IRONTON, OHIO - Mile 358.1

Population 16,670. County seat of Lawrence County. Formerly an important iron and iron products center, but all furnaces have been inactive for several years.

The Norfolk and Western also serves Ironton. D T & I has reciprocal switching arrangements with the N & W. It is an interchange point for cars from or to points on the D T & I between Ironton and Jackson. Both railroads serve the water-front property, but only the N & W serves the property north and east of the N & W.

There are about 65 shippers, the principal ones being:

Ironton By-Products Co (Subsidiary of Solvay Process), coke, N & W

Ironton Fire Brick Co, fire clay products, N & W

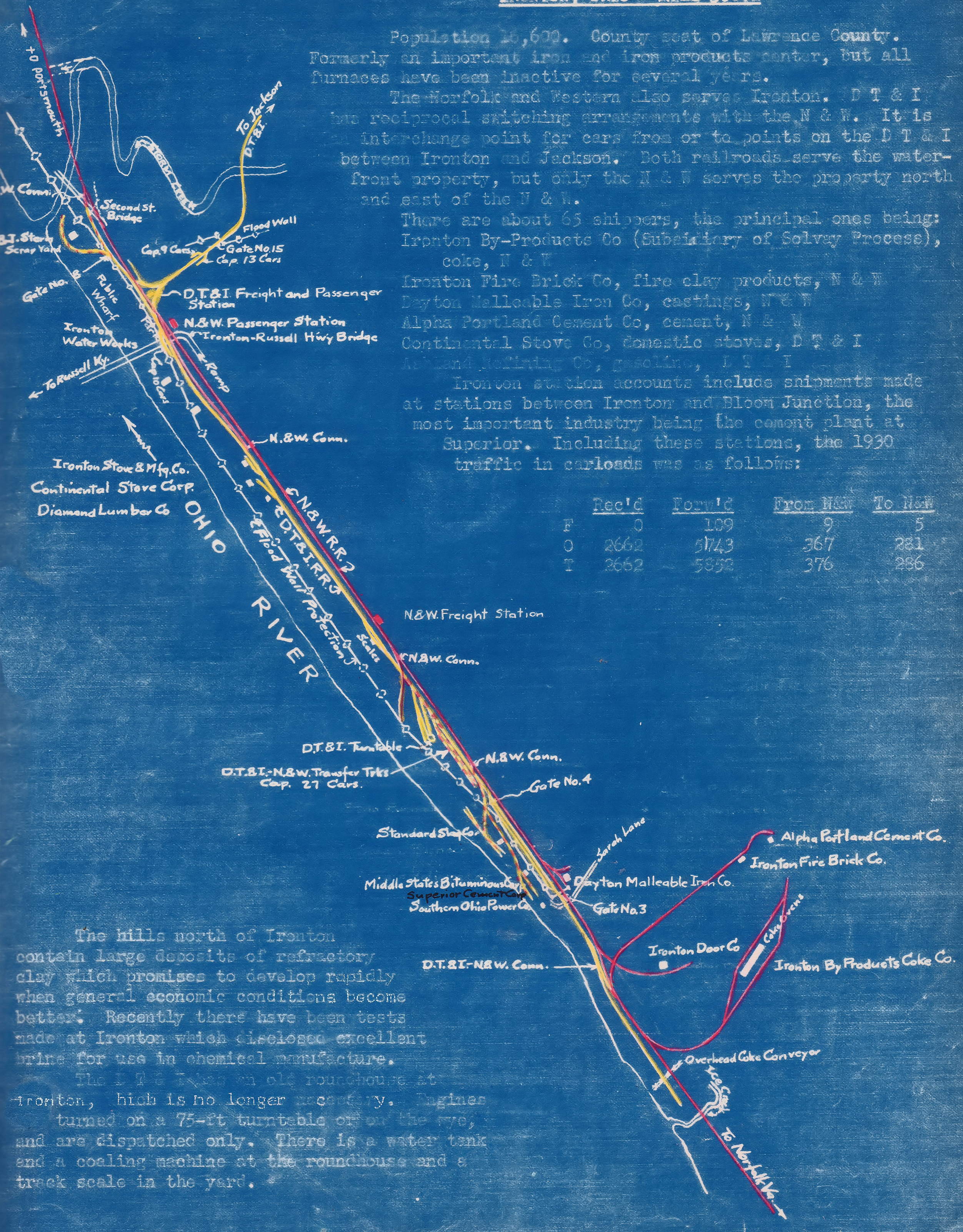
Dayton Malleable Iron Co, castings, N & W

Alpha Portland Cement Co, cement, N & W

Continental Stove Co, domestic stoves, D T & I

Ironton Station accounts includes shipments made at stations between Ironton and Bloom Junction, the most important industry being the cement plant at Superior. Including these stations, the 1930 traffic in carloads was as follows:

	Rec'd	Forw'd	From N&W	To N&W
F	0	109	9	5
O	2662	5743	367	281
T	2662	5852	376	286

The hills north of Ironton contain large deposits of refractory clay which promises to develop rapidly when general economic conditions become better. Recently there have been tests made at Ironton which disclosed excellent brine for use in chemical manufacture.

The D T & I has an old roundhouse at Ironton, which is no longer necessary. Engines turned on a 75-ft turntable or on the wye, and are dispatched only. There is a water tank and a coaling machine at the roundhouse and a track scale in the yard.