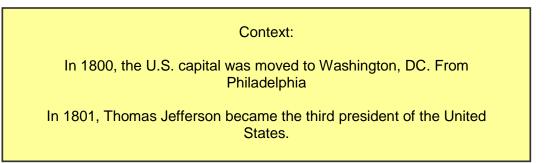
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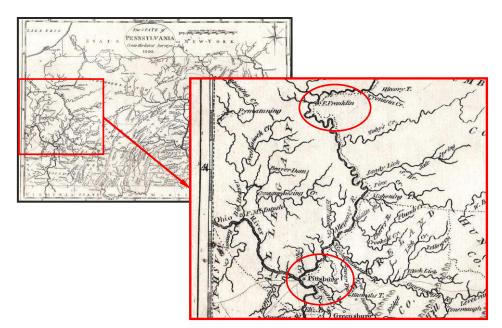


The original Mercer County Census of 1800 showed a population of 3,238.

This map shows the State of Pennsylvania as surveyed in 1800.

Note:

There are no settlements indicated between Fort Franklin and Pittsburgh.



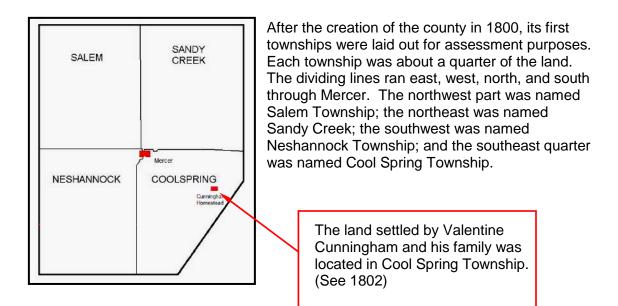
In c1800, Valentine Cunningham built a sawmill as an annex to his gristmill.

Note:

As the area became more densely settled, these two mills became the center for business transactions and the commercial center in the area.

Mercer County was formed in 1800 from Allegheny County.

Note:



By 1800, at least 175 early settlers and their families resided in Wolf Creek. (See 1802)

About the year 1800, William George settled in the area near Plaingrove.

Note:

His brother, James George, had already emigrated from the North Liberty area of Pittsburgh. William lived with his James when he first arrived.

John Shaw settled in the Slippery Rock area.

Note:

James Shaw came from Washington County in the fall of 1800. He purchased property developed by Hugh Woods who had cleared the land and planted wheat.

Shaw then went back to Washington County and returned with his family in the spring of 1801.

The original census of Mercer County was undertaken in 1800.

Note:

No township designations were made on this census.

Included on the census are:

Samuel Allin

as head of household with one male under ten, one male 26 to 45, and one female 16 to 25 years of age.

Valentine Cunningham

as head of house hold with two males under 10 years of age, one male between 26 and 45 years of age, one female under 10 years, and one female between 26 and 45.

Alexander Deniston

as head of household with one male under ten years of age.

Andrew Deniston

as head of household with one male between 26 and 45,one female under 10, and one female between 16 and 26 years of age.

George Deniston

as head of household with one male between 16 and 26 years of age.

James Deniston

as head of household with one male between 26 and 45 years of age, one female under 10, one female between 10 and 16, and one female between 16 and 26 years.

Johnston Deniston

as head of household with one male between 16 and 26 years of age.

William Elliott

as head of household with two males under 10, one male between 26 and 45, and one female between 16 and 26 years of age.

James George

as head of household with one male between 26 and 45 years of age.

James Glenn

as head of household with two males under 10 years of age, one male between 26 and 45 years of age, one female under 10 years, and one female between 26 and 45.

William Glenn

as head of household one male between 26 and 45 years of age, and one female between 26 and 45.

James McCamanon

as head of household with one male under ten, two males between 10 and 16, one male between 16 and 26, one male over 45, one female under ten, one female between 10 and 16, one female between 16 and 26, and one female between 26 and 45 years of age.

Thomas McCoy

as head of household with two males under ten years of age, two males 10 to 16, one male 16 to 26, one male over 45, and two females under 10, and female one over 45..

