

The town of Bardwell, located west of the center of the county, was chosen as the county seat, and the commissioners proceeded to undertake the erection of the county buildings (Deeds, 1886, vol. 1, p. 2, in Carlisle County Archives, entry 15).

There are no colleges or private schools in Carlisle County but the average educational advantages are available to both the white and Negro population of the county (Kentucky: Resources, Attractions, Opportunities, Carlisle County, Louisville, Kentucky).

The physiography of Carlisle County is by nature adapted to the general purposes of building and highway construction, for which sands and gravels are used. These materials, together with large deposits of clay and artesian and spring waters, form the principal natural resources of the county. (Ibid.)

Unusually rich, fertile soil and an excellent natural water supply have made farming the chief industry in Carlisle County. Although it is one of the smaller counties, with the systematic development of a well-balanced farm program, including dairying, poultry and hog raising, and truck gardening, it ranks as one of the foremost agricultural counties in Kentucky. Over 1,000 acres are devoted to commercial orchards, and the growing of strawberries has proved most successful. (Ibid.)

Bardwell, the county seat, is also the site of various factories and mills, since an adequate water system, cheap power rates, and good railroad facilities are conducive to small industrial enterprises (ibid). It has a population of 1,139, according to the population census of 1930 (15th Census of the United States, 1930, vol. 1, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, 1931, p. 433).

The population of the entire county in 1890 was 7,612; in 1900 it had increased to 10,195. Ten years later the number had dropped to 9,048, and in 1920 another decrease in the total number of inhabitants occurred, the census of that year recording the population as 8,231. The census of 1930 lists Carlisle as having 7,363 inhabitants. (Ibid.)

Arlington and Milburn, both banking towns, and Burkley, where one of the county's numerous canneries is located, are other important towns in Carlisle County (Kentucky: Resources, Attractions, Opportunity, Carlisle County).

The Chicago and New Orleans Division of the Illinois Central Railroad intersects Carlisle County at Arlington. The Mobile and Ohio Railroad passes through Winfield, serving the extreme western section of the county. Interstate highways 51 and 62 pass through the center of the county; state highways 98 and 123 also traverse the county.