

## SOMERSET COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICE

*The Assessment Office is the official entity that determines the value of property for ad valorem purposes. Assessment rolls are the basis upon which the property tax levy is allocated among the owners in a jurisdiction with taxing powers. These taxing powers are the County Township, Boroughs and School Districts. Parcels and their ownerships are continually plotted and adjusted by the Map Department.*

*As of the year 2000, there are 60,755 parcels with a combined assessed value of \$1526,279,810. There are 50 municipalities with 25 Boroughs and 25 Townships.*

### Somerset County Formation

- April 16, 1771: Brothersvalley Twp. Formed from Bedford County.
- 1772: The first assessment was taken for taxes in Somerset County.
- 1773: Turkeyfoot Twp. Was formed from Brothersvalley.
- March 21, 1774: Stoystown was founded by Daniel Stoy.
- April 1775: Quemahoning Twp. Formed from Turkeyfoot.
- 1780: Milford Twp formed from Turkeyfoot.
- July 27, 1784: Berlin founded by Jacob Keffer.
- 1785: Elk Lick Twp. formed from Brothersvalley.
- 1792: Stonycreek Twp. formed from Quemahoning.
- April 17, 1795: Somerset County was organized from the western part of Bedford County.
- Sept. 12, 1795: Brunerstown was selected as the county seat and had its name changed to Somerset the same day.
- 1795: Somerset Twp. was formed from Quemahoning and Milford.
- 1800: Addison Twp. was formed from Turkeyfoot.
- Feb. 1801: Conemaugh Twp. from Quemahoning And Southhampton Twp. formed from Bedford.
- March 5, 1804: Somerset, the first borough, was incorporated.
- February 1805: Allegheny Twp. formed from Southhampton.
- 1811: Jenner Twp formed from Quemahoning.
- 1812: Greenville Twp. formed from Elk Lick.
- 1816: Shade Twp. formed from Stonycreek.
- 1836: Paint Twp. formed from Shade.
- 1843: Summit Twp. formed from Brothersvalley.
- 1847: Jefferson Twp. formed from Somerset.
- 1848: Turkeyfoot Twp. Divided into Lower and Upper Turkeyfoot Twps from Turkeyfoot.
- 1851: Northampton Twp. formed from Southhampton.
- 1853: Middlecreek Twp. formed by Milford.
- 1854: New Centerville Borough incorporated , founded by Michael Frease in 1834. Larimer Twp. formed from Northhampton and Greenville.
- Aug. 28, 1856: Wellersburg Borough incorporated. Founded by George Weller in 1830.
- 1862: Salisbury Borough incorporated . Founded by Joseph Markley in 1796.
- 1871: Meyersdale Borough incorporated. Founded by Jacob Meyers in 1831.
- 1872: Ursina Borough was incorporated. Founded by William J. Baer in 1868.
- 1873: Confluence Borough incorporated, was formed by Confluence Land Co. in 1870.
- 1874: Jennerstown, founded by John Dennison in 1822 and New Baltimore Borough founded by Michael Riddlemoser in 1829, incorporated.
- 1885: Rockwood Borough incorporated. Formed in 1857.
- 1886: Black Twp. from Milford Twp. and Ogle Twp. from Paint Twp. were formed.
- 1888: Benson Borough founded by Emanuel Eash in 1880.
- 1890: Lincoln Twp. formed from Somerset Twp.
- 1891: Casselman Borough incorporated. Founded by Levi Wolfersberger and David J. Phillippi in 1869. Fairhope Twp. was formed from Southhampton Twp.
- 1893: Somerfield Borough was formed. Founded by Philip D. Smyth in 1815.
- 1896: Hooversville Borough formed. Founded by Jonas Hoover in 1836.
- 1900: Garrett Borough founded by John Jacobs and others in 1869, Paint Borough founded by Jacob Eash in 1900, and Windber Borough developed by Wilmore Coal Co. in 1897, formed.
- 1904: Boswell Borough formed. Developed by Boswell Improvement Co. in 1901.
- 1912: Addison Borough formed by Peter Augustine in 1817, and Shanksville Borough, founded by Christian Shank in 1798, formed.
- 1918: Central City Borough formed. Founded by Anthony Wechtenheiser in 1847.
- 1964: Seven Springs Borough was formed by the Dupre family.
- 1966: Indian Lake Borough was formed. Founded by William D. Baltzer.
- 1970: Callinont Borough was formed. Founded by Dr. Harry J. Donahue in 1970.

\*The above information, though believed correct, is not guaranteed.