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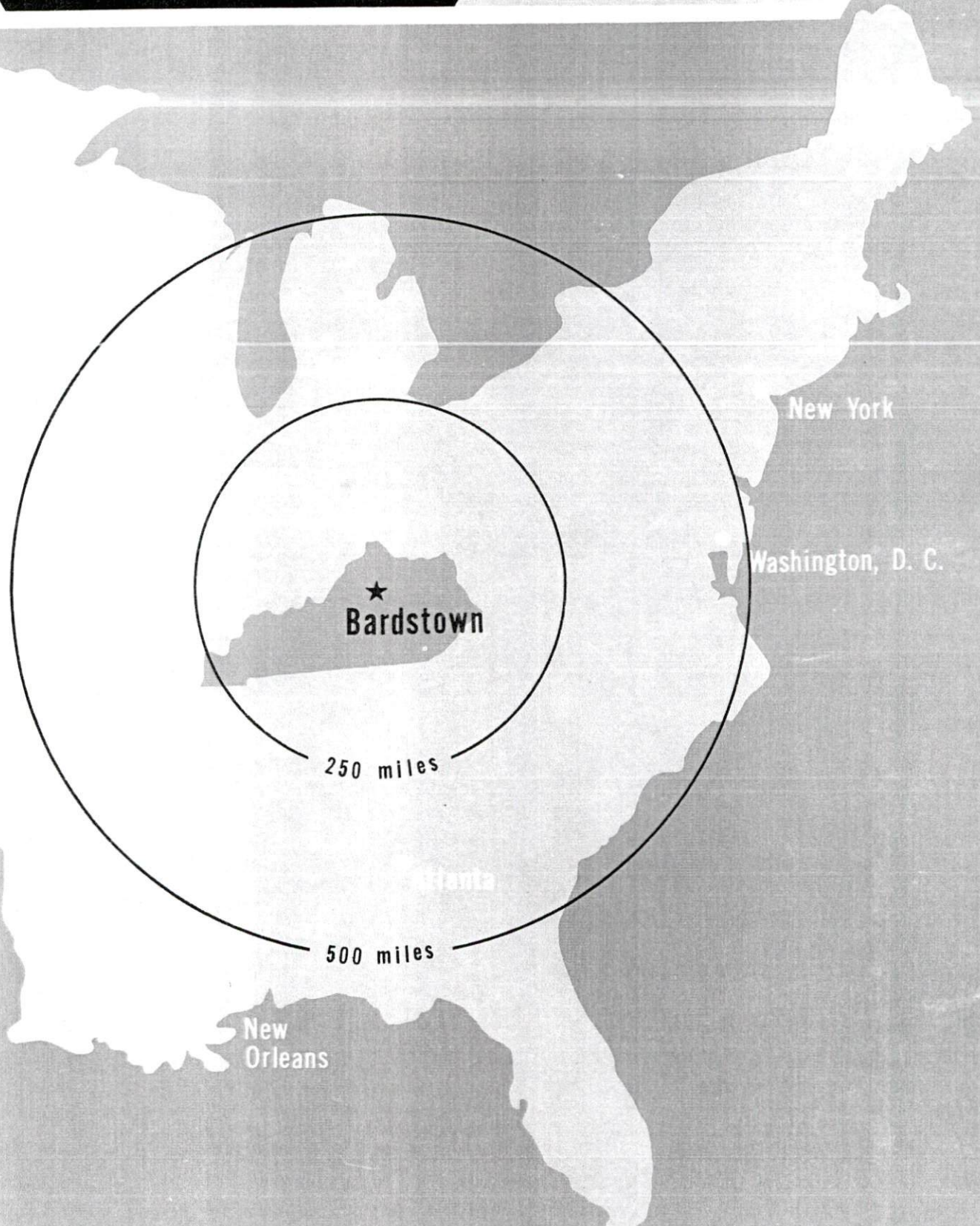
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

**BARDSTOWN
KENTUCKY**



BARDSTOWN INDUSTRIAL SITES

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SITE #1:

ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 137 acres,
level to rolling

LOCATION: Northern edge of city

ZONING: Industrial

HIGHWAY ACCESS: A county paved road leads to
U.S. 31-E and Ky. 150.

RAILROADS: Louisville & Nashville Railroad runs
through the site.

