes Simpson County and the adjoining counties of Allen, Logan, and Warren. In September 1967, there were 10,200 employed in manufacturing in the area. Major groupings of activities are shown in Table 3. Employment in metal products and machinery is concentrated in Simpson, Logan, and Warren Counties; food and beverages in Logan and Warren; wood products in Simpson, Logan, and Warren; while apparel employment is scattered throughout the area.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, FRANKLIN LABOR MARKET AREA,  
SEPTEMBER, 1967 <sup>4/</sup>

Industry	Employment
TOTAL	10, 221
Metal products and machinery	4, 729
Apparel	2, 106
Food and beverages	962
Wood products	952
Others	1, 458

Wage Levels

The average weekly wage in all industries covered by unemployment insurance in Simpson County in 1967 was \$81.03; the weekly average wage in manufacturing was \$85. These wages are below the Kentucky averages of \$104.50 for all industries and \$115.08 for manufacturing. This could mean that labor could be recruited for jobs in Simpson County at near the minimum wage level for production jobs.

Some examples of specific wage rates in the Franklin area are: <sup>5/</sup>

<u>Production Employees</u>	<u>Wages per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
Assembler	\$1.67	\$1.82	\$1.82
Drill Press Operator	1.67	1.82	1.82
Grinder, Machine	1.67	1.82	1.82
Inspector	1.92	2.24	2.24
Lathe Operator	1.67	1.82	1.82
Machinist, Set Up	1.67	1.82	1.82
Polisher and Buffer	1.67	1.82	1.82
Production Laborer	1.62	1.77	1.77
Punch Press Operator	1.67	1.82	1.82
Sprayer or Painter	1.67	1.82	1.82
Welder, Arc or Acetylene	1.82	1.97	1.97
Welder, Resistance or Spot	1.67	1.82	1.82

<u>Service Employees</u>	<u>Wages per Hour</u>		
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
Carpenter	\$2.40	\$4.55	\$2.40
Crane Operator	2.50	4.55	4.55
Electrician	2.96	4.71	2.96
Janitor	1.25	2.00	1.60
Laborer	1.60	2.97	1.60
Machinist	2.05	4.00	2.40
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.21	3.25	2.59
Pattern Maker	2.05	4.35	2.35
Shipping Clerk	1.82	2.56	2.00
Truck Driver	2.05	3.75	2.40
Tool, Die or Gauge Maker	2.60	4.00	3.95
Welder, Acetylene, Carbon, and Arc	2.05	4.35	2.35

#### Office Employees

Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.60
Chief Clerk	1.60	2.25	1.80
Draftsman	2.00	2.50	2.50
File Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.60
Key Punch Operator	1.60	2.10	1.60
Receptionist	1.60	1.70	1.60
Secretary	1.60	2.25	2.00
Stenographer	1.60	2.25	2.00
Tabulation Machine Operator	1.60	1.85	1.60
Telephone Operator	1.60	2.00	1.60
Typist	1.55	1.90	1.55

#### Labor Organizations

There are no labor unions represented in Franklin or Simpson County.

#### Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 2,600 men and 1,800 women in the Franklin labor market area. In addition 4,300 boys and 4,200 girls in the area will become 18 years of age in the next five years and will augment the labor supply. The labor supply includes estimates of the unemployed, the underemployed, and those persons who would enter the labor force if jobs became available. An additional supply of workers might be recruited from adjoining counties in Tennessee.

The terrain and highway network in the area are conducive to commuting; however, the actual number of workers that could be recruited for manufacturing jobs in Franklin would depend upon a number of factors including working conditions and wage scales.



TABLE 4

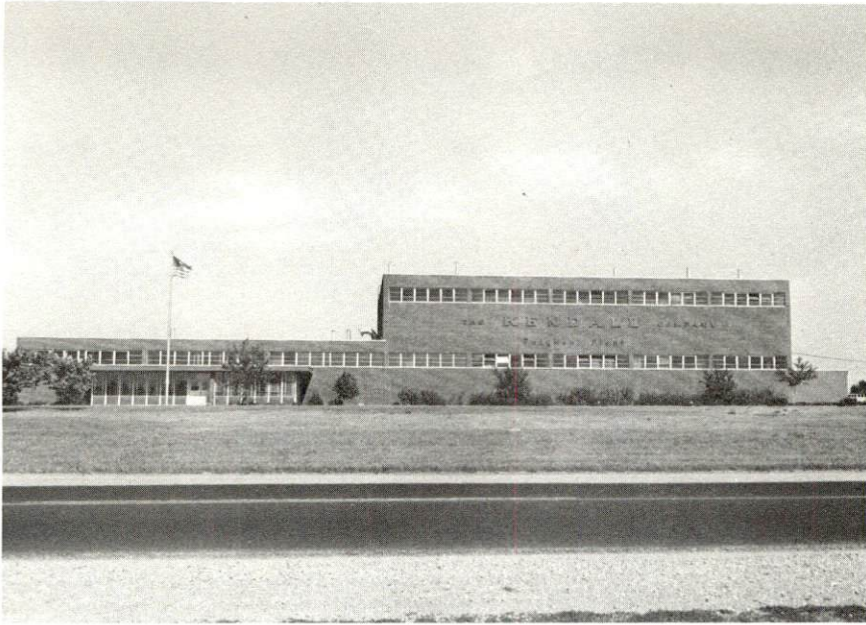
CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -  
FRANKLIN LABOR MARKET AREA <sup>6/</sup>

