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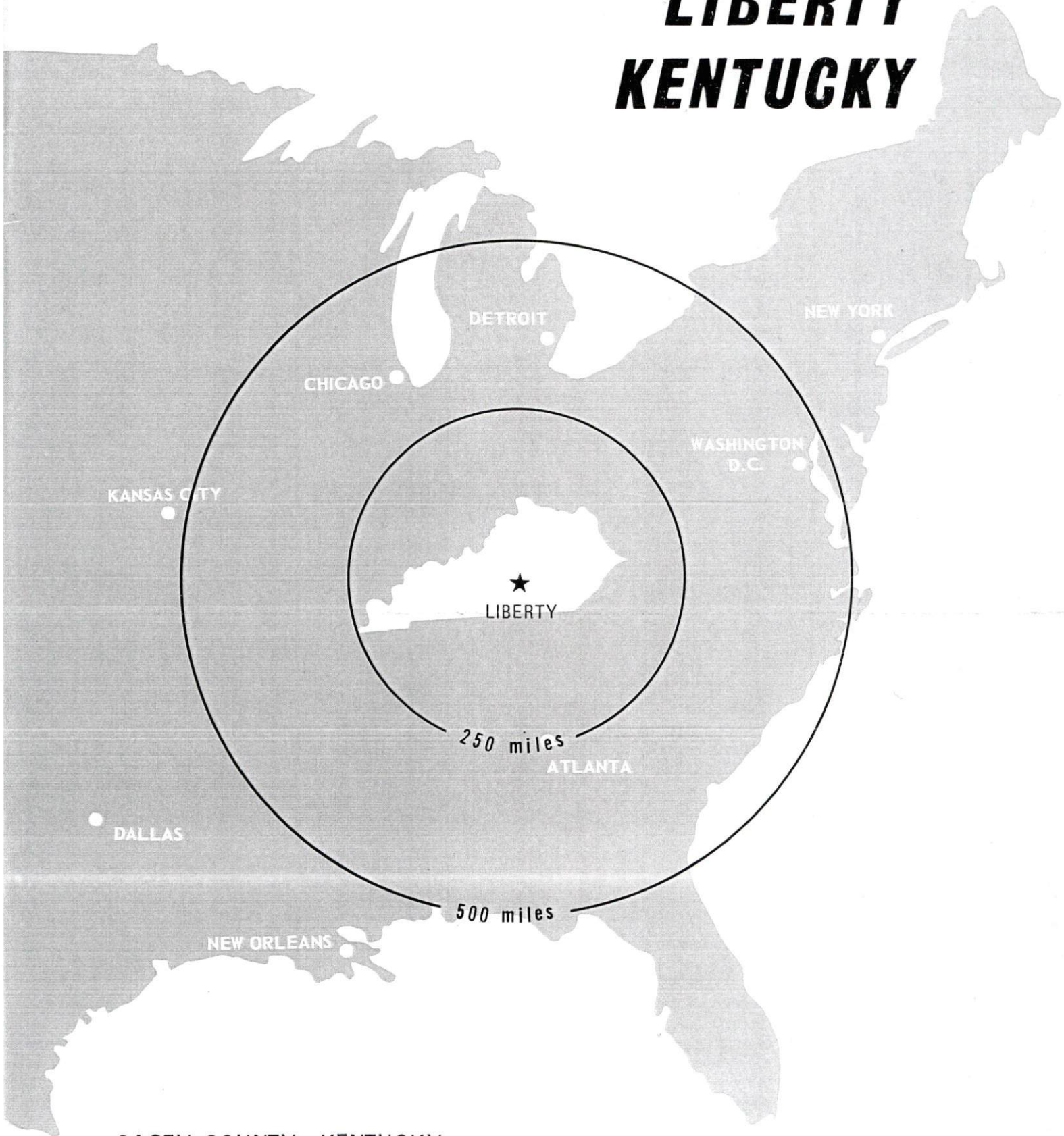
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

