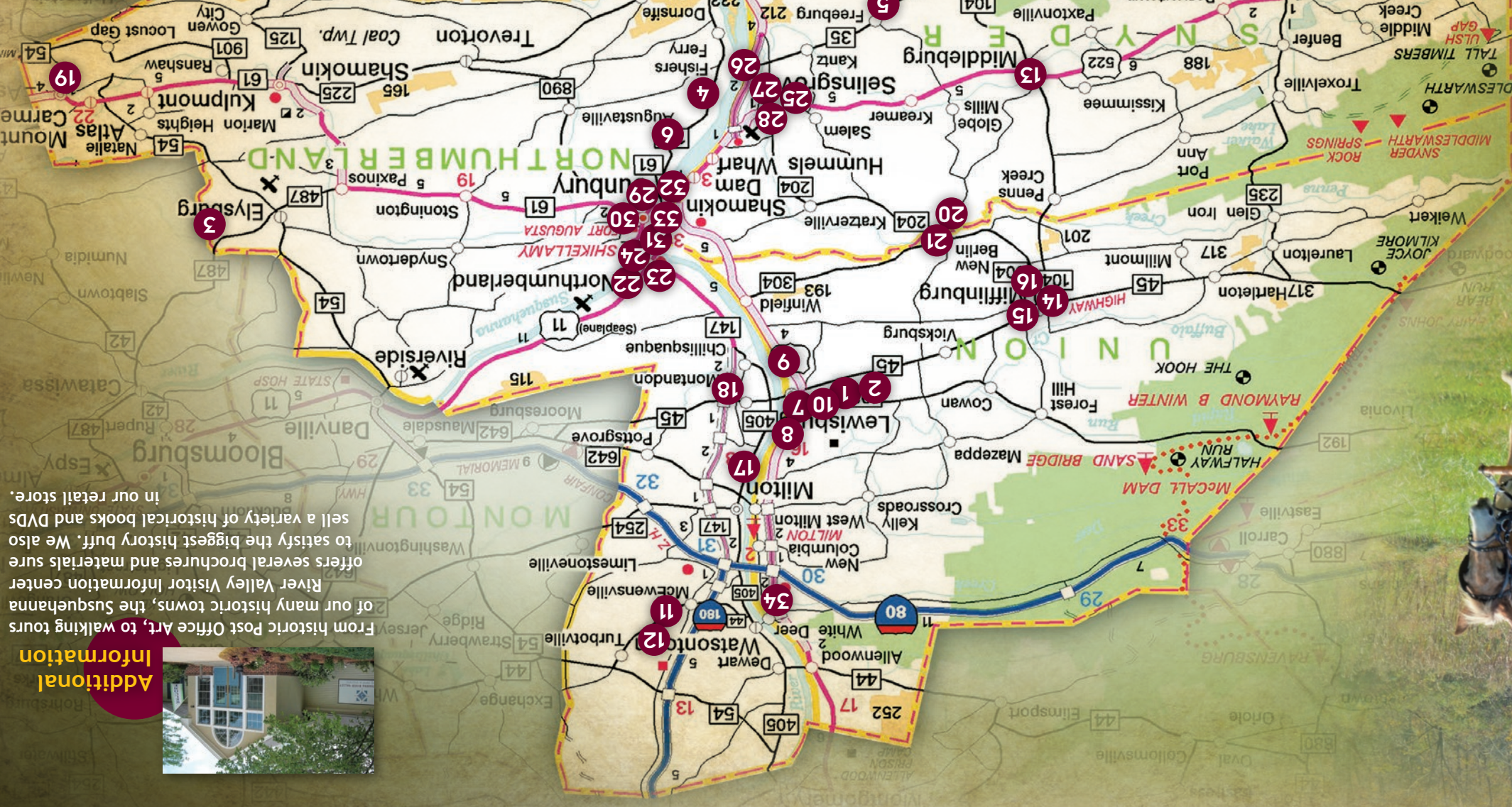


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When you come to the Susquehanna River Valley, you may feel as if you've stepped back in time - a time when the pace of life was a little slower and neighbors knew one another. While here, take some time to indulge your senses. Listen to the clip-clopping of horses and buggies as they hasten from countryside to town to sell their produce and wares. Squeeze and smell the fresh historic reenactments, museums, heritage festivals, and educational experiences. Touch colorful quilts that took months to craft by hand. Taste our local specialties, such as whoopie pies, pot-pie, and apple butter. Whether you're following the winding curves of our river or roads, you'll discover a treasure at every turn.

