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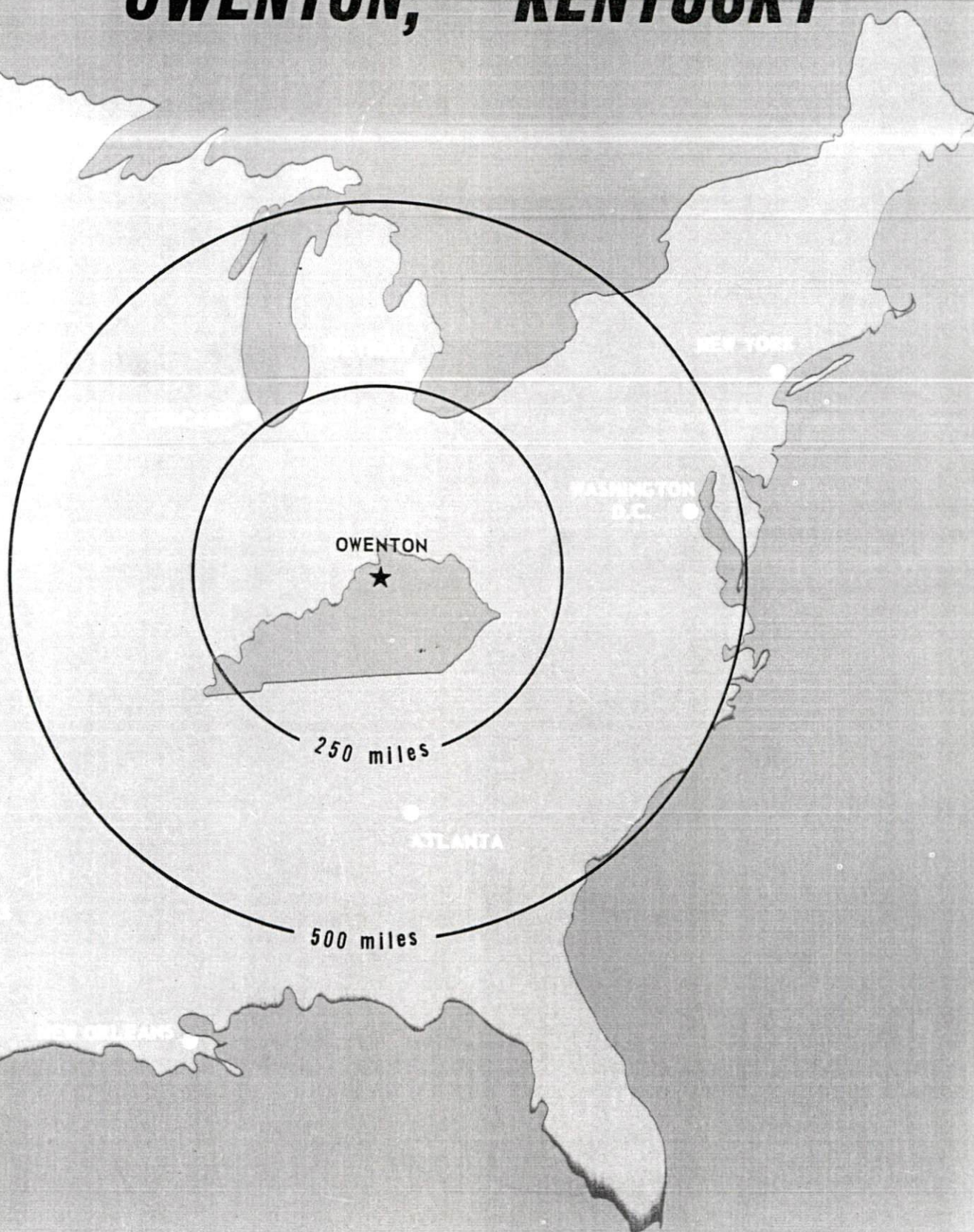
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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## ***OWENTON, KENTUCKY***