LIBERTY KENTUCKY



CASEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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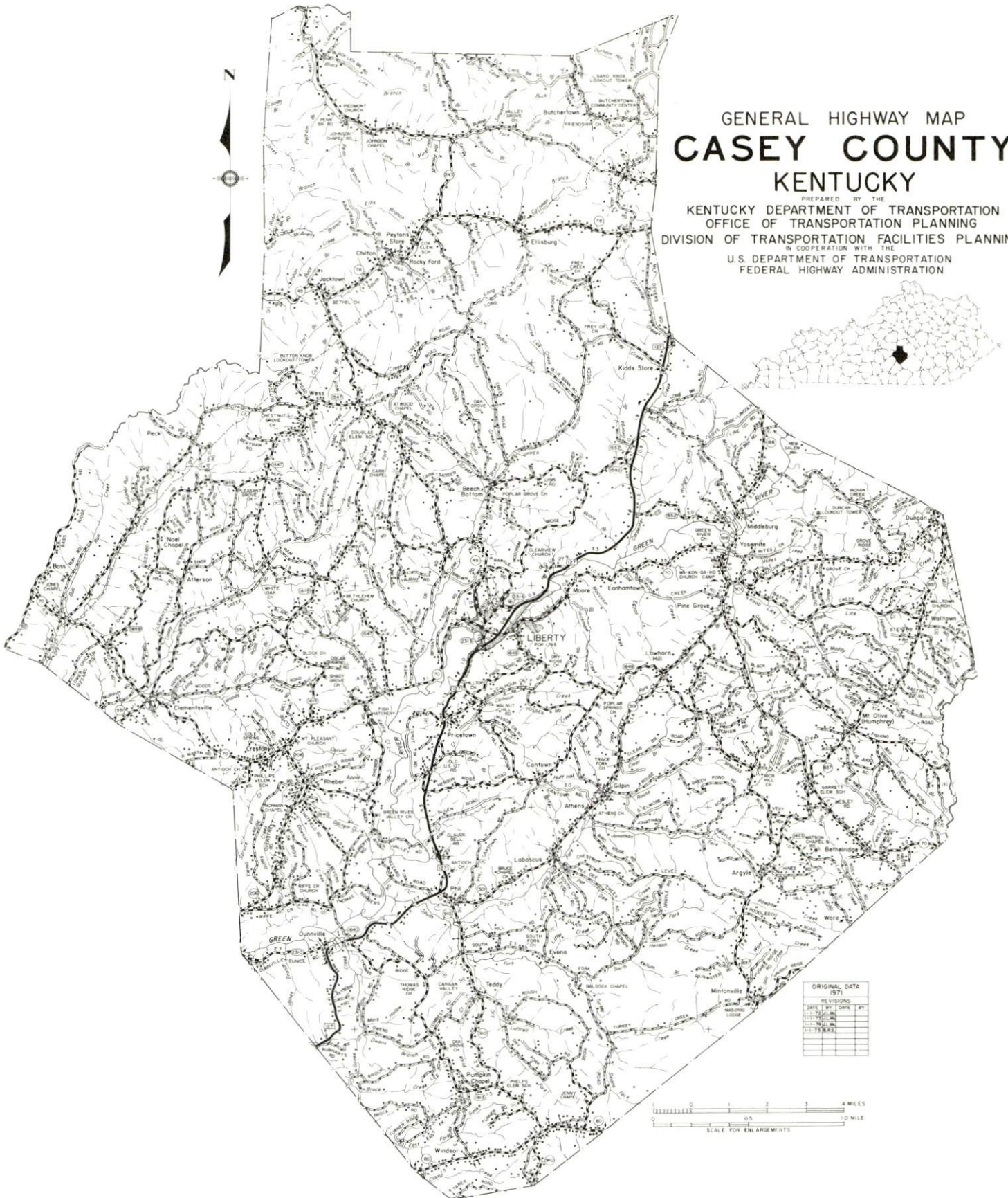
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP CASEY COUNTY KENTUCKY

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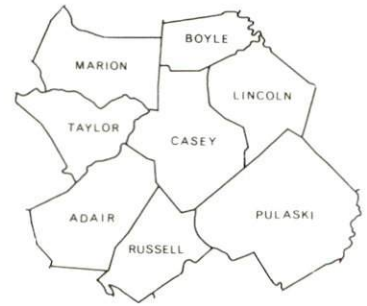


