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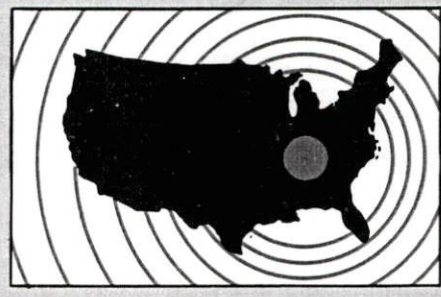
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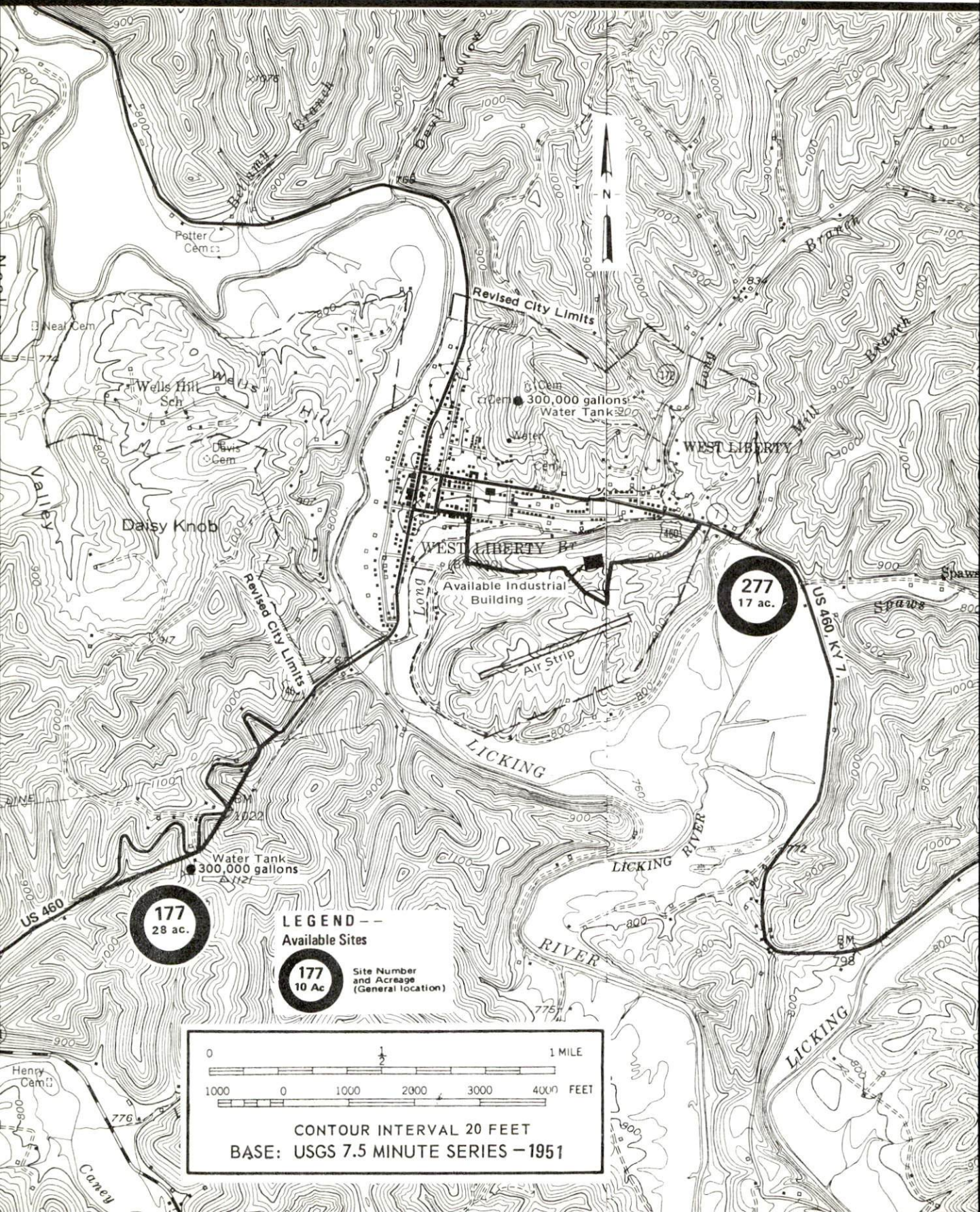
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WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY --- Index to Industrial Sites --- 1977

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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES
WEST LIBERTY, KENTUCKY

