Genealogy Records Quick Guide
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Archives

Courthouse records are often valuable sources for genealogy information. Online indexes for historical records are available on the Lancaster County Archives website.

Birth Records

✓ Birth Registers: (1852-1855), (1881-1906 City) (1893-1907)
✓ Delayed Birth Certificates: (c.1870-c.1906)

Marriage Records

✓ Marriage License Register/Applications: (1852-1855) (1885-1998)

Death Records

✓ Wills: (beginning 1730)
✓ Intestate: (beginning 1753) (Bond Books)
✓ Orphans’ Court: (1742-1928) (Miscellaneous Books)
✓ Death Affidavits: (1874-1978)
✓ Death Registrations: (1852-1855) (1894-1907)
✓ Estate Files: (beginning 1902)
✓ Inventory: (1861-1962)
✓ Accounts: (1850-1962)
✓ Veteran Burials: (Revolutionary War-1988)

Miscellaneous

✓ Deeds: (1729-present) (www.lancasterdeeds.com)
✓ Naturalizations: (1800-1991)
✓ Civil Records: (beginning 1873)
✓ Trust Books: (beginning 1841)
✓ Births/Deaths beginning 1906: contact PA Division of Vital Records

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