Thomas McCoy (Jr?)

as head of household with one male under ten years of age, one male 26 to 45, two females under10, and one female 26 to 45.

William McCoy

as head of household with two males 10 to 16 years of age, two males 16 to 26, one male 26 to 45, one female under t10, and one female between 16 and 26

Adam McCraken

as head of household with two males under ten, two males between 10 an 16, one male between 26 and 45, one female between 16 and 26 and one female over 45 years of age

Hugh McKee

as head of household with one male between 16 and 25.

James Miller

as head of household with one male under ten, one male between 26 and 45, two female s under ten, and one female between 26 and 45 years of age.

William Montgomery

as head of household with three males between 10 and sixteen years of age, one male over 45 years of age, three females under 10 years, two females between 26 and 45, and one female over 45 years old.

John Penny (Perry)

as head of household with one male under ten, one male between 26 and 45, two females under ten, and one female between 16 and 26 years of age.

James Ramsey

as head of household with one male between 16 and 26 years of age.

George Rogers

as head of household with one male under ten, one male between 10 an 16, one male over 45, one female under ten and one female over 45 years of age.

Andrew Rose

as head of household with 2 males under ten, 4 males between 16 and 26, one male over 45, one female between 10 and 16, and one female between 26 and 45.

John Shaw

as head of household with two males under 10, two males between 16 and 26, one females under 10, and one female between 16 and 26 years of age.

John Sutherland

as head of house hold with one male between 26 and 45 years of age.

Thomas Tailor

as head of household with two males between 10 and 16, one male over 45 years of age, ,one female between 10 and 16, two females between 16 and 26, and one female over 45 years of age.

Samuel Waldern

as head of household with two males under two, one male between 10 and 16, one male between 16 and 26, one male over 45 years of age, one female under ten, and one female between 26 and 45 years of age.

Hugh Woods

as head of household with on male 16 to 45 years old.

John Wright

as head of household with two males under ten years of age, one male between 16 and 26 years of age, one male over 45 years of age, three females under 10 years, two female between 10 and 16 years of age, one female between 26 and 45, and one female over 45 years old residing in the household. J. G. White, the author of a history of Mercer County, records that John White, his grandfather, settled in Mercer County in 1800. It is likely John Wright is John White.

1802

Sandy Creek, Pymatuning, Coolspring, Neshannock, and Wolf Creek were established.

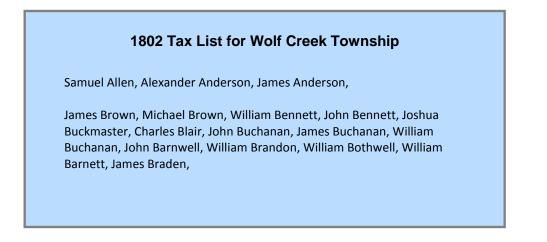
Note:

At this time, the Cunninghams became residents of Wolf Creek Township.

Over the years Wolf Creek would be reduced in size as well as subdivided several times.

SALEM	
PYMATUNING	COOLSPRING
NESHANNOCK	Mercer Cunningham Homestead WOLF CREER

By the 1802 Tax List for Wolf Creek Township was prepared, there were one hundred seventy-four persons eligible to be taxed living in Wolf Creek.



James Caldwell, Samuel Christy, Brazilla Carter, Garret Covert, Joseph Campbell, Samuel Campbell* Benjamin Cochran, James Collins, William Craig, James Craig, Valentine Cunningham,

Isaac Daniels, Jonathan Daniels, Cornelius Donovan, George Denniston, James Denniston William Denniston, Johnston Denniston, Andrew Denniston, George Diven, William Daugherty,

Jacob Emery, John Emery, Alexander Ewing, William Ewing, William Evans, Joseph Elder, William Elliott,