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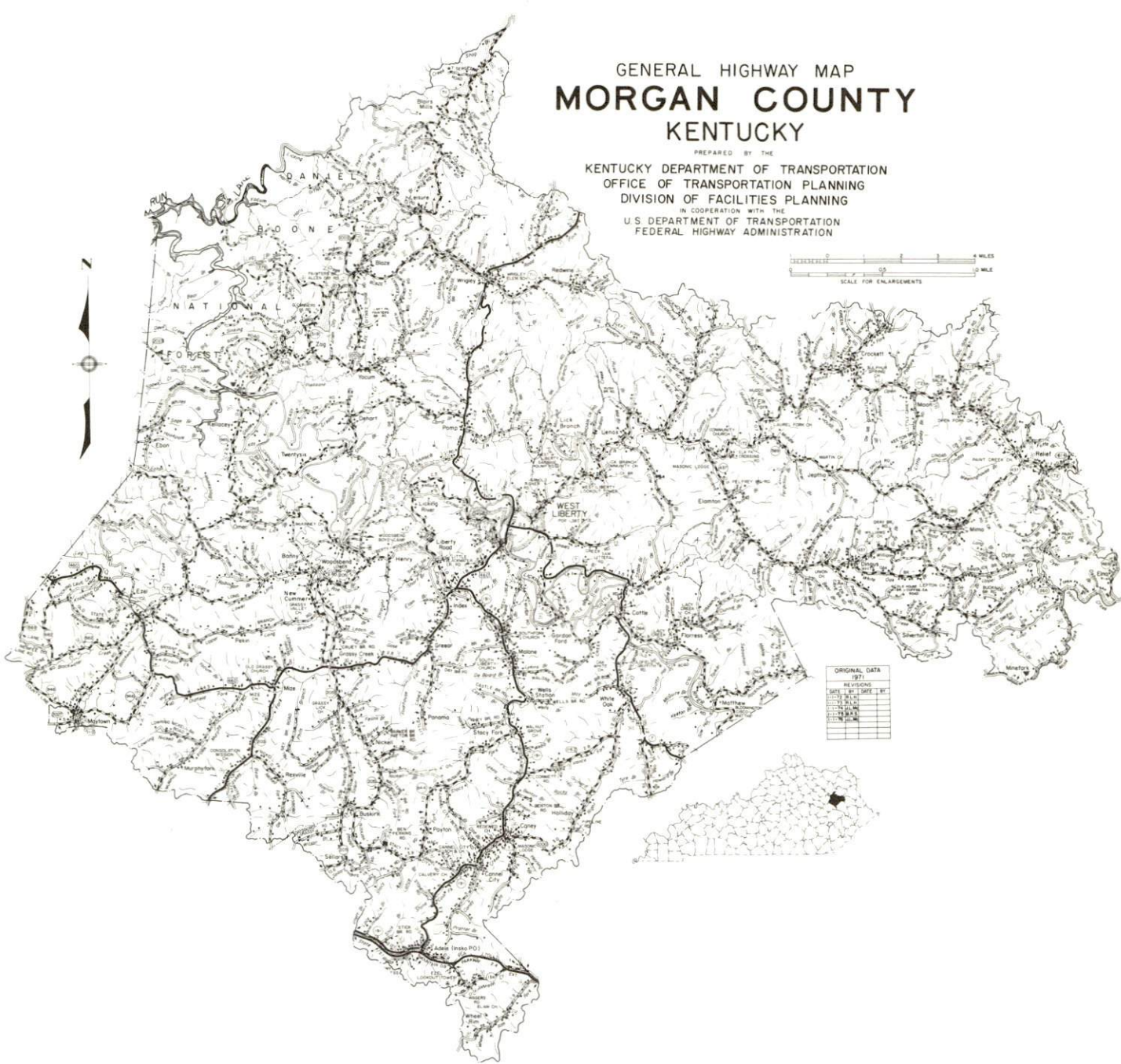
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP MORGAN COUNTY KENTUCKY

