

**Union County Local Businesses  
Outside the Lewisburg Borough**  
**by**  
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The list that follows reflects those businesses in Union County that have been in operation for 25 years or more. Please note that the list restricts itself to those businesses that are still operating with only a few exceptions (so noted with \*\*\*). The list is also restricted to local businesses not franchises.

The list was compiled from searching advertising inserts or pieces that sometimes state “anniversary dates,” local telephone books, and our collective memories and knowledge that was solicited by the author. The businesses listed are located outside the Lewisburg borough lines: on the west side of Route 15 and along the boundary lines of Kelly, East Buffalo, and Union townships.

The author has worked closely with Rick Sauers, the author of the list that follows this one. The second list focuses on the businesses located within the Borough of Lewisburg. We have tried to indicate relocation of those businesses that are long lived within both in the Lewisburg borough and outside the borough. This has been happening more frequently than in the past as shopping plazas are established and expand.

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Both appendix authors acknowledge that this is a work in progress and welcome additions and corrections of any sort being sent to the editor of ACCOUNTS, Tom Greaves, at [greaves@bucknell.edu](mailto:greaves@bucknell.edu).

**Spanning UC Communities:**

These businesses are examples of local businesses there were in two county locations at one time or another. They illustrate the complexity sometimes in pinning down the “where” and “when” of local businesses:

\*\*\***Ethel/Mary Koons 1927-2006 in Mifflinburg** while a second shop in the borough of Lewisburg (run alone by Mary Koons from 1945-1961) 79 years

\*\*\***H. A. Cook & Sons 1900-1955 in Vicksburg** was purchased by Stanley Sones and renamed **Sones Department Store** or **Sones Dry Goods** in Vicksburg until 1984. (An iteration of Sones, called **The Blue Jay** operated in Lewisburg and was later incorporated by the **Childrens' Center** — located next door.) 84 years

\*\*\***Burrey and Smucker's General Store 1894-1928 in Vicksburg/Burrey's 1928-1958/continued operation in Lewisburg as Burrey's Warehouse** (coal, fuel oil, seeds, fertilizer) until 1973 79 years

**Burrey's Warehouse** (coal, fuel oil, seeds, fertilizer) in the borough of Lewisburg 1928-(1971+) 43 years+

**Route 15 South of Rte. 45 (aka West Branch Highway) in East Buffalo and Union townships**

**Rose Swimming Pools** since 1958; moved from Lewisburg borough in 1992 to below Winfield on Rte 15 58 years

**River Edge Camp and Marina** since 1963 53 years

**Colonial Candlecrafters** since 1967; re-located to Brook Park Farm in 2014 49 years

**Colonial Crest Motel/Econolodge/Rodeway Inn** since 1974 42 years

**Doug W. Smith Concrete** (3067 West Branch Highway) since 1981 35 years

**Oberdorf's Carpet One** (4446 West Branch Highway) since 1982 34 years

**Fogarty Homes** since 1984 32 years

**Orchard Pump & Supply** since 1987 29 years

**WGRC** since 1989 27 years

**Regency Finance Company** since 1990 26 years

**Route 15 north of Rte. 45 in East Buffalo and Kelly townships:**

**Evangelical Home/Lewisburg United Methodist Homes/Riverwoods Senior Living Community/Albright Healthcare, RiverWoods** since 1916 100 years

**Weis Markets** since 1924 in Lewisburg; relocated to Kelly in 1974 92 years

**J&F/Red Star/Doebler's Station** since 1935; **Bison Beverage** since 1980 81 years

**Steese's/Hummel's/Meecham's** beer distributors since mid-1930s/**The Beer Barn**  
since 1976 80 years

**Marlin B. Sauers & Sons** (Pioneer Seed Corn) 1936-2016 80 years

\*\*\***Union Motors** (1922-1963/**Walters Oldsmobile** (1963-1987)/ **Lewisburg Motors**  
(1987-1990)/ **Anchor Motors** (1990-1996) 75 years

**Lewisburg Builders Supply** since 1941; relocated to Kelly Twp. in 1979 75 years

**BZ Motors** since 1947 on Rte. 45; relocated to former JPM site on Rote 15 N. in 2005 69  
years

**Evangelical Hospital** since 1953 63 years

\*\*\***JPM Company** (1949-2002) in East Buffalo Township; moved in 1952 to North  
6th/7<sup>th</sup>; in 1960 moved to Route 15 North then North 15<sup>th</sup> Street 53 years

