

Jefferson County

Created on March 26, 1804 from part of Lycoming County and named for President Thomas Jefferson. It was attached to Westmoreland County until 1806 and then to Indiana County until 1830, when it was formally organized. Brookville, the county seat, was laid out in 1830 and incorporated as a borough on April 9, 1834. It is said to have been named for the numerous brooks and in the vicinity.

Punxsutawney was a Delaware Indian village on the Great Shamokin Path. Pennsylvania acquired the region at the Treaty of Fort Stanwix, or "Last Purchase," in 1784. Lumber, marketed via conveniently southward flowing streams, was the first industry and also led to boat building. Large-scale coal mining began after the Civil War, assisted by a Pennsylvania Railroad trunk line (opened in 1873), English capital investors, the Pennsylvania Geological Survey, and good advertising. Mining fell off in the mid-1920s due both to labor discontent and the falling coal market, but Jefferson is still the state's ninth most productive bituminous county. Natural gas made possible a glass manufacturing industry beginning in 1897. Although farms cover one-fifth of the county, agricultural cash receipts are not high. Manufacture of building structural elements and mining-related items is important in today's economy. The value added from manufactures increased 56 percent between 1987 and 1992. Punxsutawney's Groundhog Day is one of the nation's favorite myths, and the Cook Forest State Park (shared with Clarion County) is the only significant preserved stand of primeval hemlock and white pine trees in the state.

JEFFERSON COUNTY - 6th Class

Formed on March 26, 1804 from part of Lycoming County

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Big Run	Sept. 12, 1867	S 1822	Henderson Township
Brockway	Sept. 13, 1883	1836	Snyder Township
Brookville	1843 ^{1,2}	1830	Rose Township
	Apr. 9, 1834 ³		
Corsica	Mar. 22, 1860 ¹	Aug. 1847	Union Township
Falls Creek	Aug. 18, 1900	1891	Washington Township
Punxsutawney	1849 ^{1,2}	1818	Young Township
	Feb. 25, 1850 ³		
Reynoldsville	May 25, 1915	1873	Winslow Township
Summerville	Mar. 1887	S 1812	Clover Township
Sykesville	Mar. 14, 1907		Winslow Township
Timblin	1922		Porter and Ringgold Twps.
Worthville	Apr. 1, 1878		Beaver and Ringgold Twps.

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Barnett	1833	1827	Rose Township
Beaver	1850	1816	Clover and Ringgold Twps.
Bell	1857	1818	Young Township
Clover	1841	1812	Rose Township
Eldred	1836	1828	Rose and Barnett Twps.
Gaskill	1842 ^{1,2}	1818	Young Township
	1841 ³		
Heath	1847		Barnett Township
Henderson	1857	1823	Gaskill Township
Knox	1853	1817	Pine Creek Township
McCalmont	1857	1830	Young Township
Oliver	1851	1822	Perry Township
Perry	1818 ^{1,2}	1809	Pine Creek Township
	1817 ³		
Pine Creek	1806		
Polk	1851	1838	Warsaw and Snyder Twps.
Porter	1840	1803	Perry Township
Ringgold	1848	1818	Porter Township. Called Hastings until 1853

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Rose	1827	1805	Pine Creek Township
Snyder	1835	1822	Pine Creek Township
Union	1848 ¹	1802	Rose and Eldred Townships
	1849 ²		
Warsaw	1843 ¹	1800	Pine Creek Township
	1842 ²		
Washington	1836 ¹	1824	Pine Creek and Snyder Twps.
	1839 ²		
Winslow	1847	1822	Washington, Pine Creek and Gaskill Townships
Young	1826	1818	

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