WATER: Bardstown Municipal Light and Water Company
SIZE LINE: 8-inch

GAS: Louisville Gas & Electric Company

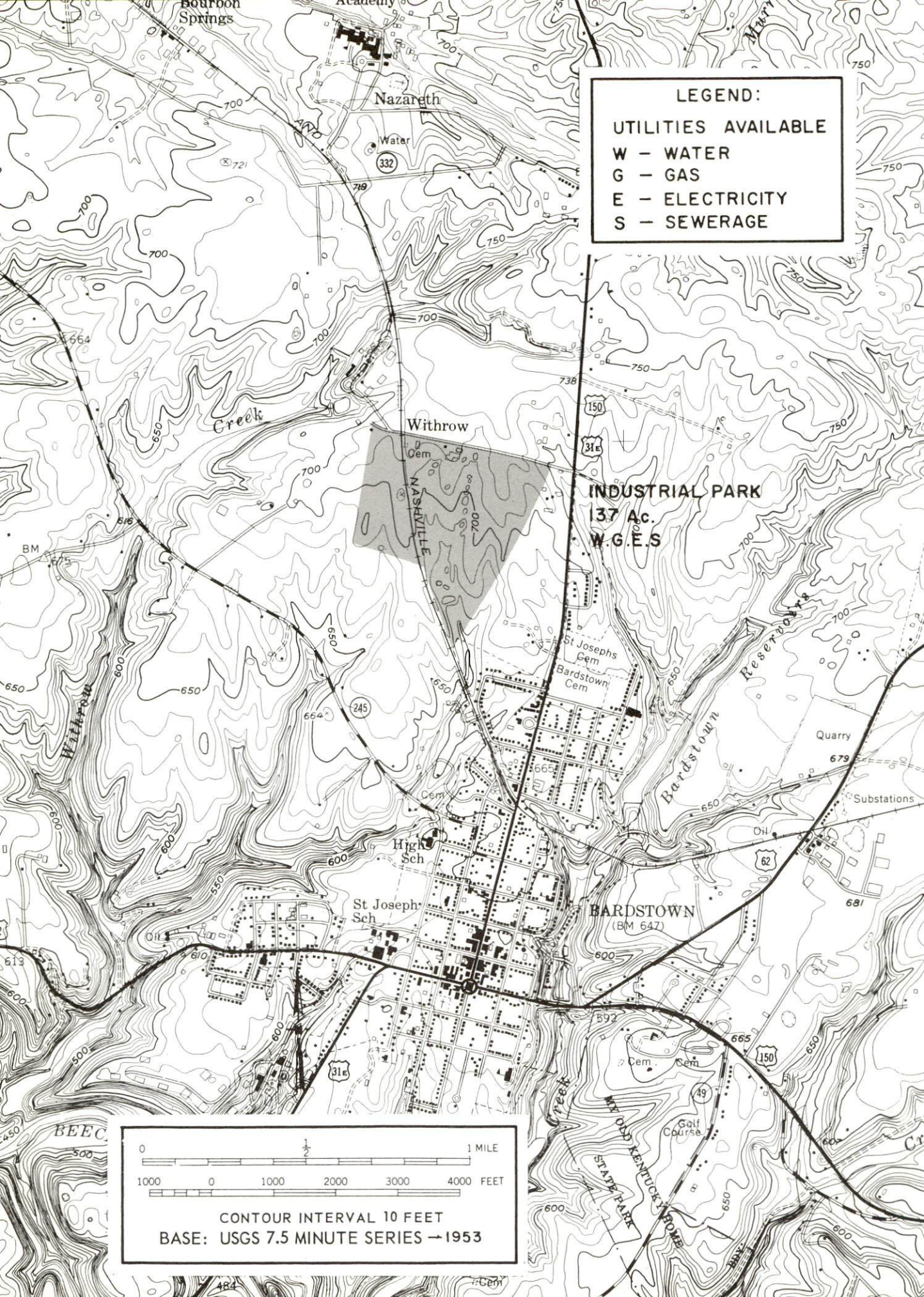
ELECTRICITY: Bardstown Municipal Light and Water Company

SEWERAGE: Bardstown Municipal Light and Water Company
SIZE LINE: 8-inch

OPTIONED BY: Bardstown Industrial Development
Corporation

AGENT: William R. Hanshaw
Salt River RECC
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004

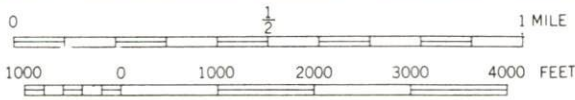
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or the Department of Commerce.



LEGEND:

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- G - GAS
- E - ELECTRICITY
- S - SEWERAGE



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BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY, A PROFILE

Location

Bardstown, rich in history and site of "My Old Kentucky Home," is located in a rural setting in central Kentucky. It is the county seat and largest community in Nelson County. Nearby north-south Interstate Highway 65 and a major east-west parkway place the city within close time proximity of Louisville - 38 miles to the north, and Lexington - 62 miles to the east.

