

Pennsylvania

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***The Pennsylvania Archives are a 138 volume set of reference books compiling transcriptions of letters and early records relating to the colony and state of Pennsylvania. The volumes were published in nine different series between 1838 and 1935 by acts of the Pennsylvania legislature. Contents of the archives include:

[NOTE: They are **FREE** due to payment by STATE of PA.]

- Letters between key government figures in Pennsylvania
- Papers of the Governors
- Marriage Licenses issued prior to 1810
- Militia and Continental Muster Rolls including French-Indian War Revolution and War of 1812
- Revolutionary Diaries
- County Tax Lists (typically of the Revolutionary era)
- Oath's of Allegiance
- Ship Lists (compiling German immigrants during 18th century)
- Land related records
- Election returns

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County Records Summary:

The Handy Book For Genealogists

[Details on each county: Vital Records; Societies and Repositories; Bibliography and Record Sources; Atlases, Census; Court Records, Probate and Wills; Emigration, Immigration, Migration and Naturalization; Land and Property; Military; Vital and Cemetery Records.]

Information for each county:

- County website – may not be current if old edition.
- Map index – designator of X,Y position on map.
- Date created; parent county; county seat and address.
- Birth and death records with date range.
- Marriage/Divorce records with date range.
- Naturalization records with date range.
- Land records with date range.
- Court records with date range.

Area and Methodology for Searching:

- ❖ Hoenstein, Floyd G.: *Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research in Pennsylvania*, 1972.
- ❖ McCay, Betty L.: *Sources For Genealogical Searching in Pennsylvania*, 1973.
- ❖ Weikel, Sally A.: *Genealogical Research in the Published Pennsylvania Archives*, 1974
- ❖ Dructor, Robert M.: *Guide to Genealogical Sources at the Pennsylvania State Archives*, 1998.
- ❖ Jordan, John W.: *Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania*, 1978.
- ❖ Clint, Florance: *Pennsylvania AREA KEY : a guide to the genealogical records of the state of Pennsylvania, including maps, histories, charts, and other helpful materials*, 1976.
- ❖ Clint, Florance: xxxxxx *County Pennsylvania AREA KEY*
- ❖ Bell, Raymond M.: *Mother Cumberland Tracing Your Ancestors in South-Central Pennsylvania*, 1989
- ❖ Daly, John: *Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the City and County of Philadelphia*, Phil. Dept. of Records, 1970. [Note: xxxxxx is replaced by the county name!]

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Land Records:

- ❑ Munger, Donna Bingham: *Pennsylvania Land Records: A History and Guide for Research*, 2000. This is the ***BEST!!!***
- ❑ McCrea, Ph. D., Kenneth D.: *Pennsylvania Land Applications Volume 1: East Side Applications 1765-1769*, 2002.
- ❑ *ibid*, *Pa Land Applications Volume 2: New Purchase Applications, 1769-1773*, 2003.
- ❑ Szucs & Luebking: *The Source A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, 1997, Chapter 8: Research in Land and Tax Records.
- ❑ Ancestry.com: [Search](#) > [Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills](#) Early Pennsylvania Land Records
- ❑ USGenWeb Archives: <http://usgwarchives.org/pa/1pa/land.htm>
- ❑ Pennsylvania State Archives: <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/rg17.htm>

This is an explanation of the Records of the Land Office.

Census Records:

- Ancestry.com; Genealogy.com, LDS and Local Libraries
- Bureau of the Census: *Age Search Information*, 1979
- National Archives: *1900 Federal Population Census 1978*
- National Archives: *National Archives Microfilm Publications*
- National Archives: *Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives*, 1964
- Szucs & Luebking: *The Source*, Chapter 5: Research in Census Records
- National Archives: Explains about records - NO ACCESS
<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/>
- HeritageQuest.com: Available for free from Libraries!
<http://www.heritagequestonline.com/hgoweb/library/do/index>
- National Archives: [1790 - 1890 Federal Population Census: Catalog of National Archives Microfilm](#) [Explains what records are MISSING and why.]

B/M/D Records: [The Bad News]

- Birth and Death records START at 1892; until 1906 they were kept with the county exclusively. BUT, from 1852-1856 both Birth and Death records were kept by the county. Refer to *The Handy Book for Genealogists* for details regarding your county.
- Marriage licenses were first issued in 1883.

Religious Records

- ✓ Dougherty, Richard W., *The Source*, Chapter 6 Research in Church Records.

[NOTE: *The Source* lists a HUGE table of addresses for Genealogical and Historical Societies by religion! See: *Denomination Archives, Repositories, and Recordkeeping Practices*; pp 160-170.]

- ✓ Kirkham, E. Kay, *Survey of American Church Records*, 1971, pp. 182-201. [NOTE: Outdated and incomplete.]
- ✓ Allen County Public Library, Indiana: *Periodical Source Index, (PERSI)*, available online at Santa Clara City Library.
- ✓ LDS Card Catalog: use the [Place-names](#) pull-down
<https://www.familysearch.org/#form=catalog>
- ✓ Ancestry.com: This will show Ancestry church records:
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/CardCatalog.aspx#ccat=hc%3D25%26dbSort%3D2%26title%3Dchurch%26keyword%3D%26>