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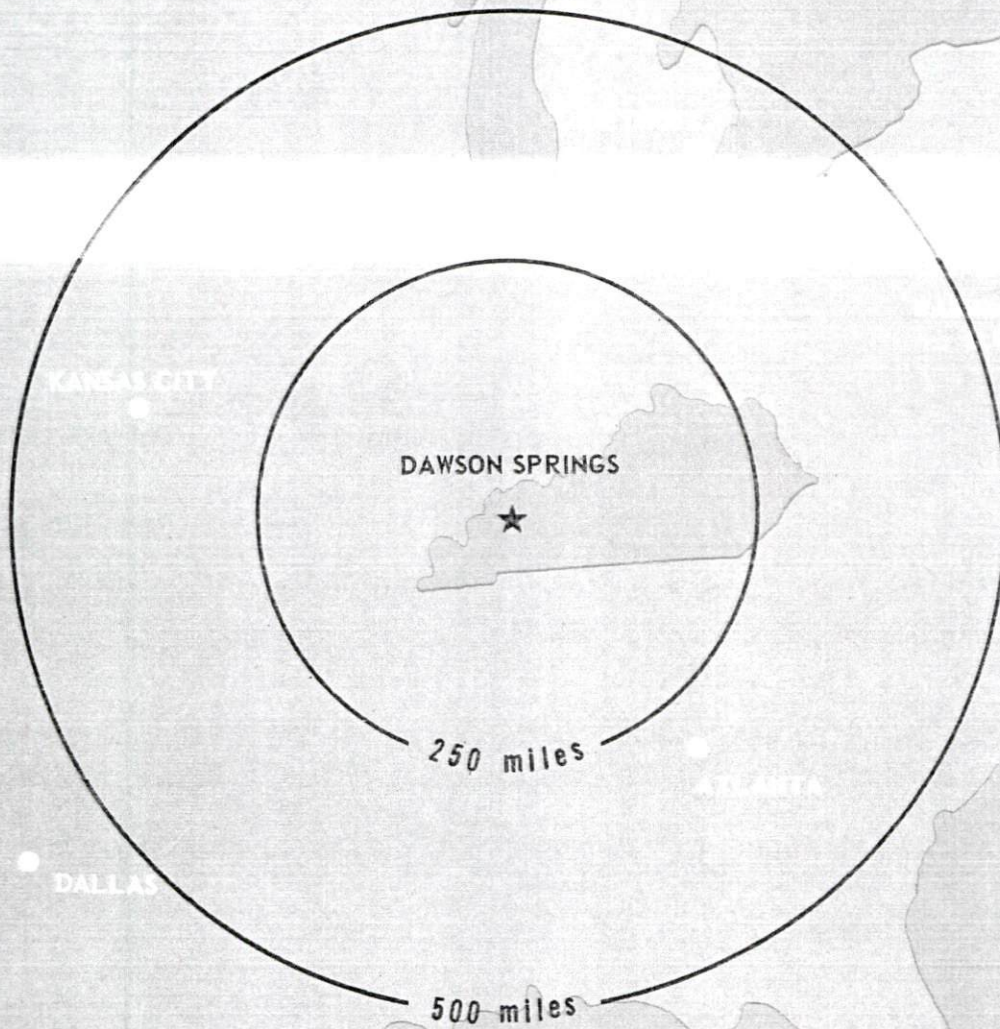
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# INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

## **DAWSON SPRINGS**

### **KENTUCKY**



DAWSON SPRINGS INDUSTRIAL SITES

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## DAWSON SPRINGS INDUSTRIAL SITES

For more detailed information concerning the following sites, contact West Hopkins Industries, Inc., or Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce, Dawson Springs, Kentucky, or the Kentucky Department of Commerce, Frankfort, Kentucky.

