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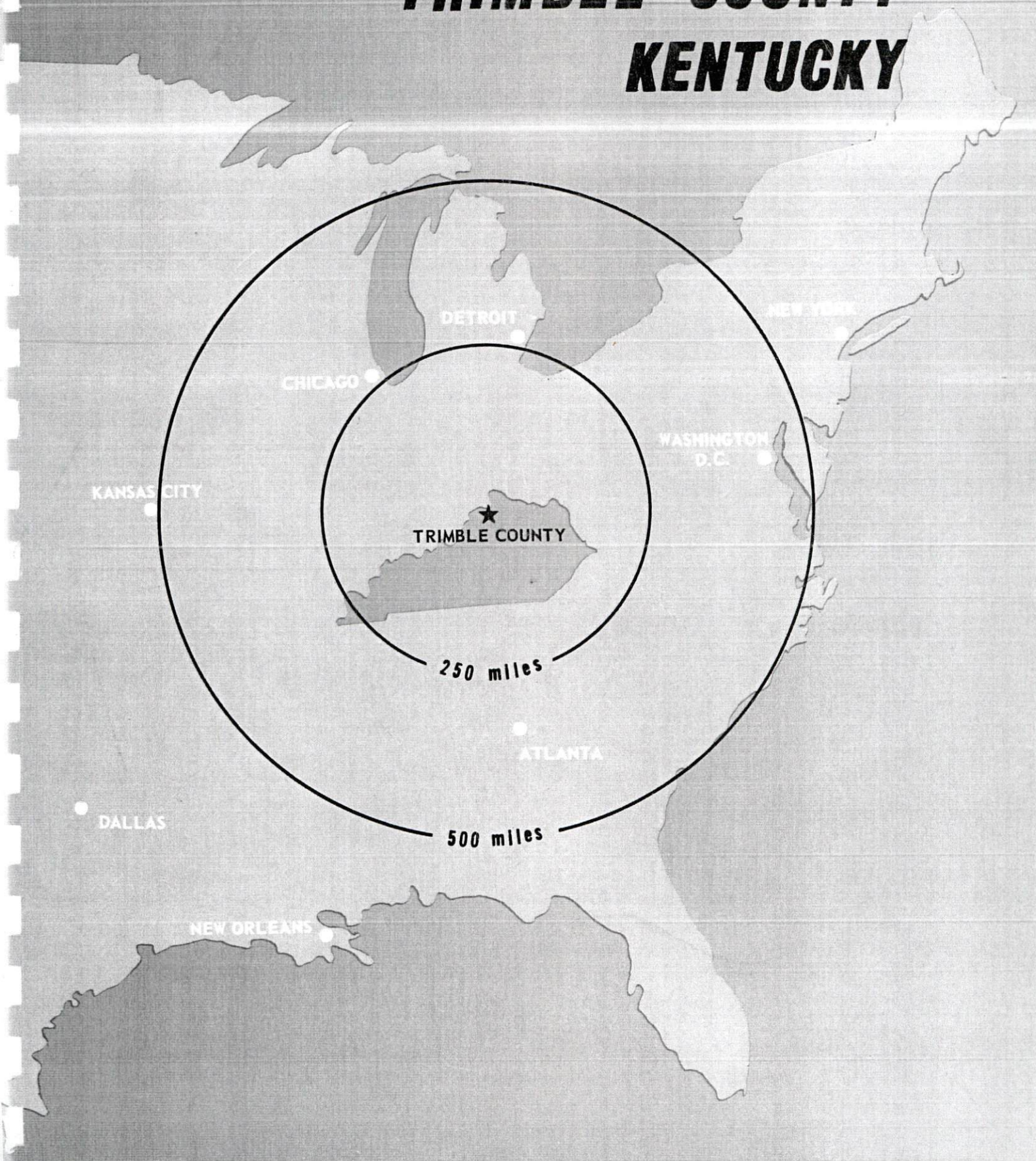
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

