History of Pennsylvania Counties

Pennsylvania County Timeline

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YEAR	MONTH	DAY	EVENT
1800	0	0	Adams County, Pennsylvania formed from York County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] *County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1788	0	0	Allegheny County, Pennsylvania formed from Westmoreland and Washington Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] *County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Armstrong County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny, Lycoming, and Westmoreland Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Beaver County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny and Washington Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1771	3	9	Bedford County, Pennsylvania formed from Cumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1752	0	0	Berks County, Pennsylvania formed from Bucks, Lancaster, and Philadelphia Counties. Bentley shows the organization year as 1751. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]

1846	0	0	Blair County, Pennsylvania formed from Huntingdon and Bedford Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1812	0	0	Bradford County, Pennsylvania renamed in 1812 from Ontario County which was formed from Luzerne and Lycoming Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1682	0	0	Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Original county. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Butler County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1804	0	0	Cambria County, Pennsylvania formed from Somerset, Bedford, and Huntingdon Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1860	0	0	Cameron County, Pennsylvania formed from Clinton, Elk, McKean, and Potter Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1843	3	13	Carbon County, Pennsylvania formed from Northampton and Monroe Counties. Formed in 1842, according to Everton. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Centre County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming, Mifflin, Northumerland, and Huntingdon Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse*

			Book, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1682	0	0	Chester County, Pennsylvania formed. Original county. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1839	0	0	Clarion County, Pennsylvania formed from Venango and Armstrong Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1804	0	0	Clearfield County, Pennsylvania formed from Northumberland and Lycoming Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1839	0	0	Clinton County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming and Centre Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1813	0	0	Columbia County, Pennsylvania formed from Northumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Crawford County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1750	0	0	Cumberland County, Pennsylvania formed from Lancaster County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1785	0	0	Dauphin County, Pennsylvania formed from Lancaster County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th

			Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1789	0	0	Delaware County, Pennsylvania formed from Chester County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1843	0	0	Elk County, Pennsylvania formed from Jefferson, McKean, and Clearfield Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Erie County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1783	0	0	Fayette County, Pennsylvania formed from Westmoreland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1848	0	0	Forest County, Pennsylvania formed from Jefferson and Venango Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1784	0	0	Franklin County, Pennsylvania formed from Cumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1850	0	0	Fulton County, Pennsylvania formed from Bedford County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1796	0	0	Greene County, Pennsylvania formed from Washington County.[*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc.,

			Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1787	0	0	Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania formed from Bedford County.[*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1803	0	0	Indiana County, Pennsylvania formed from Westmoreland and Lycoming Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1804	0	0	Jefferson County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1831	0	0	Juniata County, Pennsylvania formed from Mifflin County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1878	0	0	Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania formed from Luzerne County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1729	0	0	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania formed from Chester County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1850	0	0	Lawrence County, Pennsylvania formed from Beaver and Mercer Counties. Bentley gives an 1849 organizational date. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1813	0	0	Lebanon County, Pennsylvania formed from Dauphin and Lancaster Counties. Bentley gives an 1815 organizational date. [*The

			Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1812	0	0	Lehigh County, Pennsylvania formed from Northampton County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1786	0	0	Luzerne County, Pennsylvania formed from Northumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1795	0	0	Lycoming County, Pennsylvania formed from Northumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1804	0	0	McKean County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Mercer County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1789	0	0	Mifflin County, Pennsylvania formed from Cumberland and Northumberland Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1836	0	0	Monroe County, Pennsylvania formed from Pike and Northampton Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]

1784	0	0	Montgomery County, Pennsylvania formed from Philadelphia County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1850	0	0	Montour County, Pennsylvania formed from Columbia County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1752	0	0	Northampton County, Pennsylvania formed from Bucks County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1772	0	0	Northumberland County, Pennsylvania formed from Lancaster, Berks, Cumberland, Northampton, and Bedford Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1810	0	0	Ontario County, Pennsylvania formed from Luzerne and Lycoming Counties. Renamed Bradford County in 1812. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1820	0	0	Perry County, Pennsylvania formed from Cumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1682	0	0	Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania formed. Original county. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1814	0	0	Pike County, Pennsylvania formed from Wayne County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]

1804	0	0	Potter County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1811	0	0	Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania formed from Berks and Northampton Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1855	0	0	Snyder County, Pennsylvania formed from Union County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1795	0	0	Somerset County, Pennsylvania formed from Bedford County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1847	0	0	Sullivan County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1810	0	0	Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania formed from Luzerne County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1804	3	26	Tioga County, Pennsylvania formed from Lycoming County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1813	0	0	Union County, Pennsylvania formed from Northumberland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Venango County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny and Lycoming Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United*

			States of America, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Warren County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny and Lycoming Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1800	0	0	Warren County, Pennsylvania formed from Allegheny and Lycoming Counties. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1781	0	0	Washington County, Pennsylvania formed from Westmoreland County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1798	0	0	Wayne County, Pennsylvania formed from Northampton County. Everton gives a 1796 formation date. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1773	0	0	Westmoreland County formed from Bedford County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1842	0	0	Wyoming County, Pennsylvania formed from Luzerne County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]
1749	0	0	York County, Pennsylvania formed from Lancaster County. [*The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America*;, 8th Edition, published by The Everton Publishers, Inc., Logan, Utah.] [*County Courthouse Book*, compiled by Elizabeth Petty Bentley, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1990.]