### WEST HOPKINS INDUSTRIAL PARK

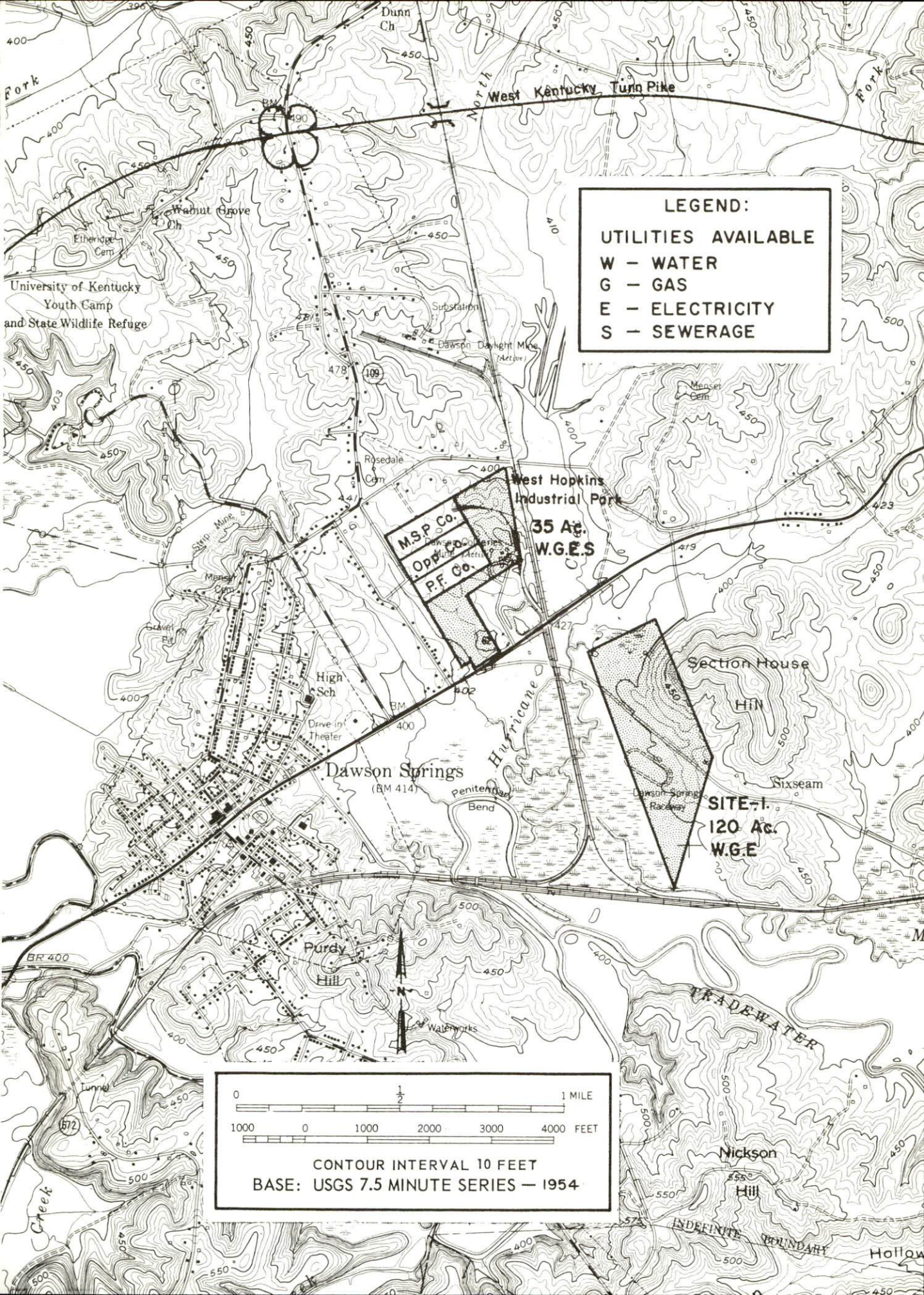
ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 35 acres, level  
LOCATION: Northeast city limits  
ZONING: Industrial  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 62 and 4-lane paved access road to Western Kentucky Parkway  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central serves the park.  
WATER: Dawson Springs Water & Sewer System  
SIZE LINE: 12-inch  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
SIZE LINE: 6-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: Dawson Springs Water & Sewer System  
OWNED BY: West Hopkins Industries, Inc.

SITE #1: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 120 acres, level  
LOCATION: Southeast of Dawson Springs  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 62 is approximately 1,000 yards north of site.  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central is approximately 1,000 yards west of site.  
WATER: South Hopkins Water District  
SIZE LINE: 8-inch, one-half mile away  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: None  
OPTIONED BY: Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce

SITE #2: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 2,960 acres, rolling  
LOCATION: Northeast of Dawson Springs city limits  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: Western Kentucky Parkway is south of site; Kentucky 109 is west of site.  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central passes through and borders north side of site.  
WATER: South Hopkins Water District  
SIZE LINE: 8-inch  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
SIZE LINE: 4-inch  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: None  
OPTIONED BY: Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce

SITE #3: ACREAGE AND TOPOGRAPHY: 250 acres, level  
LOCATION: 4 miles east of Dawson Springs  
ZONING: None  
HIGHWAY ACCESS: U. S. 62 borders site; Kentucky 1338 borders east side of site.  
RAILROADS: Illinois Central borders south of site with siding.  
WATER: South Hopkins Water District  
SIZE LINE: 8-inch  
GAS: Western Kentucky Gas Company  
SIZE LINE: 4-inch, 3 miles from site  
ELECTRICITY: Kentucky Utilities Company  
SEWERAGE: None  
OPTIONED BY: Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce





**LEGEND:**

- UTILITIES AVAILABLE
- W - WATER
- G - GAS
- E - ELECTRICITY
- S - SEWERAGE

M.S.P. Co.  
Opp. Co.  
P.F. Co.

West Hopkins Industrial Park  
35 Ac.  
W.G.E.S.