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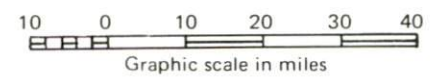
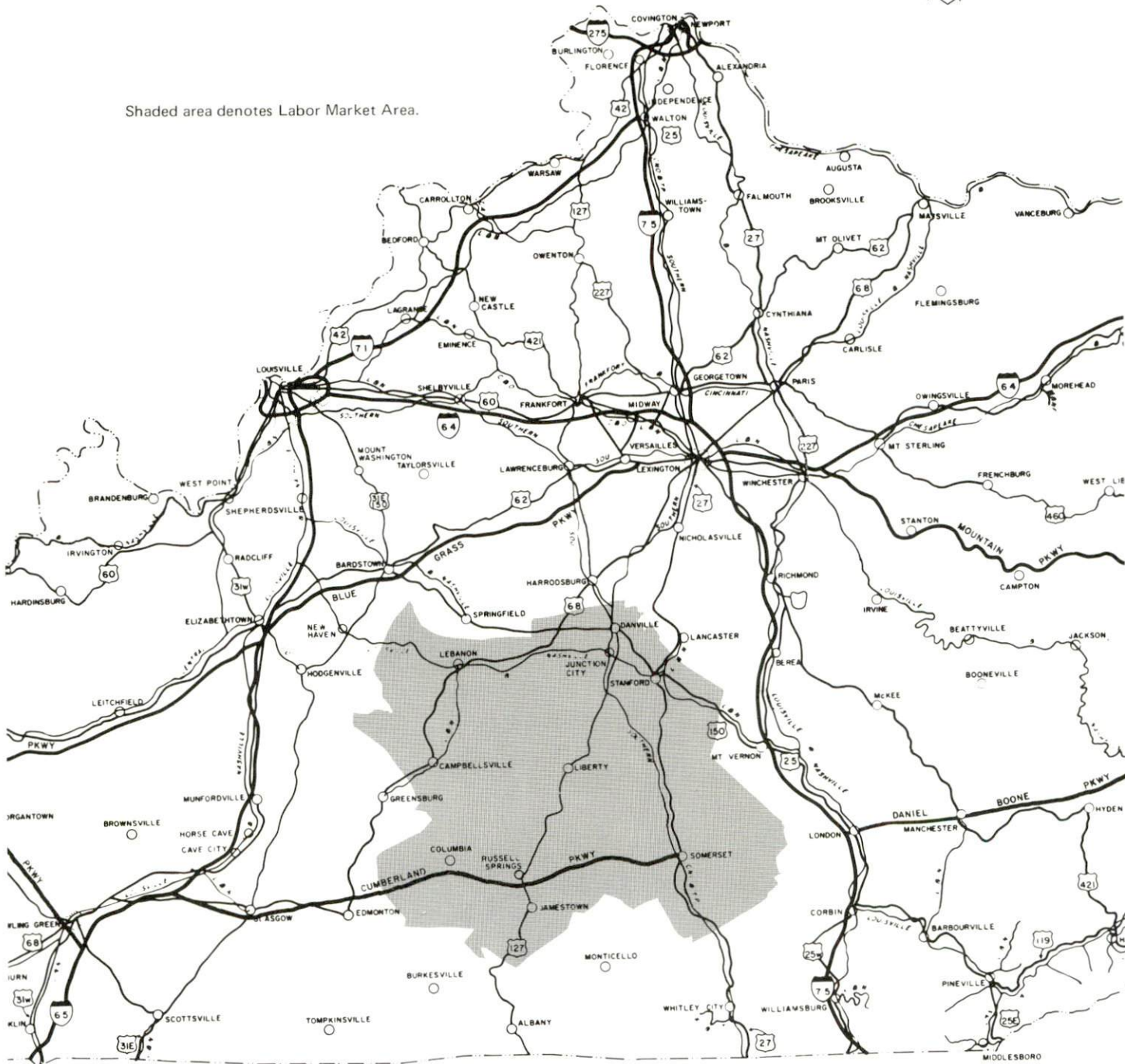
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LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



LIBERTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Liberty, the county seat of Casey County, is located in the central portion of the county. Liberty is 93 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 135 miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio, and 140 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee. In 1973, Liberty had a population of 1,762.

Casey County's 435 square miles are located in south central Kentucky, and are situated within two physiographic regions. The northern section of the county lies in the Outer Bluegrass Region, while the southern part is in the Mississippian Plateau. The 1974 population of Casey County was 13,900.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Casey County residents employed in 1974 averaged 5,200, including 1,120 in agriculture and 530 in government. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 930 workers, and trade and services firms employed 450. Major industrial products are: women's sportswear, lumber and lumber products.

Total unemployment in Casey County averaged 6.1 percent of the labor force in 1974.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1973 was \$2,231, an increase of 43.6 percent since 1969.

The Liberty labor market area includes Casey and the seven adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1974 averaged 61,670, including 9,330 in agriculture and 6,860 in government. Manufacturing employers in the labor market area reported 14,090 workers and trade and services firms employed 12,770.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current labor supply of 7,470 men and 7,290 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 7,280 young men and 6,920 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1981 and potentially available for work.

2. The nearest rail service is provided by the Southern Railway System at Moreland, 16 miles away. U.S. Highway 127 and Kentucky Highways 49 and 70 serve Liberty. Three truck lines serve the area. Commercial air service is provided by Blue Grass Field located approximately 64 miles away in Lexington, Kentucky. The Liberty-Casey County Airport is capable of accommodating light aircraft.

3. Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Liberty and parts of Casey County. Inter-County RECC, South Kentucky RECC, and Taylor County RECC provide electricity to Casey County. Liberty Gas Company serves Liberty. Four propane and butane distributors and four distillate fuel oil distributors serve the area.

4. One school system operates in Casey County. Two senior colleges, one community college, and two junior colleges are located within 40 miles of Liberty. The Casey County Area Vocational Education Center at Liberty offers training in six course areas. The Somerset State Vocational-Technical School, 38 miles away, offers training in thirteen course areas.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

Area	1974*	1970	Percent Nonwhite
			1970
Liberty	1,762**	1,765	0.5
Labor Market Area			
Casey County	13,900	12,930	0.3
Adair County	14,200	13,037	4.6
Boyle County	22,100	21,861	11.7
Lincoln County	17,000	16,663	5.5
Marion County	16,300	16,714	8.8
Pulaski County	40,100	35,234	1.7
Russell County	11,600	10,542	0.8
Taylor County	18,300	17,138	6.3

*Provisional Estimates.

**1973 Population Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970. U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 120, June 1975.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1974

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Casey County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	5,198	61,672
Agricultural	1,119	9,333
Nonagricultural	4,079	52,339
Manufacturing	933	14,086
Government	534	6,860
Trade and Services	452	12,766

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Administration and Operations.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1974

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Casey County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	980	14,038
Food & Kindred Products	0	658
Tobacco	0	4
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	563	6,932
Lumber, Furniture	409	2,420
Printing & Publishing, Paper	7	233
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal,		
Rubber	0	374
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	1,034
Machinery, Metal Products,		
Equipment	1	2,383

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September, 1974.

LIBERTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm (Establishment date)	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Claud Buis (1945)	Lumber, cross-ties, wood posts	2	2	0
Casey County Farm Supply (1955)	Custom mixed feed	5	5	0
Casey County News (1904)	Newspaper, job printing	7	4	3
Clements Handle Mill (1962)	Hickory handles	3	3	0
Goode Lumber Company (1974)	Lumber, crossties	11	10	1
Hayes Lumber (1967)	Barrel staves, headings, furniture squares	48	47	1
Liberty Lumber Company (1954)	Lumber, tobacco sticks, wood pallets, wood posts	8	8	0
Liberty Sportswear, Inc. (1967)	Women's sportswear	472	71	401
Freeman Monday & Sons (1965)	Lumber, crossties	10	10	0
Murphy Handle Mill (1962)	Dimension hardwood lumber, custom furniture parts, pallets	12	11	1
Phillips Lumber Company, Inc. (1958)	Lumber, furniture squares	17	16	1
David Ponder Lumber Company (1967)	Lumber, pallet lumber	11	10	1
South Indiana Lumber Company, Inc. (1967)	Rough lumber, pallet lumber, hickory handles	11	10	1
Tarters Feed Mill, Inc (1950)	Feed	7	6	1
Ther-A-Pedic Company, Inc. (1974)	Mattresses, mattress frames	50	-	-
Watson Lumber Company, Inc. (1960)	Furniture squares, baseball bats, blanks, lumber	90	87	3

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, Division of Research and Planning.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no labor organizations representing manufacturing workers in Liberty at this time.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Future	
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	7,470	2,080	2,570	2,820	7,280
Casey	530	0	250	280	651
Adair	510	0	240	270	583
Boyle	1,190	400	270	520	1,041
Lincoln	760	0	430	330	856
Marion	580	0	310	270	1,049
Pulaski	1,990	860	590	540	1,804
Russell	1,370	820	320	230	470
Taylor	540	0	160	380	826