The Economy

Nelson County has a strong economy based on employment in agriculture, manufacturing, trade, and government. Total county employment averaged 5,700 in 1967. Manufacturing has made steady gains in employment and now provides jobs for over 1,200 workers. The Bardstown area has long been the bourbon manufacturing center of Kentucky, but recent locations of new industries in the county have provided new types of manufacturing jobs. A thriving tourist trade has developed in the area. Employment in the eight-county area in which Bardstown is centered is also characterized by balance. In this area agriculture provides 9,700 jobs, government 8,400, trade and services 7,600, and manufacturing 6,200. Manufacturing employment in the area has increased by 70 percent during the past eight years.

The outlook for continuing economic growth in Bardstown as well as the entire area is very favorable. Bardstown has strong local leadership, community attitudes are good, the labor force is productive, wage rates are moderate, and an industrial site is available for industry. The Louisville metropolitan area, less than an hour away, provides recreation and social facilities and the many services required by industry and commerce.

Labor Supply

There is a current labor supply of 4,300 men and 4,900 women within short commuting distance of Bardstown. This labor supply will be augmented by 8,300 young men and 8,100 young women who will become 18 years of age during the next five years.

Industrial Sites and Services

Bardstown has a 137-acre site immediately available and under option by the Bardstown Industrial Development Corporation. Utilities are adequately provided for the site.

Bardstown's highway system is excellent. The Bluegrass Parkway is 1 mile south of Bardstown; it provides high speed access to I-65 and I-75. US 31-E and US 62 run through Bardstown and trucking services are available from five lines. An excellent noncommercial airport is being expanded.

The L & N Railroad serves Bardstown and the site. "Piggyback" service is available.

Recreation

Local recreational activities are diverse. Bardstown provides many facilities such as free swimming pools, baseball and softball parks, picnic grounds, golf courses and tennis courts.

Simpson Lake provides boating and fishing pleasure.

The Stephen Foster Story has been an annual summer highlight since 1958. My Old Kentucky Home State Park is a place of interest.

Bernheim Forest, a 10,000-acre forest preserve, privately owned but free to the public, is only 10 miles north of Bardstown. In this beautiful natural setting are an arboretum, wild life museum, hiking trails, picnic areas and camping facilities.

THE LABOR MARKET

Population

The population of Nelson County was 22,800 in 1968, an increase of about 17 percent over 1950.

Bardstown's population has increased steadily over the past 5 decades. Recent gains in population can be attributed to the growth of industrial activity, and Bardstown's increasing role as a trade distribution center.

TABLE 1

POPULATION TREND - BARDSTOWN AND NELSON COUNTY,
KENTUCKY ^{1/}

Year	Bardstown		Nelson County	
	Population	% Change	Population	% Change
1900	1,711		16,587	
1950	4,154	142.7	19,521	17.6
1960	4,798	13.4	22,168	13.5
1968			22,800 ^{2/}	2.9

Characteristics

The 1967 total employment in Nelson County averaged 5,700. Major segments of employment are agriculture (1,400), Manufacturing (1,250), trades and services (1,350), and government (550).

Industrial activity in Nelson County has increased substantially in the last 20 years and now provides about 1,250 jobs. Distilled beverages, apparel, and plastics are the leading products with over 1,100 persons employed. Distilled alcoholic beverages alone account for over 800 jobs.

Three industries have located new plants in the county during the 1960's. These new plant facilities represented capital investments of over \$9 million and created new jobs initially for over 500 workers. During the same period eight existing firms invested approximately \$4 million in expanded facilities, adding 550 new jobs.

Bardstown has long been the center of Kentucky's bourbon manufacturing, but growth has been steady in other phases of manufacturing due to the location of new plants in the county.

TABLE 2

BARDSTOWN'S LARGEST MANUFACTURING FIRMS
WITH PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT, 1968 ^{3/}

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Male	Female	Total
Bardstown Manufacturers, Inc.	Ladies' suits	10	216	226
Barton Distilling Co.	Whisky	250	100	350
Bird & Son, Inc.	Building materials			50
Double Springs Distillers, Inc.	Whisky	20	0	20
Glencoe Distilling Co.	Whisky	45	12	57
Heaven Hill Distilleries, Inc.	Whisky	232	74	306
Standard Publishing Co.	Newspaper	13	7	20
Waterfill & Frazier Distillery	Whisky	39	17	56
The Willett Distilling Co.	Whisky	30	17	47

The eight-county Bardstown labor market area includes: Nelson, Anderson, Bullitt, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Spencer, and Washington Counties. In September, 1967, there were 6,200 employed in manufacturing in the area. Major groupings of activities are shown in Table 3. Employment in food and beverages is concentrated in Nelson and Bullitt Counties; apparel is scattered throughout the area; chemicals and rubber are concentrated in Hardin and Marion Counties; machinery and metal products are concentrated in Hardin County.

