

## Indiana County

Created on March 30, 1803 from parts of Westmoreland and Lycoming Counties and probably named for the Territory of Indiana. It was attached to Westmoreland County until 1806. Indiana, the county seat, was laid out in 1805 and incorporated as a borough on March 11, 1816.

The southern region was acquired from Indians at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix in 1768 (the "New Purchase"), the northern region by the Treaty of Fort Stanwix of 1784 (the "Last Purchase"). First permanent settlement was about 1765. Blairsville arose in 1818 and was a turnpike and canal center. The Pennsylvania Railroad arrived in 1851. Salt production was the first industry. Iron furnaces were unsuccessful. Timber cutting flourished from the 1840s to about 1890 when the trees were depleted. A coal mining boom began in 1900 and dominated the economy until 1924, boosting the population to nearly 80,000. Coal mining revived in the 1970s; Indiana is the state's fifth highest bituminous producer, three-quarters of which is subsurface mined. Dairy farming and Christmas tree sales buttress the economy today; 31 percent of the land is farmed. The legendary Cherry Tree Joe McCreery and the actor Jimmy Stewart are cherished local myths. Governor John S. Fisher, a Republican, was a county native.

INDIANA COUNTY - 6th Class

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Lycoming Counties

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Armagh	Apr. 10, 1824	S 1792	East Wheatfield Township
Blairsville	Mar. 25, 1825	1818	Burrell Township
Cherry Tree	Apr. 30, 1855	S About 1800	Montgomery and Greene Twps.
Clymer	Feb. 29, 1908 <sup>1,2</sup> 1905 <sup>3</sup>	1905	Cherry Hill Township
Creekside	June 5, 1905 <sup>1,2</sup> May 1, 1905 <sup>3</sup>	1854	Washington Township
Glen Campbell	Sept. 27, 1894	1889	Banks Township
Homer City	Sept. 26, 1872	1854	Center Township
Indiana	Mar. 28, 1816 <sup>1,2</sup> Mar. 11, 1816 <sup>3</sup>	1805	White Township
Jacksonville	Sept. 28, 1852	1830	Black Lick Township
Marion Center	Mar. 28, 1868 <sup>1</sup> 1872 <sup>2</sup> 1869 <sup>3</sup>	1842	East Mahoning Township
Plumville	Dec. 6, 1909 <sup>1,2</sup> Dec. 9, 1909 <sup>3</sup>	S 1816	South Mahoning Township
Saltsburg	Apr. 16, 1838	1817	Conemaugh Township
Shelocta	Apr. 15, 1851	1822	Armstrong Twp. Called Sharpsburg until 1836
Smicksburg	June 28, 1854	May 1827	West Mahoning Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Armstrong	1784 or 1785	1784	
Banks	June 6, 1868		Canoe Township
Black Lick	Mar. 1807	About 1770	Armstrong Township
Brush Valley	1835	1790	Wheatfield Township
Buffington	1867		Pine Township
Burrell	1853	About 1820	Black Lick Township
Canoe	1847	About 1827	Montgomery Township
Center	1807		Armstrong Township
Cherry Hill	1844 <sup>1,2</sup> 1854 <sup>3</sup>	1806	Brush Valley Township

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Conemaugh	1803 <sup>1, 2</sup> 1807 <sup>3</sup>	1770	Armstrong Township
East Mahoning	1845 1846	About 1800	Mahoning Township
East Wheatfield	1859	1765	Wheatfield Township
Grant	1868	1802	Montgomery Township
Greene	1816	1802	Wheatfield Township
Montgomery	1834	1818	Mahoning Township
North Mahoning	1845		Mahoning Township
Pine	1850	About 1823	
Rayne	1847	About 1790	Washington and Green Twps.
South Mahoning	1845 <sup>1</sup> 1846 <sup>2</sup>	1803	Mahoning Township
Washington	1823 <sup>1</sup> 1807 <sup>2</sup>		Armstrong Township
West Mahoning	1845 <sup>1</sup> 1846 <sup>2</sup>	About 1806	Mahoning Township
West Wheatfield	1859	About 1790	Wheatfield Township
White	1843	About 1790	Center, Washington, Greene and Armstrong Townships
Young	1830	About 1776	Black Lick and Conemaugh Townships

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<sup>1</sup> Godcharles

<sup>2</sup> Samuel T. Wiley, Biographical and Historical Cyclopedia of Indiana and Armstrong Counties, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham and Company, 1891).

<sup>3</sup> J. T. Stewart, Indiana County, Pennsylvania, Her People, Past and Present, Vol. I (Chicago: J. H. Beers and Company, 1913).