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LOCAL HISTORY.

PUBLIC OFFICERS:

CONGRESSIONAL, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, FISCAL, &c.

We subjoin lists of the persons who have been elected or appointed to offices in Adams county since its formation, in 1800, together with other matter not inappropriate in this connection. The lists are presumed to be as full and accurate as the means of information now to be had will permit. The labor required in the collection and arrangement of these materials was by no means inconsiderable, but under the presumption that we could in no other manner occupy a few columns of space to the greater satisfaction of our numerous readers, it was cheerfully undergone.

The several county officers, and others who kindly assisted in our researches, are entitled to many thanks, and ours are hereby tendered. After matters connected with "long-time" will, from time to time, be given, as we are able to collect them.

Congress.

- 1800—John Stewart.
- 1802—Do. do.
- 1804—James Kelly.
- 1806—Do. do.
- 1808—Do. do.
- 1810—William Crawford.
- 1812—Robert Whitehill, William Crawford.
- 1814—William McClay, William Crawford.
- 1816—William McClay, Andrew Boden.
- 1818—David Fullerton, Andrew Boden.
- 1820—James McSherry, James Duncan, Thomas G. McCullough.
- 1822—John Findlay.
- 1824—John Findlay, James Wilson.
- 1826—John Findlay, James Wilson.
- 1828—T. H. Crawford, William Ranscy.
- 1830—William Ramsey, T. H. Crawford.

- 1832—George Chambers.
- 1834—Do. do.
- 1836—Daniel Sheffer.
- 1838—James Cooper.
- 1840—Do. do.

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- 1836—William McCurdy, Christian Picking.
- 1837—Thaddeus Stevens, Chas. Kettlewell.
- 1838—Thaddeus Stevens, Charles Kettlewell.
- 1839—Daniel M. Snyser, Wm. Albright.
- 1840—Daniel M. Snyser, George L. Fauss.
- 1841—Thaddeus Stevens, George L. Fauss.
- 1842—John Marshall, Henry Myers.
- 1843—James Cooper.
- 1844—James Cooper.
- 1845—John Brough.
- 1846—James Cooper.
- 1847—William McSherry.
- 1848—James Cooper.
- 1849—William McSherry, (vac.)
- 1850—Daniel M. Snyser.
- 1851—William McSherry.
- 1852—David Mellinger.
- 1853—John C. Ellis.
- 1854—Moses McClean.
- 1855—Isaac Robinson.

Judges & Pros. Attorneys.

- Hon. John Joseph Henry presided on the Bench of this county from 1800 to 1805
- Hon. Jas. Hamilton from 1806 to 1819
- Hon. Charles Smith from 1819 to 1820
- Hon. John Reed from 1820 to 1835
- Hon. Daniel Durkee from 1835 to 1846
- Hon. Wm. N. Irvine from 1846 to 1849
- Hon. Daniel Durkee from 1849 to 1851
- Hon. Robert J. Fisher elected in 1851

Associate Judges.—We are unable to find the dates of many of the older judges, and hence give only the names of those who have been appointed since the year 1800.

County Commissioners.

William McClellan, Henry Hoke and William Hamilton were appointed by authority of the Act creating this county, Commissioners to erect public buildings.