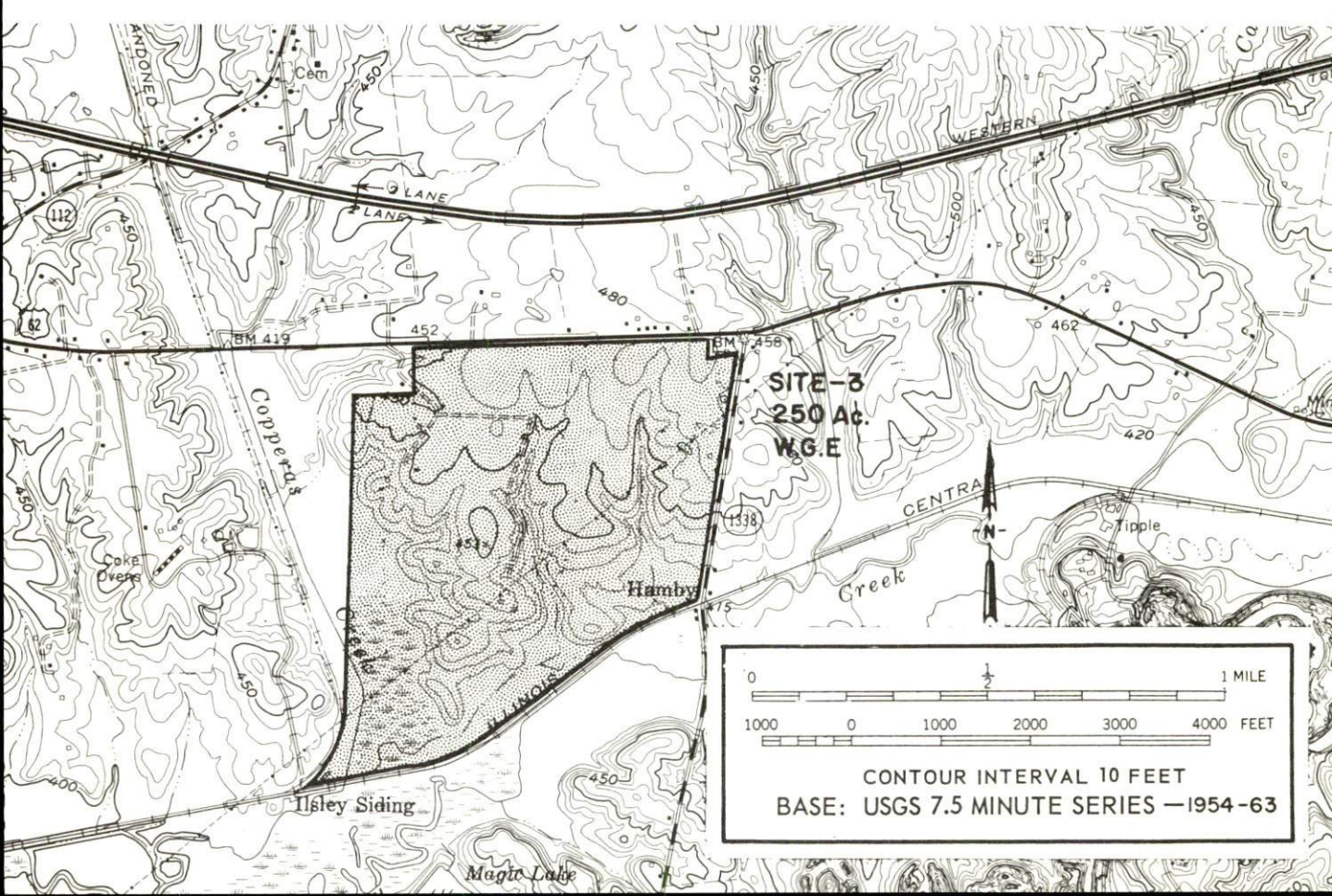
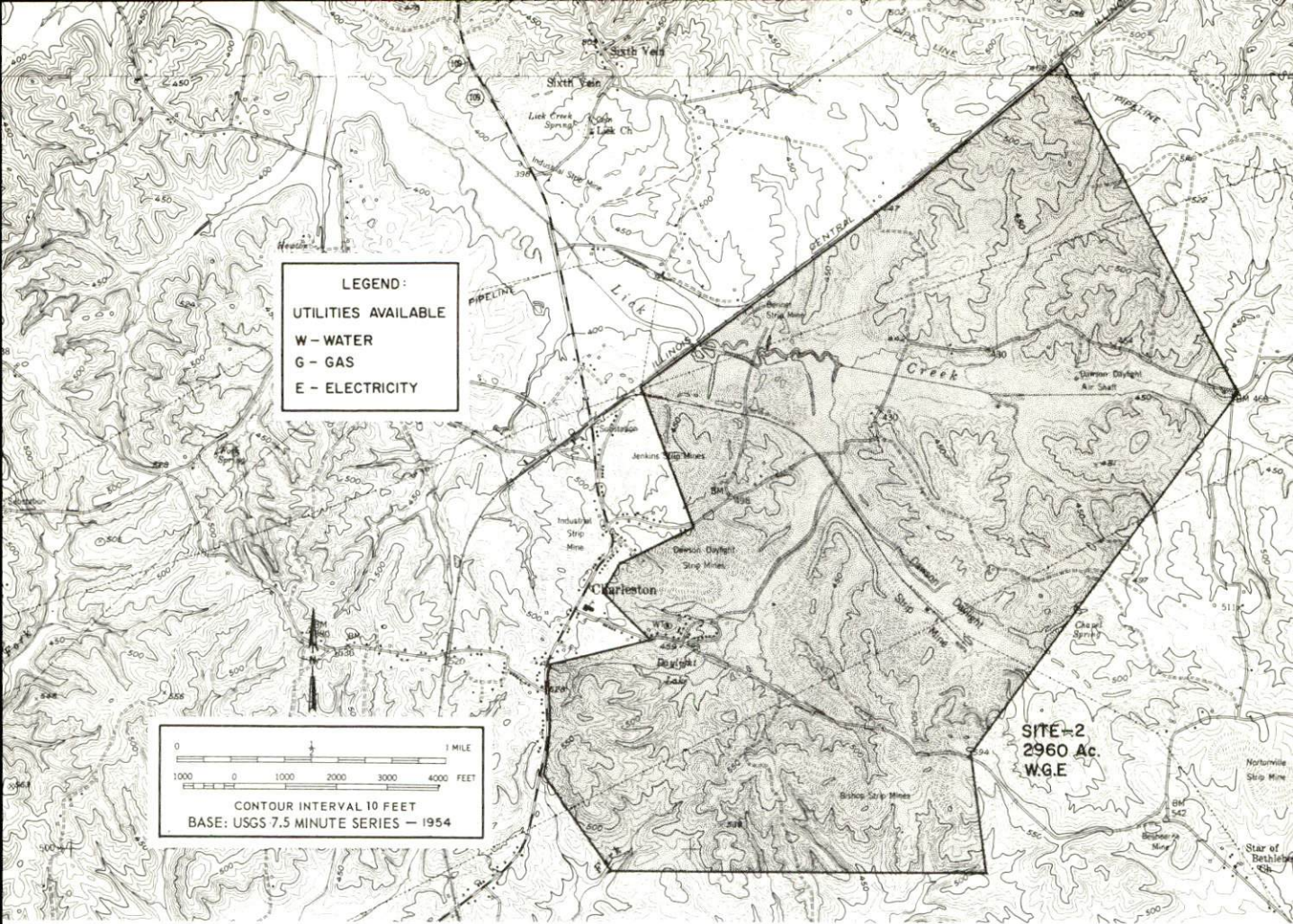
Section House  
HIN  
Sixseam  
Dawson Springs Raceway  
SITE-1  
120 Ac.  
W.G.E.

