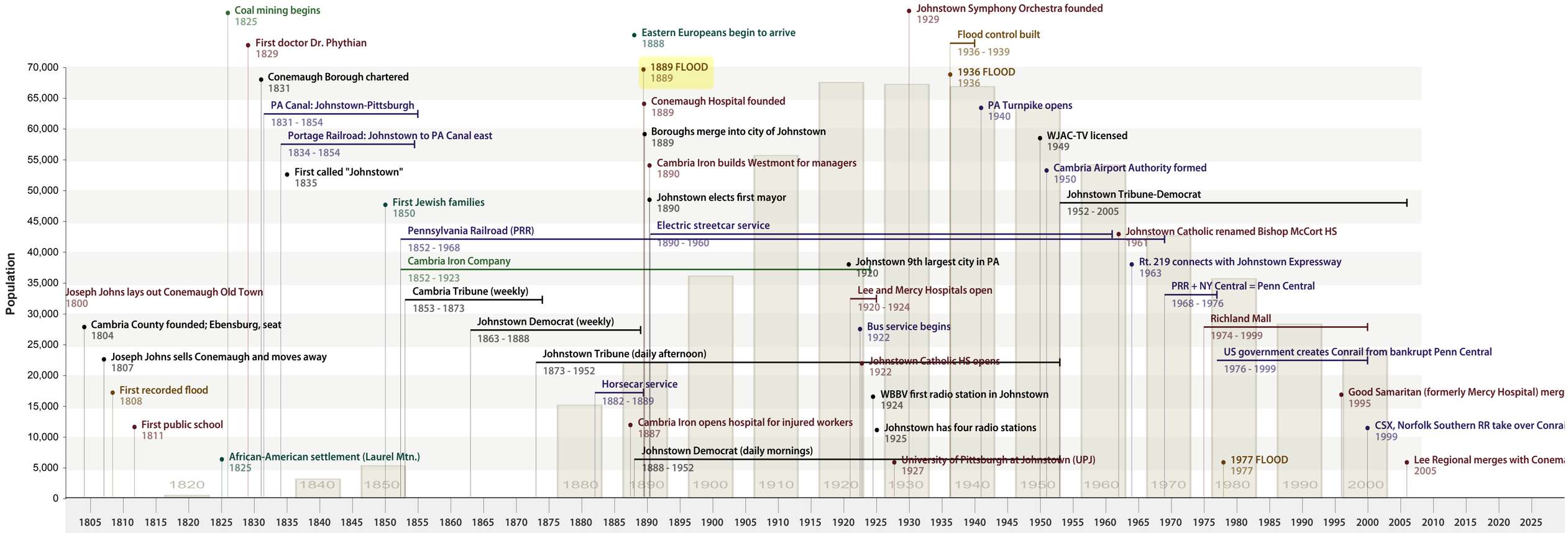
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Coal mining begins 1825
First doctor Dr. Phythian 1829
Conemaugh Borough chartered 1831
PA Canal: Johnstown-Pittsburgh 1831 - 1854
Portage Railroad: Johnstown to PA Canal east 1834 - 1854
First called "Johnstown" 1835
First Jewish families 1850
Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) 1852 - 1968
Cambria Iron Company 1852 - 1923
Cambria Tribune (weekly) 1853 - 1873
Johnstown Democrat (weekly) 1863 - 1888
Johnstown Tribune (daily afternoon) 1873 - 1952
Horsecar service 1882 - 1889
Eastern Europeans begin to arrive 1888
1889 FLOOD 1889
Conemaugh Hospital founded 1889
Boroughs merge into city of Johnstown 1889
Cambria Iron builds Westmont for managers 1890
Johnstown elects first mayor 1890
Electric streetcar service 1890 - 1960
Cambria Iron opens hospital for injured workers 1887
Johnstown Democrat (daily mornings) 1888 - 1952
Johnstown Symphony Orchestra founded 1929
Flood control built 1936 - 1939
1936 FLOOD 1936
PA Turnpike opens 1940
WJAC-TV licensed 1949
Cambria Airport Authority formed 1950
Johnstown Tribune-Democrat 1952 - 2005
Johnstown Catholic renamed Bishop McCort HS 1961
Rt. 219 connects with Johnstown Expressway 1963
PRR + NY Central = Penn Central 1968 - 1976
Richland Mall 1974 - 1999
US government creates Conrail from bankrupt Penn Central 1976 - 1999
Good Samaritan (formerly Mercy Hospital) merg 1995
CSX, Norfolk Southern RR take over Conrai 1999
Lee Regional merges with Conema 2005
1977 FLOOD 1977
Joseph Johns lays out Conemaugh Old Town 1800
Cambria County founded; Ebensburg, seat 1804
Joseph Johns sells Conemaugh and moves away 1807
First recorded flood 1808
First public school 1811
African-American settlement (Laurel Mtn.) 1825
Johnstown 9th largest city in PA 1920
Lee and Mercy Hospitals open 1920 - 1924
Bus service begins 1922
Johnstown Catholic HS opens 1922
WBBV first radio station in Johnstown 1924
Johnstown has four radio stations 1925
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) 1927
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Social Milestones