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## Somerset Trust Company Expanding to Better Serve Fayette County



Inside the Perryopolis Office



Our new Hopwood home

Somerset Trust Company continues to grow in Fayette County. Recently, the Hopwood office reopened in a stand-alone location at 1141 National Pike, having migrated out of the former grocery store facility just down the road. One week later, the bank opened its 42<sup>nd</sup> branch in Perryopolis.

Both branches are full-service and include a drive-thru, 24/7 ATM access, and night drop. Additionally, the drive-thru features an interactive teller machine or ITM, which provides both traditional ATM functionality, and also the option to speak through video chat with a local representative. The Perryopolis office will also have an instant issue machine which prints debit cards on the spot for new accounts or to replace lost or damaged cards.

As other banks are closing their branches throughout our region, Somerset Trust remains committed to providing in-person service to meet the banking needs of the community. We are following all safety guidelines related to the coronavirus pandemic and thank everyone for their patience and understanding as the lobbies will be accessible by appointment only. Customer service representatives are assisting customers primarily through the drive-thrus, though customers are able to make an appointment to meet with bank personnel, including lenders who will be on-site.

Marla Olinzock will be leading the Perryopolis team as Branch Manager. Marla brings with her years of experience in finance and customer service and most recently has been serving Somerset Trust customers throughout the Connellsville and Uniontown areas. Brook Gardner, Asst. Vice President and Commercial Lender, will be part of the Perryopolis crew and available to help business customers on-site. The team from Hopwood is also excited to lay down new roots and will be continuing to serve area residents under the leadership of Branch Manager Cindy Beatty.

Chairman, G. Henry Cook, explained Somerset Trust Company's view of the Fayette county banking landscape, "The lack of traditional community banking in Fayette county came as a great surprise to the management team at Somerset Trust as the tradition of community banking has been quite strong in the county in the past. It has been enormously exciting to try to fill this hole in the financial picture of your community." Of Hopwood, he went on to say, "when the grocery store location was no longer viable, we had a choice to make, and we chose to stand by the community and lay down more permanent roots. Here, we can offer additional services and be convenient and accessible to our

customers with the same top quality team our customers have come to know.” Cook noted that in Perryopolis, “we see value and potential, where other banks have retreated.” Further, he notes, “These new locations further signify our commitment to these communities, and we are ready to be a community partner in the growth and continued development of the area.”

Both offices are open during the following times:

Lobby \*by appointment\*

Monday–Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Friday 8:30am – 6:30pm  
Saturday 8:30am – 12:00pm

Drive-thru

Monday-Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm  
Friday 8:00am - 6:30pm  
Saturday 8:30am – 12:00pm

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call our People First Call Center at 1-800-972-1651 or visit [www.somersettrust.com](http://www.somersettrust.com).

## **About Somerset Trust Company**

With a long history as a community bank, Somerset Trust Company is headquartered in Somerset, Pennsylvania, and represents a network of over 40 branches throughout Somerset, Cambria, Fayette, Westmoreland, and Bedford Counties in Pennsylvania, and Garrett and Allegany counties in Maryland. The bank has been independent and locally managed since its establishment in 1889, and is one of the last locally owned banks in the region. Today, Somerset Trust holds over \$1.5 billion in assets and employs over 450 employees. In addition to consumer and commercial lending and deposit products, our bank offers Trust and Investment Management services, an extensive ATM network, including fee free use of Sheetz ATMs, and award winning online and mobile banking for consumers and businesses. Somerset Trust is committed to providing excellent service and competitive products, as well as maintaining a high profile in the growth and economic development of the markets it serves.