

A Sense of Place

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Individually and collectively we are stimulated by our shared environment: sound, smells, and by visual sign posts such as our ridge and valley systems, riparian corridors, and vast forested tracts; also to our proximity to the Susquehanna and smaller waterways such as Spruce Run, Buffalo and Penns creeks; vast areas devoted to farming between the towns of Mifflinburg, New Berlin, and Lewisburg along with abundant and well-cared-for architecture some of which has survived for over 225 years.

Here, I focus on the longevity of our businesses as an essential component in creating our “Sense of Place.” Some Union County businesses have been in operation from the period of the earliest immigrant settlement: the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The time spent conducting our affairs and buying products for home, work or pleasure — daily; sometimes seasonally — are together a major part of how we define “home.”

The oldest business in Union County is a water-powered gristmill located off Buffalo Creek near Dale’s Ridge, Buffalo Township. The gristmill has been owned and operated by a succession of families since 1784: the Bear/Chamberlin/VanValzah/Hoffa/Witmer/Grove and Faulk families. Today it is known as “Grove’s Mill” and its rich history is documented fully in Thomas P. Rich and David Del Testa’s book, *Water-powered Grist Mills in Union County, Pennsylvania* (Union County Historical Society, 2013) and in the film, *Something Different—A Working Gristmill*.

Among Union County’s longest-lived businesses are three hotels from the mid-19th Century that are still standing and operational: the Cameron

House/Lewisburg Hotel (since 1832), the Mifflinburg Hotel (since 1858), and Forest House (since 1866). Another early hostelry, The Shearer Inn (later called The American Hotel), occupied part of what is now the Packwood House Museum located at Market and North Water Street in Lewisburg.



Forest House, one of the oldest continuously operating businesses in Union County, is located west of Forest Hill. A cabinet photograph features its inn-keeping family from c. 1890-1910. UCHS Photo #2011.26.20

Other mid-19th-century establishments include Bucknell University (1846), the Union County/then West End Fair (1853), and The Mifflinburg Bank (1872) which now has several branch locations in New Berlin and Lewisburg. Two of what had once been ubiquitous country stores are still operating: the one in Forest Hill which has been run under a series of owner/operators since 1847 and in Millmont since 1885 and from 1912 known as Shirk's Store for its owners/operators.

In the early 1900s a wide variety of businesses or organizations were established in the county that remain in existence today. These include Purity Candy Company in Lewisburg established in 1907, Laurel Market in Laurelton (1908), and three businesses in or just outside West Milton: Central Oak Heights

(1909), Byerly Meats (1910), and The West Milton Bank (1920), now with several branches in Union and Northumberland counties, and the Mifflinburg Farmers' Exchange (1918).



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From the mid-1920s to early 1950s, new businesses/organizations were begun that are still operating under the same name, if not the same family ownership. They are Stein's Flowers/Gifts, The Campus Theatre, Champion Shoe, Lewisburg Builders' Supply, Stamm's Appliances, the Evangelical Hospital, and the Northeast Federal Penitentiary, all in the Lewisburg area. Also from that time was the founding of R. B. Winter State Park located about 8 miles west of Forest Hill. In the 1960s, The Union County Historical Society, Dor-Day's, Reptiland, and many Old Order Mennonite businesses were among those to take root and become essential parts of Union County life.

Late 19th century phenomena were our utilities such as the water, electric, and the fire companies, often governed by boards of the town's citizens. These organizations brought enormous lifestyle change to Union County families. Fire

companies formed in Lewisburg in 1872, in Mifflinburg in 1898, and in New Berlin in 1932.



Centennial plate issued in 1974. From the collection of the Union County Historical Society.

The fire companies went from leather bucket brigades to community-purchased fire vehicles that were, until recently, staffed solely by volunteers.¹ They now provide ambulance service as well. Also started in 1895 was the county's telephone service.

These service/utility businesses ushered in a distinctly new and modern era near the turn of the 20th century, much as had the canals and railroads decades earlier. Union County's two largest boroughs, Lewisburg and Mifflinburg, in the 1890s led the way as their populations were large enough to sustain these private/public entities. However, these utility companies were bought up a century later when larger, out-of-the area corporations acquired them and entered the Lewisburg market. The Buffalo Valley Telephone Company was bought by Conestoga a multi-county communications company located in Birdsboro,

¹ Articles on the New Berlin Fire Company, by Harold Erdley Jr. and Diane Lengle, and on Lewisburg's Cameron Fire Company, by Robert Stackhouse, have previously appeared in *ACCOUNTS*, volume 3 (2013), numbers 1 and 2 respectively - ed.

Pennsylvania, in 1996 which in turn was bought out most recently in 2009 by Windstream Communications that operates in 16 states. Eventually, Union Countians' phone books ceased to retain the familiar Buffalo or Bison on its covers or bill statements. Any pretense of being locally owned vanished. On the other hand, Citizens' Electric, located outside of Lewisburg and providing electricity to the eastern end of the county, had a different outcome when it became part of a consolidation by C&T Enterprises, Inc. in 1999. Citizens' logo eventually changed, but the business name as well as a tradition of supporting local projects and causes has remained.