Hugh Foster, James Foster, John Findley,

John Gilmer, John Gilmer, Jr., Robert Gilmer, John Gilkey, Charles Gilkey, James Gealy, John Gealy, James Gilfillan, William George, James George, James Gormly, John Galbraith, Henry Geuss, William Glenn, James Glenn, Robert Glenn, Samuel Glenn,

Jonathan Harlan, Hugh Hamilton, George Huttenbaugh, John Hagerty, Henry Hagom, Philip Hoon, John Hoover, Abraham Hoover, Michael Hoover,

Robert Jamison, Marmaduke Jamison, Joseph Jeffers, Barnabas Johnston,

Peter Kenner,

William Lock, Adam Loffer, Thomas Loffer, Alexander Love, Thomas Love,

John McCann, Arthur McCann, James McCann, James Manuel, John Mackey, William Matthews, Daniel McConnell, Charles Martin, James Maxwell, Daniel McMillen, John McMillen, Hugh McKee, James McKee, Sr., James McKee, Jr., John McKee, James McCannop, Adam McCracken, John McElwain, Adam Murphy, James Moore, John McGee, Robert McDowell, David McDowell, William Montgomery, Daniel McClure, James Miller, John Miller, Robert Miller, Gideon Miller, David McKinley, Thomas McCoy, Thomas McCoy, Jr., Joseph McCoy,

William Nelson, William Nicholson, Smith Neal,

Jonathan Phipps, Isaac Pound, Frederick Pisor, Benjamin Pearson, John Perry, John Powell, Joseph Powell,

Ambrose Quillan,

John Robinson, Nathaniel Rogers, William Rogers, George Rogers, George Rogers, Jr., Andrew Rose, William Reese, Henry Rudisch, William Ralston, John Ralston, James Ramsey, Daniel Rice, James Rice, Richard Stephenson, Abraham Snyder, James Smith, John Smith, James Sharp, John Sharp, Gustavus Shaw, John Shaw, Daniel Sutton, John Sutton, Solomon Sutton, Stephen Sutton, Christian Stantuff, Thomas Sweezy, William Seeds, Daniel Stewart, James Stewart, George Seigler, Thomas Smith, William Smith, Richard Spencer, John Sutherland,

James Taylor, James Tagart,

Adam Urey, Peter Urey,

Simon Vanosdal, 168

Robert Wallace, Alexander White, John White, James Whittaker, William Ward, John Wolford.

Thomas McCoy, Sr. established a farm near London.

Note.

McCoy, born in County Tyrone, Ireland, .cleared land, built a log cabin, and lived in it for a few years. He then purchased land farther west, cleared that property, established a homestead, and began farming.

Thomas, Sr., was married to Rebecca Dennison. They had ten children: John, Robert, William, Aleck, Thomas, Maria, Sarah, Jane, Nancy, and Anna.

The McCoys were also involved in establishing mills. They started both a grist and saw mill on their land. These mills became the center of development and the area and the area became known as McCoy town.

Thomas McCoy, Jr., assumed the homestead upon the death of his father. He continued to operate the family business until his retirement, when he moved to London.

William McCoy, son of Thomas, Jr., was raised on the farm. At the age of twenty-one William began a business buying butter and eggs in the outlying country, and selling them in Pittsburgh.

In 1871, he enlisted in Company F, Fifteenth Pennsylvania National Guards; in 1898, the regiment was called to service in the Spanish-American War. William received a captain's commission and was in command of the company.

After the war, Captain McCoy returned to the homestead and resumed his business. He expanded his business to include ninety acres of land and buildings

The population of Wolf Creek continued to grow slowly.

Note:

The first census of Mercer County was undertaken in 1800 shortly after the county was established.

In c1802, the county was subdivided into six townships, one of which was Wolf Creek. Originally, Mercer County was much larger than it is now and included land that is now in Slippery Rock Township as well as Lawrence County. Wolf Creek included all the land in the quadrant southeast of Mercer.

In 1802 after the county was divided into townships, a List of Taxables was prepared for Wolf Creek.