TRIMBLE COUNTY ***KENTUCKY***



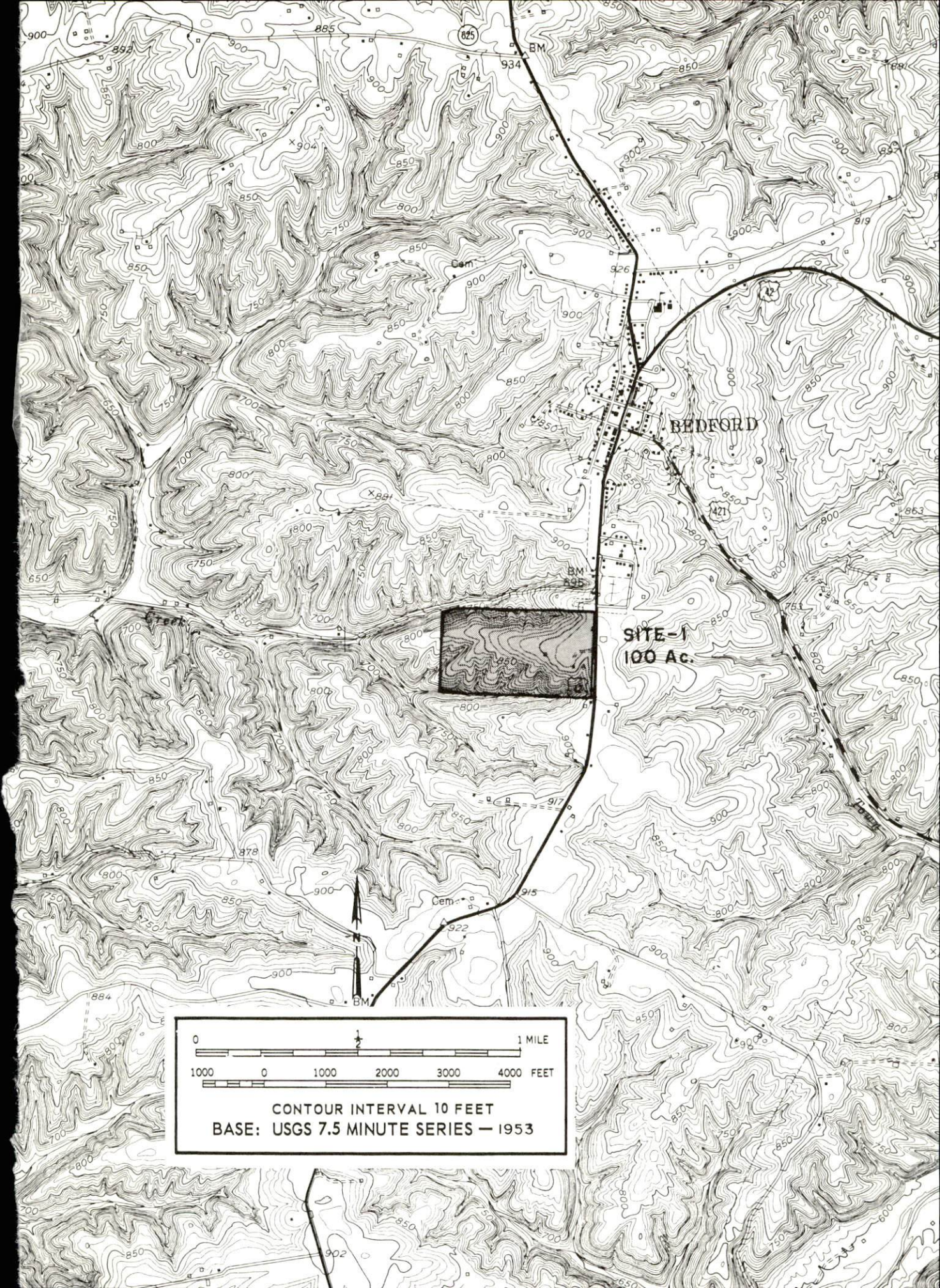
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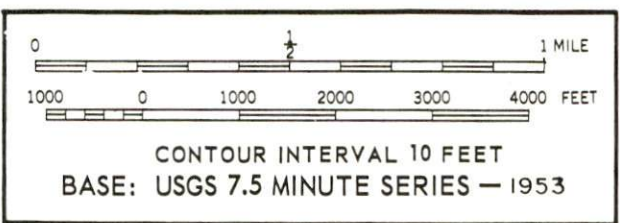
For more information concerning the following site, contact Mrs. Irene Long, Attorney, Bedford, Kentucky; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 100 acres
LOCATION: South-southwest of Bedford, adjacent to city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 42 along eastern boundary
RAILROADS: Not rail served
WATER: Trimble County Water District No. 1
 SIZE LINE: 6-inch line, 200 feet from site
GAS: Louisville Gas and Electric Company
 SIZE MAIN: 4-inch main 200 feet from site
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company
SEWERAGE: Package plant necessary
OPTIONED BY: Trimble County Chamber of Commerce



