

**CAMBRIA COUNTY**  
EBENSBURG, PA.

**ORIGIN OF CAMBRIA COUNTY**

The territory comprised within the limits of Cambria County was formed into a separate county by an Act of Assembly passed the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1804. The territory comprising it was taken from the counties of Huntington and Somerset. The Act provided "That so much of the Counties of Huntington and Somerset, included in the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the Conemaugh river, at the southeast corner of Indiana County, thence by a straight line to the Canoe place on the West Branch of the Susquehanna; thence easterly along the line of Clearfield County to the southwesterly corner of center County, on the heads of Moshannon Creek; thence southerly along the Allegheny mountain to Somerset and Bedford County lines; thence along the lines of Somerset and Bedford counties about seventeen miles until a due West course from thence will strike the main branch of Paint Creek; thence down said Creek, the different courses thereof till it empties into Stoney Creek; thence down Stoney Creek the different courses to the mouth of Mill Creek; thence Westmoreland counties; thence northerly along the line to the place of beginning; be and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, to be henceforth called Cambria County." It is bounded by Clearfield on the North, Blair and Bedford on the East, Somerset on the South and Westmoreland and Indiana on the West. It was originally divided into three townships, Allegheny, Cambria and Conemaugh. The following present townships were formed out of the first three:

Land Area: 694.9 Square Miles.

**TOWNSHIPS**

**FORMED FROM AND RECORDED**

Allegheny	Were the Three Original Townships Created when Cambria County was formed by an Act of Assembly passed the 26 <sup>th</sup> day of March 1804.
Cambria	
Conemaugh	

Summerhill Township	formed out of Conemaugh ---- Feb. 10, 1810 – R. D. 1- P. 29
Clearfield Township	formed out of Allegheny---- Dec. 31,1822 – R.D. 1 – P-85-95
Susquehanna Township	formed out of Allegheny & Cambria---- Jan. 6, 1825 – R.D.1-P-84-113
Jackson Township	formed out of Summerhill, Cambria & Conemaugh Twp.---- Jan. 3, 1828 R. D. 1 – P-134
Washington Township	formed out of Summerhill, Allegheny & Cambria---- Jan. 6, 1831 – Twp. File
Richland Township	formed out of Conemaugh---- April 2, 1833 – R. D. 1 – P – 164
White Township	formed out of Clearfield ---- July 6, 1838 – Twp. File
Carroll Township	formed out of Susquehanna Twp.---- Jan. 1, 1840 – R. D. 1 – P – 181
Blacklick Township	formed out of Cambria and Jackson Twps.---- Oct. 10, 1850 – R. D. 2 – P-98
Chest Township	formed out of Susquehanna & White Twp. ----Dec. 10, 1853 – Q.S.D. Vol. 3 P-289
Munster Township	formed out of Cambria, Allegheny & Washington Twp.----Sept. 9, 1854 Q.S.D. – Vol. 3 P-556
Taylor Township	formed out of Conemaugh Twp.----Sept. 16, 1857 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 3 P- 483
Yoder Township	formed out of Conemaugh Twp.----July 17, 1858 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 3 P-556
Croyle Township	formed out of Summerhill----Sept. 9, 1858 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 3 P-556
Gallitzin Township	formed out of Allegheny ---- June 4, 1866 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 5 P-74
Adams Township	formed out of Richland ---- Jan. 5, 1870 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 1 P-9 (Dist. Ct.)
Barr Township	formed out of Susquehanna, Blacklick & Cambria Twp. ---- Sept 4, 1872 Q.S.D. – Vol. 6 P-50
Stonycreek Township	formed out of Conemaugh ---- Jan 4, 1876 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 6 P-307
Dean Township	formed out of Clearfield ---- July 10, 1877 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 6 P-381
Elder Township	formed out of Chest ---- Feb. 12, 1878 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 7 P-34
Portage Township	formed out of Summerhill & Washington ---- Mar. 4, 1878 – Q.S.D. Vol. 7 P-61
Lower Yoder Township	formed out of Yoder Township ---- Sept. 1, 1879 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 7 P-237
Upper Yoder Township	formed out of Yoder Township ---- Sept. 1, 1879 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 7 P-237
Reade Township	formed out of White Township ---- Sept. 1, 1879 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 7 P-237
East Taylor Township	formed out of Taylor Township ---- June 2, 1884 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 8 P-120
West Taylor Township	formed out of Taylor Township ---- June 2, 1884 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 8 P-120
Cresson Township	formed out of Washington Twp ---- Dec. 4, 1893 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 10 P 377
Middle Taylor Township	formed out of West Taylor Twp ---- June 30, 1908 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 18 P-466
East Carroll Township	formed out of Carroll Township ---- Sept. 5, 1910 – Q.S.D. – Vol. 21 P-138
West Carroll Township	formed out of Carroll Township ---- Sept. 5, 1910 – Q.S. D. – Vol. 31 P-138