Many of the banks in the county were caught up by acquisitions or as parts of mergers. For example, Lewisburg Savings Institution, the first bank in Lewisburg (established 1853), nearly a century later became the Lewisburg National Bank, which was then absorbed by the Williamsport-based Northern Central Bank a.k.a. "the bank with the clock," then Keystone Financial, and finally **the** yet larger M&T Bank—always located at Market and South 4th Street in Lewisburg. The Union National Bank (established 1865) became Mellon Bank (of Pittsburgh) in the 1970s then Omega Bank and now is a First Bank — another step in ever expanding acquisitions. The third large home grown bank, Lewisburg Trust & Safe Deposit Company (established 1907), was taken over by the Commonwealth Bank, then the Meridian Bank, then Core States, then the Sovereign Bank, and most recently Santander, an international bank based in Spain. While all of these banks are still in buildings that were commissioned by their predecessors (1939, 1910, 1915) the corporate signs change. M&T Bank or its immediate predecessor removed the bank's iconic clock. These banks, like the telephone company, are no longer controlled by local boards of directors. Only the Mifflinburg Bank & Trust and the West Milton Bank are actually owned and operated local banks, controlled by local persons. Both have branches in Union County and contiguous counties. A bank from Jersey Shore, PA, is currently building a branch bank (in 2015) on the east side of Route 15.



Proprietors Harlan F. (1913-1982) and Jean (Klase) Showers (1915-2000) stand in the entrance of their general store in New Berlin with their son, John R. (b. 1952) in 1974. A general store from the early 1900s, it operated as the Showers Brothers Store in 1946 by John C. and Harlan F. Showers. Harlan and Jean ran it together until Harlan's death. Then it operated under three successive owners until 1998.



Dry Valley with the country store/post office in the right foreground, photographed in the 1950s: a general store/post office, several houses, and the Lutheran Church. The house/store was built about 1872 by George Penny, storekeeper and owner until 1904 when George, the first of three Oldts to live there, purchased it. Paul P. Oldt owned it from 1919 to 1935, when it was sold in bankruptcy proceeding to Charles Renninger. In 1944, Renninger sold the building to David and Grace Oldt who owned it until 1966. The subsequent owner's estate sold it to Albert and Marie Hause in 1970 and who operated until it closed.

Common to nearly every crossroads or hamlet in Union County had been a small country store where news might be traded around a pot bellied stove as well as sage advice given. Guffey's Store, Kelly Crossroads Store, Kelly Point Store, and Snyder's Store were all located in the Kelly Township area. The author remembers the Kelly Point Store and Dyers' and Shower's in Winfield and New Berlin respectively.² Matry's and Gessner's, both located in the center of Lewisburg, had similar qualities to these stores though they were located beside many other shops along along Market Street. Small country stores are still active in Forest Hill and in Millmont. Both are helped by the fact that they are a distance from the allure of shopping malls and quite distinct from the box stores that started in Union County in the 1970s, eventually to dominate the Route 15 corridor outside of Lewisburg and Route 45 on the east side of Mifflinburg.

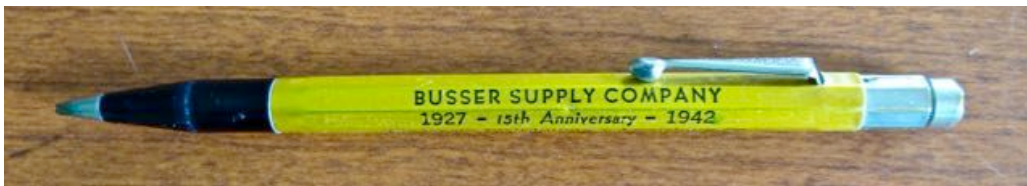
The street outside of Lewisburg named Fairground Road spans the distance from Route 192 on its north end and Route 45 on its south and hints of one of many important county sites nearer its southern half—the former Union County Fair and racetrack. The grandstand for viewing horse races was built in 1917 and was demolished in 1937. Mid-point on Fairground Road was the cement block two-story first Pennsylvania Breeders' Co-op (1942-1965) building, later converted to the East Buffalo Township seat of government.

The “Auction” which developed into the present and large Farmer's Market that has been held every Wednesday, long a weekly routine for county residents and visitors. The original wooden structure that housed the auction was used as such since the late 1930s, and built after the Union County fair grounds and racetrack were razed and the fair had moved to Laurelton in the county's “tight end,” a new organization called the West End Fair. The present large cement block structure of the Farmers' Market replaced the wooden auction after a fire. Older Union County residents still call Wednesday's sprawling Farmers' Market, “the auction” and in the late 1960s an auction was still held at the same time that others came in to sell produce and other items directly from their table set ups. That arrangement dated to the 1950s if not earlier. Many, if not most, businesses

² An article on Dyer's Store, Winfield, by Phyllis M. Dyer was published in ACCOUNTS, Vol. 3, No. 1 – ed.

including banks, in Mifflinburg and Lewisburg were closed Wednesday afternoons and county-wide Wednesday was known as “market day.” The time to come to the market has evolved slowly from starting after lunch, lasting to dusk, to its current hours, beginning about 8 am and ending, for various venders, around 2 pm and later.