BEDFORD

SITE-1
100 Ac.



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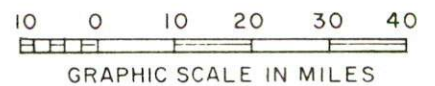
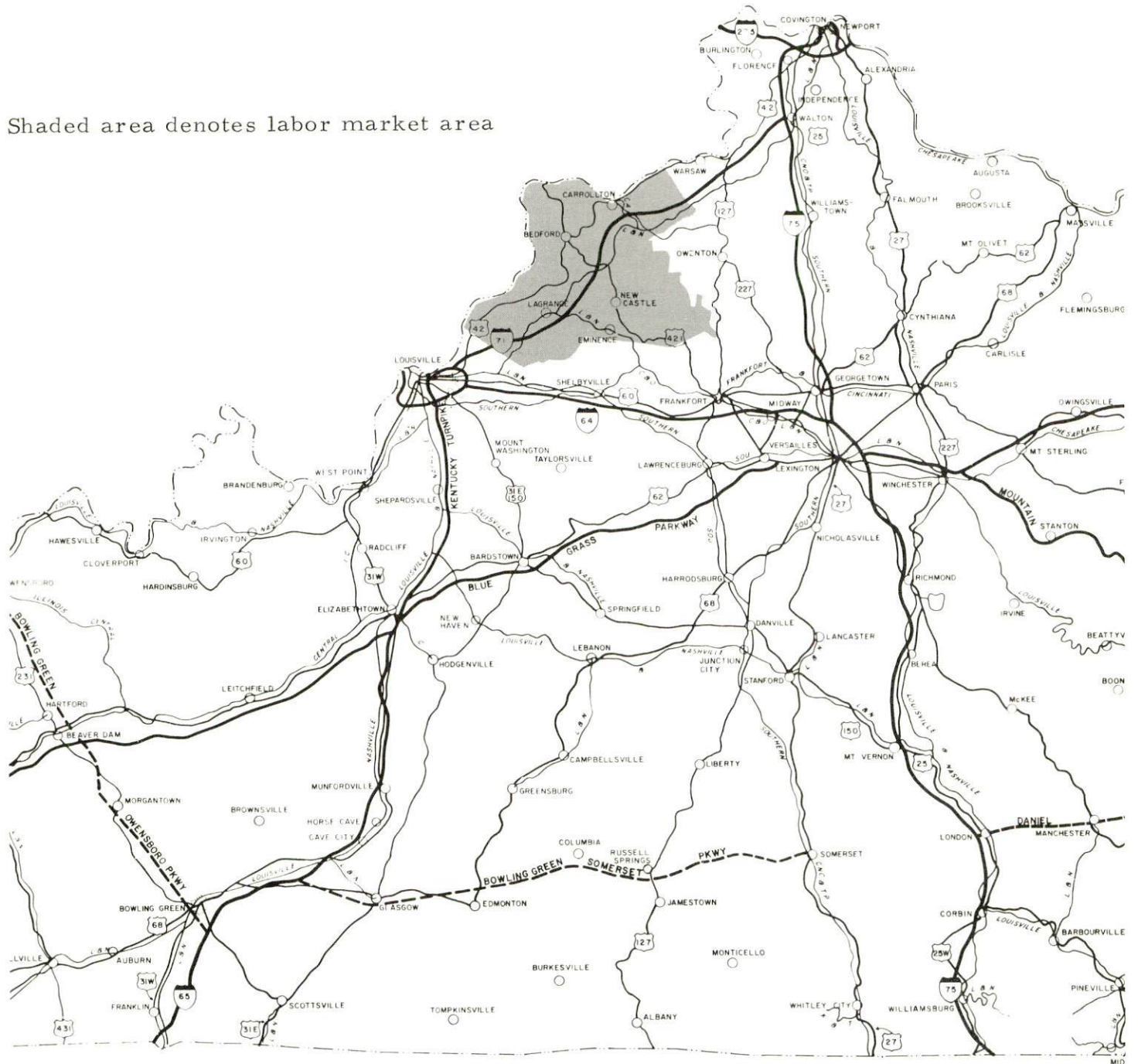
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TRIMBLE COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

