

**PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF PENNSYLVANIA ASKING FOR THE CREATION
OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

To the Honourable The Representatives Of The Freemen Of The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania In General Assembly Met. The petition of sundry inhabitants of the Counties of Westmoreland and Washington

Humbly sheweth

that your Petitioners have seen the Bill published for consideration entituled, "An Act for erecting part of Westmoreland and Washington Counties into a seperate county." We are pleased to find the honourable house have given time to those Inhabitants who wish to be included in the new county, to make their sentiments and situation known to the house upon this subject. Your petitioners conceive by the limits specified in the before mentioned bill your honours were not so well acquainted with the situation of the Country adjacent to Pittsburgh as to fix the bounds which ought to designate the new county with that precision the importance of the subject requires, and as we are unanimously of an opinion your honours wish to lay out the county so (torn) make the same convenient to its Inhabitants and without injuring either Washington or Westmoreland Counties. Your petitioners with due submission beg leave to give your honours information of what we humbly conceive to be the proper bounds of the new County VIZ BEGINNING at the mouth of Racoon Creek where it empties into the Ohio, thence up the middle of the said creek to White's Mill, thence along a new cut road to Armstrong's Mill on Miller's Run, thence in a direct line to the mouth Mingoe Creek where it empties into the Monongahela River, thence up the middle of said River to the line of Fayette County, thence along said line to the mouth of Jacob's creek on Youghioganey river, thence in a direct line to Cavet's Mill on Brush creek, from thence a direct line to where Forbes' old road crosses Turtle creek and from thence a direct line to the mouth of the Kiskamenitis where it empties into the Allegany river, thence up to the middle of said River to the line of Northumberland county at the mouth of the Conowago river, thence up the middle of said River to the Northern boundary of this state.

If the said river shall extend so far and if not then from the said River to a line due north to the said Northern boundary, thence along the said Northern boundary westward to the Western boundary of this state thence down the said boundary southerly to the Ohio river aforesaid thence up the middle of the said River to the place of beginning. The above described bounds will give general satisfaction to every Inhabitant in the two Counties, excepting a few interested persons and those who make it their business to object to every measure for the public good, besides it will be much nigher and more convenient for every person living within the before mentioned bounds to go to Pittsburgh to Courts or market than to Washington or Greensborough, having the advantage of the different waters leading to Pittsburgh to transport ourselves and produce. At the same time we are obliged to attend Courts of justice either as suitors, jurors, or witnesses, we can carry our produce with us, with which we can pay our court charges and Tavernkeepers Bills, and also procure such necessaries as we want for the use of our families. This a matter of great importance to us who at present are labouring under many difficulties for the want of Cash to patent our Lands and pay our Taxes. Your petitioners humbly conceive that the laying off a county with respectable bounds will greatly advantage the inhabitants of the three counties, the greater number of Inhabitants in a county makes the county town the Richer. This induces persons of wealth to Become citizens, and consequently a greater consumption of produce. *Pittsburgh* the Capital of the western country is intended by nature for a place of consequence from its situation at the confluence of two large Rivers that glide through an extensive and fertile country. This will induce a great number of persons

(mutilated) it, it will also increase the value of all the lands within the reach of that market, and also bring forward at an earlier period the sale of the state lands, and the settlement of that part of the country northward of Pittsburgh. Your petitioners humbly conceive that it is the intention of your honours to accomodate the Inhabitants of the new county with such bounds as will make it more convenient for them to attend the courts of justice at Pittsburgh than at any other place, and we are happy to inform your honours that everyone residing within the before mentioned bounds will find it more convenient to go to Pittsburgh than

to any other place. Your petitioners beg leave to inform your honours that we do not mean to dictate to the honorable House, when we mention the bounds, but only as matter of information, and this we have thought incumbent on us as the persons who are immediately concerned in the consequences that are to ensue from the determination of the house. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honours would be pleased to enact a law for erecting a part of Westmoreland and a part of Washington counties into a seperate county upon the principles of liberality and justice and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray etc.
Westmoreland, February 15th, 1787.