County	<u>Current Labor Supply</u> July, 1968			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1974</u> (Becoming 18 Years of Age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market						
Area	4,400	2,600	1,800	8,512	4,318	4,194
Simpson	500	300	200	1,109	561	548
Allen	1,000	600	400	1,100	549	551
Logan	900	300	600	1,970	1,039	931
Warren	2,000	1,400	600	4,333	2,169	2,164

Income and Sales

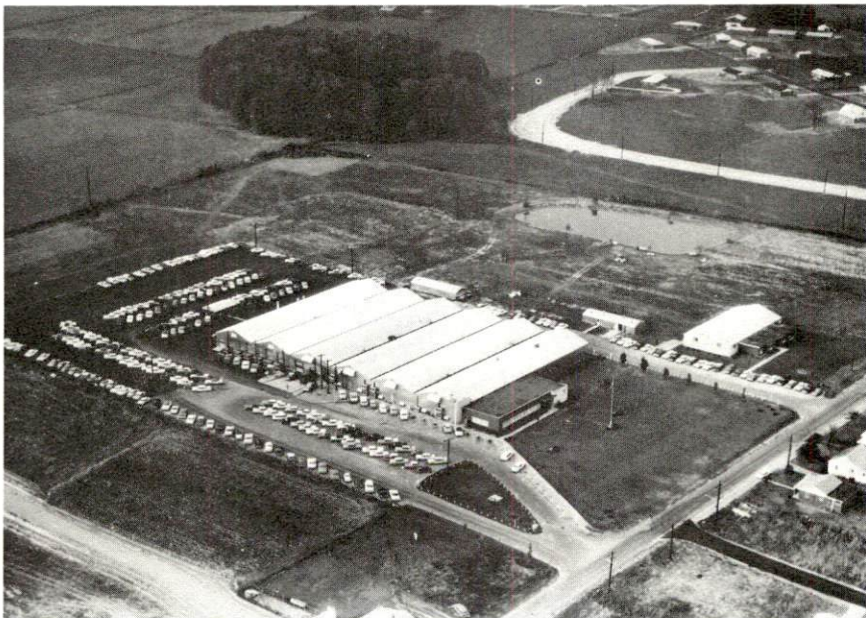
The 1967 effective buying income in Simpson County was \$25,387,000. Income per household was \$6,509, with 44 percent of all households in the \$5,000 or over income class. Retail sales totaled \$22,138,000 in Simpson County during 1967. <sup>7/</sup>

In 1963, there were 116 retail trade establishments in Simpson County, 104 of which were located in the City of Franklin. <sup>8/</sup>



The Kendall Company

Marvel Industries



Potter & Brumfield



## EDUCATION

The educational system in the Franklin labor market area has the facilities to produce an effective labor force for future industrial growth.

### Elementary and High School

The Franklin and Simpson County Schools are consolidated into one system and operated by the Simpson County Board of Education. The system consists of six elementary schools, one senior high school, and one junior high school.

Special personnel includes four home economics teachers, four vocational agriculture teachers, three vocational business teachers, one special education homebound teacher, one visiting teacher, and nine remedial reading teachers.

In September, 1968, the system began a program in educational television for grades 1 through 8. The system also participates in the summer headstart program and in the education of the mentally retarded.

The Simpson County School System in 1967 constructed an air-conditioned, 30-room, senior high school, with a kitchen and cafeteria, at a cost of \$850,000. In 1966, a football stadium and track field was completed. Planned improvements include the addition of two classrooms to the high school.

The 1968-69 estimated school budget is \$1,500,000.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN FRANKLIN AND SIMPSON COUNTY, 1968-69 <sup>9/</sup>

School	Grades	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student-Teacher Ratio
Franklin-Simpson Jr. High School	7- 8	503	20	25-1
Franklin-Simpson High School	9-12	809	51	16-1
Barnes Elementary School	1- 6	141	6	24-1
Franklin Elementary School	1- 3	568	26	22-1
North Elementary School	4- 6	509	22	23-1
Prospect Hill Elementary	1- 6	144	7	21-1
Round Pond Elementary	1- 6	103	5	21-1
West Simpson Elementary	1- 6	162	8	20-1
Amish	1- 9	23	1	23-1



### Vocational Schools

Franklin is served by the Bowling Green Area Vocational-Technical School, located in Bowling Green, 21 miles distant. Courses offered include: auto body repair, auto mechanics, barbering, carpentry, drafting, industrial electricity, electronics, machine shop, millwork, office machine repair, practical nursing, and tool and die making. The school is now occupying a new facility which was constructed at the cost of approximately 1.5 million dollars.

### Colleges

Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green is a short 21 miles away and offers a complete four-year undergraduate program as well as a graduate program.