Shaded area denotes labor market area



TRIMBLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Trimble County is located in northern Kentucky along the Ohio River. Bedford, the county seat, is located in the central portion of the county, approximately 32 miles north of Louisville, and 70 miles east of Cincinnati, Ohio. Milton is located on the shores of the Ohio River, 13 miles north of Bedford.

In 1970, Trimble County had a population of 5,349, Bedford 780, and Milton 756.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Trimble County averaged 1,200 in 1969 with agriculture providing 600 of these jobs. Government provided 200 jobs. There has been no change in manufacturing employment in Trimble County in the past decade.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1969 was \$1,600, an increase of 64.3 percent since 1959. This figure is substantially below the Kentucky average.

In the Trimble County labor market area, which includes Trimble and the three surrounding Kentucky counties, employment in 1969 totaled 11,800, with agriculture providing 3,100 of these jobs. Trade and services provided 2,480 while manufacturing provided 2,210 jobs. Area industrial employment is heaviest in machinery and metal products, chemicals and allied products, lumber and furniture, and primary metals industries.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 590 men and 765 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. By 1977, an additional 2,405 men and 2,195 women will have become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

2. Local transportation is adequate in and around Trimble County. U. S. Highways 42, 421 and Interstate 71 serve Trimble County and the labor market area. Rail service is available at Carrollton, 13 miles distant, and commercial air service is available at Louisville, only minutes away via I-71. The Ohio River constitutes the northern boundary of Trimble County and offers economical bulk transportation possibilities.

3. Energy - natural gas is furnished by the Louisville Gas and Electric Company and the Ohio River Gas Company, Inc. Electricity is supplied by the Kentucky Utilities Company and the Shelby RECC. Raw water from the Ohio River is more than adequate for continued growth.

4. Industrial sites - Trimble County has one site available for industrial use.

5. There are three universities, six senior colleges, and one community college within an 80-mile radius of Bedford. An area vocational school and a vocational extension center are 32 miles and 13 miles away, respectively.

Community Programs for Improvement

Recent community improvements in Milton include: new post office, black topping of city streets, remodeling of bank, new mobile home court. Planned improvements for Bedford are: new building for the fire department, and a new subdivision.

Recent community improvements in Bedford include: a new high school, remodeling of bank, several stores remodeled and location of a new industry. A new subdivision between Bedford and Milton is being planned.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Trimble County embraces some 21 miles of Ohio River shore line which provides ideal fishing and boating.

A nine-hole public golf course and clubhouse are enjoyed by residents of both Bedford and Milton.

General Butler State Resort Park, located at Carrollton, offers a full and varied program of recreation for young and old.

Professional sports, thoroughbred and harness racing, fine arts programs and college athletics can be found in abundance in both Louisville and the Covington-Cincinnati Area.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS ^{1/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>Population</u>			<u>Percent Change</u>	
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960-70</u>	<u>1950-60</u>
Bedford	780	717	533	+ 8.8	+34.5
Milton	756	365		+107.1	
Labor Market Area	39,469	37,455	36,074	+ 5.4	+ 3.8
Trimble County	5,349	5,102	5,148	+ 4.8	- 0.9
Carroll County	8,523	7,978	8,514	+ 6.8	- 6.3
Henry County	10,910	10,987	11,394	- 0.7	- 3.6
Oldham County	14,687	13,388	11,018	+ 9.7	+21.5

