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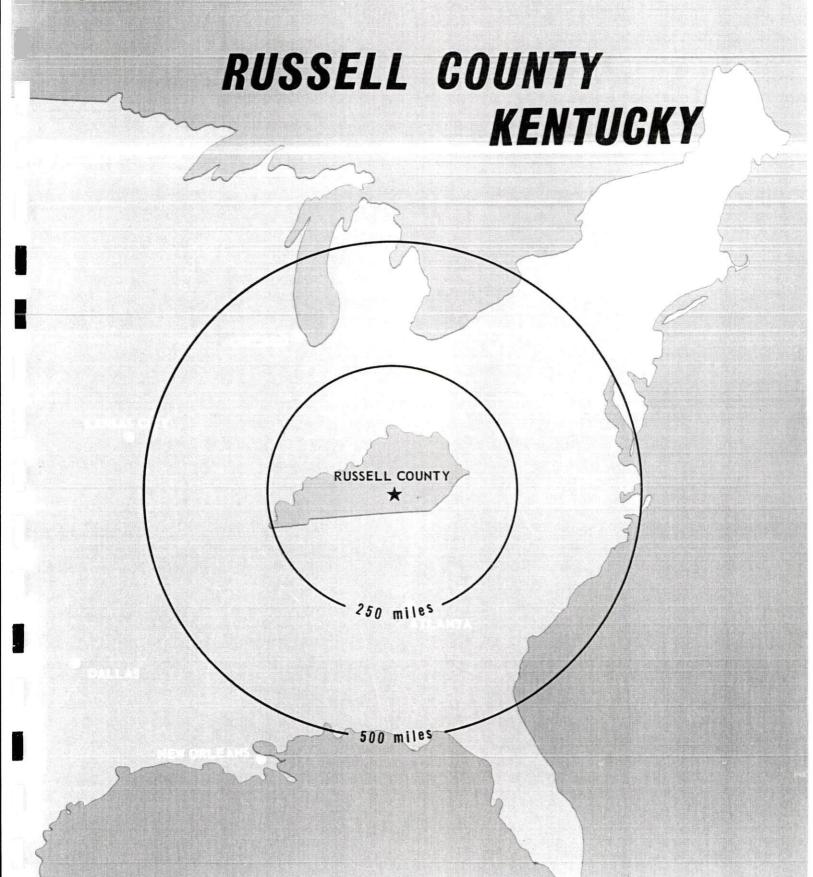
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES



RUSSELL COUNTY INDUSTRIAL SITES

For additional information concerning the following sites, contact Mr. Arnold C. Wynn, President, Russell Springs Chamber of Commerce, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42629; Mr. Paul Walkup, Russell County Courthouse, Jamestown, Kentucky 42629; or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 20 acres, level to gently rolling

LOCATION: 300 feet northwest of Russell Springs city limits

HIGHWAY ACCESS: 2,000 feet of paved access road to Kentucky Highway 80

RAILROADS: Not rail served

WATER: Russell Springs Water and Sewer Company

SIZE LINE: 10-inch

GAS: Not available ELECTRICITY: South Kentucky RECC

SEWERAGE: Russell Springs Water and Sewer Company OWNERSHIP: Russell Springs Industrial Corporation

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 80 acres, gently rolling LOCATION: Fronts on U. S. Highway 127 midway between Jamestown and Russell Springs

HIGHWAY ACCESS: Paved county road along the northern boundary; unpaved road along southern boundary