Local businesses of “a certain age” have frequently celebrated their birthdays with anniversary items: china, ashtrays, pens and pencils. This continues to be the case. The Union County Historical Society has collected such anniversary items, examples of which appear below.



Businesses often advertise how many years they have been in business. For example, the *Standard Journal's Valley Business Guide*, produced in the winter 2015, reflects on *The Milton Standard's* 125th anniversary and their advertisers' anniversaries. In our area, where there have been few published business directories, it is such occasional commemorative tabloids as well as the phone book yellow pages, school yearbooks, and newspapers that provide the names, addresses, goods and services of long-lived businesses that are part of our memories and experiences. These are the places that have formed and continue to form our collective "Sense of Place" along with the flora and fauna that frame our settings, agricultural and vernacular architecture, our covered wooden and old iron bridges, and signature items such as the iconic and towering, Italian Renaissance-inspired smokestack of the Federal Penitentiary.

As evidenced in the lists that follow, our businesses are diverse in their geographic settings with Union County. Many were in the vicinity of the county seat— that is, near Lewisburg on what was called, in the 1930s and 1940s, "the Lewisburg/Winfield Road," or the northern portion of River Road, later bypassed with the construction of Route 15 north, itself widened several times to become a roadway that transformed and impacted the area as had the train lines a hundred years earlier. These businesses appear in Appendix I.

The businesses in the Appendix II, researched and compiled by historian and former director at The Packwood House Museum, Rick Sauers, reflect the diversity in long-lived businesses in the Borough of Lewisburg proper. Some of those businesses moved away from the Borough to take advantage of the growth in the adjacent areas particularly west and north west of Lewisburg. Purity Candy, for example, moved the furthest north when it established a second store and its primary place of manufacture on Route 15 near Allenwood. This second and larger location in Union County allowed Purity to take advantage of the increased Route 15 traffic that, in turn, connected our Buffalo Valley with distant parts of the nation.

The compilations in the two appendices below are works in progress. The

author and Richard Sauers both welcome new additions and corrections since we realize that our lists can never be comprehensive even if that might be the goal.³ Also, our self-imposed limit of 25 years or longer (as of 2015) will, as time passes, afford the opportunity of other businesses to join the list of those that continue to shape our “Sense of Place.”

Appendix I

Union County Businesses outside the Lewisburg Borough

by Jeannette Lasansky

Spanning our two largest Communities:

Ethel/Mary Koons 1927-2006 in Mifflinburg with second shop in Lewisburg was run alone by Mary Koons from 1945-1961 79 years

Route 15 south of Lewisburg in East Buffalo and Union townships

Colonial Crest Motel/Roadway Inn since 1974 41 years

Elwood R. Robbins (garage) since 1946-(1971+) 26 years

Colonial Candlecrafters since 1967; re-located to Brook Park Farm in 2014 47 years

River Edge Camp and Marina since 1963 52 years

Rose Swimming Pools since 1958; moved from Lewisburg borough in 1992 to below Winfield 57 years

Route 15 just north of Lewisburg in East Buffalo or Kelly townships:

Bison Beverage since 1980 35 years

Union Motors (1922-19630/Walters Oldsmobile (1963-1987)/ Lewisburg Motors (1987-1990)/ Anchor Motors (1990-1996) 74 years

Steese’s/Hummel’s/Meecham’s beer distributors since mid-1930s/**The Beer Barn** since 1976 79 years

University Motor Inn since 1967 48 years

Lewisburg Car Wash/University Car Wash since 1969 46 years

Crate & Freight Plus since 1989 36 years

JPM Company (1949-2002) in East Buffalo Township.; moved in 1952 to North 6th/7th; in 1960 moved to Route 15 North then North 15th Street 53 years

³ Readers who can correct or add to the two appendix lists are invited to send their items to ACCOUNTS, greaves@bucknell.edu. Items received will be forwarded to the list authors –ed.

Traveler's Inn (restaurant) 1941-1966 25 years

Evangelical Hospital since 1953 62 years

Evangelical Home/Lewisburg United Methodist Homes/Riverwoods Senior Living Community/Albright Healthcare, RiverWoods since 1916 99 years

Animal Care since 1987 38 years

Country Cupboard since 1973 42 years

Stone Villa Haven overnight cottages 1946-(1971+) 26+

Colonial Village Construction/CVC Heating and Cooling since 1974 41 years

Woody's Repair Shop since 1945-(1971+) 26 years

Elwood R. Robbins (garage) since 1946-(1971+) 26 years

Marlin B. Sauers & Sons (Pioneer Seed Corn) since 1936 79 years

Route 45 from Rte 15. and west of Lewisburg:

Lewisburg Chair/Pennsylvania House Furniture (1886-2004) 118 years

L. R. Ernest Groceries (1925-1941)/**Warren C. Kunkle** (1941-1971+) 46+ years

Dor-Day's Sub Shop since 1961 54 years

A-1 Lock & Key since 1989 26 years

BZ Motors since 1947 on Rte. 45; relocated to Rte. 15 North in 2005 68 years

Mid-Penn Engineering Corporation since 1969 46 years

(Samuel) Baker's Scrap Yard (metal scrap yard) 1915-(1971+) 56 years

The Auction/Farmers' Market 1936-present 77 years

Lewisburg Animal Hospital since 1957 58 years

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village since 1975 40 years

Moore Business Forms (now is Moore North America) since 1960 55 years

V&H Ford since 1937/**Lewisburg Ford** since 2004/**Alexander Ford** since 2009 78 years

