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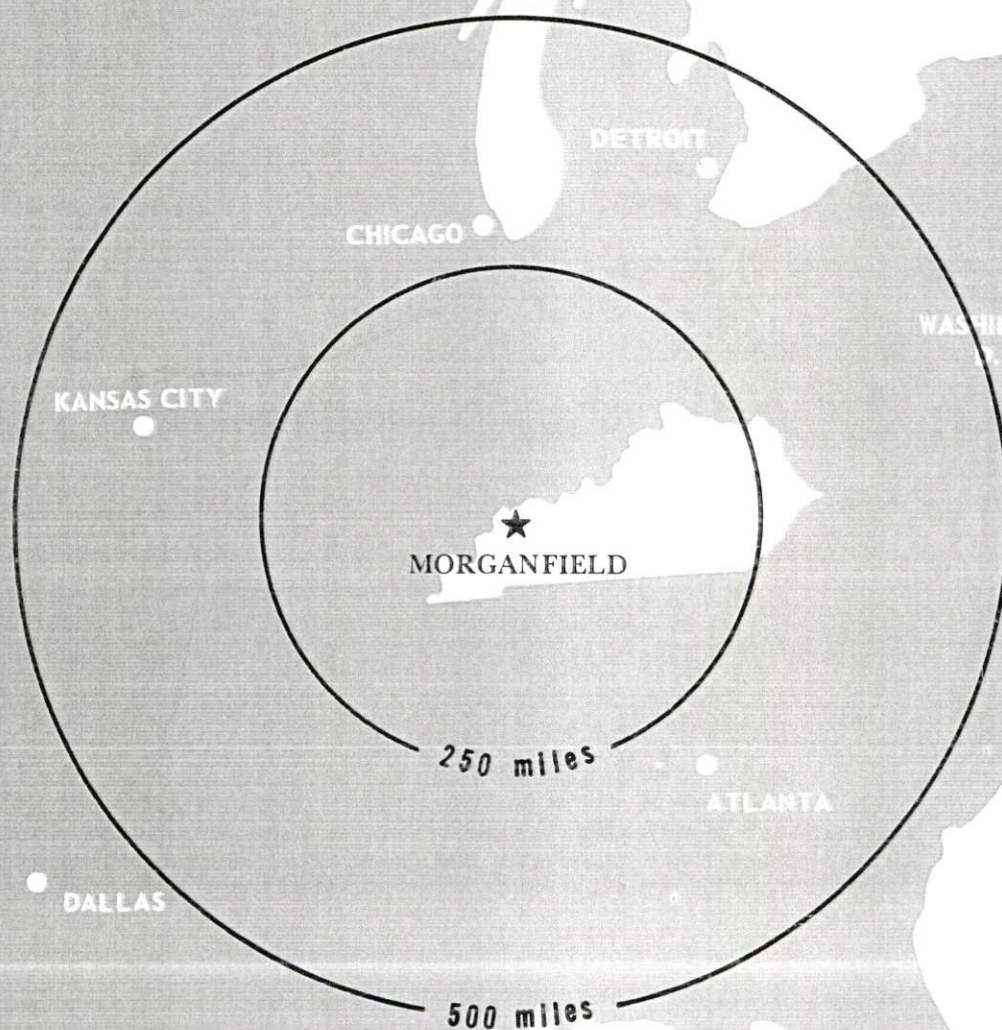
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INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

MORGANFIELD, STURGIS & UNIONTOWN, KENTUCKY



UNION COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MORGANFIELD INDUSTRIAL SITES

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For more information about the following sites, contact Mr. H. T. Shouse, Chairman, Union County Industrial Committee, Morganfield National Bank, Morganfield, Kentucky or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Capital Plaza Office Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky.

SITE #1: ACREAGE: 177 acres

LOCATION: In Union County, approximately 3 miles east of Morganfield proper

ZONING: Industrial

HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 60 along northern boundary and East Road along eastern boundary

RAILROAD: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad - rail service available

WATER: City of Morganfield Water Works Department

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line along southern boundary of site (a 20-inch line is being constructed and will serve the site after September 1973)

GAS: City of Morganfield Natural Gas System

SIZE MAIN: 6-inch main along northern boundary of site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 12.5 KV line along northern border of site

SEWERAGE: City of Morganfield Sewerage Department

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line approximately 1,000 feet west of site (an 18-inch line is being constructed and will serve site after September 1973)

OWNERSHIP: City of Morganfield

SITE #2: ACREAGE: 288 acres

LOCATION: In Union County, approximately 3 miles east of Morganfield proper

ZONING: Industrial

HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 60 and 641 approximately 1,200 feet north of site via East Road

RAILROAD: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad - rail service available

WATER: City of Morganfield Water Works Department

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line approximately 1,100 feet southwest of site

GAS: City of Morganfield Natural Gas System

SIZE MAIN: 6-inch main approximately 1,200 feet north of site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 7.2 KV line along western boundary of site

SEWERAGE: City of Morganfield Sewerage Department

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line approximately 3,000 feet west of site

OWNERSHIP: City of Morganfield

STURGIS INDUSTRIAL SITE

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SITE #3: ACREAGE: 1,125 acres

LOCATION: In Union County, approximately one-half mile east of Sturgis proper

ZONING: Industrial

HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 60 along western boundary and Kentucky Highway 270 along northern boundary

RAILROAD: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad - rail service available via Western Kentucky Coal Company spur

WATER: City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Water Department

SIZE LINE: 6-inch line on site and 3-inch line along northern boundary

GAS: City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Gas Company

SIZE MAIN: 4-inch main on site

ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 7.2 KV line along western boundary of site

SEWERAGE: City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Sewerage Department

SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on site

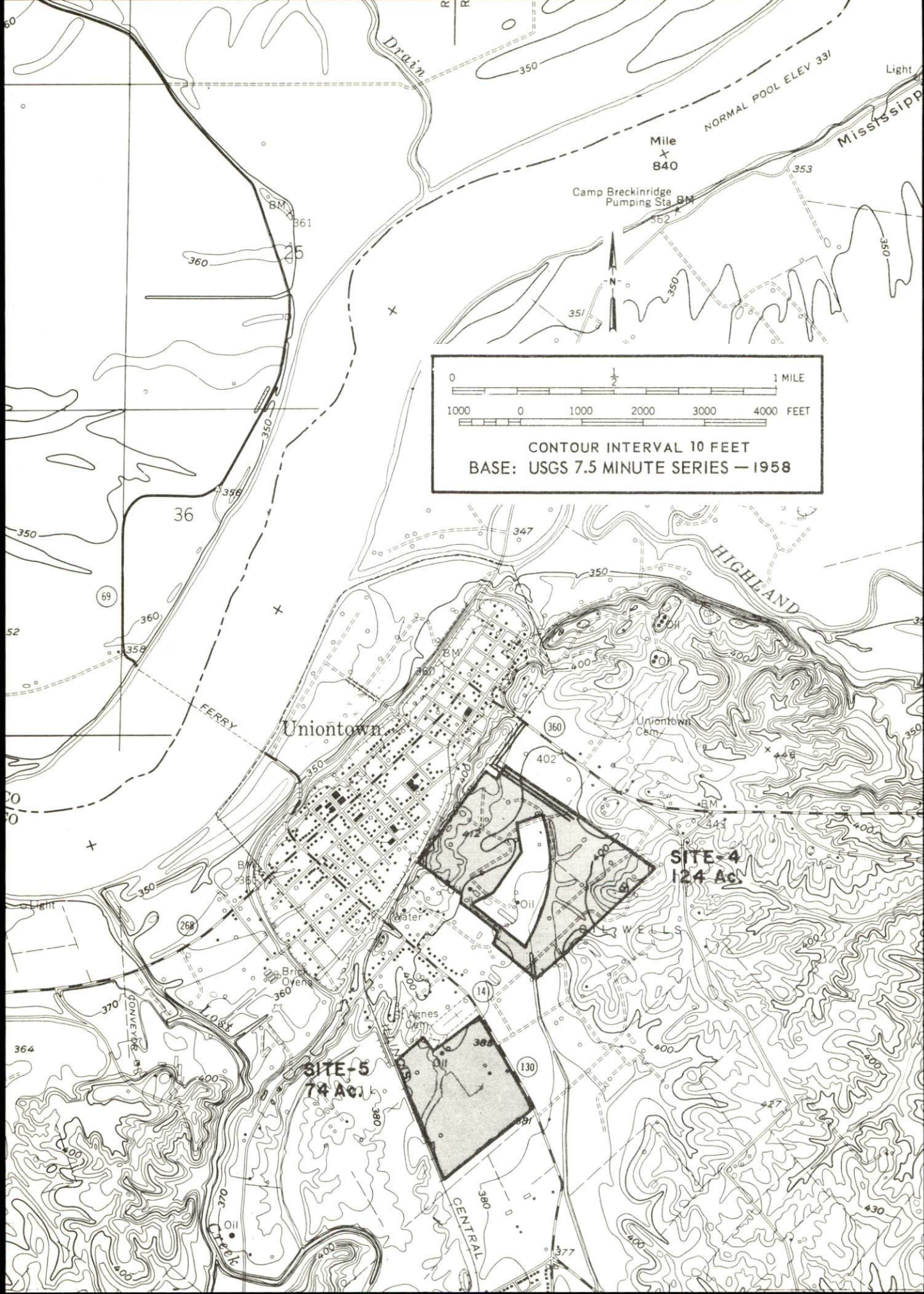
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UNIONTOWN INDUSTRIAL SITES