OWENTON INDUSTRIAL SITES

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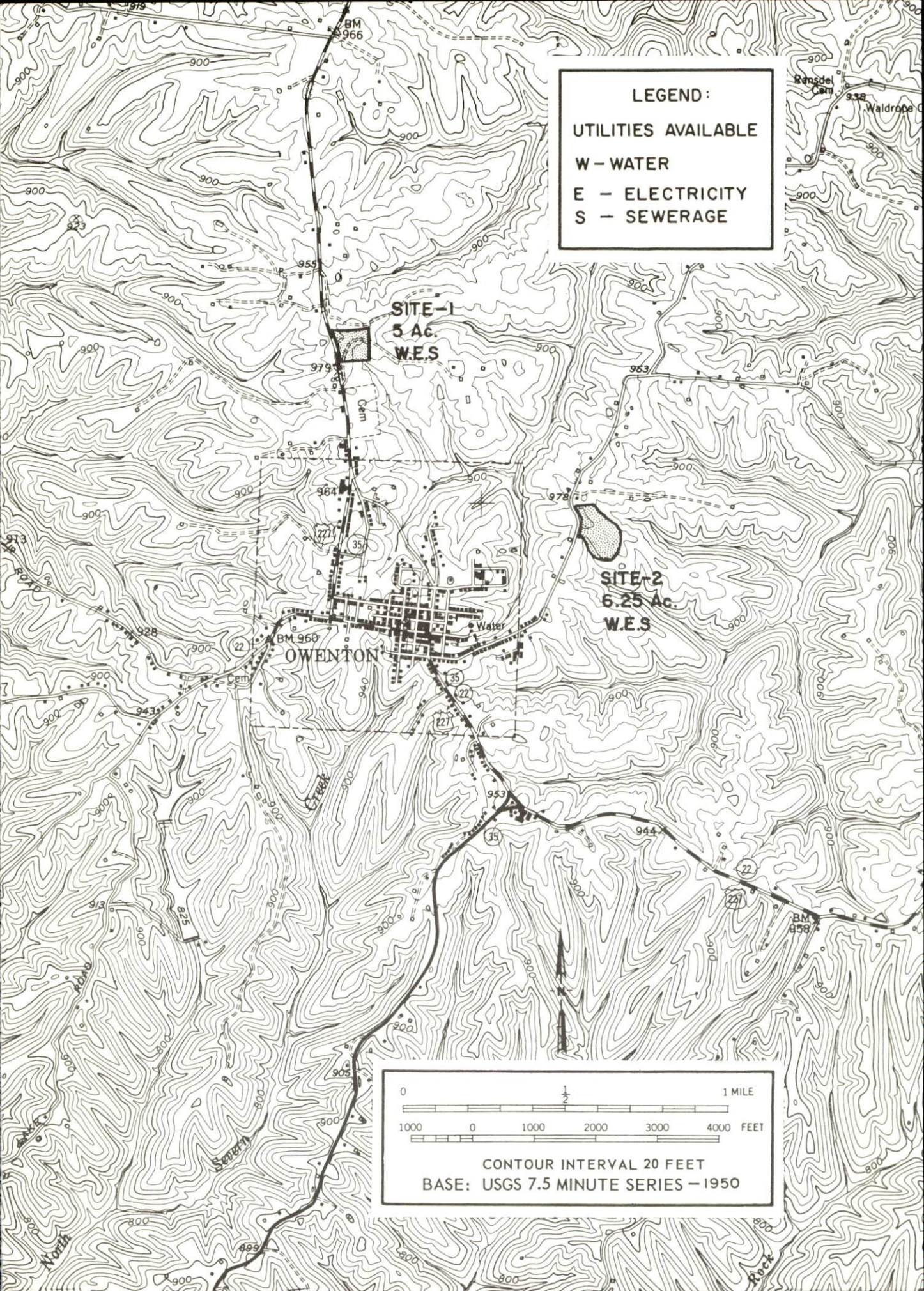
## OWENTON INDUSTRIAL SITES

For complete information concerning the following sites, contact the Owen County Chamber of Commerce, Owenton, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 5 acres  
LOCATION: One-tenth mile north of city limits of  
Owenton on Highway 127  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Access to I-71  
RAILROADS: None  
WATER: Owenton Water Works      SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
GAS: None  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 3-phase  
SEWERAGE: Available  
OPTIONED BY: Owen County Chamber of Commerce

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 6.25 acres  
LOCATION: One-quarter mile northeast of city limits  
of Owenton  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Ky. 2953  
RAILROADS: None  
WATER: Owenton Water Works      SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
GAS: None  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 3-phase  
SEWERAGE: Available  
OPTIONED BY: Owen County Industrial Development  
Foundation, Inc.