- Walter Smith, Henry Hull and Michael Slagle were elected the first Commissioners of Taxes, in 1801
- Walter Smith " 1801
- Henry Hull " 1801
- Michael Slagle " 1801
- Moses McClean " 1804
- Jacob Grist " 1805
- John Banner " 1806
- John Arendt " 1807
- Joseph Sneeringer " 1808
- Samuel Witherow " 1809
- Peter Mark (1 y) " 1810
- Henry Brinkerhoff " 1811
- Peter Mark " 1812
- Robert Hayes " 1813
- John Stewart, jr. " 1813
- Alex. Russell (2 y) " 1813
- Henry Snyser " 1814
- David Steigler (2 y) " 1814
- Amos McGinley " 1815
- Michael Newman " 1816
- James Horner " 1817
- William Patterson " 1818
- Joseph Sneeringer " 1819
- Archibald Boyd " 1820
- Alexander Mack " 1821
- Hatman Wierman " 1822
- John Shorb " 1823
- James G. Paxton " 1824
- John F. McFarlane " 1825
- Samuel B. Wright " 1827
- Jacob Fickes " 1828
- James McHenry, jr. " 1829
- Thomas Eberhart " 1830
- Jacob Cochrane " 1831
- John L. Cabernator " 1832
- Robert McHenry " 1833
- John Brough " 1834
- John Musselman " 1835
- George Will " 1836
- John Wolford " 1837
- William Rex " 1837
- James Renshaw (1 y) " 1838
- Daniel Diehl " 1839
- Joseph J. Kuhn " 1839
- William Douglass " 1840
- George Baselhor " 1841
- James Patterson " 1842
- Peter Diehl " 1843
- James Cunningham " 1844
- Joseph Fink " 1845
- Andrew Heintzelman " 1846
- John King " 1847
- John G. Morningstar " 1848
- John Musselman, jr. " 1849
- Jacob Grist " 1850
- Abraham Heever " 1851
- John Mickle " 1852
- James J. Willis " 1853
- George Myers " 1854
- Henry A. Picking " 1855

Sheriffs.

- George Lashells—elected in 1800
- James Gettys " 1803
- Jacob Winrott " 1806
- James Horner " 1809
- John Murphy " 1812
- James Galloway " 1815
- John Arendt " 1818
- Bernard Gilbert " 1821
- Thomas C. Miller " 1824
- Philip Heagy " 1827
- William Cobean " 1830
- James Bell " 1833
- Wm. Taughinbaugh " 1836
- George W. McClellan " 1839
- Francis Bream " 1842
- Benjamin Shriver " 1845
- William Fickes " 1848
- John Scott " 1851
- Henry Thomas " 1854

Coroners.

- No record of a commissioner in 1800 can be found, either here or at Harrisburg.
- John Arendt was elected in 1803
- Henry Hoke " 1806
- Thomas Cochran " 1809
- Samuel Galloway " 1812
- John F. McFarlane " 1815
- John Galloway " 1818
- James A. Thompson " 1821
- David Horner, jr. " 1824
- John Houck " 1827
- S. S. Forney " 1830
- George L. Fauss " 1833
- John Ash " 1836
- A. B. Kurtz " 1839
- David Horner " 1842
- Joseph N. Smith " 1845
- Charles Horner " 1848
- H. W. Kaufman " 1851
- J. W. Hendrix " 1854

Prothonotaries.

- James Duncan, by appointment, from 1800 to 1821
- Wm. McClellan—appointed in 1821
- George Welsh " 1824
- George Ziegler " 1827
- Bernard Gilbert " 1830
- Joel B. Danner " 1833
- Amos McGinley elected in 1839
- Joel B. Danner " 1842
- Anthony B. Kurtz " 1845
- John Picking " 1848
- W. W. Paxton " 1851
- John Picking " 1854

Registers.

- James Duncan, by appointment, from 1800 to 1821
- Jacob Winrott—appointed in 1821
- Wm. McClellan " 1824
- George Ziegler " 1827
- John B. Clark " 1830
- Thos. C. Miller " 1833
- James A. Thompson " 1836
- Jacob Lefever " 1839
- William King—elected in 1842
- Robert Cobean " 1845
- W. W. Hamstely " 1848
- Daniel Plank " 1851
- Wm. F. Walter " 1854

Clerks of the Courts.

- James Duncan, by appointment, from 1800 to 1821
- Wm. McClellan—appointed in 1821
- George Welsh " 1824
- John Picking " 1832

- Thomas Dickey " 1835
- Joel B. Danner " 1839
- Samuel R. Russell—elected in 1839
- D. C. Brinkerhoff " 1842
- W. S. Hamilton " 1845
- Hugh Denwidde " 1848
- Eden Norris " 1851
- J. J. Baldwin " 1854

County Treasurers.