Other institutions of higher learning in the Franklin area include:

<u>College or University</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Vanderbilt University	Nashville, Tennessee	44 miles
George Peabody College	Nashville, Tennessee	44 miles
Lindsey Wilson Jr. College	Columbia, Kentucky	74 miles
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro, Kentucky	75 miles
Brescia College	Owensboro, Kentucky	75 miles
Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, Kentucky	107 miles
Murray State University	Murray, Kentucky	111 miles

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Franklin is served by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad with one local freight daily. Switching service is provided for 50 cars. The average number of outbound carloads per month is 58 and inbound carloads average 82.

TABLE 6

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY, TO: <u>10/</u>			
City	No. of Days		No. of Days
	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	3	Louisville, Ky.	1
Birmingham, Ala.	3	Los Angeles, Calif.	5
Chicago, Ill.	4	Nashville, Tenn.	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	New Orleans, La.	4
Cleveland, Ohio	3	New York, N. Y.	5
Detroit, Mich.	4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	2

### Highways

Franklin is served by U. S. 31-W and Kentucky Routes 100, 383, 73, 591, 664, and 265. Interstate Highway 65 passes 3 miles east of Franklin and gives the area high speed access to Louisville and points north, and to Nashville and points south.

### Truck Service:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Associated Transport, Inc.	New York, New York
Dixie Ohio Express, Inc.	Akron, Ohio
Franklin Express	Franklin, Kentucky
Mason & Dixon Lines, Inc.	Kingsport, Tennessee
McLean Trucking Company	Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Skaggs Transfer, Inc.	Louisville, Kentucky
Southern Forwarding Company	Memphis, Tennessee
Wilson Freight Company	Cincinnati, Ohio

Franklin Express maintains a terminal in Franklin.

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILEAGE AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM  
FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time* <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	298	ON-3	ON-2	Louisville, Ky.	132	ON	ON-2
Birmingham, Ala.	247	ON-3	ON-2	Los Angeles, Cal.	2,089	5-10	4-7
Chicago, Ill.	424	2-5	ON-2	Nashville, Tenn.	43	ON	ON
Cincinnati, Ohio	245	ON-3	ON-2	New Orleans, La.	656	4-5	2-3
Cleveland, Ohio	484	3-5	2-4	New York, N. Y.	978	4-5	2-3
Detroit, Mich.	499	3-5	2-4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	528	4-6	2-3
Knoxville, Tenn.	237	ON**	ON-2	St. Louis, Mo.	324	2-4	2-3

\*Delivery time in days.

\*\*ON-Overnight.

The transit time will vary on shipments due to the time they are ready to leave Franklin and according to the size and routing. On all the points where overnight service is shown, regular shipments are handled to these points and they are delivered the day after they are shipped from Franklin on both TL and LTL.

United Parcel Service is available in Franklin.

### Air

Air service is available at the Bowling Green-Warren County Municipal Airport in Bowling Green, Kentucky, 21 miles from Franklin. The paved runways are 4,000 by 150 feet and 5,250 by 150 feet. Services available include: 80-100 octane, jet A-50, storage, minor A & E repairs, and FAA flight service station. Daily scheduled flights by Eastern Airlines and air freight services are available.

Franklin has a 1,700 by 145-foot private turf strip for use by small aircraft.

### Other Transportation Services

The Southern Greyhound Bus Line provides Franklin with eight northbound and eight southbound buses daily, connecting at Louisville, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tennessee, and at Hopkinsville and Owensboro, Kentucky. Tickets can also be purchased for Trailways Bus Line for any connecting point.

Taxi service is available in Franklin 24 hours a day. The nearest car and truck rental service is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, 21 miles from Franklin.



## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

The Electric Plant Board of the City of Franklin serves Franklin with electric power. Its source of supply is TVA.

A new service center was completed in 1967 at a cost of \$100,000.

Residential rates are as follows:

First	95 kwh per month at 2.25	cents per kwh
Next	105 kwh per month at 1.25	cents per kwh
Next	240 kwh per month at 0.01	cent per kwh
Next	660 kwh per month at 0.50	cent per kwh
Excess over	1,100	at 0.725 cent per kwh

Industrial rates are as follows:

Rate A: If the customer's demand for the month or contract demand is not more than 5,000 kilowatts:

#### Demand Charge:

First 50 kilowatts of demand per month, no demand charge

Excess over 50 kilowatts of demand per month, at \$1.10 per kilowatt

#### Energy Charge:

First	170 kwh per month at 2.50	cents per kwh
Next	330 kwh per month at 1.50	cents per kwh
Next	1,000 kwh per month at 1.09	cents per kwh
Next	1,500 kwh per month at 0.80	cent per kwh
Next	10,000 kwh per month at 1.07	cents per kwh
Next	17,000 kwh per month at 0.50	cent per kwh
Next	70,000 kwh per month at 0.41	cent per kwh
Next	400,000 kwh per month at 0.31	cent per kwh
Additional energy . . . . .		0.29 cent per kwh

Rate B: If the customer's demand for the month or contract demand is greater than 5,000 kilowatts:

Demand Charge:

First 75,000 kilowatts of demand per month, at \$1.10 per kilowatt

Excess over 75,000 kilowatts of demand per month, at \$1.05 per kilowatt

Additional charge for any demand in excess of customer's contract demand, at \$1.10 per month per kilowatt

Energy Charge:

First 5,000,000 kilowatt-hours per month at 2.80 mills per kwh

Additional energy . . . . . 2.75 mills per kwh

Facilities Rental Charges Applicable Under B Above:

No facilities rental charge is applicable for delivery at 161 kv. For delivery at less than 161 kv, the customer will pay, in addition to all other charges hereunder, a facilities rental charge of 15 cents per kw per month for the first 10,000 kw of the customer's contract demand and 5 cents per kw per month for the portion of contract demand which is in excess of 10,000 kw..