LEGEND:

UTILITIES AVAILABLE

W - WATER

E - ELECTRICITY

S - SEWERAGE

SITE-1  
5 Ac.  
W.E.S

SITE-2  
6.25 Ac.  
W.E.S

OWENTON

0 1/2 1 MILE  
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 FEET

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES - 1950



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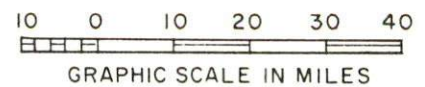
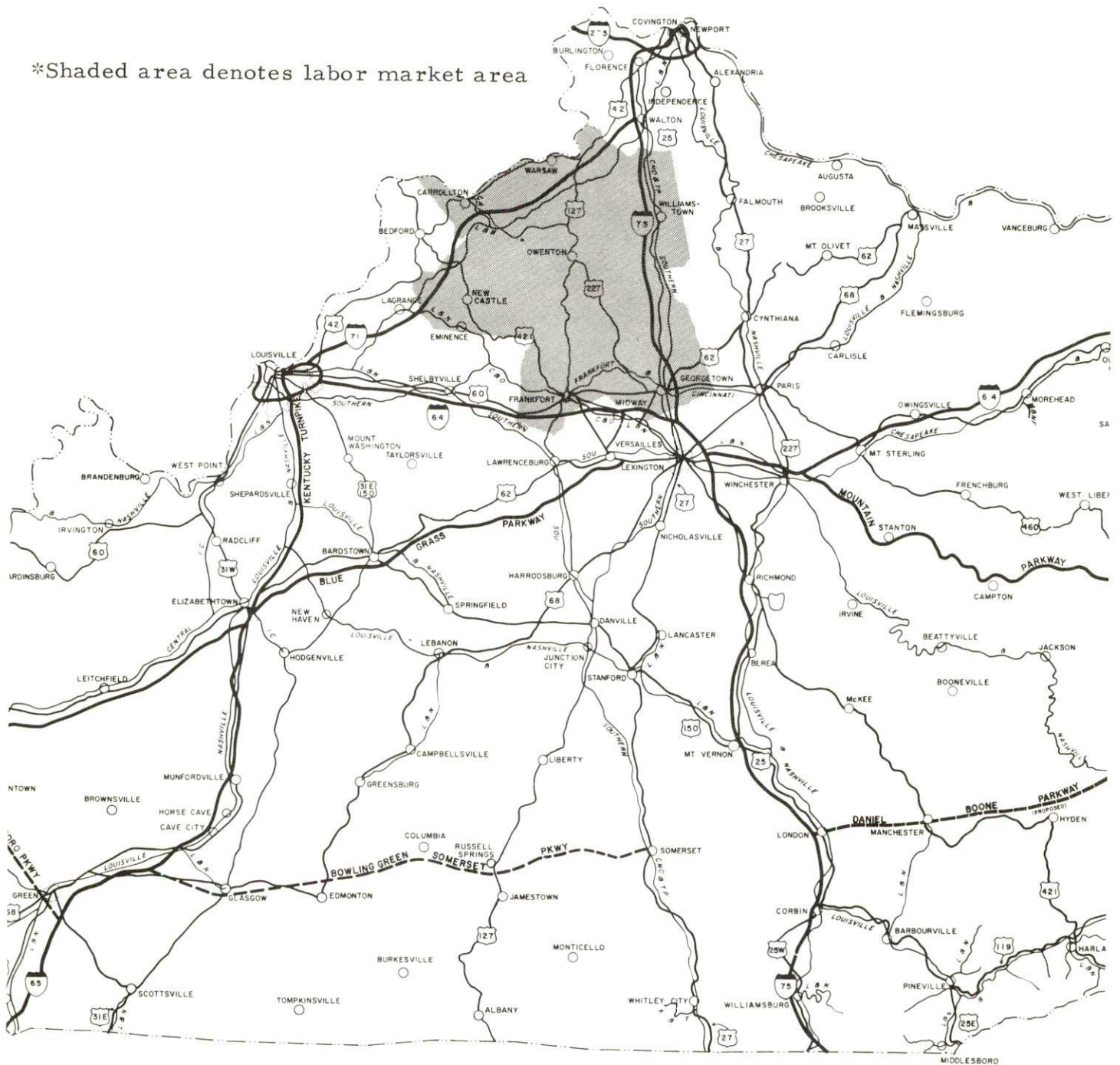
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## OWENTON LABOR MARKET AREA