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

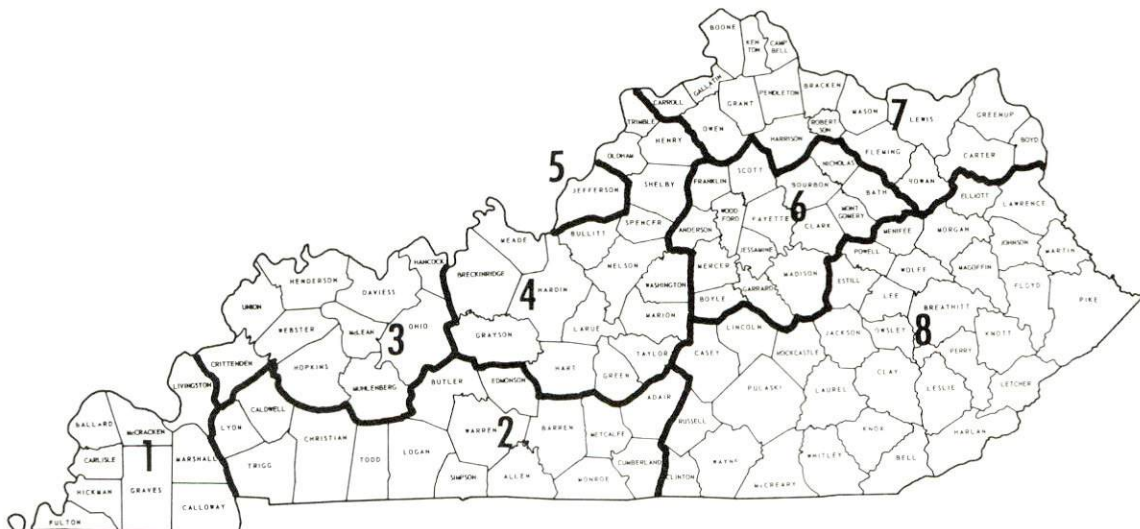
Area	Current			Future	
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed	Under- employed	Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1981
Labor Market					
Area	7,290	3,670	1,110	2,510	6,922
Casey	710	350	140	220	625
Adair	460	180	110	170	601
Boyle	780	140	150	490	945
Lincoln	760	260	240	260	787
Marion	540	130	170	240	1,016
Pulaski	2,620	1,870	150	600	1,633
Russell	1,030	740	80	210	479
Taylor	390	0	70	320	836

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1974. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1981.

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by industrial employers is protected from disclosure by federal law. The most reliable up-to-date wage information can be obtained by direct contact with local employers.

Associated Industries of Kentucky, a voluntary organization of Kentucky businesses, regularly collects occupational wage rates and fringe benefits data from participating member firms. Data is compiled for over 130 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eight regions of Kentucky, as shown on the map below. It should be noted that the data may be weighted by the preponderance of firms in the larger cities and may be somewhat higher than the rates paid in the smaller communities. Data from these tabulations are available, upon request, from the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



Associated Industries of Kentucky Area Wage Surveys

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Casey County	\$2,231	\$1,554	43.6
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$2,231 - 4,219	\$1,554 - 3,064	N. A.
Kentucky	4,050	2,894	39.9
U.S.	5,041	3,733	35.1

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Business Economics, Survey of Current Business, August, 1974. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, April, 1975.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Liberty - The Southern Railway System located 16 miles north at Moreland, Kentucky, is the nearest rail service.

Services - Freight - 1 local daily; siding space for four cars; switching space for four cars; switching for carloads only; nearest piggy-back facilities in Danville, 27 miles from Liberty

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services, contact:

District Sales Manager
Southern Railway System
701 South Broadway
Lexington, Kentucky 40210
(606) 252-2242

Highways

Liberty is served by U. S. Highway 127 and Kentucky Highways 49 and 70. The Cumberland Parkway, 23 miles south of Liberty, is accessible via U.S. Highway 127.

Truck Service

Company

Eagle Express Company, Inc.

McDuffee Motor Freight, Inc.
(United Trucking)

Sanders & Leigh *

Home Office

P.O. Box 679
Somerset, Kentucky
3047 Lonyo Road
Detroit, Michigan 48209
Liberty, Kentucky 42539

Other Freight Services

United Parcel Service

Nearest Shipping Center

Danville, 27 miles away

*Local terminal.

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery		City	Highway Miles	Delivery	
		Time TL				Time TL	
Atlanta, Ga.	311	3		Los Angeles, Calif.	2,216	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	349	3		Louisville, Ky.	93	overnight	
Chicago, Ill.	421	2		Nashville, Tenn.	153	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	135	2		New Orleans, La.	670	5	
Cleveland, Ohio	320	3		New York, N. Y.	785	4	
Detroit, Mich.	381	4		Pittsburgh, Pa.	444	7	
Knoxville, Tenn.	140	2		St. Louis, Mo.	371	2	

Source: Delivery Time Only - Sanders & Leigh, Liberty, Kentucky 42539

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
	Liberty-Casey County Airport	Blue Grass Field
Location:	6 miles west of Liberty	Lexington, Kentucky, 64 miles north of Liberty
Runways:	1 paved	2 paved
Length:	3,000 feet	6,500 feet, 3,500 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Lighted wind cone	Tower; guards, radar-arrival/ departure controls, ground control, stage II contact approach control, Automatic Terminal Information Service
Lighting:	Runway, threshold, rotating beacon, lighted wind cone, parking lot, flood lights, taxi-way lights	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and obstructions lighted
Services:	None	Delta, Eastern, Piedmont and Allegheny Airlines; 80, 100 and 145 octane, jet fuel, major A and E repairs, storage, restaurant, Weather Bureau and flight instruc- tion, charter service, taxi, U-Drive-It service
Air Freight Service:		Accepted on a space-available basis