Step Back in Time



Additional Information
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Living History Events



JANUARY
Twelfth Day at Priestley House
Northumberland
570-473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

MARCH
Commonwealth Charter Day
Northumberland
570-473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

MAY
Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Annual Machinery Show
Selinsgrove
570-374-9420
www.mvaapa.org

Anthracite Heritage Festival of the Arts
Shamokin
570-850-9121
www.nccarts.com

JULY
Rural Heritage Day at Dale/Engle/Walker House
Lewisburg
570-524-8666
www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org

Iron Heritage Festival
Danville
570-275-6700
www.ironheritagefestival.net

AUGUST
Oxygen Day at Priestley House
Northumberland
570-473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine
Pioneer Day
Ashland
570-875-3850
www.pioneertunnel.com

Middlecreek Valley Antique Association Annual Machinery Show
Selinsgrove
570-374-9420
www.mvaapa.org

New Berlin Day Antiques, Arts and Crafts Show
New Berlin
570-966-2677
www.newberlinpa.com

SEPTEMBER
McClure Bean Soup Festival and Fair
McClure
717-543-5467
www.mcclurebeansoupfair.com

Central PA Vintage Iron Club Annual Fall Festival
Laurelton
570-412-7307

OCTOBER
Oktoberfest
Mifflinburg
570-966-1666
www.oktoberfest.mifflinburgpa.com

Warrior Run-Fort Freeland Heritage Days
Turbotville
570-538-1756
www.freelandfarm.org

Buffalo Valley Antique Machinery Autumn Exhibit
Lewisburg
570-538-2741
www.bvama.net

NOVEMBER
Heritage Day at Priestley House
Northumberland
570-473-9474
www.josephpriestleyhouse.org

DECEMBER
Lewisburg Victorian Holiday Weekend
Lewisburg
570-523-1743
www.lewisburgpa.com

Christkindl Market
Mifflinburg
1-888-666-0877
www.mifflinburgchristkindlmarket.com

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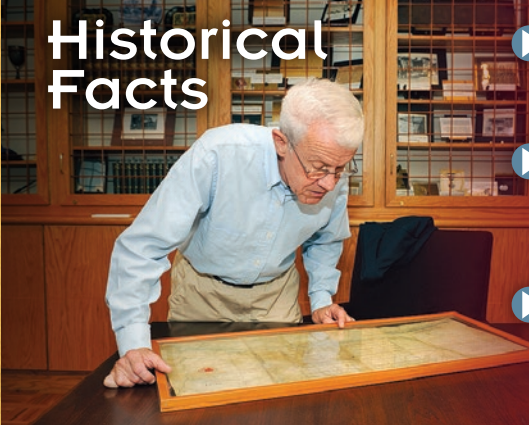
ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM:

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1150 North Front Street, Sunbury, PA 17801
570-286-4083 | www.northumberlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com

SNYDER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
30 East Market Street, Middleburg, PA 17842
570-837-6191 | www.snydercountyhistoricalsociety.com

UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Union County Courthouse
103 South Second Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-524-8666 | www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.com

Historical Facts



- ▶ **UNDERGROUND RAILROAD** - The Susquehanna River Valley is home to an Underground Railroad tour, which highlights our region's historical contributions to this secret network of aid to escaped slaves with stops in Lewisburg, South Williamsport, Williamsport, Pennsdaile, and Muncy.
- ▶ **THE FORGOTTEN TOWN OF ALVIRA** - The Union County town of Alvira was seized by the Government and leveled in 1942 to make room for a TNT plant. Now located on private ground, all that can be viewed by the public is the DVD documentary film, "Surrender! The Sudden Death of Alvira, PA" - available at the Visitor Information Center in Lewisburg.
- ▶ **FAÇADE MURALS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE IN MILTON** - The first Milton mural depicts the town's History of Transportation, including canal boats, trolleys, rail, and trucks. Famous citizens are also shown. Milton's Capitol Theatre, damaged by flooding and destroyed by fire, is the subject of the second mural.