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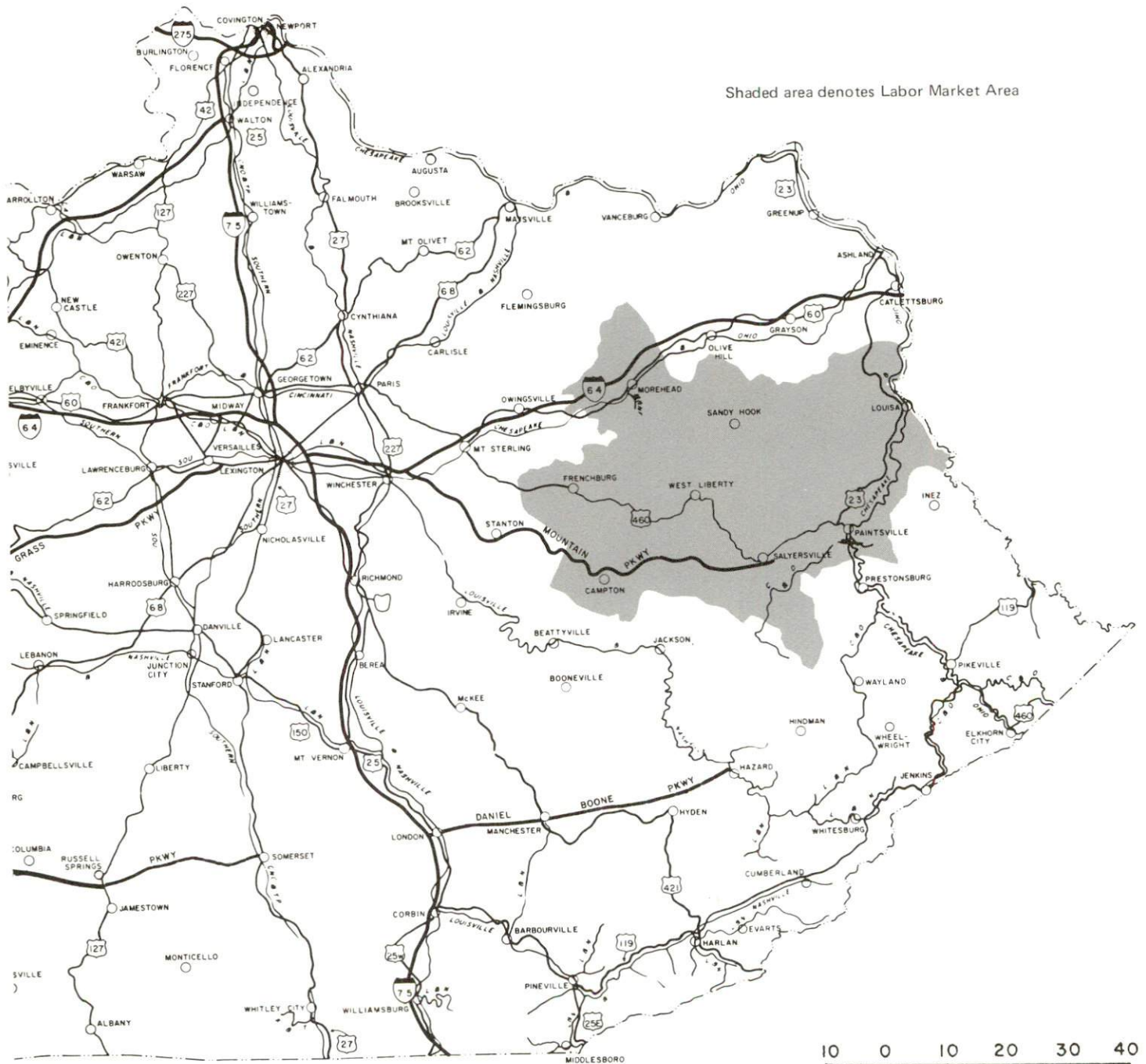


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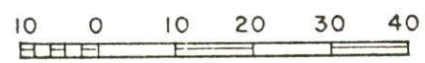
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WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area



GRAPHIC SCALE IN MILES

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 86 miles east of Lexington, 162 miles east of Louisville, 66 miles southwest of the Ashland-Huntington area, and 168 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1973 West Liberty's population was estimated to be 1,387.

Morgan County, with a land area of 369 square miles, is located in the Eastern Coal Field Region of Kentucky. Morgan County had an estimated population of 10,500 in 1975.

The Economic Framework

The total number of Morgan County residents employed in 1975 averaged 3,810, with nonagricultural jobs accounting for 3,370 workers. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 315 workers; mining and quarrying 270; construction firms 90; transportation, communication, and public utilities 170; wholesale and retail trade 350; finance, insurance, and real estate 40; and employees in the service industries 230. The county's major industrial product is rough lumber.

Total unemployment in Morgan County averaged 8.5 percent of the labor force in 1975.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1974 was \$2,638, an increase of 71.3 percent since 1970.

The West Liberty labor market area includes Morgan and the seven adjoining counties. The total number of residents of the labor market area employed in 1975 averaged 30,590, with nonagricultural jobs accounting for 28,990 workers. Manufacturing employers in the area reported 1,990 workers; mining and quarrying 2,070; construction firms 530; transportation, communication, and public utilities 940; wholesale and retail trade 3,390; finance, insurance, and real estate 385; and employees in the service industries 3,270.

Resources for Growth

1. Labor Supply - There is a current labor supply of 5,740 men and 5,510 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 4,180 young men and 3,860 young women in the area will become 18 years of age before 1982 and potentially available for work.

2. Transportation - The nearest rail service is provided by The Chessie System at Paintsville, 40 miles southeast of West Liberty. U. S. Highway 460 serves West Liberty and provides easy access to the Mountain Parkway, 22 miles south of the city. Three trucking lines are presently serving West Liberty and a United Parcel Service shipping center is located in Salyersville, 22 miles away. The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport, only 2 miles southeast of West Liberty, provides service for light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at the Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field) at Huntington, West Virginia, 75 miles distant.

3. Utilities and Fuel - West Liberty and parts of Morgan County are supplied electric power by the Kentucky Power Company. Electric power is supplied to the remainder of Morgan County by the Big Sandy RECC, Clark RECC, and Licking Valley RECC. West Liberty is supplied natural gas by the Elam Utility Company, whose source of supply is Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. There are two distributors of propane and one distributor of distillate fuel oil in the area. Low sulphur content coal is available locally.

4. Education - The Morgan County School System provides primary and secondary education in West Liberty. A university, a junior college, and a community college are located within 50 miles of the city. In addition, West Liberty has an area vocational education center that offers training in seven course areas. A state vocational-technical school at Paintsville, 40 miles distant, offers 22 different areas of study.