Taxi - One cab company

Rental Services - U-Haul rentals available locally; car and truck rentals
available in Danville, 27 miles away

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Liberty and parts of Casey County - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 1,615,500 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company
Liberty, Kentucky 42539
(606) 787-7114

Company serving Casey County - (1) Inter-County RECC; (2) South Kentucky RECC; (3) Taylor County RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Inter-County RECC
P.O. Box 87
Danville, Kentucky 40422
(606) 236-4561

South Kentucky RECC
P.O. Box 910
Somerset, Kentucky 42501
(606) 678-4121

Taylor County RECC
West Main Street
Campbellsville, Kentucky 42718
(502) 465-4101

Natural Gas

Company serving Liberty - Liberty Gas Company
Source of supply - Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission mains - 3 1/2 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 1, 2, and 3 inches
Distribution pressure - 27 psi
Btu content - 1,027 per cubic foot
For rates and supplies contact:

Liberty Gas Company
Liberty, Kentucky 42539
(606) 787-6691

Other Fuels

Propane and butane

Bright Bottled Gas Company
Liberty, Kentucky
Ashland Petroleum Company (bulk plant)
Campbellsville, Kentucky
Hustonville Farm Service
Hustonville, Kentucky
William's Energy Company (bulk plant)
Moreland, Kentucky

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Burley Oil Company
Liberty, Kentucky
Texaco Fuel Oil
Burnside, Kentucky
Veterans Service Station
Middleburg, Kentucky
White Oil Company
Campbellsville, Kentucky

Residual fuel oil - Arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - Available in Kentucky

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Liberty - Liberty Water Works *
Liberty, Kentucky
(606) 787-7727

Source - Green River
Treatment plant capacity - 360,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 230,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 248,000 gallons
Type treatment - Sand filtration and chlorination with fluoridation
Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons
Size lines - 4, 6 and 8 inches
Average pressure - 90-95 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$2.75 per M gallons
Next	4,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	.80 per M gallons
Next	9,000 gallons	.65 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons
Next	30,000 gallons	.40 per M gallons
All over	70,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons

Tap-on charge: \$100

*A new 600,000 gallon per day water treatment plant is scheduled for completion by 1977.

Surface water sources - Green River and Casey Creek
Average discharge - Nearest gaging station at Green River near
Campbellsville 988 cfs (12 years, USGS, unadjusted)
Expected ground water yield 5 to 50 gpm along southern and southeastern
border; 5 gpm or less over remainder of county

Sewerage

Company serving Liberty - Liberty Sewage Treatment Plant
Liberty, Kentucky
(606) 787-7727

Design capacity - 258,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - At capacity; Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Aeration, digestion, final clarifiers, and chlorine
contact basins
Treated effluent discharged into - Green River
Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches; Size of storm mains - 12 inches
Rates - 70 percent of monthly water bill

Tap-on charge: \$100

CLIMATE

Casey County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	55.2 degrees
Average annual 1974	55.1 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966 (11-year record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1972 (11-year record)	-11.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,729
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.49 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	15.70 inches
Total precipitation 1974	60.09 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	130
Average number days thunderstorms (30-year record)	47

Prevailing Winds (17-year record)

South

Relative Humidity (11-year record)

1 AM	76%
7 AM	81%
1 PM	59%
7 PM	64%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1974. Station of record: Lexington, Kentucky.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms
Budget 1974-75 General Fund \$112,500
Water and Sewer Fund 90,000
City Gas System 166,100
Fees and licenses - Unloading license \$30 annually; motor vehicle stickers \$10 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 8 magistrates - 4-year terms
Budget 1974-75 General Fund \$121,500
Road Fund 42,950

Assessed Value of Property, 1974

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Liberty</u>	<u>Casey County</u>
Real Estate and Tangibles	\$13,400,000	
Real Estate		\$65,862,756 (1975)
Tangibles		13,238,254 (1975)

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, pollution control equipment, and goods in process inventories are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

Property stored in public warehouses is not subject to local taxation. The state rate is only \$0.015 per \$100.

All property is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1975*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Liberty</u>	<u>Casey County</u>
County	.101	.101
School	.370	.370
City	N.A.	

