

## Bedford County

Created on March 9, 1771, from part of Cumberland County. It was named for Fort Bedford that in turn had been named in 1759 for the Duke of Bedford. Bedford, the county seat, on the site of Fort Bedford, was incorporated as a borough on March 13, 1795.

First entered by Virginians in 1728, the site that became Bedford Village was a connecting point along several Indian trails and settler paths. Its location continued to lie along Pennsylvania's main East-West route until the opening of the Pennsylvania Railroad (1846); the Pennsylvania Turnpike in the 1940s placed it again on a main route. The original settlers included a large group of German descent. Rye, used often for whiskey, was the major crop until 1860, after which general farming prevailed. Dairy production flourished after 1930. One-third of the land is currently farmed. Bedford was President Washington's headquarters during the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion, and U. S. Supreme Court justices planned their proslavery *Dred Scott* case decision at Bedford Springs Hotel. Bedford Springs was also President Buchanan's summer residence.

BEDFORD COUNTY - 7th 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>
Bedford	Mar. 13, 1795	1766	Lost borough charter after incorporation and was re-chartered on Feb. 5, 1817
Coaldale	Sept. 9, 1865	1855	Broad Top Township
Everett	Nov. 22, 1860	1795	West Providence Twp. called Bloody Run Borough until February 13, 1873
Hopewell	Jan. 7, 1895	1855	Broad Top Township
Hyndman	Sept. 1877	1840	Londonderry Township
Manns Choice	Nov. 29, 1886	1872	Harrison Township
New Paris	Sept. 1877		Napier Township
Pleasantville	Feb. 22, 1871	1824	
Rainsburg	Nov. 17, 1856		Colerain Township
St. Clairsville	Sept. 6, 1867	1820	East St. Clair Township
Saxton	1867	1855	Liberty Township
Schellsburg	Mar. 19, 1838	1808	Napier Township
Woodbury	June 23, 1868	1800	Woodbury Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Bedford	1768	1761	Territory while part of Cumberland County
Bloomfield	Dec. 8, 1876	1796	
Broad Top	Apr. 16, 1838	1785	Hopewell Township
Colerain	Before 1771	About 1765	Territory while part of Cumberland County
Cumberland Valley	Before 1771	About 1771	Territory while part of Cumberland County
East Providence	June 7, 1844	About 1780	Providence Township
East St. Clair	Sept. 18, 1875	1794	St. Clair Township
Harrison	1840	About 1795	Napier Township
Hopewell	Oct. 1773	About 1771	Barree Township
Juniata	1853	1790	Harrison and Napier Twps.
Kimmel	1889		King and Union Twps.
King	1876	1760	Union Township

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<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Liberty	1845	1775	Hopewell Township
Lincoln	Jan. 3, 1899		Union Township
Londonderry	1785	About 1762	Cumberland Township
Mann	1876	1808	Southampton Township
Monroe	1840	1793	Providence Township
Napier	1812	About 1775	Bedford and St. Clair Twps.
Snake Spring	Sept. 5, 1857	1763	Colerain and West Providence Townships
Southampton	About 1799	Before 1776	
South Woodbury	1838	1760	Woodbury Township
Union	1834	Before 1794	St. Clair and Greenfield Townships
West Providence	June 7, 1844	About 1772	Providence Township
West St. Clair	Sept. 18, 1875	1782	East St. Clair Township
Woodbury	1785	1760	

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1 Godcharles

2 History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania, (Chicago, Ill: Waterman, Watkins and Company, 1884).