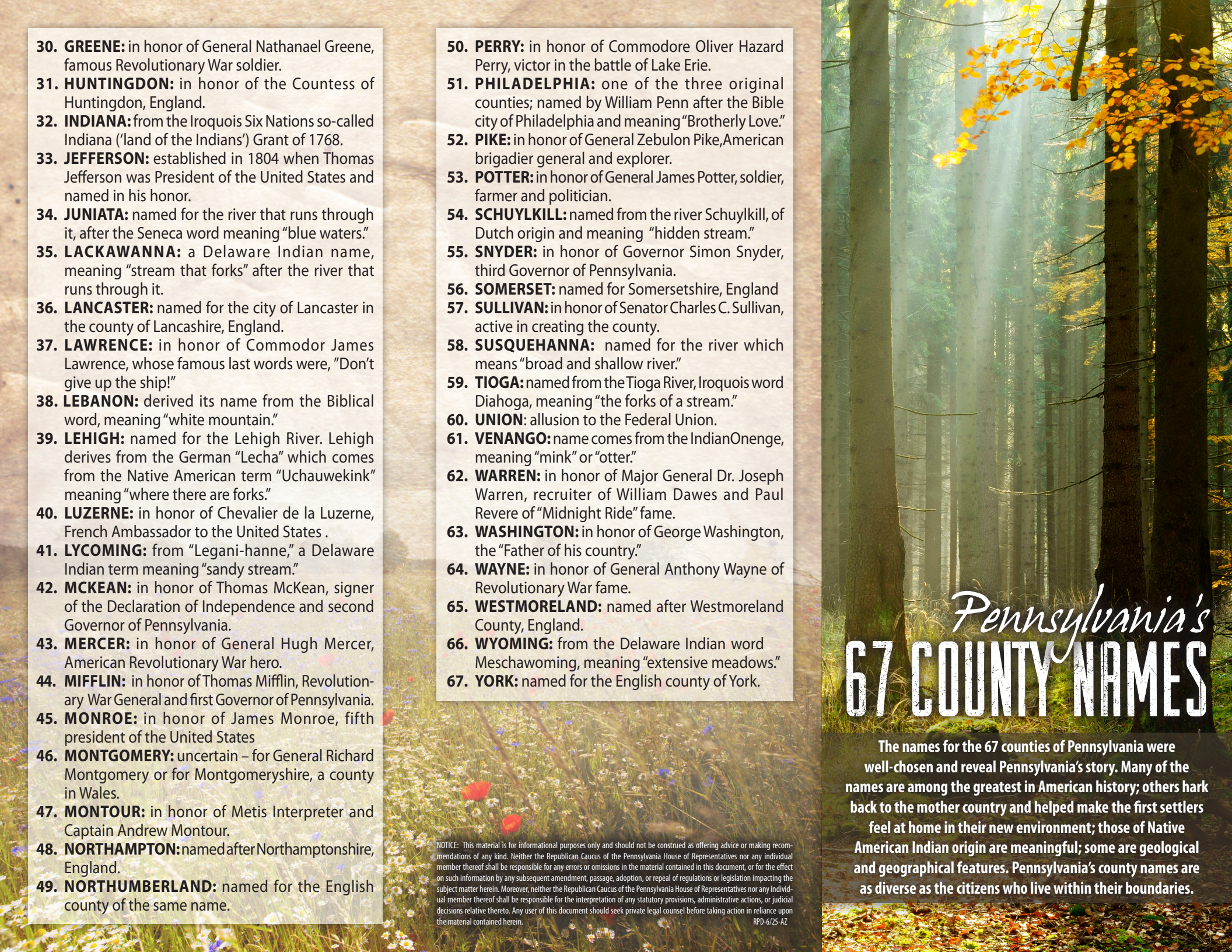


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30. **GREENE:** in honor of General Nathanael Greene, famous Revolutionary War soldier.
31. **HUNTINGDON:** in honor of the Countess of Huntingdon, England.
32. **INDIANA:** from the Iroquois Six Nations so-called Indiana ('land of the Indians') Grant of 1768.
33. **JEFFERSON:** established in 1804 when Thomas Jefferson was President of the United States and named in his honor.
34. **JUNIATA:** named for the river that runs through it, after the Seneca word meaning "blue waters."
35. **LACKAWANNA:** a Delaware Indian name, meaning "stream that forks" after the river that runs through it.
36. **LANCASTER:** named for the city of Lancaster in the county of Lancashire, England.
37. **LAWRENCE:** in honor of Commodor James Lawrence, whose famous last words were, "Don't give up the ship!"
38. **LEBANON:** derived its name from the Biblical word, meaning "white mountain."
39. **LEHIGH:** named for the Lehigh River. Lehigh derives from the German "Lecha" which comes from the Native American term "Uchauwekink" meaning "where there are forks."
40. **LUZERNE:** in honor of Chevalier de la Luzerne, French Ambassador to the United States .
41. **LYCOMING:** from "Legani-hanne," a Delaware Indian term meaning "sandy stream."
42. **MCKEAN:** in honor of Thomas McKean, signer of the Declaration of Independence and second Governor of Pennsylvania.
43. **MERCER:** in honor of General Hugh Mercer, American Revolutionary War hero.
44. **MIFFLIN:** in honor of Thomas Mifflin, Revolutionary War General and first Governor of Pennsylvania.
45. **MONROE:** in honor of James Monroe, fifth president of the United States
46. **MONTGOMERY:** uncertain – for General Richard Montgomery or for Montgomeryshire, a county in Wales.