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Liberty Planning Commission
 Zoning enforced - City only
 Subdivision regulations enforced - City only
 Local codes enforced - Building and Housing
 Mandatory state codes enforced - Plumbing, National Fire Protection
 Association Code, National Building Code (for major buildings and
 residential construction containing more than 12 bedrooms per building)

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Liberty</u>	<u>Casey County</u>
Total staff	7	4
Radio-patrol cars	2	3
<u>Fire</u>		
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8	
Volunteers	21	

Solid Wastes

	<u>Liberty</u>
Type service	Municipal
Fee charged:	
residential	\$2 monthly
business & industrial	\$3 to \$65 monthly
Collection frequency:	
residential	Weekly
business	As needed
industrial	As needed
Trash pickup	Weekly
Disposal method	Sanitary landfill

*Kentucky Department of Revenue.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Casey County</u>
Total Enrollment (1974-75)	2,929
Elementary	1,903
Junior High	226
High School	800
Student-Teacher Ratio	29-1
Elementary	28-1
Junior High	28-1
High School	29-1
Percent High School Graduates to College	21.8
Expenditures Per Pupil (1973-74)	\$525.31
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1974	\$1,130,000

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance (miles)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1974)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Campbellsville College	Campbells- ville	31	678	Baccalaureate
Centre College	Danville	27	796	Baccalaureate
Somerset Commu- nity College	Somerset	38	661	Associate
Lindsey Wilson Junior College	Columbia	30	308	Associate
St. Catharine College	St. Catharine	39	125	Associate

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Somerset State Vocational- Technical School	Casey County Area Vocational Education Center
Location	Somerset, Kentucky	
Miles Distant	38	
Curriculum	<u>Business and Office</u> Data Processing Clerical Secretarial <u>Distributive Education</u> Marketing and Distributive Education <u>Health Occupation</u> Health Careers <u>Learning Lab</u> <u>Technical</u> Electronics (Technology) <u>Trade and Industrial</u> Aircraft Maintenance Technician Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Drafting Graphic Arts Machine Shop	<u>Agriculture</u> Horticulture <u>Business and Office</u> Clerical Secretarial <u>Trade and Industrial</u> Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Welding

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

HEALTH

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 5
Dentists - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Casey County War Memorial Hospital	Liberty	24
General hospital facilities - Emergency room, operating room, EKG, X-ray, laboratory facilities, maternity ward		
Medical staff - 4 doctors, 4 registered nurses, 4 licensed practical nurses		

Other Medical Facilities

Family Practice Clinic; Lake Cumberland Comprehensive Care Center

Ambulance Service

Ambulance service is provided by the Casey County War Memorial Hospital.

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care home	1	26

Public Health

Facility - Casey County Health Department
Staff - Full-time: Registered nurse, environmentalist, clerk
Part-time: Medical clinician, out-reach worker

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - General Telephone Company of Kentucky
Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union
Services - Danville office

Postal - U.S. Post Office
Revenue units - 672
Mail received - Once daily
Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspaper - Casey County News
Weekly and circulation - 6,025
Other papers
received from - Louisville, Lexington, and Danville, Kentucky

Radio - WKDO
Stations received from - Lexington, Louisville, and Danville, Kentucky

Television -
Cable service
Reception from - Lexington, Louisville, and Bowling Green, Kentucky;
Nashville, Tennessee

Kentucky Educational
Television - Somerset transmitter, Channel 29

Library Services

Plans are underway to open a Casey County Public Library.

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 64 in Casey County
Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God,
Disciples of Christ, Methodist, Roman Catholic
Nearest Synagogues - Lexington, Kentucky, 64 miles away
Congregations - Adath Israel (reform), Ohavey Zion (traditional)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
The Casey County Bank	\$13,600,954	\$11,904,071	8-30-75

<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
First Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$18,188,996	\$16,844,619	6-30-75
Lincoln County Federal Savings and Loan Association	\$18,534,910	16,744,590	6-30-75

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 3
Total units - 46

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Kiwanis Club

Fraternal - Masonic, American Legion, VFW, Veterans Funeral Squad

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers

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

Other - PTA, Farm Bureau, Casey County Extension Council, Sportsman Club, Fox Hunting Club, Raccoon Hunting Club, Riding Club

RECREATION

Local

Public recreation facilities in Liberty include a park, six playgrounds, two baseball diamonds and two basketball courts. Private recreation facilities include a country club, golf course, swimming pool, bowling lanes, roller skating rink and two movie theaters.

Area (Within 50 miles)

Four state parks located near Liberty offer a variety of recreation and entertainment.

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park encompasses 3,000 acres on Kentucky's third largest lake. The park features a lodge, cottages, campsites, hiking, horseback riding, swimming pools, boating, golf, tennis and an amphitheater.