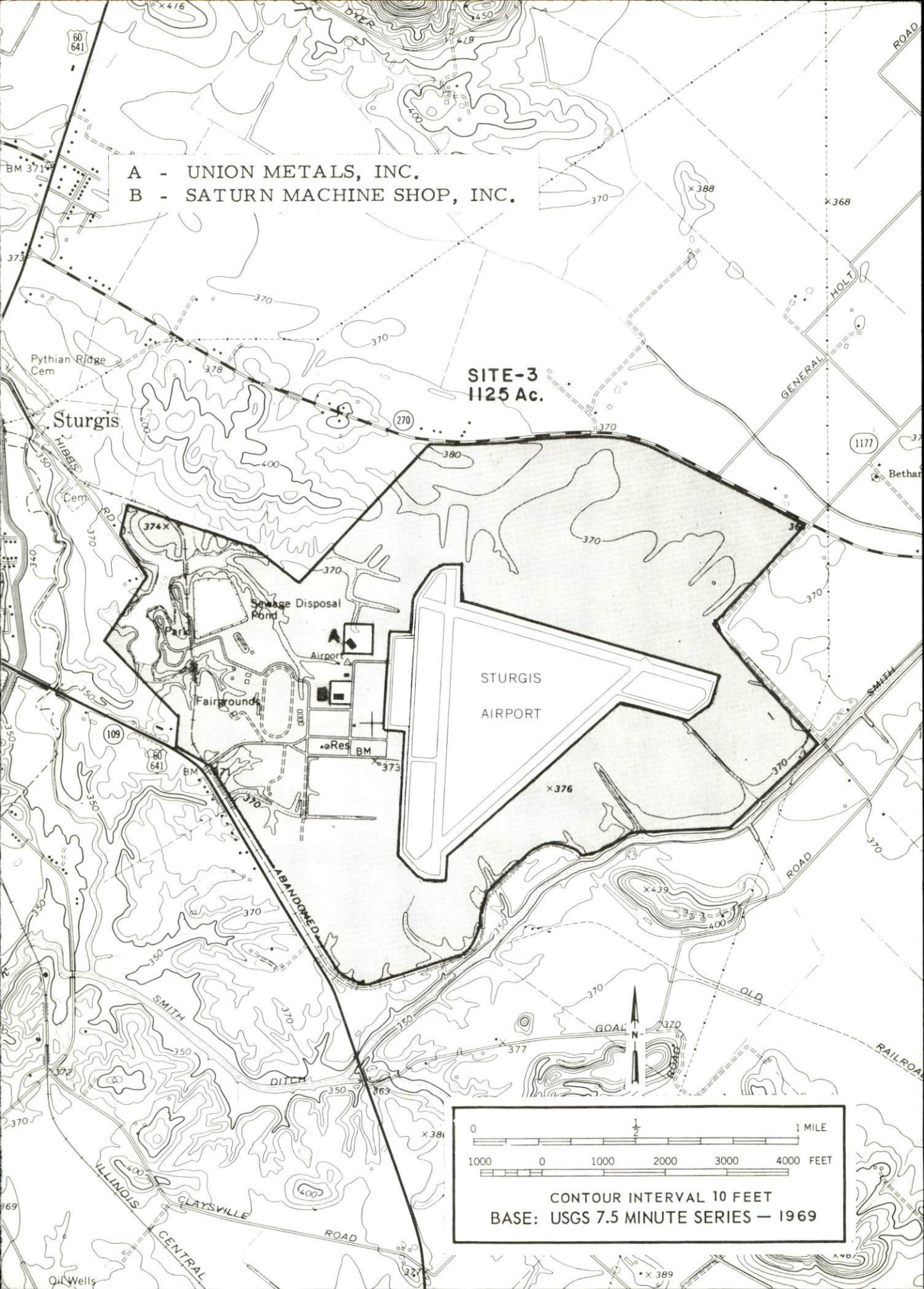
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- SITE #4: ACREAGE: 124 acres
LOCATION: In Union County, adjacent to Uniontown southeastern city limits
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky 360 approximately 1,000 feet northeast of site (a paved access road is to be constructed to site from Kentucky 360)
RAILROAD: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad - rail service not available
WATER: City of Uniontown Water Works
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line approximately 800 feet southwest of site
GAS: None
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 69 KV line on site
SEWERAGE: City of Uniontown Water Works
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line on site
OWNERSHIP: City of Uniontown
- SITE #5: ACREAGE: 74 acres
LOCATION: In Union County, approximately 2,500 feet south of Uniontown proper
ZONING: None
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Kentucky Highway 130 along eastern boundary
RAILROAD: Illinois Central Gulf Railroad - rail service available
WATER: City of Uniontown Water Works
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line adjacent to eastern boundary of site across Kentucky Highway 130
GAS: None
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company - 69 KV line adjacent to northern boundary
SEWERAGE: City of Uniontown Water Works
SIZE LINE: 8-inch line approximately 700 feet north of site along Kentucky Highway 130
OPTIONED BY: Union County Industrial Committee



A - UNION METALS, INC.
B - SATURN MACHINE SHOP, INC.



SITE-3
1125 Ac.

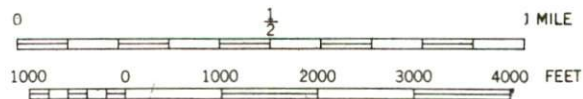
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- A - HILL INDUSTRIES
B - GENAUT INDUSTRIES
C - SONOCO PRODUCTS CO.

SITE-1
177 Ac.

SITE-2
288 Ac.