\*Shaded area denotes labor market area



## OWENTON, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

### Location

Owenton, the county seat of Owen County, is located in the north-central portion of the bluegrass region of Kentucky.

Owenton is 50 miles from Lexington, Kentucky, 65 miles from Louisville, Kentucky, and 65 miles from the Greater Cincinnati area.

### The Economic Framework

Total employment in Owen County averaged 2,870 in 1968. Agriculture provided 1,325 of these jobs and government provided 325 jobs. Many people residing in Owenton commute to nearby Georgetown and Frankfort for employment.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$2,467.

Area employment totals 41,870 including 6,975 in agriculture. Manufacturing furnishes 6,345 jobs. Area industrial employment has increased 58.7 percent in the past 9 years with sharpest gains in metal products, apparel and chemicals. Despite important industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 2,812 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national industrial employment-population ratio. This indicates an area where the potential for additional manufacturing production is excellent.

### Resources For Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 1,695 men and 1,620 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 4,095 young men and 3,945 young women will become 18 years of age by 1975 and potentially available for work.

2. Transportation - The Louisville & Nashville Railroad, located at Sparta, is 12 miles distant. Also, Interstate 71, which links with I-75, a major north-south artery, is 12 miles away. Commercial air service is available at Covington, 60 miles distant, and at Lexington, 50 miles distant.

3. Electricity is available in large quantity.

4. Industrial sites - Owenton has two available industrial sites with water, sewers, and electricity.



5. Four senior colleges are within 50 miles of Owenton. Georgetown College is only 34 miles away. The University of Kentucky and Transylvania University are 50 miles distant. Kentucky State College, located in Frankfort, is 30 miles distant.

#### Community Programs For Improvement

A new \$1,400,000 elementary school is scheduled for completion in September 1970; a new Tri-Village Water District has extended water mains 9 miles in the county; upgrading of the water and sewer systems has just been completed; and a 32-unit, low-rent housing project was completed in June 1969. Renovating of the Owen County High School at the cost of \$450,000 is planned for the immediate future.

#### Recreation, Entertainment, and Livability

Big Bone Lick State Park is 30 miles north of Owenton. The park has a playground and picnic area. A museum, lodging, and concessions are planned. Paleontological excavations (a five-year project) are currently being carried out by a team from the University of Nebraska.

General Butler State Park is 30 miles northwest of Owenton. The park has a resort lodge, resort pool, dining room, sandwich shop, gift shop, grocery, efficiency, and one- and three-bedroom cottages, tent and trailer camp spaces with central service building, group camp, picnicking, 25-acre lake, bathhouse, beach and lake swimming, pedal-powered "dreamboats," boat dock and rentals, horseback riding, 9-hole golf, miniature golf, miniature train rides, hiking and nature trails, playground and supervised recreation, and fishing. The Butler Mansion contains a museum of Ohio River lore, with visual interpretations of the romantic riverboat era. The park is located near the confluence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers. An observation tower in the park affords a panorama of the country side.

Eagle Creek Recreation Area, located at the junction of Eagle Creek and the Kentucky River, 20 miles from Owenton, offers fishing, boating, camping, and swimming.