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Northumberland, Snyder & Union Counties



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Let the Heritage Trail lead you to our region's rich history.

BUFFALO CROSSROADS

1 Old Buffalo Presbyterian Church

In 1846, Presbyterians built the present brick structure along what is now Route 192, better known as Buffalo Road, at the village of Buffalo Crossroads. The stones from a previous church were used in the foundation and also in part of the cemetery wall. Old Buffalo is sometimes called "the Mother of Churches" because five congregations grew out of its membership. 59 Meeting House Lane, Lewisburg

2 Grove's Mill

This late 19th century brick-and-stone mill still operates, powered by water from the race. The water pushes an underwater, horizontal wheel which turns the stones. The stones grind the grain into flour. Flowing under the stone bridge, the water returns to Buffalo Creek. The mill's products include stone-ground cornmeal as well as other whole grain flour. The house beside the mill was built in 1880. The mill is located off Route 192 west of Lewisburg, north on Hoffa Mill Road. 2905 Hoffa Mill Road, Lewisburg. 570-524-2436

ELYSBURG



3 Anthracite Mine Museum

The Anthracite Mine Museum at Knoebels Amusement Resort features tools, clothing, equipment, machinery, books, and documents associated with the anthracite coal miners of Northeast Pennsylvania. The free museum is on the grounds of the amusement park, which is located on Route 487 north of Elysburg. www.knoebels.com 800-487-4386

FISHERS FERRY

4 Penn's Tavern

Built in 1703, overlooking the Susquehanna River, Penn's Tavern is the oldest building in Northumberland County. Legends obscure the historical facts about its origin, but one account says a soldier built it after the Revolutionary War. Whatever its true history, generations of boatmen, rafters, and other travelers have stopped at the two-story fieldstone structure for drink and conversation. Located 5 miles south of Sunbury along Route 147, the tavern continues to be a stopping place. www.pennstavern.com 570-286-2007

FREEBURG

5 Freeburg Academy

Constructed in 1850, the Freeburg Academy housed Snyder County's first secondary school which opened in 1853. The academy is located at Market and South Streets in Freeburg.

HERNDON

6 Tulpehocken Path (Route 147)

Native Americans and Pennsylvania colonial officials used the Tulpehocken Path when traveling between Sunbury and Reading. A historical marker along Route 147 near Herndon notes one section of the old Indian trail. Another, located along Route 3016 southwest of the village of Urban, indicates where the old road passed through picturesque Mahantango Gap.

LEWISBURG

7 Packwood House Museum

Constructed in 1796, the Packwood House is among the oldest log structures in Pennsylvania, and one of only a handful of three-story log buildings in the U.S. Its earliest log section was built between 1796-1799. The building has served as a tavern, a hotel, and the residence of John and Edith Fetherston whose extensive decorative and fine arts collection it now houses. Located at 15 North Water Street, Lewisburg, the building is now a museum. www.packwood-housemuseum.com 570-524-0323



8 Slifer House Museum

Secretary of Pennsylvania during the Civil War, Eli Slifer was a successful businessman who concentrated first on canal boats and lumbering and later manufactured farm equipment and machinery. Between 1860-1863 Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloan built this Tuscan-style country house for the Slifer family. Now a museum, the house is located along River Road on the grounds of River Woods, Lewisburg. www.sliferhouse.org 570-524-2245