THE LABOR MARKET AREA

POPULATION

<u>Area</u>	<u>1975*</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Nonwhite</u>
			<u>1970</u>
West Liberty	1,387**	1,387	0.4
Labor Market Area	87,800	81,389	N.A.
Morgan County	10,500	10,019	0.1
Elliott County	5,700	5,933	0.2
Johnson County	20,500	17,539	0.1
Lawrence County	12,100	10,726	0.3
Magoffin County	11,400	10,443	0.1
Menifee County	4,400	4,050	0.6
Rowan County	17,100	17,010	1.3
Wolfe County	6,100	5,669	0.2

*Provisional Estimates.

**1973 Population Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 562, June 1975; Series P-26, No. 75-17, May 1976.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1975

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	4,165	33,303
Employment	3,811	30,586
Agricultural	444	1,592
Nonagricultural	3,367	28,994
Unemployment	354	2,717
Rate of Unemployment (%)	8.5	8.2

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages, 1975.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY INDUSTRY, BY PLACE OF WORK, 1975

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	1,455	12,842
Mining & Quarrying	267	2,071
Contract Construction	86	529
Manufacturing	315	1,992
Food & Kindred Products	0	59
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	158	614
Lumber & Furniture	104	500
Printing & Publishing, Paper	46	93
Stone, Clay & Glass	7	10
Machinery, Metal Products, Equipment	0	711
Other Manufacturing	0	5
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	166	937
Wholesale & Retail Trade	347	3,394
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	41	385
Services	233	3,267
Other	*	2

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers; certain nonprofit corporations; majority of federal, state, and local government workers; and self employed workers. Labor market area totals for some employment categories exclude employment that was not disclosed for individual counties.

*Not disclosed.

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1975.

WEST LIBERTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> (Establishment date)	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Courier Publishing Company (1910)	Newspaper, letter- press printing, photo lathe plate making	9	5	4
Frederick & May Lumber & Supply Company (1951)	Rough lumber	111	110	1
Wells Ready Mix Concrete, Inc. (1958)	Ready mixed concrete	7	7	0

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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Morgan County at present.

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>	<u>Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1982</u>
Labor Market Area	5,740	2,040	1,510	2,190	4,177
Morgan	640	70	230	340	553
Elliott	300	0	160	140	333
Johnson	1,310	750	260	300	846
Lawrence	630	240	180	210	546
Magoffin	390	0	270	120	632
Menifee	550	410	80	60	256
Rowan	1,170	0	250	920	648
Wolfe	750	570	80	100	363

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY
WEST LIBERTY LABOR MARKET AREA

Area	Current			Under- employed	Future
	Total	Not in Labor Force	Unemployed		Reaching 18 yrs. of age before 1982
Labor Market					
Area	5,510	3,630	440	1,440	3,856
Morgan	710	510	60	140	519
Elliott	90	0	30	60	300
Johnson	1,350	970	100	280	819
Lawrence	850	720	40	90	540
Magoffin	780	580	100	100	587
Menifee	390	320	20	50	198
Rowan	720	0	70	650	579
Wolfe	620	530	20	70	314

Sources: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1975. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply before 1982.

AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY,
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1975

	<u>Morgan County</u>	<u>Elliott County</u>	<u>Johnson County</u>	<u>Lawrence County</u>
All Industries	\$143.11	\$232.61	\$158.10	\$151.25
Mining & Quarrying	249.65	284.85	249.32	235.86
Contract Construction	137.64	205.14	135.87	179.37
Manufacturing	98.78	105.20	*	125.88
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	150.05	123.71	185.22	*
Wholesale & Retail Trade	115.41	93.74	124.85	102.79
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.61	*	160.47	157.82
Services	120.82	81.51	102.24	105.70
Other	*	0	83.31	0
	<u>Magoffin County</u>	<u>Menifee County</u>	<u>Rowan County</u>	<u>Wolfe County</u>
All Industries	\$188.70	\$122.37	\$141.42	\$116.37
Mining & Quarrying	279.74	*	177.33	142.95
Contract Construction	110.08	*	191.33	141.35
Manufacturing	*	*	131.48	*
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	228.64	*	187.27	*
Wholesale & Retail Trade	115.76	100.52	94.90	104.87
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	212.80	0	180.29	139.18
Services	90.98	*	157.90	73.21
Other	0	0	*	0