Warren Rural Electric Cooperative serves 2,150 customers in Simpson County. All power is purchased from the Tennessee Valley Authority, which has interconnections with all major neighboring utilities.

Low cost TVA electric power is available to industry.

Natural Gas

The Western Kentucky Gas Company supplies Franklin with natural gas. Its sources of supply are the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation and the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company. The natural gas mains range from 2 to 6 inches. The BTU content is 1,000 per cubic foot and specific gravity is .60.

Industrial gas rates are as follows:

Rate 3-A

Gas service under this rate is available only to customers who require and contract for not less than 100,000 cubic feet per day, or 24,000,000 cubic feet per year. Service may be 100 percent interruptible or 100 percent firm or a combination of the two.

The cost shall be:

Interruptible Service

First	2,000,000 Cu. Ft. Per Month	\$950.00
Next	2,000,000 Cu. Ft. Per Month	44.5¢ Per M Cu. Ft.
Next	2,000,000 Cu. Ft. Per Month	42.5¢ Per M Cu. Ft.
All additional . . . . .		36.5¢ Per M Cu. Ft.

Minimum charge: \$950.00 per meter per month

Coal

Franklin is served industrial and domestic coal by the Western Kentucky Coal District. A representative freight delivery cost is shown below. 12/

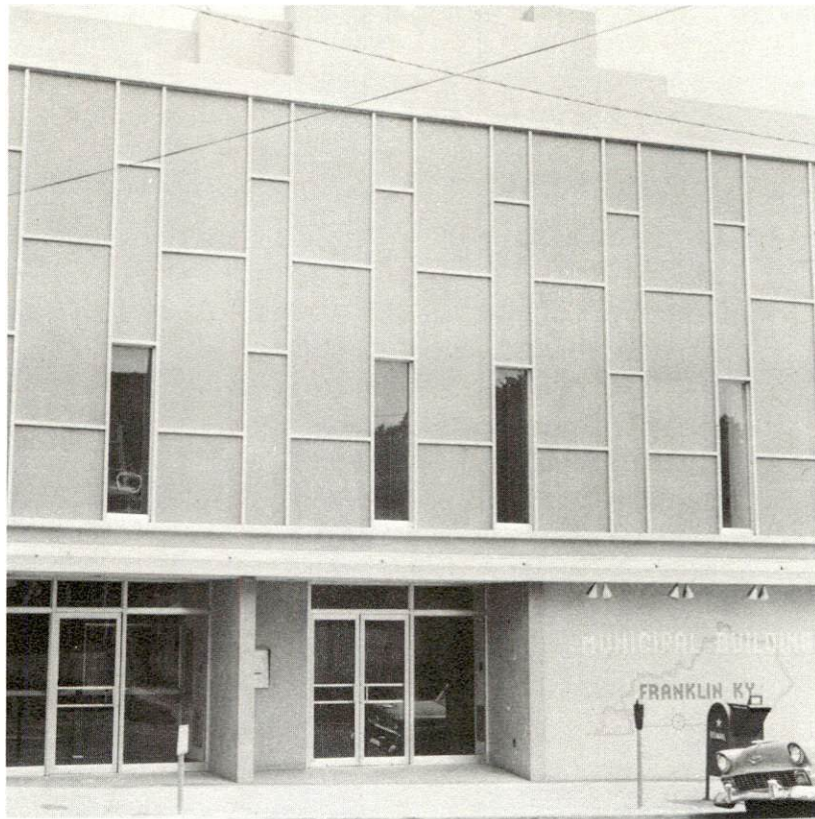
<u>Point of Origin</u>	<u>Type of Coal</u>	<u>Freight Delivery Cost Per Net Ton</u>
Clay	Industrial and Domestic	\$2.52
Providence	Industrial and Domestic	2.52
Other Western Coal Field locations	Industrial and Domestic	2.38

Fuel Oil

Kentucky has three fuel oil refineries located in Catlettsburg, Louisville and Somerset. Kentucky's fuel supply is supplemented by border state operations.

Delivered prices of the various grades may be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Commerce.

