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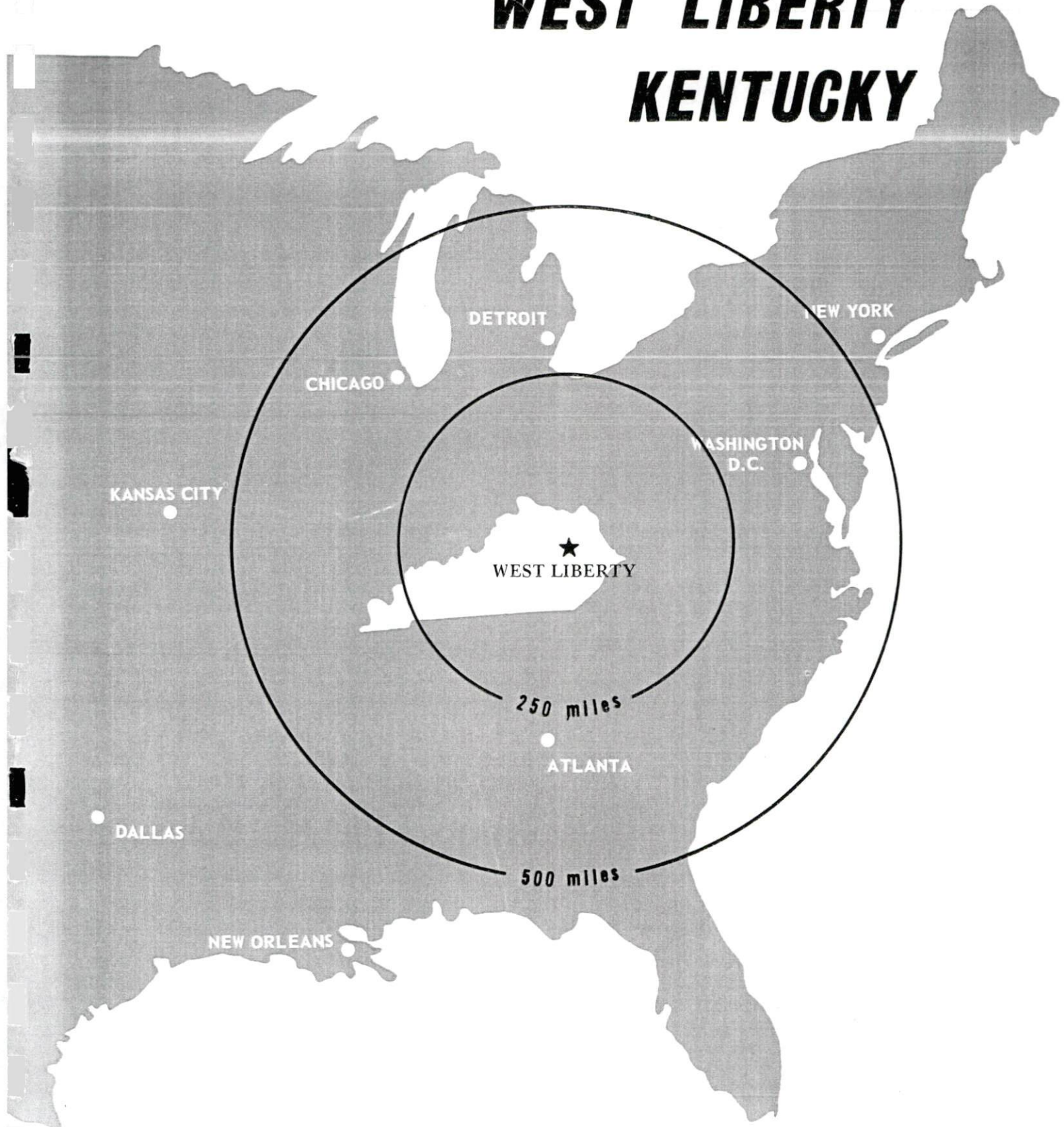
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MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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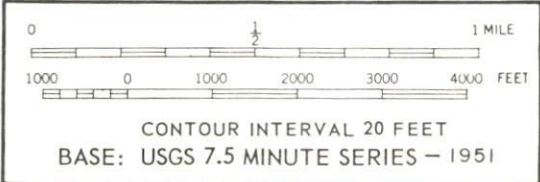
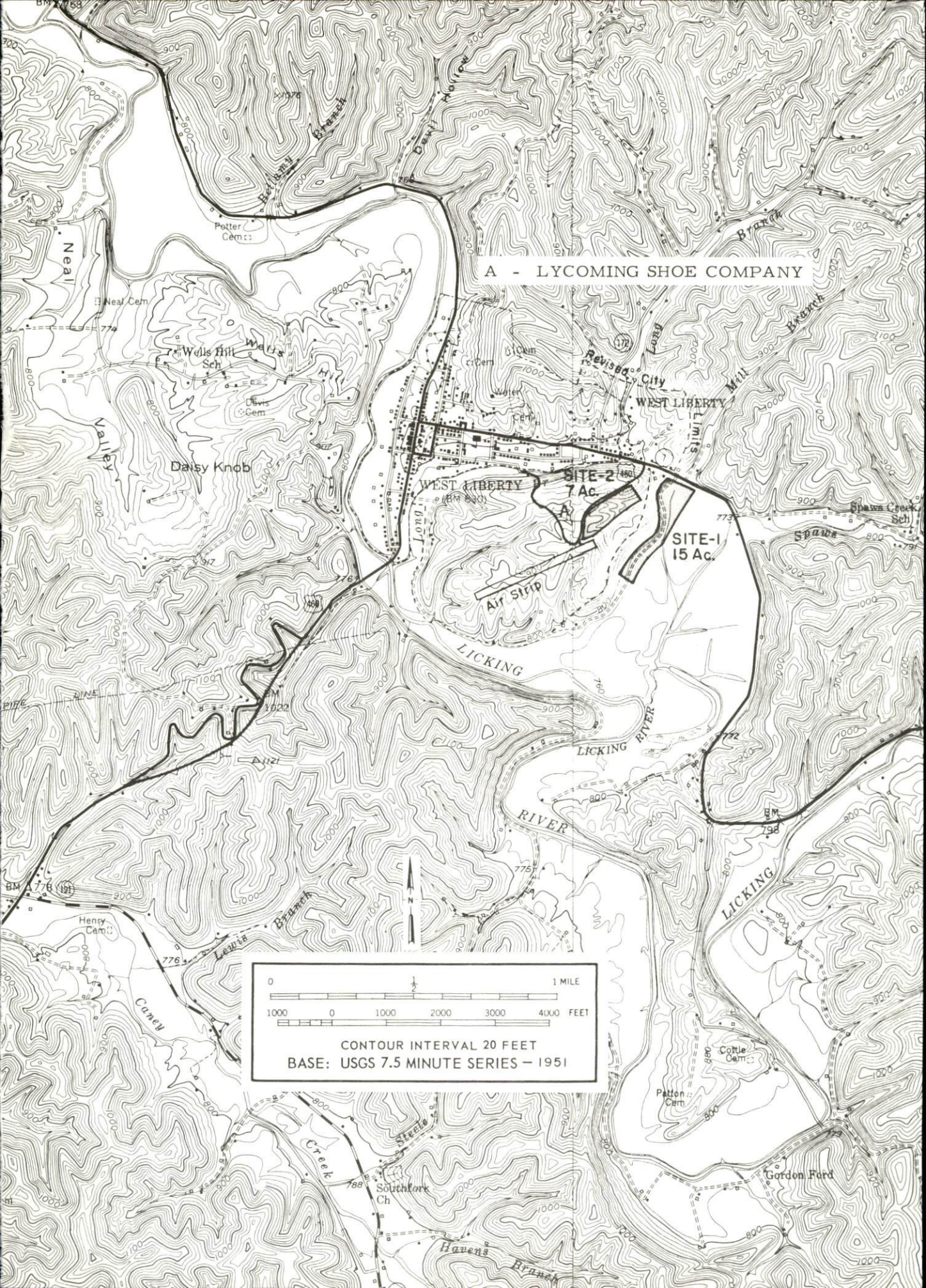
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For more information about the following sites, contact Mr. Winfred Howard, West Liberty, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Capital Plaza Office Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 15 acres
LOCATION: Just outside eastern West Liberty city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Site fronts on U. S. 460 - Kentucky 7
RAILROAD: Not rail served
WATER: West Liberty Water Works
 SIZE LINE: 10-inch line approximately 900 feet west
GAS: Elam Utility Company
 SIZE MAIN: 2-inch main 100 feet west of site along
 Kentucky 7
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: West Liberty Water Works
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line approximately 250 feet west of site
OWNERSHIP: Private