John Ormsby
Samuel Barr
Isaac Craig
Robert Galbraith
Geo. Adams
Rich.d Butler
Geo: Thompson
Wm. Tilton
Hugh Ross
John Scull
Jno. Gibson
David Duncan
John Boyd
Wm. Butler
Jno. Wilkins
Jn: Finley
Stepn Bayard
Geo. Wallace
Wm. Greenough
Nathl. Bedford
A. Fowler
John Brown
Geo. Cochran
Wm. Weisthoff
Adam Sharp
Nehemiah Sharp
John Clark
William Sutton
Bart. Harvey
Samuel Kerr
Adam Waltr
Stephen Cisna
James Scott
Josiah Wynn
Wm. Roseberry
Stephen Cranford
Tho. Jackson
Fauntley Muse
Joseph Philips
Jno. Richardson
Jno. Stokes
Tho. Carter

John Canter
Wm. Cassaday
John Persons
Ezek. Shelkint
Wm. Cecil
Wm. Hawking
George Fraser
Dinnis Feris
Elias Williams
Hugh Hofferman
David Coventry
Wm. McDonald
Johan Rukert
Henry Taylor
Matthew Phoenix
Frederick Retkam
John Ward
Jos. Ashton
Jno. Ward
James Morrison
And. Jeffries
James Grant
Joseph Lowry
Wm. MacMillan
Tho. Hill
Thomas McGinney
Wm. Christofor
P. Murphy
Robert Bratherton
Hugh C. Seeley
Wm. Collins
John Collins
Wm. Lettemy
Wm. Evarts
Joseph Newton
John Bailery
Robart Brotherton
Charles Richards
J. S. Monceau de Brugealt
Philip Eberhart
John Goeer
Benjamin Richards

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John Dehuff
John Walton
John Craig
John McClure
Jas. Munrou
John his mark Gordon
Edward Murphy
John Brackney
James Martin
Jas. Beaty
Arthur Withney
Daniel Showhan
John Kennedy
William Kennedy
William Reno
John Kerr
Jas. McDermat
Jas. Richardson
Thomas Williams
Alexr. Long
Daniel Herbert
Martin McKean
Henry Hurst
James (undecipherable)
James Stewart
Robt. Johnson
Henry Meddleswart
Obediah Holmes
Robert Shawhan
Jno. Saviers
Andw. Mitchell
Isaac McMichael
John McMichael
Adam Keller
John Phillips
John Nisbett
Bartholomew Dinnis
Joseph McDowell
Thomas Lowndale
Jacob Wyant Junr.
Thos. B. Patterson
Charles Smith
Alexander Swan
William Long
Jno. Wallace
Daniel Keisther
Nathaniel Patterson
Robert Thompson
Jas. Hamilton
John McKee
Michael Keisther
John Boggs
Thos. Lapoley
James McKinney
John Wilson
Oliver Elliot
James Muller

Joshua Long
James Buody
Eadward Coile
William Studart
James Erwin
David Kennedy
Henery Shever
Robt. Bryarly
James Rutherford
John Johnston
John Scott
Dunning McNair
Peter Parchment
William Heppner
Saml. Sinclair
James Reed
John Smith
Jacob Hook
James Patten
John Denney
William Orbito
James Henry
Joseph Luistarel
Robert Ramage
James Reed
William Sutton
Thomas Ramage
Thomas Wilson
James Burns
Isaac Bennet
John Tradle
James Casey
James Flacanaghan
Jacob Dixon
Bartholomy Garry
Samuel Sample
Hanes Dauszman
Wm. Reed
Abraham Stallions
Geo. Kelly
John Stille
Edward Pall
Thos. Craig
James Wallace
John Bever
*() Crawford
John Gallaher
James Gray
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P. Tannehill
John Hardrin
Jos. Tannehill
Robert Patteson
John Patterson
Cha. Wilkins
John Warner
David Boies
John Rammage
George Sipes

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 Petter Cuthwright
 Robert McFarland
 James Williamson
 Arthur Gardner
 Jame. Littell
 John McElland
 John Collons
 Alex. Mc.Cadams
 Nathaniel Points
 Nick Welsh
 Geo. Mitchell
 Jno. Meek
 Timothy Keen
 Ephraim Herriott
 George Herriott
 Allen Boys
 Jas. (his mark) Miller
 Jost Weibel
 Me. Lacasiagne
 John Dunning
 John Gill
 Thomas Gorham, Jr.
 Gorg Bromough
 Nathaniel Cotton
 Jas. Thompson
 Edw. Thompson
 Jno. McGruger
 Francis McElwain
 William Thompson
 Peter Rockafellar
 James Hillman
 Christian Maurer
 Jacob Meyers
 Alexander Dunlap
 Henry Edwards
 Johannes Bernhart
 John Martin
 John Clemmens
 Elaxander McCaullester
 Adam Laten
 Wm. McMillen
 Johan Georg Lichtenberger
 Christoph McMahon?
 Eng. Wilkeson
 Andreas Trukenbrott
 Wm. Boniface
 Lang McClara
 Adam Matter
 John Barr
 William Boon
 James Farrel
 James Fleming
 William Funk
 Samuel Ferguson
 Wc. McCoy
 Jas. Dinsmoore
 Hugh Knox