Dawson Springs  
(RM 414)

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

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
BASE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES — 1954







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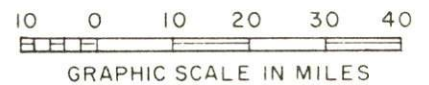
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# DAWSON SPRINGS LABOR MARKET AREA

\* Shaded area denotes labor market area





## DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

### Location

Dawson Springs, a thriving community, is located at the far southwestern portion of Hopkins County in western Kentucky. The Western Kentucky Parkway forms the northern boundary of the city limits. Dawson Springs is 175 miles southwest of Louisville and 98 miles northwest of Nashville, Tennessee. Population of Dawson Springs was estimated at 4,200 in 1969. The 1970 population of Hopkins County is estimated at 40,400.

### The Economic Framework

Total employment in Hopkins County in 1968 averaged 13,730, with mining providing 1,925 jobs, manufacturing 1,425, trade and services 3,100, and government 2,200. Manufacturing employment has shown a very significant increase since 1960, as illustrated by an increase of over 1,000 new jobs. Major industrial products are carpets, plastic, and chemical coke.

Per capita income in the county in 1968 was \$2,313, an increase of over \$700 since 1959.

In the six-county labor market area, total employment in 1968 averaged 50,650, including 8,500 jobs in manufacturing, 10,600 in trade and services, 8,650 in government, and 3,845 in mining. Since 1960, manufacturing employment in the area has increased 91 percent.

Despite important industrial gains in recent years the area still has a deficit of 7,748 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 3,245 men and 5,165 women available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, 8,425 young men and 8,100 young women will become 18 years of age by 1976 and potentially available for work

2. The transportation capability is excellent. The Illinois Central Railroad serves Dawson Springs with a variety of services. A new access road connects U.S. 62, which extends through Dawson Springs, to the Western Kentucky Parkway, or the northern boundary of the city limits.

3. Energy - both gas and electricity - is available in large quantity.

4. Two senior colleges and three community colleges are located within a 70-mile radius of Dawson Springs. An area vocational school is located at nearby Madisonville, and extension centers are located in Greenville and Hopkinsville.

#### Community Programs For Improvement

Dawson Springs has undertaken many community programs and worked toward industrial expansion. Results of these programs are evidenced by the recent "All Kentucky City" award to Dawson Springs, and location of three new industries during the last six years. Additional projects include a new grade school building, new community and youth center, new subdivision, flood control plan, and complete modernization of the existing industrial park, which includes a four-lane access road, landscaping, new sewer lines, drainage ditches, and new street lighting.

Planned programs include a new water system, new fire truck, new police car, new playgrounds, paved streets, and new parking lots.

#### Recreation, Entertainment, and Livability

Dawson Springs and the surrounding area provide an atmosphere with ample recreation and entertainment facilities. Pennyrile Forest State Park and Lake Beshear, both located at Dawson Springs, provide numerous recreational outlets. Pennyrile has a resort lodge, cottages, fishing, golfing, and riding facilities. Lake Beshear offers scenic beauty, water recreation sports, and camping facilities.

Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Kenlake State Park, and Lake Barkley State Park are all within 65 miles of Dawson Springs.

Cultural programs are available at the community colleges at Madisonville and Hopkinsville. Intercollegiate athletics are available at Murray State University, 67 miles distant.



## THE LABOR MARKET

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

	Population			Percent Change	
	1970 (Est.)	1960	1950	1960-69	1950-60
Dawson Springs	4,200*	3,002	2,374		+26.5
Labor Market Area	165,300	159,825	152,450	+ 3.4	+ 4.8
Hopkins County	40,400	38,458	38,815	+ 5.0	- 0.9
Caldwell County	13,600	13,073	13,199	+ 4.0	- 1.0
Christian County	59,800	56,904	42,359	+ 5.1	+34.3
McLean County	11,200	9,355	10,021	+19.7	- 6.6
Muhlenberg County	26,700	27,791	32,501	- 3.9	-14.5
Webster County	13,600	14,244	15,555	- 4.5	- 8.4

\*1969 estimate

### GENERAL EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS, 1968 <sup>2/</sup>

Major Employment Group	Employment	
	Hopkins County	Labor Market Area
TOTAL	13,733	50,656
Agricultural	828	6,470
Nonagricultural	12,905	44,186
Manufacturing	1,424	8,507
Trade and Services	3,104	10,609
Government	2,197	8,651
Mining	1,922	3,845
Other	4,259	12,573

### MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT TRENDS BY INDUSTRY JUNE 1960 AND 1969 <sup>3/</sup>

Industry	Hopkins County			Labor Market Area		
	1968	1960	%Change	1969	1960	%Change
TOTAL	1,638	621	+ 263.8	8,607	4,500	+ 91.3
Food & Kindred Products	230	70	+ 228.6	531	567	- 6.3
Tobacco	1	2	- 50.0	39	33	+ 18.2
Apparel, Textiles, Leather	880	372	+ 136.6	3,018	1,682	+ 79.4
Lumber & Furniture	148	75	+ 97.3	980	1,046	- 6.3
Printing, Publishing, Paper	51	41	+ 24.4	355	299	+ 18.7
Chemicals, Petroleum, Coal, Rubber	195	4	+4775.0	438	120	+ 265.0
Stone, Clay & Glass	11	8	+ 37.5	93	99	- 6.1
Primary Metals	48	20	+ 140.0	488	20	+2340.0
Machinery & Metal Products	69	26	+ 165.4	2,505	631	+ 297.0
Other	5	3	+ 66.7	160	3	+5233.3

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

Firm	Product	Employment		
		Total	Male	Female
Call, Waite & Capp, Inc.	Treated poles and posts, fencing	10	10	0
Chemical Coke Company	Chemical coke	45	45	0
The Dawson Springs Progress	Newspaper, job printing	6	3	3
Vinise Menser Lumber Co.	Rough lumber	15	15	0
Mid-South Plastics	Custom injection molding	135	100	35
Ottenheimer & Co., Inc.	Washable service apparel	173	11	162
Perfect Fit Industries	Carpet	58	31	27
Terry Brothers Lumber Co.	Lumber, building material, concrete	24	23	1



HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS  
 DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY <sup>5/</sup>

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Starting</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Prevailing</u>
<u>Production Employees</u>			
Assembler	\$1.65	\$2.35	\$2.00
Inspector	1.75	2.50	2.20
Production Laborer	1.65	2.00	1.90
Welder, Arc or Acetylene (Class-A)	2.50	3.00	2.75
<u>Service Employees</u>			
Electrician (Class-A)	\$2.00	\$3.50	\$3.00
Laborer	1.60	2.25	2.00
Machinist	2.50	3.50	3.00
Mechanic, Maintenance	2.00	3.00	2.50
Truck Driver, Industrial (Class-A)	1.60	2.75	2.25
<u>Office Employees</u>			
Bookkeeper	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$1.80
File Clerk	1.60	2.00	1.80
Receptionist	1.60	2.00	1.80
Secretary	1.75	2.25	2.00
Typist	1.60	2.00	1.75

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing Workers at:</u>
United Mine Workers	Mid-South Plastics, Inc.

CURRENT AND FUTURE LABOR SUPPLY -  
DAWSON SPRINGS LABOR MARKET AREA

County	1969			Future Labor Supply by 1976 (Becoming 18 Years of Age) <sup>7/</sup>		
	Current Labor Supply <sup>6/</sup> Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Labor Market Area	8,412	3,247	5,165	16,520	8,428	8,092
Hopkins	2,098	839	1,259	3,874	1,966	1,908
Caldwell	533	239	294	1,181	613	568
Christian	1,555	688	867	6,493	3,327	3,166
McLean	788	274	514	906	461	445
Muhlenberg	2,133	788	1,345	2,709	1,377	1,332
Webster	1,305	419	886	1,357	684	673