To identify early settlers, the Wolf Creek Tax List of 1802 was used as a reference point. Settlers listed on this list were compared to those listed on the County Census of 1800. Those who were listed on both would likely be early settlers in the larger Wolf Creek area who had settled by 1800. The Census of 1810 is divided into Wolf Creek, Slippery Rock, and Springfield. (In c1805, Wolf Creek was reduced to a third of its original size.) Those settlers who are listed on both the 1802 Wolf Creek Tax list and the 1810 Wolf Creek census would be those who were early settlers in the smaller area of Wolf Creek around the Pine Grove (Grove City) area.

The results of this study are presented on the table below. The spelling of the names has been listed as found.

Those names that appear on the 1800 Mercer County Census, the 1802 Wolf Creek Tax List, and the 1810 Wolf Creek Census (and the Cunninghams) are highlighted in yellow. Thirty-nine names meet all these criteria. These 39 would have been residing in the Wolf Creek area from c1800 through 1810. Those on the 1802 Tax List and the 1810 list are early settlers are highlighted in blue. There are nine of these settlers who came to the area between 1800 and 1804.

Mercer County 1800 census	Wolf Creek Tax List 1802	Wolf Creek Twp 1810	Slippery Rock Twp 1810 Springfield Twp 1810
Allin, Samuel	Samuel Allen		Samuel Allin
Anderson, Alex'r	Anderson, Alex'r	Alexr Anderson	
Anderson, James	Anderson, James		
	John Barnwell	John Barnhill	
	William Barnett		
Bennit, John	John Bennett		
Bennit, William	William Bennett		
	Charles Blair		Charles Blair
	James Buchanan		
Bohanan, John	John Buchanan	John Buchanan	
Bohanan, Wm.	William Buchanan		
Bothel, William	William Bothwell		
Branen, William	William Brandon	Wm Brandon	Wm Brannon (?)
Brown, James	Brown, James		
Brown, Michael	Brown, Michael		

Buck, Josuah	Joshua Buckmaster		
Bohanan, John	John Buchanan		
Bohanan, Wm.	William Buchanan	Wm Buchanan	
Caldwell, James	Caldwell, James		
Camble, Joseph	Joseph Campbell		
Campble, Samuel	Samuel Campbell		Saml.Campbell
Carter, Brisillah	Brazilla Carter		
Coleman, Samuel	Listed by White in Mercer County History as Died in 1805.		
	Benjamin Cochran		
	James Collins		James Collins
Covart, Gariett	Garret Covert		
	James Craig	James Craig	
Craig, William	William Craig	Craig, Wm	
Cristy, Samuel	Samuel Christy		
Cunningham, Valentine	Wife - Margaret Cunningham		
	William Daugherty	Wm Daugherty	
Deniston, Alex'r			Alexr. Deniston
Deniston, Andrew	Andrew Denniston		Andrew Deniston
Deniston, George	George Denniston		Geo Deniston
Denist[?], James	James Denniston		James Deniston
Deniston, Johnston	Johnston Denniston		
	William Denniston		Wm. Deniston
	Cornelius Donovan		
Devor, George Davis, George	George Diven		
Donnall, Isaac	Isaac Daniels		
Donnell, Jonathan	Jonathan Daniels		
Elder, Joseph	Joseph Elder		Joseph Elder
Elliott, William	William Elliott		William Elliott
	Jacob Emery		
	John Emery		
Erving[?], Alexander	Alexander Ewing		
	William Ewing		
Eavens, William	William Evans		
	John Findley		John Findly
Foster, Hugh	Foster, Hugh	Hugh Foster	