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 7 acres
LOCATION: Within eastern city limits of West Liberty
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Airport road to U. S. 460 - Kentucky 7
RAILROAD: Not rail served
WATER: West Liberty Water Works
 SIZE LINE: 10-inch line on the center of site
GAS: Elam Utility Company
 SIZE MAIN: 2-inch main 300 feet north of site along
 U. S. 460 - Kentucky 7
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Power Company
SEWERAGE: West Liberty Water Works
 SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on site
OWNERSHIP: Private

A - LYCOMING SHOE COMPANY



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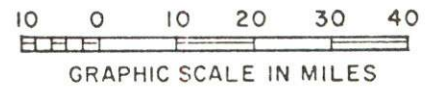
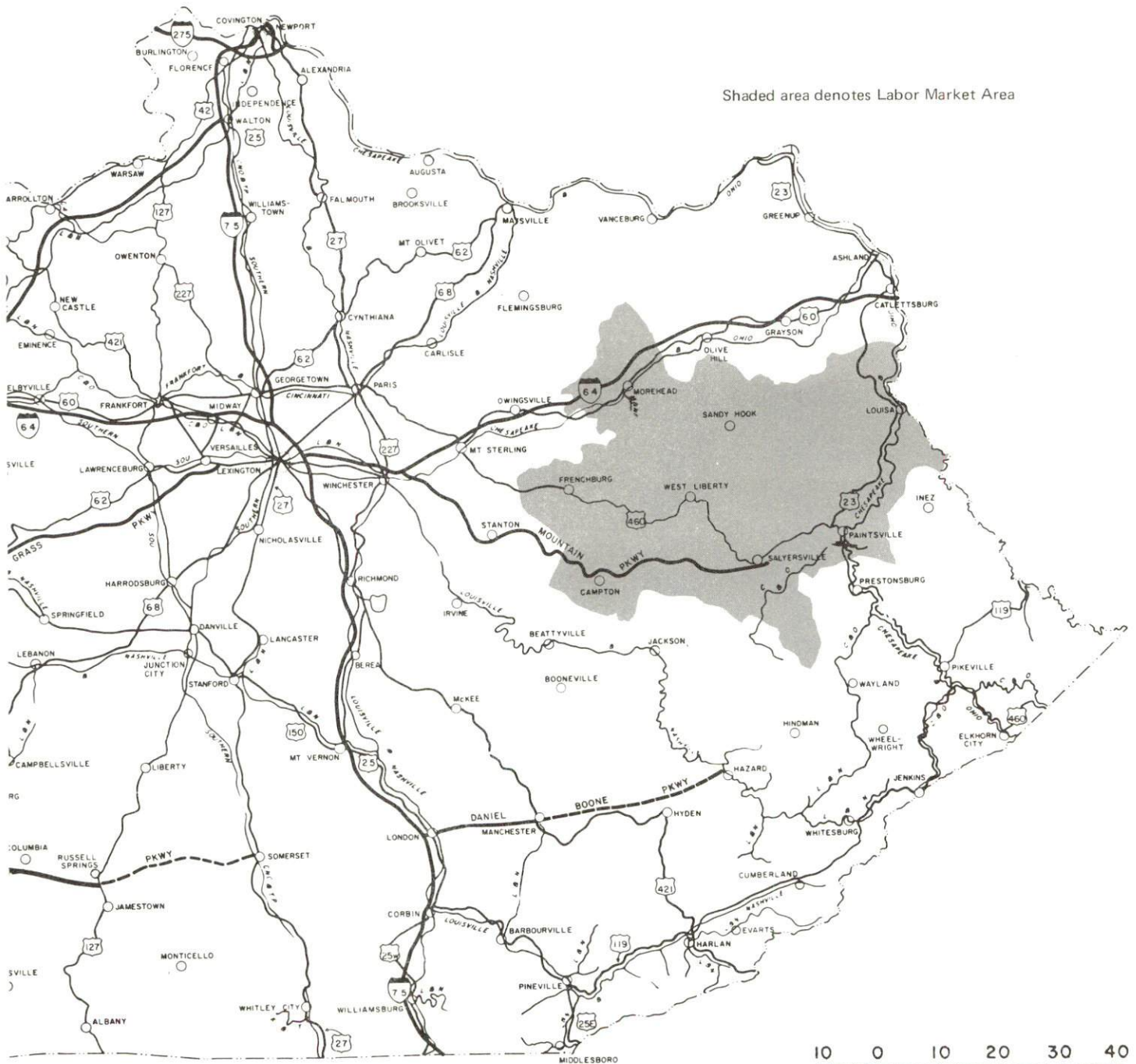
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WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

West Liberty, the county seat of Morgan County, is situated in the center of the county on the Licking River. West Liberty is 76 miles east of Lexington, 165 miles southeast of Louisville, 76 miles southwest of the Ashland-Huntington area, and 171 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1970, West Liberty had a population of 1,387.