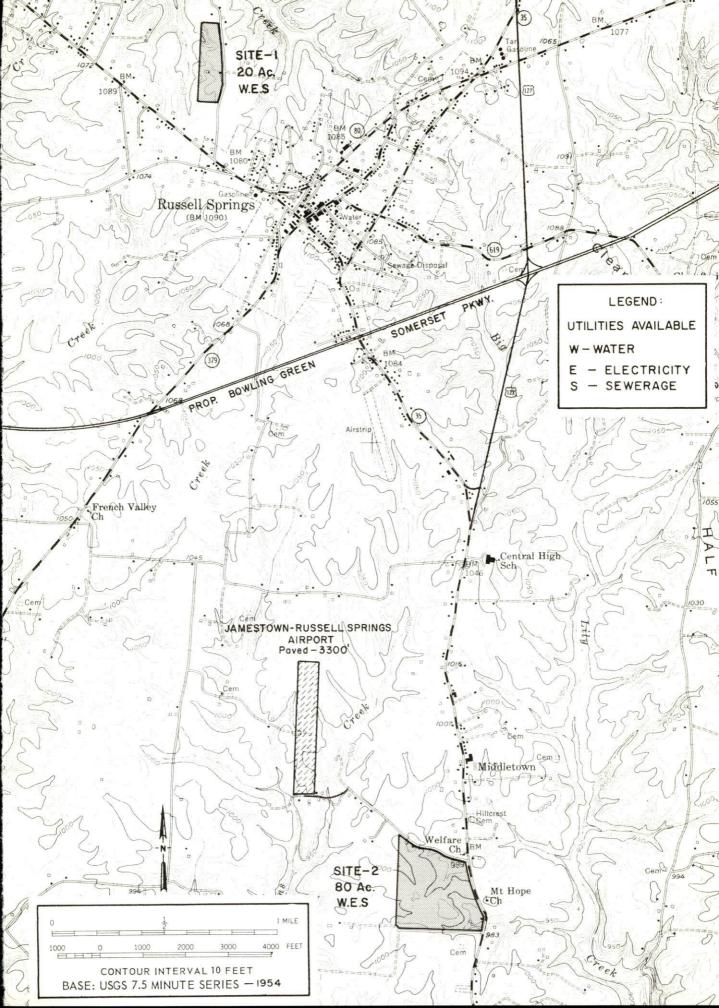
RAILROADS: Not rail served WATER: Facilities planned

GAS: Not available

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company

SEWERAGE: Facilities planned

OWNERSHIP: Russell County Development Association, Inc.



INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES RUSSELL COUNTY

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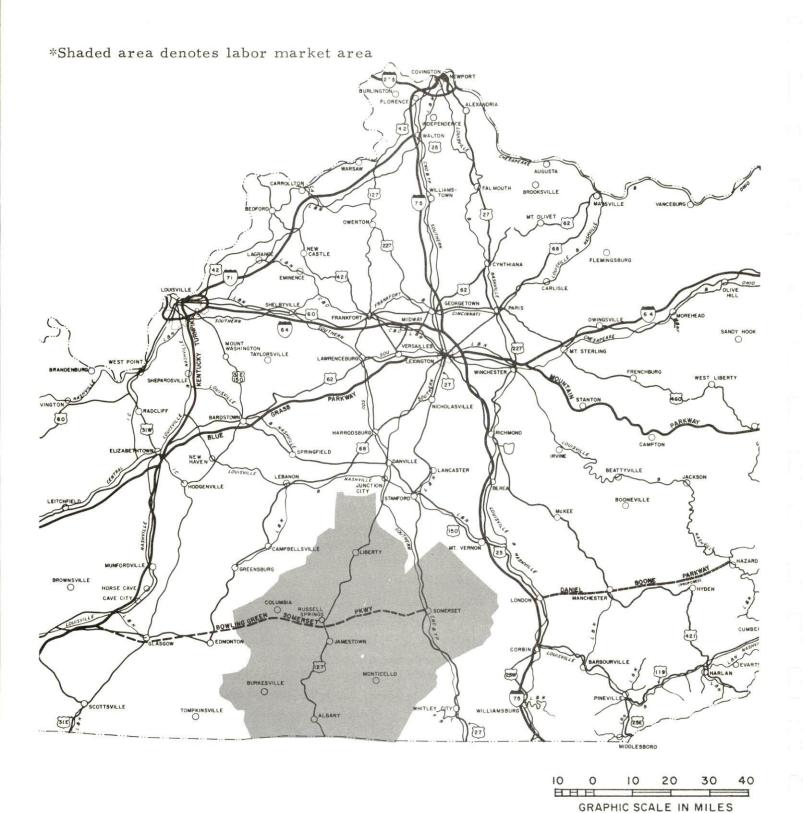
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RUSSELL COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA



RUSSELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Location

Russell County, located in southcentral Kentucky near the Tennessee border, is 155 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee, and 97 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky.