Daniel Craig
 John Armstrong
 Adam Funk
 George Fay
 Hugh Rippey
 Johann Grun
 William Jones
 Leaven Phillips
 Wilhelm Graf
 Matthew Deery
 Mark Deery
 John Dobin
 Hugh Gardner
 John Cowan
 James Gill
 Nobel Wilkin
 Roger Sweeney
 Richard Spence
 Jno. Gibson
 Jas. Gibson
 John Patterson
 Joseph Patterson
 David Updegraff
 Daved Saven
 James Williamson
 Joh Giben
 Samuel Colhoun
 Andrew Watson
 William Watson
 William Rodman
 Tho. Martin
 James Seal
 Denis O Bryan
 Robert Burns
 Jams Banden
 Josef Reed
 Saml. Todd
 Ebenezer Gallohar
 Amos Wilson
 Wm. Stall
 Michl. Brown
 Richard Sparrow
 John Ball
 William Tiddball
 John Clifford
 Benj. Kuykendale
 Nicholas Bausman
 Alex Steel
 John Metzger
 John Meckcleman
 James Bevard
 George Adams
 Joseph Mccollogh
 Robt. Snotgrass
 Saml. Blackmore
 Charles Allison
 Thomas Redmon
 Thos. Neilly
 William Fife

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George Justus	Thomas Ross
Jno. Henry	James Ross
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David Fulton	Henry Spicer
John Lewis Dupeintheavre	Joseph Hunter
William Sanderson	Charles Duke
Jacob Ferree	James Ilarosh
John McLaughlin	Micl. MsAlhaney
Jacob Miller	Michael Lackgaejagne
William Wightman	Thos. Morten
Simon Fletcher	Richard Sparrow
John McDowel	Charles Durkin
David Calhoon	Marmoduke Lochtin
Henry Shavin	John Smith
John Powel	* () Turck
James Elliott	* () McDonald
John Small	* () eny
Augustin Leibhart	* () Trotten
James Coelter	* () amelon
John Forgey	* () Selly
Saml. SinClair Junr.	* () MacDonald
Samul Glass	* () Betty
Andrew Patterson	* () English
Mabray Evans	* ()
Andw. McClure	* () Migllan
William McKee	* () McCrary
Wm. McGill	* () Crary
John Elliot	* () Brothers
Matthew Wigfield	Charles Darner
Thomas Frauni	Richard Flocks
Henry Reichard	Mathias Broker
Thomas Hamilton	William McCoy
Hugh Davidson	Jacob Wise
William Hamilton	William Hall
Thomas Murdoch	John Morrison
Hams Murdock	John McNall
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Benjamin Bennit	William Lowrey
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Hugh McDannall	Welden Reagen
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Jno. Carnaghan	William Black
John Crowder	Charles Duke
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James Daugherty	Martin Cox
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John Marie	Geo. Burns
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Devereux Smith	Robert Henderson
Owen Newman	Henry Wood
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Saml. Sample	James Snoodgrass
Jaos Colhoon	William McLaughlin
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Alexander Nagely	Thomas Finney
Thomas Chambers	Saml. Cunningham
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James Lucky	Thos. Dunlap
David White	John Laudbough
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Clemens Rice
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Jacob (his mark) Burkheart
William Black
Thomas Black
Thomas Davidson
Henry Fisher
Robert Black
James Cameron
John McFall
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John (his mark) McDonald
John Cameron
Alexander McDonald
Hennery Small
Henry McElener
James Thompson
Thomas Christy
Hennery Kincaid
William McFarrick
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John Titus
David Betty
John Walter
James Chambers

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John Edward
Matthew Mcormal
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 Alexander Carson
 William Carson
 Isaac Williams

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 John Williams
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 John Boyd
 Zac. Burden
 John Carle
 Isaac Lane
 George Gaunce
 Joseph Robinson
 James Calwell
 Patrick Armer
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 John Barr
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 Joseph Currey
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 Christian Harseoh
 George Evans
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 James Biars
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Danel Swany
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James Martain
James Cissna
Eliru Powell
Jas. Anderson
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James Huey
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Archd. Reid
James Carr
Charles Bell
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Thos. Sampson
Isac McConel
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William Powell
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