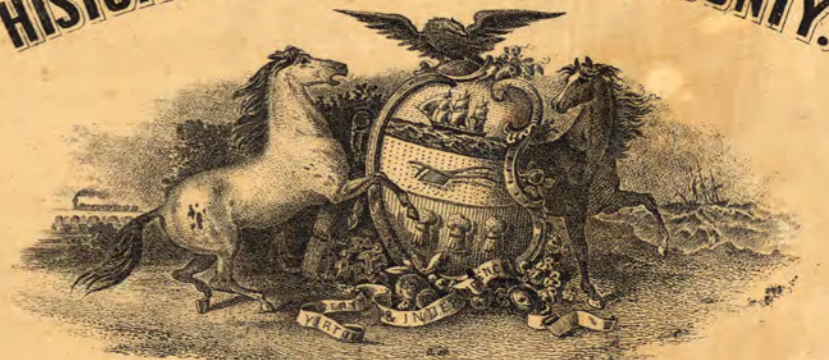




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HISTORICAL NOTES OF LEHIGH COUNTY.



The COUNTY OF LEHIGH was organized on the 6th day of March, 1812, with its present boundaries. Prior to this, it formed a part of Northampton County, which was divided from Bucks County in 1752; the latter has been one of the three original counties of the State of Pennsylvania.

The County of Lehigh, at the time of organization, was divided in the Townships of Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, Salsburg, Northampton, Hanover, South Whitehall, North Whitehall, Macungie, Weisenseburg, Lowhill, Lynn and Heidelberg.

The Borough of Allentown was incorporated by Act of Assembly March 18th, 1811, as "the Borough of Northampton." This title was changed to that of "the Borough of Allentown," by Act of Assembly April 16th, 1838.

The original boundaries were enlarged by annexing old Northampton Township, and parts of Salsburg and South Whitehall, Aug 30th, 1852, Sept. 14, 1852, and March, 1859.

The Borough of Catasauqua was formed of a portion of Hanover Township, and incorporated February 8th, 1852.

Millerstown was separated from Lower Macungie and organized into a Borough, November 13th, 1857.

Emaus, formerly a Moravian Mission, constituting a part of Salsburg Township, was chartered a Borough, August 1, 1859.

By the Court of Quarter Sessions, the Township of MACUNGIE was divided into Upper and Lower Macungie, May 3d, 1832.

The boundaries of the Townships of Salsburg and Upper Saucon were corrected and legally fixed May 5th, 1838.

HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP was organized and divided into two separate Townships, called Washington and Heidelberg, December 6th, 1847.

UPPER MILFORD was divided into Upper and Lower Milford, December 6th, 1847.

By an Act of Assembly a new election district was formed out of parts of North and South Whitehall, being the initiative of the forthcoming Township of Copley.

The population of Lehigh County,

In the year 1840,	was 25,780 inhabitants.
" 1850,	" 31,560 "
" 1860,	" 43,773 "

