

# Pennsylvania

## Census

### *Agriculture Schedules: Pennsylvania Federal Decennial Censuses 1850–1880.*

Microfilm	57 rolls	NARA T1138	Locality	Pennsylvania
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The records are arranged by census year and in alphabetical order by county within the year.

In 1850 the entry gives the name of individual, improved acreage, unimproved acreage, value of farm implements and machinery, cash value of real estate, horses, asses and mules, milch cows, number of working oxen, other cattle, sheep, swine, value of livestock, bushels of wheat, bushels of rye, bushels of Indian corn, bushels of oats, pounds of rice, pounds of tobacco, number of bales of ginned cotton @400 pounds per bale, pounds of wool, bushels of peas and beans, bushels of Irish potatoes, bushels of sweet potatoes, bushels of barley, value of orchard produce in dollars, gallons of wine, value of garden produce, pounds of butter, pounds of cheese, tons of hay, bushels of clover seed, bushels of other grass seeds, pounds of hops, tons of dew-rotted hemp, tons of water-rotted hemp, pounds of flax, bushels of flaxseed, bushels of silk cocoons, pounds of maple sugar, hogs heads of cane sugar @1,000 pounds each, gallons of molasses, pounds of beeswax and honey, value of home made manufactures, and value of animals slaughtered.

### *Nonpopulation Census Schedules for Pennsylvania, 1850–1880: Social-Statistics and Supplemental Schedules.*

Microfilm	29 rolls	NARA M597	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *Nonpopulation Census Schedules for Pennsylvania, 1850–1880: Mortality.*

Microfilm	11 rolls	NARA M1838	Locality	US
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The mortality schedules give the name, age, race, sex, occupation, birthplace, and cause of deaths of persons who died within the twelve months preceding the date of the census. They are arranged by county.

Published portions of these records appear in Ronald Vern Jackson's Pennsylvania 1850 Mortality Schedule, R929.3748/J13P, Pennsylvania 1860 Mortality Schedule, R929.3748/J13P, and Mortality Schedule Pennsylvania 1870, R929.3748/J13M.

### *Nonpopulation Census Schedules for Pennsylvania, 1870 and 1880: Industry and Manufacturing.*

Microfilm	9 rolls	NARA M1796	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *Pennsylvania Septennial Census Returns, 1779–1863.*

Microfilm	14 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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While the commonwealth of Pennsylvania took no state censuses, the so-called septennial census returns are actually enumerations of taxpayers every seven years for the purpose of determining representation in the General Assembly. Only eleven per cent of the records survive. They list the name and in some years the occupations of each taxable white inhabitant. A few contain information on sex and age. The data regarding slaves residing in the counties are often more extensive in content. Beginning with the year 1800, the name, age, sex, and residence of each slave is frequently noted. Sometimes the name of the owner is also given. There are returns for thirty counties and the city of Philadelphia. The inhabitants are listed according to township, borough, ward, or other political subdivision. The subdivisional listings are usually, but not always, in alphabetical groupings.

Included in this collection are the counties of Adams 1800; Allegheny 1800; Bedford 1779, 1786, and 1800; Berks 1779, 1786, 1793, and 1800; Bucks 1786 and 1800; Centre 1800; Chester 1779, 1786, and 1800; Columbia 1821; Cumberland 1793 and 1800; Dauphin 1786, 1800, and 1807; Delaware 1793 and 1800; Fayette 1786 and 1800; Franklin 1786, 1800, 1807, 1828, 1835, 1842; Greene 1800; Huntingdon 1800 and 1821; Lancaster 1779, 1786, 1793, and 1800; Luzerne 1800; Lycoming 1800; Mifflin, 1800 and 1821; Montgomery 1786, 1793, 1800, 1807, and 1842; Northampton 1786 and 1800; Northumberland 1800; Philadelphia City 1793, 1800, and 1863; Philadelphia County 1793; Somerset 1800; Washington 1786 and 1800; Wayne 1800; Westmoreland 1786 and 1800; Wyoming 1849; and York 1786, 1793, 1800, and 1807. It should be noted that in some years the returns have portions missing.