47. **MONTOUR:** in honor of Metis Interpreter and Captain Andrew Montour.
48. **NORTHAMPTON:** named after Northamptonshire, England.
49. **NORTHUMBERLAND:** named for the English county of the same name.

50. **PERRY:** in honor of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, victor in the battle of Lake Erie.
51. **PHILADELPHIA:** one of the three original counties; named by William Penn after the Bible city of Philadelphia and meaning "Brotherly Love."
52. **PIKE:** in honor of General Zebulon Pike, American brigadier general and explorer.
53. **POTTER:** in honor of General James Potter, soldier, farmer and politician.
54. **SCHUYLKILL:** named from the river Schuylkill, of Dutch origin and meaning "hidden stream."
55. **SNYDER:** in honor of Governor Simon Snyder, third Governor of Pennsylvania.
56. **SOMERSET:** named for Somersetshire, England
57. **SULLIVAN:** in honor of Senator Charles C. Sullivan, active in creating the county.
58. **SUSQUEHANNA:** named for the river which means "broad and shallow river."
59. **TIOGA:** named from the Tioga River, Iroquois word Diahoga, meaning "the forks of a stream."
60. **UNION:** allusion to the Federal Union.
61. **VENANGO:** name comes from the Indian Onenge, meaning "mink" or "otter."
62. **WARREN:** in honor of Major General Dr. Joseph Warren, recruiter of William Dawes and Paul Revere of "Midnight Ride" fame.
63. **WASHINGTON:** in honor of George Washington, the "Father of his country."
64. **WAYNE:** in honor of General Anthony Wayne of Revolutionary War fame.
65. **WESTMORELAND:** named after Westmoreland County, England.
66. **WYOMING:** from the Delaware Indian word Meschawoming, meaning "extensive meadows."
67. **YORK:** named for the English county of York.

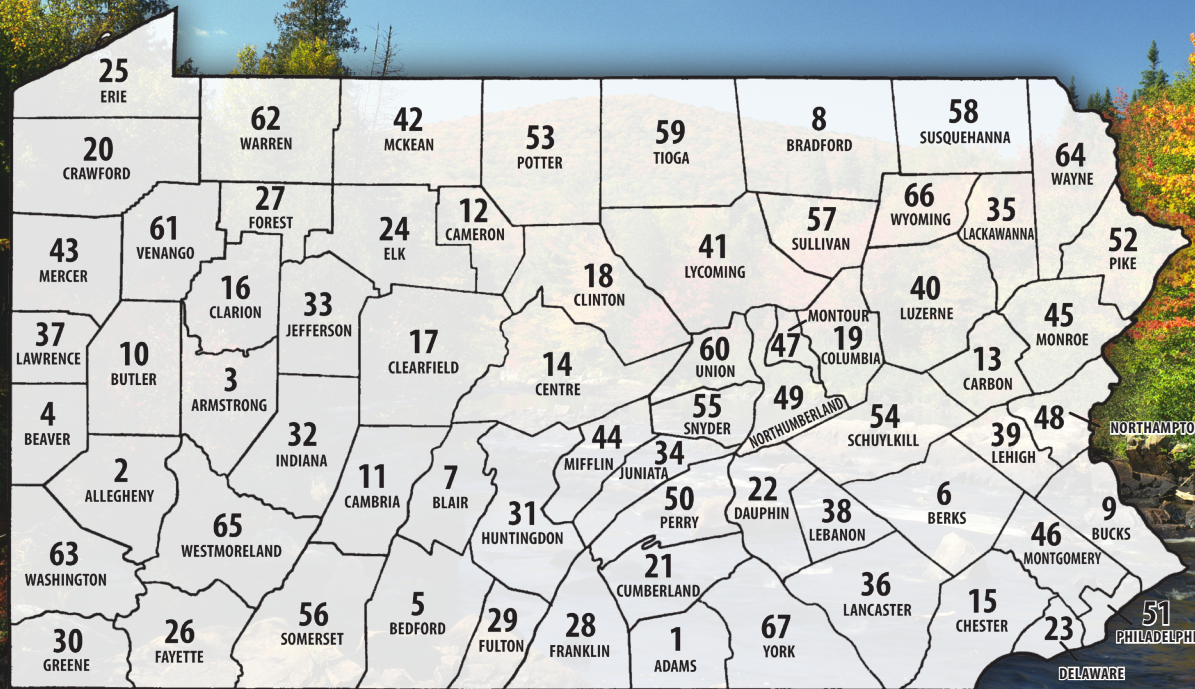
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# *Pennsylvania's* 67 COUNTY NAMES

