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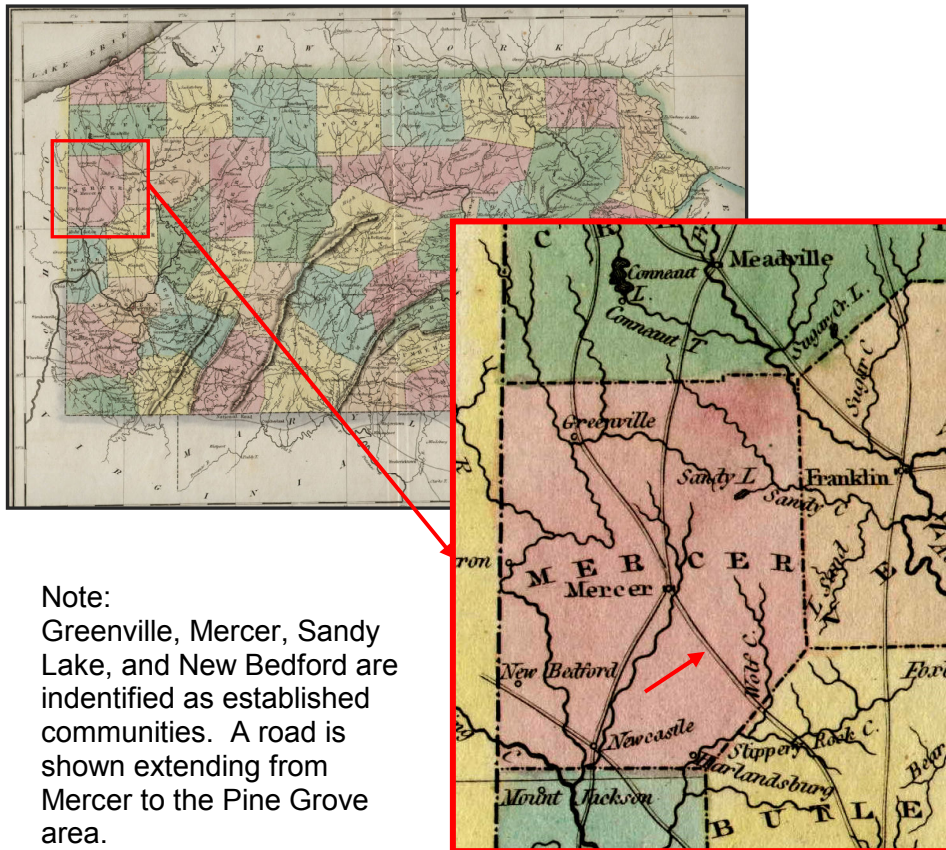
Context:

On March 15, 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1824, The Supreme Court ruled that Congress had the authority to regulate interstate commerce.

1822

No development in the Pine Grove area is identified on this 1822 map of Pennsylvania.



The Old Stone House was built as a stopping point for travelers.

Note:

John K. Brown owned and operated a small log tavern on the old Venango Path Indian trail. When the road was developed into the Pittsburgh-Franklin Pike, it became a major stagecoach route. Brown built the stone house as a tavern and stagecoach stop.

The Marquis de Lafayette, a Revolutionary War hero, stayed at the inn in 1825.

By the 1890s, stagecoach travel had been largely replaced by the coming of the railroads. The house became a farmhouse. The residents still accepted travelers if they stopped.

The last occupants abandoned the structure in 1918.

The deserted building began to deteriorate. This picture (right) was taken in the 1950s. The photograph below shows only a shell remained in the 1960s.



In 1963, the house was restored by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.



Slippery Rock University began overseeing the facility in 1983 and obtained full ownership of it in 2000.

1826

Arthur Johnson opened the "New Lodge Inn" now known as Johnston's Tavern.

Note:

At this time, Leesburgh was called New Lodge. Because of its proximity to New Lodge, the tavern was named New Lodge.

In 1831, a stone Greek Revival style building was erected 6 miles south of Mercer on US Rt 19 between Mercer and New Lodge, now Leesburgh.



In December 1836, the New Lodge Post Office was established and located in the tavern. The tavern keeper was the postmaster.



In 1845, the name of the community was changed from New Lodge to Leesburgh

This 1873 map shows Leesburgh. The property of W. Johnston (Lot 533) is indicated on this map.

The tavern is thought to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Johnston's Tavern was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. (This is not the Johnston's Public House referred to by Benjamin Stokely in 1795.)