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MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN, KENTUCKY

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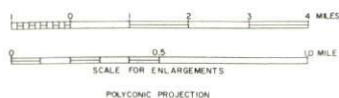
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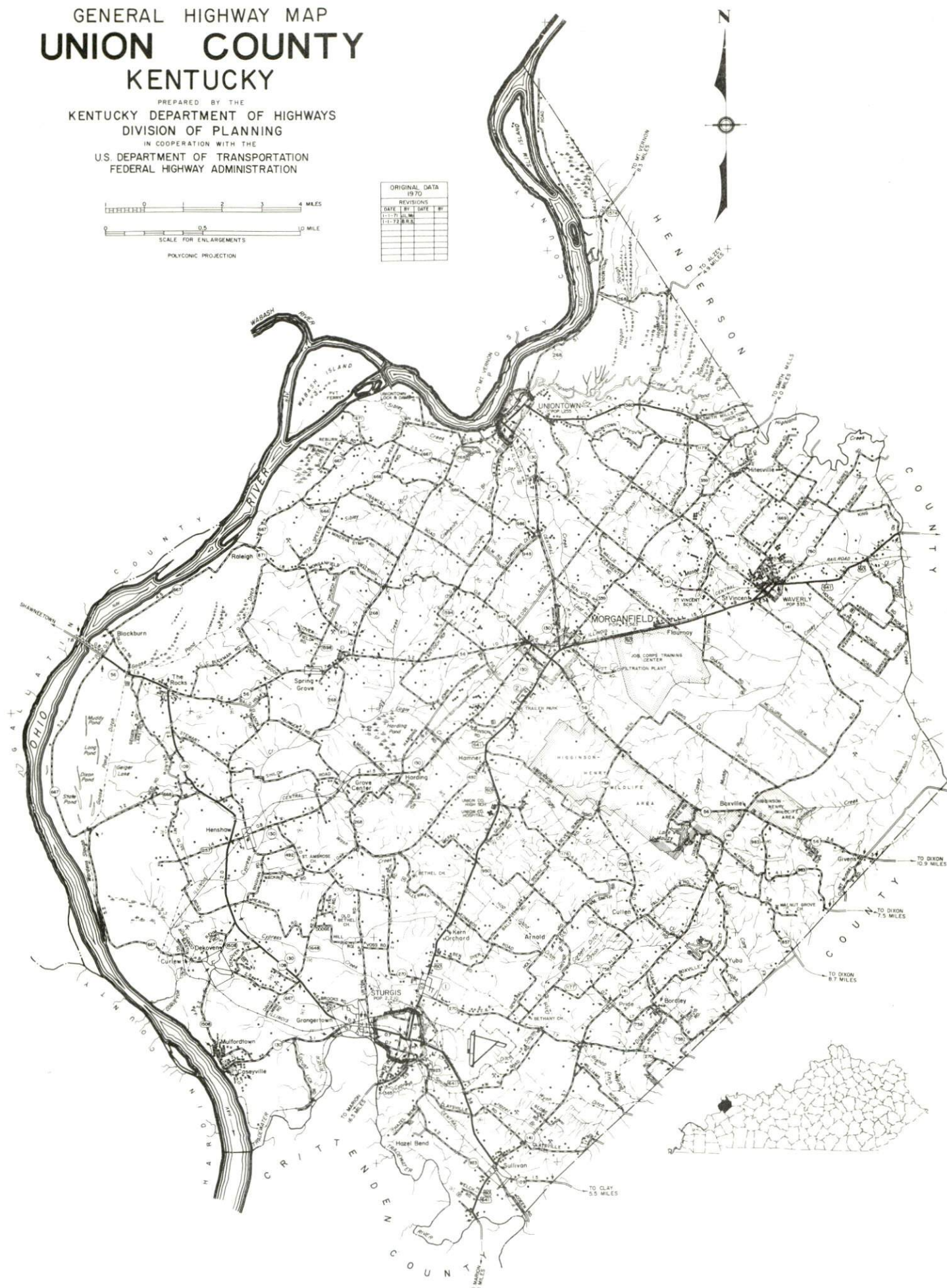
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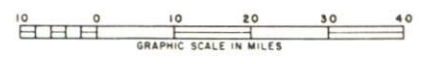
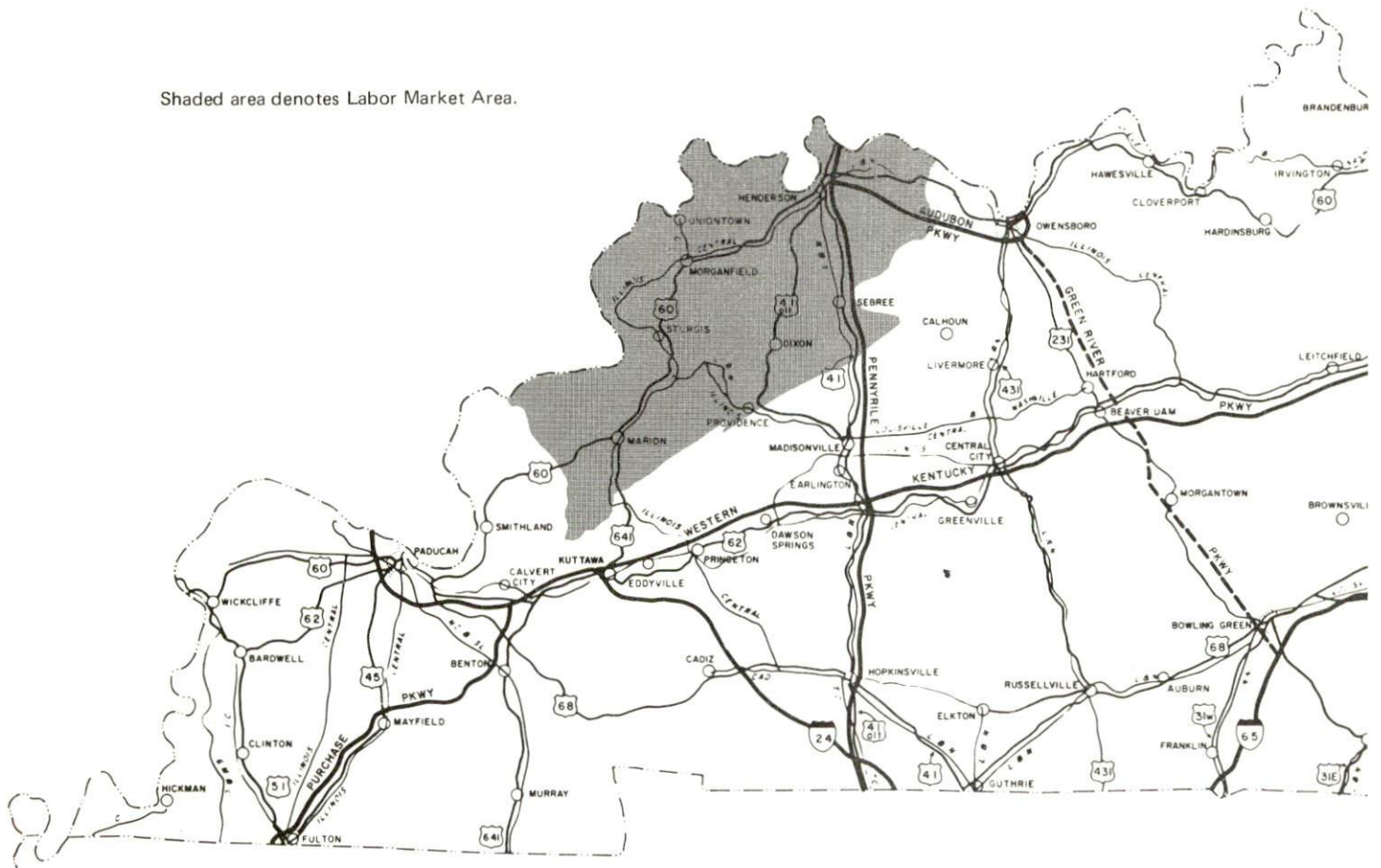
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MORGANFIELD, STURGIS & UNIONTOWN LABOR MARKET AREA



Shaded area denotes Labor Market Area.



MORGANFIELD, STURGIS, AND UNIONTOWN, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Morganfield, a 1972 All Kentucky City and county seat of Union County, is located in the Western Coal Fields Region of northwestern Kentucky. It is 162 miles west of Louisville, 166 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee, 206 miles southeast of St. Louis, Missouri, and 35 miles southwest of Evansville, Indiana. In 1970, the population was 3,563.

Sturgis, a 1972 All Kentucky City, is located 11 miles southwest of Morganfield. In 1970, Sturgis had a population of 2,210.

Uniontown, 7 miles west of Morganfield, had a 1970 population of 1,255.

Union County is composed of 340 square miles and is bounded on the north and west by the Ohio River. The 1970 county population was 15,882.

The Economic Framework

Total employment in Union County averaged 5,890 in 1972 with agriculture providing 580 jobs, manufacturing 520, trade and services 1,510, government 440, and mining and quarrying 1,790 jobs. Major industrial products are men's clothing, metallescent spray, carpet, and automotive parts.