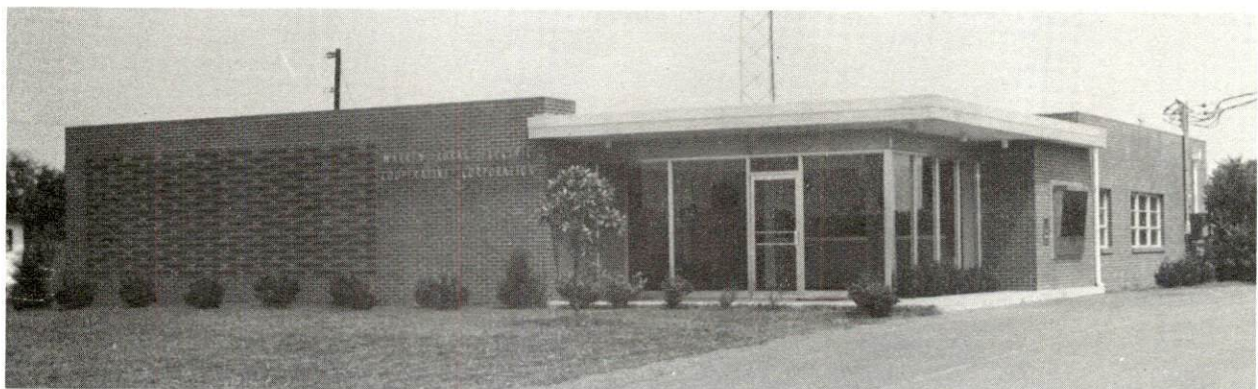




Municipal Building, Franklin



Electric Plant Board



Warren R. E. C. C.

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

The Franklin Water Works Commission supplies treated water to the Franklin area through its 1,800 gpm treatment plant. The source of raw water is Drakes Creek. Storage is in three 100,000-gallon settling basins for pre-treated water and three standpipes totaling 1,250,000 gallons for treated water. The average daily use is approximately 860,000 gallons and the maximum daily use was 1,003,000 gallons. The average pumping time to meet the daily requirements is 12 hours. The distribution lines range from 4 to 12 inches, with the average pressure maintained at 60 psi.

Monthly water rates are as follows:

#### Without Sewer

2,000 gallons - \$ 2.38
5,000 gallons - 5.23
10,000 gallons - 9.38
20,000 gallons - 15.97
Over 100,000 gals. @ 0.22/1,000 gal.

#### On Sewer

2,000 gallons - \$ 4.34
5,000 gallons - 9.55
10,000 gallons - 17.14
20,000 gallons - 29.17

The Simpson County Water District, consisting of 81 miles of distribution lines, is currently under construction. The distribution lines range from 3 to 6 inches with sub-pumping stations throughout the system. Two storage tanks with 150,000-gallon capacity will be constructed. The water will be purchased from the City of Franklin. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,110,000 with completion scheduled for 1968. Rates will be furnished upon request.

### Sewerage

Sewerage service is provided Franklin by a municipally owned company with separate storm and sanitary sewers. Sewage is discharged through 6- to 15-inch mains. The treatment plant has a capacity of 900,000 gpd with an average flow of 500,000 gpd. The system is the aeration type with primary and secondary treatment. Treated effluent is discharged into Drakes Creek. The sewerage system was designed for a population of 10,000. The monthly sewer rate is 50 percent of the water bill.

Plans call for an expansion of the city sewer and water system at a cost of \$1,000,000, to put all major areas of the city on sewers.



## AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

### Agriculture

The approximate total land area of Simpson County is 152,960 acres, with 91 percent of the area devoted to farming. In 1964, there were 1,116 farms in the county with an average size of 125 acres, valued at \$227 per acre (including buildings).

Farm income in the county is largely from the production of livestock including cattle, hogs, and dairy products supplemented substantially by tobacco and grains. The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$7,849,705, averaging \$7,034 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$3,275,713; livestock and livestock products totaled \$4,573,916.

In 1966, agricultural production in Simpson County included 1.9 million pounds of burley tobacco, 143,000 pounds of dark-fired tobacco, 1.8 million pounds of dark air-cured tobacco, 1.1 million bushels of corn, and 440,300 bushels of wheat. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1967 included 25,800 cattle and calves, and 27,000 hogs and pigs. Milk cows on farms during 1965 averaged 6,000 head, with milk production for the year totaling 37.3 million pounds.

### Mineral Resources

Simpson County's principal mineral resources are limestone and minor amounts of petroleum. The Ste. Genevieve and Lower Chester limestones in the northeastern portion of the county contain relatively high-calcium zones which are of possible chemical grade. Residual clay deposits have been identified but their quantity and quality is undetermined. Scattered deposits of sand and gravel are found, but as yet have no commercial value.

### Water Resources

Surface water supplies are available from West Fork Drakes Creek in the eastern portion of the county, Sulphur Spring Creek, and Red River in the western portion.

Ground water yields in Simpson County vary only slightly. The rate is from only a few gallons per minute to 100-gpm and offers some industrial and commercial supplies. Large springs that discharge several hundred gallons per minute are used as a public supply.



### Forests

There are 23,200 acres of commercial forest land in Simpson County, covering 15.2 percent of the total land area. The most abundant species are red oaks, white oaks, hickories, sweetgum, ash, and yellow poplar.

### Climate

Franklin has an attractive year round climate with few severe changes. Winter is short. Snowfall is light and occurs mostly during December and January. The snow does not last over a few days.

In an average year there are usually 105 clear days with 107 partly cloudy. The average yearly temperature is 55.8 degrees Fahrenheit with an average monthly range of 37.1 degrees in December to 80.6 degrees in July.

There is sufficient rainfall to meet the needs of each season. The average yearly precipitation is 50.7 inches and April has more rainfall than any other month.

The prevailing wind is from the northwest and according to a 26-year study, an average of 15 days a year had fog.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Structure

Franklin is a fourth-class city, governed by a mayor elected every four years and six councilmen elected every two years.