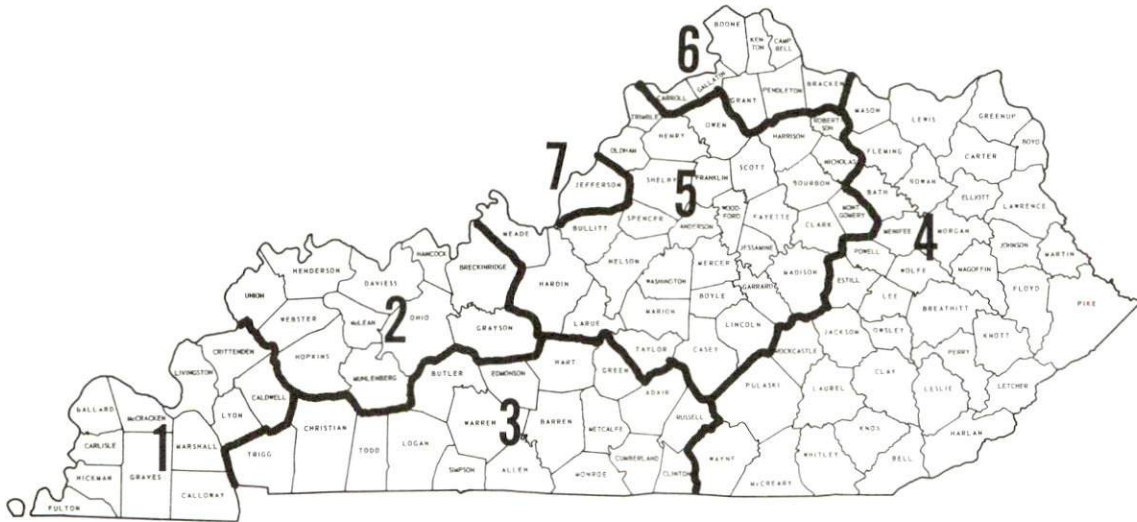
Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers; certain nonprofit corporations; majority of federal, state, and local government workers; and self employed workers.

*Not disclosed.

Source: Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Unemployment Insurance, 1975.

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by individual 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 127 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for seven 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>1974</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Morgan County	\$2,638	\$1,540	71.3
Labor Market Area			
Range	\$2,399 - 3,455	\$1,476 - 2,434	N/A
Kentucky	4,442	3,112	42.7
U.S.	5,448	3,966	37.4

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Survey of Current Business, August 1975. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 1976.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

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

Services - Carload freight only with 3 or 4 daily freight stops; 8 through freights daily; switching facilities; team track space for 30 cars, nearest piggyback facilities are located at Russell, approximately 70 miles northeast of West Liberty

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

Real Estate and Industrial Development
The Chessie System
2 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
(301) 237-2754

Highways

Major routes in Morgan County are U. S. Highway 460, Kentucky Route 7, and the Mountain Parkway. The Mountain Parkway, which is a toll road, is only 22 miles south of the city. Kentucky Route 7 connects West Liberty with Interstate 64 at Grayson, 44 miles to the north.

U. S. 460 has recently been repaved through West Liberty. Kentucky Route 172, which connects the city with Paintsville, has also been completely resurfaced. Kentucky Route 519, which connects West Liberty with Morehead, is being extensively rebuilt and widened.

Truck Service

<u>Company</u>	<u>Home Office</u>
Overnite Transportation Company*	P. O. Box 1216 Richmond, Virginia 23209
Smith's Transfer Corporation	P. O. Box 1000 Staunton, Virginia 24401
United Trucking Service, Inc.*	3047 Lonyo Road Detroit, Michigan 48209

*Has only temporary authority to serve West Liberty.

Other Freight ServicesNearest Shipping Center

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.	448	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,266	7
Birmingham, Ala.	484	2	Louisville, Ky.	162	1
Chicago, Ill.	438	3	Nashville, Tenn.	296	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	168	1	New Orleans, La.	813	3
Cleveland, Ohio	359	2	New York, N. Y.	669	3
Detroit, Mich.	423	3	Pittsburgh, Pa.	329	3
Knoxville, Tenn.	261	1	St. Louis, Mo.	421	3

*Does not include the day of pickup.

Source: Delivery Time Only - Overnight Transportation Company,
P. O. Box 1216, Richmond, Virginia 23209.

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
Location:	West Liberty-Morgan County Airport 2 miles southeast of West Liberty	Tri-State Airport (Walker-Long Field) Huntington, West Virginia, 75 miles northeast of West Liberty
Runways:	1 paved	2 paved
Length:	2,400 feet	6,500 feet and 3,000 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock	Tower
Lighting:	None	Beacon, runway
Services:	Phone	Allegheny and Piedmont Airlines; 80, 87, 100, 130, jet fuel; major repairs, major avionics; hangars, tie downs; restaurant; limousine, taxi, car rentals; flight instruction, charter service
Air Freight Service:		Air freight accepted on a space available basis

Bus - Southern Greyhound Bus Line

Taxi - Two privately operated taxicabs

Rental Services - Car, truck and trailer rentals

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

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

Source of power - Kentucky Power Company

Total generating capacity - 1,065,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Power Company
340 Fifteenth Street
Ashland, Kentucky 41101
(606) 324-2144

Company serving Morgan County - Big Sandy RECC; Clark RECC;
Licking Valley RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 496,000 KW

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Division
East Kentucky Power Cooperative
P. O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Big Sandy RECC
P. O. Box 671
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240
(606) 789-4095

and/or

Clark RECC
P. O. Box 748
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 774-4251

and/or

Licking Valley RECC
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3179

Natural Gas

Company serving West Liberty - Elam Utility Company, Inc.
Source of supply - Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission mains - 10 inches (supplier); 3 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 6, 4, 3, and 2 inches
Distribution pressure - 8 ounces to 10 psi
Btu content - 1,080 per cubic foot
Specific gravity - .67
For rates and supplies contact:

Elam Utility Company, Inc.
550 Morgan Street
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-3695

Other Fuels

Propane

Little Sandy Gas & Appliance, Sandy Hook, Kentucky 41171
Williams Energy Company, West Liberty, Kentucky 41472

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

West Liberty Oil & Gas Company, West Liberty, Kentucky 41472

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 Company*
City Hall
Main Street
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-4553

Source - Licking River

Treatment plant capacity - 1,250,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 210,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 300,000 gallons

Type treatment - Chlorination, filtration, sedimentation, and
fluoridation

Storage capacity - 600,000 gallons

Size lines - 10, 8, 6, 4 and 3 inches

Average pressure - 85 psi

Average temperature - 52 degrees F.