Lamprinos (started in Milton 1954) since 1990 25 years

Twin Kiss (1969-?)/ **Bingaman II/Bresslers** (1985-2000)/**Purple Cow** 2000 46 years

Allenwood:

Devitt's Camp (tubercular treatment center) since 1912/**White Deer Run Treatment Center** since 1970 103 years

Reptiland since 1964 51 years

Forest Hill:

Forest Hill Store since 1847 168 years

Forest House since 1866 159 years



Raymond B. Winter State Park since 1942 73 years

Hidden Valley Camping Resort since 1960s 55 years

Laurelton:

Union County Fair/West End Fair since 1857 (first in Lewisburg until 1937; then in Laurelton) 162 years

Laurel Market since 1908 107 years

Mazeppa area:

Bear/Chamberlin/VanValzah/Hoffa/Witmer/ and Grove's Mill since 1784 213 years

Kuhns Brothers Lumber Company since 1964 51 years

Sampsell's Roofing since 1950s or earlier 65 years

Mifflinburg:

The Mifflinburg Hotel/Scarlet D since 1858 157 years

The Mifflinburg Telegraph (1862-2014) 152 years

Mifflinburg Bank & Trust since 1872 143 years

Mifflinburg Waterworks since 1898 117 years

Mifflinburg Fire Company since 1898 117 years

Mifflinburg Farmers' Exchange since 1918 97 years

H.L. Klose Heating since 1938 77 years

Wehr's Beveridge since 1960 or earlier 55 years

Ritzcraft since 1976 61 years

Alvin Reiff's Woodworking since 1977 38 years

Martin's Small Engine Repair since 1979 36 years

Buggy Town (1982-86)/ Carriage Corner since 1988 31 years

Buffalo Valley Produce Auction since 1988 27 years

Decorating Center since 1988 27 years

Shiveley's (1953-88)/B&K (1988-1992)/Rishel's Meat Market since 1993 62 years

Millmont:

Shirk's Store since 1885 130 years

Zimmerman's Harness Shop/Zimmerman Supply since 1969 46 years

New Berlin:

Shower's Store (early 1900s-1998)

New Berlin Fire Company since 1932 83 years

QE Manufacturing since 1952 63 years

SUN VO-TECH school since 1971 44 years

Playworld Systems since 1986; moved to Lewisburg in 1999 29 years

New Columbia:

Foresman Store (1904-1974)

Nittany Mountain Campground since 1972 53 years

Red Bank:

Reiff's Poultry since 1980 35 years

Verna's Fabrics since 1980 35 years

Vicksburg:

Burrey and Smucker's General Store 1894-1928/**Burrey's** 1928-1958/continued operation in Lewisburg as **Burrey's Warehouse** (coal, fuel oil, seeds, fertilizer) until 1973 79 years

Burrey's Warehouse (coal, fuel oil, seeds, fertilizer) 1928-(1971+) 43 years+

Vicksburg Harness Shop since 1978 37 years

Earl Hoover's Tractors since 1981 34 years

White Springs:

Hoover's Bernina since 1987 28 years

West Milton:

Central Oak Heights since 1909 106 years

Byerly's Meats since 1910 105 years

West Milton Bank since 1920 95 years

White Deer:

Weaver's Sunset Ice Cream since 1985 30 years

Appendix II

Long-Lived Lewisburg Businesses

by **Richard A. Sauers**

The list of Lewisburg businesses that appears below is based on my unpublished Directory of Lewisburg Businesses, 1785-1952, which is an ongoing project I began several years ago. Additions of businesses that began after 1952 have been added upon request of Jeannette Lasansky so that this list serves as an appendix to her article. All listed businesses have been in Lewisburg for at least 25 years.

Each entry includes beginning and ending years in business (first column), total years in business (second column), and a third column that includes names of owners and/or business name changes, years in parentheses if more than one owner, and type of business if not readily apparent in the title. In the first column, dates in parentheses indicate years that are supposed and not known for certain. A beginning year followed by a question mark indicates an unknown ending year. Years followed by a plus sign indicate that the business continued past the listed ending year and ended in a year unknown to this compiler. Businesses still in existence have plus signs after the total years to indicate the total years in business as of September 2015.

The research sources that resulted in this list include the many newspapers published in Lewisburg since the 1820s, mercantile appraisement lists (until 1943), books, magazines, advertising objects, maps, and manuscript material. I have included information drawn from the 1944-1971 telephone books. Any errors are the compiler's alone. Not included in this list are service and fraternal organizations, attorneys and physicians.