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1969 ^{2/}

<u>Major Employment Group</u>	<u>Employment</u>	
	<u>Trimble County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
TOTAL	1,200	11,800
Agricultural	600	3,100
Nonagricultural	600	8,700
Manufacturing	9	2,209
Trade and Services	72	2,482
Government	200	1,550

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1970 AND 1960 ^{3/}

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Trimble County</u>			<u>Labor Market Area</u>		
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>%Change</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>%Change</u>
TOTAL	6	8	- 25.0	2,273	545	+ 317.1
Food & Kindred Products	0	0	0	39	41	- 4.9
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	0	0	0	35	40	- 12.5
Lumber & Furniture	0	0	0	378	123	+ 207.3
Printing, Publishing, Paper	6	8	- 25.0	34	27	+ 25.9
Chemicals, Petroleum, Coal, Rubber	0	0	0	380	52	+ 630.8
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	0	0	28	10	+ 180.0
Primary Metals	0	0	0	334	0	0
Machinery & Metal Products	0	0	0	714	250	+ 185.6
Other	0	0	0	331	2	+16450.0

TRIMBLE COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS,
THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT ^{4/}

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
<u>Bedford</u>				
The Trimble Democrat Publishing Co.	Letterpress printing, offset printing, newspaper	7	4	3
Bedford Products, Inc.	Plastic moldings	30		
<u>Milton</u>				
Fold-Away Basket Co., Inc., of Kentucky	Stamped metal parts	1	1	0

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS
BEDFORD, KENTUCKY ^{5/}

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Wages Per Hour</u>		
	<u>Prevailing</u>		
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler		\$3.25	
Inspector		3.45	
Production Laborer		3.10	
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)		3.50	
<u>Service Employees</u>			
	<u>Middle Range</u>		<u>Average</u>
Electrician (Class-A)	\$4.03	\$4.50	\$4.24
Laborer	2.43	3.38	2.83
Machinist	4.09	4.35	4.19
Mechanic, Maintenance	3.74	4.29	4.06
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	3.20	4.06	3.57
<u>Office Employees</u>			
	<u>Wages Per Week</u>		
	<u>Middle Range</u>		<u>Average</u>
Bookkeeper	\$122.90	\$151.80	\$137.00
File Clerk	66.00	81.00	76.00
Receptionist	75.00	95.00	86.50
Secretary	98.00	128.50	114.50
Typist	86.00	109.50	98.00

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Trimble County at this time.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - TRIMBLE COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

<u>Area</u>	<u>Current Labor Supply, 1971^{6/}</u>			<u>Future Labor Supply by 1977 (Becoming 18 Years of Age)^{7/}</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Labor Market Area	1,351	588	763	4,598	2,403	2,195
Trimble County	308	89	219	636	316	320
Carroll County	362	163	199	997	533	464
Henry County	445	230	215	1,214	648	566
Oldham County	236	106	130	1,751	906	845

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME^{8/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969*</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Trimble County	\$ 8,651,000	\$ 4,717,000	+83.4
Labor Market Area	87,656,000	44,054,000	+99.0
Kentucky	9,202,000,000	4,655,000,000	+97.7

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME^{9/}

<u>Area</u>	<u>1969*</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Trimble County	\$1,600	\$ 974	+64.3
Labor Market Area	\$1,600 to 2,840	\$974 to 1,606	N.A.
Kentucky	2,847	1,552	+83.4

*Preliminary

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Trimble County</u>
Total Enrollment	1,280
Elementary	602
Middle	318
High School	360
Student-Teacher Ratio	29-1
Elementary	28-1
Middle	31-1
High School	30-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College	19.2
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$391.68
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1970	\$1,313,000

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Jefferson County Area Vocational School	Carroll County Extension Center
Miles Distant	Jeffersontown	Carrollton
Curriculum	32	13
	Data Processing	Accounting Jr. Mgmt.
	General Clerical	General Clerical
	Secretarial-Steno	Secretarial-Steno
	Mechanics	Air Conditioning &
	Horticulture	Refrigeration
	Dental Assistant	Auto Mechanics
	Practical Nursing	Carpentry
	Distributive Education	Electricity
	Electronics	Welding
	(Communications)	
	Air Conditioning &	
	Refrigeration	
	Appliance Repair	

(Cont'd.)