Morgan County, with a land area of 369 square miles, is located in mideastern Kentucky with a portion of the county in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Morgan County had a population of 10,019 in 1970.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Morgan County averaged 2,670 in 1972, with agriculture providing 830 jobs, manufacturing 370, trade and services 390 and government 440. Manufacturing employment has increased by 177 percent or 214 jobs since 1963. Major industrial products manufactured in West Liberty are children's shoes and lumber.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1971 was \$1,541, an increase of 85 percent or \$710 since 1961.

In the West Liberty labor market area, which includes Morgan County and the seven adjoining counties, 1972 total employment averaged 21,940. Agriculture furnished 3,210 jobs, manufacturing 2,280, government 5,170, and trade and services 4,545. Manufacturing employment has increased 95.2 percent since 1963, with the sharpest employment gains in the metal products, apparel and textile industries.

This area has a deficit of 5,125 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area with a potential for additional manufacturing production.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 8,610 men and 6,330 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 4,520 young men and 3,990 young women will become 18 years of age by 1979 and potentially available for work.

2. The nearest rail service is provided by The Chessie System at Paintsville, 40 miles southeast of West Liberty. The Mountain Parkway, 25 miles south of West Liberty, connects with the Interstate Highway System. In addition, there are several Kentucky and U. S. routes serving the area. The nearest commercial airports are located 76 miles away in Lexington, Kentucky and Huntington, West Virginia. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport, only 2 miles southeast of West Liberty, provides service for light aircraft.

3. West Liberty and parts of Morgan County are supplied electrical power by the Kentucky Power Company. Morgan County is also served by the Licking Valley RECC, whose source of supply is the East Kentucky Power Cooperative. West Liberty is provided natural gas service by the Elam Utility Company, whose source of supply is the Columbia Gas Transmission Company. There are three main butane and propane gas distributors and one distributor of distillate fuel oil in the area. An ample supply of raw water is available in Morgan County.

4. One public school system serves the county. There are two universities, two senior colleges, two junior colleges, three community colleges and a technical institute within 85 miles of West Liberty. In addition, West Liberty has an area vocational education center that offers three courses. A state vocational- technical school, only 40 miles away, offers 28 different fields of study.

Community Programs for Improvement

The city of West Liberty has recently completed several community improvement projects and has many more either under construction or planned.

Recent improvements include:

1. 1,000 feet of new sewer mains
2. A laboratory at the sewage treatment plant
3. A 50-bed hospital
4. Six fire stations, located throughout the county
5. Ambulance service now offered to the county
6. A new bank
7. An apartment complex
8. A new utility building
9. A new drug store
10. A new indoor theater
11. A new restaurant
12. Remodeled part of downtown business district
13. Morgan Supply now contracts light and heavy building and construction equipment

Community improvements underway include:

1. Improving the sewerage pumping station
2. A 1,000,000 gallon per day conventional water treatment plant
3. A 300,000 gallon water storage tank
4. Five miles of 8 and 10-inch water mains
5. A bank building

Planned improvements:

1. A 500-foot runway extension at the local airport

Morgan County School System improvements:

Recent

1. A vocational school
2. A library
3. Additions to Special Education, Reading Programs, and Head Start
4. Added new classes and upgraded others
5. An addition to the elementary school

Underway

1. A new high school

Planned

1. Night classes for vocational courses
2. A community center

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

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

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.

Carter Caves State Resort Park is only 58 miles away. The park features 1,000 acres with guided tours through the colorful caves, a lodge with a dining room, coffee shop, gift shop; camping facilities and cottages. The park offers a swimming pool, lake, hiking, horseback riding, golf course, pro shop, miniature golf, boat rentals, dock, picnic shelter, playground, convention center, and Cascade Caverns.

Greenbo Lake State Resort Park is located in Greenup, 69 miles away. The park consists of 3,300 acres with early iron works, primitive iron ore smelter and blast furnaces. There is a lodge that houses a dining room, pool, and gift shop; camping is also available. The park offers fishing, swimming, beach, bathhouse, boats, paddle boats, motors, boat, slips, launching ramp, hiking trails, picnic shelter, and playgrounds.

Grayson Lake State Park in Grayson is 44 miles from West Liberty, and offers a 1,500-acre lake on a 3,800-acre park, beach, bathhouse, picnic area, camping and boat dock.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park in Slade is only 37 miles away and features 1,500 acres in the land of natural bridges and the Red River Gorge. A lodge, complete with a dining room and gift shop; cottages; and camping are available. The park offers a swimming pool, a 54-acre lake, fishing, bathhouse, boats, paddle boats, hiking, horseback riding, picnic shelter, playground, two ramps, and Hoedown Island for square dancing in the summer. A fantastic skylift allows easy viewing of the panoramic scene.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is located in Prestonsburg, only 45 miles away. A lodge with a dining room and gift shop, cottages, and camping are all available. The park offers an olympic size pool, paddle boats, motors, dock, ramps, fishing, golf, hiking, shuffleboard, horseback riding, picnic area, playground, lake cruises, and a skylift to the top of Sugar Camp Mountain where the "world's highest" ferris wheel stands. All of this plus a summer theater is available in this 1,700-acre park.

