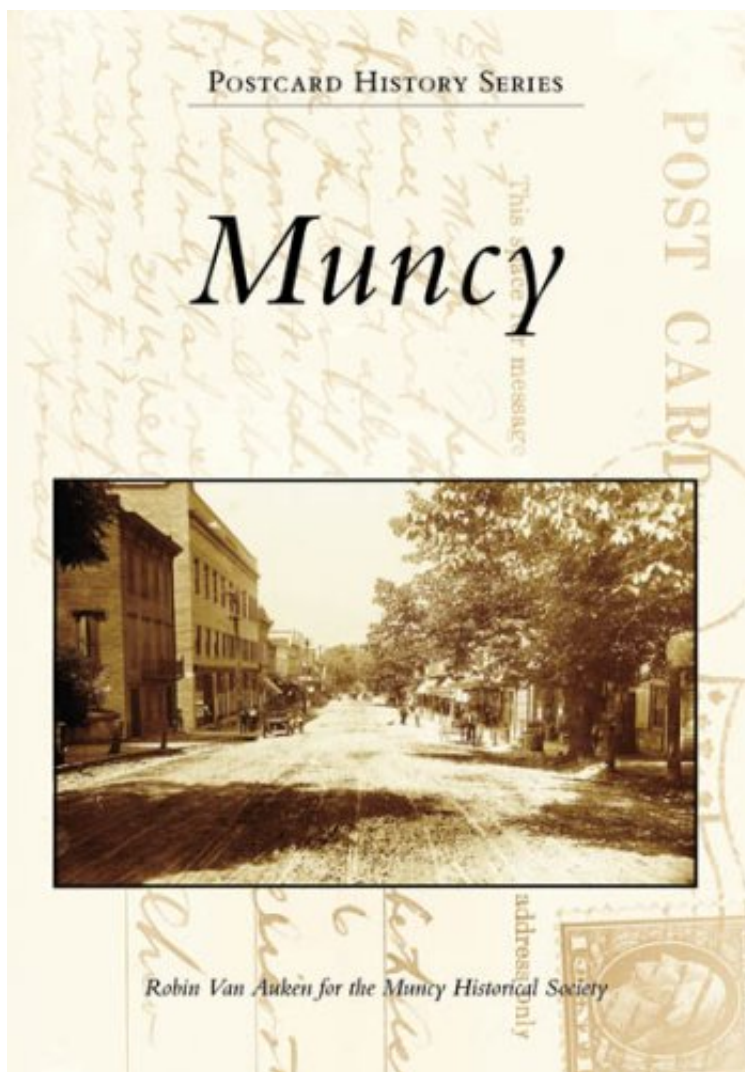


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Muncy, a small river town founded shortly after the French and Indian War, was the earliest European settlement in the West Branch Valley of the Susquehanna River. By 1769, land speculator Samuel Wallis had acquired more than 7,000 acres, so he sold much of this land to pioneers in search of a better way of life. By 1772, the West Branch Canal made Muncy a business thoroughfare and lumber boomtown. Like most Pennsylvania river towns, Muncy suffered great loss in the flood of 1889, which also devastated Johnstown. Another massive flood in 1894 sounded the death knell for the canal system. The railroad, which superseded the canal system throughout the United States, kept the local industry alive, although the port businesses disappeared. Through vintage postcards, Muncy depicts the varied past of this quiet town.

About the Author Robin Van Auken, an anthropologist and author of eight books on regional history, teaches American archaeology at Lycoming College. The Muncy Historical Society keeps the town's spirit alive with home tours, quilt shows, antique fairs, and an active archaeological dig and is in the process of developing the Muncy Canal Heritage Park and Nature Trail.