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

Tap-on charge: \$25

Surface water sources - Licking River

Average discharge - Licking River near Salyersville, 174 cfs
(37-year record USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 5 gpm or less in northwestern section
of county, 50-200 gpm over the remainder of the county

*The West Liberty Water Company now operates a 1,250,000 gallon per day water treatment plant and has installed a 300,000 gallon storage tank and approximately 5 miles of 8- and 10-inch mains. The water company is in the process of replacing 4- and 3-inch lines within the city with 8- and 10-inch lines.

Sewerage

Company serving West Liberty - West Liberty Water Company*
City Hall
Main Street
West Liberty, Kentucky 41472
(606) 743-4657

Design capacity - 400,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - 120,000 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 - 10 and 8 inches

Size of storm mains - 10 to 36 inches

Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill

Tap-on charge: Labor and materials, plus 10 percent

*Preliminary plans are underway for the development of a county-wide sewerage system.

CLIMATE

Morgan County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	54.6 degrees
Average annual 1975	54.8 degrees
Record highest, August, 1918 (87-year record)	106.0 degrees
Record lowest, February, 1899 (87-year record)	- 27.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,817
(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)	38.44 inches
Mean annual snowfall (88-year record)	23.70 inches
Total precipitation 1975	45.51 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (87-year record)	142
Average number days thunderstorms (76-year record)	44

Relative Humidity

7 a. m.	80 percent (60-year record)
1 p. m.	56 percent (31-year record)
7 p. m.	68 percent (60-year record)

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1975. Station of record:
Parkersburg, West Virginia.

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

Intangible personal property located in Kentucky (money in hand, shares of stock, notes, bonds, accounts, and other credits) is taxed by the state at \$0.25 per \$100, and is not subject to local taxation.

Intangible personal property owned by corporations in Kentucky as a result of business transactions performed out-of-state, but having a tax situs in Kentucky (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, credits, non-domestic bank deposits, licensing or royalty agreements, shares of stock of any affiliated company, etc.) is taxed by the state at \$0.015, and is not subject to local taxation.

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

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>West Liberty</u>	<u>Morgan County</u>
County	\$.296	\$.296
School	.391	.391
City	.200	

Special (not county wide): Fire protection - \$.02

Planning and Zoning

A city-county planning commission is presently being established.

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	2

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1975.

West Liberty

Morgan County

Fire

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating

7

Volunteers

22

6 (Cannel City)

16 (White Oak)

18 (Wrigley)

23 (Ezel)

Rescue Service

Morgan County Rescue Squad:

Number of volunteers - 25

Equipment - 1 four-wheel drive truck, 1 radio-equipped truck, portable generator, porta-power rescue kit, portable oxygen unit, dragging equipment, stretchers, first aid kit, ladders, ropes, lights, saws.

Several privately owned boats are available to the rescue squad.

Personnel training - Most members have had standard first aid training and search and rescue training. Some have received cardio-pulmonary respiration training.

Solid Waste

West Liberty

Type service

Private

Fee charged:

residential

\$4 per month

business

Varies with amount collected

industrial

Varies with amount collected

Collection frequency:

residential

Twice weekly

business

6 days a week

industrial

Varies

Trash pickup

Trash picked up with

regular collection

Disposal method

*

*A private contractor is currently developing a landfill which will be used by the sanitation service.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Morgan County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1976)	2,394
Elementary	1,401
Middle School	325
High School	668
Student-Teacher Ratio	17-1
Elementary	16-1
Middle School	17-1
High School	20-1
Percent High School Graduates to College	45.7
Expenditures Per Pupil (1974-75)	\$661.91
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1975	\$1,527,000

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles Distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1975)</u>	<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
Lees Junior College	Jackson (44)	319	Associate
Prestonsburg Community College	Prestonsburg (45)	547	Associate
Morehead State University	Morehead (47)	7,318	Masters, Ph. D. *

*Cooperative program with the University of Kentucky, Lexington, for a Ph. D. in education only.