Per capita personal income in the county in 1970 was \$2,463. Between 1960 and 1970, per capita personal income in the county increased 40.7 percent.

The Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown labor market area includes Union County and the three adjoining Kentucky counties; Posey County, Indiana; and Gallatin and Hardin Counties, Illinois. In 1972, employment in the Kentucky portion of the labor market area totaled 27,040 with agriculture providing 2,600 jobs, manufacturing 5,010, trade and services 6,150, government 2,790, and mining and quarrying 2,120 jobs. Manufacturing employment in this area has increased approximately 55.8 percent since 1962, with the sharpest gains in rubber and plastics products, electrical machinery, and transportation equipment industries.

Despite industrial gains in recent years, this area still has a deficit of 2,045 manufacturing jobs when measured against the national manufacturing employment-population ratio. This indicates an area with a potential for additional manufacturing production.

Resources for Growth

1. There is a current estimated labor supply of 5,955 men and 5,820 women available for industrial jobs in Union County and the surrounding Kentucky counties. In addition, 3,730 young men and 3,610 young women will become 18 years of age by 1979 and potentially available for employment. Also, the current labor supply would be increased by the number of men and women in the adjoining Indiana and Illinois counties who are available for industrial jobs.

2. The Illinois Central Gulf Railroad serves Union County. Morganfield, which is strategically located between Sturgis and Uniontown, is served by U. S. Highway 60 which feeds into the Pennyrile and Audubon Parkways, 23 miles distant at Henderson. These two parkways allow easy access to the Western Kentucky and Blue Grass Parkways. The Sturgis Airport has three paved 5,000-foot runways which can accommodate jet aircraft. The Breckinridge Airport at Morganfield has a 2,700-foot runway and can accommodate light aircraft. Commercial air service is available at Dress Memorial Airport, Evansville, Indiana, only 35 miles from Morganfield.

3. Energy - Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown and Union County are served electric power by the Kentucky Utilities Company and the Henderson-Union RECC. The Morganfield Natural Gas System and the Sturgis Gas Company are supplied by the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation. There is one propane distributor and three distillate fuel oil distributors in Morganfield. Sturgis has two propane distributors and two distillate fuel oil distributors. Natural gas is not available in Uniontown. The propane and distillate fuel oil distributors in Morganfield, 7 miles distant, serve Uniontown as well as three propane distributors in Henderson, 23 miles distant.

4. Industrial sites - Union County has five available industrial sites. Two sites are in Morganfield, one is in Sturgis, and two are in Uniontown.

5. Education - Three senior colleges, two community colleges, and one university are within a 50-mile radius of Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown.

The Union County Area Vocational Education Center is located midway between Morganfield and Sturgis and offers five courses. In Owensboro, 52 miles distant, is the Daviess County State Vocational-Technical School and it offers 18 courses.

Community Programs for Improvement

Morganfield

Recently completed:

1. Morganfield National Bank added a third drive-in window to its branch bank.
2. Hill Industries, manufacturers of Hillcrest carpets, began production in October 1973.
3. An office building for the City of Morganfield Water Works Department was completed in the spring of 1973.
4. The maintenance department's building was completed in 1972.
5. The remodeling of city hall was completed in 1973.
6. The Breckinridge Golf and Country Club was completed in 1972.
7. The remodeling and renovation of the Union County Courthouse and jail was completed in 1973.
8. The renovation of the American Legion building was completed in 1973.
9. The city has condemned vacant and abandoned properties and these areas have been cleaned up.
10. Peabody Coal Company developed two mines for the production of coal which began operating in 1972.
11. Three medical clinics have been opened.
12. In February 1972, 66 units of public housing were opened.

Projects currently underway:

1. Morganfield National Bank is constructing a full service branch bank at Waverly, 5 miles northeast of Morganfield, and expected completion is September 1973.
2. Improvements at the Morganfield Airport include: resurfacing the runway and apron; installation of runway lights, a rotating beacon, and a lighted wind tee; and construction of a turn around. Completion is expected by the end of 1973.

3. Genaut Industries, automotive parts manufacturers, will begin operation in January, 1974.
4. Sonoco Products Company, manufacturers of rolled paper tubing core, will begin production in October of 1973.
5. All major city streets are being resurfaced.
6. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a renovation program for the downtown area in cooperation with Sherwin-Williams to set up a decorative color scheme.
7. Construction was started in August of 1973 of a branch bank for the Union Bank and Trust Company. It will have three drive-in windows and walk-in service. Completion is expected later in the year.
8. The City of Morganfield Sewerage Department is renovating the sewage treatment plant and expected completion will be the beginning of 1974. It will also install interceptor lines.
9. The City of Morganfield Water Works Department is renovating its water treatment system to increase its treated volume from 1.5 to 3.5 million gallons per day. This should be completed by the end of 1973.

Planned:

1. In 1975, the Morganfield Fire Department will be purchasing a 750 gpm pumper.
2. The upgrading and building of additional recreational facilities at four parks will be completed in 1974.
3. It has been proposed that the runway should be extended 3,700 feet and more hangars should be constructed at the Breckinridge Airport at Morganfield.
4. Kentucky Utilities will build a substation within the next 18 months.

Sturgis

Recently completed:

1. The downtown area was remodeled in 1972.
2. The sanitation department added garbage pickup to its services to both residential and commercial customers.

Projects currently underway:

1. Improvements at the Sturgis Airport include: lighting of one of its three runways, a rotating beacon, and a vasi navigation aide system.
2. A 56-unit apartment complex is under construction and will be completed by the fall of 1973.
3. Substandard housing is being renovated.
4. Streets are being resurfaced.
5. Union Metals, Inc., metal fabrication processors, will start production in September of 1973.
6. New park is under construction.

Uniontown

Recently completed:

1. The Wabash Elevator Company has increased its storage area from containing 10,000 bushels to 1,500,000 within the last five years as well as purchased larger and more modern grain dryers.
2. The Municipal Garbage Collection service was started in November of 1972.
3. The Uniontown Police Department had a mobile phone unit installed in the patrol car.

Projects currently underway:

1. The Uniontown Dam is expected to be completed by 1975.
2. There have been eight additional acres purchased for the Uniontown City Park and several recreational facilities and safety improvements are being made.
3. The City of Uniontown Water Works is improving its sewerage system by the construction of a lagoon treatment system which will be completed in late summer or early fall of 1973.
4. The City of Uniontown Water Works is improving the water system. Additional 6-inch and 8-inch lines are being laid, master meters are being installed, as well as the installation of chemical feeding equipment, laboratory equipment, and a raw water intake structure. Completion is expected in late summer or early fall of 1973.

5. A new fire department is being constructed for the Uniontown-Union County Fire Department. It is being built in cooperation with the Breckinridge Job Corps Center.

Future:

A road will be constructed by the summer of 1974 to connect Kentucky Highway 360 to Kentucky Highway 130. This connection will be near Uniontown's southern city limits. Walnut Street will be lengthened to connect with this road.

Union County

Recently completed:

1. The Union County High School now has a "phase-elective" curriculum. A library, two classrooms, home economics room, and office space were added to Uniontown Junior High School in February of 1972.

Recreation, Entertainment and Livability

Moffitt Recreation Area, at Morganfield, is a unique and beautiful area consisting of 136 acres of hills and woods and a 50-acre lake. There are lakeside campsites, picnicking areas, hiking trails, swimming, boating and fishing.

James C. Ellis Park and Race Track is located on the north bank of the Ohio River between Henderson, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana. The grandstand seats 10,000 including 1,000 in the clubhouse. Thoroughbred racing is held during the summer months.

John James Audubon State Park, in Henderson, has cottages and camping accommodations. This 645-acre park has a picnic shelter, playground, gift shop, 9-hole golf course, hiking trails and supervised recreation. There is a 12-acre nature preserve lake and a 28-acre recreation lake for paddle boats, swimming and fishing. The Audubon Memorial Museum and Nature Museum, located on the park grounds, contains Kentucky's greatest exhibit of original Audubon prints.