## Counties

### Allegheny (Pittsburgh)

#### *Pennsylvania County Histories.*

Microfilm	6 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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- #21 (roll 10). John N. Boucher, *A Century and a Half of Pittsburg and Her People*, 4 vols. (1908).
- #22 (roll 11). Thomas Cushing, *History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, 2 vols. (1889).
- #23 (roll 12). Samuel W. Durant, *History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania* (1876).
- #24 (roll 12). G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania* (1876).
- #25 (roll 12). G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of the Cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny* (1882).
- #26 (roll 12). G. M. Hopkins, *Real Estate Plat-Book of the Northern Vicinity of Pittsburgh* (1906).
- #27 (roll 12). G. M. Hopkins, *Real Estate Plat-Book of the Southern Vicinity of Pittsburgh* (1905).
- #28 (roll 13). John W. Jordan, *Genealogical and Personal History of the Allegheny Valley*, 3 vols. (1913).
- #29 (roll 14). Sarah H. Killikelly, *The History of Pittsburgh* (1906).
- #30 (roll 14). *Memoirs of Allegheny County*, 2 vols. (1904).
- #31 (roll 15). Erasmus Wilson, *Standard History of Pittsburgh* (1898).

### Armstrong

#### *Pennsylvania County Histories.*

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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- #32 (roll 16). J. H. Beers, *Armstrong County, Pennsylvania*, 2 vols. (1914).
- #33 (roll 16). Beach Nichols, *Atlas of Armstrong County* (1876).
- #34 (roll 16). Robert W. Smith, *History of Armstrong County* (1883).

### Beaver

#### *Pennsylvania County Histories.*

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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- #35 (roll 17). Joseph H. Bausman, *History of Beaver County*, 2 vols. (1904).
- #36 (roll 17). F. A. Caldwell, *Caldwell's Illustrated Historical Centennial Atlas of Beaver County* (1876).
- #37 (roll 17). Ira F. Mansfield, *Little Beaver River Valleys* (1911).
- #38 (roll 18). J. F. Richard, *History of Beaver County* (1888).

## Bedford

### *Pennsylvania County Histories.*

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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#39 (roll 19). Frederick W. Beers, *County Atlas of Bedford* (1877).

#40 (roll 19). *Biographical Review, Containing Life Sketches of Leading Citizens of Bedford and Somerset Counties* (1899).

#41 (roll 19). *History of Bedford, Somerset, and Fulton Counties* (1884).

## Berks

### *Pennsylvania County Histories.*

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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#42 (roll 20). *Book of Biographies; This Volume contains Biographical Sketches of Leading Citizens of Berks County* (1898).

#43 (roll 20). Breou, Forsey & Co., (1884).

#44 (roll 20). (1876).

#45 (roll 21). , 2 vols. (1909).

#46 (roll 22). (1886).

#47 (roll 22). (1844).

#4 (roll 2). (18).

## Chester

### *Directories of Chester Co., PA, 1884-1885*

Microfiche	4 fiche	FHL #6044915	Chester County	Pennsylvania
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Boyd's Chester County Directory, 1884-1885, containing the cities of West Chester, Phoenixville, Coatsville and Oxford by Andrew W. Boyd.

## Montgomery

### *Orphans' Court Delayed birth certificates, 1864-1906. Index.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 905766	Montgomery	Pennsylvania
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## Philadelphia

### *City Directories, 1861-1881*

Microfilm	19 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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## Tioga

### *\*Early history of Delmar Township, Tioga County.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1697651	Delmar Township	Pennsylvania
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This film contains the history of Delmar Township in Tioga County and also includes census records of 1860, 1870 & 1880.