Cave 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 1974.

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

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS

Area	Population				Percent Change	
	1972*	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
West Liberty	N. A.	1,387	1,165	931	+19.1	+25.1
Labor Market Area	84,500	81,389	84,042	97,933	- 3.2	-14.2
Morgan County	10,200	10,019	11,056	13,624	- 9.4	-18.8
Elliott County	5,900	5,933	6,330	7,085	- 6.3	-10.7
Johnson County	18,800	17,539	19,748	23,846	-11.2	-17.2
Lawrence County	11,100	10,726	12,134	14,418	-11.6	-15.8
Magoffin County	10,600	10,443	11,156	13,839	- 6.4	-19.4
Menifee County	4,200	4,050	4,276	4,798	- 5.3	-10.9
Rowan County	17,900	17,010	12,808	12,708	+32.8	+ 0.8
Wolfe County	5,800	5,669	6,534	7,615	-13.2	-14.2

*Provisional estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970, 1960, 1950. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, June 1973.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1972

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Morgan County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,670	21,940
Agricultural	830	3,210
Nonagricultural	1,840	18,730
Manufacturing	370	2,281
Government	440	5,170
Trade and Services	387	4,546
Other	643	6,733

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

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
MARCH 1973 AND 1963

Industry	Morgan County			Labor Market Area		
	1973	1963	% Change	1973	1963	% Change
TOTAL	335	121	+176.9	2,221	1,138	+ 95.2
Food & Kindred Products	0	2	--	61	119	- 48.7
Tobacco	0	0	0	1	2	- 50.0
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	218	0	--	807	206	+ 291.8
Lumber, Furniture	72	105	- 31.4	495	543	- 8.8
Printing & Publishing, Paper	39	11	+254.6	86	43	+ 100.0
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal, Rubber	0	0	0	72	49	+ 46.9
Stone, Clay & Glass	6	3	+100.0	19	167	- 88.6
Machinery, Metal Products, Equip.	0	0	0	680	9	+7455.6

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, March 1973, March 1963.

WEST LIBERTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

Firm (Establishment date)	Product	Employment			
		Total	Male	Female	Organized
Courier Publishing Company (1910)	Newspaper letter- press printing, and photo lathe plate making	9	5	4	
Frederick & May Lumber & Supply Company (1951)	Rough lumber	111	110	1	
Lycoming Shoe Company (1965)	Children's shoes	224	24	200	*
Wells Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. (1958)	Ready mixed concrete	6	6	0	

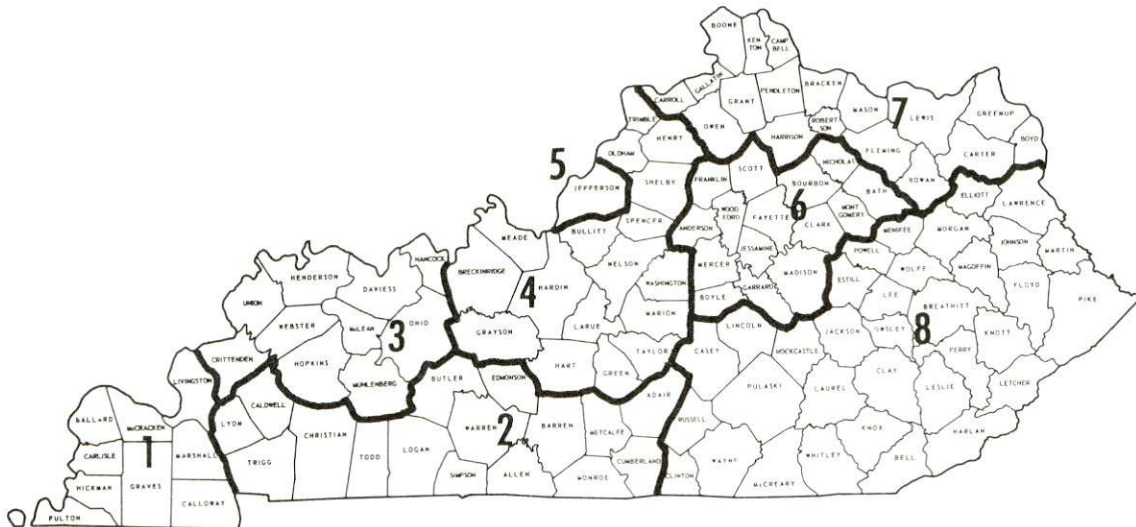
*See Labor Organizations, page 8.