TABLE 3

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT, BARDSTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA
SEPTEMBER, 1967 ^{4/}

Industry	Employment
Total	6,240
Food and beverages	2,211
Apparel	1,021
Chemicals and rubber	1,155
Metal products and machinery	498
Other	1,355

Wage Levels

The average weekly wage in all industries in Nelson County in 1967 was \$101.12. The average weekly wage in manufacturing was \$108.23, reflecting the traditionally high paying distilling industry. Comparable figures for Kentucky were \$104.50 for all industries and \$115.08 for manufacturing. Wages in all counties in the Bardstown labor market area were below the state average, leading to a tentative conclusion that workers can be recruited for jobs in Nelson County at near the minimum wage level for production jobs. Examples of specific occupational rates are: 5/

	<u>Wages per Hour</u>	
	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>		
Assembler	\$2.30	
Inspector	2.38	\$2.70
Production Laborer	1.60	1.70
Distillery Workers	2.15	2.35
<u>Service Employees</u>		
Janitor	\$1.35	
Laborer	1.60	
Truck Driver	1.60	\$2.80
Waitress	1.00	1.25 (and tips)
<u>Office Employees</u>		
Bookkeeper or Accounting Clerk	\$60.00 per week	
File Clerk	1.10 per hour	
Secretary	75.00 per week	
Stenographer	75.00 per week	
Typist	60.00 per week	

Labor Organizations

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union and the Distillery, Rectifying and Allied Workers' International Union are organized in Bardstown.

Labor Supply

There is an estimated current labor supply of 4,300 men and 4,900 women available for industrial jobs in the Bardstown labor market area. During the next five years over 8,300 boys and 8,100 girls will become 18 years of age and will augment this labor supply. The current labor supply includes estimates of the unemployed, underemployed, and persons who would enter the labor force if jobs became available.

The highway network and topography of this area are conducive to commuting; however, the number of workers who would be available for jobs at Bardstown would depend upon a number of factors including wage scales and working conditions.

TABLE 4

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY BARDSTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA

County	Current Labor Supply ^{6/}			Future Labor Supply by 1974 ^{7/} (Becoming 18 years of age)		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	9,250	4,350	4,900	16,541	8,373	8,168
Nelson	1,800	850	950	2,815	1,391	1,424
Anderson	550	300	250	847	417	430
Bullitt	1,150	300	850	1,936	990	946
Hardin	2,100	1,050	1,050	5,818	2,971	2,847
Larue	1,400	550	850	1,139	582	557
Marion	750	450	300	2,143	1,094	1,049
Spencer	650	350	300	609	305	304
Washington	850	500	350	1,234	623	611

Income and Sales

The 1967 effective buying income in Nelson County was \$43,303,000. Income per household was \$7,733 with 55 percent of all households in the \$5,000 or above income class. Retail sales totaled \$23,372,000. ^{8/}

In 1963 there were 213 retail trade establishments in Nelson County, 95 of which were in the City of Bardstown. ^{9/}

EDUCATION

A growing labor force of young workers is a prime asset for future growth at Bardstown. In addition educational opportunities are in the process of rapid improvement which insures a better educated and better trained supply of labor.

Elementary and High School

The Bardstown Independent School District has a total enrollment of 964 elementary students and 885 high school students. The school district provides one supervisor, two principals, two teachers for the mentally retarded, a remedial reading program and counseling at the high school level.

A \$1.5 million addition has been added to the elementary school and 30 more classrooms are to be constructed in the near future.

The Nelson County School System has 13 elementary and 4 high schools. The total 1967-68 elementary enrollment was 3,205 and the total high school enrollment was 1,104.

Nelson County has an abundance of excellent parochial schools.

TABLE 5

SCHOOLS, ENROLLMENT, NUMBER OF TEACHERS, STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN BARDSTOWN AND NELSON COUNTY, 1967-68 ^{10/}

School	Grades	Enrollment	No. of Teachers	Student-Teacher Ratio
Bardstown Elementary	K- 6	964	34	28-1
Bardstown High	7-12	618	29	22-1
Bethlehem High	9-12	267	22	12-1
Nelson County Elementary (total)	1- 8	3,205	120	27-1
Nelson County High (total)	9-12	1,104	49	23-1
St. Joseph*	9-12	358	23	15-1
St. Joseph Parish & St. Monica	2- 8	618	22	28-1
St. Thomas	2- 8	214	6	35-1

*1967-68 last school year.