Simpson County is governed by a county judge and four magistrates elected for four-year terms.

### Finance

Franklin's general fund income in 1967 was \$180,184.63 and expenditures totaled \$174,937.47. Bonded indebtedness outstanding of the city is approximately \$1,389,000.

Simpson County's 1968-69 estimated budget is \$197,748. The county's bonded indebtedness in June 30, 1967, amounted to \$450,000 in general hospital bonds.

### Taxes

As provided by state law, Franklin may allow an exemption from municipal taxation for a five-year period to new industries.

Business and occupational licenses range from \$10 to \$200 annually.

Property taxes are a major source of income for Franklin and Simpson County. Property must be assessed at 100 percent of value under provisions of the Kentucky Constitution. Net assessed value of major classes of property in Franklin and Simpson County in 1967 was:

<u>Major Classes of Property</u>	<u>Franklin</u>	<u>Simpson County</u>
Real Estate	\$24,251,210	\$39,558,770
Tangibles	9,576,030	12,065,380
Public Service	2,362,981	8,686,415

Property tax rates for 1967 are shown on the following page.

TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR  
FRANKLIN AND SIMPSON COUNTY, 1967 <sup>13/</sup>

Taxing Unit	Franklin	Simpson County
State	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.203	.203
School	.489	.489
City	<u>.235</u>	<u>          </u>
Total	\$ .942	\$ .707

### Planning and Zoning

Franklin has a local Planning and Zoning Commission. Zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations are in effect.

### Safety

Fire: The Franklin Fire Department is staffed with a full-time chief and 24 volunteers. Equipment consists of a 1,000-gpm pumper, two 500-gpm pumpers, and an auxiliary tank truck. Franklin has a Class-8 NBFU insurance rating.

The Simpson County Fire Department has a 500-gpm pumper equipped with a 1,500-gallon tank, a 500-gpm pumper, and a portable pumper.

Police: The Franklin Police Department is staffed by a chief, nine policemen, and one radio operator. Equipment consists of two patrol cars equipped with two-way radios.

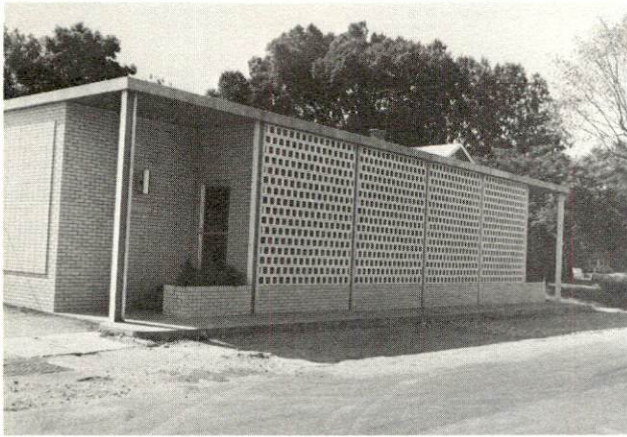
Simpson County's law enforcement unit consists of a county sheriff, one deputy sheriff, and four constables, with two state patrolmen on duty in the county.

### Sanitation

Garbage collection is provided by both the city and by a private contractor. Collection provided by the city is limited to once a month at no charge.

Pickup by a private contractor is made weekly in the residential areas for \$2 per month. Pickup in the business district is made as often as necessary for a \$3 monthly fee.





Franklin Favorite - Radio Station WFKN



Carter Moore Hospital



Simco Personal Care Home



New Franklin-Simpson Memorial Hospital



Franklin Country Club

## HEALTH

### Hospitals

The Carter Moore Community Hospital serves Franklin and Simpson County with 45 beds and a staff of 5 doctors, 3 surgeons, 5 registered nurses, 7 practical nurses, 25 nurses aides, 3 orderlies, and 16 miscellaneous employees. Hospital services include X-ray, EKG, surgery, general medicine, and laboratory facilities. The Carter Moore Clinic provides outpatient services with 11 examining rooms.

The Franklin-Simpson Memorial Hospital is scheduled for completion by December, 1968. It will be a 50-bed, modern general hospital employing approximately 100 persons.

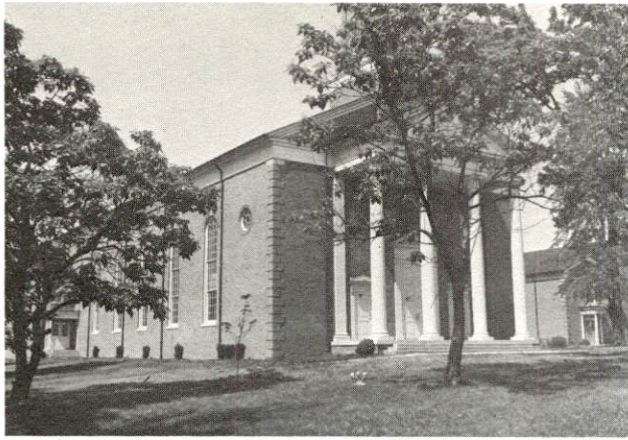
### Nursing Homes

Franklin has one licensed nursing home and three personal care homes with approximately 140 beds.