Audubon Raceway, across from the park, provides harness racing.

THE LABOR MARKET

POPULATION TRENDS

Area	Population				Percent Change	
	1972*	1970	1960	1950	1960-70	1950-60
Morganfield	N. A.	3,563	3,741	3,257	-4.8	+14.9
Sturgis	N. A.	2,210	2,209	2,222	+ .04	- 0.6
Uniontown	N. A.	1,255	1,255	1,054	--	+19.1
Labor Market Area	74,100	73,688	70,948	71,981	+3.9	- 1.4
Union County	15,600	15,882	14,537	14,893	+9.3	- 2.4
Crittenden County	9,000	8,493	8,648	10,818	-1.8	-20.1
Henderson County	35,800	36,031	33,519	30,715	+7.5	+ 9.1
Webster County	13,700	13,282	14,244	15,555	-6.8	- 8.4

*Provisional Estimates.

Sources: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Population, 1970, 1960, 1950. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports, Series P-26, June 1973.

GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1972

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Union County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	5,890	27,040
Agricultural	580	2,600
Nonagricultural	5,310	24,440
Manufacturing	520	5,010
Government	440	2,790
Trade and Services	1,511	6,151
Mining and Quarrying	1,788	2,116
Other	1,051	8,373

Source: Kentucky Department of Economic Security, Division of Research and Statistics.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 1972 AND 1962

Industry	Union County			Labor Market Area		
	1972	1962	% Change	1972	1962	% Change
TOTAL	556	324	+ 71.6	5,266	3,381	+ 55.8
Food & Kindred Products	14	13	+ 7.7	141	107	+ 31.8
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	236	167	+ 41.3	576	809	- 28.8
Lumber, Furniture	16	49	- 67.3	791	863	- 8.3
Printing & Publishing, Paper	16	10	+ 60.0	659	353	+ 86.7
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal, Rubber	0	0	0	1,332	669	+ 99.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	5	15	- 66.7	105	112	- 6.3
Primary Metals	0	0	0	223	110	+102.7
Machinery, Metal Products, Equip.	269	70	+284.3	1,374	294	+367.3
Other	0	0	0	65	64	+ 1.6

Source: Kentucky Department of Economic Security, Number of Workers in Manufacturing Industries Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law Classified by Industry and County, September 1972, September 1962.

MAJOR MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN
MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

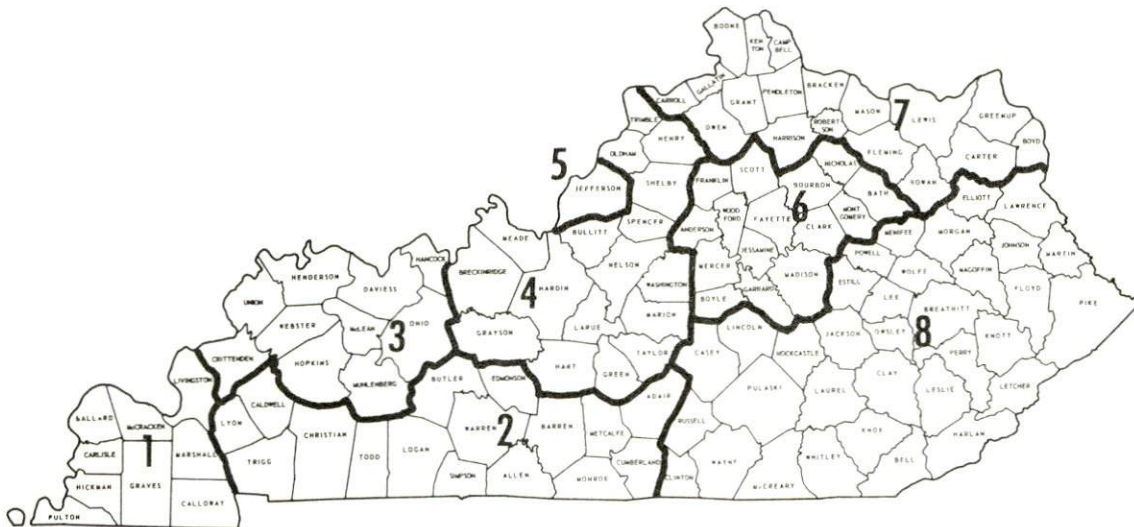
MINOR FURNITURE FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT				
Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
<u>Morganfield</u>				
Genaut Industries	Automotive parts	200		
Hill Industries	Tufted carpet	60		
Mo-Vac Corporation	Vacuum metallizing, metallescent spray	160	75	85
Sonoco Products Co.	Paper tubing	40		
<u>Sturgis</u>				
Sturgis Clothing Company	Men's clothing	166	10	156
Union Metals, Inc.	Metal fabrication	39	39	0
<u>Uniontown</u>				
Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company	Workmen's, baseball, and tennis caps	108	7	101

Source: Kentucky Department of Commerce; Ohio County Industrial Foundation.

WAGES

Occupational wage rates for specific industries are usually not available to most government agencies, and wage data furnished to state employment agencies by 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 130 clearly defined office, production, and service occupations. Tabulations are published for eight 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

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing manufacturing workers at:</u>
Laborers International Union of North America	Mo-Vac Corporation
United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers	Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Co.

ESTIMATED MALE LABOR SUPPLY MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN 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 by 1979</u>
Labor Market					
Area	5,956	2,887	699	2,370	3,718
Union	2,489	1,674	77	738	789
Crittenden	700	286	143	271	418
Henderson	1,408	162	318	928	1,864
Webster	1,359	765	161	433	647

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Security, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1972. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply by 1979.

ESTIMATED FEMALE LABOR SUPPLY MORGANFIELD, STURGIS AND UNIONTOWN 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 by 1979</u>
Labor Market					
Area	5,823	2,172	411	3,240	3,609
Union	1,261	422	33	806	732
Crittenden	715	306	87	322	340
Henderson	2,497	668	192	1,637	1,885
Webster	1,350	776	99	475	652

Sources: Kentucky Department of Economic Security, Kentucky Labor Supply Estimates by County, 1972. Kentucky Department of Commerce, Future Labor Supply by 1979.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Union County	\$2,463*	\$1,750	+40.7
Labor Market Area Range	\$2,212 to 2,966*	\$905 to 1,750	N. A.
Kentucky	3,099	1,581	+96.0
U. S.	3,933	2,216	+77.5

*Unadjusted for commuting.

Sources: University of Kentucky, Office of Development Services and Business Research, Per Capita Income in Kentucky. U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Survey of Current Business, August 1972.

TRANSPORTATION

Rail

Line serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company

Services - Freight, siding, switching; nearest piggyback facilities of the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad are available at Evansville, Indiana, 35 miles from Morganfield.

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

Director of Industrial Development
Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company
135 East 11th Place
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Truck Service

Company

Home Office

Morganfield

A & H Truck Line, Inc.
Harper Truck Service, Inc.
McLean Trucking Company
T.I.M.E.-DC, Inc.

Evansville, Indiana
Paducah, Kentucky
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Lubbock, Texas

Sturgis

A & H Truck Line, Inc.
Harper Truck Service, Inc.
McLean Trucking Company

Evansville, Indiana
Paducah, Kentucky
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Uniontown

Harper Truck Service, Inc.
McLean Trucking Company
A & H Truck Line, Inc.

Paducah, Kentucky
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Evansville, Indiana

Other Freight Services

United Parcel Service

Owensboro, Kentucky, 52 miles from
Morganfield - Nearest shipping center
Evansville, Indiana, 35 miles from
Morganfield

REA Express

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		TL				TL	
Atlanta, Ga.	605	2		Los Angeles, Calif.	2,280	3	
Birmingham, Ala.	539	2		Louisville, Ky.	173	1	
Chicago, Ill.	474	1		Nashville, Tenn.	177	1	
Cincinnati, Ohio	286	1		New Orleans, La.	707	2	
Cleveland, Ohio	527	1		New York, N. Y.	942	2	
Detroit, Mich.	548	1		Pittsburgh, Pa.	567	2	
Knoxville, Tenn.	405	1		St. Louis, Mo.	217	1	

Source: Delivery Time Only - Harper Truck Service, Inc., 1266 North 8th Street, Paducah, Kentucky 43002.