Vocational Schools

Bardstown is served by the Jeffersontown Area Vocational-Technical School Extension Center located in Bardstown. The Extension Center was opened in 1967 and course offerings are appliance repair, auto mechanics, carpentry, drafting, industrial electricity, and welding.

Colleges

Nazareth College of Kentucky, a four-year liberal arts college for women, is located just 2 miles north of Bardstown. With the Louisville area just 38 miles distant, many fine institutions are close. Included are University of Louisville, Bellarmine - Ursuline, Catherine Spalding, Kentucky Southern College and the Southeastern Extension of Indiana University.

Other institutions of higher learning in the Bardstown area include:

<u>College or University</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Elizabethtown Community College	Elizabethtown	38 miles
Centre College	Danville	48 miles
University of Kentucky	Lexington	60 miles
Transylvania College	Lexington	60 miles
Georgetown College	Georgetown	71 miles
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	80 miles
Berea College	Berea	85 miles
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	96 miles

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad, operating between Louisville, Kentucky, and Springfield, Tennessee, serves Bardstown with one local freight daily. Switching service, except Sunday, with one team-track for 37 cars and package service are available daily. "Piggyback" service is available.

TABLE 6

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY, TO: ^{11/}

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

Highways

The new Bluegrass Parkway has two interchanges, both 1 mile south of Bardstown. The Bluegrass Parkway is connected to I-65, I-75, Mountain Parkway, and Western Kentucky Parkway. Also serving Bardstown are US Routes 31-E, 62, and 150, and State Routes 49 and 245.

Truck Service: The following trucking firms serve Bardstown.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Bardstown Transfer Lines, Inc.	Bardstown, Kentucky
Dixie Ohio Express	Akron, Ohio
Hayes Freight Lines, Inc.	Indianapolis, Indiana
Railroad Express Agency, Inc.	New York, New York
North Tennessee Freight Line	Nashville, Tennessee

TABLE 7

HIGHWAY MILES AND TRUCK TRANSIT TIME FROM
BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

Town	Highway Miles	Delivery Time ^{12/}	
		LTL	TL
Atlanta Ga.	387	2nd A. M.	Overnight
Birmingham, Ala.	374	2nd A. M.	2nd A. M.
Chicago, Ill.	336	2nd A. M.	2nd A. M.
Cincinnati, Ohio	137	Overnight	Overnight
Cleveland, Ohio	395	2nd A. M.	Overnight
Detroit, Mich.	408	2nd A. M.	Overnight
Knoxville, Tenn.	285	Overnight	Overnight
Louisville, Ky.	38	2 hours	2 hours
Los Angeles, Calif.	2, 145	4-6 days	4-6 days
Nashville, Tenn.	158	Overnight	Overnight
New Orleans, La.	698	3rd A. M.	3rd A. M.
New York, N. Y.	800	4th A. M.	4th A. M.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	376	3rd A. M.	3rd A. M.
St. Louis, Mo.	316	Overnight	Overnight

Air

Bardstown is served by Samuel Field, 2 miles west of town. Construction is underway to extend the 3,200-foot lighted runway to 4,500 feet. The nearest major airport is Standiford Field at Louisville, Kentucky, 38 miles away.

Other Transportation Services

Southern Greyhound Bus Lines serve Bardstown between their Louisville and Nashville terminals with 5 northbound and 5 southbound buses daily.

Bardstown Cab Company provides 24-hour taxi service.

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

The Bardstown Municipal Light and Water Company supplies electric power to approximately 2,000 customers in the Bardstown vicinity. The source of supply is the Kentucky Utilities Company which has a generating capacity of 740,000 KW in its five generating stations and has interconnections with major generating sources. Rates for industry will be furnished by the Company's Industrial Development Department in Lexington, Kentucky.

Salt River Rural Electric Cooperative serves 3,566 consumers in Nelson County. East Kentucky RECC, with a present capacity of 276,000 KW and an additional 200,000 KW unit under construction, is the generation-transmission source. East Kentucky also has interconnections with other major generating sources. Rate inquiries should be directed to Salt River RECC, Bardstown, Kentucky.

Natural Gas

Natural gas is supplied to Bardstown by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. Distribution lines range in size from 2 to 8 inches with high pressure mains of 15 to 45 psi. The specific gravity of the natural gas is .60 and the Btu content is 1,000.

Customers with large volume demands of several million cubic feet per day will be served by the Company on one of the low industrial gas rates on interruptible service.