### Public Health

The Simpson County Health Department is located in Franklin and is staffed with a part-time health officer, one nurse, one part-time sanitarian, one clerk, and part-time area workers. Services include: programs in communicable disease control, school health, health education, environmental sanitation, maternal and child health, TB control, dental health, venereal disease control and nutrition.





First Baptist Church



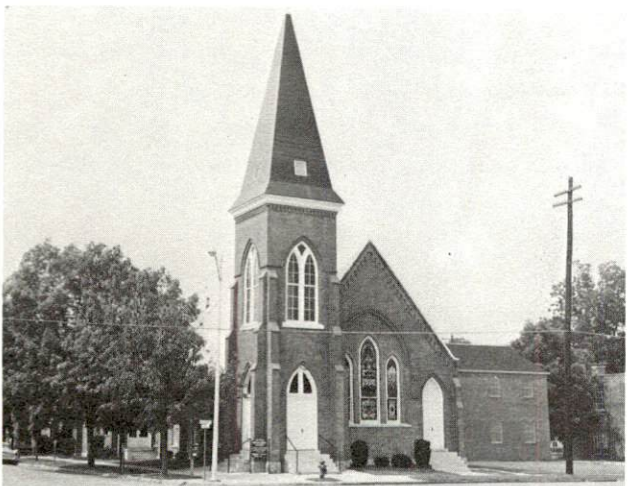
St. Mary's Catholic Church



First Methodist Church



Church of Christ



Presbyterian Church



Subdivision



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Housing

The construction cost of a brick 2- and 3-bedroom house ranges from \$9 to \$11 per square foot. The rental range for a 2- and 3-bedroom house is \$75 to \$100 per month.

There are approximately 560 building lots in 7 subdivisions in Franklin.

### Communication

Telephone: The South Central Bell Telephone Company serves Franklin with 4,849 telephones. Residential rates are:

One party line	- \$4.15
Two party line	- 3.40
Four and eight party lines	- 3.00 plus mileage

Business rates are:

One party line	- \$9.50
Two party line	- 8.50
Four party line	- 7.75
Eight party line	- 4.75

Telegraph: Telegraph service is provided Franklin by Western Union and is located in the Greyhound Bus Depot.

Postal: Franklin has a first-class post office with 22 employees. Mail is dispatched and received four times daily. There are three city routes, one parcel post route, and six rural routes. Postal receipts for 1967 totaled \$129,700.

Newspapers: The Franklin Favorite, a weekly newspaper, is published every Thursday and has a circulation of 3,550.

Other papers are received daily from Bowling Green and Louisville, Kentucky; and Nashville, Tennessee.

Radio: Radio station WFKN, an independent station located in Franklin, transmits on 1,220 kilocycles with power of 250 watts. It operates from sunrise to sunset or from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Radio reception is also received from Bowling Green.

Television: Television reception is received from WLTV, an ABC station located in Bowling Green, 22 miles away. Other television reception is from WSM, WLAC, and WSIS in Nashville, Tennessee.

### Libraries

The Goodnight Memorial Library serves Franklin with 12,755 volumes. The library subscribes to 25 magazines and 2 newspapers. The circulation of the library during 1967 totaled 40,937. The circulation of the bookmobile for 1967 totaled 14,961. The staff consists of one full-time librarian, two part-time employees, and a janitor. Special services provided by the library include: a children's story hour, participation in the Headstart Program, and participation in an Enrichment Program which provides art exhibits, drama productions, and a children's theater. The library also circulates record collections, pictures, and 16 mm film.

### Churches

The following churches are represented in Franklin: Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

### Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1968</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Franklin Bank & Trust Company	\$ 4,418,000	\$ 3,990,000
Simpson County Bank	13,740,000	12,371,000
<u>Savings and Loan Association</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Bowling Green (branch)	\$44,497,042.51	\$32,254,935.16

### Hotels and Motels

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>
Homestead Court	19
Kentucky Motel	12
Key's Motel	47
31-W Motel	13



Franklin Bank & Trust Co.



Simpson County Bank



First Federal Savings & Loan Association



## Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Lions, Rotary, and Optimist

Fraternal: Masonic Lodge, American Legion, VFW, WOW, Moose, and Shrine

Women's: Garden Club, Homemakers, Eastern Star, Business and Professional Women's Association, VFW Auxiliary, and DAR

Youth: Junior Music Club, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, FHA, FFA, Cub Scouts, and Brownies

## Recreation

Local: The 130-acre Franklin Country Club has a clubhouse, Olympic size swimming pool, wading pool, paved tennis courts, and a 9-hole golf course. An additional 9-hole golf course is being planned.

Franklin has a 50- by 150-foot municipal swimming pool and tennis courts. A 3,000-seat athletic stadium and 3,000-seat gymnasium are located at the Franklin-Simpson High School. The American Legion and the VFW have parks in the county with playgrounds, equipment, and picnic facilities. A Kentucky roadside park with a picnic area is located 4 miles south of Franklin.

The Simpson County Game and Fish Club owns 55 acres of land with a fishing lake, picnic area, playground, trap shooting facilities, and a rifle range. The Simpson County Archery Club maintains an archery range.

Drakes Creek and Red River provide bass, crappie, and bluegill fishing. Spring Creek provides trout fishing as well as a park and picnic area.