General Burnside State Park is a 400-acre park located on Chandler Island in Lake Cumberland. Activities include camping, swimming and golfing.

Green River Lake State Park is located in southern Kentucky's cave country. The park features a marina, a restaurant, boating, swimming and picnicking.

Old Fort Harrod State Park in Harrodsburg, contains a reconstructed fort, the state's first school, a pioneer cemetery and the cabin where Abraham Lincoln's parents were married. "The Legend of Daniel Boone" is presented in an amphitheater adjacent to the park.

Other points of interest in the area include Pleasant Hill, a restored religious community; Herrington Lake; Perryville Battlefield State Shrine, the site of a Civil War battle; Constitution Square State Shrine, a reproduction of Kentucky's first courthouse square; and Pioneer Playhouse, Kentucky's official state theater.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent:

1. The Liberty-Casey County Airport now has a paved runway and improved lighting.
2. A medical center which houses four doctors has been completed.
3. General Telephone of Kentucky has moved into a new office building.
4. The Casey County Bank has opened a drive-in branch bank.
5. Two savings and loan associations have opened branch offices in Liberty.
6. Ther-A-Pedic Company, Incorporated, a manufacturer of mattresses and mattress frames, located in Liberty in 1974.
7. Liberty Sportswear, Incorporated, has completed an expansion program which has more than doubled its facilities.

Underway:

1. An elementary school is being remodeled .
2. A cruiser has been ordered for the police department.
3. A commercial center is being developed which will include a grocery, a discount store, a savings and loan association and a bank.

Planned:

1. Plans are underway to open a Casey County Public Library.
2. A community park and a community building have been proposed for Liberty.
3. A 600,000 gpd water treatment plant is scheduled for completion by 1977. Water lines will be extended and another storage tank will be built.

4. A 100-acre lake will be developed as an additional supply of raw water for Liberty. A recreation park is being considered at the site of this lake.

5. The development of a 48-unit apartment complex has been proposed.

HISTORY

Casey County, the forty-sixth county formed in Kentucky, dates from 1806. Its territory was taken from Lincoln County and lies chiefly in the Outer Bluegrass geographical area of Kentucky. It contains 435 square miles, and its surface is hilly. One fork of the Green River rises in the northern part of the county, while another flows across it from Lincoln County.

Among the first settlers in Casey County was Christopher Riffe, a native of Maryland, who came to Kentucky with his wife and child in the spring of 1793 and established a home at present-day Middleburg, a few miles northeast of Liberty.

Casey County was named for Colonel William Casey, a native of Frederick County, Virginia, who migrated to Kentucky during the Revolutionary War. He took an active part in defending the frontier against Indian attacks, and rendered valuable service to the young settlements by establishing a station several miles west of them which bore the brunt of Indian fury for several years.

With the influx of settlers, the population increased rapidly and the people petitioned the Legislature for a new county. The petition was granted, and Casey County was established. The first County Court was held at the home of James Swiggert. Magistrates served as chairmen of the Court for several years with the sessions held in their homes, since there was no central place for the government to meet until Liberty was incorporated as the county seat in 1830.

Not until after the Civil War was there a great interest shown by Casey Countians in agricultural production and livestock raising. Their chief interest was the cutting of timber. A branch railroad of the Southern, the Cincinnati and the Green River Line, was built to Yosemite in 1884. This road tapped the lumber resources of most of Casey and parts of Adair and Russell Counties. Yosemite was incorporated in 1887, then independent lumber and mercantile companies began to spring up among which were the Lillie Tie Company, Wright Brothers, Bank and Son, and Wilder and Coulter. Within a few years the timber supply was gone, and the panic of 1893 caused the branch railroad to be discontinued without really contributing very much to the development of Casey County.

In 1850, the population of Casey County was 6,556. The population reached a high of 19,960 in 1940. Since then it has shown a decline with the 1974 population being 13,900.

Liberty, the county seat of Casey County, was named by veterans of the Revolutionary War who came into the area in the 1790's. Its growth was slow, but after the formation of Casey County, there was a gradual settlement in its vicinity due to the exhaustion of lumbering activities farther up the Green River at Yosemite. In 1973 Liberty had a population of 1,762.

Employment of Casey County residents in 1974 averaged 5,200. Agriculture accounted for 1,120 and government 530. Trade and services firms in the county employed 450, while manufacturing firms employed 930. Liberty Sportswear, Inc., which manufactures women's sportswear, is the largest manufacturing plant in the county.

Casey County-Liberty, Kentucky, has been designated a bicentennial community by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

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