

Huntingdon County

Created on September 20, 1787, from part of Bedford County and named for its county seat, Huntingdon. Dr. William Smith, provost of the University of Pennsylvania, owned the land where the town was laid out in 1767 and named it for the Countess of Huntingdon, England. Huntingdon was incorporated as a borough on March 29, 1796.

Fort Shirley, the reinforced trading post of the colorful Indian trader George Croghan, was an important defense post in 1755–1756. Iron ore and limestone are abundant, so the manufacture of a superior charcoal-made iron was the foundation of the economy until surpassed by competitors after 1850. Charcoal production denuded the forests, and later the state bought those areas as preserves. Brick making and pottery were major industries until recent decades. Paper, silk, and hosiery industries once flourished. The damming of the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River created a tourist recreation industry. There is a significant dairy industry; 24 percent of the county is farmed. Republican Martin Brumbaugh was the president of Juniata College both before and after his term as governor.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY - 7th Class

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Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Alexandria	Apr. 11, 1827	Aug. 7, 1793	Porter Township
Birmingham	Apr. 14, 1828	Dec. 1797	Warriors Mark Township
Broad Top City	Aug. 19, 1868		Carbon Township
Cassville	Mar. 3, 1853	Feb. 1797	Cass Township
Coalmont	Nov. 22, 1864 ¹ Nov. 11, 1864 ²		Carbon Township
Dudley	Nov. 13, 1876	1859	Carbon Township
Huntingdon	Mar. 29, 1796	1767	
Mapleton	Aug. 18, 1866 Aug. 12, 1866 ²	1858	Union Township
Marklesburg	Nov. 19, 1873	1844	Penn Township
Mill Creek	Dec. 13, 1905	Oct. 12, 1848	Brady Township
Mount Union	Apr. 19, 1867	1849	Shirley Township
Orbisonia	Nov. 23, 1855	May 1850	Cromwell Township
Petersburg	Apr. 7, 1830	May 21, 1795	Logan Township
Rockhill	June 16, 1887	1874	Cromwell Township
Saltillo	Nov. 10, 1875	1873	Clay Township
Shade Gap	Apr. 20, 1871		Dublin Township
Shirleysburg	Apr. 3, 1837	S About 1780	Shirley Township
Three Springs	Nov. 10, 1869	1843	Clay Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Barree	Oct. 1767	About 1770	Henderson Township
Brady	Apr. 25, 1846	About 1790	Henderson Township
Carbon	Apr. 23, 1858		Todd Township
Cass	Jan. 21, 1843	1744	Union Township
Clay	Apr. 15, 1845	About 1779	Springfield Township
Cromwell	Jan. 1836	About 1763	Shirley and Springfield Twps.
Dublin	Oct. 1767	1782	
Franklin	Mar. 1789	1786	
Henderson	Nov. 1814	About 1774	Huntingdon Township
Hopewell	1787	About 1791	
Jackson	Jan. 15, 1845	About 1778	Barree Township
Juniata	Nov. 19, 1856	About 1770	Walker Township

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Lincoln	Aug. 18, 1866 ^{1,2} Nov. 19, 1856 ³	About 1775	Hopewell Township
Logan	Apr. 10, 1878 ^{1,2} June 15, 1878 ³	1755	West Township
Miller	Nov. 8, 1880	About 1800	Barree and Jackson Twps.
Morris	Aug. 1794		Tyrone Township
Oneida	Aug. 20, 1856	1786	Henderson and West Twps.
Penn	Nov. 21, 1846	1788	Hopewell Township
Porter	Nov. 1814	About 1750	Huntingdon Township
Shirley	About 1787	1755	
Smithfield	1886		Walker and Juniata Twps.
Springfield	Dec. 1790	About 1780	Dublin and Shirley Twps.
Spruce Creek	1895		Franklin Township
Tell	Apr. 1810	1755	Dublin Township
Todd	Apr. 11, 1838	About 1760	Union Township
Union	June 1791	About 1774	Hopewell Township
Walker	Apr. 1827	About 1770	Porter Township
Warriors Mark	Jan. 1798	1766	Franklin Township
West	Apr. 1796	About 1764	Barree Township
Wood	Mar. 5, 1905		Carbon Township

1 Godcharles

2 Huntingdon County Historical Society, "Souvenir Historical Book Issued in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Huntingdon County" (Huntingdon, Pa.: Huntingdon County Historical Society, 1937).

3 J. Simpson Africa, History of Huntingdon and Blair Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1883).