Perry Park Resort, 12 miles distant, will be a private resort. There are 2,600 acres of land that will be utilized to make this resort one of the finest in the country. Located on the Kentucky River, it will have a boat marina, restaurant and yacht club, an airstrip, stables, tennis courts, clubhouse, skeet range, camping areas, a championship golf course and a driving range, two pools, a 100-room motel and several hundred home sites. All of the facilities at Perry Park will be open on a membership basis.



# THE LABOR MARKET

## POPULATION TRENDS <sup>1/</sup>

Area	1969 (Est.)	1960	1950	Percent Change	
				1960-69	1950-60
Owenton	NA	1,376	1,249		+10.2
Labor Market Area	92,500	85,350	84,519	+ 8.4	+ 1.0
Owen County	7,100	8,237	9,755	-13.8	-15.6
Carroll County	8,200	7,973	8,517	+ 2.8	- 6.4
Franklin County	34,600	29,421	25,933	+17.6	+13.5
Gallatin County	4,300	3,867	3,969	+11.2	- 2.6
Grant County	9,600	9,489	9,809	+ 1.2	- 3.3
Henry County	11,200	10,987	11,395	+ 1.9	- 3.6
Scott County	17,500	15,376	15,141	+13.8	+ 1.6

## GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS <sup>2/</sup>

Major Employment Group	1968	1968
	Owen County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	2,868	41,868
Agricultural	1,325	6,973
Nonagricultural	1,543	34,895
Manufacturing	51	6,346
Trade and Services	194	7,203
Government	326	13,204
Other	972	8,142

## MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1959 AND 1968 <sup>3/</sup>

Industry	Owen County			Labor Market Area		
	1968	1959	% Change	1968	1959	%Change
TOTAL	51	57	-10.5	6,346	4,000	+ 58.7
Food & Kindred Products	44	52	-15.4	945	1,162	- 18.7
Tobacco	1	1		19	8	+137.5
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	0		1,280	880	+ 45.5
Lumber & Furniture	0	0		612	425	+ 44.0
Printing, Publishing, Paper	6	4	+50.0	123	85	+ 44.7
Chemicals, Petroleum,						
Coal, Rubber	0	0		628	190	+230.5
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	0		54	37	+ 45.9
Primary Metals	0	0		177	0	
Machinery & Metal						
Products	0	0		1,854	1,030	+ 80.0
Other	0	0		654	183	+257.3

OWENTON MANUFACTURING FIRMS,  
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT <sup>4/</sup>

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Kraft Foods Division	Cheese	29	29	
The News-Herald Publishing Company	Newspaper and job printing	6	4	2

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS  
OWENTON, KENTUCKY <sup>5/</sup>

Classification	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
<u>Service Employees</u>	<u>Rates Per Hour</u>		
Electrician	\$2.00	\$2.75	\$2.50
Laborer	2.00	3.00	2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.75	3.00	2.50
<u>Office Employees</u>	<u>Rates Per Week</u>		
Bookkeeper	\$90.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
File Clerk	65.00	75.00	70.00
Receptionist	70.00	85.00	75.00
Secretary	80.00	100.00	100.00
Typist	65.00	75.00	70.00

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing Workers at:</u>
Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America	Kraft Foods Division

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -  
OWENTON LABOR MARKET AREA

County	Current Labor Supply <sup>6/</sup> 1969			Future Labor Supply by 1975 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) <sup>7/</sup>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	3,314	1,696	1,618	8,038	4,094	3,944
Owen	565	331	234	749	367	382
Carroll	265	98	167	793	408	385
Franklin	836	543	293	2,786	1,431	1,355
Gallatin	260	100	160	378	188	190
Grant	424	149	275	915	458	457
Henry	368	186	182	976	505	471
Scott	596	289	307	1,441	737	704

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME <sup>8/</sup>

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Owen County	\$ 17,517,000	\$ 10,199,000	+71.8
Labor Market Area	240,160,000	127,244,000	+88.7
Kentucky	8,360,000,000	4,655,000,000	+79.6

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME <sup>9/</sup>

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Owen County	\$2,467	\$1,200	+105.6
Labor Market Area	\$1,624 to 3,113	\$1,093 to 1,583	+48.6 to + 96.7
Kentucky	2,614	1,552	+ 68.4