Jamestown, the county seat, has a 1970 population of 1,027, Russell Springs 1,570, and Russell County 10,279.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Russell County averaged 3, 450 in 1968, with manufacturing providing 755 of these jobs. During the first nine years of the decade manufacturing increased by almost 560 jobs or 280 percent. Major industrial products are apparel, lumber, and furniture.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$1,781. Between 1959 and 1968, per capita personal income in the county increased 128 percent.

The Russell County labor market area includes Russell and its six surrounding counties. Area employment totals 32,745 including 10,740 in agriculture. Manufacturing furnishes 6,145 jobs. Area industrial employment has more than doubled since 1959 with sharpest gains in lumber, furniture, and apparel.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 3,589 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 7,585 men and 5,525 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 5,690 young men and 5,375 young women will become 18 years of age by 1976 and potentially available for work.
- 2. Transportation U.S. Highway 127 runs north-south through Jamestown and Russell Springs. Highway transportation east-west will be greatly improved by the Bowling Green-Somerset Parkway. The Russell County airport has a 3,000-foot paved runway which will soon be lighted. Commercial air service is available at the London-Corbin War Memorial airport, 75 miles distant.

The Southern Railway System at Somerset, 40 miles distant, provides freight and passenger service, switching, and siding. REA Express pickup and delivery service is available. Piggyback service will be provided if requested.

- 3. Electricity is available in large quantity from Kentucky Utilities or South Kentucky RECC. The raw water supply from Lake Cumberland is more than adequate for continued growth.
- 4. Industrial sites Russell County has one industrial site and an 80-acre industrial park available.
- 5. Education one school system operates within the county and educational television is being made available.

One senior and two junior colleges are located within 50 miles.

The nearest area vocational school is 40 miles distant at Somerset and there is a new vocational extension center at Jamestown.

Community Programs for Improvement

The cities and county are actively continuing their programs for community improvement. Projects which will be beneficial to the county include plans for a \$900,000 bond issue for a new hospital, a new county-wide solid waste disposal system, a new county water district, expansion and updating of telephone service, 10-inch water line and 8-inch sewer line to the 80-acre industrial park, lighting and buildings for their airport, and completion of KOA camp. The county also has a new country club.

Russell Springs improvements will include a new 4-acre shopping center, new parking lot, extension of water and sewer lines to new subdivision, a city-wide clean up campaign, lights for the football field, upgrading of the water system with new elevated tank and new 6-to10-inch lines, and a new \$1,163,822 sewerage system.

Jamestown improvements include: a new bank building, a new 1,000-gpm pumper fire truck; under construction is a new municipal building; and in the planning stage is a new 34-unit, low-rent housing project costing \$678,338, and new water and sewerage facilities.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park is a 3,000-acre resort park with lodge, cottages and camping facilities. The recreational facilities include: swimming, boating, riding, hiking, golfing, picnicking, fishing, and tennis.

Dale Hollow Reservoir covers 27,700 acres which lie partly in Kentucky and Tennessee. The facilities include cottages, boating, swimming, and fishing.

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THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS $\frac{1}{}$

		Population	on	Percent	Change
Area	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Russell Springs	1,570	1,125	1,125	+ 39. 6	
Jamestown	1,026	792	1,064	+ 29.5	- 25.6
Labor Market Area	98,332	105,925	123,607	- 7.7	- 14.3
Russell	10,279	11,076	13,717	- 7.2	- 19.3
Adair	12,608	14,699	17,603	- 16.6	- 16.5
Casey	12,608	14,327	17,446	- 12.0	- 17.9
Clinton	7,704	8,886	10,605	- 13.3	- 16.2
Cumberland	6,681	7,835	9,309	- 14.7	- 15.8
Pulaski	34, 541	34,402	38,452	+ .4	- 10.5
Wayne	13,911	14,700	16,475	- 5.4	- 10.8

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1968_2/

	Employment			
Major Employment Group	Russell County	Labor Market Area		
TOTAL	3,448	32,745		
Agricultural	1,081	10,739		
Nonagricultural	2,367	22,006		
Manufacturing	755	6, 146		
Trade and Services	337	4,469		
Government	586	4,271		