Coal

Coal is available to Bardstown from both the Eastern and Western Kentucky Coal Fields. A representative delivery cost for coals can be determined for each district shown below. ^{13/}

<u>Point of Origin</u>	<u>Type of Coal</u>	<u>Freight Delivery (Cost Per Ton)</u>
Hazard District	Industrial and	
Eastern	Domestic	\$3.02
Western Kentucky	Industrial and	
District	Domestic	\$2.98

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Water is supplied to the city by Bardstown Municipal Light and Water Company whose source of raw water is a newly constructed 250-acre lake. Storage facilities consist of a 500,000-gallon tank, a 250,000-gallon tank, and a 100,000-gallon tank. Pumping capacity is 2,000 gpm and the average pumping time to meet requirements is 7 1/2 hours. The average daily use is approximately 475,000 gallons and the maximum daily use has been approximately 780,000 gallons. The distribution lines range from 6 to 16 inches with the average pressure maintained at 58 psi.

Current rates are as follows:

First	3,000 Gallons	\$3.25 (Minimum)
Next	75,000 Gallons	.50 Per M Gallons
All Over	78,000 Gallons	.40 Per M Gallons

Sewerage

The Bardstown municipal sewer system serves Bardstown with separate storm and sanitary sewers. A new filtering plant has been completed at the cost of 1 1/2 million dollars. Sewage is discharged through 6-, 8-, 10-, and 12-inch mains. The system has a daily capacity of 750,000 gallons. The maximum daily flow has been 500,000 gallons. Rates are as follows:

First	3,000 Gallons	\$1.00 (Minimum)
Next	47,000 Gallons	.10 Per M Gallons
All Over	50,000 Gallons	.05 Per M Gallons

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture

Farm income in Nelson County is largely from the production of livestock, principally cattle, hogs, and dairy products. Income from livestock is supplemented substantially by the production of burley tobacco. The approximate total land area of the county is 279,680 acres, with 1,555 farms comprising 82.2 percent of this area. The average farm is 147.9 acres, valued at \$176.06 per acre (including buildings).

The 1964 value of sales of all farm products totaled \$8,995,046, averaging \$5,785 per farm. Crop sales totaled \$3,393,914, and livestock and livestock products totaled \$5,590,367.

In 1966, agricultural production in Nelson County included 4.3 million pounds of burley tobacco, 691,000 bushels of corn, and 17,400 tons of alfalfa hay. Livestock on farms on January 1, 1967, numbered 45,400 cattle and calves, 29,000 hogs and pigs, and 1,900 sheep and lambs.

During 1965, milk cows on farms in Nelson County averaged 8,200 with milk production totaling 57.4 million pounds.

Mineral Resources

The principal mineral resources of Nelson County consist of dolomite and clay. Small, noncommercial deposits of rock asphalt also occur in the county.

Dolomite occurs as part of a narrow outcrop band of the Laurel Formation which extends north to the Ohio River. The stone is suitable for highway and other local construction purposes. Recent investigations indicate that local clays are of a quality suitable for the manufacture of common brick, structural tile and lightweight aggregate.

Water Resources

Surface water is available from Rolling Fork and Beech Fork. Other sources may be secured from local impoundments of small streams. The average discharge of Rolling Fork at Boston and Beech Fork near Bardstown is 1,656 cfs (28-year record) and 865 cfs (27-year record), respectively.

Recent investigations by the U. S. Geological Survey indicate that the most favorable areas for obtaining ground water are in the extreme western portion of the county. Most wells drilled adjacent to Rolling Fork and in the

lower reaches of Beech Fork will produce enough water for a domestic supply (more than 500 gpd). Most wells drilled in the alluvium east of Rolling Fork and in the valleys along most of the main lines of drainage in the county will produce from 100 to 500 gpd. Wells drilled away from the main lines of drainage generally will not produce enough water for a dependable domestic supply. Water is hard or very hard and may contain salt or hydrogen sulfide, especially at depths greater than 100 feet.

Forests

Nelson County has 105,000 acres of forest covering approximately 38 percent of the total land area. Predominant trees include oak, hickory, and sweet gum. Famous Bernheim Forest, 10,000 acres of natural beauty, is located in Nelson County.

Climate

Bardstown has excellent climate year-round.

Winter is short - an average of only 5 days annually have more than 1.0 inch or more of snow, sleet or hail. Snowfall occurs mostly during December and January.

Rainfall is sufficient but not excessive. The average yearly precipitation is 47.7 inches, in between the 20 inches per year indicating aridity and the 60 inches marking the limit of wetness. More rain falls in July and August than in most months, yet the annual total is well distributed.

Sunshine is abundant. In the average year about 100 days are clear, 105 days partly cloudy and 160 days cloudy. The temperature in Bardstown rarely falls below freezing from April 1 to November 1. The normal monthly minimum temperature ranges from 26 to 66° F., while equivalent maximum temperatures range from 42 to 86° F. Over the year the average temperature ranges from 28 to 79° F.

