Timeline of
Trough Creek/Mary Ann/Paradise Furnace,
Savage Forge & Surrounding Community

Date	Person/Place	Event
1770		Cumberland County formed includes future Huntingdon County.
1771		Bedford County formed includes future Huntingdon County
1777	Plummer family	Father-John killed in Indian raid in Coffee Run, three children taken captive; mother was not home at time of raid. Nancy died in route to Canada, Sarah lived out her life among the Indians and Eli rejoined his mother three years later.
1780	Philip's Rangers	July 16, rangers find themselves surrounded by a raiding party at Frederick Hester's Blockhouse, forced to surrender 10 citizen soldiers are tortured to death, Captain Philips and his son are taken to Canada. Many settlers flee the area retuning to Maryland and not returning till 1785.
1785	Nicholas Crum[(1)] (1755-1804)	The first settler in the Great Trough Creek valley builds a gristmill. Is a German immigrant from Baltimore.
1787		Hopewell Township is formed includes present day Todd Twp.
1789/9/7	George Knoblough	Builds a Bloomery, in Trough Creek, 205 ac. Waterbury Moved here from Frederick County, Maryland (Knoblough is found spelled several ways; Knoblehoff, knowblough, Knoblow)
1790		Huntingdon County forms includes most of Blair, ½ of Cambria and part of Clearfield Counties.
1791		Union Township forms out of Hopewell Twp. Includes present day Todd Twp.
1794	James Wilson	(a signer of the Declaration of Independence) Purchase large amounts of land in the Trough Creek area (info found in CCC Camp S-57 Scrapbook)

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1796/8/20	Benjamin Morgan	Morgan buys James Wilsons land in the Trough Creek Valley Rueben Trexler will buy 1,611 acres from Morgan (info found in CCC Camp S-57 Scrapbook)
1797	Jacob Lesher	Builds Mary Ann Furnace, Longswamp, Berks Co. PA
1800	Nicholas Crum (1755-1804)	Builds a larger grist mill
1804	Nicholas Crum (1755-1804)	Dies and is buried at Columbia, PA while on a business trip.
1804	George Knoblough	Knoblough's bloomery closes
1805	Paradise Furnace Cemetery	(Indian Princess Stone) (initials MA MK)-Earliest known burial in Paradise Furnace Cemetery, hand-carved sandstone with cherubs, front and back.
1808	Jacob Lesher Rueben Trexler	Jacob Lesher transfers ownership of Mary Ann Furnace to his son-in-law Rueben Trexler located in Berks County, Longswamp Twp.
1813	Johnathan Masden (Marsden)	A Mifflin County Businessman buys land from James Entriken and erects a sawmill.
1813/5/15	Horatio Trexler	Born Mertztown, Longswamp, Berks County, PA to Rueben and Mary Ann Trexler
1818	Rueben Trexler	Builds a bloomer called Mary Ann at Trough Creek
1821	Jacob Lesher Rueben Trexler	Build Trough Creek Furnace on Trough Creek, 2 miles below Lick Run (small town of Newburg is on Lick Run)
?	Rueben Trexler	Trexler and Co. build a sawmill at Trough Creek Furnace
~1824	Trexler /Crum	Nicholas Crum (1809-1878) and Rueben Trexler begin a twenty five year partnership.
1830/Feb	Trough Creek Furnace	Henry Crum son of Nicholas Crum (1745-1804) and father of Nicholas Crum (1809-1878) laid to rest in the Furnace Cemetery
1830	Horatio Trexler Nicholas Crum(2)	Form a partnership that lasts till ~1855
~1831	Trough Creek Furnace	Rueben Trexler has ironmasters mansion built.

