

Waterford had many names

Regionalization in 1974, resulting in the creation of City of Nanticoke, wasn't the first name change in the history of Waterford although it may be the last.

Back in the early days of the community, around 1808, the settlement was known as Sovereign's Mills, named after Leonard and Morris Sovereign who owned and operated the grist mill.

In the War of 1812, much of this area

suffered damage at the hands of American troops. The mills here were among the buildings burned and when Job Leder rebuilt them the community had a new name—Loderville.

Local historians can account for the early names to the community but the how, why and when of the switch to Waterford aren't known. Sometime during the 1920s, before the post office in town was opened, Loderville was replaced by Waterford and that name has stuck.