Prevailing wind is from the south and according to a 22-year study an average of only 18 days a year have fog.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Bardstown, a fourth-class city, is governed by a mayor elected for a four-year term and a council composed of six members elected for two-year terms.

Nelson County is governed by a fiscal court composed of a county judge elected for a four-year term and 5 magistrates elected by district for four-year terms.

Finance

The City of Bardstown had an income of \$810,313.49 for the 12 months ending December 31, 1967. Bonded indebtedness is approximately \$267,000.

Nelson County's estimated budget for the fiscal year 1967-68 was \$432,570. The county has no bonded indebtedness.

Taxes

Property taxes are the major source of revenue income for Bardstown and Nelson County. Property must be assessed at 100 percent of value under provisions of the Kentucky Constitution. Net assessed value of property in 1968 was:

<u>Bardstown</u>	<u>Nelson County</u>
\$26,339,923	\$139,099,365

Property tax rates for Bardstown and Nelson County are shown below.

TABLE 8

PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE
FOR BARDSTOWN AND NELSON COUNTY, 1967 ^{14/}

Taxing Unit	Bardstown	Nelson County
State	\$.015	\$.015
County	.185	.185
School	.529	.580
City	.250	
Total	\$.979	\$.780

Planning and Zoning

The Bardstown Planning Commission has adopted a Major Street Plan, Subdivision Regulations, Base Map, Existing Land Use Map, Existing Land Use Analysis, Community Improvement Facilities, Neighborhood Analysis, and Housing Survey Map.

Safety

Fire: The fire department is staffed with a chief and 22 volunteer firemen. Major equipment includes: a 1967 American LaFrance, 750-gpm pumper truck; a 1966 GMC pumper; 1958 American LaFrance, 560-gpm pumper truck; and a 1962 Chevrolet equipment truck carrying a portable power unit, lights, a portable 300-gpm pump, 100 gallons of foam, respirator, gas masks, and smoke ejector.

Police: The Bardstown Police Department is staffed with a chief, six patrolmen, and three radio operators. Motorized equipment consists of a 1966 patrol car equipped with a two-way radio.

Nelson County has a sheriff, three deputies and one clerk. Motorized equipment consists of four privately owned cars which have two-way radios.

Sanitation

Free garbage collection is made daily by the city in the business and school districts and weekly in the residential areas. Disposal is by means of a city dump. A land fill is under development.

HEALTH

Hospitals

Bardstown is served by the Catholic Flaget Memorial Hospital with 34 beds and 12 bassinets. The hospital has an active staff of 10 doctors and 9 registered nurses.

Nursing Homes

A new 26-bed nursing home was constructed in Bardstown in 1967.

Public Health

The Nelson County Health Department is located at Bardstown, Kentucky, in a modern facility. The 1968 budget is \$31,536.17.

The Department is staffed with a full-time public health nurse, a part-time public health nurse, a part-time public health operator, a full-time clerk and a full-time sanitary inspector. State "area" personnel includes the services of nursing consultant, sanitation consultant, and health educator, who visit the county when needed and help plan and carry out programs.

Services provided by the Department include: dental health clinics, venereal disease and tuberculosis control programs, sanitation services, communicable disease control, health education, immunizations and tests, cancer detection, heart programs, diabetes service, nutrition programs, crippled children services, environmental sanitation program, the control of animal diseases transmittable to man, school health programs, advisory services, and vital statistics registration.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Housing

Houses are available for sale or rent in Bardstown. Construction cost of a 3-bedroom house ranges from \$12,000 to \$25,000, depending on location, size, and type of materials used. Apartment complexes have been recently completed with an \$85 to \$125 monthly rental range.

A 50-unit, low-rent housing project has been completed and an additional 70 units are under construction.

Communication

Telephone: Bardstown is served by South Central Bell Telephone Company with a dial system. A direct dial system is coming in the near future.

Telegraph: Telegraph service in the Bardstown area is provided through a local Western Union office.

Postal: Bardstown has a first-class post office with 23 employees. Mail is received seven times and dispatched six times daily. Postal receipts for 1967 totaled \$111,618.05. A new post office was completed in May 1967.

Newspapers: The Kentucky Standard is a weekly newspaper with a circulation of 5,600.

Other papers are received daily from Louisville.

Radio: Radio station WBRT-AM, an independent station located in Bardstown, transmits on 1,320 kilocycles with a power of 1,000 watts.

Radio reception is good from Elizabethtown, Louisville, and Cincinnati.

