

# Jasper & Smithville HISTORICAL TIMELINE

1830

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Village of Enlow's Hill becomes City of Jasper.  
Name selected from Revelations 21:19.

**1847**

85 residents of Pfaffenweiler, Germany head to America on 52 day trip on the ship "Tallahassee".

**1869**

Electric lighting comes to Jasper.

**1882**

First telegraph message sent.

**1883**

First telephone call made.

**1896**

First permanent telephone installed in Jasper.

**1922**

Smithville Telephone Company founded.

**1969**

Smithville acquires 12 exchanges showing its willingness to invest in providing the region's communication needs.

**1985**

Sister City partnership between the City of Jasper and Pfaffenweiler becomes official via the signing of the partnership document.

**1991**

All Smithville exchanges are "digital."

**1998**

Smithville offers their own long distance to telephone customers.

**2000**

Smithville begins to offer DSL for Internet.

**2004**

Smithville Digital is launched, providing the most sophisticated technological services for businesses and their networking needs.

**2005**

49 visitors from Pfaffenweiler, Germany visit Jasper during Strassenfest to celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Sister City Partnership.

**2010**

Pfaffenweiler Mayor Fritz Gutsell extends invitation to Jasper citizens to come to Pfaffenweiler to celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Partnership.

**2015**

Smithville and the City of Jasper create a new partnership by coming together to make Jasper the first Gigacity in the state of Indiana.

2015

● Jasper  
● Smithville  
● Jasper & Smithville