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
Location	Mayo State Vocational- Technical School Paintsville	Morgan County Area Vocational Education Center West Liberty
Miles Distant	40 miles from West Liberty	
Curriculum	Data Processing Cosmetology Practical Nursing Industrial Education Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Diesel Mechanics Drafting Electronics (Communications) Electronics (Industrial) Electronics (Technology) Graphic Arts (Painting) Highway Technology Industrial Electricity Instrumentation Machine Shop Mining Maintenance Mechanics Radio and TV Repair Technical Drafting Tool and Die Design Tool and Die Making Welding	Agribusiness Industrial Education Auto Body Auto Mechanics Drafting Electricity Welding Surface Mining Equipment Repair

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>
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital	West Liberty	20 acute; 30 extended care

General hospital facilities - Laboratory, radiology, emergency room, pharmacy, clinic, OB section, cafeteria

Medical staff - 5 doctors, 10 registered nurses, 1 licensed practical nurse, 4 lab technicians, 2 X-ray technicians, 1 consulting pathologist, consulting radiologist

Ambulance Service

Name - Morgan County Ambulance Service
Staff - 3 full time, 2 part time
Service - 24-hour, county-wide
Training - Full-time staff has received EMT training

Nursing Homes

<u>Number of Homes</u>	<u>Number and Type of Beds</u>
1	21 intermediate care 7 personal care

Public Health

Facility - Morgan County Health Department
Staff - Full-time: Administrator, health environmentalist, 2 nurses, community health worker, clerk
Part-time: Physician, nutritionist, community health worker, clerk for family planning unit

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Mountain Rural Telephone Company

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Second

Mail received - Once 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; Huntington, West Virginia

Radio - WLKS

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

Television -

Cable service

Reception from - Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky; Huntington and
Charleston, West Virginia; local programming provided by the
West Liberty Television Company (cable)

Kentucky Educational Television - Morehead transmitter, channel 38

Library Services

Public library - John F. Kennedy Memorial Library

Size collection - 24,594 volumes

Circulation, 1975-76 - 40,442

Services - Books, periodicals, magazines, references, records,
films, audio visual equipment, rural bookmobile service, story
hour, community center, TV, ETV, adult education

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 7

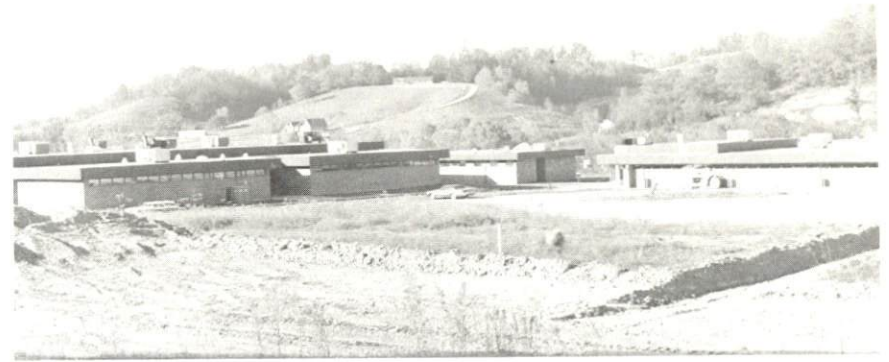
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ,
Church of God, Methodist

Nearest synagogues - Ashland, 67 miles northeast of West Liberty

Congregations - Agudath Achim (reform)



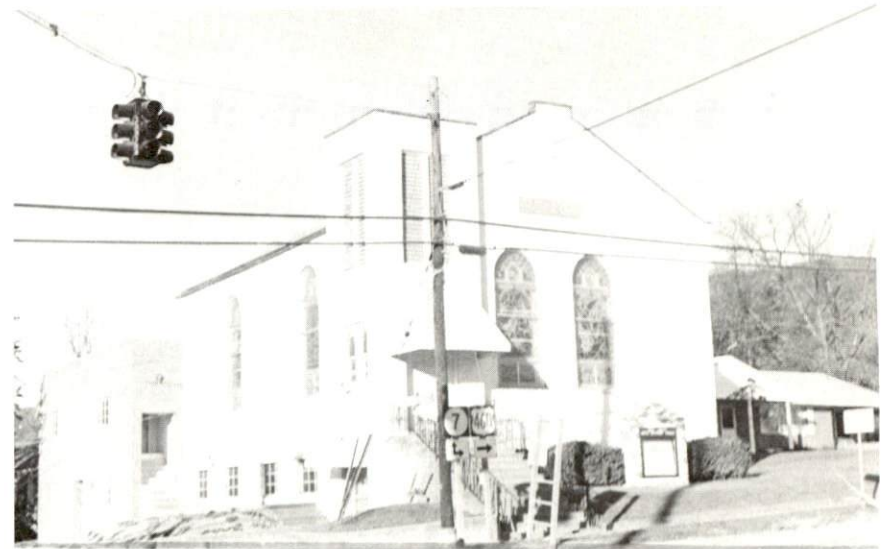
Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital



Morgan County High School
Vocational School and Industrial Arts Building



West Liberty Christian Church



West Liberty Methodist Church

Bank of the Mountains



John F. Kennedy
Memorial Library

Commercial Bank



Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>
Commercial Bank	\$20,413,747.15	\$18,746,880.99	6/30/76
Bank of the Mountains	9,221,568.99	8,197,538.18	6/30/76

Hotels and Motels

Total number - 1
Total units - 35

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Kiwanis Club, Blood Bank, Jaycees, 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

A public park in West Liberty contains a playground, swimming pool, four tennis courts, and a new croquet court. A football field and baseball diamond at the middle school are also available for public use. Private recreational facilities available at a local country club include a golf course, swimming pool, two tennis courts, and croquet and shuffleboard courts. One indoor and one drive-in movie theater are located in the West Liberty area.