## Washington

### *\*Delayed Birth Certificats, 1941-1970*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 1318245	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Index of Births, 1852-1853*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 1318243	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Records of Births, 1893-1906*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 1318244	Locality	Pennsylvania
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This film contains the records of births v. 1-2 1893-1904; v. 3(p. 1-248) 1904-1906

### *\*Records of Births, 1893-1906*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 1318245	Locality	Pennsylvania
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This film contains the records of births v. 3(p. 248-end) 1904-1906

### *\*Records of Death, 1893-1906*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 1318243	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *RG4. Tax and exoneration lists, 1762–1801 [1782–1788].*

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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Roll 1 contains Washington County 1782–1786. Roll 2 contains Washington County 1787–1788 and Westmoreland County 1783–1786. Roll 3 contains Westmoreland County 1787–1789. For a given year there may be an assessment list identifying acreage, horses, cattle, and items such as mills and/or a summary or duplicate list giving only the amount of tax.

## Wayne

### *\*Deeds, 1796-1866; index, 1795-1941. Grantee index vol. A-G 1795-1941.*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 954579	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Grantee index vol. H-R 1795-1941.*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 954580	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Grantee index vol. S-Z 1795-1941.*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 954581	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Grantor index vol. A-J 1795-1941.*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 954582	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Grantor index vol. K-S 1795-1941.*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 954583	Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *\*Grantor index vol. T-Z 1795-1941.*

Microfilm	1 rolls	FHL# 954584	Locality	Pennsylvania
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## York

### *Tax rolls, 1758–1849.*

Microfilm	56 rolls		York Co.	Pennsylvania
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Roll 5220 includes undated volumes,

### *Hanover, York County, St. Matthew's Church Parish Register, 1865–1893.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #823599	York Co.	Pennsylvania
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## History

### *Pennsylvania County Histories.*

Microfilm	125 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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There are 283 titles in the set on 125 rolls, 20 of which cover broad areas; see the county listings for additional, county-specific, titles.

#1 (roll 1). Daniel Agnew, *A History of the Region of Pennsylvania North of the Ohio and West of the Allegheny River* (1887).

#2 (roll 1). Joseph R. Bien, *Atlas of the State of Pennsylvania* (1900).

#3 (roll 1). *The Biographical Encyclopedia of Pennsylvania* (1874).

#4 (roll 2). *A Biographical Album of Prominent Pennsylvanians*, 3 vols. (1888).

#5 (roll 3). Sherman Day, *Historical Collections of the State of Pennsylvania* (1843).

#6 (roll 3). William H. Egle, *History of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* (1883).

#7 (roll 4). Samuel Hazard, *Annals of Pennsylvania* (1850).

#8 (roll 4). Horace Hollister, *History of the Lackawanna Valley* (1885).

#9 (roll 5). Howard M. Jenkins, *Pennsylvania, Colonial and Federal*, 3 vols. (1903–06).

#10 (roll 6). *The Manufactories and Manufacturers of Pennsylvania of the Nineteenth Century* (1875).

#11 (roll 6). Alexander K. McClure, *Old Time Notes of Pennsylvania*, 2 vols. (1905).

#12 (roll 7). William J. McKnight, *A Pioneer Outline History of Northwestern Pennsylvania* (1905).

#13 (roll 7). John F. Meginness, *Biographical Annals of Deceased Residents of the West Branch Valley* (1889).

#14 (roll 7). John F. Meginness, *The Historical Journal: A Quarterly Record of Local History and Genealogy*, 2 vols. (1888, 1894).

#15 (roll 8). John F. Meginness, *Otzinachson; or, A History of the West Branch Valley* (1857) [Otzinachson is the west branch of the Susquehanna River].

#16 (roll 8). Samuel W. Pennypacker, *Historical and Biographical Sketches* (1883).

#17 (roll 8). Julia A. Perkins, *Early Times on the Susquehanna* (1906).

#18 (roll 9). George I. Reed, *Century Cyclopedia of History and Biography*, 2 vols. (1910).