1770-1919	149	Derr's Mill (1770-1785) George Derr (1785-1797) Tobias Lehman (1797-1809) John Freedley (1809-1815) Elizabeth Freedley (1815-1821) John Brown (1821-1845) John Brown, Jr. (1845-1869) Jonas A. Fry (1869-1892)
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		Harry Mathers (1892-1900) Levi Arbogast (1901-1904, rental) Edward & William H. Peters (1904-?) Albert W. Johnson (1917-1919)
1791-1833+	42	John Moore (blacksmith shop)
1796-1839	43	Hugh McLaughlin (tailor)
1798-(1827)	29	Hugh Wilson (1798-1804) (general merchandise) William Hayes (1804-1827)
1799-1886	87	John Pollock (1799-1806 unknown tavern names) Andrew Shearer (1807-1823 unknown tavern names) William Joyce (1823-1837 unknown tavern names) Washington House (1838-1840) (hotel) Spread Eagle House (1840-1847) American House (1848-1886)
1813-(1838)	25	James Geddes (saddles)
1813-(1841)	28	Alexander Graham (dry goods)
1814-(1944)	130	Lewisburg Bridge Company
1829-1885	56	Jacob Zentmeyer (1829-1882) (blacksmith shop) R. W. Hoffman (1882-1885)
(1829)-1854	25	William Armstrong (cabinetmaking)
(1829-1863)	34	John Houghton (boots and shoes)
1830-1883	53	Jonathan Spyker & Son (1830-1857) (hats) J. L. Hawn (1857-1883)
1830-present	185+	Valiant Fire Company (1830-?) Lewisburg Fire Department (?-1874) William Cameron Engine Company (1874-present)
1831-1893	62	David Ginter (furniture, undertaking)
1831-present	184+	Schaffle Drug Store (1831-1886) T. D. Baker (1886-1931) Rea & Derick (1931-?) CVS (?-2015) moved outside the borough
1831-1923	92	Walls & Company (general merchandise)
1832-(1872)	40	James B. Pross (boots and shoes, leather goods)
1834-1916	82	Washington House (1834-1858) (hotel) Riviere House (1858-1874) Cameron House (1874-1916)
1835-1865	40	Charles H. Cook (carriage making)

1836-(1870)	34	Solomon Ritter (marble yard)
1838-1863	25	H. Snyder (1838) (drug store) Jonathan Zellers (1838-1846) C. A. Wyeth (1846-1849) T. A. H. Thornton & Josiah Baker (1849-1855) T. S. Christ & F. S. Caldwell (1855-1857) F. S. Caldwell (1858-1863)
1838-(1877)	39	Joel C. Kelly (boots & shoes)
1841-1992	151	C. Jonathan Wolfe (1841-1882) (drug store) J. Bordner (1882-1885) C. Jonathan Wolfe (1885-1919) Richard C. Hill (1919-1922) Robert M. Heddings (1922-1930) Charles A. Smith (1930-1945) Paul J. Lentz (1945-1968) Troutman's Pharmacy (1968-1990) Lewisburg Apothecary (1990-1992)
(1843-1880)	37	Abner M. Lawshe (boots & shoes)
1843-1902	59	Augustus Stoughton (stoves & tinware)
1843-1912	69	Lewisburg Chronicle (1843-1847) newspaper with name changes LC and Union County General Advertiser (1847) LC and West Branch General Advertiser (1848) LC and the West Branch Farmer (1849) LC and West Branch Farmer (1850) Lewisburg Chronicle (1850-1859) Union County Star and Lewisburg Chronicle (1859-1864) Lewisburg Chronicle (1865-1912)
1844-(1872)	28	John B. Miller (tailor)
1845-1980s?	135+	Daniel Shaffer (1845-1898) (marble yard) R. D. Lance & Sons (1898-1918) William Roland Lance (1918-?) Thomas D. Ritter (?-1980s)
1847-1878	31	Geddes & Marsh (1847-1858) (foundry) James S. Marsh & Company (1858-1860) Lewisburg Foundry & Agricultural Works (1860-1878)
1848-present	167+	Lewisburg Cemetery Association
1859-1877	27	Josiah Baker (drugstore)
1850-(1892)	42	Frick & Slifer (1850-1852) (canal boat building) Frick, Slifer & Company (1852-1858) William Frick & Company (1858-1860) Frick, Billmeyer & Company (1860-1865) Billmeyer, Nogel & Company (1865-1872) Billmeyer, Dill & Company (1872-1880) P. Billmeyer & Company (1880-1892?)

