

County of Armstrong Proclamation

Armour Township

THE STATE OF A S, the ancient lands along the Allegheny River containing 89,000 acres were part of the 44 original manors left to William Penn's heirs, known as the "Penn at Westmoreland" and contained within first Allegheny then Westmoreland Township, these lands being held by the Penn family until 1804, from the earliest times these lands were also known as "Appleby Manor" by the Penn family, with "by" the German for "town," using the name "Manor," this township was confirmed by the courts December 1849, with the first election March 1850, and,

THE STATE OF A S, areas within this manor were important during the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War and subsequent Border Wars, including: the erection of Fort Armstrong in 1779 located 220 rods below Barrett's Run; Fort Run which was another 90 rods south of Fort Armstrong; Fort Land in the vicinity; and Fort Green (actually a blockhouse) erected in 1791 in present Rossion; and,

THE STATE OF A S, early settlers included George Cook, Jeremiah Cook Sr. then William Green who arrived from Fayette County by 1787; that Green and his three sons established themselves at Rossion and built a mill for grinding grain, one of the first in the region; and,

THE STATE OF A S, one of the earliest schools in the entire county was established north of Appleby Manor Church in a log cabin by 1802, with Harrison Cook the first teacher; and,

THE STATE OF A S, many villages and towns were created throughout this township, including: Ford City, Ford Cliff, Manorville, Dodgewood, Rossion, Bathonsville, Rossford, and Manor Heights; and,

THE STATE OF A S, this year Armour Township is celebrating its Sesquicentennial in the year 2000, which so happens to also be the County of Armstrong's Bicentennial.

THE STATE OF A S, I HEREBY declare that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Armstrong recognizes the 150th Birthday of Armour Township, congratulates its citizens for such an unique milestone and do hereby proclaim the Year 2000 as "Armour Township's Sesquicentennial."

Adopted this 16th Day of March in the Year 2000.

James H. Scalhill
James H. Scalhill, Chairman

Jack J. Hamnir
Jack J. Hamnir, Vice-Chairman

Thomas H. Dreyzer
Thomas H. Dreyzer, Secretary

Attest:

Judy Ruppel
Judy Ruppel, Chief Clerk