- James Scott was appointed County Treasurer by the Commissioners in 1801.
- Samuel Agnew " 1804
- Matthew Longwell " 1807
- Walter Smith " 1809
- John McClellan " 1812
- William McClean " 1815
- Walter Smith " 1818
- Robert Smith " 1821
- John B. McPherson " 1825
- William S. Cobean " 1828
- Robert Smith " 1831
- William Laub " 1834
- Jesse Gilbert " 1835
- Bernard Gilbert " 1836
- Jesse Gilbert " 1837
- John H. McClellan " 1838
- Jas. A. Thompson, elected in " 1840
- John H. McClellan " 1843
- David McCreary " 1845
- Robert G. Harper " 1847
- John Fehnestock " 1849
- Thomas Warren " 1851
- George Arnold " 1853
- J. L. Schick " 1855

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- Michael Newman " 1816
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- William Patterson " 1818
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- James Cunningham " 1844
- Joseph Fink " 1845
- Andrew Heintzelman " 1846
- John King " 1847
- John G. Morningstar " 1848
- John Musselman, jr. " 1849
- Jacob Grist " 1850
- Abraham Heever " 1851
- John Mickle " 1852
- James J. Willis " 1853
- George Myers " 1854
- Henry A. Picking " 1855

Directors of the Poor.

In 1817, Charles F. Keener, James Robinson, Frederick Baugher, Thomas C. Miller and Henry Brinkerhoff were elected Commissioners on the Poor-house Site. In the same year, William McPherson, William McClellan and John Murphy, sr. were elected the first Directors of the Poor.

- William McPherson " 1818
- Frederic Boyer " 1819
- William McClellan " 1820
- Daniel Fink " 1821
- Robert McVardie " 1822
- David Horner, sr. (1 y) " 1823
- David Horner, sr. " 1823
- George Horner (1 y) " 1824
- John Duffield " 1824
- Hugh Jackson " 1825
- Daniel Mickle, sr. " 1826
- William McCurdy " 1827
- Peter Diehl " 1828
- James McKnight " 1829
- Garret Brinkerhoff " 1830
- James A. Thompson " 1831
- William Rex " 1832
- James Cunningham " 1833
- Jacob Will " 1834
- Quintin Armstrong " 1835
- Baltzer Snyder " 1836
- George Irwin " 1837
- John Sientz (1 y) " 1838
- Peter Frostle " 1839
- Jacob Steiner " 1840
- Henry Lot " 1841
- William Morrison " 1842
- Garret Brinkerhoff " 1843
- William White " 1844
- David Hollinger " 1845
- John Hostetter, jr. " 1846
- John Houck " 1847
- Thomas McCleary " 1848
- Henry Brinkerhoff " 1849
- Jesse D. Newman " 1850
- Nich. W. Bushey " 1851
- James Aghan " 1852

- Peter Smith " 1852
- Joseph Bailey (1 y) " 1853
- Joseph Bailey " 1853
- John Horner " 1854
- Garret Brinkerhoff " 1855

County Auditors.