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
Location:	Sturgis Airport* 1 mile southeast of Sturgis	Dress Memorial Airport Evansville, Indiana, 35 miles from Morganfield
Runways:	3 paved	3 paved
Length:	5,000 feet each	8,023 feet; 5,084 feet; 3,502 feet
Traffic		
Control:	Wind tee	
Lighting:	None	Runway (hours of darkness)
Services:	80 and 100 octane, taxi	Phillips 66, Texaco, 80/87, 91/96, 100/130, jet fuel; taxi; courtesy car; car rentals; major repairs; restaurant; weather information; hangars; tie downs; baggage carts; charter service; rest rooms; Eastern, Delta, and Allegheny Airlines
Air Freight		
Service:		Space available basis

The Morganfield Airport has a 2,700-foot paved runway and can accommodate light aircraft. **

*Improvements presently underway include lighting of one runway, installation of a rotating beacon, and a vasi navigation aide system.

**Improvements presently underway include resurfacing of the runway and apron; installation of runway lights, a rotating beacon and lighted wind tee; and construction of a turn around.

Water

Uniontown is located on the Ohio River, while Morganfield and Sturgis are in close proximity to the river.

Bus

Morganfield and Sturgis - Greyhound Bus Lines

Taxi

Morganfield - Three companies, 24-hour service

Sturgis - One company, 24-hour service

Rental Services

Morganfield and Sturgis - Truck and trailer rentals

POWER AND FUEL

Electricity

Company serving Morganfield, Sturgis, Uniontown and portions of Union County - Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company
Total generating capacity - 1,215,000 KW
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company
Industrial Development Department
120 South Limestone Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Company serving Union County - Henderson-Union RECC
Source of power - Big Rivers RECC
Total generating capacity - 400,000 KW
For industrial rates contact:

Henderson-Union RECC
P. O. Box 18
Henderson, Kentucky 42420

Natural Gas

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield Natural Gas System
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission mains - 36 inches (supplier); 6 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 1, 1 1/4, 2, 3, and 4 inches
Distribution pressure - 25 psi
Btu content - 1,013 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - .589
For rates and supplies contact:

City Administrator
118 East Main Street
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Gas Company
Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation
Size of transmission mains - 26 and 30 inches (supplier); 2, 3, 4, and 6 inches (distributor)
Distribution mains - 2, 3, 4, and 6 inches
Distribution pressure - 18 psi
Btu content - 1,013 per cubic foot; Specific gravity - .588

For rates and supplies contact:

City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Gas Company
Sturgis, Kentucky 42459

There is no natural gas available in Uniontown.

Other Fuels

Propane and butane -

Union Propane Gas Company (bulk plant) - Morganfield
Pargas, Inc. (bulk plant) - Sturgis
Western Kentucky LP-Gas Company (bulk plant) - Sturgis
Texgas Corporation (bulk plant) - Henderson
Lin-gas, Inc. (bulk plant) - Henderson
Universal Butane Company (bulk plant) - Henderson

Fuel oils

Distillate fuel oil -

Gulf (bulk plant) - Morganfield
Argo (bulk plant) - Sturgis

Residual fuel oil - arrangements must be made with the refinery.

Low sulphur content coal - available in Kentucky.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Water

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield Water Works

Department *

Source - Ohio River

Treatment plant capacity - 4,000,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 1,000,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 1,600,000 gallons

Type treatment - alum, lime, carbon, chlorine, fluoride

Storage capacity - 2,900,000 gallons

Size mains - 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, and 24 inches

Average pressure - 50 psi

Average temperature - 41.6° F.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons or less	\$2.50
Next	1,000 gallons	1.05 per M gallons
Next	2,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	10,000 gallons	.67 per M gallons
Next	35,000 gallons	.48 per M gallons
Next	450,000 gallons	.30 per M gallons
Next	1,500,000 gallons	.28 per M gallons
All over	2,000,000 gallons	.27 per M gallons

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Water Department

Source - deep wells

Treatment plant capacity - 500,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 250,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 350,000 gallons

Type treatment - settled, filtered, chlorinated

Storage capacity - 85,000 gallons

Size mains - 4, 6, and 8 inches

Average pressure - 50 psi

Average temperature - 60° F.

*City of Morganfield Water Works Department is renovating their water treatment system to increase its treated volume by 2,000,000 gallons per day. This should be completed by the end of 1973.

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,000 gallons or less	\$3.36
Next	18,000 gallons	.68 per M gallons
Next	20,000 gallons	.58 per M gallons
All over	40,000 gallons	.47 per M gallons

Company serving Uniontown - City of Uniontown Water Works*

Source - Ohio River

Treatment plant capacity - 360,000 gallons per day

Average daily consumption - 90,000 gallons

Peak daily consumption - 150,000 gallons

Type treatment - sedimentation, filtration, chlorination

Storage capacity - 100,000 gallons

Size mains - 8, 6, and 4 inches

Average pressure - 69 psi

Average temperature - varies from 40° F. in winter to 60° F. in summer

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE
AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

First	2,500 gallons	\$4.00 (Minimum)
Next	2,500 to 5,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
Next	5,000 to 10,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
Next	10,000 to 20,000 gallons	.90 per M gallons
Next	20,000 to 30,000 gallons	.75 per M gallons
Next	30,000 to 40,000 gallons	.60 per M gallons
Next	40,000 to 80,000 gallons	.50 per M gallons
All over	80,000 gallons	.35 per M gallons

Name of water district - Union County Water District

Area served - all of Union County except incorporated municipalities

Date when water district began operating - 1966

Source of supply of treated water - City of Morganfield

Average amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 3,500,000 gallons

Peak amount of water used in a 24-hour period - 3,500,000 gallons

Storage capacity - 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank

Average pressure - 40 to 50 psi

Average temperature - 41.6° F.

Size lines - 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches

*Presently under construction are additional 6-inch and 8-inch water lines, installation of master meters, new chemical feeding equipment, installation of laboratory equipment for the purpose of keeping a closer bacterial control on the water, and a raw water intake structure. Expected completion of all of the improvements will be late summer or early fall of 1973.

Rates -

First	2,000 gallons	\$5.50 (Minimum)
Next	3,000 gallons	2.75 per M gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	2.50 per M gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	2.25 per M gallons
Next	25,000 gallons	2.00 per M gallons
Next	50,000 gallons	1.75 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	1.50 per M gallons
Next	100,000 gallons	1.25 per M gallons
Over	300,000 gallons	1.00 per M gallons

Monthly Minimum

5/8-inch meter	\$ 5.50
3/4-inch meter	12.50
1-inch meter	22.50
1 1/2-inch meter	50.00
2-inch meter	87.50
3-inch meter	150.00
4-inch meter	250.00

Surface water sources - Ohio and Tradewater Rivers

Average discharge - Ohio River at Evansville, Indiana, 129,100 cfs (31-year record 1940-71); Tradewater River at Olney, Kentucky, 318 cfs (31-year record)

Expected ground water yield - 500 to 1,000 gpm along Ohio River; 50 to 200 gpm along Tradewater River; 5 to 50 gpm in a belt trending northwest-southeast through county; 5 gpm or less in remainder of county

Sewerage

Company serving Morganfield - City of Morganfield Sewerage Department *

Design capacity - 3,500,000 gallons per day

Average daily flow - 1,000,000 gallons; Treatment - primary with chlorination

Type treatment - aeration, clarifier, drying beds, activated sludge plant

Treated effluent discharged into - Casey Creek

Size of sanitary mains - 6, 8, 10, 12, 18, and 48 inches

Size of storm mains - 18, 24, and 30 inches

Rates - 60 percent of monthly water bill

*City of Morganfield Sewerage Department is renovating the sewage treatment plant and installing interceptor lines.