Other facilities include a regulation size lighted Little League baseball field, a miniature golf course, and two horseback riding clubs. The Jaycees annually sponsor a horse show.

Other: World renowned Mammoth Cave National Park is 56 miles from Franklin and provides various activities such as cave tours, nature trails, scenic boat trips, wildlife, camping, picnic area, and dining in one of the world's most unusual dining rooms, 267 feet underground. The Mammoth Cave Hotel is located near the cave and provides lodging, food, and craft shops.

Other cave sights are the Diamond Caverns, Mammoth Onyx Cave, and Crystal Onyx Cave, all within 50 miles of Franklin.

State parks located in the Simpson County area and providing lodging, picnic area, playgrounds, fishing, water sports, and golf are Lake Malon State Park and Pennyryle Forest State Park. Two Tennessee state parks are the Cedars of Lebanon State Park and Montgomery Bell State Park, both 65 miles from Franklin.

Several lakes are in the Simpson County area. Barren River Reservoir is located 30 miles from Franklin and provides fishing, swimming, skiing, and boating. A 50-room lodge will soon be completed at the park. Shanty Hollow Lake is 28 miles from Franklin and provides excellent fishing facilities.

Small game and deer hunting is available during season.

Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green provides a variety of cultural activities such as art exhibits, drama productions, voice and orchestra concerts, and the Rodes-Helm Lecture Series. Western also provides a variety of college sports, especially football and basketball.

Bowling Green has a Community Concert Association which presents a variety of musical programs. Beech Bend Amusement Park is located in Bowling Green and provides amusement rides and swimming. The Bowling Green Alley Playhouse presents a series of dramatic productions.

#### Community Improvements

##### Public:

1. An expansion of the city sewerage collection system and water system at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000.
2. A new 50-bed Franklin-Simpson Memorial Hospital at a cost of \$900,000 due for completion in late 1968.
3. An 81-mile water distribution system to rural areas of Simpson County is currently under construction and is due to be completed in the future.
4. In the planning stage is the development of a community recreational park.

##### Business and Industrial:

1. Construction of two branch banks of the Simpson County Bank.

2. The relocation and expansion of the Hayes Garment Company, Inc., to a 40,000 square foot building.
3. The construction of the Kerr-McGee Company plant.
4. The construction of the Anaconda American Brass Company plant on a 197-acre site.

Other:

1. A connector highway linking the east I-65 interchange with Franklin.
2. An industrial access road running along the southeast city limits from Kentucky Route 100 to U. S. 31-W South.



## HISTORY

Simpson County became the sixty-third county in Kentucky in 1819. Its territory was taken from Allen, Logan, and Warren Counties. The eastern boundary line was to have been a North-South survey, 12 1/2 miles from Scottsville, the county seat of Allen County, but another act changed the line, making Drakes Creek the boundary. This caused Simpson County to lose several miles of original territory. In 1867, the Legislature compensated Simpson by taking a strip of land three miles wide from Logan, adding some 50 square miles to Simpson County.

The surface of Simpson County is generally level to slightly undulating. The soil is based on limestone with a red clay formation and is very fertile. It is drained by the Big Barren River and its tributaries.

A favorite story concerns the community of Geddes. It relates that when General John Hunt Morgan crossed into Kentucky in December, 1862, he saw a Union flag flying over the farmhouse of an aged widow. One of his soldiers started to cut down the pole and was suddenly berated by the widow who vowed she would die before the flag was desecrated. Morgan permitted her to keep the flag. The widow offered to feed the troop, but Morgan refused saying he would have his Christmas dinner on food captured from the Yankees.

Simpson County was named for Captain John Simpson, a Virginian, who came to Kentucky as a boy. He practiced law in Shelbyville, represented Shelby County in the State Legislature for four terms, and in 1812 was elected to a term in Congress. But before he could serve he was killed, in 1813, leading his men into battle against the British.

Franklin, the county seat, was named for Benjamin Franklin in 1820. The site selected was that of William Hudspeth, who had been given an ultimatum that if water was not discovered in his well within 24 hours, another site would be chosen. He filled the well with water during the night, whereupon his site was chosen the next day for the City of Franklin.

Simpson County's economy has historically been based on agriculture, but in recent years the agricultural economy has been giving way to increased industrialism with 20 industrial plants currently located in Franklin.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- 1/ U. S. Bureau of the Census, U. S. Census of Population, Kentucky.
- 2/ Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Kentucky County Provisional Population Estimates, 1968, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 3/ Kentucky Department of Commerce, 1968 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers.
- 4/ Kentucky Department of Economic Security, Division of Research and Statistics.
- 5/ Kentucky Department of Economic Security, Employment Service Office.
- 6/ Kentucky Department of Commerce, Kentucky's Labor Supply Estimates, 1968.
- 7/ Sales Management Magazine, Survey of Buying Power, June 10, 1968.
- 8/ U. S. Department of Commerce, 1963 U. S. Census of Business.
- 9/ Franklin-Simpson Schools, Office of School Superintendent.
- 10/ Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Louisville, Kentucky.
- 11/ Franklin Express, Franklin, Kentucky.
- 12/ Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Louisville, Kentucky.
- 13/ Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1967.