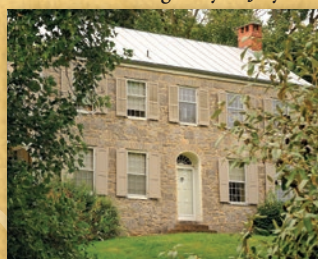


9 Bucknell University

Founded in 1846 by Philadelphia Baptists, the University at Lewisburg began as a liberal arts school. During the post-Civil War depression it was renamed Bucknell University for a benefactor, William Bucknell of Philadelphia. The campus occupies a 400-acre hillside site that overlooks the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. Located on Route 15, south of Lewisburg. www.bucknell.edu 570-577-2000

10 Dale/Engle/Walker House

The house was built in 1793 by Samuel Dale, an Irish immigrant who served under Washington at the Battle of Princeton in the Revolution and then in the first Pennsylvania Assembly. It features Georgian architecture and provides information about area slavery, the Underground Railroad and the immigrant experience. The Union County Historical Society offers tours on Sundays, June through October and Rural Heritage Day in July. The Linn Conservancy maintains the Dale's Ridge hiking trail. The House is located at 1471 Strawbridge Road, off Route 192, Lewisburg. www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org 570-522-0487



MC EWENSVILLE



11 The Hower-Slote House and Farm

In 1829, James Slote built a house on land that John Hower had formerly owned. Built in the Federal style, it was the center of a working farm for more than 125 years. Reflecting a typical farmhouse of the times, the building occupies the site of Fort Freeland, a Revolutionary War defense. In 1779, Tories and Indians attacked the post, where frontier families had taken refuge. Pennsylvania troops were unable to repel

the attack and the fall of Fort Freeland prompted settlers to flee. The Hower-Slote House is located north of McEwensville along Route 44 on land owned by the Warrior Run School District. www.freelandfarm.org 570-538-1756

12 Warrior Run Church

Scotch-Irish settlers of the area organized the Presbyterian congregation of the Warrior Run Church. The present brick building, erected in 1835, is the third structure to bear the name Warrior Run. Green Revival in style, its classic forms have been modified to blend with the rural surroundings. Some 73 Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in the adjacent cemetery. Located near the corner of 8th Street Drive and Susquehanna Trail, Delaware Township. www.freelandfarm.org 570-538-1756

MIDDLEBURG

13 Emmanuel's Church

Built in 1834, Emmanuel's Church is the oldest church in Middleburg. Since 1978 the building has been the site of the offices and museum of the Snyder County Historical Society. It is located at 30 East Market Street. www.snydercountyhistoricalsociety.org 570-837-6191

MIFFLINBURG

14 Gutelius House

This log house (c.1802) was the home of Frederick and Anna Gutelius and their fifteen children. Frederick was a blacksmith, surveyor, Union County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, and a founder of the Reformed Church. They host numerous historical events throughout the year. 432 Green Street, Mifflinburg. www.guteliusmuseum.org 570-966-4150



15 Elias Church/Elias Center for the Performing Arts

The Elias Church was built in 1806 and served both the German Reformed and Lutheran congregation until 1857. Restoration of the church began in 2005 and it has been

restored to its original state: featuring a wine glass pulpit, arched Leigender Stuhl trusses, original plank flooring, curved ceiling and three sided gallery. Now open as a performing arts venue; come enjoy music, theatre, children's and educational programs. 212-214 South Fifth Street, Mifflinburg. www.mifflinburgpa.com 570-966-0888

16 Mifflinburg Buggy Museum

The Buggy Museum offers guided tours of the William A. Heiss Coachworks, the only museum in the United States housed in an original carriage factory with original tools and supplies. Tours of the family home and buggy showroom are included. The Museum's Visitor Center is located across the street from the historic buildings at 598 Green Street, Mifflinburg. For hours and information call 570-966-1355 or visit www.bugymuseum.org.