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce, 1974 Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers.

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union Representing manufacturing workers at:

The Boot and Shoe Workers Union Lycoming Shoe Company

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY
WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Under- employed</u>
Labor Market				<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age by 1979</u>
Area	8,610	4,630	2,010	1,970
Morgan	1,150	630	220	300
Elliott	830	470	200	160
Johnson	1,030	390	370	270
Lawrence	1,580	1,210	170	200
Magoffin	1,590	1,110	360	120
Menifee	510	250	210	50
Rowan	1,180	0	400	780
Wolfe	740	570	80	90

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1973. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply by 1979.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Under- employed</u>
Labor Market				<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age by 1979</u>
Area	6,330	4,270	670	1,390
Morgan	810	650	30	130
Elliott	560	410	70	80
Johnson	980	560	150	270
Lawrence	1,210	1,020	100	90
Magoffin	1,180	980	90	110
Menifee	250	180	30	40
Rowan	780	0	180	600
Wolfe	560	470	20	70

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1973. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply by 1979.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Morgan County	\$1,541	\$ 831	+85.4
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$1,197 - 2,204	\$566 - 1,001	N.A.
Kentucky	3,310	1,677	+97.3
U. S.	4,164	2,265	+83.8

Sources: University of Kentucky, Office of Development Services and Business Research, Per Capita Income in Kentucky. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Survey of Current Business, August, 1973.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving - The nearest rail service to West Liberty is located 40 miles to the southeast at Paintsville. Service is provided by The Chessie System.

Services - Carload freight only with 8 or 9 freights daily, 7 to 15 fast freights daily, siding for approximately 30 cars and switching facilities; nearest piggyback facilities are located at Elkhorn City
For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services, contact:

General Manager, Freight Service
The Chessie System
603 B & O Central Building
2 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Bell Lines, Inc.	6414 McCorkle Avenue S. E. Charleston, West Virginia 25304
Point Express, Inc.	P. O. Box 10185, Station C Charleston, West Virginia 25304

<u>Other Freight Services</u>	<u>Nearest Shipping Center</u>
United Parcel Service	Salyersville, 22 miles away

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

City	Delivery		City	Delivery	
	Highway Miles	Time TL		Highway Miles	Time TL
Atlanta, Ga.	450	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,271	7
Birmingham, Ala.	510	2	Louisville, Ky.	165	2
Chicago, Ill.	463	2	Nashville, Tenn.	293	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	171	1	New Orleans, La.	835	3
Cleveland, Ohio	417	2	New York, N. Y.	841	2
Detroit, Mich.	431	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	465	2
Knoxville, Tenn.	256	2	St. Louis, Mo.	428	2

Source: Delivery time only - Point Express, Inc., P. O. Box 10185, Station C, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

Air

Nearest Local Airport

West Liberty-Morgan County Airport
Location: 2 miles southeast of West Liberty
Runways: 1 paved
Length: 2,400 feet
Traffic Control: Wind sock
Lighting: None
Services: 80 and 100 octane, phone

Nearest Commercial Airports

	Blue Grass Field	Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field)
Location:	Lexington, 76 miles distant	Huntington, West Virginia, 76 miles distant
Runways:	2 paved	1 paved
Length:	3,500 feet, 6,500 feet	5,280 feet
Traffic Control:	Tower, guards, radar arrival/ departure control, ground control, ILS system	Tower
Lighting:	Approach lighting system, beacon, runways and obstructions lighted	Beacon, runway
Services:	Eastern, Delta, Piedmont and Allegheny Airlines; 80, 100 and 145 octane, jet fuel, major A & E repairs, storage, restaurant, Weather Bureau, flight instruction, charter service, taxi, U-Drive-It service	Piedmont and Allegheny Airlines, 80, 87, 100, 130 jet fuel; restaurant, storage, car rental, limousine, taxi, flight instruction, major repairs, charter service
Air Freight Service:	Accept air freight on space-available basis	Accept air freight on space-available basis

Bus - Southern Greyhound Bus Line

Taxi - Two privately operated taxis

Rental Services - Car and U-Haul rentals

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving West Liberty and part of Morgan County - Kentucky Power Company

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,080,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
Ashland, Kentucky

