

I. COUNTY DESCRIPTION

A. County Profile

Gem of The Cumberlands

Scott County Gem of the Cumberlands is located high on top of the Cumberland Plateau, approximately 1,400 feet above sea level. It is a mountainous terrain interspersed with narrow valleys and coves. The northern boundary line of Scott County was made by Charles II of England in 1663. He granted lord proprietors who settled in North Carolina, all the lands between the 29th parallel and 36-30 degrees from sea to sea. This included what is now Scott County.

Scott County was created on December 17, 1849, out of the parts of Anderson, Campbell, Fentress, and Morgan Counties. It is 549 square miles bounded on the north by the Kentucky-Tennessee state line, which runs approximately 36-30 degrees north latitude. Scott County is bounded on the east by Campbell County, south of Anderson and Morgan, and on the west by Fentress, Morgan, and Pickett Counties.

An interesting fact on Scott County history was discovered in 1946 in the minutes of the 1861 County Court. The irate members of the County Court, all Union Sympathizers, angered by the withdrawal of the State of Tennessee from the Union, made a motion that Scott County then and there declare itself free and independent from the State of Tennessee and it should thereafter be called the Independent State of Scott. It was passed unanimously. As far as Scott County records are concerned, Scott County has never voted to come back into the state, or make a treaty with the German nation and her allies.

Scott County Community Profile

Location

Region: East Tennessee

Square Miles: 549

Distance from Knoxville: 65

Recreation

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

Education

Scott County School System

Oneida City School System

Scott County Selected Economic Indicators

Estimated Available Labor (1995) Total: 680

Male: 240

Female: 440

Surrounding Area: 4,190 (est. total)

Population: (1997,est.)

County: 18,358

Huntsville: 5,042

Oneida: 5,577

Winfield City: 2,999

Norma: 2,226

Robbins: 2,999

Labor Force Estimates

Civilian Labor Force: 8,380

Unemployment: 750 (8.9% of labor force)

Total Employment: 7,630

Climate

Annual Average Temperature: 55°

Annual Average Precipitation: 60"

Per Capita Income

\$11, 888

Tax Structure

County property tax rate per \$100: \$3.58

Natural Resources

Minerals: Coal, Oil & Natural Gas

Timber: Pine, Oak, Maple, Beech & Poplar

Agriculture: Timber, Beef Cattle & Dairy