

## Settling Wyoming County

Wyoming County was first formed on January, 26, 1850. It was formed from a part of Logan County. Wyoming County was named after the Wyoming Indian Tribe, who were some of the first people to set foot in present day Wyoming County. In Wyoming County there are three areas that were settled during this time, they are Pineville, Mullens and Oceana. Today, these are the three largest towns in Wyoming County.

The first settler in Oceana to build houses and live here was John Cooke in 1752-1832. The second settler in Oceania was Ralph Stewart in 1749-1835. It was a long time ago since they started living in Oceana. At one time the county courthouse was in Oceana. However, it is located in the town of Pineville now.

Before the town of Mullens was settled by white men the area was a hunting ground used by various Native American tribes. One source I cited said that Mullens was first settled by a man named "Bill Bandy" Mullens. Some thought he was the son of a man named John S. Mullens of New Richmond who was not related to A. J. Mullins that later became one of the first settlers of Mullens, WV.. Early land grants in Mullens were given to William H. Lambert in 1859, W. M. Evans in 1835, Joseph Workman in 1846, and Andrew Jackson Mullins. .

Pineville, WV was first settled by Hiram clay in 1863. He settled near the site of present-day Pineville. The community was once called Castlerock, and the post office there was

once named Rockcastle. The town was then named Pineville for the local pine forest and incorporated as a town under that name in 1907.

Although Wyoming County began being settled in the mid 1700's it wasn't until 1850 that it was actually formed from a part of Logan County. It's interesting that the three main places to be settled are still today the largest 3 towns in this county and were all occupied way before they were settled by Native American tribes.

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