- Note:**
1. Carroll, Yoder and Taylor are no longer Townships, having been divided into other districts.
  2. "Cambria" is derived from the ancient Celtic word for Wales, Cymri or Gymra.

First permanent settlers known in Cambria were in 1771.

First permanent settlers known in Johnstown were in 1777.

In 1788 Michael McGuire built a cabin on Chest Creek.

In 1793 Joseph Johns settled at mouth of Stoneycreek River.

In 1795 settlement of Beula founded along the Blacklick.

In 1796 a Welsh colony settled where Ebensburg now stands.

In 1805 Ebensburg was chosen as the County seat by a special Act passed March 29, 1805.

In 1807 January 26, Cambria County by Act of Assembly was given complete status.

In 1808 John Young was First President Judge.

### INCORPORATION DATES OF BOROUGHES OF CAMBRIA COUNTY AND CITY OF JOHNSTOWN

BOROUGH	DATE	WHERE RECORDED
Ashville	June 6, 1887	Q.S.D. Vol. 9 P-20
Barnesboro	Mar. 5, 1894	Q.S.D. Vol. 11 P-92
Brownstown	June 10, 1908	Q.S.D. Vol. 18 P-239
Carrolltown	Apr. 19, 1858	Q.S.D. Vol. 3 P-546
Cassandra	Sept. 23, 1908	Q.S.D. Vol. 19 P-51
Chest Springs	May 10, 1858	Q.S.D. Vol. 3 P-547
Cresson	June 7, 1906	Q.S.D. Vol. 17 P-114
Daisytown	June 9, 1893	Q.S.D. Vol. 10 P-457
Dale	Mar. 9, 1891	Q.S.D. Vol. 10 P-44
East Conemaugh	Sept. 11, 1868	Q.S.D. Vol. 5 P-263
Ebensburg	Jan. 18, 1825	Act of Assembly P.L. P-8
Ehrenfeld	Aug. 3, 1956	Misc. Docket Vol. 1 P-119
Ferndale	June 1, 1896	Q.S.D. Vol. 11 P-89
Franklin	Mar. 9, 1868	Q.S.D. Vol. 5 P-240
Gallitzin	Dec. 3, 1873	Q.S.D. Vol. 6 P-154
Geistown	Jan. 13, 1930	Q.S.D. Vol. 45 P-115
Hastings	Dec. 4, 1894	Q.S.D. Vol. 9 P-318
Lilly	June 11, 1883	Q.S.D. Vol. 8 P-94
Lorain	Nov. 4, 1915	Q.S.D. Vol. 24 P-408
Loretto	Mar. 8, 1845	Act of Assembly P.L. P-124
Nanty-Glo	Sept. 2, 1918	Q.S.D. Vol. 28 P-262
Patton	Sept. 4, 1893	Q.S.D. Vol. 10 P-458
Portage	Oct. 7, 1890	Q.S.D. Vol. 9 P-419
Sankertown	June 11, 1906	Q.S.D. Vol. 17 P-115
Scalp Level	Nov. 16, 1898	Q.S.D. Vol. 13 P-37
South Fork	Aug. 3, 1887	Q.S.D. Vol. 9 P-459
Southmont	June 2, 1919	Q.S.D. Vol. 28 P-393
Spangler	Dec. 13, 1893	Q.S.D. Vol. 11 P-3
Summerhill	Sept. 4, 1892	Q.S.D. Vol. 10 P-272
Tunnelhill	Dec. 5, 1876	Q.S.D. Vol. 6 P-359
Vintondale	Sept. 4, 1908	Q.S.D. Vol. 18 P-139
Westmont	June 13, 1892	Q.S.D. Vol. 10 P-258
Wilmore	Feb. 10, 1859	Act of Assembly P.L. P-510
City of Johnstown	Dec. 18, 1889	Recorders Office Vol. 10 P-467
Northern Cambria	Jan. 1, 2000	By Ordinance