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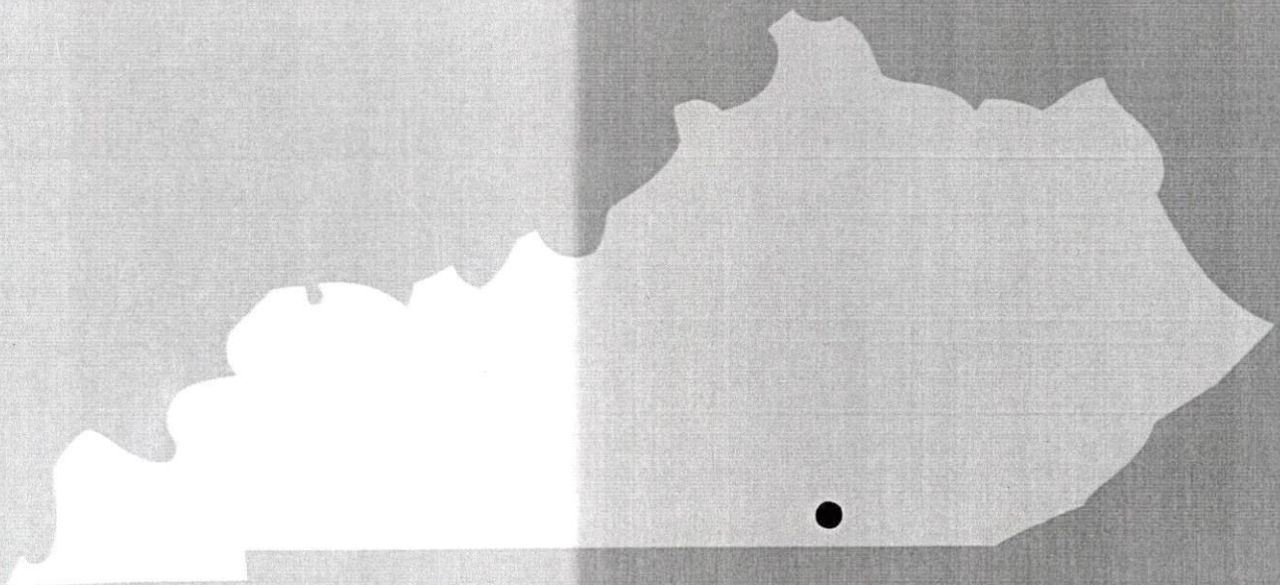
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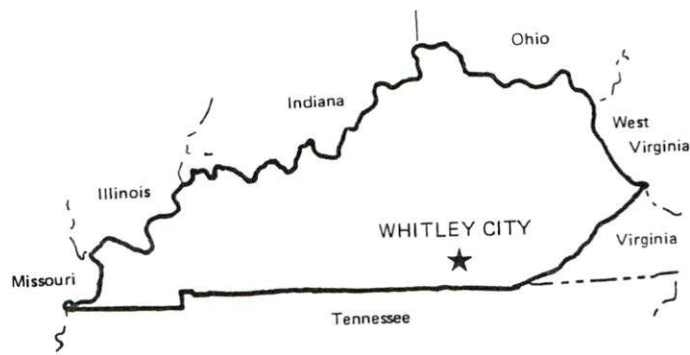
**A summary
of resources
Whitley City,
Stearns and
Pine Knot, Ky.**



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A SUMMARY OF
WHITLEY CITY, STEARNS AND PINE KNOT, KENTUCKY



POPULATION: 1980: Whitley City - N/A
Stearns - N/A
Pine Knot - N/A

1980: McCreary County - 15,634; Labor Market Area - 150,837

WHITLEY CITY, STEARNS AND PINE KNOT LABOR MARKET AREA: Includes McCreary, Laurel, Pulaski, Wayne and Whitley Counties

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1980:

	McCreary County	Labor Market Area
Civilian Labor Force	4,625	61,828
Employment	3,971	55,392
Agricultural	54	3,024
Nonagricultural	3,917	55,368
Unemployment	654	6,436
Rate of Unemployment (%)	14.1	10.1

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME, 1979:

McCreary County	\$3,592
Labor Market Area Range	\$3,592 - \$6,444

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABOR SUPPLY, 1979:

