

## Crawford County

Created on March 12, 1800, from part of Allegheny County, and named for Colonel William Crawford, a frontier hero. Meadville, the county seat, was named for its founder, David Mead, and incorporated as a borough on March 29, 1823. On February 15, 1866 it was incorporated as a city.

First settlement occurred in 1788. Three big land companies (the Holland, North American, and Population) sold land to Irish and Scotch-Irish immigrants. Roger Alden from the Holland Company stayed on to found a bank and stimulate road building. Timothy Alden led early Allegheny College, founded 1815, part of the New England influence in the area. Corn and rye grew well from the start, leading to advanced livestock production. The Erie Extension Canal, opened 1844, boosted the economy. Lumber and wood products flourished in the nineteenth century. Following Drake's discovery of oil in Venango County (1859) Crawford had an oil boom centered around Titusville. Later a tool and die industry arose. Talon Zipper Company came into existence about 1900, Channellock was famous for hand tools, and Spirella Corset developed a superior product. Today, thirty-seven percent of the land is farmed. There were Underground Railroad stations in Meadville and Randolph. Author Ida Tarbell, abolitionist John Brown, and Supreme Court Justice Henry Baldwin once lived in Crawford.

CRAWFORD COUNTY - 6th Class

Formed on March 12, 1800 from part of Allegheny County

Third Class Cities

<u>Name of City</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Prior Status</u>
Meadville	Feb. 15, 1866	First settled in 1788. Laid out as a town in 1795. Incorporated as a borough on Mar. 23, 1823
Titusville	Feb. 28, 1866	First Settled in 1796. Incorporated as a borough on Mar. 6, 1849

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Blooming Valley	May 17, 1867	1845	Woodcock Township
Cambridge Springs	Apr. 3, 1866	1822	Cambridge Township
Centerville	Apr. 14, 1865	S About 1812	Rome Township
Cochranton	Apr. 5, 1855	S About 1800	East Fairfield Township
Conneaut Lake	Aug. 9, 1858	S 1796	Sadsbury Township. Called Evansburg until Nov. 28, 1892
Conneautville	1843 <sup>1</sup> 1844 <sup>2</sup>	1815	Spring Township
Hydetown	Apr. 23, 1868	S 1862	Oil Creek Township
Linesville	Mar. 22, 1862	1838	Pine Township
Saegertown	1838	About 1824	Woodcock Township
Spartansburg	Jan. 1882 <sup>1</sup> 1856 <sup>2</sup>	S About 1830	Sparta Township
Springboro	1866	S About 1800	Spring Township
Townville	Sept. 19, 1867	S 1831	Steuben Township
Venango	1852	1838	Venango Township
Woodcock	1844		Rockville Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Athens	1829	1819	Steuben Township
Beaver	July 9, 1800	About 1797	
Bloomfield	1811	1798	Oil Creek Township
Cambridge	1852	1797	Venango Township
Conneaut	July 9, 1800	About 1798	
Cussewago	July 9, 1800	About 1792	

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<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
East Fairfield	Sept. 10, 1867 <sup>1</sup> 1868 <sup>2</sup>	1793	Fairfield Township
East Fallowfield	1841	About 1792	Fallowfield Twp. which was incorporated in 1800
East Mead	Feb. 14, 1898	1787	Mead Township which was incorporated in 1800
Fairfield	July 9, 1800	1795	
Greenwood	1829	1806	Fallowfield and Fairfield Townships
Hayfield	1829	1796	Mead, Venango and Cussewago Townships
North Shenango	1830	1798	Shenango Twp. which was incorporated in 1800
Oil Creek	Oct. 8, 1800	About 1796	
Pine	1845	1797 or 1798	North Shenango Township
Randolph	1824	1797 or 1798	Mead, Rockdale and Oil Creek Townships
Richmond	1829	1817	Rockdale and Randolph Twps.
Rockdale	1800	1790	
Rome	1829	1799	Bloomfield and Oil Creek Townships
Sadsbury	July 9, 1800	About 1797	
South Shenango	1830	1796	Shenango Township
Sparta	1829	1810	Bloomfield Township
Spring	1829	1795	Beaver and Cussewago Twps.
Steuben	1850 <sup>1</sup> 1851 <sup>2</sup>	1808	Troy and Athens Townships
Summerhill	1829	About 1796	
Summit	Mar. 17, 1843 <sup>1</sup> 1841 <sup>2</sup>	1798	Sadsbury and Summerhill Townships
Troy	1829	About 1795	Oil Creek, Randolph and Wayne Townships
Union	1867	1789	Vernon, Greenwood and Fairfield Townships
Venango	July 9, 1800	1797	
Vernon	1829	1788	Mead and Sadsbury Twps.
Wayne	1809	About 1810	Mead, Randolph and Troy Townships
West Fallowfield	1841	1797	Fallowfield Township

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<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
West Mead	Feb. 14, 1898	1787	Mead Township
West Shenango	1863	About 1800	Shenango Township
Woodcock	1829	1791	Mead and Rockdale Twps.

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1 Godcharles

2 Samuel P. Bates, Our County and Its People - A Historical and Memorial Record of Crawford County, Pennsylvania (Meadville, Pa.: W. A. Ferguson and Company, 1899).