

Butler County

Created on March 12, 1800, from part of Allegheny County and named for General Richard Butler. It was attached to Allegheny County until 1803. Butler, the county seat, was laid out in 1803, incorporated as a borough on February 26, 1817, and as a second-class city on 7, 1918.

Made up of Donation and Depreciation lands that were intended to compensate Revolutionary War veterans, Butler was the scene of many disputes over land titles in its early years. Detmar Basse's Zelenople and John A. Roebling's Saxonburg were early manufacturing centers.

The utopian Harmony Society resided here from 1804 to 1814. Butler was an Underground Railroad station. An oil boom occurred briefly during the mid-1860s, followed by natural gas production. Bituminous coal mining later developed and is still strong. By World War II, the county was making railroad cars, military vehicles, rolled steel, glass, and gasoline. Defying the decline of industry and population that western Pennsylvania has seen since the 1960s, Butler goes right on producing light metal, rubber, printed, and optical items. The value added to the economy by Butler County's manufacturing increased by 50 percent between 1987 and 1992. Farming continues to be financially successful. The population growth is associated with Pittsburgh's residential population exodus.

BUTLER COUNTY - 5th Class

Formed on March 12, 1800 from part of Allegheny County

Third Class City

<u>Name of City</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Prior Status</u>
Butler	Jan. 1918	First settled in 1793. Incorporated as a borough on February 26, 1816

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Bruin	1901		Parker Township
Callery	1905		Adams Township
Cherry Valley	1909		Venango Township
Chicora	1855	1830	Donegal Township. Called Millerstown until 1956
Connoquenessing	1848		Connoquenessing Township
East Butler	Mar. 19, 1927		Summit Township
Eau Claire	Dec. 1900	1848	Venango Township
Evans City	1882	1830	Jackson and Forward Twps.
Fairview	1867	1830	Fairview Township
Harmony	1838	1805	Jackson Township
Harrisville	Sept. 11, 1846	1826	Mercer Township
Karns City	Jan. 4, 1875	1874	Fairview Township
Mars	1882		Adams Township
Petrolia	Feb. 1873	S 1872	Fairview Township
Portersville	Dec. 16, 1844	1826	Muddy Creek Township
Prospect	Mar. 28, 1846	1825	Franklin Township
Saxonburg	Sept. 1846	1832	Jefferson Township
Slippery Rock	1851 ¹ 1841 ²		Centerville Township
Valencia	1897		Adams Township
West Liberty	1903	1829	Brady Township
West Sunbury	1866	1828	Clay Township
Zelienople	1840	1802	Jackson Township

First Class Township

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Became First Class Twp.</u>	<u>Incorporated as a Twp.</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Butler	Jan. 1, 1922	1804	1795	

BUTLER COUNTY - 5th Class (cont'd)

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Adams	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	Cranberry and Middlesex Townships
Allegheny	1854	1797	Venango and Parker Twps.
Brady	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	Slippery Rock and Connoquenessing Twps.
Buffalo	Before 1803	1795	
Center	1804		
Cherry	Mar. 29, 1854	1797	Slippery Rock Township
Clay	Mar. 29, 1854	1797	
Clearfield	1804	1798	
Clinton	Mar. 29, 1854	1792	Middlesex and Buffalo Twps.
Concord	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	
Connoquenessing	1804	1795	Incorporated while part of Allegheny County
Cranberry	Mar. 29, 1854 ¹ 1804 ²	1796	Connoquenessing Township
Donegal	Mar. 29, 1854 ¹ 1804 ²	1794	Buffalo Township
Fairview	Mar. 29, 1854	1795	Donegal Township
Forward	Mar. 29, 1854	1795	Connoquenessing and Middlesex Townships
Franklin	Mar. 29, 1854	1795	Muddy Creek Township
Jackson	Mar. 29, 1854	1797	Butler Township
Jefferson	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	Butler Township
Lancaster	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	Connoquenessing Township
Marion	Mar. 29, 1854	1800	Slippery Rock Township
Mercer	1804	1797	Slippery Rock Township
Middlesex	Before 1800	1795	Incorporated while part of Allegheny County
Muddy Creek	1804	1794	
Oakland	Mar. 29, 1854	1798	Butler and Donegal Twps.
Parker	Mar. 29, 1854	1794	Venango Township
Penn	Mar. 29, 1854	1797	Connoquenessing and Middlesex Townships
Slippery Rock	Before 1800	1796	Incorporated while part of Allegheny County
Summit	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	Butler and Clearfield Twps.
Venango	1804	1797	
Washington	1846	1796	Venango Township

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Second Class Townships (cont'd)

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Winfield	Mar. 29, 1854	1796	Clearfield and Buffalo Townships
Worth	Mar. 29, 1854	1790	Muddy Creek and Slippery Rock Townships

1 Godcharles

2 C. Hale Sipe, History of Butler County, Pennsylvania Vol. I (Topeka, Kan.: Historical Publishing Company, 1927).