1850-1889	39	William T. Reitmeyer (1850-1887) (boots & shoes) Edward L. Angstadt (1887-1888) John George (1888-1889)
1851-(1971+)	120+	Western Union Telegraph Company
1853-1883	30	Joseph L. Hawn (tailor, dry goods)
1853-1890	37	Reber & Poeth (brick yard)
1853-1898	45	Peter H. Beaver (1853-1859) (saddles & harnesses) O. P. Shively (1859-1898) (leather, buffalo robes)
1853-present	162+	Lewisburg Savings Institution Lewisburg National Bank Northern Central Bank Keystone Financial M & T Bank
1853-1966	113 years	T. A. H. Thornton (1853-1864) (drugstore) S. G. & W. A. Bennett (1864-1865) S. G. Bennett (1865-1882) E. S. Heiser & Brother (1882-1883) W. D. Heiser (1883-1889) E. S. Heiser (1889-1927) Robert M. Heddings (1927-1932) Hartz Cut Rate (1932-1945) Bennett-Moyer Cut Rate (1945-1950) Bennett's Pharmacy (1950-1954) Bennett's (1954-1966)
1856-1911	55	T. Frank Russell & Company (1856-1879) (dry goods) Russell & Lawshe (1879-1909) Clark & Potter (1909-1911)
1856-1959	103	Lewisburg Gas Company
1858-1903	45	William Fegley (1858-1885) (coal yard) P. L. Clingan (1885-1893) Newman & Wagner (1893-1903)
1858-1990s	132+	A. E. Bower (1858-1914) (jeweler) Grenoble Brothers (1914-1990s)
1861-(1912)	51	Union Hotel
1864-1911	47	George W. Procter (1864-1909) (hardware) H. C. Hyatt (1909-1911)
1865-1896	31	James Houghton (1865-1873) (photography) J. W. Cornelius (1873-1896)
1865-1897	32	Jacob P. Brooke (1865-1882) (jeweler) C. J. Sturgis (1882-1897)
1865-(1926)	61	John Pross (barber)

1865-2003	138	Lewisburg Journal (1865-1946) Lewisburg Journal and the Lewisburgh Saturday News (1946-1947) Lewisburg Journal-News (1947-1953) Union County Standard and Lewisburg Journal-News (1953) Union County Standard-Journal (1953-1961) Union County Journal (1961-1987) Lewisburg Daily Journal (1987-2003)
1865-present	150+	Union National Bank Mellon Bank Omega Bank First National Bank
1865-1946	81	Jacob Hower (1865-1923) (undertaker) Charles Hower (1923-1930) S. H. Strunk (1930-1933) C. Strunk (1934-1946)
1867-1979	112	Lewisburg Woolen Mill (1866-1917) Lewisburg Mills (1917-1979)
1868-1907+	39	Charles F. Lindig (marble works)
1868-1914	46	John Zearfoss (harness making)
1869-1909	40	Lewisburg Music Hall Company/Opera House
1869-1915	46	Alfred E. Slifer (groceries)
1871-1896	25	James Hazelwood (boots & shoes)
1871-1903	32	Daniel Oswald (1871-1902) (tobacco & cigars) G. B. Hyde (1902-1903)
1872-1905	33	Koch & Strouse (1872-1885) (clothing) F. Steiner (1885-1905)
(1872)-1915	43	D. Brown & Company (1872) (groceries) John F. Walker (1872-1874) Bartholomew & Pross (1874-1875) S. P. Kerstetter (1875-1883) I. C. Harvey (1883-1905) E. F. Prowant (1905-1911) O. Kreisher (1911-1915)
1872-1961	89	L. F. Albright & Company (1872) Albright, Leinbach & Company (1872-1874) Dreisbach Hardware (1874-1961)
1873-1949	76	Nogel & Himmelreich (1873-1875) (dry goods) Nogel (1875-1876) P. W. Himmelreich (1876) Himmelreich Brothers (1876-1880) P. W. Himmelreich (1880-1904) J. F. Groover Brothers (1904-1947) John H. Brouse (1947-1949)

1877-2009 132 Donehower's (wallpaper, sporting goods)



1878-1905	27	A. L. Reeser (groceries)
(1878)-1935	57	Samuel M. Wolfe (1878-1911) (shoes) Wilbur W. Wolfe (1911-1935)
1880-(1952+)	72+	Lewisburg Knitting Mill (Musser's)
1880-1915	35	Miss M. E. Morrow (notions)
1881-1931	50	William B. Marsh (1881-1908) (shoes) Irey & Brobeck (1908-1909) Irey Shoes (1909-1924) 20th Century Shoes (1924-1925) Lehman Shoes (1925-1931)
1882-1916	34	Baker House (hotel)
1882-1946	64	Lewisburgh Local News (1882-1883) Lewisburgh Saturday News (1883-1946)
1883-(1989)	106	Buffalo Flour Milling Company (1883-1916) W. D. Deitrich (1916-1927) Dietrich & Gambrill (1927-1966) Ralston Purina (1966-late 1980s)
1884-1936	52	George Stein & Brother (1884-1917) (meats) Walter A. Blair (1917-1936)
1886-1916	30	Thomas Ritter & Son (1886-1896) (carriage making) Thomas Ritter (1896-1916)
1887-1952	55	Kline & Oldt (1887-1894) (dry goods) C. W. Oldt (1894-1913) Herman & Leiser (1913-1952)