Company serving portions of Morgan County - Licking Valley RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 548,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Licking Valley RECC
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472

Natural Gas

Company serving West Liberty - Elam Utility Company

Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Company

Size of transmission mains - 10 and 12 inches (supplier)

Distribution mains - 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 inches

Distribution pressure - 8 ounces to 10 psi

Btu content - 1,084 per cubic foot

Specific gravity - .60

For rates and supplies contact:

Elam Utility Company
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472

Other Fuels

Propane and butane -

Williams Energy, West Liberty; Little Sandy Gas and Appliance,
Sandy Hook; Miller LP Gas Company, Owingsville

Fuel Oils -

Distillate fuel oil - West Liberty Oil and Gas Co., West Liberty

Residual fuel oil - Arrangements must be made with the refinery

Low sulphur content coal - Available locally

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Water Works*
Source - Licking River
Treatment plant capacity - 240,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption - 200,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 240,000 gallons
Type treatment - Chlorination, filtration, sedimentation, and
fluoridation; conventional treatment plant
Storage capacity - 300,000 gallons
Size lines - 10, 8, 6, 4 and 3 inches
Average pressure - 105 psi

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons	\$6.00 (minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	2.25 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.85 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	1.15 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons
All over	50,000 gallons	.85 per M gallons

Surface water sources - Licking River
Average discharge - 1,036 cfs (33-year record)
Expected ground water yield - 50-200 gpm for all the county except
the northwestern section where it is 5 gpm or less

*Improvements under construction that will be completed by the end of 1974:

1. A new 1,000,000 gallon per day conventional treatment plant
2. A new 300,000 gallon storage tank.
3. Five additional miles of 8 and 10-inch lines.

Sewerage

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Water Works*
Design capacity - 500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 140,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Primary clarifier, digester, trickling filter,
secondary clarifier, and drying beds
Treated effluent discharged into - Licking River
Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches
Size of storm mains - 12 and 15 inches
Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill
Tap-on fee - Labor and materials, plus 10 percent; no flat fee

*Improvements: 1. 1,000 feet of new mains. 2. Improvements to the pumping station. 3. A new laboratory at the treatment plant.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1973*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>West Liberty</u>	<u>Morgan County</u>
County	\$.286	\$.286
School	.381	.381
City	.200	

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - West Liberty-Morgan County Planning Commission
 Local codes enforced - 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>West Liberty</u>	<u>Morgan County</u>
Total staff	4	5
Radio-patrol cars	1	1 (radio equipped)

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7	
Volunteers	25	132
Equipment:		
750 gpm pumper	1	
500 gpm pumper	1	
Other		Four 1,000 gallon tank trucks, each with a 175 gpm pump and 500 feet of fire hose

Ambulance Service

A new ambulance service is now in operation in the county.

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1973.

Sanitation

West Liberty

Type service

Private

Fee charged:

residential

\$ 3.00 per month

business

12.00 per month

Collection frequency:

residential

Twice weekly

business

6 days a week

Disposal method

Burning and landfill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Morgan County</u>
Total Enrollment (1973-74)	2,414
Elementary	1,230
Middle School	497
High School	687
Student-Teacher Ratio	23 - 1
Elementary	20 - 1
Middle School	33 - 1
High School	21 - 1
Percent High School Graduates to College	33.6
Expenditures Per Pupil (1972-73)	\$492.88
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1973	\$1,482,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
Location	Mayo State Vocational- Technical School Paintsville	Morgan County Area Voca- tional Education Center West Liberty
Miles Distant	40 miles from West Liberty	
Curriculum	Accounting Junior Management Data Processing Clerical Secretarial Practical Nursing Learning Lab. Electronics (Communications) Electronics (Industrial) Electronics (Technology) Highway Technology Instrumentation Technical Drafting Tool and Die Design Auto Body Repair	Auto Mechanics Drafting Electricity

(Cont'd.)

Nearest State School (Cont'd.)

Curriculum	Auto Mechanics
	Carpentry
	Commercial Arts
	Commercial Foods
	Cosmetology
	Diesel Mechanics
	Drafting
	Electricity
	Machine Shop
	Mine Maintenance
	Radio and TV Repair
	Printing
	Welding
	Tool and Die Making

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.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 85 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment Fall 1973</u>	
Morehead State University	Morehead	6,578	Masters
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg	518	Associate
Lees Junior College	Jackson	267	Associate
Pikeville College	Pikeville	780	Baccalaureate
Hazard Community College	Hazard	219	Associate
University of Kentucky	Lexington	20,732	Ph., M.D., D.M.D., J.D.
Transylvania University	Lexington	697	Baccalaureate
Lexington Technical Institute	Lexington	*	Associate
Southeastern Christian Junior College	Winchester	111	Associate
Ashland Community College	Ashland	1,169	Associate

*Included in University of Kentucky (Lexington) campus.