Three special events are held annually in West Liberty. The Kiwanis Club's horse show is held in June. The Morgan County fair, featuring exhibits and rides, is usually held in September. The Sorghum Festival, held in mid-October, features exhibits on quilting and sorghum-making, antiques and crafts, mountain music and square dancing.

Area

West Liberty is less than 25 miles from the Daniel Boone National Forest. A pioneer weapon hunting preserve is located in the forest north of Frenchburg, 29 miles from West Liberty.

Grayson Lake State Park, 33 miles north of the city, offers 150 camping sites, beach, picnic area, and fishing.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park near Slade, 35 miles away, features 1,900 acres in the land of natural bridges and the Red River Gorge. A lodge, complete with 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 skylift allows easy viewing of the panoramic scene.

The 1,700-acre Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is located on Dewey Lake near Prestonsburg, 45 miles from West Liberty. A lodge with a dining room and gift shop, cottages, and camping are available. The park offers an olympic size pool, paddle boats, motors, dock, ramps, fishing, golf, hiking, shuffleboard, horseback riding, picnic area, playground, summer theater, and a skylift to the Sugar Camp Mountain recreational area.

Cave Run Lake, located approximately 49 miles from the city, offers facilities for fishing and camping.

Carter Caves State Resort Park is located near Olive Hill, 58 miles from West Liberty, in a region rich in cliffs, streams and caves. The 1,000-acre park features over 20 caves and offers cottages and a modern lodge with dining room, coffee shop and gift shop. Also available are guided cave tours, camping, swimming in pool and lake, fishing, hiking, canoeing, a 9-hole golf course, pro shop, mini-golf, boats, dock, picnic shelter, playground, and convention center. The 800-acre Tygart's State Forest on the western boundary of the park is open for hiking, picnicking, and state regulated hunting in season.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Recent:

1. The West Liberty Water Company now operates a 1,250,000 gallon per day water treatment plant and has installed a 300,000 gallon storage tank and approximately 5 miles of 8- and 10-inch lines.
2. One thousand feet of new sewer mains have been added to the city's sewerage system.
3. The Bank of the Mountains, which was organized in West Liberty in 1975, has located in the central portion of the city.
4. The Commercial Bank building and a downtown restaurant have been extensively remodeled.
5. Buildings constructed in the area in the recent past include an office building, a new grocery store, a 10-unit apartment complex, and several houses in a new subdivision.
6. Forty-eight units of low-income public housing have been completed.
7. Wells Ready Mix Concrete, Inc., has constructed and occupied a new building.
8. The Morgan County School System has built a new high school, vocational school and an industrial education facility. Night classes are now being offered at the vocational school.
9. Another tennis court and a croquet court have been added to the public park.
10. Kentucky Route 460 has been repaired and resurfaced through West Liberty and Kentucky Route 172 has been resurfaced throughout Morgan County.

Underway:

1. The West Liberty Water Company is in the process of replacing 4- and 3-inch water lines within the city with 8- and 10-inch lines.

2. The Morgan County School System is adding two Title I classrooms at an elementary school and is constructing a new school bus garage.

3. Kentucky Route 519 between West Liberty and Morehead is being substantially improved and widened.

4. A city-county planning commission is being established.

Planned:

1. Federal funds will be received for a major renovation of the Morgan County courthouse. The courthouse has been placed on the state and federal registers of historic buildings.

2. Morgan County is planning to install a central alarm and dispatching system to serve the county's fire departments.

3. West Liberty plans to repave and improve the road leading to the water works.

4. A 500-foot runway extension at the local airport is planned.

5. The Morgan County School System is developing plans for a community center.

6. The Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital is planning to add a surgery suite.

7. An application has been made to the Public Service Commission for a permit to operate a county water district. In connection with this project, plans include constructing 20 to 25 miles of 8- and 10-inch mains and two 300,000 gallon storage tanks in an area west of the city. The water district will be supplied by the West Liberty Water Company.

8. Preliminary plans are underway for the development of a county-wide sewerage system.

HISTORY

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

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

West Liberty, the county seat since 1836, is located at the geographic center of the county. The town suffered greatly during the Civil War, when twenty-nine buildings, including the courthouse, were destroyed by fire. West Liberty had an estimated population of 1,387 in 1973.

Morgan County had a population of 2,857 in 1830, which grew to an all-time high of 16,827 in 1940. The population declined over the next three decades, reaching 10,019 in 1970. This trend in population has apparently reversed, however, as the county had an estimated population of 10,500 in 1975.

The total number of Morgan County residents employed in 1975 averaged 3,810, with 450 employed in agriculture. Manufacturing employers in the county reported 315 workers, wholesale and retail trade 350, mining and quarrying 270, and services 230. Largest of the county's manufacturing firms is the Frederick & May Lumber & Supply Company of West Liberty, which produces rough lumber.

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.