

Fayette County

Created on September 26, 1783, from part of Westmoreland County and named in honor of the Marquis de la Fayette. In 1825 Lafayette visited the county as Albert Gallatin's guest and addressed the public in Brownsville. Uniontown, the county seat, was laid out about 1776 as Beason's-town and later renamed in allusion to the Federal Union. It was incorporated as a borough on April 4, 1796 and as a city on December 19, 1913.

Wendell Brown and Christopher Gist settled in the area around 1752. Washington's Fort Necessity campaign occurred in 1754, and Braddock's army passed through the next year. Indian raids continued until 1783. Brownsville developed from a military post, Fort Burd. From 1818 to 1852 the National or Cumberland Road brought prosperity, ending when the Pennsylvania Railroad connected with Pittsburgh and bypassed Fayette. The first iron furnace was fired in 1789. Brownsville was an early boat building center, and the glass industry originally flourished in the

county. The coke industry began with the first beehive oven in 1841. Connellsville coking coal had superior chemical qualities. Henry Clay Frick's fortune began with coke in 1870. By the 1920s, beehive ovens were obsolete and much of the coke manufacturing moved to the sites of the steel mills, but beehives were revived in World War II. By 1950 the coal under the county was gone, and severe unemployment and depression began. Farms cover 23 percent of the county's land today. Bituminous coal, mined entirely by surface operations, is still produced.

FAYETTE COUNTY - 4th Class

Formed on September 26, 1783 from part of Westmoreland County

Third Class Cities

<u>Name of City</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Prior Status</u>
Connellsville	May 12, 1911	Founded as a town on March 21, 1793. Incorporated as a borough on March 1, 1806
Uniontown	Dec. 19, 1913	Incorporated as a borough on April 4, 1796. Relinquished borough charter later and reincorporated on March 2, 1805

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Belle Vernon	Apr. 15, 1863	1813	Washington Township
Brownsville	Jan. 9, 1815	1785	Brownsville Township
Dawson	June 8, 1872	1866	Tyrone Township
Dunbar	June 26, 1883	1857	Dunbar Township
Everson	Dec. 7, 1903		Upper Tyrone Township
Fairchance	Mar. 7, 1889		Georges Township
Fayette City	Dec. 1847 ¹ Mar. 1840 ²	1806	Washington Township
Markleysburg	Sept. 11, 1893	1860	Henry Clay Township
Masontown	Mar. 1876	1798	Germany Township
Newell	Aug. 19, 1952		Jefferson Township
Ohiopyle	Nov. 6, 1892 ¹ Sept. 7, 1891 ²	1868	Stewart Township
Perryopolis	Jan. 12, 1953	1814	Perry Township
Point Marion	1893	1842	Springhill Township
Smithfield	Dec. 11, 1916 ¹ 1900 ²	1799	Georges Township
South Connellsville	Nov. 15, 1910		Connellsville
Vanderbilt	Apr. 7, 1903		Dunbar Township

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Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Brownsville	Nov. 1817		Redstone Township
Bullskin	Mar. 1784	About 1772	Tyrone Township
Connellsville	1822	1772	Bullskin Township
Dunbar	Dec. 1798	About 1752	Menallen Township
Franklin	Dec. 1783	About 1777	
Georges	Dec. 1783	1730	
German			
Henry Clay	June 1824	1768	Wharton Township
Jefferson	June 1840	1761	Washington Township
Lower Tyrone	Sept. 5, 1877	About 1784	Tyrone Township
Luzerne	Dec. 1783	About 1763	
Menallen	Dec. 1783	1765	
Nicholson	Dec. 19, 1845		Springfield, German and Georges Townships
North Union	Mar. 11, 1851	1767	Union Township
	Mar. 11, 1857 ²		
Perry	June 7, 1839	1769	Franklin, Tyrone and Washington Townships
Redstone	Dec. 1797	1771	Menallen Township
Salt Lick	Dec. 1797	1776	Bullskin Township
South Union	Mar. 11, 1851	1767	Union Township
	Mar. 11, 1857 ²		
Springfield	1847	About 1780	Salt Lick Township
	Dec. 1848 ²		
Springhill	Dec. 1783	1767	Settled in 1767
Stewart	Nov. 17, 1855	About 1772	About 1772
Upper Tyrone	Sept. 5, 1877	1766	Tyrone Township
Washington	Dec. 1783		
Wharton	Dec. 1783	About 1778	

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² Nelson's Biographical Dictionary and Historical Book of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, Vol. II, (Uniontown, Pa.: S. B. Nelson Publisher, 1900).