Nearest Area
School (Cont'd.)

Auto Body Repair
Auto Mechanics
Commercial Foods
Drafting
Machine Shop
Office Machine Repair
Printing
Radio & TV Repair
Welding

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 80 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
University of Louisville	Louisville	10,142	Ph.D., M.D., J.D., D.M.D.
Bellarmino-Ursuline College	Louisville	1,612	Baccalaureate
Spalding College	Louisville	1,267	Masters
Kentucky State College	Frankfort	1,754	Baccalaureate
Northern Kentucky State College	Covington	1,662	Baccalaureate
University of Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	35,000	M.D., Ph.D., J.D.
Xavier University	Cincinnati, Ohio	6,139	Masters
Georgetown College	Georgetown	1,425	Masters
Thomas More College	Fort Mitchell	2,227	Baccalaureate
Jefferson Community College	Louisville	2,557	Associate

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Lines serving Bedford and Milton - Nearest rail service is provided by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Carrollton, 13 miles distant.

Services - Freight, switching, REA Express. Piggyback facilities are available at Louisville, 44 miles distant.

RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM CARROLLTON, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

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

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Huey Motor Express, Inc.
O'Nan Transportation Co.
O.K. Trucking Service

Cincinnati, Ohio
Carrollton, Kentucky
Chicago, Illinois

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11</u> / LTL TL			City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time LTL TL		
Atlanta, Ga.	435	2-3	1-2		Los Angeles, Calif.	2,400	5-7	4-5	
Birmingham, Ala.	452	2-3	1-2		Louisville, Ky.	32	1	1	
Chicago, Ill.	285	2-3	1-2		Nashville, Tenn.	212	2	1-2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	70	1	1		New Orleans, La.	750	4	3	
Cleveland, Ohio	315	2-3	1-2		New York, N. Y.	730	3	2-3	
Detroit, Mich.	325	2-3	1-2		Pittsburgh, Pa.	355	2-3	2	
Knoxville, Tenn.	269	2	1-2		St. Louis, Mo.	296	2	1-2	

Air

Nearest Commercial

Location:

Standiford Field
Louisville, Kentucky, 32 miles
distant

Runways:

3 paved

Length:

7,800 feet; 5,000 feet; 7,250 feet

Traffic Control:

Control tower, approach control,
guards, radar, ground control
Runways, obstructions, beacon
& approach lights, center line
on 1-19

Lighting:

Services:

Jet fuel; storage, major A & E
repairs; TWA, American,
Eastern, Delta, Piedmont,
Ozark and Allegheny Airlines;
car rental; restaurant; taxi;
city bus

Bus

Bedford - Southern Greyhound Bus Lines

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Bedford and Milton - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 773,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Kentucky Utilities Company,

Industrial Development Department, Lexington, Kentucky

Company serving Trimble County - Shelby RECC

Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative

Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW

Industrial rates furnished by - Shelby RECC, Shelbyville, Kentucky

Natural Gas

Company serving Bedford - Louisville Gas and Electric Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

Size of transmission lines - 4 inches

Distribution lines - 2 and 4 inches

Btu content - 1,025

Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 35 psi

Rates - Will be furnished upon request from the Louisville Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 354, Louisville, Kentucky.

Company serving Milton - Ohio River Gas Company, Inc.

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

Size of transmission lines - 5 inches

Distribution lines - 5, 2, 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 inches

Btu content - 1,000

Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 72 psi

Rates - Contract rates available for industrial and large commercial users from the Ohio River Gas Company, Inc., Madison, Indiana.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Bedford - Trimble County Water District No. 1
Source - Two wells on Ohio River
Treatment plant capacity - 244,800 gpd
Average daily consumption - 35,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 50,000 gallons
Type treatment - Chlorination
Storage capacity - 107,000 gallons
Average pressure - 54 psi
Size mains - 2, 4, and 6 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Bedford

	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Per M Gallons</u>
First	1,000	\$3.50 (Minimum)
Next	2,000	2.50
Next	3,000	1.50
Next	6,000	1.00
All over	12,000	.75