The names for the 67 counties of Pennsylvania were well-chosen and reveal Pennsylvania's story. Many of the names are among the greatest in American history; others hark back to the mother country and helped make the first settlers feel at home in their new environment; those of Native American Indian origin are meaningful; some are geological and geographical features. Pennsylvania's county names are as diverse as the citizens who live within their boundaries.





# THE ORIGINS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S 67 COUNTY NAMES

- ADAMS:** in honor of John Adams, second President of the United States.
- ALLEGHENY:** Native American Indian origin from a tribe known as the Alligewi.
- ARMSTRONG:** in honor of Colonel John Armstrong, surveyor and Revolutionary War commander.
- BEAVER:** named for Beaver River which was named to honor Native American Chief Tamaque who was called the Beaver King.
- BEDFORD:** named for Fort Bedford which in turn was named for the English Duke of Bedford.
- BERKS:** from Berkshire, England where William Penn's father owned lands.
- BLAIR:** in honor of John Blair, Jr., an early resident prominent in the affairs of Pennsylvania.
- BRADFORD:** in honor of William Bradford, Attorney General during Washington's second administration.
- BUCKS:** one of the three original counties; named for Buckingham, an important shire of England.
- BUTLER:** in honor of General Richard Butler of Carlisle, PA.
- CAMBRIA:** named by early Welsh settlers after the traditional name for Wales.
- CAMERON:** in honor of U.S. Senator Simon Cameron who also served as Lincoln's Secretary of War and as ambassador to Russia.
- CARBON:** alludes to its deposits of anthracite coal.
- CENTRE:** occupies the geographical center of the state.
- CHESTER:** one of the three original counties; named for Chester, England.
- CLARION:** for the Clarion River, the water ripples "sounding like a distant clarion."
- CLEARFIELD:** from the clear fields along Clearfield Creek attributed to roaming bison herds.
- CLINTON:** in honor of DeWitt Clinton, builder of the Erie Canal while New York Governor.
- COLUMBIA:** poetic name of the United States that alludes to Christopher Columbus, Italian explorer of the New World.
- CRAWFORD:** in honor of Colonel William Crawford, a frontier hero.
- CUMBERLAND:** named for Cumberland, England, a maritime county of England.
- DAUPHIN:** in honor of the heir to the French throne (title of Dauphin) for France's help in the Colonies' fight for independence.
- DELAWARE:** in honor of Lord De la Warr who anchored in the bay (also named for him) en route to Virginia.
- ELK:** named for the Eastern elk that historically inhabited the region.
- ERIE:** Native American name of an ancient tribe on the borders of Lake Erie, meaning "panther."
- FAYETTE:** in honor of the Marquis de Lafayette, French aristocrat, military officer and friend of George Washington, who fought in the American Revolutionary War.
- FOREST:** for its extensive forest a hundred years after other sections of the state were well-populated.
- FRANKLIN:** in honor of Benjamin Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.
- FULTON:** in honor of Robert Fulton, steamboat developer and Pennsylvania native.