#19 (roll 9). Israel D. Rupp, *Early History of Western Pennsylvania* (1846).

#20 (roll 9). M. P. Sargent, *Pioneer Sketches: Scenes and Incidents of Former Days* (1891).

## Immigration

### *Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, 1800–1906.*

Microfilm	151 rolls	NARA M360	Immigration	Pennsylvania
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The index cards are arranged alphabetically by surname of passenger and consist of more than half a million entries. Not all the lists for the period 1883–1906, however, were indexed. Each index card shows the name, age, and nationality of the passenger, the name of the vessel and the date of its arrival, the foreign port at which the passenger embarked, and if of working age, the occupation. In cases where families traveled together, the given names of all members are included under the names of the head of family. Occasionally, they are on the backs of the cards instead. Many of the cards are not complete in all details. Some do not even include the family names. In such instances they are arranged by name of vessel and appear after the letter “Z” as “Miscellaneous Index Cards” on roll 151.

An index to earlier arrivals at Philadelphia to 1803, together with the passenger lists themselves, are in Ralph B. Strassburger, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, R325.243/S897P/1966. These records were created in accordance with a 1785 Pennsylvania statute, the wording of which makes it doubtful that any immigrants other than Germans were registered.

The earlier lists from this micropublication appear in Michael Tepper, *Passenger Arrivals at the Port of Philadelphia 1800–1819*, the Philadelphia Baggage Lists.

***Computer-processed Tabulations of Data from Seamen’s Protective Certificate Applications to the Collector of Customs for the Port of Philadelphia, 1812–1815.***

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M972	Immigration	Pennsylvania
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U.S. custom officers issued certificates to American sailors to prove citizenship when their ships were boarded or if approached in port. The officer in Philadelphia insisted upon proof of American citizenship before issuing certificates to applicants. An application contains the name of the sailor, his physical description, age, place of birth, date and place of their taking the oath that the application was correct, and the degree of literacy. There were 790 applicants.

Ruth P. Dixon and Katherine G. Eberly’s *Index to Seamen’s Protection Certificate Applications, Port of Philadelphia, 1796–1823*, R929.37481/ D621I/1995.

***Index Cards Ship Arrivals at Philadelphia, January 1, 1883–June 28, 1948.***

Microfilm	59 rolls	NARA T526	Immigration	Pennsylvania
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## Indians

***Records of the Provincial Secretary, 1700–1776.***

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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Included in the series are the Commissioner of Indian Trade Accounts, 1758–61. Indian Trade Licenses, 1765–71. Governor Accounts 1747–1749, 1748–1751, 1759–1763. Secretary’s Accounts 1738–1774. Contained in them are lists of marriage licenses issued, public houses or taverns, peddlers, vessels registered, and Braddock Road accounts, 1755–1756.

## Land

***Application for Proof of Settlement***

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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***Escheats, Certificates of Examinations, Appointments***

Microfilm	3 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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***Warrant Register***

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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***Lien Docket, vol. 4, East Side Applications, West Side Applications, etc.***

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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There are a variety of records on these rolls:

East Side Applications  
West Side Applications  
Last Purchase  
New Purchase  
Old Rights (Bucks, Chester, and Philadelphia County)  
Master Register of Commonwealth  
Tract Name Index  
17 Certified Townships, Luzerne County

***Pennsylvania Land Records***

Microfilm	17 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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Roll 18.1, Depositions 1683, 1786, 1789, 1790. These loose, original depositions, most of them with original signatures, seem to be in no particular order. The majority are from the period 1786–88 [the dates on the label don't mean anything]. There is no index or finding aid.

Roll 25.14, Bound volumes, Returns 1740–47, Patents 1753–59, Markham List of Papers Received, Caveat Book and Index 1771–84.

Roll 25.16, Index to Caveat Book 8 (1792–94), followed by the book itself; then an index to book 9, . The index to book 8 is organized by first letter of surname, with a different column for each first vowel of the surname including y. It includes all names in the caveats.

