

## Beaver County

Created on March 12, 1800 from parts of Allegheny and Washington Counties, and named for the Beaver River. It was attached to Allegheny County until 1803. Beaver, the county seat, was incorporated as a borough on March 29, 1802.

Beaver's many water routes gave rise to several Indian communities, most memorably Logstown. Pennsylvania acquired the area from Indians in the two treaties of Fort Stanwix (1768 and 1784), known as the New Purchase and the Last Purchase. Permanent settlement began in 1772. Fort McIntosh was important during the Revolution. "Mad Anthony" Wayne's Legionville was the training base for his 1794 Fallen Timbers campaign. The many streams favored the growth of water mills, and a canal reached eventually to Erie. Navigational improvement of the Ohio River progressed continually from the 1830s to 1936. The Harmonists utopian group arrived in 1824, flourished economically for several decades, and then lost vitality. Quality glass and pottery making were early industries. An oil boom took place from 1860 to 1890; gas is still important. In the early twentieth century "Big Steel" arrived in the form of Jones and Laughlin Co. at Aliquippa, Crucible Steel at Midland, and the American Bridge unit of U.S. Steel at Ambridge. This made the population swell. Trolleys made commuting to Pittsburgh easy by 1905. The Conway Railroad Yard became the world's biggest dispatching point, and the entire Ohio Valley became one industrial park. Many innovative manufacturers came to the area to produce items such as seamless pipe, oil drilling gear, steel barges, auto parts, and electric-arc steel. Westinghouse Electric chose the county as did oil refiners Valvoline and Arco. Deindustrialization, a national trend, was severe in the area by the 1970s, although the Shippingport nuclear plant and Greater Pittsburgh Airport offset the impact of factory closings. In the period 1987 to 1992 value added to the economy from manufacturing increased by 92 percent. Some bituminous coal is surface mined, and one-fifth of the land is farmed.

BEAVER COUNTY - 4th Class

Formed on March 12, 1800 from parts of Allegheny and Washington  
Counties

Third Class City

<u>Name of City</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Prior Status</u>
Beaver Falls	1930	Laid out as a town in 1806. Incorporated as a borough from Brighton Township on November 9, 1868

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Aliquippa	Jan. 22, 1894		Hopewell Township
Ambridge	1905	1903	Harmony Township
Baden	Apr. 1, 1868	1838	Economy Township
Beaver	Mar. 29, 1802	1792-1793	
Big Beaver	Apr. 2, 1858		Formerly Big Beaver Twp., which was erected as a township in 1802
Bridgewater	Apr. 2, 1835	S 1798	Brighton Township
Conway	June 3, 1902		Economy Township
Darlington	Mar. 28, 1820	1804	Called Greensburg until April 6, 1830
East Rochester	May 6, 1908	1888	Rochester Township
Eastvale	July 1892		Pulaski and North Sewickley Townships
Economy	May 3, 1957		Formerly Economy Twp. which was erected in April, 1827
Fallston	Mar. 1829	S 1796	Fallston Township
Frankfort Springs	Mar. 19, 1844	S 1772	Hanover Township
Freedom	Apr. 16, 1838	1832	New Sewickley Township
Georgetown	Apr. 15, 1850	1793	Greene Township
Glasgow	Oct. 12, 1854	1836	Ohio Township
Homewood	June 19, 1910	1859	Big Beaver Township
Hookstown	Apr. 18, 1843	About 1797	Greene Township
Industry	Oct. 4, 1858	1836	Formerly Industry Twp. which was erected in 1856
Koppel	Since 1910		Big Beaver Township
Midland	1905		

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Boroughs (cont'd)

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Monaca	Mar. 6, 1840	1822	Moon Township. Called Phillipsburg until Sept. 20, 1892
New Brighton	Apr. 16, 1838	1815	New Sewickley Township
New Galilee	Jan. 15, 1868	1876	Big Beaver Township
Ohioville	Jan. 8, 1960	1790	Formerly Ohio Twp. which was erected as a township in 1805
Patterson Heights	Jan. 19, 1899		Patterson Township
Rochester	Mar. 20, 1849	S Before 1799	Beaver Borough
Shippingport	Since 1910		Greene and Raccoon Twps.
South Heights	Mar. 1910		
West Mayfield	1923		White Township

First Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Became First Class Twp.</u>	<u>Incorporated as a Twp.</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Borough		Nov. 1804		South Beaver Township
Harmony	Nov. 4, 1952	Apr. 3, 1851	1772	Economy Township
Hopewell	Dec. 23, 1955	1812	1770	Hanover and Moon Twps.
Patterson	1922	1845		Brighton Township
Rochester	1932	Apr. 14, 1840		New Sewickley Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Brighton	1816	1798	South Beaver and Ohio Twps.
Center	Since 1910	1772	Moon Township
Chippewa	Jan. 1816		South Beaver and Ohio Twps.
Darlington	Oct. 15, 1847		Little Beaver Township
Daugherty	Jan. 27, 1894	1793	Pulaski Township
Franklin	Feb. 28, 1850		North Sewickley Township
Green	1812	1776	Hanover Township
Hanover	Mar. 11, 1786	1772	From territory while part of Washington County
Independence	Oct. 19, 1848 <sup>1</sup> Oct. 19, 1849 <sup>2</sup>		Hopewell Township
Marion	Feb. 6, 1845		North Sewickley Township

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Second Class Townships (cont'd)

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
New Sewickley	1801		Sewickley Township
North Sewickley	1801		Sewickley Township
Potter	Since 1910		Moon and Raccoon Twps.
Pulaski	Sept. 14, 1854		New Sewickley Township
Raccoon	Sept. 1833		Moon and Raccoon Twps.
South Beaver	Before 1800		
White	Dec. 8, 1887	About 1789	Chippewa Township

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1 Godcharles

2 Rev. Joseph H. Bausman, History of Beaver County, Pennsylvania Volume II, (New York: The Knickerbocker Press, 1904).