Company serving Milton - Milton Water Works
Source - 2 wells
Treatment plant capacity - 360,000 gpd
Average daily consumption - 120,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption - 135,000 gallons
Type treatment - Chlorination
Storage capacity - 50,000 gallons
Average pressure - 45 psi
Average temperature - 55°
Size mains - 6, 4, and 3 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

Milton

	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Per M Gallons</u>
First	6,000	\$1.00
Next	6,000 to 10,000	.75
All over	10,000	.50

Minimum bill - \$3.50

Surface water sources - Ohio River

Average discharge - Ohio River at Louisville 110,700 cfs (41 years, USGS)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River;
remainder of county 5 gpm or less

Sewerage

Septic tanks are utilized at this time in both Bedford and Milton.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Bedford

Structure - Town Board - Chairman and 4 members - 2-year terms

Budget 1971 - General Fund \$10,000

Fees and licenses - Business licenses range from \$2.50 to \$50 annually

Milton

Structure - Town Board - Chairman and 4 members - 2-year terms

Budget 1971 - General Fund \$7,050

Fees and licenses - Business licenses range from \$5 to \$20 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1970-71 - General Fund \$63,995; Road Fund \$53,360

Assessed Value of Property, 1970

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Milton</u>	<u>Trimble County</u>
Real Estate & Tangibles		\$2,285,180	
Real Estate	\$2,177,091		\$28,809,170
Tangibles	383,271		6,327,320
Public Service	251,167	163,043	5,147,271

Local General Property Tax Rates Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1970 ^{12/}

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Milton</u>	<u>Trimble County</u>
State	\$.015	\$.015	\$.015
County	.133	.133	.133
School	.592	.592	.592
City	.180	.180	
Total	\$.920	\$.920	\$.740

*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.

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Milton</u>	<u>Trimble County</u>
Total staff	Town marshal	2	1
Radio-patrol cars			1

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	7		
Volunteers	25	18	25
Equipment:			
750-gpm pumpers	1	1	1
500-gpm pumpers	1		1
Other	2 portable pumps		
	1,100-gallon tanker		

Sanitation

	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Milton</u>	<u>Trimble County</u>
Type service	municipal	private	private
Cost			
residential	none	contract	contract
business	none	contract	contract
Collection frequency			
residential	weekly	weekly	when desired
business	weekly	weekly	when desired
Trash pickup	weekly	weekly	when desired
Disposal method	land fill	land fill	land fill

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Carroll County Memorial Hospital	Carrollton, 13 miles	39
General hospital facilities - Operating room, emergency room, X-ray, pathology equipment, laboratory, OB section, blood bank, and physical therapy		
Medical staff - 6 doctors, 10 registered nurses, 3 graduate licensed practical nurses		

Public Health

Facility - Trimble County Health Department
Staff - Nurse, clerk, sanitarian (part-time), health officer (part-time),
nurse (part-time)
Budget 1970-71 - \$22,603

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Milton</u>
Telephone - Services -	South Central Bell Standard	South Central Bell Standard
Telegraph - Services -	Western Union Phone to Carrollton	Western Union Phone to Carrollton
Postal - U. S. Post Office Class -	2	2
Mail received -	once daily	once daily
Mail dispatched -	once daily	once daily
Newspapers -	Trimble Banner Democrat	
Weekly and circulation	1,700	
Other papers received from -	Louisville, Kentucky; Madison, Indiana	Louisville, Kentucky; Madison, Indiana
Radio - Stations received from	Carrollton, Eminence, Louisville, Kentucky; Madison, Indiana	Carrollton, Eminence, Louisville, Kentucky; Madison, Indiana
Television - Reception from -	Louisville, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana	Louisville, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana
Kentucky Educational Television -	Owenton transmitter Channel 52	Owenton transmitter Channel 52

Library Services

Library service is provided to Trimble County by bookmobile from the Eden Shale Regional Library, Eminence, Kentucky.

