

Armstrong County

Created on March 12, 1800, from parts of Allegheny, Westmoreland, and Lycoming Counties and was named for General John Armstrong. It was attached to Westmoreland County until 1805. *Kittanning*, the county seat was incorporated as a borough on April 2, 1821, and derived its name from a Delaware Indian village at the same place.

The area saw much fighting between settlers and Indians in the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War. John Armstrong's attack on the Indian village of Kittanning in 1756 proved that the Indians were not invincible. The territory was purchased from the Indians by the two Treaties of Fort Stanwix, 1768 (known as the New Purchase) and 1784 (known as the Last Purchase). The State's third ranked bituminous coal producing county, Armstrong also has produced glass, clay, brick, and quarried stone. Most of the coal mines are subsurface. A brief oil boom occurred after 1865, and natural gas was produced long afterwards. Steel production was once important, but declined by the 1930s. Armstrong's farming is strong in livestock and has a valuable mushroom crop. Thirty percent of the land is farmed.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY - 6th Class

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<u>Boroughs</u>			
<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Apollo	Mar. 15, 1848	1816	Kiskiminetas Township
Applewold	1899		Franklin Township
Atwood	1884	S 1860	Cowanshannock Township
Dayton	July 10, 1873 ¹ June 5, 1873 ²	1850	Wayne Township
Elderton	Mar. 9, 1859	1822	Plum Township
Ford City	Sept. 1889	S 1887	Manor Township
Ford Cliff	Apr. 24, 1922		Manor Township
Freeport	Apr. 8, 1833	1796	South Buffalo Township
Kittanning	Apr. 2, 1821	1803	
Leechburg	Mar. 22, 1850	S 1826	
Manorville	1866	1854	Manor Township
North Apollo	Feb. 11, 1930		Kiskiminetas Township
Parker City	Mar. 1, 1873	S 1797	Hovey Township
Rural Valley	Dec. 3, 1900	1836	Cowanshannock Township
South Bethlehem	1874 ¹ Apr. 16, 1887 ²	1854	Mahoning Township
West Kittanning	Aug. 1900	1855	East Franklin Township
Worthington	Mar. 15, 1855	1811	West Franklin Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Bethel	Dec. 26, 1878	1792	Allegheny, Parks and Gilpin Townships
Boggs	June 10, 1878	1806	Pine Township
Bradys Bend	Apr. 1845	1784	Sugarcreek Township
Burrell	1855	About 1776	Kittanning, Kiskiminetas and Plumcreek Townships
Cadogan	1922		North Buffalo Township
Cowanshannock	Dec. 22, 1848	1807	Kittanning, Plumcreek and Wayne Townships
East Franklin	Jan. 27, 1868	About 1830	Franklin Township
Gilpin	1878	About 1814	Allegheny Township
Hovey	1870	1797	Perry Township

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Kiskiminetas	1831 ¹ June 19, 1832 ²	About 1773	Allegheny Township
Kittanning	Apr. 11, 1807	1750	
Madison	Sept. 22, 1837	1824	Toby and Redbank Twps.
Mahoning	Sept. 20, 1851	1787	Madison, Pine, Wayne and Redbank Townships
Manor	Dec. 1849	1769	Kittanning Township
North Buffalo	Mar. 15, 1847	About 1795	Buffalo Township
Parks	Dec. 26, 1878	About 1814	Allegheny Township
Perry	1845	1796	Sugarcreek Township
Pine	June 20, 1836	1790	Kittanning Twp. originally called Pinecreek Twp.
Plumcreek	1809 ¹ June 20, 1810 ²	1788	
Rayburn	1890	1784	Valley Township
Redbank	Sept. 18, 1806	1807	
South Bend	1867	About 1773	Kiskiminetas and Plumcreek Townships
South Buffalo	Mar. 15, 1847	1789	Buffalo Township
Sugarcreek	Sept. 1806	About 1800	
Valley	Dec. 13, 1855	1807	Cowanshannock Township
Washington	1858	1771	Sugarcreek Township
Wayne	Mar. 19, 1821	About 1800	Plumcreek Township
West Franklin	Jan. 27, 1868	1790	Franklin Township

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² Armstrong County, Pennsylvania: Her People, Past and Present, Volume I,
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