

# Quaker Research - Handout

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## History / Sociology:

- Albion's Seed : Four British Folkways in America, by David Hackett Fisher.
- Quakers and the American Family : British Settlement in the Delaware Valley, by Barry Levy. (Martin Luther King Lib.)
- Rules of Discipline, Philadelphia, 1806. <http://www.qhpress.org/texts/obod/>

## Aids:

- English dates before 1752: March is the first month of the year.
- British Calendar Act of 1750 Implemented Across 1751, 1752, and 1753  
<http://www.exit109.com/~ghealton/y2k/br1752a.html>
- Understanding Colonial Handwriting, by Harriet Stryker-Rodda. Amazon, Oakland Family History Center, <http://www.onhgs.org/colonialscript.htm>

## Learn about Meetings:

- Swarthmore Friends Historical Library (google it)  
Quaker Meeting Records --> Yearly Meetings
- Earlham College Friends Collection (google it)
- QuakerMeetings.com

## Sources - Meeting Abstract Books:

- A few of authors for Pennsylvania & New Jersey:  
John Pitts Launey, F. Edward Wright, Anna Miller Watring,  
Charlotte D. Meldrum, Gwen Boyer Bjorkman.
- Indiana / Ohio: Willard C Heiss
- Search FHL catalog by county & township. Also keyword search by meeting name.
- Visit county historical society web sites.

## Sources - Microfilm from Family History Library:

- New website: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
Catalog --> Place-names --> Church records
- Old website: [www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp)  
Library Catalog --> Place Search --> Church records
- Meetings were typically named after the township. Do a location search on township & county; also a keyword search on meeting name.
- Order film on-line: <http://www.familysearch.org/films/>

## Sources - Compilations:

- Encyclopedia of American Quaker genealogy, by William Wade Hinshaw.  
Santa Clara City Lib., San Jose Family History Center, Ancestry.com,  
Genealogical Publishing Co. (CD)
- Selby Publishing web site: Pennsylvania Quaker Monthly Meeting Records.  
Also New Jersey, Illinois
- Abstracts of the records of the Society of Friends in Indiana, ed. by Willard Heiss.  
Santa Clara City Lib.

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- Index to Gilbert Copes Collection of Family Data (google it)  
Films at Santa Clara Family History Center
- Pennsylvania Births, Bucks County, 1682-1800, by John T. Humphrey.  
Similar titles for Berks, Lancaster, Chester, Dauphin, Lehigh,  
Montgomery, Lebanon, Philadelphia, York, Northampton, Delaware,  
Carbon, Monroe, & Schuylkill counties.  
Try Sutro, Santa Clara City Lib.
- Burlington County, New Jersey, Marriages, by H Stanley Craig.  
Similar titles for Cape May, Gloucester, Salem, Camden, Atlantic  
counties, and South Jersey. See web site of Gloucester County Historical  
Society.

**Other handy books for a few states:**

- The Welcome Claimants Proved, Disproved and Doubtful, With an Account of  
Some of Their Descendants. by George E. McCracken
- Record of Pennsylvania Marriages, Prior to 1810.
- New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665-1800. by William Nelson
- Quaker census of 1828 : members of the New York yearly meeting, the Religious  
Society of Friends.. 1828, ed. by Loren V. Fay.

**Will Abstracts:**

- USGenWebArchives, [www.usgwarchives.org](http://www.usgwarchives.org).  
Random counties; Most all for eastern Pennsylvania.
- Calendar of New Jersey Wills. 1670-1817.  
13 volumes, not consecutive, of N.J. Archives ("Documents Relating to  
the Colonial, Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary History of the  
State of New Jersey"  
Ancestry.com, CDs from Quintin Publications, Heritage Books.  
A few volumes on Google Books

**Maps:**

- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (google it)  
State Archives --> Maps:
  - Pennsylvania Political Subdivisions
  - Melish-Whiteside Maps