1888-1915	27	Eyer Walter (1888-1891) (drug store) Harry Hoffman (1891-1915)
(1889)-1943	54	William J. Ward (barber)
1892-1959	67	William C. Cromley & Company (1892-1944) (stoves, plumbing) Laird & John Cromley (1944-1959)
1892-1950s	60+	W. D. Wainwright (tobacco, pool hall)
1892-1939	47	Harry J. Nogel (jewelry store)
1896-1921	25	P. C. Hunter (1896-1899) (photography) F. W. Lindig (1899-1906) Ellen Shields (1906-1921)
1896-(1931)	35	Oscar N. Lindig (plumbing)
1896-1964	68	Lewisburg News Bureau
(1896)-present	119	Alfred "Fred" Reish (blacksmith shop) Clarence Bilger (1918- 1945) Kenneth Bilger (moved to North 11th Street in 1946) Don Bilger (1980 concentrated on welding and design)
1898-1926	28	Wolfe & Shultz (coal yard, grain)
1898-1998	100	John F. Prowant (1898-1922) (men's clothing) J. F. Prowant & Company (1923-1941) Prowant's (1941-1998)
1899-1934	35	Jacob Horam (livery, garage)
1900-1930	30	W. N. Wensel (tinware)
1900-1933	33	W. R. Long (groceries)
1900-1939	39	J. Allen Fegley (tobacco, stationary, newsstand)
1900-1954	54	Peerless Steam Laundry
1901-1943	42	David C. Burkey (bicycles, auto supplies)
1901-(1980s)	79+	Quaker Cuff Company (clothing manufacture) Quaker Manufacturing Company (aka the shirt factory) (moved to East Buffalo Township Industrial Park in 1962)
1902-1932	30	U. R. Swengel (furniture, undertaking)
1904-present	111+	Buffalo Valley Telephone Company (1904-1996) Conestoga Phone Company (1996-?) D&E Communication (?-2009) Windstream (2009-present)
1905-(1941)	36	Max Harris (clothing store)
1905-1972	67	Reber & Fisher (1906-1910) (hardware)

		J. F. Reber & Company (1910-1934) Busser Supply Company (1934-1972)
1906-1959	53	J. Fred Zeller (jeweler)
1906-1971	65	Gundy's Hat /Bonnett Shop (women's hats and accessories)
1907-present	108+	Lewisburg Trust & Safe Deposit Company (1907-1984) Commonwealth Bank (1984-1994) Meridian Bank (1994-1996) Core States (1996-1998) Sovereign Bank (1998-2013) Santander (2013-present)



1907-present	108+	Purity Candy
1908-1961	53	Isaac Gedrich (1908-1945) (clothing) Mary Koons Shop (1945-1961)
1908-1960	52	Orpheum (1908-1931) (movie theater) Roxy (1931-1960)
1910-(1949)	39	J. Howard Stahl (tobacco and pool hall)
1911-present	104+	Citizens' Electric Company (moved to East Buffalo Twp. Industrial Park in 1982)
1912-(1971+)	59+	Lewisburg Condensed Milk Company (1912-1915) Nestle Food Company (1918-1925) Sheffield Farms (1925-1958) Sealtest Sheffield Farms (1958-1960) Sealtest Foods (1960-1971+)
1913-1949	36	W. H. Zearfoss (electrician)
1913-(1972)	59	Heimbach Lumber
1914-(1943+)	30+	James P. Ruhl (electrician)

1915-1951	36	E. C. Noll (feed)
(1917)-1944	27	Clarence B. Comstock (coal yard)
(1918)-1959	41	M. Flavio (fruit)
1918-1960s	42+	A & P (groceries)
1918-(1971+)	53+	R. F. Halfpenny (1918-1930) (groceries) William S. Rhoads (1930-1931) Elmer L. Wagner (1931-1936) Milton C. Wagner (1936-1971+)
1918-present	97+	Swengel Funeral Home Pursley Funeral Home Erdley Funeral Home (1947-1969) Shaw Funeral Home (1949-present)
1920-1949	29	John C. Reedy (furniture)
(1920)-1961	41	Byerly's Market (meats)
(1920)-1994	74	Five Points Market (groceries)
1921-(1971+)	50+	Oscar I. Liddick (1921-1937) (groceries) Charles A. Heiser (1937-1971+) (groceries, then fish market)
1921-1993	72	New Cameron House (1921-1934) Hotel Lewisburger (1934-1993)
1922-1969	47	Steininger Café (1922-1951) Steininger's Restaurant (1951-1969)
1922-1996	74	Union Motors (1922-1963) (moved from North Third S. to Route 15 in 1941) Walters Oldsmobile (1963-1987) Lewisburg Motors (1987-1990) Anchor Motors (1990-1996)
1923-1966	43	Lewisburg Nash Sales (1923-1931) Meachum Motor Company (1931-1966)
1923-present	92	P. M. Savidge (1923-1929) Stein's Flowers (1929-present)
1923-present	92+	Abe Farley (1923-1961) (barber) Ziegler's (1961-present)



1924-1950	26	Wagner's Café
(1924)-1954	30	Charles W. Galloway (1924-1949) (coal) Warner M. Galloway (1949-1954)
1924-(1998)	64	Montgomery & Company (1924-1931) (men's clothes) Brough's (1931-1970) Roger's Men's Wear (1970-1998)
1924-(1970s)	46+	Acme Markets
1924-2006	82	Bechtel's Dairy restaurant (moved from Market St. to Rte. 15 in 1955)
1924-present	91+	Weis Markets (moved to Kelly Township in 1974)
(1925)-1951	26	Mearns V. Arbogast (draying & hauling)
1925-(1971+)	46+	L. R. Ernest (1925-1941) (groceries) Warren C. Kunkle (1941-1971+)
1925-present	90+	Ross Photography (1925-1980) Lewisburg Studio (1980-present)
1925-1980s?	60+	Beyer & Fortner (plumbing)
1926-2012	86	Edwin D. Mensch Agency (real estate)
1923-1966	43	Lewisburg Nash Sales (1923-1931) Meachum Motor Company (1931-1966)
1928-1973	45	Burrey's Warehouse (business started in Vicksburg in 1894) (coal, fuel oil, fertilizer, seeds)
1928-(1971+)	43+	Lewisburg Cleaners & Dyers
1929-1962	33	Stewart A. Royer (1929-1946) (tires & gas) W. A. Royer & Son (1946-1962)
(1929)-1967)	38	Harry E. Stein (insurance)
1929-1984	55	Schlow's Quality Shop (1929-1950) The Lyons Shop (1950-1984)