MILTON

17 The Cameron House

Built in 1842 and later purchased by Colonel James Cameron and his wife Rebecca, the house is now home to the Milton Historical Society. It is located on Route 405 south of Milton. 570-742-7057

MONTANDON

18 Sodom Schoolhouse

This eight-sided, one-story schoolhouse stands about a mile east of the village of Montandon along Route 45. Construction of the school was interrupted by the War of 1812. Patterned after a church in Scotland, it was completed in 1817. First named the Chillisquaque Schoolhouse, it remained in use until 1915. In 1974 it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

MT. CARMEL

19 Town of Many Churches

The churches of Mount Carmel create an impressive skyline, especially when approached from Route 61 on the west. Lining a street the locals call "The Avenue," the structures represent the borough's ethnic diversity. They were erected by congregations of Russian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Italian, Polish, and Slovak immigrants who mined the region's anthracite coal. www.mountcarmelborough.org 570-339-4486



NEW BERLIN

20 Original Union County Courthouse

Union County was carved from Northumberland County in 1813, with New Berlin being the county seat. Built in 1814, the red-brick federal style building at Market and Vine Streets was the original Union County Courthouse from 1815 to 1855, the year the county seat was moved to Lewisburg. The structure now houses the post office and the New Berlin Heritage Museum. www.newberlinpa.us 570-966-2139

21 Original Union County Jail

In 1817, Union County built a jail, which is still standing, in New Berlin. The two-story limestone structure on 427-429 Market Street was designed to house prisoners in the cellar, with the sheriff living in the rest of the house. Bars still cover the basement windows.

NORTHUMBERLAND

22 Joseph Priestley House

A world-renowned English educator, scientist, and theologian, Joseph Priestley immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1794 and settled in Northumberland. The house he built reflects the lifestyle of the famous scientist who discovered oxygen. Today the Friends of Joseph Priestley House Museum operate the site which is a National Historic Landmark and National Historic Chemical Landmark.

The site features Priestley's manor house with its laboratory. In the nearby Pond Building, visitors can find the Joseph Priestley Timeline, a series of panels that present his major accomplishments. 472 Priestley Ave, Northumberland. www.josephpriestleyhouse.org 570-473-9474



23 Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library

Built around 1825, the three-story red brick structure at Front and King Streets in Northumberland started out as a tavern and stage-coach stop known as "The Cross Keys Inn." In 1864 a great-grandson of the Reverend Dr. Joseph Priestley, Joseph Priestley M.D., purchased the property for use as a doctor's office and residence. His family later donated the building to the town for use as a community library which opened in 1926. www.priestleyforsyth.org 570-473-8201

24 Joseph Priestley Memorial Chapel

The Joseph Priestley Memorial Chapel is the oldest church building in the Borough of Northumberland. The chapel was built in 1834 by members of the Unitarian Congregation which included many descendants of Joseph Priestley. The Chapel is located at 380 Front Street in Northumberland. www.priestleychapel.org 570-473-1688

SELINGSGROVE

25 Herman Schoolhouse

The Herman Schoolhouse is the oldest, original remaining one-room school in Snyder County, built in 1841 and opened for school purposes in 1842. Its present owner is the Herman School Foundation, which offers occasional tours. Children ages 6-22 attended school here from December until February. It was the first public school in Snyder County, and it is the only original public school in the area still standing today. The Herman School was restored in 1964. Volunteers staff the school, and open it to visitors on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

26 Isle of Que

Folklore has it that Shikellamy, the Iroquois half-king, once gave the Isle of Que section of Selingsgrove to his friend Conrad Weiser. Whatever the truth of this tale is, the land between Penns Creek and the Susquehanna River is well-known as a source of Indian artifacts. Turn right at Market Street, and proceed to the 2nd stop light at Pine Street. Turn south on Pine Street, cross the iron bridge, and go two blocks to Front Street. Turn right on to Front Street. This is a dead end road, but you can park or turn around at the boat launch one mile south.

