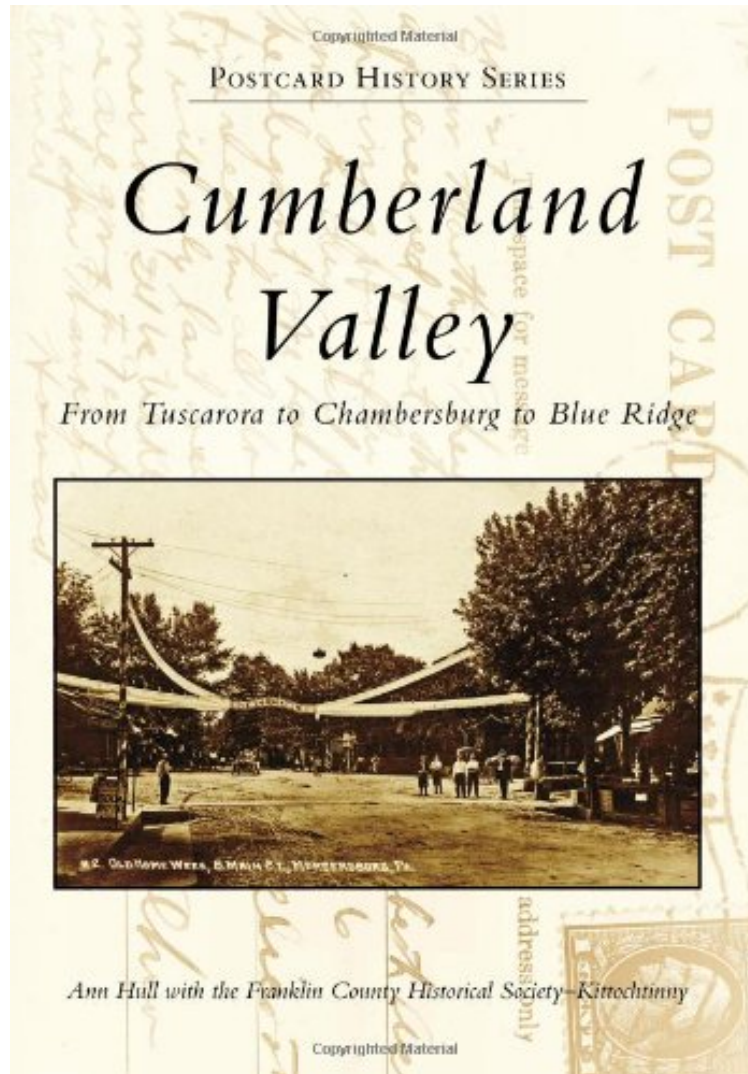


# Cumberland Valley:: From Tuscarora to Chambersburg to Blue Ridge (Postcard History)

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were hardy souls who confronted the hardships and struggles of Native American raids, the American Revolution, and the Civil War. In the 1800s, the iron industry sprang up in the small villages of Roxbury, Edenville, and Mont Alto, and academies and colleges were founded. The late Victorian resorts of Pen Mar, Monterey, and Buena Vista drew visitors to the valley. Today, within the mountain-protected borders of "Mother Cumberland," are the towns of Chambersburg, Mercersburg, Waynesboro, Greencastle, St. Thomas, and other small communities each with a rich history of its own.

Title: Picture this: history of the valley  
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How we view the places we live is often more about geographic regions than political boundaries. That's what endears the term "Cumberland Valley" to those in Franklin County, who live smack-dab in the center of the geographic region known as Cumberland Valley. It lends its name to schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and even the visitors' bureau in Carlisle. Now, it's the name of a book, the latest in the regional Postcard History Series published by Arcadia Publishing, which offers photographic histories compiled by local writers and historians. "Cumberland Valley: From Tuscarora to Chambersburg to Blue Ridge," was compiled and written by Ann Hull, executive director of Franklin County Historical Society-Kittochtinny. If you're expecting a wide view of the region from the Susquehanna River to the Potomac River -- historically the region known as Cumberland Valley -- note that the title reins in the reach of this book to Franklin County coverage -- from the Tuscarora Mountain village of Concord in the north to the resort town of Blue Ridge Summit in the southeast. Hull followed the practice of the historical society to complete this book. "Our motto is sharing our stories or telling our stories," she said. "That's what we do here and that's what I did with this book." Her storytelling is divided into chapters about people, events and celebrations (Chapter 1 begins with James Buchanan); villages, towns and crossroads (2); the Civil War years (3); education (4); transportation (5); and parks and recreation (6). Recreation in the area took the form of such sport as swimming at Parnell Knob, boating on Wolf Lake or taking the train or trolley to the dance pavilion at Caledonia Park. "I tried to include as many stories as I could," Hull said. "I have access to lots of information and I know a lot of the stories. It's probably history nobody has read before." Still, the book involved a lot of time and research, she said. "It was a lot of work, a lot of people helping me with editing ... hard work but I really enjoyed it -- I really did!" Filling in bits of stories that the postcards did not reveal took some digging, she admitted. Arcadia requires a 50-word caption under each photo. Hull borrowed a picture of early Chambersburg Hospital, for example, which is a large brick building still standing on South Main Street. "I only filled in where I felt that I didn't have a postcard that was good enough from here ... I used embellishments if I wanted to tell a better story." Better stories include details from records of the former Hafer Construction Co., records now held by the historical society. "They documented everything. If anybody wanted anything done, they hired Hafer Construction," said Hull. "They were even hired to move whole buildings." Hull gleaned new information about Wilson College from a talk by Mike Albert of Historic Preservation Services, Chambersburg, at a recent historical society meeting. Other records of value for creating captions were The Kittochtinny Papers, which are reports read to the historical society, starting in the year 1898, by men who researched topics of historical interest. Buy the book "Cumberland Valley: From Tuscarora to Chambersburg to Blue Ridge" by Ann Hull. The 128-page softcover book is \$21.99, available through Arcadia Publishing at <http://www.arcadiapublishing.com> or by calling 1-888-313-2665. The book may soon be available locally.

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