

## **Fulton County**

Created on April 19, 1851, from part of Bedford County and named for Robert Fulton, the inventor who pioneered in the use of the steamboat. McConnellsburg, the county seat, was named for Daniel McConnell who laid it out in 1786. It was incorporated as a borough on March 26, 1814.

Because the first settlers were trespassers, violence characterized the early years of the society in this area. Both Indians and proprietary officials harried them. The area that became the county was included in the 1754 Albany Purchase from the Indians. The Great and Little Coves, which make up most of the county, lay along the Forbes Road and that brought an early prosperity. Gristmills and tanneries were successful. But the Main Line Canal and the Pennsylvania Railroad route bypassed Fulton and isolation resulted. Fulton never established railroad contact with outside markets and was a remote area until the Pennsylvania Turnpike appeared in 1940. The timber industry was strong until about 1930. Much of the county is now held as state forests, parks, and game lands. Thirty-six percent of the area is farmed, although agricultural cash receipts are relatively low. Manufacturing, especially of hydraulic equipment, employs many, but others commute to jobs outside Fulton.

FULTON COUNTY - 8th Class

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<u>Borough</u>			
<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
McConnellsburg	Mar. 28, 1814	Apr. 20, 1786	

<u>Second Class Townships</u>			
<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Ayr	1754-1761	1730	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Belfast	Before 1785	About 1780	Incorporated while part of Bedford County
Bethel	Jan. 12, 1773	About 1770	Incorporated while part of Bedford County
Brush Creek	Apr. 19, 1850	1790	
Dublin	Oct. 1767		Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Licking Creek	Sept. 21, 1837	About 1775	Incorporated while part of Bedford County
Taylor	Nov. 1849	1821	Incorporated while part of Bedford County
Thompson	Feb. 12, 1849		Incorporated while part of Bedford County
Todd	Mar. 29, 1849	About 1730	Ayr Township
Union	Jan. 19, 1864	1770	Bethel Township
Wells	Sept. 1, 1849	About 1760	Originally called Aughwick. Name changed on April 2, 1850

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