Company serving Sturgis - City of Sturgis, Kentucky, Sewerage Department
Design capacity - 5,000 population equivalent load
Average daily flow - 150,000 gallons; Treatment - primary and secondary
Type treatment - aeration
Treated effluent discharged into - Cypress Creek
Size of sanitary mains - 6, 8, and 10 inches
Size of storm mains - 8 to 30 inches
Rates - 50 percent of monthly water bill

Company serving Uniontown - City of Uniontown Water Works*
Design capacity - 210,000 gallons per day
Type treatment - lagoon
Treated effluent discharged into - Ohio River
Size of sanitary mains - 8 inches
Size of storm mains - 12, 20, and 30 inches
Rates - 75 percent of monthly water bill

*The lagoon treatment system is presently under construction and will be completed by fall of 1973.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Morganfield

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Budget 1973 - General Fund	\$165,519
Water and Sewer Fund	215,955
City Gas System	370,199

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses range from \$10 to \$60 annually

Sturgis

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Income 1972 - General Fund	\$ 83,000
Water and Sewer Fund	106,000
City Gas System	173,000

Fees and licenses - Occupational licenses range from \$5 to \$75 annually

Uniontown

Structure - Mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms

Income 1972 - General Fund	\$ 19,832
Water and Sewer Fund	41,966

Fees and licenses - Occupational license - \$15 annually; city vehicle license - varies from \$5 to \$10 annually

County

Structure - County Judge - 4-year term; 6 magistrates - 4-year terms

Budget 1972-73 - General Fund	\$186,882
Road Fund	101,213

Assessed Value of Property, 1972

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Morganfield</u>	<u>Sturgis</u>
Real Estate and Tangibles	\$15,451,700 (1973)	\$ 9,328,879
Tangibles	1,631,053 (1973)	665,403
	<u>Uniontown</u>	<u>Union County</u>
Real Estate and Tangibles	\$ 3,070,303	
Real Estate		\$102,298,720
Tangibles		39,770,465
Public Service		9,331,550 (1971)

Property Taxes

Land and buildings are taxed by the state and may be taxed by local jurisdictions. The state rate is \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Tangible personal property owned by manufacturers (automobiles, trucks, finished goods, office furniture, office equipment) is taxed by the state at \$0.15 per \$100 and may be taxed by local jurisdictions.

Manufacturing machinery, raw materials inventories, and goods in process inventories are not subject to local taxation. The state rate is \$0.15 per \$100.

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

All property is assessed at 100 percent of fair cash value.

Local Property Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation, 1973*

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Morganfield</u>	<u>Sturgis</u>	<u>Uniontown</u>	<u>Union County</u>
County	\$.152	\$.152	\$.152	\$.152
School	.586	.586	.586	.586
City	.500	.520	.390	

*Kentucky Department of Revenue, Kentucky Property Tax Rates, 1973.

Planning and Zoning

Joint agency - Joint City-County Planning Commission of Union County*

Zoning enforced - Only in Morganfield and Sturgis

Subdivision regulations enforced - City and 5 miles beyond city limits -
Morganfield and Sturgis

Local codes enforced - Building and Housing

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)

Other programs - Public Housing - Morganfield and Sturgis

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Morganfield</u>	<u>Sturgis</u>	<u>Uniontown</u>	<u>Union County</u>
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Total staff	7 full-time	4	2	3
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	2 part-time			
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Radio-patrol cars	2	2	1	3
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Fire

Uniontown-
Union County**

American Insurance

Association Fire Rating	6	7	8	
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Full-time staff	6	3		
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Volunteers	20	20	16	18
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Equipment:

750 gpm pumpers	2	1		
500 gpm pumpers	1	1	1	
tank truck				1

Rescue Service

Union County Civil Defense Squad:

Number of volunteers - 200 volunteers and 1 part-time employee

Equipment - access to all major types of emergency equipment

Personnel training - Red Cross, safety and rescue training

*Presently under consideration of the Commission and later to be proposed to all the cities' governmental agencies for adoption is county wide zoning and subdivision regulations.

**A new fire station is being constructed for the Uniontown-Union County Fire Department. It is being built in cooperation with the Breckinridge Job Corp Center.

Sanitation

	<u>Morganfield</u>	<u>Sturgis</u>	<u>Uniontown</u>
Type service	municipal	municipal	municipal
Fee charged:			
residential	\$2.50 monthly	\$2 monthly	\$2.50 monthly
business	\$3.25 (minimum) to \$125 (maximum)	\$3 to \$35 monthly	\$3 (minimum) monthly
Collection			
frequency:			
residential	once weekly	once weekly	once weekly
business	daily if required	one to five times weekly	as needed
Trash pickup	free service quarterly	weekly	weekly
Disposal method	landfill	landfill	landfill

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Union County</u>
Total Enrollment (Fall 1972)	3,183
Elementary	1,495
Junior High	903
High School	785
Student-Teacher Ratio	23-1
Elementary	25-1
Junior High	21-1
High School	21-1
Accreditation	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Percent High School Graduates to College	52.3
Expenditures Per Pupil (1971-72)	\$619.99
Bonded Indebtedness, June 30, 1972	\$2,022,000

Nonpublic Schools

Total Enrollment	452
Elementary	452
Student-Teacher Ratio	25-1
Elementary	25-1

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest State School</u>	<u>Nearest Area Education Center</u>
	Daviness County State Vocational-Technical School	Union County Area Vocational Education Center
Location:	Owensboro	Midway between Morganfield and Sturgis
Miles Distant	52	Health Careers Auto Mechanics Carpentry Electricity Welding
Curriculum	Accounting Junior Management Clerical Secretarial Marketing and Distributive Education (Cont.)	

Vocational Schools (Cont.)

	<u>Nearest State School</u>
Curriculum	Child Care
	Food Service
	Home and Community Service
	Learning Lab
	Electronics (Industrial)
	Instrumentation
	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
	Auto Body Repair
	Auto Mechanics
	Cosmetology
	Diesel Mechanics
	Masonry
	Printing
	Welding

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.

The Breckinridge Job Corp Center near Morganfield can provide industrial training courses upon request.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 50 Miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree Conferred</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1972)</u>	
Brescia College	Owensboro	931	Baccalaureate
Henderson Community College	Henderson	608	Associate
Indiana State University (Evansville Campus)	Evansville, Indiana	2, 648	Baccalaureate
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	772	Baccalaureate
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	356	Associate
University of Evansville	Evansville, Indiana	3, 468	Masters

HEALTH

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Union County Hospital	Midway between Morganfield and Sturgis	54

General hospital facilities - Laboratory, X-ray, obstetrics, emergency room, intensive care, coronary unit, major and minor operating room, recovery room, inhalation and physical therapy room

Medical staff - 5 doctors, 9 registered nurses, 9 licensed practical nurses, cardiologist, radiologist, pathologist, urologist

Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes	1	30
Personal care homes	3	90

Public Health

Facility - Union County Health Department

Staff - 1 sanitarian, 2 registered nurses, 1 health service aide (part-time),
1 administrative assistant

Budget 1972-73 - \$46,104

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Communications

Telephone - Serving Morganfield and Sturgis - South Central Bell
Serving Uniontown - Uniontown Telephone Company

Telegraph - Serving Morganfield - Western Union
Services - Standard

Postal - U. S. Post Office

Class - Morganfield - First Class
Sturgis - Second Class
Uniontown - Third Class

Mail received - Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - Twice daily
Mail dispatched - Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - Twice daily

Newspapers -

Morganfield - The Union County Advocate

Weekly and circulation - 4,400

Sturgis - The Sturgis News: Weekly and circulation - 2,650

Other papers received from - Henderson and Louisville, Kentucky;
Evansville, Indiana to Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown

Radio - Serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown - WMSK AM-FM

Stations received from - Henderson, Louisville and Owensboro,
Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; Chicago, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio;
St. Louis, Missouri

Television - Serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown

Reception from - Paducah, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; Harrisburg,
Illinois

Educational Television - Serving Morganfield, Sturgis and Uniontown

Reception from - Madisonville, Kentucky, Channel 35; Evansville,
Indiana, Channel 9

Library Services

Public library - Union County Library

Size collection - 31,629 volumes (branch libraries included)

