



The seal of Bedford County is a variation of the seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Bedford County played a major part in the history of the state, particularly around the time of the Revolutionary War. It has a central image of a shield containing a ship under full sail, a plow and three sheaves of wheat. These symbols represent the importance of commerce, labor and agriculture to the county's economy. A stalk of Indian corn and an olive branch flank either side of the shield. They represent the county and state's recognition of their past and hopes for the future. Atop the shield, an eagle symbolizes protection, freedom and vision. Around the seal are the words that designate it as the seal of Bedford County and the year the county was created, 1771. Bedford County was created from Cumberland County and at its creation comprised most of the western portion of Pennsylvania.