

## Lancaster County Archives

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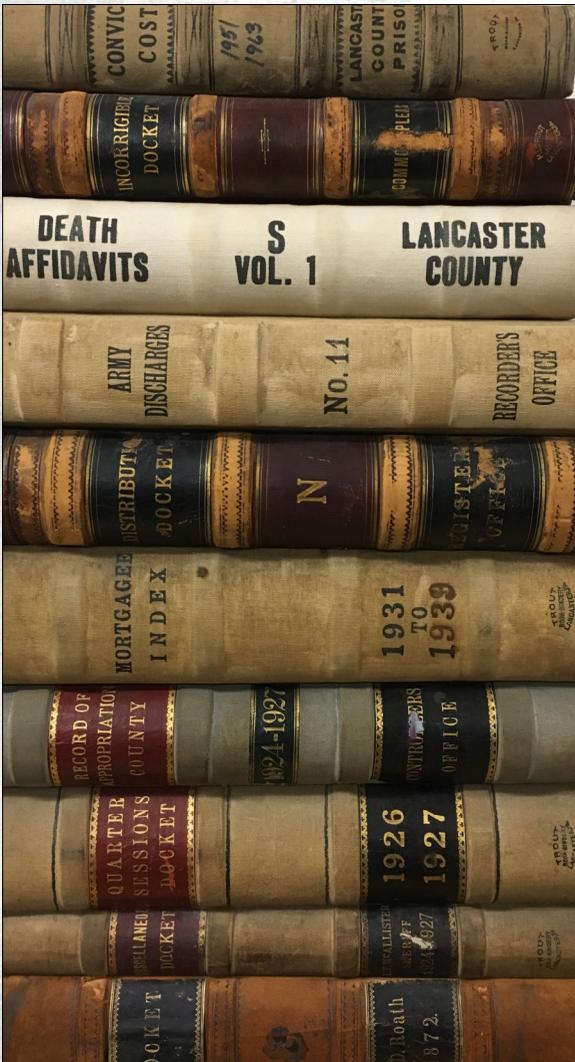


## Lancaster County Archives

- ◆ Free Genealogy and House History Classes
- ◆ Historical Maps of Lancaster County
- ◆ Individual instruction for researching records
  - ◆ Access to original historical records
  - ◆ Indexes to thousands of records since 1729

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Hours:  
Open Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00  
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## History Since 1729

**L**ancaster County was formed from the backwoods of Chester County on May 10, 1729. The first courthouse was built directly on the square of Lancaster. Nineteenth century growth prompted the building of a new courthouse at King and Duke Streets in 1852. The courthouse became a central hub for filing deeds, naturalizations, marriages, and wills. Today the Lancaster County Archives preserves nearly 300 years of records significant to local history originally filed in the courthouse.

## COLLECTIONS

Records filed at the courthouse over time have become particularly important for family and property research. Deed images beginning in 1729 are available to researchers through the Recorder of Deeds at: [www.lancasterdeeds.com](http://www.lancasterdeeds.com).

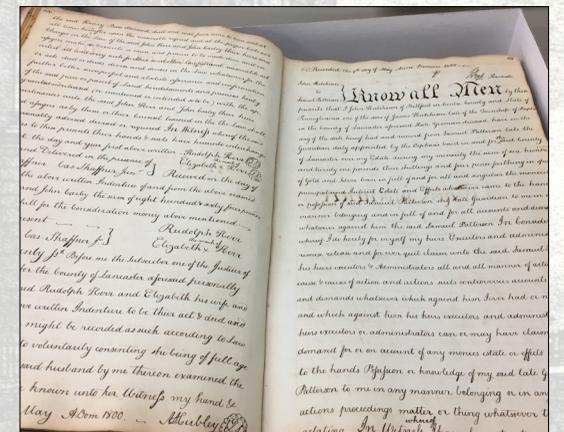
The Lancaster County Archives preserves a variety of indexes kept over a century ago by courthouse clerks. These indexes are the starting point for thousands of historical records. Free genealogy and house history courses are offered throughout the year. Visit the archives in person or start searching for records at the Lancaster County Archives website:

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## STARTING RECORDS

- Deeds (beginning 1729)
- Marriages (beginning 1885)
- Wills (beginning 1730)
- Naturalizations (1800-1991)
- Civil Records (beginning 1874)
- Orphans' Court (1742-1928)
- Intestate (beginning 1753)
- Death Affidavits (1874-1978)
- Inventory (1861-1962)
- Veteran Burials



Search original pages of history.