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY SEPTEMBER 1959 AND 1969

	Russell County			Labor Market Area		
Industry	1969	1959	% Change	1969	1959	% Change
TOTAL	759	200	+279.5	5,976	2,655	+ 125.1
Food & Kindred Products	40	22	+ 81.8	246	189	+ 30.2
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	581	123	+372.4	2,803	1,268	+ 121.1
Lumber & Furniture	124	55	+125.5	2,264	986	+ 129.6
Chemicals, Petroleum,						
Coal, Rubber	0	0		245	113	+ 116.8
Stone, Clay & Glass	6	0		325	45	+622.2
Other	8	0		93	54	+ 72.2

RUSSELL COUNTY MANUFACTURING FIRMS THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT $\frac{4}{}$

		Employment			
Firm	Product			Female	
Jamestown					
Farmers Feed Mill	Feed	1	1	0	
Russell County News	Newspaper, job				
	printing	3	3	0	
Russell Springs					
Cudahy Co.	Cheese	33	30	3	
Hi-Way Manufacturing Co.	Furniture frames	22	15	7	
Kern P. Kellar, Inc.	Pallets, skids, crates,				
	boxes, lumber	26	25	1	
Russell County Feed Mill,					
Inc.	Feed	6	6	0	
Russell Sportswear Corp.	Ladies'blouses	600	75	525	
W. H. Sandusky & Son	Lumber	14	14	0	
The Times Journal	Newspaper, job				
Publishing Co.	printing	4	2	2	

WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS RUSSELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY $\underline{\bf 5}^{\prime}$

		Wages Per H	Hour
Classification	Starting	Maximum	Prevailing
Production Employees			
Inspector	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$1.75
Production Laborer	1.60	1.90	1.70
Service Employees			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$1.75	\$3.75	\$1.70
Laborer	1.60	1.75	1.70
Mechanic, Maintenance	1.75	3.00	2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial			
(Class-A)		2.75	2.00
Office Employees			
Bookkeeper	\$1.75	\$2.50	\$2.00
Receptionist	1.60	2,25	1.90
Secretary	1.60	2.50	1.95
Typist	1.60	2.25	1.90

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

Union

Representing workers at:

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of North America

Cudahy Company

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY - RUSSELL COUNTY LABOR MARKET AREA

	Curre	Current Labor Supply		Future 1	Labor Sup	ply by 1976
		1970	06/	(Becomi	ng 18 Yea	ars of Age)7/
County	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	13,110	7,584	5,526	11,064	5,689	5,375
Russell	1,886	1,135	751	1,132	588	544
Adair	1,715	1,003	712	1,428	707	721
Casey	1,866	1,098	768	1,518	769	749
Clinton	1,562	1,075	487	926	475	451
Cumberland	971	675	296	773	411	362
Pulaski	2,989	1,434	1,555	3,639	1,879	1,760
Wayne	2,121	1,164	957	1,648	860	788

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME $\frac{8}{}$

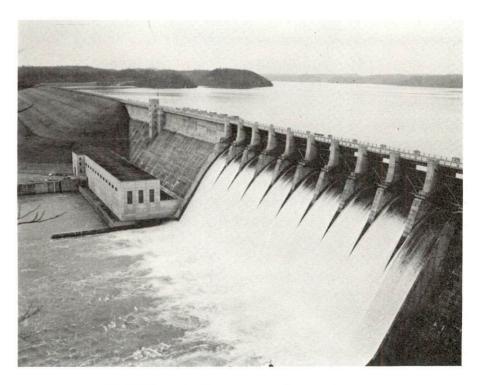
Area	1968	1959	% Change
Russell County	\$ 19,221,000	\$ 8,515,000	+125.6
Labor Market Area	157, 376, 000	84,359,000	+ 86.6
Kentucky	8,516,000,000	4,655,000,000	+ 82.9

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 9/

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Russell County	\$1,781	\$ 782	+ 127.7
Labor Market Area	\$1,058 to 1,781	\$606 to 953	+74.6 to+ 86.9
Kentucky	2,645	1,552	+ 70.4



Russell Sportswear Corporation Russell Springs



Wolf Creek Dam near Jamestown

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Russell County
Total Enrollment Elementary High School	2,564 1,797 767
Student-Teacher Ratio Elementary High School	21-1 20-1 21-1
State Rating of High School	Standard
Percent High School Graduates to College Current Expenditures Per Pupil Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1969	34.8 \$413.17 \$559,000