1831/ Dec	Trough Creek Furnace	R Baker -Age 72 laid to rest in the Furnace Cemetery
1832	Trough Creek Furnace	Furnace operations suspended
1832	John Savage & George Thompson	Builds Savage Forge and leases Trough Creek Furnace renaming it Mary Ann Furnace. Hire William Reese from Phoenixville to build forge and rebuild furnace. William's son Jacob age 12 works by his father's side, goes on to build first iron works in Sharon, Pa., erects and is 1st pres. of Cambria Ironworks, builds and operates Fort Pit Ironworks, improves the Bessemer Process and open hearth process.
1834	Horatio Trexler	Horatio becomes Superintendent of Mary Ann Furnace, Longswamp, Berks Co. PA
1835	Mary Ann Furnace	**William Firmstone arrives in America ~1834** employed by John Savage converts the furnace to run on coke for one month, first time was at Union furnaces in America. Converted Union Furnace to hot blast as well as Vesuvius Furnace in OH before working at Trough Creek.
1836	John Savage	deceased by this date
1837	Horatio Trexler	Horatio succeeds his father in ownership of Mary Ann Furnace, Long-Swamp
1838		Todd Township forms out of Union twp.
1843/May	Mary Ann Furnace / Paradise Furnace	Trexler's assume control of furnace and hires Percival P. Dewees to manage Furnace, he remained till 1847 Furnace was renamed Paradise Furnace.
1846/4/29	Rueben Trexler	Rueben passes at age 65at his home in Mertztown
1847/Dec	Paradise Furnace	Christian Prough marries his 2nd wife Mahala Estep Baker in Cassville and spend their wedding night at the home of Eve Prough in Paradise Furnace
1847	Percival Dewees	Resigns from Paradise Furnace to manage Aetna Furnace, but has to resign after 18 months due to health.
1848	Horatio Trexler	Moves to Reading PA
1850	Savage Forge	Savage Forge ceases operation. As does Paradise Furnace.

1850		Huntingdon County's current boundaries established with the break off of Blair County.
	Paradise Furnace	Abraham Zimmerman -Age 58 laid to rest in the Paradise Furnace Cemetery
1853	Horatio Trexler	Purchase ¼ interest in Reading Iron Works
1856	Paradise Furnace	Crum Grist Mill consumed by fire James Entriken buys farm and surviving mill.
1857/April	Paradise Furnace	Elizabeth Zimmerman -Age 88, laid to rest in the Paradise Furnace Cemetery
1858/July/1	Conrad Snare	Resident of Marklesburg buried in the Paradise Furnace Cemetery.
1860	Nelson Crum	Age 8 son of Nicholas Crum(2) dies and is buried in the Paradise Furnace Cemetery.
1860	Horatio Trexler	President on the Reading Gas Company
1862	Sarah Hunter Trexler	Horatio Trexler's first wife dies
1863	Paradise Furnace	P.P. Dewees again hires to manage Paradise Furnace remained till 1866, when he goes into partnership of Rockhill Furnace
1863/Sept	Paradise Furnace	Moses McBarnicle, age 2, laid to rest in Paradise Furnace Cemetery
1864	Horatio Trexler	Director of the National Union Bank of Reading
1865	Horatio Trexler	Mary Ann Furnace now Called Paradise Furnace back in blast after having been idle for several years
1865/Aug	Henderson O. Crum	Son of Nicholas Crum(2), age 16 dies and is buried in the Paradise Furnace Cemetery.
~1866	Horatio Trexler	Paradise Furnace out of blast for final time.
1869/March	Paradise Furnace	Jacob Hess -Age 88, laid to rest in the Paradise Furnace Cemetery

1869	Horatio Trexler	Mary Ann Furnace, Longswamp PA, out of blast for final time.
1870s&80s	John Adams Patterson	former mine superintendent living at Paradise Furnace and farms the furnace farm, The last two of John's five children are born at Paradise Furnace.
1873 9/9	Horatio Trexler	Becomes president of the National Union Bank.
1874/July/4	Ann Elizabeth Clark Snare	Wife of Conrad Snare laid to rest in Paradise Furnace Cemetery.
1874	George Brumbaugh	George buys from J. Simpson Africa, 1,870 acres of land comprising 6 tracts of land spanning three townships for $3,000. Included in the sale is the site of Savage forge. Purchase included 26 houses, some two story most log houses and a stone mansion for the former superintendent of the forge. Also included an abandon sawmill which George was able to repair and put back in working order. His son is the future Governor Martin Brumbaugh who spends summers cutting lumber at his father's summer timber camp in the Trough Creek Valley. Family uses forge mansion as a summer home.
1870's & 80's	Benjamin, Joseph A., George B. McClellan and Rueben Trexler Baker	The Baker family are Farmers and Stock dealers in and around Newburg and Trough Creek.
1873	Horatio Trexler	President of the National Union Bank
1876 6/26	Alonzo Trexler	Postmaster of Paradise Furnace is also a stock dealer, dry goods merchant, and ore miner. Is the son of Col. William and Mary Ann Trexler. A nephew of Horatio Trexler.
1876 7/31	Lydia Patterson	Postmaster of Paradise Furnace, mother of John A. Patterson
1878	Trough Creek	January February small pox epidemic in Huntingdon forces three Juniata college students to find an alternative place to wait out the epidemic at the Brumbaugh Family summer home at Savage Forge. Would be the beginning of Juniata College's Mountain Day
1883 May/3	John A. Patterson	Postmaster of Paradise Furnace