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	<u>Owen County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,577
Elementary	855
High School	722
Student-Teacher Ratio	23-1
Elementary	26-1
High School	19-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	32.1
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$379.69
Bonded Indebtedness	\$366,000

### Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Covington	Carrollton
Miles Distant	60	26
Curriculum	Auto Body Repair	Accounting Junior
	Auto Mechanics	Management
	Business and Office	General Clerical
	Education, Carpentry	Secretarial-Stenographer
	Commercial Foods	Air Conditioning and
	Cosmetology	Refrigeration
	Data Processing	Auto Mechanics
	Distributive Education	Carpentry
	Drafting	Electricity
	Electronics Technician	Welding
	Health Occupations	
	Highway Technology	
	Home Economics Occupations	
	Practical Nursing, Printing	
	Radio and TV Repair	
	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	
	Welding, Machine Shop	

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 50 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
University of Kentucky	Lexington	15,267	Ph. D. , M. D. , D. M. D. , J. D.
Transylvania University	Lexington	880	Baccalaureate
Georgetown College	Georgetown	1,385	Masters
Kentucky State College	Frankfort	1,610	Baccalaureate

## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Lines serving - Louisville & Nashville Railroad - 12 miles distant  
 Services - Freight, switching, REA Express pickup and delivery

### RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM SPARTA, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

No. of Days		No. of Days	
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	4	Los Angeles, Calif.	10
Birmingham, Ala.	3	Louisville, Ky.	1
Chicago, Ill.	5	Nashville, Tenn.	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	1	New Orleans, La.	4
Cleveland, Ohio	4	New York, N. Y.	5
Detroit, Mich.	5	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	3	St. Louis, Mo.	3

### Truck Service

#### Company

Huey Motor Express  
 O'Nan Transportation Company

#### Home Office

Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Carrollton, Kentucky



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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	410	2	1	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,171	8	6
Birmingham, Ala.	441	2	1	Louisville, Ky.	65	1	1/2
Chicago, Ill.	385	2	1	Nashville, Tenn.	444	2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	65	1	1/2	New Orleans, La.	844	3	2
Cleveland, Ohio	304	2	1	New York, N. Y.	833	3	2
Detroit, Mich.	448	2	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.	468	2	1
Knoxville, Tenn.	230	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	349	2	1

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location: Greater Cincinnati Airport  
Covington, Kentucky, 60 miles distant

Runways: 3 paved

Length: 5,500 ft. ; 7,800 ft. ; 9,500 ft.

Traffic Control: Approach and departure control, CVG ILS system

Lighting: Beacon, high intensity runway, approach slope,  
REIL, boundary, sequenced flasher and  
obstruction lights

Services: Fuel 115 - 145 or lower, 650 turbine, storage,  
major A & E repairs, hotel, restaurant,  
TWA, Delta, American, Piedmont, Allegheny,  
Eastern Airlines, limousine, taxi, weather bureau

Bus Trailway Bus Line - limited

Taxi None

Rental Services None

## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Company serving Owenton - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Industrial  
Development Department, Lexington, Kentucky

Company serving Owen County - Owen County RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW

Industrial rates negotiated by - East Kentucky Power Cooperative,  
Winchester, Kentucky

### Natural Gas

Presently, Owenton is not served by natural gas. Several propane gas  
dealers serve the area.

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

Company serving - Owenton Water Works  
Source - Thomas Lake, Elmer Davis Lake  
Treatment plant capacity - 750,000 gpd  
Average daily consumption - 250,000 to 350,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 500,000 gallons  
Type treatment - settling, filtering, coagulation, chlorination, fluoridation  
Storage capacity - 175,000 gallons  
Average pressure - 45 to 50 psi  
Size mains - 8, 6, and 4 inches

#### MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

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First	4,000 gallons	\$6.50
Next	2,000 gallons	1.20 per 1,000 gallons
Next	4,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.80 per 1,000 gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.65 per 1,000 gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons
All over	80,000 gallons	.40 per 1,000 gallons