Vocational Schools

	Nearest Area School	Nearest Extension Center
Location Miles Distant Curriculum	Somerset, Kentucky 40 General Clerical Accounting Jr. Mgmt. Secretarial-Steno Health Careers Distributive Education Electronics (Technology) Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Auto Mechanics Drafting Machine Shop Printing	Jamestown, Kentucky Within county Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity Health Careers Welding

Colleges and Universities

	Area - Withi	Area - Within 50 Miles		
Name	Location	Enrollment	Highest Degree Conferred	
Lindsey Wilson Junior				
College	Columbia	574	Associate	
Somerset Community				
College	Somerset	577	Associate	
Campbellsville				
College	Campbellsvill	e 882	Baccalaureate	

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving - Southern Railway System at Somerset, 40 miles east

Services - Freight, passenger, switching, siding, REA Express pickup and delivery services. Piggyback service will be made available if requested.

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

	No. of Da	ys	No. of Days
City	CL	City	CL
Atlanta, Ga.	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	8
Birmingham, Ala.	2	Louisville, Ky.	2
Chicago, Ill.	4	Nashville, Tenn.	3
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	New Orleans, La.	3
Cleveland, Ohio	4	New York, N. Y.	5
Detroit, Mich.	4	Pittsburgh, Pa.	4
Knoxville, Tenn.	2	St. Louis, Mo.	3

Truck Service

Company	Home	Office
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Russell County

Central Motor Express, Inc. Campbellsville, Kentucky
Eagle Express Co., Inc. Somerset, Kentucky
Sanders & Leigh Liberty, Kentucky

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

		Deliv	ery			Deliv	ery
	Highway	Tim	e <u>1</u> 1	/	Highway		
City	Miles	LTL	TL	City		LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	290	3	2	Los Angeles, Calif.	2.260	7	6
Birmingham, Ala.	315	3	2	Louisville, Ky.	120	2	1
Chicago, Ill.	470	3	2	Nashville, Tenn.	159	3	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	170	2	1	New Orleans, La.	690	4	3
Cleveland, Ohio	420	3	2	New York, N. Y.	855	4	3
Detroit, Mich.	440	3	2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	470	4	3
Knoxville, Tenn.	155	2	1	St. Louis, Mo.	360	4	3

Air

	Local	Nearest Commercial
	Russell County Airport	London-Corbin War Memorial Airport
Location:	Jamestown, Kentucky	75 miles distant at London, Kentucky
Runways:	l paved	l paved
Length:	3,000 feet	6,000 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind sock	Wind sock
Lighting:	None	Beacon, runway and obstruction lights
Services:	7 a.m. to 5 p.m., 80-100	80-100 octane, JP-A-50,
	octane	Piedmont Airlines, taxi,
		U-Drive-It, weather,
		flight training, charter
		and ambulance service,
		vending machines
Taxi	Russell Springs - 2 compar	nies 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Rental Service	Jamestown - car rental	

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Jamestown and Russell Springs - Kentucky Utilities
Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW
Industrial rates negotiated by - Kentucky Utilities Company, Industrial
Development Division, Lexington, Kentucky

Company serving Russell County - South Kentucky RECC Source of power - East Kentucky Power Cooperative Total generating capacity - 515,000 KW Industrial rates negotiated by - South Kentucky RECC, P.O. Box 910, Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Natural Gas

Liquified petroleum gas is available from two distributors.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Jamestown - Jamestown Municipal Water & Sewer Company

Source - Lake Cumberland

Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 50,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 80,000 gallons

Type treatment - Complete treatment including fluoridation

Storage capacity - 250,000 gallons

Average pressure - 60 psi

Average temperature - 65° F.

Size mains - 10, 8, 6, 4 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

2,000 gallons	\$ 6.00 (Minimum)	\$.15	per	100 gallons over
5,000 gallons	10.50	. 125	per	100 gallons over
10,000 gallons	16.75	.10	per	100 gallons over
20,000 gallons	26.75	.075	per	100 gallons over
40,000 gallons	41.75	. 05	per	100 gallons over

Company serving Russell Springs - Russell Springs Water & Sewer Works

Source - one spring and one well

Treatment plant capacity - 200,000 gpd

Average daily consumption - 100,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 150,000 gallons

Type treatment - chlorination

Storage capacity - 65,000 gallons

Average pressure - 55 psi

Average temperature - 65° F.