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital	West Liberty	50

General hospital facilities - Laboratory, radiology, emergency room, pharmacy, central sterile supply, OB section, cafeteria, central stores, maintenance, chaplaincy, records and administration

Medical staff - 3 doctors, 8 registered nurses, 3 licensed practical nurses, 3 lab technicians, 2 X-ray technicians, 1 consulting pathologist, 1 consulting radiologist

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	1	50
Personal care homes	1	28

Public Health

Facility - Morgan County Health Department

Staff - 1 administrator and sanitarian, 1 nurse, 1 clerk, and 1 nurses aide

Budget 1973-74 - \$31,397.16

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Mountain Rural Telephone Company
Services - Standard

Postal - U. S. Post Office
Class - Second
Mail received - Twice daily
Mail dispatched - Once daily

Newspapers - Licking Valley Courier
Weekly and circulation - 3,850
Other papers received from - Ashland, Mt. Sterling, Lexington and
Louisville, Kentucky; also have an exchange program with other
cities

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

Television -
Reception from - Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky, and Huntington
and Charleston, West Virginia

Kentucky Educational Television - Morehead transmitter, Channel 38

Library Services

Public library - John F. Kennedy Memorial Library
Size collection - 22,000 volumes
Circulation, 1973 - 58,000
Services - Books, periodicals, magazines, references, records,
films, audio visual equipment, rural bookmobile 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

Nearest Synagogues - Ashland, 67 miles northeast of West Liberty
Congregation - Agudath Achim (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1973</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Commercial Bank	\$15,129,237.17	\$13,958,009.00
	<u>Statement as of December 5, 1973</u>	
Bank of the Mountains	\$ 1,877,923.59	\$ 1,393,789.07

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 1

Units - 35

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Kiwanis Club, Blood Bank, PTA, Red Cross, Ministerial Association, Lions Club, Morgan County Development Organization, West Liberty Development Organization, Historical Society

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, Demolay

Other - Band Parents, Booster's Club, Senior Citizens

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 theaters - 1 (indoor); 1 (drive-in)
- Other - Driving range, 2 tennis courts, croquet court, shuffleboard

Tourist Attractions

- Horse Show
- Annual Dogwood Festival
- Sorghum Festival
- Morgan County Fair

Area (Within 70 miles)

- Carter Caves State Resort Park
- Greenbo Lake State Resort Park
- Grayson Lake State Park
- Natural Bridge State Resort Park
- Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
- Kay Run Lake (now being developed; expected to be completed in 1974)

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture*

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	236,224	1,490,112
Percent of area in farm land	61.0	46.1
Number of farms	1,160	5,558
Average size of farms (acres)	124.2	123.6
1969 value of all farm products	\$3,076,599	\$12,541,474
Value per farm	2,652	2,256
Total crop sales	2,242,939	7,989,400
Total livestock & livestock products	809,060	4,406,339
1972 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.) (est.)	4,075,000	14,866,000
Corn (bu.)	255,000	2,280,000
Cattle and calves (number)**	10,100	41,000
Hogs and pigs (number)**	1,700	7,300
Milk production, 1971 (lbs.)	5,400,000	22,940,000***

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal
Other mineral resources	Clay and stone
Acres of commercial forest land	170,200
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, yellow poplar, hickory, yellow pine, beech and soft maple

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969. U. S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, 1972.

**Preliminary.

***Does not include figures for Johnson County.

Climate*

Morgan County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	55.0 degrees
Average annual 1972	53.7 degrees
Record highest, August, 1918 (84-year record)	106.0 degrees
Record lowest, February, 1899 (84-year record)	-27.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,754
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily tempera- tures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	38.77 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (84-year record)	24.20 inches
Total precipitation 1972	47.40 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more)	
(84-year record)	142
Average number days thunderstorms	44
(76-year record)	

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1972. Station of record:
Parkersburg, West Virginia.

HISTORY

Morgan County is located in eastern Kentucky on the western edge of the Appalachian plateau. Called the "Bluegrass County of the Cumberland," its 369 square miles are nestled in the foothills of the Cumberland. 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 830 of the county's 2,670 employed in 1972, with burley tobacco, corn, cattle, and hogs the principal products. Manufacturing employment totaled 370, with the greatest number 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 & May Lumber & Supply Company. Morgan County was once noted for its large production of cannel coal.

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.