**University Motor Inn/Days Inn University** since 1966 50 years

**Lewisburg Car Wash/University Car Wash** since 1969 47 years

**Robert Brubaker** since 1971 in Lewisburg; relocated to Route 15 N in 2001 45 years

**PA State Liquor Store** since 1970 in Lewisburg; relocated to Route 15 N in 2016 as  
Fine Wine & Spirits 45 years

**Washtubs Laundries** since 1972 44 years

**Country Cupboard** since 1973 43 years

**Colonial Village Construction/CVC Heating and Cooling** since 1974 42 years

**Moyer Crane Service** since 1975; relocated to Laurelton 41 years

**Animal Care** since 1977 39 years

**Broadt Computers** since 1978 in Lewisburg; relocated to Kelly in 2002 38 years

**Crate & Freight Plus** since 1989 37 years

**Warren's Sew-Vac Center** since 1980 36 years

**Lee A. Cross Painting Contractor** since 1980 36 years (288 Smoketown Road)

**Cromley's Septic** since 1981 35 years

**A Cut Above** (beauty salon) since 1982 34 years

**Bittner Landscaping** since 1983 33 years (361 Manning Road)

**Hackenberg Apiaries** since 1983 33 years (1466 Crossroads Drive)

**Roger L. Knauss Plumbing** since 1983 33 years (706 Judy Road)

**West Branch Rental** since 1984 32 years

**Bonnie Jones Beauty Shop** since 1984 32 years (521 Judy Road)  
**Keiser's Plumbing & Heating** since 1984 32 years (370 Beagle Road)  
**Jerry Bavero Financial Service** since 1984 32 years  
**Longenecker's Photography** since 1985 31 years (2702 Crossroads Drive)  
**Runner's Gazette** and **Outdoor Gazette** since 1987 29 years (67 W Jupiter Lane)  
**Dollar General** since 1986 relocated to Kelly Township in 1998 30 years  
**Ken's Garage** since 1987 29 years (1201 Buffalo Road)  
**Peking Garden** since 1989 (relocated to Penn Commons) 27 years  
**Glenn E. Troup Construction** since 1989 27 years (6486 Col John Kelly Road)  
**Unico Sealing** since 1990-present 26 years (1824 Salem Church Road)  
**\*\*\*Stone Villa Haven** overnight cottages 1946-(1971+) 26 years  
**\*\*\*Traveler's Inn (restaurant)** 1941-1966 25 years

**Route 45 and vicinity west of Lewisburg:**

**\*\*\*Lewisburg Chair/Pennsylvania House Furniture** (1886-2004) 118 years  
**Citizens' Electric** since 1911 in Lewisburg; relocated to East Buffalo in 1982  
 105 years  
**The Auction/Farmers' Market** 1936-present 80 years  
**V&H Ford** since 1937/**Lewisburg Ford** since 2004/**Alexander Ford** since 2009  
 79 years  
**Swirl Shop** (beauty parlor) since 1938 in Lewisburg; relocated to Brook Park in 1992 78  
 years  
**Lewisburg Animal Hospital** since 1957 59 years  
**\*\*\*(Samuel) Baker's Scrap Yard** (metal scrap yard) 1915-(1971+) 56 years  
**Moore Business Forms** (now is Moore North America) since 1960 56 years  
**Dor-Day's Sub Shop** since 1961 55 years  
**Hedricks Mobil Service** (1961-1981); **Dunkle's Mobil Service** (1981-1986);  
**Smeltz Mobil/Automotive Service** since 1986 55 years  
**Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village** since 1968 48 years  
**Twin Kiss** (1969-?)/ **Bingaman II/Bresslers** (1985-2000)/**Purple Cow** 2000  
 47 years