Size mains - 6 and 4 inches

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

\$3.99 Minimum

1.99 per thousand gallons

Surface water sources - Cumberland Lake
Average discharge - Unlimited supply
Expected ground water yield - Northwestern half 5 - 50 gpm - balance
of county is 5 gpm or less
Yield along main streams - As above

Sewerage

Company serving Jamestown - Jamestown Municipal Water & Sewer Company
Design capacity - 270,000 gpd
Average daily flow - 50,000 gallons
Treatment - Primary and secondary
Type treatment - Clarifier, aeration, drying beds, digester
Treated effluent discharged into - Lake Cumberland
Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches
Size of storm mains - 15 and 24 inches
Rates - One-half of water rates

Company serving Russell Springs - Russell Springs Water & Sewer Works

Design population - 2,000

Average daily flow - 50,000 gallons

Treatment - Primary

Type treatment - Aeration, clarifier, drying bed, digester

Treated effluent discharged into - Lake Cumberland

Size of sanitary mains - 8 and 10 inches

Size of storm mains - 24 and 36 inches

Rates - One-half of water rates

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Jamestown

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms Budget 1968-69 - General Fund \$21,845; Water and Sewer Fund \$40,571

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses vary according to type of business - ranging from \$12.50 to \$50.00 annually

Russell Springs

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$58,684; Water and Sewer Fund \$58,588

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses vary according to type of business - ranging from \$15 to \$70 annually

County

Structure - County judge - 4-year term; 4 magistrates - 4-year terms Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$72,000; Road Fund \$35,000

Assessed Value of Property, 1969

Classes of Property*	Jamestown	Russell Springs	Russell County
Real Estate	\$4,065,376	\$7,248,700	\$44,491,483
Tangibles	367,350	3,774,404	9, 111, 973
Public Service	218,331	323, 226	2,652,155

^{*}Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

Taxing Unit*	Jamestown	Russell Springs	Russell County
State	\$.015	\$.015	\$.015
County	. 140	. 140	. 140
School	. 315	. 315	. 315
City	. 242	. 260	
Total	\$.712	\$.730	\$.470

^{*}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

Police	Jamestown	Russell Springs	Russell County
Total staff	3	3	3
Radio-patrol cars	1	1	3
Fire			
American Insuranc Association Fire	е		
Rating	8	7 & 9	
Volunteers	24	21	
Equipment:			
1,000-gpm pumpe	r l		
750-gpm pumpe	r 1		
500-gpm pumpe	r l	1	
utility truck	1	1	

Sanitation

	Jamestown	Russell Springs
Type service Cost:	municipal	municipal
residential	free	free
business	free	free
Collection		
frequency:		
residential	weekly	twice a month
business	weekly	twice a month
Trash pickup	twice a week	twice a week
Disposal method	dump	dump

HEALTH

Hospitals

General Hospital	Location	Beds
Adair Memorial Hospital	Columbia, Kentucky,	
	20 miles distant	36

General hospital facilities - operating room, emergency room, X-ray, laboratory, delivery room, nursery

Medical staff - 10 doctors, 9 registered nurses, 8 graduate licensed practical nurses, 2 licensed practical nurses

Public Health

Facility - Russell County Health Department
Staff - I sanitarian, 2 registered nurses, 1 clerk, 1 health officer,
1 administrator
Budget 1969-70 - \$43,448

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Duo County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Services - Standard

Telegraph - Western Union

Services - Telephone from Campbellsville

Postal - U.S. Post Office	Jamestown	Russell Springs
Class -	2	2
Mail received -	once daily	twice daily
Mail dispatched -	once daily	twice daily

Newspapers - The Times Journal Daily and circula-

tion

3,975

Russell County News

2,500

Other papers

received from -

Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky; Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee

Radio - Jamestown WJRS - FM Russell Springs WJKY-AM Stations received from - Lexington, Louisville and Danville, Kentucky; Knoxville and Nashville, Tennessee

Television -

Cable service - Under construction

Reception from - Louisville, Lexington and Bowling Green, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee

Kentucky Educational Television - Somerset transmitter - channel 29

Library Services

Public Libraries - Russell County Library
Size collection - Approximately 20,000 volumes
Circulation, 1969-70 - 40,000
Services - Bookmobile, story hour, records, films, projector, art

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 14 in Russell County

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

Russell Springs - Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Church of God, Church of Christ, United Baptist

Financial Institutions

	Statement as of December 31, 1969		
Banks	Assets	Deposits	
Jamestown			
Bank of Jamestown	\$3,353,712.09	\$2,869,664.50	
Russell Springs			
First National Bank	7,098,397.15	6,204,643.00	

Hotels and Motels

Russell County

Number	Units
The second secon	
11	2.83

Clubs and Organizations

Jamestown

Business and Civic - Lions, Russell County Development Association, Chamber of Commerce

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, American Legion

Women's - Business & Professional Women's Club, Homemakers Club, Eastern Star

Youth - Boy Scouts, FFA, 4-H, FHA, Career Club

Other - Saddle Club, Fish and Game Club

Russell Springs

Business and Civic - Lions, Chamber of Commerce

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, VFW, American Legion, IOOF

Women's - Homemakers Club, Business & Professional Women's Club, Eastern Star

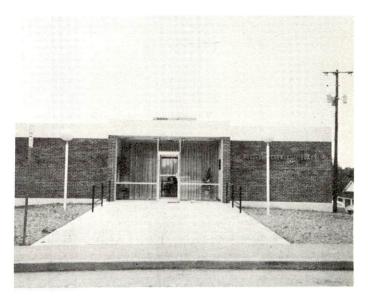
Youth - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA



New Christian Church Russell Springs



Russell County Courthouse



New Russell County Library Jamestown



New Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corp. office building located in Jamestown

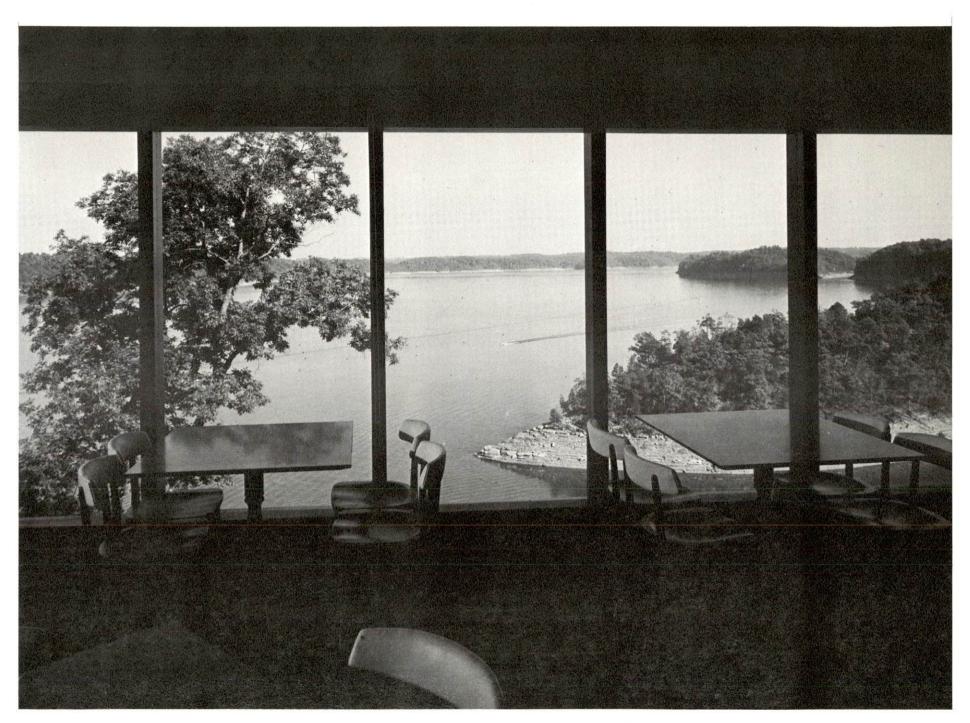
RECREATION

Local

	Jamestown	Russell Springs
Public Recreation Facilities		
Parks -	2	1
Playgrounds -	1	1
Swimming pool -	1	
Golf course -	1	
Tennis courts -	3	
Baseball diamonds	1	1
Football field	1	
Other -	croquet field	
Private Recreation Facilities		
Country clubs -	1	1
Golf course -	1	
Swimming pools -	1	
Movie theaters -	1 drive-in	1 drive-in
Speedway		1
Tourist Attractions		
Rock House		
Cultural Events Big Sing County Fair		

