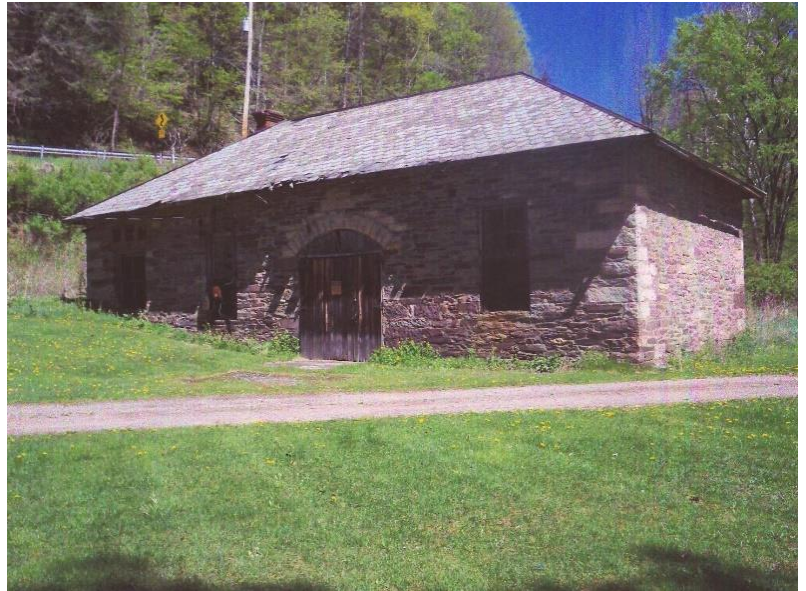


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The Muncy Valley Power House just below
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Hunter's Lake, located in Shrewsbury
Township Sullivan County, is the head
waters for what was at one time the
power plant supplying Eagles Mere,
Muncy Valley and Sonestown, also



Picture Rocks and Hughesville. The lake is fed by Rock Run Creek and wider at its top and bottom than it is in its middle, thus appears from above to be shaped like an hour glass.

From a May or June 1965 article the following: "Seal Break in Hunters Lake – As fishermen trolled the placid waters of Hunter's Lake around 10 o'clock Thursday night, one of them spotted an angry whirlpool.

"It could mean only one thing. A rupture in the old stone, rock-cribbed dam.

"A collapse of the dam could send 166 million gallons of water surging into the valley below. As state police Sgt. John R. Cummings of Dushore put it: "The community of Muncy Valley (pop. 160) would have been washed off the map."

"The village is a mile or so below the dam in the thinly populated midstate county of Sullivan.

"When it was all over Friday the hole in the dam fully sealed with sand bags and residents no longer fearful for the lives, Dr. Maurine K. Goddard, state secretary of forest and waters, could say: "It was the greatest piece of cooperation I have ever seen. The residents were magnificent, too. Nobody panicked. They just did what had to be done."

"The fishermen spread the alarm. Investigators who were first to reach the dam found a hole six to eight feet wide in the structure.

"The water gushing forth had turned the small run-off stream which flows through Muncy Valley into a raging torrent.

"State police marshalled rescue forces. They posted guards at the dam and others in the village of Muncy Valley. If the rupture got bigger, they would start evacuating residents. As it turned out, no evacuation was necessary."

On a hand written map done by Ken Parrish it states "Note: when state took over Hunter's Lake after brest burst a new brest was built and the overflow in the back of the lake."

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