1878	Nicholas Crum[(2)]	Dies at Grant's Mill, Mifflin County
1889	Matilda Patterson	Wife of John Patterson commits suicide by drowning in the Great Trough Creek. Family unaware till neighbors discover the body.
1891/ 5/5	Erasmus Bennett Hiram P. Reynolds	Erasmus Bennett, of Topeka, Kansas, and Hiram P. Reynolds, of Waverly, Tioga County, New York, purchase Paradise Furnace property, from John A. Patterson, of Pottsville. Property consists of 4,708 acres of land including 500 acres of cleared farm land and all the improvements belonging to the old furnace, houses, barns, outbuildings, etc.
1896/May	Trough Creek	First official Juniata College day off held at Trough Creek Coined "Mountain Day" in 1903
1898	Trough Creek	Jacob Franklin , John Louis Trexler, H.J. Trexler form a limited partnership **Trexler Stave & Lumber Company**, run small mills in Paradise Furnace and Mertztown
1900 Feb 6	Mary Louisa Trexler	Wife of Horatio Trexler dies
1900Mar19	Horatio Trexler	Horatio dies at 7:30 a.m. on a Monday morning he was 87 years old.
1903-1919	Trough Creek	Commonwealth begins purchasing the Trough Creek Valley. More land purchased in 1919.
1904	Paradise Furnace	H.P. Reynolds buys ½ interest in Trexler Brothers & Company. Partners in other ½ interest are J. Mestrezat, J.F. Trexler and J.L. Trexler they own and manage Paradise Furnace Farm containing 4,700 acres for farming and raising horses and Cattle.
1905/1/20	Trexler	Trexler Brothers and Company dissolve and sell Paradise Furnace Farm to former partner H.P. Reynolds
1905	Alonzo Trexler	Living in Huntingdon County at one time operated and iron mine near Trough Creek and is a farmer and Stock raiser. Is a nephew of Rueben Trexler.
1910	Caprio and Grieco	Build logging railroad from Marklesburg to Paradise Furnace a distance of eight miles. Partners include: William, Charles and Anthony Caprio & Vito Grieco., lumbermen from Williamsport. They erect a circular sawmill at Paradise Furnace.

1913/4/4	Caprio and Grieco	Incorporate logging railroad as the Juniata and Southern Railroad and extend the railroad and additional seven miles to the Broad Top Coal and Mineral Company's coal mine at the small town of Jacobs, PA. President of mining co. Roy Warren Jacobs. The town of Jacobs no longer exists.
1914	H.P. Reynolds	Has two prized stallions: Luftikus a German Coach breed Panama Boy a Percheron , his address is Aitch, PA
1917	Caprio and Grieco	Railroad ceases operation, tracks are pulled up and sold for scrap in the WWI scrap drives. Owners make more money on the scrap that it cost to construct the railroad.
1919		Paradise Furnace Farm bought by state? One of seven Ironwork to become state forest reserve land.
1930's	Paradise Furnace	William Lane State Game Refuge Keeper lived in the old ironmasters house.
1933/6/16	CCC	Camp S-57 established Under command of the 12th US Infantry
1936	Trough Creek	Trough Creek Forest Park opens
1941	CCC	Camp S-57 closes
1963	Trough Creek	568 acres transferred to the Bureau of State Parks as Trough Creek State Park.
1956	Youth Forestry Camp #3	One of three male delinquent center set up to help youth. Currently only two camps remain. May have started at TrCr in 1964 original camp used the old Forge Mansion
1971	Savage Forge	Former Forge mansion torn down.
1990	Paradise Furnace	Ironmasters mansion becomes the Trough Creek Lodge.

1807/Oct/3	Trough Creek Valley	Mr. Long committed suicide, leaving wife and Children

The Mary Ann Furnace and Forge, Account Books, 1827-1838 (27 vols.) is a very large collection of account books, daybooks, receipts, blasting records, pig iron book, cordwood book, provisioning records for workers, and many company memos during these years of operation. An iron furnace at Trough Creek, Huntington County had close connections, and the two operations were partly owned by John Savage.
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