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

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Hopkins County	\$ 92,737,000	\$ 61,402,000	+51.0
Labor Market Area	410,808,000	228,034,000	+80.2
Kentucky	8,360,000,000	4,655,000,000	+79.6

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

Area	1968	1959	% Change
Hopkins County	\$2,313	\$1,603	+44.3
Labor Market Area	\$1,427 to 3,230	\$926 to 1,751	+54.1 to +84.5
Kentucky	2,614	1,552	+68.4



## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	<u>Dawson Springs Independent</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Total Enrollment	552	7,566
Elementary	289	5,012
Junior High	---	885
High School	263	1,669
Student-Teacher Ratio	22-1	19-1
Elementary	27-1	21-1
Junior High	--	23-1
High School	21-1	15-1
State Rating of High School	Provisional	Standard (2) Merit (1)
Percent High School Graduates to College	38.7	41.6
Current Expenditures Per Pupil	\$308.03	\$364.80
Bonded Indebtedness, as of June 30, 1969	\$586,000	\$4,268,000

### Parochial

	<u>Parochial</u>
Total Enrollment	61
Elementary	61
Student-Teacher Ratio	20-1
Elementary	20-1

Vocational Schools

	<u>Nearest Area School</u>	<u>Nearest Extension Center</u>
Location	Madisonville	Hopkinsville
Miles Distant	18	27
Curriculum	Practical Nursing Surgical Technician Distributive Education Electronics (Industrial) Auto Body Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Electricity Machine Shop	Appliance Repair Auto Mechanics Carpentry Drafting Welding Electricity

Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area - Within 70 miles</u>		<u>Highest Degree</u>
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Conferred</u>
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	203	Associate
Henderson Community College	Henderson	668	Associate
Kentucky Wesleyan	Owensboro	1,183	Baccalaureate
Murray State University	Murray	7,334	Masters
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	409	Associate



## TRANSPORTATION

### Rail

Line serving - Illinois Central Railroad

Services - Sidings, switching, freight

### RAILWAY TRANSIT TIME FROM DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, TO: 10/

City	No. of Days		City	No. of Days	
	CL			CL	
Atlanta, Ga.	4		Los Angeles, Calif.	6	
Birmingham, Ala.	3		Louisville, Ky.	2	
Chicago, Ill.	3		Nashville, Tenn.	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	4		New Orleans, La.	3	
Cleveland, Ohio	5		New York, N. Y.	5	
Detroit, Mich.	5		Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	
Knoxville, Tenn.	4		St. Louis, Mo.	3	

### Truck Service

#### Company

Harper Truck Service, Inc.  
 Arnold Ligon Truck Line, Inc.  
 (Ellis Trucking)  
 McLean Trucking Company  
 Schroder's Express, Inc.  
 Tennessee Cartage Co., Inc.

#### Home Office

Paducah, Kentucky  
 Lebanon, Kentucky  
 Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Nashville, Tenn.

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

City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time <u>11/</u>		City	Highway Miles	Delivery Time	
		LTL	TL			LTL	TL
Atlanta, Ga.	356	2-3	1	Los Angeles, Calif.	2,109	5-7	4-5
Birmingham, Ala.	317	2-3	1	Louisville, Ky.	175	1-2	1
Chicago, Ill.	347	2-3	1	Nashville, Tenn.	98	1-2	1
Cincinnati, Ohio	255	1-2	1	New Orleans, La.	771	3-4	2-3
Cleveland, Ohio	508	3	1-2	New York, N. Y.	922	4-5	2-3
Detroit, Mich.	493	3	1-2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	574	3-4	1-2
Knoxville, Tenn.	285	2-3	1	St. Louis, Mo.	222	1-2	1

Air

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nearest Commercial</u>
Location	Madisonville	Paducah
Runways:	2	2
Length:	3,550 ft. ; 2,400 ft.	6,500 ft. ; 4,000 ft.
Traffic Control:	Wind tee and sock	Wind tee
Lighting:	50-230 runway lighting sunset to sunrise, rotating beacon	Beacon, boundary, obstruction, runway lights and runway end identification lights
Services:	80-87 and 100 octane, flight training and charter - single-multi-engine, major & minor repairs, auto rental	80 and 100 octane, jet fuel, Delta and Ozark airlines, taxi, limousine, U-Drive-It, storage, major A & E repairs

Bus Continental Trailways

Taxi 2 cab companies - 24-hour service

Rental Services Jennings Chevrolet - Rent-A-Truck



## POWER AND FUEL

### Electricity

Company serving Dawson Springs - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

Total generating capacity - 740,000 KW

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

Company serving Hopkins County - Henderson-Union RECC

Source of power - Big Rivers RECC

Total generating capacity - 240,000 KW; additional 160,000 KW

July 1970 - additional 160,000 KW March 1971

Industrial rates negotiated by - Big Rivers RECC, Henderson, Kentucky

### Natural Gas

Company serving - Western Kentucky Gas Company

Source of supply - Texas Gas Transmission Corporation

Size of transmission lines - 3-inch

Distribution lines - 6, 4, and 2 inches

BTU content - 1,050; Specific gravity - .60

Distribution pressure - 24 psi

Rates: will be furnished by Western Kentucky Gas Company,  
Owensboro, Kentucky

## WATER AND SEWERAGE

### Water

Company serving - Dawson Springs Water & Sewer System  
Source - 6 wells  
Treatment plant capacity - 504,000 gpd  
Average daily consumption - 428,000 gallons  
Peak daily consumption - 500,000 gallons  
Type treatment - rapid sand filter; Storage capacity - 600,000 gallons  
Average pressure - 65 to 70 psi; Average temperature - 60 degrees  
Size mains - 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 inches

### MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE AND INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

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First	100 cu. ft.	\$2.00 (minimum)
Next	200 cu. ft.	.80 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	700 cu. ft.	.75 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	2,000 cu. ft.	.65 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	.55 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	.50 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	.40 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	.30 per 100 cu. ft.
Next	3,000 cu. ft.	.23 per 100 cu. ft.
All additional		.15 per 100 cu. ft.

Surface water sources - impoundment of small streams and mine pits  
Average discharge - Tradewater River - 325 cfs  
Expected ground water yield - northern points - 5 gpm or less,  
southern points - 50 to 200 gpm  
Yield along main streams - excellent supplies at shallow depths,  
depending on location

### Sewerage

Company serving - municipal  
Design capacity - 320,000 gpd  
Average daily flow - 175,000 to 200,000 gallons  
Treatment - primary and secondary  
Type treatment - coagulation, chemicals  
Treated effluent discharged into - Tradewater River  
Size of sanitary mains - 6, 8, 10, and 12 inches  
Size of storm mains - 24 inches  
Rates - 50 percent of water bill



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City

Structure - mayor - 4-year term; 6 councilmen - 2-year terms  
 Budget 1968 - Income \$77,568  
 Fees and licenses - Business \$10 to \$50 plus 1 percent earnings tax -  
 plus 1 percent net profit tax (occupational)

County

Structure - county judge - 4-year term; 7 magistrates - 4-year terms  
 Budget 1969-70 - General Fund \$466,700; Road Fund \$117,000

Assessed Value of Property - 1969

<u>Classes of Property*</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Real Estate	\$154,077,827
Tangibles	42,235,869
Public Service	39,056,197

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

<u>Taxing Unit**</u>	<u>Dawson Springs</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
State	\$ .015	\$ .015
County	.157	.157
School	.978	.671
City	.260	
Total	\$1.410	\$ .843

\*Property assessed at 100 percent of fair value.

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

Planning and Zoning

Agency - Dawson Springs -Hopkins County Planning Commission  
Plans completed - Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, Zoning Ordinances  
Plans in process - Map Studies, Base Studies  
Codes adopted - all major codes and ordinances  
Other programs - Systematic Codes, Compliance Program, Public Housing

Safety

<u>Police</u>	<u>Dawson Springs</u>	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Total staff	3	9
Radio-patrol cars	1	3
Other equipment	Radio-control night operator	

Fire

American Insurance Association Fire Rating	8
Volunteers	14 to 16
Equipment:	
500 gpm pumper	1
750 gpm pumper	1

Rescue Service

Hopkins County Radio Rescue Squad, Inc.  
Number of volunteers 47  
Equipment - boat, dragging equipment, power plant, truck -  
Planes are available to club.  
Personnel training - artificial respiration, dragging operations,  
radio communications

Sanitation

	<u>Dawson Springs</u>
Type service	municipal
Cost	None
Collection frequency	business - once weekly residential - twice a month
Trash pickup	yes
Disposal method	fill dump



## HEALTH

### Hospitals

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
<u>General</u> - Hopkins County Hospital (Madisonville)	1	275
Medical staff - 45 doctors, 23 registered nurses, 45 graduate licensed practical nurses		
<u>Special</u> - Outwood Hospital and Training School	1	2,500

### Nursing Homes

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Extended care homes (Madisonville)	3	206
Personal care homes	2	92

### Clinic

Freeman-Chaney - 3 nurses, 2 doctors

### Public Health

Facility - Hopkins County Health Department  
Services - communicable diseases, chronic diseases, maternal and  
child health  
Special services - dental health, full sanitation program, environmental  
health, vital statistics  
Staff - part-time health officer, 2 nurses, auxiliary worker, 3 clerks,  
2 sanitarians  
Budget 1969-70 - \$54,257

## OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

### Communications

Telephone - South Central Bell Telephone Company  
Services - modern standard

Telegraph - Western Union  
Services - telephone

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

Newspaper Dailies - The Dawson Springs Progress  
Circulation - 2,600

Radio -  
Stations received from - Princeton, Hopkinsville, Henderson, Central City, and Paducah, Kentucky; and Nashville and Clarksville, Tennessee

Television -  
Cable service  
Reception from - Harrisburg, Illinois; Nashville, Tennessee; Paducah and Bowling Green, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; Cape Girardeau, Missouri

### Library Services

Public libraries - Princeton Extension

### Religious Institutions

Number of churches - 15  
Denominations - Catholic, Southern Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Church of Christ, Gospel Assembly, General Baptist, Primitive Baptist, Holiness Church, Presbyterian

