

Juniata County

Created on March 2, 1831, from part of Mifflin County and named for the Juniata River. The Indian name Juniata is said to mean “people of the standing stone.” Mifflinburg, the county seat, was laid out in 1791 and incorporated as a borough on March 6, 1833. It was named for Governor Thomas Mifflin.

Squatters settled here and were evicted by the provincial government in 1750. After they returned, Indians raided them in 1755–1756. There was protection from Forts Bigham and Peterson, but the Indians captured Bigham. The Pennsylvania Canal was the backbone of the early economy beginning in 1826, followed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the late 1840s. The canal closed about 1900, and the Tuscarora Valley Railroad closed in 1934. Small clothing manufacturing continues to the present, but kosher poultry production is the biggest industry. Juniata is the fourth largest poultry-producing county in the state. Farms cover 36.6 percent of the land.

JUNIATA COUNTY - 8th Class

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Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Mifflin	Mar. 17, 1853	1849	Milford Township
Mifflintown	Mar. 6, 1833	1790	Fermanagh Township
Port Royal	Apr. 4, 1843	Apr. 27, 1812	Milford Township
Thompsontown	Dec. 4, 1867 ¹	1790	Delaware Township
	Feb. 7, 1868 ²		

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Beale	Feb. 8, 1843	1775	Milford Township
Delaware	Feb. 3, 1836		Greenwood and Walker Twps.
Fayette	Dec. 4, 1834	1755	Greenwood and Fermanagh Townships
Fermanagh	About 1755	1754	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Greenwood	1767	1763	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Lack	Oct. 23, 1754		Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Milford	Nov. 7, 1768	1755	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Monroe	July 24, 1858	1772	Greenwood Township
Spruce Hill	Sept. 10, 1858	1762	Turbett Township
Susquehanna	July 24, 1858	1755	Greenwood Township
Turbett	Nov. 20, 1815	1755	Milford Township
Tuscarora	1825	1767	Lack Township
Walker	Apr. 1822	1765	Fermanagh Township

¹ Godcharles

² A History of the Juniata Valley, Vol. I (Harrisburg, Pa., National Historical Association, Inc., 1936).