NEW OXFORD, PA

HISTORY OF NEW OXFORD

In 1800, Oxford Town consisted of 33 dwellings, 2 stores, 1 tavern, 1 school house, a literary institute called the Oxford College and Medical Institute, and 1 church. The church was shared by the German Reformed and the Lutherans. The name of the community changed in 1822 to New Oxford in order to avoid confusion with another Pennsylvania town that was also called Oxford.

New Oxford derived its name from an ox-head sign at an old inn near a creek ford. It was laid out by Henry Kuhn in 1792 as the town of "Oxford Town" the lots at first were apportioned by lottery at $10.00 per ticket. It became a borough by Decree of Court on August 20, 1874. In 1864, Dr. M.D.G. Pfeiffer founded the New Oxford College and Medical Institute, more familiarly known as Dr. Pfeiffer's College, which flourished until after the Civil War.

A study in 2009 showed that one in five households in Pennsylvania do not make enough money to meet basic needs even though many live above the federal poverty line. Eighty-five percent of Pennsylvania households have at least one worker, but adequate wages are hard to come by since the recession. Families with school-age children seem to be affected the most – school-age children below the poverty line have been on the rise since 2000.

FUN FACTS ABOUT NEW OXFORD

New Oxford is full of history, including Kuhn Tavern has been standing since 1763!

New Oxford is known as, “The Little Town with the Beautiful Circle.”

NEW OXFORD AT A GLANCE:

- Unemployment Rate: 3.6%
- Population (2009): 1,779
- Land area: 0.63 square miles
- Elevation: 561 feet
- Median Household Income: $47,868

CLOSEST AIRPORT

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)
Hanover, MD 21076
(410) 859-7111

HOW FAR AWAY IS NEW OXFORD FROM...?

Pittsburgh, PA ..... 195 miles
Washington DC ..... 92 miles
Chicago, IL ..... 648 miles
St. Louis, MO ..... 779 miles
Atlanta, GA ..... 694 miles
Reach Headquarters in Galeton, CO ..... 1,595 miles

WEB PAGE INFORMATION

http://www.city-data.com/city/New-Oxford-Pennsylvania.html
http://www.newoxford.org
http://pasdc.hbg.psu.edu/pasdc/data_and_information/briefs/RB011607.pdf
http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_624723.html

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