

## Cumberland County

Created on January 27, 1750 from part of Lancaster County, and named for Cumberland County in England. Carlisle, the county seat since 1752, was incorporated as a borough on April 13, 1782. It was named for the county town of England's Cumberland County. Shippensburg was the county seat from 1750 to 1752.

First settlement was in a group of sheds at the site of Shippensburg, 1730. Title was acquired from Indians in 1736, but the area was contested with Maryland until 1737. Cumberland bore the brunt of Indian attacks from the west in 1756–1759 and 1763–1764. The sale of wheat to Baltimore was important to the early economy. The Cumberland Valley Railroad began in the 1830s. Iron works and paper mills sprang up, although iron production collapsed after 1900. Dickinson College was chartered in 1783. Carlisle Barracks began as a powder magazine in 1777, became the Army's cavalry school, the Indian School (1879–1918), and since 1951 the Army War College. Until the 1960s Carlisle was known for manufacturing carpets, clothes, publications, and auto tires, and the county has had a strong lumber industry. After 1900 the population grew on the west shore of the Susquehanna because of railroad yards and state government. Because of public sector jobs the county has not been hurt badly by the national trend toward deindustrialization, although Cumberland no longer is a strong manufacturing area. Farms cover 44 percent of the county, and it is among the top ten counties in production of dairy products, corn, wheat, apples, hogs, and poultry. Famous residents have included James Wilson, Gov. Joseph Ritner, inventor Daniel Drawbaugh, athlete Jim Thorpe, and Molly Pitcher.

Carlisle produced several Revolutionary leaders, but it was a center of opposition to the U.S. Constitution. A fugitive slave case, *Oliver vs. Kauffman*, in 1847, helped bring about the national Compromise of 1850. The Confederate army occupied Carlisle in 1863.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY - 5th Class

Formed on Jan. 27, 1750 from part of Lancaster County

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Camp Hill	Nov. 10, 1885	S 1750	East Pennsboro Township
Carlisle	1782	1751	Middleton Township
Lemoyne	May 23, 1905		Lower Allen Township
Mechanicsburg	Apr. 12, 1828	1820	Upper Allen Township
Mt. Holly Springs	1873	1815	South Middleton Township
Newburg	May 1, 1861	1819	
New Cumberland	1831	1814	Lower Allen Township
Newville	1817	1794	
Shippensburg	Feb. 26, 1817	S 1730	Shippensburg Township
Shiremanstown	1874	S 1813	Lower Allen and Hampden Townships
West Fairview	Nov. 19, 1910	1815	East Pennsboro Township
Wormleysburg	May 1916	1815	East Pennsboro 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>
East Pennsboro	Nov. 4, 1952	1745	1730	Pennsboro Township
Hampden	Jan. 1, 1960	Jan. 23, 1845	1731	East Pennsboro Twp.
Lower Allen	Nov. 2, 1954	1850 <sup>1</sup> 1849 <sup>2</sup>	1736	Allen Twp. which was incorporated in 1766

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Cooke	June 18, 1872	1762	Penn Township
Dickinson	Apr. 17, 1785	About 1732	West Pennsboro Township
Hopewell	1735	About 1731	Incorporated while part of Lancaster County
Lower Frankford	1920	About 1740	Franklin Twp. which was incorporated in 1795
Lower Mifflin	1920	1734-1736	Mifflin Twp. which was incorporated in 1797
Middlesex	Nov. 1859	1737	North Middleton Township
Monroe	1825	1775	Allen Township

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<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
North Middleton	Nov. 1810	1725	Middleton Township
North Newton	1920	1746	Newton Twp. which was incorporated in 1767
Penn	Oct. 23, 1860 <sup>1</sup> 1859 <sup>2</sup>	About 1740	Dickinson Township
Shippensburg	1784		
Silver Spring	1757 <sup>1</sup> 1787 <sup>2</sup>	About 1730	East Pennsboro Township
Southampton	Oct. 1783	About 1767	Hopewell and Lurgan Twps.
South Middleton	1810	About 1720	Middleton Township
South Newton	1920	1743	Newton Township
Upper Allen	1850	About 1760	Allen Township
Upper Frankford	1920	About 1740	Frankford Township
Upper Mifflin	1920	1734-1735	Frankford Township
West Pennsboro	1745	1730	Pennsboro Township

1 Godcharles

2 Bennett Bellman et al., The History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania (Chicago: Warner, Beers and Company, 1886).