### Financial Institutions

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Statement as of June 30, 1969</u>	
	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Commercial Bank of Dawson	\$6,766,624.76	\$4,174,708.59

Hotels and Motels

Whiteway Motel - 16 units

Clubs and Organizations

Business and Civic - Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees,  
Rotary

Fraternal - Masonic Lodge, Woodmen of the World, Modern Woodmen  
of the World, American Legion, DAV, VFW

Women's - Eastern Star, Homemakers, Business and Professional  
Woman's Club, Younger Woman's Club

Youth - YWCA, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts,  
Explorers



## RECREATION

### Local

#### Public Recreation Facilities

Supervised program - Dawson Springs Community Center

Parks - 2

Playgrounds - 3

Swimming pools - 2

Golf courses - 2

Tennis courts - 6

Baseball diamonds - 1

#### Tourist Attractions

Mineral wells

Lake Beshear

#### Cultural Events

Youth Center programs; Community Center sponsors art, plays, and other.

### Area (within 25 miles)

Lake Beshear

Pennyrile Forest State Park

## AGRICULTURE - NATURAL RESOURCES - CLIMATE

### Agriculture 13/

	<u>Hopkins County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Total land area (acres)	353,920	1,735,680
Percent of area in farm land	53.5	63.4
Number of farms	1,071	6,327
Average size of farms (acres)	176.8	154
1964 value of all farm products	\$4,191,127	\$32,497,608
Value per farm	7,406	5,136
Total crop sales	2,339,388	17,899,463
Total livestock & livestock products	1,486,381	14,800,931
1967 agricultural production included:		
Burley tobacco (lbs.)	283,000	8,893,000
Corn (bu.)	2,249,000	14,167,000
Cattle and calves (number)	22,000	170,600
Hogs and pigs (number)	19,700	145,000
Milk production (1966) (lbs.)	7,085,000	47,825,000

### Natural Resources

Principal mineral resources	Coal, petroleum, natural gas
Other mineral resources	Clay, glass sand
Acres of commercial forest land	165,600
Most abundant tree species	Red oak, white oak, hickories, sweetgum, ash, yellow poplar, soft maple

### Climate 14/

	<u>Hopkins County</u>
Temperature	
Annual mean (30-year record)	60.0 degrees
Average annual 1969	58.6 degrees
Record highest July, 1966 (4-year record)	103 degrees
Record lowest January, 1966 (4-year record)	- 9 degrees
Seasonal heating degree-days (30-year record)	3,578
Precipitation	
Mean annual total (30-year record)	45.14 inches
Mean annual snow and sleet (28-year record)	11.8 inches
Total precipitation 1969	42.27 inches
Mean number days precipitation (28-year record) (.01 inch or more)	118
Average number days thunderstorms (28-year record)	55
Prevailing winds (22-year record)	South

## HISTORY

Hopkins County, the forty-ninth county to be formed in the state, dates from 1806. It has three classes of land - ridge or hill land, bottom or black flat land, and rolling land with soil mainly a freestone texture based upon reddish yellow clay foundation. There are extensive deposits of coal and petroleum in the county, especially in the western two-thirds of it. Pond River, a tributary of Green River, flows along its eastern border and Tradewater River drains the southwestern part.

Hopkins County was named for General Samuel Hopkins, a native of Albermarle County, Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War with distinction, and more than once received the plaudits of General Washington for duties well performed. He moved to Kentucky several years after the war and settled on Green River in Henderson County.

Madisonville, the county seat, was named for President James Madison, and was incorporated in 1810. Daniel McGary and Solomon Silkwood donated forty acres, one-half of which lay east and one-half west of what is now Main Street, for the town site.

### Historical notes of interest:

A great many Indian artifacts and relics have been found along the creeks and rivers. Several hominy holes were found, and it is believed the Indians carried on a milling process by some kind of mechanical apparatus. According to archeologists, at least six of the hominy holes, cut into the hard sandstone to a depth of a foot and three feet in diameter, were used to hold corn that was crushed by large stone pestles operated by spring poles and counterweights. One of the hominy holes that weighed more than a ton was transported to the University of Kentucky Archeological Laboratory for minute study several years ago.

William R. Weir served in the House of Representatives in the State Legislature for three consecutive terms during the formative years in the county's history.

John B. Laffoon helped to guide the state during the pre-Civil War Period with outstanding work in the Lower House, and Washington Chandler, S. H. Wycliffe, and James Payne served after the war period when political factions threatened to disrupt the state.



In 1931 Ruby Laffoon defeated William Harrison, former Mayor of Louisville, for the governorship. Laffoon's running mate was Albert Benjamin Chandler of Woodford County. Governor Laffoon secured the passage of a sales tax which Chandler opposed. When the governor was out of the state, Chandler called a special session of the Legislature and recommended the repeal of the tax plus the enactment of a primary election law. The Legislature complied regarding the sales tax but passed a dual primary law somewhat different from Chandler's first idea since he wanted the Democratic candidates for State offices to be chosen by Democratic voters rather than by a committee. It provided that if no candidate secured a majority in the first primary there would be a run-off between the highest two. Under this law, Chandler won the Democratic nomination for governor in 1935.

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