Foster, James	Foster, James	James Foster	
Galbreath, John	John Galbraith	John Galbreath	
	William George		
George, James	James George	James George	
	Henry Geuss		
Gilmore, Robert	Robert Gilmer		
Gilmore, John	John Gilmer	John Gilmer	
	John Gilmer, Jr		
Glenn, James	James Glenn	Glenn, James, Jr	James Glenn
	Robert Glenn	Robert Glenn	
	Samuel Glenn		Saml. Glenn
Glenn, William	William Glenn	Wm Glenn	
Gailey, James	James Gealy		James Gealey
Gailey, John	John Gealy		
Giffillin, James	James Gilfillan		
Gilkey, Charlie	Charles Gilkey		
	John Gilkey		
Gormley, James	James Gormly		
Hagerty, John	John Hagerty		John Hagerty
Hamilton, Hugh	Hugh Hamilton		Hugh Hamilton
Harlin, Jonathon	Jonathan Harlan		
Hogelin, Henerey	Henry Hagom		
Hune, Philip	Philip Hoon	Philip Hoon	
Houver, Abraham	Abraham Hoover	Abm Uber (?)	
Hover, John	John Hoover		
Hover, Michal	Michael Hoover	Hover, Mich	
Huthibaugh, George	George Huttenbaugh		
	Robert Jamison		
	Marmaduke Jamison		Marmaduk Jamison
	Joseph Jeffers		
	Barnabas Johnston		
	Peter Kenner		Peter Keener
Lock, William	Lock, William		
Laffer, Adam	Adam Loffer		
	Thomas Loffer		
Love, Alexander	Love, Alexander		
Love, Thomas	Love, Thomas	Thomas Love	

	James Manuel		
Markey, John	John Mackey		
Martin, Charles	Martin, Charles		
Mathers, William	William Matthews		
Magee, John	John McGee,		
	James Maxwell		James Maxfield
McCamanon[?], James	James McCannop		
McCann, Arther	Arthur McCann		
	James McCann		
	John McCann		
	Joseph McCoy		
McCoy, Thomas	Thomas McCoy	Thomas MCoy	Thomas MCoy
McCoy, Thomas	Thomas McCoy Jr		
	Daniel McConnell		
McCraken, Adam	Adam McCracken		
McDowel, David	David McDowell	David MDowell	
	Robert McDowell	Robert MDowell	
Magee, John	John McKee	John MGhee	
McKee,James	James McKee	James MKee	
	James McKee, Jr		
McClure, David	Daniel McClure		
McKilley[?], David	David McKinley	David MKindley	
MucHlewain, John	John McElwain		
McMIlin, Daniel	Daniel McMillen	Daniel MMillen	
MucMillin, John	John McMillen	John MMillen	
M, Henry	Henry Miller	Henry Miller	
Miller, Gideon	Gideon Miller	Gideon Miller	
Miller, James	James Miller	James Miller	James Miller
Miller, John	John Miller		
	Robert Miller	Robert Miller	
John Montgomery			
Montgomery, William	Montgomery, William	Wm Montgomery	
Mor, James	James Moore	James Moore	
John Moreland,			
Murphey, Adam	Adam Murphy		Adam Murphy
Neal, Smith	Smith Neal		
Nickleson, Wiliam	William Nicholson		

Nilson, William	William Nelson		
Orcay, Adam	Adam Urey	Adam Ourey	
	Peter Urey	Peter Ourey	
Person, Benjamin	Benjamin Pearson		
John Penny	John Perry		
Phillips, Jonathon	Jonathan Phipps		
Por, Frederick	Frederick Pisor		
	Isaac Pound		
Powel, John	John Powell	John Powel	
	Joseph Powell		
Quillin, Ambers	Ambrose Quillan	Ambose Quillan	
Ralston, John	John Ralston,	Ralston, John	
Ralston, William	William Ralston		
Ramsey, James	James Ramsey		James Ramsey
Reeves, William	William Reese	Reese, William	
	Daniel Rice		
Rice, James	James Rice,		James Rice
Robertson, John	John Robinson		
Rogers, George	George Rogers		Geo. Rodgers
Rogers, George Jun'r	George Rogers, Jun'r		<mark>Geo Rodgers jr</mark>
Rogers, Nathaniel	Nathaniel Rogers		Nathl.Rodgers
William Rogers	William Rogers		Wm Rodgers
Rose, Andrew	Andrew Rose	Andw Rose	
Rudisilley, Henerey	Henry Rudisch		
Sharp, James	James Sharp		
	John Sharp		
Shaw, Agusta	Gustavus Shaw		
Shaw, John	John Shaw		
Seeds, William	William Seeds		Wm Seeds
	George Seigler	George Seegler	
Smith, James	James Smith		
Smith, John	John Smith		
Smith, Thomas	Thomas Smith		
Smith, William	William Smith	Wm. Smith	
	Abraham Snyder		
	Richard Spencer		
Standolph, Cristy	Christian Stantuf		