Religious Institutions

Bedford

Number of churches - 6

Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Pentecostal

Milton

Number of churches - 6

Denominations - Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Wesleyan Methodist,
Lutherian

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1970</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Bedford Loan & Deposit Bank	\$3,870,363.80	\$3,478,343.25
The Farmers Bank of Milton	5,469,290.28	4,941,790.03

Hotels and Motels

<u>Number</u>	<u>Units</u>
1	8

Clubs and Organizations

Trimble County

Business and Civic - Lions, Rotary, Trimble County Chamber of
Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, IOOF, American Legion, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers, Woman's Club, Younger
Woman's Club, Bykota, Rebekahs

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

RECREATION

Local

	<u>Bedford</u>	<u>Milton</u>
Public Recreation Facilities		
Parks -	1	
Playgrounds -	2	1
Golf course -	1	
Tennis courts -	1	
Baseball diamonds -	1	1
Football fields -	1	1
Tourist Attractions		
The Rogers House		
Historic jail (constructed in 1837)		
Richwood Riding Academy		

Area (Within 35 miles)

General Butler State Resort Park

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture ^{13/}

	<u>Trimble County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	93,440	479,360
Percent of area in farm land	90.4	91.8
Number of farms	647	2,916
Average size of farms (acres)	130.9	150.9
1964 value of all farm products	\$3,672,232	\$20,489,688
Value per farm	5,676	7,027
Total crop sales	2,491,436	11,603,559
Total livestock & livestock products	877,301	8,571,764
1968 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	3,481,000	16,586,000
Corn (bu.)	224,000	1,282,000
Cattle and calves (number)	10,700	83,800
Hogs and pigs (number)	4,700	30,400
Milk production (1967) (lbs.)	19,180,000	136,730,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Sand and gravel
Other mineral resources	Limestone and clay
Acres of commercial forest land	34,300
Most abundant tree species	White oaks, red oaks, hickories, ash, yellow poplar, hard maple, and black walnut

Climate ^{14/}

	<u>Trimble County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	55.7 degrees
Average annual, 1970	56.0 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966 (10-year record)	101.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1963 (10-year record)	- 20.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	4,660
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.32 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (23-year record)	18.4 inches
Total precipitation, 1970	52.21 inches
Mean number days precipitation (23-year record) (.01 inches or more)	122
Average number days thunderstorms (23-year record)	45
Prevailing winds (15-year record)	South

HISTORY

Trimble County lies in the northern part of Kentucky, wedged into a coil of the Ohio River facing Indiana. Little Kentucky River flows northward through its eastern portion and empties into the Ohio in neighboring Carroll County. The land surface is rolling and the soil fertile in the valleys of the Ohio, and the uplands are hilly and broken. An escarpment which extends along the western and northern sides of the county is steep and treacherous but very scenic. Large tracts of the county's 146 square miles are forested.

In 1836 Trimble became Kentucky's eighty-sixth county, named in honor of Robert Trimble, a distinguished Kentucky jurist, who was appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court by John Quincy Adams. The area was first settled in the late 1700's by several Virginia families, among whose names were Knight, McHenry, Winlock, Gwyer and Standiford.

Bedford, the county seat, is located near the center of the county and was incorporated in 1816.

Milton, lying in the northern part of the county, is one of the oldest towns on the Ohio. Lookout Point on Milton Hill affords a sweeping view of the Ohio River Valley. Across the river from Milton is Madison, Indiana, which has served as a commercial outlet for Trimble County since its connection with a railroad line. Trimble County has never had a railroad and was virtually isolated from Kentucky until 1927, when U. S. Highways 42 and 421 were constructed through it. Preston House, a Greek revival structure built in the northern part of the county by Colonel John Preston, was the legendary last stop of Little Eva of Uncle Tom's Cabin on her underground railroad flight to freedom.

In 1840, four years after its founding, Trimble County had a population of 4,480. This slowly grew to 5,148 in 1950, followed by a slight decline to 5,102 in 1960. By 1970 the population was back up to 5,349.

Trimble County has primarily an agricultural economy. Agriculture accounted for 600 of the county's 1,200 employed in 1969, with burley tobacco, corn, cattle and pigs the principal farm products. There is presently almost no manufacturing activity in the county.

Interstate Highway 71 crosses the eastern corner of the county, providing excellent access to Louisville and Cincinnati.

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