Television: Television reception is good from five stations in Louisville and Lexington. All major networks are represented.

Libraries

Library service is provided by Nelson County Memorial Library. The library has 9,940 volumes and an annual circulation of approximately 23,260 volumes. The Nelson County Bookmobile serves the county with an annual circulation of approximately 37,000 volumes. Plans are being discussed for building a new library.

Churches

There are nine churches in Bardstown representing the following denominations: Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1967</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Farmers Bank & Trust Co.	\$7,764,559.34	\$6,693,115.22
Wilson & Muir Bankers	8,224,405.15	7,085,689.64

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic: Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and Optimist

Fraternal: Masonic, Knights of Columbus, VFW, and American Legion

Women's: Eastern Star, Bardstown Garden Club, DAR, Homemakers, and Stephen Foster Music Club

Youth: FFA, Little League, Babe Ruth League, Midget League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, 4-H, Junior Music Club, and Key Clubs

Recreation

Local: Local recreational facilities include two free swimming pools operated by the city.

The city recreation department with the assistance of civic organizations provides a summer program that includes: supervised play for tiny tots, baseball leagues for boys, softball leagues for men, girls and women, parks, tennis court, two golf courses, several small lakes for fishing, a country club, and a sportsman club.

The 250-acre Simpson Lake, located near Bardstown, has excellent facilities for boating and fishing.

The "Stephen Foster Story," a regional drama, is presented annually in Bardstown. Foster immortalized "My Old Kentucky Home" and the State Park is found in Bardstown.

The Barton Museum of Whisky History located in Bardstown is one of the world's most unusual and fascinating.

Bernheim Forest, 10,000 acres of Kentucky woodlands, is just 15 miles west of Bardstown. The park has facilities for picnicking, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking or observing wildlife.

Racing: Kentucky is famous for its fine horses - everything from harness racing to the Kentucky Derby are within a short distance of Bardstown.

College Sports: Kentucky's college basketball teams are always among the leaders; football and baseball fans also have much to cheer about.

Professional Sports: Cincinnati has three outstanding professional teams - the Reds in baseball, the basketball Royals, and the Bengals in football.

Drama and Music: The Brown Theater, Louisville, is the home of the Louisville Theatrical Association, the Louisville Orchestra, the Kentucky Opera Association, and the Louisville Civic Ballet Company. Actors, Inc., is Louisville's professional resident theater company.

Recent Community Improvements

Public: New post office - 70 units of low-cost housing - 30-room county school addition - extension to sewer and water lines - new medical complex - resurfacing of US 31-E and US 62, in Bardstown.

Business and Industrial: New 7.7 million dollar Lily-Tulip Co. cup plant - 1,300-foot extension of airport runway - quarter of million dollar extension to area vocational school.

HISTORY

Nelson County was formed in 1784 by the General Assembly of Virginia, the fourth county erected in the district of Kentucky, and named in honor of Thomas Nelson, Revolutionary general, signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Governor of Virginia.

Bardstown's first settlers were Protestants. Presbyterianism was predominant, but the Baptists were prominent. The first Catholic migrants from Maryland arrived in 1785. Ten years later, Bardstown had become the largest Catholic settlement in the state and the nucleus of the Church in the West.

In its early years Bardstown rivaled Louisville and Lexington as a center for social and educational facilities. In fact, the first federal census (1990) zoned Bardstown 216 inhabitants, 16 more than Louisville.

From its beginning, Bardstown held a position in national affairs out of all proportions to its size. Even though it was located on the frontier, its early life was far different from the usual rampaging settlements that were characteristic of Kentucky. This was largely due to the great emphasis placed on education. Home schools were already begun before 1782, the year that Bardstown Grammar School was known to be already in progress.

From 1822 to 1860 Bardstown was one of the principal manufacturing towns of the state. Kentucky is famous for its bourbon whisky and the early maps of Nelson County are dotted as thickly with distilleries as with towns. In 1896, there were 23 within the bounds of the county.

Today Bardstown's chief sources of income are its distilleries and tourist trade attracted by the town's historical show places.

Federal Hill, home of the Rowan family, ranks first among Bardstown's homes, because it is one of the oldest and best preserved, and was fortunate enough to have been the subject of a song. Federal Hill has been immortalized as "My Old Kentucky Home" by Stephen Collins Foster, who was visiting his kinsman Judge John Rowan in 1852. It was here that Foster was inspired to give to the world his master melodies.

Rivalling Federal Hill in history--and certainly from the standpoint of beauty--is Wickland, known as the "Home of Three Governors."

On Fifth Street is the oldest Catholic College in Kentucky, established in 1819 by Bishop Benedict J. Flaget.

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