Stephenson, Sam'l[?]	Richard Stephenson	Richard Stevenson	
Steward, Daniel	Daniel Stewart		Daniel Stewart
Steward, James	James Stewart	James Stewart	
Sutherland, John	John Sutherland		
Sutton, Daniel	Daniel Sutton		
Sutton, John	John Sutton		
Sutton, Solomon	Solomon Sutton		
Sutton, Stephen	Stephen Sutton		
Swesey, Thomas	Thomas Sweezy		
	James Tagart		
	James Taylor		
Vinnzdel, Simeon	Simon Vanosdal		
Samuel Waldern		Saml. Waldron	
Wallis, Robert	Robert Wallace		Robert Wallace
Ward, William	William Ward	Wm Ward	
Whitiker[?], James	James Whittaker		
	John Wolford		
Wright, Alexand'r	Alexander White	Alexander White	
Wright, John	John White	John White	

See 1851 for discussion of Ubers and Courtneys

1803

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Context:

On March 1, 1803, Ohio became the 17th state.

In 1803, the United States purchase of all French territory west of the Mississippi from France. Known as the Louisiana Purchase, this purchase more than doubled the size of the United States.

1804

Context:

In 1804, Richard Trevithick built the first successful steam locomotive.

Lewis and Clark began an expedition to explore the western land newly acquired by the United States through the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1804, there were no sizable settlements in the area.

Note:

This map of Mercer County in 1804 indicates only Mercer as a community. The original boundaries of the county are marked on this map.

This map indicates that Wolf Creek was known by the name of Wolf Creek by 1804.



The development around the area of the Cunningham mills led to the construction of a road from Mercer to the Cunningham Mills.

Note:

A road from Mercer, the county seat, to Cunningham's Mill on Wolf Creek was ordered by the Mercer County court. This roadway eventually became PA Rt 58.

This roadway consisted of a cleared, unsurfaced, wide trail. Trees and brush were removed to permit passage. Crude as this road may have been it opened the way for improved communication via the mail route through Mercer. It also provided a direct route to the county seat in Mercer.

Mercer County appointed its first tax collectors.

William Nicholson was granted a license as a "tavern-keeper" in Wolf Creek.

Note:

At the beginning of the 1800s, there were several stills in Mercer County. Jacob Reed built a distillery in 1800 near the present Mill Creek Township. In Sandy Creek Township, Hugh Richardson built a distillery in 1801. Aaron Ross operated a distillery in what is now Deer Creek Township.

Distilled whisky was one of the first products of early settlers. Corn and rye were grain crops that could be distilled into whisky that could be easily transported to market as well as being sold to the tavern keepers.

The tavern (inn, ordinary, or public house) was an important gathering place. They were gathering places for local settlers and resting places for travelers. Inns were often the center of activity in an area. Primary contact with the outside was frequently through these travelers.

During this time all transportation and portage was by horse or packhorse. Travelers and drivers had to find a tavern or a stranger's home to rest overnight and care for their horses. Travelers could have their horses tended to and stabled as well as enjoy food, whisky, entertainment, and conversation at the taverns.

The first Session of the Quarter Sessions Court was held on February 20, 1804 at John Hunter's house in Mercer. Among the business conducted was the granting of licenses to function as "tavern-keepers". Licenses were granted to:

David Watson of Mercer John Garvin of Cool Spring William McMillan of Cool Spring William Nicholson of Wolf Creek

Other early tavern-keepers licensed in subsequent sessions of the court are listed in the following chart.