### Sewerage

Company serving - Owenton Sewerage System  
Design population - 1,750  
Average daily flow - 150,000 gallons  
Treatment - primary and secondary  
Type treatment - trickling filters and drying beds  
Treated effluent discharged into - Eagle Creek  
Size of sanitary mains - 8, 6, and 4 inches

Current rates - bi-monthly

First	4,000 gallons	\$5.00
Next	2,000 gallons	1.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next	4,000 gallons	.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.625 per 1,000 gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next	40,000 gallons	.375 per 1,000 gallons
All over	80,000 gallons	.3125 per 1,000 gallons



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### City

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms  
Budget 1967-68 - General Fund \$33,000; Water and Sewer Fund \$80,000  
Fees and licenses - Business licenses range from \$5 to \$35 annually.

### County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms  
Estimated Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$82,530; Road Fund \$39,100

### Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Owenton</u>	<u>Owen County</u>
Real Estate	\$12,206,952	\$44,165,863
Tangibles	1,488,922	4,483,210
Public Service	671,030	4,788,824

### Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation - 1969 <sup>12/</sup>

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Owenton</u>	<u>Owen County</u>
State	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.246	.246
School	.640	.640
City	.270	
Total	\$1.171	\$ .901

\*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

\*\*Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories and goods in process inventories are not subject to local tax. State rate is only \$0.15 per \$100.

## Planning and Zoning

Agency - Owenton Planning and Development Commission

Plans completed - Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Neighborhood Analysis, Parking Study and a Public Improvements Program

## Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Owenton</u>	<u>Owen County</u>
Total staff	3	3
<u>Fire</u>		
American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8	
Volunteers	25	25
Equipment:		
750 gpm pumpers	1	1
350 gpm pumpers		1
500 gpm pumpers	1	1
utility trucks	1	1
Personnel training	First aid	First aid

## Sanitation

	<u>Owenton</u>	<u>Owen County</u>
Type service	private	private
Cost	contract	contract
Collection frequency	when desired	when desired
Trash pickup	private	private
Disposal method	land fill	land fill

## HEALTH

### Hospitals

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
General hospital	1	56
General hospital facilities - laboratory, X-ray, emergency room (also used for minor surgery), delivery room		
Medical staff - 2 doctors, 8 registered nurses, 1 graduate licensed practical nurse		

### Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Personal care home	1	14

### Public Health

Facility - Owen County Health Department

Staff - 1 sanitarian, 2 nurses, 1 clerk, 1 nutritionist

Budget 1969-70 - \$37,509



## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company  
Services - standard

Telegraph - no local  
Services - telephone from Frankfort, Kentucky

Postal - Class-2 U.S. Post Office  
Mail received - once daily  
Mail dispatched - once daily

Newspaper weekly - The News-Herald  
Circulation - 2,800

Radio -  
Stations received from - Lexington, Louisville, and Frankfort,  
Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio

Television -  
Reception from - all major networks from Louisville, Kentucky, and  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Kentucky Educational Television - Channel 32, Owenton

### Library Services

Public libraries - Owen County Public Library  
Size collection - 24,000 volumes  
Circulation, 1968 - 67,305  
Services - movies, magazines, pictures, records, sports equipment,  
films, bookmobile

### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 6  
Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Methodist and Nazarene

### Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1969</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Peoples Bank & Trust Company	\$8,841,304.14	\$8,145,778.89
First Farmers Bank & Trust Co.	5,083,831.72	4,593,472.08
The Citizens Bank (New Liberty)	1,105,009.00	993,428.00

### Hotels and Motels

Number - 1

Units - 10

### Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, Ruritan, Jaycees

Fraternal - Masons, IOOF, VFW,

Women's - Homemakers, Woman's Club, Rebekah Lodge, Historical Society

Youth - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, FHA, FFA, 4-H

Other - Owen County Saddle Club, Owen County Sportsman Club

## RECREATION

### Local

#### Public Recreation Facilities

Golf courses - 1

Baseball diamonds - 2

Football fields - 1

Other - Owen County Saddle Club, Owen County Sportsman Club

#### Private Recreation Facilities

Swimming pools - 1

#### Tourist Attractions

Owen County Historical Society

### Area (Within 30 miles)

General Butler State Park, Big Bone Lick State Park, Eagle Creek  
Recreation Area and Perry Park Resort



# AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

## Agriculture 13/

	<u>Owen County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	224,640	1,032,960
Percent of area in farm land	80.8	87.1
Number of farms	1,125	6,145
Average size of farms (acres)	161.4	139.6
1964 value of all farm products	\$5,994,176	\$36,735,171
Value per farm	5,328	5,611
Total crop sales	3,974,663	20,839,993
Total livestock & livestock products	1,976,323	12,431,739
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	7,782,000	43,885,000
Corn (bu.)	166,000	1,873,000
Cattle and calves (head)	23,000	157,000
Hogs and pigs (head)	3,400	43,800
Milk production (1966) (000 lbs.)	30,870	155,600

## Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Limestone
Other mineral resources	Sand, gravel, and some non-commercial deposits of gas
Acres of commercial forest land	80,500
Most abundant tree species	White oak, red oak, hickory, ash, red cedar, hard maple, and black locust

## Climate 14/

	<u>Owen County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.6 degrees
Average annual 1968	54.1 degrees
Record highest July 1966 (5-year record)	98.0 degrees
Record lowest January 1966 (5-year record)	-10 degrees
Seasonal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,683
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	44.73 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (24-year record)	16.0 inches
Total precipitation 1968	43.32 inches
Mean No. days precipitation (24-year record) (.01 inches or more)	128
Average No. days thunderstorms (24-year record)	48
Prevailing winds (17-year record)	south

## HISTORY

Owen County, the sixty-second county formed in Kentucky, dates from 1819. Its territory was taken from Franklin, Gallatin, and Scott Counties. The Kentucky River flows along the western side of this rectangle, and Eagle Creek forms the northern boundary. Its surface is gently rolling, and its soil is fairly fertile. A good grade of lumber and some deposits of lead have been worked. Some of the shafts bored in the 1940's extended downward more than 300 feet. Current deposits cannot be extracted profitably. Limestone, sand, and vein minerals such as barite, galena, and sphalerite have been developed.

Settlers first came into the area during the American Revolutionary period. Among them were Colonel Abraham Owen, and Dr. Dale Owen who served the people as a country doctor for many years. The settlements they established were located along the Kentucky River and Eagle Creek. The Kentucky River afforded a commercial outlet for the entire region. Williamsburg, whose name was changed to Monterey after the Mexican War battle, was the chief port town. During the summers showboats docked there, and people from far and near came to enjoy the fun. The advent of the railroad and highway, which diverted attention from Monterey, spelled doom to visions held by some people that the town would someday become a metropolis. It is still an active rural village and many of its residents are employed by state government.

John C. Breckinridge, Vice President of the United States from 1857 to 1861, called the county "Sweet Owen" for its support in 1851, when 1,500 of 2,000 Owen Countians cast their votes for him. Two years later they almost duplicated the feat.

During the Civil War two Confederate camps were located in Owen County. Camp Marshall was established on a hill near Lusby's Mill in the eastern part and commanded a wide view of the surrounding countryside. Another camp at Vallandingham's Barn was located near present-day Owenton. These camps were popular Southern outposts which were able to stem the tide against Northern pressure, with the exception of a few months when they fell under Union control. A greater percentage of Owen County's young men fought on the side of the Confederacy than from any other county in the state.

Owen County was named for Colonel Abraham Owen, a native of Prince Edward County, Virginia. He migrated to Kentucky during the late 1780's and settled in present-day Shelby County. He accompanied General Arthur St. Clair on the ill-fated invasion of Indian lands in 1791. By 1796 he had become a land surveyor, and worked extensively in Owen County territory. He was elected to the State Legislature from Shelby County in 1799, and served as a member of the Constitutional Convention which wrote Kentucky's second Constitution. He served in the State Senate prior to joining General William Harrison's forces in the campaign against the Indians in 1811. He became one of General Harrison's aids-de-camp, and lost his life in the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811.

Owenton, the county seat, is 1,000 feet above sea level and had a population of 1,376 in 1960. In 1821, Owenton became the county seat due to its central location. It was incorporated on December 18, 1828.



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