**Mid-Penn Engineering Corporation** since 1969 47 years

**The Sholley Agency** since 1969 in Lewisburg; relocated to Rte 45 W in 1996 47 years

**Time Markets (1968-1991)/Coastal Mart (1991-1995)/Sunoco A Plus (present)** since 1968 38 years

**Computer Support Services** since 1978 38 years

**Kalin Financial Services** since 1983 33 years

**A-1 Lock & Key** since 1985 31 years

**Century 21 (Mertz & Associates)** since 1985 31 years

**Pursel Development** since 1985 31 years (32 Whisper Creek Drive)

**Rug Outlet** since 1986-present 30 years

**New Images Hair Design** since 1986 30 years

**George Pardoe's Upholstery Shop** since 1986 30 years (Hafer Road)

**Towncraft (kitchenwares)** since 1988 28 years

**Lamprinos** (started in Milton 1954) since 1990 26 years

**Allenwood:**

**Purity Candy** since 1907 in Lewisburg where it has a retail store; since 1991 an additional location and where candy is made 109 years

**Devitt's Camp** (tubercular treatment center) since 1912/**White Deer Run Treatment Center** since 1970 104 years

**Reptiland** since 1964 52 years

**Forest Hill:**

**Forest Hill Store** since 1847 169 years

**Forest House** since 1866 160 years

**Raymond B. Winter State Park** since 1942 74 years

**Hidden Valley Camping Resort** since 1960s 56 years

**Laurelton:**

**Union County Fair/West End Fair** since 1857 (first in Lewisburg until 1937; then in Laurelton) 159 years

**Laurel Market** since 1908 108 years

**Mazeppa area:**

**Bear/Chamberlin/VanValzah/Hoffa/Witmer/ and Grove's Mill** since 1784 232 years

**Sampsell's Roofing** since 1950s or earlier 66 years

**Kuhns Brothers Lumber Company** since 1964 52 years

**Mifflinburg:**

**The Mifflinburg Hotel/Scarlet D** since 1858 157 years

\*\*\***The Mifflinburg Telegraph** (1862-2014) 152 years

**Mifflinburg Bank & Trust** since 1872 144 years

**Mifflinburg Waterworks** since 1898 118 years

**Mifflinburg Fire Company** since 1898 118 years

**Mifflinburg Farmers' Exchange** since 1918 98 years

**H.L. Klose Heating** since 1938 78 years

**Shiveley's (1953-88)/B&K (1988-1992)/Rishel's Meat Market** since 1993 63 years

**Wehr's Beveridge** since 1960 or earlier 56 years

**Ritzcraft** since 1976 40 years

**Alvin Reiff's Woodworking** since 1977 39 years

**Martin's Small Engine Repair** since 1979 36 years

**Buggy Town (1982-86)/ Carriage Corner** since 1988 32 years

**Buffalo Valley Produce Auction** since 1988 28 years

**Decorating Center** since 1988 28 years

**Lawton Insurance Agency** in Mifflinburg and in Reitz Park, Lewisburg since 1990 26 years

**Millmont:**

**Shirk's Store** since 1885 131 years

**Zimmerman's Harness Shop/Zimmerman Supply** since 1969 47 years

**New Berlin:**

\*\*\***Shower's Store** (early 1900s-1998) 98 years

**New Berlin Fire Company** since 1932 84 years

**QE Manufacturing** since 1952 64 years

**SUN VO-TECH school** since 1971 45 years

**Playworld Systems** since 1986; relocated to Rte 192 in 1999 30 years

**New Columbia:**

**Nittany Mountain Campground** since 1972 54 years

**Ron Kerstetter Floor Sanding & Finishing** since 1987 29 years

**Buffalo Valley Christian Counseling Center** since 1990 26 years

**Red Bank:**

**Reiff's Poultry** since 1980 36 years

**Verna's Fabrics** since 1980 36 years

**Vicksburg:**

**Johnson's Auto Body** since 1972 43 years (on Furnace Road)

**Boop's Sporting Goods** since 1977 39 years

**Vicksburg Harness Shop** since 1978 38 years

**Earl Hoover's Tractors** since 1981 35 years

**The Tack Room** since 1982 34

**White Springs:**

**Hoover's Bernina** since 1987 29 years

**West Milton:**

**Central Oak Heights** since 1909 107 years

**Byerly's Meats** since 1910; relocated to Rte 15 below West Milton 106 years

**West Milton Bank** since 1920 96 years

**Kelly Mobile Homes** since 1958 57 years

**Boss Insulation and Roofing** since 1976 50 years

**White Deer:**

**Weaver's Sunset Ice Cream** since 1985 31 year