Circulation, 1972 - 84,164 volumes (branch libraries included)

Services - Art, story hour, records, record player, film projector,
bookmobile, inter-library loan service

Branch library - Sturgis Library

Services - Record player, records, inter-library loan service

Branch library - Uniontown Library

Services - Record player, records, inter-library loan service

Religious Institutions

Number of churches - Morganfield - 8

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

Number of churches - Sturgis - 15

Denominations - Apostolic Tabernacle, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Church of God, Cumberland Presbyterian, First Baptist, General Baptist, Methodist, Missionary Baptist, Presbyterian, Sturgis Baptist

Number of churches - Uniontown - 5

Denominations - Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Methodist, Pentecostal

Nearest synagogues - Henderson

Congregations - Adath Israel (reform)

Financial Institutions

<u>Banks</u>	<u>Statement as of December 31, 1972</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
<u>Morganfield</u>		
Morganfield National Bank	\$18,684,577.01	\$17,190,261.10
Union Bank & Trust Company	12,752,721.94	10,612,896.63
<u>Sturgis</u>		
Farmers State Bank	\$11,624,748.44	\$10,595,330.35
<u>Uniontown</u>		
Farmers Bank of Uniontown	\$ 1,946,839.00	\$ 1,792,092.00
<u>Savings and Loan Associations</u>	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Shared Accounts</u>
<u>Morganfield</u>		
Union County First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Morganfield	\$23,560,404.28	\$19,948,249.09

Hotels and Motels

Total number - Morganfield - 2
Units - 40

Total number - Sturgis - 3
Units - 34

Clubs and Organizations

Morganfield

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Key Club, Lions, Ministerial Association, P. T. A., Red Cross, Welcome Wagon

Fraternal - American Legion, IOOF, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge

Women's - American Legion Auxiliary, Business and Professional Women's Club, Eastern Star, Homemakers

Youth - Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, FBLA, FFA, FHA, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Little League football, baseball, basketball, Pony League baseball, VICA (vocational school)

Sturgis

Business and Civic - Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis

Fraternal - American Legion, IOOF, Masonic Lodge

Women's - Eastern Star, Woman's Club

Youth - Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, 4-H, FBLA, FFA, FHA, Little League baseball, basketball, football, Teen Center, VICA (vocational school)

Uniontown

Fraternal - IOOF, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers, Rebekah

Youth - Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, FBLA, FFA, FHA, Girl Scouts, Little League baseball, Pony League baseball, VICA (vocational school)

RECREATION

<u>Local</u>	<u>Morganfield</u>	<u>Sturgis</u>	<u>Uniontown</u>
Public Recreation Facilities			
Supervised program	yes	yes	yes
Parks	2	2	1
Playgrounds	2	2	1
Swimming pools	1	1	
Tennis courts	2	1	
Baseball diamonds	1	1	1
Football fields	1	1	1
Roller skating rinks		1	1
Softball diamond		1	
Other		Youth Center	Boating and fishing on the Ohio River
Private Recreation Facilities			
Country club	1		
Golf course	1		
Swimming pool	1		
Movie theaters	1 indoor 1 drive-in		
Bowling lanes		8	
Tourist Attractions			
Trade Day			
Union County Fair			
<u>Area</u> (Within 25 miles)			
Moffitt Recreation Area			
James C. Ellis Park and Race Track			
John James Audubon State Park			
Audubon Raceway			

AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

Agriculture*

	<u>Union County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	217,856	945,088
Percent of area in farm land	90.2	80.1
Number of farms	616	3,314
Average size of farms (acres)	319.0	228.3
1969 value of all farm products	\$16,366,472	\$41,373,789
Value per farm	26,568	12,484
Total crop sales	5,447,559	17,064,263
Total livestock & livestock products	10,879,019	24,117,877
1970 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	8,000	693,000
Corn (bu.)	2,121,000	6,237,000
Cattle and calves (number)	42,400	123,600
Hogs and pigs (number)	114,900	262,100
Milk production, 1969 (lbs.)	1,680,000	10,940,000

Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal, petroleum, sand and gravel
Acres of commercial forest land	45,600
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, sweet gum, hickory, soft maple, ash, yellow poplar

*U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census of Agriculture, 1969. U. S. Department of Agriculture and Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, 1971.

Climate

Union County

Temperature

Annual mean (30-year record)	57.0 degrees
Average annual 1972	54.5 degrees
Record highest, July, 1966 (12-year record)	104.0 degrees
Record lowest, January, 1963 (12-year record)	-18.0 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	4,435
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65° F.)	

Precipitation

Mean annual total (30-year record)	41.45 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (32-year record)	13.40 inches
Total precipitation 1972	42.27 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (32-year record)	114
Average number days thunderstorms (32-year record)	46

Prevailing winds (14-year record)	South-southwest
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*U. S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services
Administration, Climatological Data, 1972. Station of Record:
Evansville, Indiana.

HISTORY

Union County, the fifty-fifth county established in Kentucky, dates from 1811. Its territory was taken from Henderson County. Later it gave up lands to help form Webster County (1860). Highland Creek forms a portion of its eastern boundary; Tradewater River flows along its southern side; and the Ohio skirts its entire western and northern edges for a distance of 41 miles. It lies across the Ohio River from the mouth of the Wabash, hence it has a common boundary with Illinois and Indiana.

The first settlers came to Union County in 1805 from other areas in Kentucky and from Virginia and North Carolina. They were lured by the abundance of natural resources, fertile lands, and the ease by which land claims could be obtained. They also were attracted to the area because of its mild climate and comparative safety from the Indians who usually bypassed it on their hunting expeditions, and who, by the beginning of the nineteenth century, were moving westward as a result of defeats and treaties at the hands of the whites. The first town established was Morganfield, the county seat, whose site was chosen in 1811 on land that belonged to Presley O'Bannon. The survey was made by James Townsend. James Holloway built the first brick house, and Aquilla Doris taught the first school, a short term session paid for by subscription in 1813, in a log house built for that purpose. Saint Vincent's Academy, a boarding school for girls, was erected in 1820. This was one of the first institutions of its kind in the state and is still in use.

In 1942, the United States Government purchased 38,000 acres of land a few miles east of Morganfield and established an army installation known as Camp Breckinridge. As many as 40,000 men in armored units were trained there during the Second World War. The impact of this camp upon Morganfield and the county was tremendous. Housing became a problem, overcrowded schools demanded more attention than could be given to them, and churches and family life conditions experienced revolutionary changes. At the end of the war the camp was closed. The effects on the physical and social conditions of the community were too great for sudden readjustment. While the people were struggling with readjustment problems, the camp was reopened on a temporary basis and the people were forced to adjust to "army life" again.

The population of Union County was 9,012 in 1850 and it reached its peak of 21,326 in 1900. However, since 1900 the population has steadily declined, reaching its lowest population in 1960 with 14,537. Then it rose to 15,882 in 1970 only to decline again to the estimated 15,600 in 1972. The population of Morganfield was 3,563, Sturgis 2,210, and Uniontown 1,255 in 1970.

Total employment in Union County averaged 5,890 in 1972 with agriculture providing 580 jobs, manufacturing 520, government 440, trade and services 1,510, and mining and quarrying 1,790. In 1971, the largest single belt in the world (14 miles) was built in Union County. Major industrial products are automotive parts, men's clothing, carpet, and metallescent spray. Largest of the county's firms are Genaut Industries, Hill Industries, Mo-Vac Corporation, Sturgis Clothing Company, and Kentucky Cap Manufacturing Company.

Union County natives of note have included:

Ormsby McKnight Mitchell has been called the "Pioneer Astronomer of America" by some because of his establishment of the Harvard University Observatory and the Naval Observatory at Washington. The Cincinnati Observatory, later named the Mitchell Observatory, was built in his honor.

Charles John O'Malley was known as the "Farmer Poet" of Kentucky.

Nancy Huston Banks had a wide reputation as a writer. Among her novels were Stairs of Sand and The Little Hills.

Earle C. Clements served as Governor of Kentucky from 1947 to 1950. He resigned from the Governorship to become United States Senator in 1950.