1929-present	86+	Diehl Chevrolet (1931-1945) (started by Richard Diehl in Hartleton) B.P. Thomason (1945-1950) Diehl Chevrolet (1950-2002) Fairfield Chevrolet Cadillac (2002-present)
1931-(1971+)	40+	Heiter's Barbershop
1931-2010	79	Martin's Flowers
1931-2004	84+	Lewisburg Inn (1931-2004)
1932-(1980+)	48+	Reliable Furniture Company
1933-1962	29	O. P. Miller (1933-1935) Gravell Insurance Agency (1935-1962)
1933-present	82+	M. S. Meixell Agency (1933-1975) (insurance) Meixell-Diehl Agency (1975-present)
1934-2009	75	Lewisburg News Agency
1936-1961	25	S. P. Gearhart (1936-1944) (groceries) Clarence H. Stahl (1944-1961)
1936-(1971+)	35	Third Street Service Station (1936-1946) Bailey Tire Company (1946-1951) Lewisburg Recapping & Tire Supply (1951-1971+)
1937-(1972)	35	Western Auto
1938-(1971+)	33+	Minium Moving & Storage
1938-1966	28	Flo-Lee Beauty Salon
(1938)-1969	31	William F. Strohecker (1938-1967) (coal) Harold W. Erdley (1967-69)
1938-present	77+	Dornsife Funeral Home (1938-1967) Cronrath Funeral Home (1967-2007) Cronrath-Grenoble Funeral Home (2007-present)
1938-present Twp	77+	The Swirl Shop (beauty parlor) (moved to Brook Park, East Buffalo in 1992)
1940-1968	28	Pitt the Tailor
1940-1969	29	Lewisburg Auto Supply & Service
1940-present	75+	B. O. Daubert (1940-1983) (plumbing/heating systems) Silver Tip (1983-present)
1941-1970s?	31+	J. J. Newberry
1941-2009	58	Royal Stationary (1941-1951) Wagner's Stationary (1951-2009)

1941-present	74+	Campus Theater
1941-present	74+	Champion Shoe Repair
1941-present	74+	Lewisburg Builders Supply (moved to Kelly Township in c. 1975)
1943-present	52+	Lewisburg Concrete Products Company (1943-1967) Central Builders Supply (1967-present) 1943-present 72+ Lewisburg Locker Plant (1943-1963) Mensch's Locker Plant (1963-1968) Fisher's Locker Plant & Meat Market (1968-present)
1945-present	71+	Wolf's Jewelers
1946-(1971+)	25+	Mrs. Anne Cook (beautician)
1944-(1971+)	27+	Beck's Popcorn & Amusement Company (1944-1954) Beck's Amusement Company (1954-1971+)
1946-present	69+	Ernst's Barbershop
1947-(1972+)	25+	Focht Printing Company
1948-(1990s?)	42+	The Donut Shop (1948-1954) Grenoble's Donut Shop (1954-1956) Grenoble's Bakery (1956-1990s?)
1951-present	64+	Catherman's Home Made Candy (new owner added bakery specialties in 2006)
1952-2006	54	Matrey's Foodtown
1952-present	63+	Stamm's TV & Appliances
1953-1995	42	Broadt's Furniture (relocated from Pittston to New Columbia in 1953 and then to Lewisburg in 1954)
1957-present	68+	Sherwin-Williams
1960-present	55+	Village Steak House (1960-1969) Bull Run Inn (1969-2013) Bull Run Tack House (2013-present)
1962-present	53+	Towne Tavern
1962-present	53+	Cole's Hardware
1962-present	53+	Pardoe's Bikes and Repairs
1965-present	50+	Culligan Water Conditioning Company
1970-present	45+	PA State Liquor Store
1970-present	45+	Open Door Gallery
1970s-present	35+	Gingerbread House

1971-present	44+	House of Pizza (La Casa)
1972-2014	42	Temperance House
1976-present	39+	US Supply (plumbing parts)
1978-present	37+	Broadt Computers (moved to Kelly Township in 2002)
1981-present	34+	Pennsylvania Mercantile The Mercantile
1982-present	33+	Williams & Williams (jewelry)
1984-present	31+	University Hair Design
1984-present	31+	Styling Nook (hair salon)
1985-present	30+	Pineapple Inn (bed & breakfast)
1985-present	30+	Cathy Katherman (hair salon)
1989-present	26+	Brushstrokes (art supplies)
1989-present	26+	Steininger's Dry Cleaners (started in Sunbury in 1960)\

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