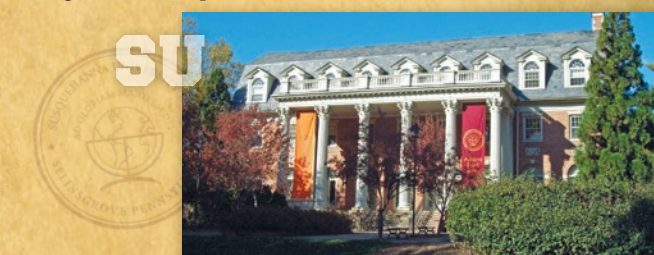


27 Governor Snyder Mansion

Born in 1759, Simon Snyder was governor of Pennsylvania when he built the house at 121 North Market Street, Selingsgrove in 1816. Snyder was the first Pennsylvania governor not born to the aristocracy. During his term of office (1808-1817), the state capital moved from Lancaster to Harrisburg. Snyder died in his Selingsgrove home in 1818. The building currently houses a brew pub. www.selingsgrovebrewing.com 570-374-7308

28 Susquehanna University

Established in 1858, the Missionary Institute of Evangelical Lutheran Church offered coeducation as early as 1873 by admitting women to the Susquehanna Female College. The name of the 210-acre campus was changed to Susquehanna University in 1895. 514 University Avenue, Selingsgrove. www.susqu.edu 570-374-0101



SUNBURY



Now The Hotel Edison, the establishment is located at Market and Fourth Street. The experiment pioneered the use of a three-wire system strung from overhead utility poles to link a generating station with commercial properties and private homes. Two other buildings that Edison's men wired include the First Presbyterian Church, 238 Market Street, and the Reading Railroad Station (now an architect's office) off South Second Street. www.thehoteledison.com 570-286-5605

29 The Hotel Edison

In 1883, Thomas A. Edison stayed at the City Hotel in Sunbury while workmen finished an experiment proving that incandescent electric lights could provide a practical alternative to gas lights. On July 4, 1883, the inventor flipped a switch and the City Hotel became the first commercial building in the world to be illuminated by the Edison light.



30 Fort Augusta and Hunter House

Built in 1756, Fort Augusta served as a frontier defense for the upper Susquehanna River Valley from the days of the French and Indian Wars to the close of the American Revolution. The Hunter House, constructed in 1848 on the site of the stockade fort, houses a museum featuring artifacts recovered during various archaeological digs on the site, and an extensive historical and genealogical library. Operated by the Northumberland County Historical Society This site is also home to a full scale model of the fort, (pictured above) which is open to the public. 1150 North Front Street, Sunbury. www.northumberlandcountyhistoricalsociety.org 570-286-4083



31 Packer Island

Packer Island, now the Shikellamy State Park and Marina. During the 1740s and 1750s this island was inhabited by the Delaware or Lenni Lenape, who had been displaced from their traditional lands on Manhattan Island, in New Jersey and in eastern Pennsylvania. The state park is located at Bridge Avenue in Sunbury. 570-988-5557

32 Northumberland County Courthouse

An example of Italianate architecture, the Northumberland County Courthouse at Second and Market Streets, Sunbury, was built in 1865. In 1878, two of Pennsylvania's Molly Maguire trials took place there. Two Irish miners were accused of murdering a night watchman at a colliery near Shamokin. Prosecution witnesses alleged they belonged to the Molly Maguires, a secret society of Irish terrorists. Both were convicted, and one man was hanged in 1879 in the nearby county jail, which was built in 1876. The other miner died in jail of an illness. www.northumberlandco.org 570-988-4100

33 Northumberland County Prison

Built in 1876 and surrounded by thick stone walls 23 feet high, the Northumberland County Prison was the site of the 1879 execution of Peter McManus, who was the last "Molly Maguire" to be hanged after he was tried at the Northumberland County Courthouse in 1878. The prison, still operational today, is located at 39 North Second Street in Sunbury.

WHITE DEER

34 White Deer Station Museum

Rebuilt following a fire in 1912, the White Deer Station served the Reading Railroad. The station was also the eastern terminus for the White Deer Valley Railroad, a narrow gauge line constructed in 1900 to haul logs from the mountains of Clinton and Union counties. The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society operates the station museum. Located at 148 Depot Road in White Deer, the museum is open from May to October on Sundays from 1 to 4 pm and at other times by appointment. 570-538-0922