Area (Within 25 miles)

Lake Cumberland Lake Cumberland State Resort Park Dale Hollow Reservoir



Dining room at Lake Cumberland State Park offers a breath-taking view of the lake

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture 13/

	Russell County	Labor Market Area
Total land area (acres)	152,320	1,702,400
Percent of area in farm land	75.7	70.9
Number of farms	1,588	12,576
Average size of farms (acres)	72.6	95.9
1964 value of all farm products	\$4,813,493	\$37, 166, 282
Value per farm	3,031	2,955
Total crop sales	2,548,487	19,860,367
Total livestock & livestock		200 (2012) 200 (2012) (2012) (2012) (2012)
products	2,239,928	17, 269, 758
1967 agricultural production includ	ded:	,
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	2,574,000	30,061,000
Corn (bu.)	737,000	5,201,000
Cattle and calves (number)	24,600	297,720
Hogs and pigs (number)	8,900	70,000
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	29,580,000	241,310,000
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Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources Other mineral resources	Limestone, petroleum Clays, sand and gravel, and
Acres of commercial forest land	some vein minerals 73,600
Most abundant tree species	White oaks, red oaks, hickories, yellow poplar, beech, hard maples, ash

Climate 14/	Russell County
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	59.6 degrees
Average annual 1969	57.0 degrees
Record highest, August, 1968 (9-year record)	99.0 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (9-year record)	- 9.0 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	3,494
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	45.85 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (27-year record)	12.6 inches
Total precipitation 1969	48.98 inches
Mean number days precipitation (27-year record)	
(.01 inch or more)	126
Average number days thunderstorms	
(27-year record)	48
Prevailing winds (14-year record)	Northeast

HISTORY

Russell County, the eighty-first county established in Kentucky, dates from 1825. Its territory was taken from Adair, Cumberland, and Wayne Counties. It contains 242 square miles of territory. The Cumberland River flows through its southern part and this section is hilly and broken. The balance of the county is agricultural.

Wolf Creek Dam was completed in 1951, creating a lake in the Cumberland River that is 101 miles long. It is one of the largest hydroelectric dams in the country, and its reservoir is the sixth greatest manmade lake in the world. There are no locks at this dam.

Russell County was named for Colonel William Russell, who came to Kentucky from Culpepper, Virginia, at the age of fifteen. He joined an expedition against the Indians under the leadership of Daniel Boone. Later Colonel William Russell was a delegate to the Virginia Legislature which passed the enabling act that separated Kentucky from Virginia. He served as a representative from Fayette County in Kentucky's first Legislature which convened at Lexington in 1792. Later he served for twelve successive terms in the State Legislature. He was unsuccessful in a bid for the governorship of Kentucky in 1824.

Jamestown, the county seat, was incorporated in 1827 and is 950 feet above sea level. It was first known as Jacksonville after General Andrew Jackson, but when the Whigs came to power in 1836 they resented the tribute to their opponent and its name was changed to Jamestown in honor of James Wooldridge who had donated 110 acres of land for the townsite when the town was established. Today Jamestown is a thriving modern seat of government with a building program commensurate to the developments along Cumberland Lake. It is connected with the past since several old houses lend their grace to the community scene. The Otha Wells House is among the oldest and most famous. An annual community singing contest has been held there for some time on the last Sunday in August.

Russell Springs, long known as Big Boiling Springs, was operated for many years by Sam Patterson who was one of the first settlers. The water from this spring contains sulphur which was used widely as a cure for many ills. Around 1825, a dozen log cabins were built in a row, called Long Row, to accommodate visitors and guests. Boiling Springs gained a favorable reputation as a health resort which endured throughout the nineteenth century. In 1898 the log cabins were replaced by a frame hotel that operated until recently when modern motels supplanted its use. Occasionally a tourist stops for a jug of sulphur water, but there is no commercial importance to this item today.

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