- Thomas Pearson, John Stewart, jr. and Alex. Cobean, elected in 1809
- John Dickson, Amos McGinley and Andrew Will, " 1810
- John Dickson, Amos McGinley and John Stewart, " 1811
- John Dickson, Alexander Cobean and Alexander Will, " 1812
- John Shorb, " 1813
- John Dickson, Andrew Will and Wm. Thompson, " 1814
- John King " 1815
- Allen Robinson " 1816
- Isaac Wierman " 1817
- Peter Mark " 1818
- James Cunningham " 1819
- John Duffield " 1820
- Samuel Fehnestock " 1821
- George Will " 1822
- John Kerr " 1823
- C. F. Keener (2 y) " 1824
- Moses Fink " 1825
- David Will " 1826
- Robert McHenry " 1827
- Robert Smith " 1828
- William Patterson " 1829
- John Lilly " 1830
- Charles Kettlewell " 1831
- John McKesson " 1832
- Joseph Baugher " 1833
- Joseph Fink " 1834
- Samuel Diehl " 1835
- Allen Robinson " 1836
- Frederick Diehl " 1837
- John L. Noel " 1838
- John G. Morningstar " 1839
- Samuel Durbarow " 1840
- James Russell " 1841
- Daniel Comfort " 1842
- Martin Newman " 1843
- Wm. R. Sadler " 1844
- Jacob Dylone " 1845
- Elr R. A. Moore (1 y) " 1846
- Adam J. Walter " 1847
- John C. Ellis " 1848
- Samuel McGinley " 1849
- Samuel Durbarow " 1850
- John Elder " 1851
- F. G. Hoffman " 1852
- Andrew Marshall, jr. " 1853
- John Dickson, jr. " 1854
- Edmund F. Shorb " 1855
- Abel T. Wright " 1856
- John Huppman " 1857

United States Government.

(March 4, 1853, to March 4, 1857.)

- FRANKLIN PIERCE, of New Hampshire. Secretary of State, \$25,000.
- WILLIAM MARCY, of New York. Secretary of the Treasury.
- JAMES GIBBINS, of Kentucky. Secretary of the Interior.
- ROBERT M. CALDWELL, of Michigan. Secretary of the Navy.
- WILLIAM C. DOBBIN, of North Carolina. Secretary of War.
- JEFFERSON DAVIS, of Mississippi. Postmaster General.
- JAMES CAMPBELL, of Pennsylvania. Attorney General.
- CALVIN CUSHING, of Massachusetts. Salary of each, \$8,000.

THE PRESIDENTS.

FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.—Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the 4th of July, 1826. John Adams died in his 91st year, and was eight years older than Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson was eight years older than James Madison; James Madison was eight years older than James Monroe; and James Monroe was eight years older than J. Q. Adams. The first five of our Presidents—all revolutionary men—ended their terms of service in the 66th year of their age. Washington, born February 22d, 1732; inaugurated 1789; term of service expired in the 66th year of his age. John Adams, born October 19th, 1735; inaugurated 1797; term of service expired in the 66th year of his age. Thomas Jefferson, born April 2d, 1743; inaugurated 1801; term of service expired in the 66th year of his age. James Madison, born March 4th, 1751; inaugurated 1809; term of service expired in the 66th year of his age. James Monroe, born April 28th, 1758; inaugurated 1817; term of service expired in the 66th year of his age.

GREAT WEIGHT OF ICE ON TREES.—A gentleman of Hartford, Conn., weighed a branch of a tree that had been broken by the weight of ice upon it, and found that it weighed eleven pounds. The ice was then melted off, and the branch weighed only half a pound! This great proportion of ice accounts for the destruction of trees and branches.

AN ACT

For erecting part of the county of York, into a separate county.

SEC. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all that part of the county of York included within the following lines, viz: Beginning in the line of Cumberland county where the road from Carlisle to Baltimore leads through Trent's gap; thence along the said road to Binder's; thence a straight line to Conewago creek opposite to the mouth of Abbeys run; thence along the line of Berwick and Paradise townships, until it strikes the line of Manheim township; thence along the line of Manheim and Berwick westwardly, until it strikes the road leading from Oxford to Hanover-town; and from thence a due south course until it strikes the Maryland line; thence along the Maryland line to the line of Franklin county; thence along the line of Franklin and Cumberland counties to the place of beginning, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, to be henceforth called and known by the name of Adams County.

