

**PICTURE OF
LYCOMING
COUNTY**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649671397

Picture of Lycoming County by Various

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

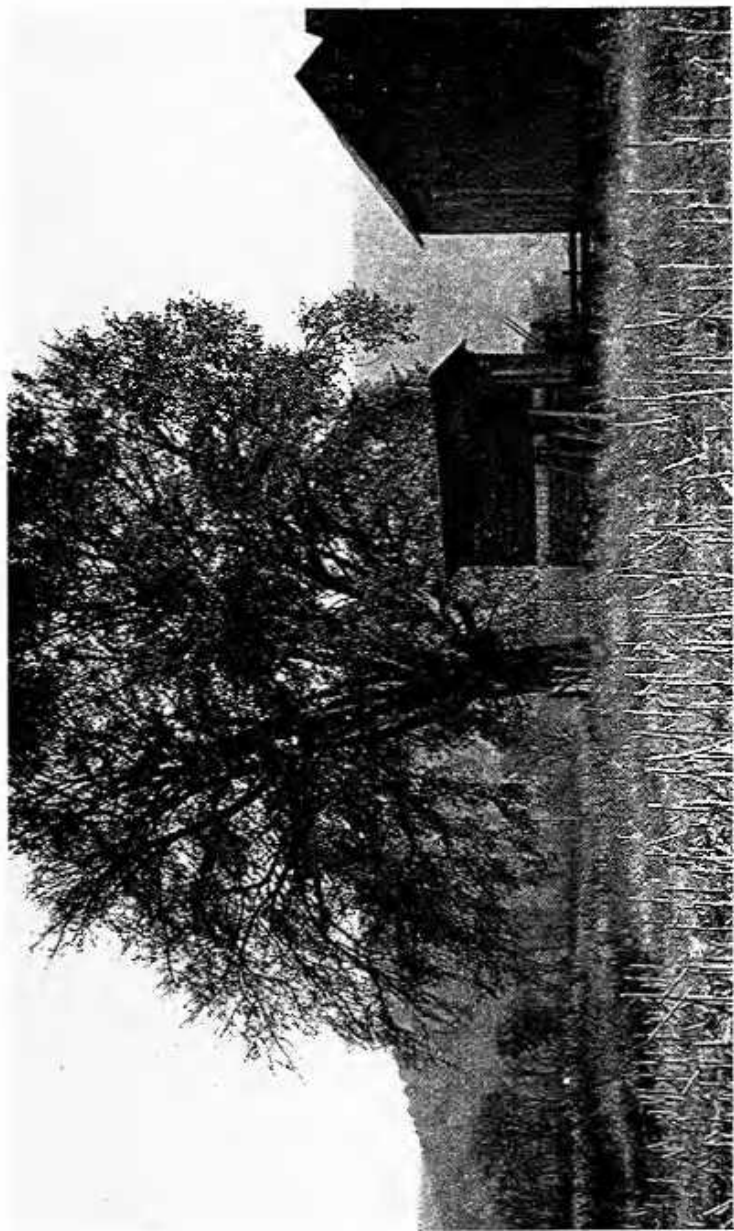
Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

VARIOUS

**PICTURE OF
LYCOMING
COUNTY**



Tiadaghton Elm. Under this tree the "Pine Creek Declaration of Independence" was signed

A PICTURE
OF
LYCOMING COUNTY

Written and compiled by the Lycoming
County Unit of the Pennsylvania Writers'
Project of the Work Projects Administration

*Sponsored by the Superintendent of Schools
of Lycoming County, Frank H. Painter*

First Edition

Published by
THE COMMISSIONERS OF
LYCOMING COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
1939

COPYRIGHT 1939,
BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF LYCOMING COUNTY

FOREWORD

In *A Picture of Lycoming County* I believe that The Pennsylvania Writers' Project has prepared a book well fitted for use in teaching the history of our county.

Interestingly written, it cannot help but give a truer and better picture of local history to any readers, from seventh and eighth grade pupils up to adults, many of whom will find the book stirring up reminiscences of their own youth.

—FRANK H. PAINTER
*Superintendent of Schools
of Lycoming County*

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
JOHN M. CARMODY, *Administrator*

WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

COLONEL F. C. HARRINGTON, *Commissioner*
FLORENCE KERR, *Assistant Commissioner*
LT. COL. PHILIP MATHEWS,
Pennsylvania Work Projects Administrator

PREFACE

A PICTURE OF LYCOMING COUNTY is the first in a series of new county histories being prepared by the Pennsylvania Writers' Project. As befits their special purpose of classroom use, apart from their interest to the general reader, the method of treatment varies widely from the more formal guide books which have already appeared as units in the American Guide Series.

For this reason, the staff of the Writers' Project has special reason to be grateful to the educators, historians, and other scholars whose contribution of time, advice, and constructive criticism are woven into the pages of this book. In this respect, grateful acknowledgment is here expressed to the following consultants, some of whom reviewed the entire manuscript, others devoting themselves to portions on which they have special knowledge:

Frank H. Painter, Superintendent of Lycoming County Schools; Dr. Charles A. Lose, President of the Montoursville School District; Russell H. Rhoads, head of the Department of Social Studies, Williamsport Senior High School; Bruce A. Hunt, editor of *The Williamsport Sun* and member of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission; Dr. T. B. Stewart, of Lock Haven; Dr. T. K. Wood, of the Muncy Historical Society; and Miss Katharine Bennet, Assistant Librarian of the James V. Brown Library, Williamsport.

Acknowledgment for permission to use special photographs is hereby tendered several friends of the project, whose names are given individually in the list of illustrations. Full cooperation was given by the various newspapers and by the James V. Brown Library in placing their files at the Writers' Project's disposal. Also worthy of mention is the spirit of cooperation shown by the various city and county officials to whom members of the staff went for special information on governmental topics.

A Picture of Lycoming County was nearly completed by the Pennsylvania Unit of the Federal Writers' Project, with Paul Comly French, State Director. The Pennsylvania Writers' Project superceded the activities of the Federal Project and brought the publication to completion under the immediate direction of Joseph A. Kilcullen, Editor-in-chief.

The book from its beginning was under the supervision of James T. Gilson, formerly District Editor in charge of the Lycoming County Unit. His writing and research staff included Howard E. Painton, J. D. P. Smithgall, Morton B. Reeser, Leo Orso and George Reidell, Sr. Clerical assistance was given by Kathleen J. O'Connor and Florence Edythe Coder.

The drafting of maps was under the supervision of William J. Hagerty, of the State Staff.

George B. Reeves, formerly Assistant State Director, gave final editorial supervision to the manuscript.

The Pennsylvania Writers' Project, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction, operates under the supervision of Anna M. Lebengood, Director, Professional and Service Division, and under the jurisdiction of Lt. Col. Philip Mathews, State Administrator, Work Projects Administration.

—C. C. LESLEY
*Acting State Supervisor,
Pennsylvania Writers' Project.*

November 10, 1939.