McCreary County	599 Male	355 Female
Labor Market Area	5,253 Male*	4,222 Female*

LOCAL MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employment</u>
<u>Whitley City</u>		
McCreary County Block and Tile, Inc.	Concrete blocks	8
McCreary County Record	Newspaper, job printing	5
<u>Stearns</u>		
Lumber King, Inc.	Lumber, building materials	40
McCreary Manufacturing	Men's and boys' sport shirts	180
Outdoor Venture Corporation	Tents	128
<u>Pine Knot</u>		
American Bag Corporation	Sleeping bags	53
Kentucky Hills Industries	Wood handicraft, hand turned pottery, hand weavings	50
Southern Wood Piedmont Company	Crossties, lumber	9

*In addition, in 1979 there were 610 men and 700 women in adjoining Scott County, Tennessee, potentially available for industrial jobs.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Workers at Outdoor Venture Corporation are represented by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

TRANSPORTATION:

Rail: The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway (Division of Southern Railway System) serves Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot. Services include one freight stop daily and 20 through freights daily. The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway piggyback facilities are at Knoxville, Tennessee, 105 miles from Whitley City.

Stearns is also served by the Kentucky and Tennessee Railway. Services include two freights daily round trip to Oz and three freights daily round trip to Barthell; interchange yard with the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway; and siding space for 200 cars. The Kentucky and Tennessee Railway piggyback facilities are at Knoxville, Tennessee, 105 miles from Whitley City.

Highways: U.S. Highway 27 serves Whitley City and Pine Knot and Kentucky Routes 92 and 1651 serve Stearns. Interstate 75 is 21 miles east of Pine Knot via Kentucky Route 92.

Road Distance in Miles from Whitley City:

Atlanta	288	Baltimore	648	Chicago	478
Detroit	444	New York	810	St. Louis	449

Truck: Several trucking companies serve Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot with both interstate and intrastate motor carrier service.

Air: The nearest scheduled airline service is available at the London-Corbon Airport, 51 miles northeast of Whitley City, which is served by Allegheny commuter.

Major airline service is available in Lexington, Kentucky, and Knoxville, Tennessee, both within 110 miles of Whitley City. The McCreary County Airport, 4 miles northeast of Pine Knot, has a 3,000-foot, turf and gravel runway.

UTILITIES:

Electricity: Whitley City, Stearns, Pine Knot, and a small portion of McCreary County are served by Kentucky Utilities Company, an electric generation and transmission company. Most of McCreary County is served by South Kentucky RECC and the source of power is East Kentucky Power Cooperative Corporation.

Natural Gas: Natural gas service is not available in McCreary County.

Other Fuels: Two propane distributors and two fuel oil distributors are located in McCreary County. Additional supplies are available in the Somerset area, 31 miles north of Whitley City.

WATER AND SEWERAGE:

Water: The McCreary County Water District provides water service to county residents. The treatment plant capacity is 600,000 gallons per day, average daily water consumption is 472,000 gallons and peak daily water consumption is 532,000 gallons. Total storage capacity for the McCreary County Water District is 650,000 gallons.

Sewerage: Septic tanks are used for sewage disposal in Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE:

City: Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot are unincorporated communities.

County: McCreary County is governed by a county judge/executive and 8 magistrates elected to 4-year terms.

TAXES:

Combined state and local property tax rates per \$100 valuation, 1980
(100% assessment)

	<u>Outside City</u>
1. Land and buildings	\$0.651
2. Mfg. machinery, raw materials, goods in process, pollution control equipment	0.150
3. Finished goods, office equipment, vehicles, other tangibles	0.860
4. Intangibles (accounts receivable, notes, bonds, etc.)	0.250
5. Leaseholds in industrial revenue bond financed plants	0.015

EDUCATION: One public school system operates in McCreary County. Total enrollment in the McCreary County System is 3,624 including 1,864 elementary, 970 middle school and 790 high school students. The nearest state vocational school is the Somerset State Vocational-Technical School in Somerset, 31 miles from Whitley City. Wayne County Area Vocational Education Center is at Monticello, 32 miles from Whitley City.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Telephone: Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., serves Whitley City, Stearns and Pine Knot.

Telegraph: A Western Union toll-free number is available for sending telegrams, mailgrams and international messages.

Newspapers: The McCreary County Record is published weekly at Whitley City and circulation is about 4,700.

Radio Station: WEQO-AM is located in Whitley City.

Television: Cable service is available in Whitley City, Stearns, Pine Knot and most of McCreary County.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES:

Hospitals: The Lake Cumberland Medical Center is located in Somerset, 31 miles from Whitley City. This facility has 167 acute and 8 psychiatric beds.

Churches: There are about 50 churches in McCreary County. Denominations include Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Congregational, Methodist, and Seventh Day Adventist.

Financial Institutions: The Bank of McCreary County with its main office in Whitley City and a branch bank at Pine Knot provides financial services to local residents.

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