SEC. II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county of Adams shall at all times hereafter, enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges whatsoever within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties of this state do, may or ought to enjoy within their respective counties by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SEC. III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Judges of the Supreme Court and the president of the second district, of which district the said county of Adams is hereby declared to be part, as well as the associate judges in and for the county of Adams, shall have the powers, jurisdiction and authority exercised by the said judges in other counties of this Commonwealth; and that the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the Common Pleas, in and for the county of Adams, shall be opened and holden on the second Mondays in the months of March, June, September and December, at the town of Gettysburg, in the said county.

SEC. IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no action or suit now commenced, or that may be commenced in the county Courts of York before the second Monday of June next, against any person living or residing within the bounds of the county of Adams, shall be stayed, discontinued or affected by this act or any thing herein contained; but that the same may be prosecuted in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

SEC. V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff, Coroner and public officers of the county of York, shall continue to exercise the duties of their respective offices until the appointment of Adams, until similar officers shall be appointed agreeably to law, within the said county of Adams.

SEC. VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Sheriff, Treasurer and all such officers as have heretofore usually given bail for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who may hereafter be elected or appointed in the county of Adams before they or either of them shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall give sufficient security in the like sums, in the like manner and form, and for the like uses, trusts and purposes, as such officers are obliged by law to do in the county of York.

SEC. VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the said county of Adams, who shall be elected at the next annual election, to take assurance to them and their successors in office, of a lot or lots of ground, for the purpose of erecting thereon a court-house, gaol, and offices for the safe keeping of the records: Provided, That the said lot or lots of ground shall be within the town of Gettysburg, in the said county; for defraying the expenses thereof, the said Commissioners shall assess and levy in the rates and levies, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

SEC. VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all arrearages of taxes now due, and which have been assessed within the county of York prior to the passing of this act, shall be collected by the proper officers, and paid into the treasury of the said county of York, in the same manner as if this act had not passed: And the said county of Adams shall form a part of the district composed of the county of York, for electing members of Congress and Senators of this Commonwealth.

SEC. IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That until the next enumeration be taken, and the representation shall be fixed by law, the county of York as divided from the county of Adams herein and hereby created, shall choose only four representatives to serve in the General Assembly; and that the county of Adams hereby created, shall at the first general election to be holden for the said county on the second Tuesday of October next, choose two representatives to serve in General Assembly, two fit persons for sheriffs, two fit persons for coroners; and three commissioners, in the same manner, and under the same rules, regulations and penalties, as by the constitution and laws of this state is directed in respect to other counties; and the said representatives and other officers when chosen as aforesaid, and duly qualified, shall have and enjoy all and singular such powers, authorities and privileges in and for their county, as such officers elected in and for any other county in this state may, can or ought to have.

Be opened and held on the second Monday of June next, and from and after the first Monday in June next, the courts of Dauphin county, which by law are to be opened and holden on the second Mondays of March, June, September and December, shall be opened and held on the third Mondays of the said months.

By a supplement passed 15th March, 1800, persons are appointed to purchase lots for the use of the county in Gettysburg, and erect the public buildings thereon, &c.

Five election districts established in Adams county, by act of 24th January, 1801.

Straban township annexed to the first district, by act of 4th April, 1809.

Hamilton township erected into a separate district, by act of 1st April, 1811.

The powers of the trustees of Adams county transferred to the county commissioners. The trustees to render an account, and pay the same to the commissioners.

By act of 24th February, 1806, the counties of Adams, Franklin and Cumberland composed the ninth judicial district. The courts of Adams county are held on the third Mondays of January, April, August and November; the term continues two weeks.

Adams county is annexed to the southern district of the Supreme Court.

The Courts have since undergone various changes.

DISTANCES FROM PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia	0
Paoli	20
Parkburg	43
Lancaster	68
Dillsville	69
Mount Joy	80
Elizabethtown	86
Middleton	95
Harrisburg	104
Duncannon	112
Millersburg	137
Lewisville	155
McVeytown	177
Newtown	187
Lifftingdon	201
Spring Creek	218
Altoona	235
Hollidays	