**Lancaster County Townships**

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Source: "Incorporation Dates for Pennsylvania Municipalities", Comm of PA, Dept Internal Affairs, 1965.

Lancaster County - 3rd Class  
Formed on May 10, 1729 from part of Chester County.

**Third Class City:**

**Lancaster;** incorporated Mar. 20, 1818; laid out as town in Mar. 1730. Incorporated as a borough August 13, 1742.

**Boroughs:**

**Adamstown;** settled 1761; incorporated Apr. 2, 1850 from East Cocalico Twp.

**Akron;** incorporated 1884.

**Christiana;** settled 1833; incorporated Mar. 1, 1894 (1) or 1885-1886 (2) from Sadsbury Twp.

**Columbia;** settled 1788; incorporated Feb. 25, 1814 from Hempfield Twp.

**Denver;** settled 1863-1869; incorporated 1900 from Cocalico Twp.

**East Petersburg;** settled 1812; incorporated Dec. 20, 1946 from East Hempfield & Manheim Twps.

**Elizabethtown;** settled 1751; incorporated Apr. 13, 1872 from West Donegal & Mount Joy Twps.

**Ephrata;** settled 1732; incorporated 1891 from Ephrata Twp.

**Lititz;** settled 1757; incorporated Apr. 24, 1888 from Warwick Twp.

**Manheim;** settled 1762; incorporated May 16, 1848 (1) or May 16, 1838 (2, 3) from Rapho Twp.

**Marietta;** settled 1803; incorporated Mar. 6, 1812 (1) or 1830 (2) from Donegal Twp.

**Millersville;** settled 1764; incorporated 1932 from Manor Twp.

**Mount Joy;** settled 1812; incorporated Feb. 10, 1851 from Mount Joy Twp.

**Mountville;** settled 1814; incorporated 1900 from West Hempfield Twp.

**New Holland;** settled 1760; incorporated 1895 from Earl Twp.

**Quarryville;** settled about 1791; incorporated Dec. 1, 1892 from Eden Twp.

**Strasburg;** settled about 1733; incorporated Mar. 13, 1816 from Strasburg Twp.

**Terre Hill;** incorporated 1900 from East Earl Twp.

**Washington;** settled 1810; incorporated May 1, 1827 (1,2) or Apr. 13, 1827 (3) from Manor Twp.

**First Class Townships:**

**Manheim;** settled 1729; incorporated as Twp June 9, 1729; 1st Class Twp Nov. 4, 1952.

**Second Class Townships:**

**Bart;** incorporated 1744 from Sadsbury Twp.

**Brecknock;** settled 1737; incorporated Jan. 10, 1740.

**Caernarvon;** settled 1730; incorporated June 9, 1729

**Clay;** settled 1740; incorporated 1853 from Elizabeth Twp.

**Colerain;** settled 1758; incorporated Feb. 1738 from Drumore Twp.

**Conestoga;** settled about 1759; incorporated 1712 (1) or 1718 (2) while part of Chester Co.

**Conoy;** settled about 1719; incorporated 1842 from West Donegal Twp.

**Drumore;** incorporated Aug. 5, 1729.

**Earl;** settled 1717; incorporated June 9, 1729.

**East Cocalico;** settled 1732; incorporated 1838 from Cocalico Twp.

**East Donegal;** settled 1716; incorporated June 24, 1838 from Donegal Twp.

**East Drumore;** settled 1700; incorporated 1883 from Drumore Twp.

**East Earl;** settled 1722; incorporated Nov., 20, 1851 from Earl Twp.

**East Hempfield;** settled 1717; incorporated 1818 from Hempfield Twp.

**East Lampeter;** settled 1723; incorporated 1841 from Lampeter Twp.

**Eden;** settled about 1830; incorporated 1855 from Bart Twp.

**Elizabeth;** incorporated 1757 from Warwick Twp.

**Ephrata;** settled 1732; incorporated 1838 from Cocalico Twp.

**Fulton;** settled about 1733; incorporated 1844 from Little Britain Twp.

**Lancaster;** settled 1717-1720; incorporated 1729 from Conestoga Twp.

**Leacock;** settled 1728; incorporated June 9, 1729.

**Little Britain;** settled about 1714; incorporated Feb. 7, 1738 from Drumore Twp.

**Manor;** settled 1717; incorporated 1730.

**Martic;** settled 1691; incorporated 1739 (1) or Aug. 1729 (2).

**Mount Joy;** settled 1735; incorporated 1759 (1) or 1759, 1767 (2) from Donegal Twp.

**Paradise;** settled 1710; incorporated 1843 from Strasburg Twp.

**Penn;** settled about 1735; incorporated 1846 from Warwick Twp.

**Pequea;** incorporated 1853 from Conestoga Twp.

**Providence;** settled 1720; incorporated 1853 from Martic Twp.

**Rapho;** settled about 1721; incorporated 1741 from Donegal Twp.

**Sadsbury;** settled 1691; incorporated 1729 while part of Chester Co.

**Salisbury;** settled 1710 or 1712; incorporated 1729.

**Strasburg;** settled 1712; incorporated about 1730.

**Upper Leacock;** settled 1731; incorporated June 17, 1843 (1) or June 19, 1843 (2) from Leacock Twp.

**Warwick;** settled 1716; incorporated June 9, 1729.

**West Cocalico;** settled 1732; incorporated 1838 from Cocalico Twp.

**West Donegal;** settled about 1719; incorporated June 24, 1838 from Earl Twp.

**West Earl;** settled about 1719; incorporated Nov. 18, 1833.

**West Hempfield;** settled 1718; incorporated 1818 from Hempfield Twp.

**West Lampeter;** incorporated 1841 from Lampeter Twp.

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