	Tavern-keepers
	Early Tavern Licenses Issued
1804:	February 20 Session
	David Watson of Mercer
	William Nicholson, Wolf Creek Township
	John Garvin, Coolspring Township
	William McMillan, Coolspring Township
	May 21 Session
	James Denniston of Wolf Creek Township
	Levi Hunt of Wolf Creek Township
	John Small of Neshannock
	Jaqcob Myers of M3rcer
1805:	
1005.	Jacob Rose of Wolf Creek Township
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	Moses Cochran of Wolf Creek Township
	Levi Hunt of Wolf Creek Township
	James Denniston, Wolf Creek Township
	Joseph Hunter of Coolspring Township
	John Craig of Coolspring Township

1806:

Adam Black of Wolf Creek Township Levi Hunt of Slippery Rock Township Moses Cochran of Springfield Township James Denniston of Springfield Township

To help finance the revolution, the Continental Congress put a tax on whiskey production.

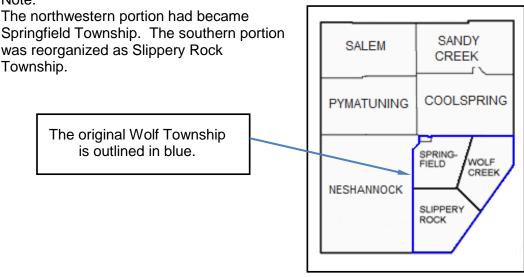
Note:

This tax had a strong effect on the settlers in Western Pennsylvania. The settlers refused to support the tax and refused to pay. The "Whiskey Rebellion" lasted from 1791 to 1794, when Washington was forced to send the Continental Army to quell the uprising and restore order.

1805

In c1805, Wolf Creek was reduced to a third of its original size.

Note:



1806

The original Cunningham Mill was razed (in 1806) and replaced by an improved mill in 1807.

Note:

This mill was built by Robert and Samuel Glenn (brothers-in-law of Valentine Cunningham).

There operation of mills was of primary importance to the development of the early settlements. These mills provided flour for food and lumber for shelters as well as a center for commerce.

Because of their importance, mills were among the earliest enterprises to be established. Dates of these mills are difficult to determine. However, it appears that early mills included:

	Early Mills
1798	William Byers Mill short lived small crude mill in Sheakleyville
1798	Jacob Loutzenhizer Pymatuning Creek in Pymatuning Twp
c1799	The original Valentine Cunningham Mill at Wolf Creek completed near PA Rt 58 (razed 1806)
c1799	 Mill north of Cunningham mill, built by Robert Glenn in the area known as "Slabtown". Notes: 1842 William Perry Mill on Wolf creek original establishment of "Shaw's Mills" near Robert Moore Mill. This mill was acquired by the Shaw family in 1852. 1881 Richard A. Lock purchased a mill in 1881. It was owned by the Lock family until c1906.
1799	Peter Wilson mill on Mill Creek in Jackson Twp
1803	David Courtney Mill in Liberty Twp.
1804	Hugh Means Mill in Wilmington Twp
1805	John and Joseph Junkin on the Neshannock 2 $^{1\!\!/_2}$ miles south of Mercer
1806	Unverified James Graham Mill at Wolf Creek at PA Rt 208
1807	The replacement of the Cunningham Mill by the Robert and Samuel Glenn Mill
1812.	Robert Moore Mill on Wolf Creek in Pine Twp at Wolf Creek and PA Rt 208

In 1806, the mail route between Erie and Pittsburg was changed to pass through Meadville and Mercer.

Weekly postal routes were established between Pittsburgh and Erie traveling through Mercer.

Note:

In 1804, a roadway had been opened between Mercer and the Cunningham Mills giving the early settlers near the mill access to mail delivery.

In 1806, weekly post routes were established; in 1818, the routes became semi-weekly; and in 1824, they ran three times each week. In 1827, daily postal routes were finally established.

A wooden bridge was constructed over Wolf Creek on Main Street. (See 1876)

1808

In 1808, a northern portion of Mercer County (the green area) was ceded to Crawford County.

