

Perry County

Created on March 22, 1820, from part of Cumberland County and named in honor of Oliver Hazard Perry, victor in the Battle of Lake Erie. Bloomfield, the county seat after 1827, bears the name given to the tract of land in the original patent. It is said that it was laid out in the month of June 1822, when clover was in bloom. It was incorporated as a borough on March 14, 1831. The post office name for Bloomfield is New Bloomfield.

The area was a favorite for illegal squatters before Indians yielded the land at the Treaty of Albany in 1754. Sherman's Valley was the scene of Indian attacks in 1755 and 1756. The county was formed in order to eliminate trips to Carlisle. In 1820 Sherman's Valley boasted forty-eight grist and merchant mills, a forge, ten fulling mills, sixty sawmills, eight carding machines, four oil mills, a furnace, two tilted hammers, and a powder mill. Waterpower was king. The Pennsylvania Canal had four locks in Perry; the economies of Duncannon, New Buffalo, Liverpool, and Newport depended on the canal from 1828 to 1901, when it was closed. Perry also had the Juniata Canal from 1828 to 1898. The county made high-quality hickory barrel hoops. Lumbering continues today, serving over a dozen active sawmills. Farms occupy 32 percent of the land. Retail sales have been low in the last two decades due to convenient shopping center beyond the county lines. Home building has been strong since 1970. Almost two-thirds of the resident population work force is employed outside the county.

PERRY COUNTY - 7th Class

Formed on March 22, 1820 from part of Cumberland County

Boroughs

<u>Name of Borough</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Town Laid Out or Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Blain	Nov. 3, 1877	1846	Jackson Township
Bloomfield	Mar. 14, 1831	1824	Centre Township
Duncannon	Mar. 12, 1844	1792	Penn Township. Called Petersburg until 1865
Landisville	Dec. 23, 1831	1793	Tyrone Township
Liverpool	May 4, 1832	1808	Greenwood Township
Marysville	Apr. 12, 1866	1861	Rye Township. Called Haley Borough until 1867
Millerstown	Feb. 12, 1849	1780 1789 ³	Greenwood Township
New Buffalo	Apr. 8, 1848	1800	Buffalo Township
Newport	Mar. 10, 1840	1804	Oliver Township

Second Class Townships

<u>Name of Township</u>	<u>Incorporated</u>	<u>Settled</u>	<u>Incorporated From</u>
Buffalo	Oct. 1799	1772	Greenwood Township
Carroll	Nov. 5, 1834	Apr. 1755	Tyrone, Rye and Whestfield Townships
Centre	Aug. 4, 1831	Oct. 1752	Juniata, Wheatfield, Saville and Tyrone Townships
Greenwood	Mar. 25, 1767	Feb. 1755	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Howe	Apr. 6, 1861	About 1762	Oliver Township
Jackson	Aug. 1844	About 1755	Toboyne Township
Juniata	Jan. 1793	About 1760	Rye Township
Liverpool	Feb. 3, 1823	1755	Greenwood Township
Miller	Mar. 11, 1852	About 1767	Oliver and Wheatfield Twps.
North East Madison		About 1755	Madison Township
Oliver	Nov. 11, 1837	About 1788	Buffalo, Juniata and Centre Townships
Penn	1826 1840 ³	1732 - 1733	Rye Township
Rye	1766	1755 - 1757	Tyrone Township
Saville	June 24, 1817	1755	Tyrone Township
South West Madison		About 1755	Madison Township

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Spring	Aug. 1848 Apr. 5, 1849 ³	1755	Tyrone Township
Toboyne	Mar. 1763	1755	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Tuscarora	Jan. 3, 1859	1766	Greenwood and Juniata Townships
Tyrone	Oct. 1754	1755	Incorporated while part of Cumberland County
Watts	1849	1792	Buffalo Township
Wheatfield	Jan. 5, 1826	1760	Rye Township

1 Godcharles

2 Silas Wright, History of Perry County, Pennsylvania From the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time, (Lancaster, Pa.: Wylie and Gries, Printers, 1873).

3 History of That Part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys Embraced in the Counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union and Snyder in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Vol. II (Philadelphia: Everts, Peck, Richards, 1886).