***Records of the Continental Loan Office Pennsylvania, 1776–1788.***

Microfilm	3 rolls	NARA M1007	Locality	Pennsylvania
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***Patent Books A2–A20, AA1.***

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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***RG17. Quit Rent Book "A" & "C," Rent Rolls 1703–1744, v. 1–12.***

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The records pertain to [then] Philadelphia, Bucks, and Chester Counties. Some of the items are receipt books rather than assessment books. The last rent roll (#5) appears to be from 1746, not 1744.

***Donation Land Claimants.***

Microfilm	4 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The donation lands were given to Pennsylvania soldiers who were veterans of the Revolutionary War who had served in the Continental Line. The land remained free from taxation so long as the veteran lived and retained ownership of the property. Navy veterans were not eligible for donation land. The records are alphabetically arranged by name of claimant. Lists, the index, and miscellaneous patents appear on the last roll.

The land lay in Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, and Butler Counties.

***Donation Lands 1780–1800; Depreciation Lands 1780–1800; [and] Master Register 1769–1939.***

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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## Military—Revolutionary War (1775–1783)

### *Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments, 1775–1790.*

Microfilm	54 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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*Guide to the Microfilm of the Records of Pennsylvania's Revolutionary Governments 1775–1790 (Record Group 27) in the Pennsylvania State Archives*, R016.9748/P415G/1978, contains a detailed listing of the contents by roll and thereunder by frame. The guide does not have an index, but the alphabetical arrangement of many of the record groups will prove extremely useful. The application for passes were requests for permission to pass through enemy lines and give the name of the individual, date, and reason for crossing. Some have place of birth and particulars about children, or data pertaining to the death of a spouse.

There are four main sections to the collection:

Rolls 1–9: Revolutionary Record (Minute Books &c. of the extra-legal and legal state Councils)

Rolls 10–25: Executive Correspondence of the Revolutionary Governments, 1775–1790

Rolls 26–47: Records Relating to the Activities of the Revolutionary Governments [Each series is arranged alphabetically. There are application for passes, military appointment files, political appointment files, bankruptcy files, Board of War and State Navy Board file, and forfeited estate files.]

Rolls 48–54: Printed Pennsylvania Archives

### *Miscellaneous Manuscripts of the Revolutionary War Era, 1771–1791.*

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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This collection consists of petitions, correspondence, receipts, and certifications. There are 275 items.

There are papers relating to the Wyoming Valley land dispute between Connecticut and Pennsylvania settlers. There is a bound volume of minutes of the Connecticut-based Susquehanna Company (1753–1786), which sold land in the Wyoming Valley region.

*Guide to the Microfilm of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts of the Revolutionary War Era, 1771–1791*, R016.9733/P415G/1978, describes the collection in detail and contains a chronological listing of the documents by microfilm frame. It also contains a personal name and subject index.

### *Revolutionary War Pension File 1785–1809.*

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The five ledgers are arranged alphabetically.

### *Revolutionary War Pension Files 1785–1809: Pensions by Special Acts, vol. 13–16, 1839–1877.*

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>		Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *Revolutionary War Pension File (1809–1893).*

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>		Locality	Pennsylvania
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### *Revolutionary War Pension Accounts, Pensions by Special Acts.*

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The records are arranged in the following categories: Federal pensions, v. 1–5; state pensions v. 6–9, pensions by special acts 1812–1838 v. 10, 1824–1843 v. 11, and 1833–43 v. 12.



***Papers in Attainder, ca. 1778–1791; Revolutionary War Soldiers Pensions Claims 1786–1789.***

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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These are the records of the Supreme Court.

***RG-4. Records of the Comptroller General, Militia Accounts, 1777–1794***

Microfilm	37 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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***American Revolutionary Card File.***

Microfilm	54 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The actual card file contains entries on blue cards for service in the Continental Line, white for inactive militia, pink for active militia, and yellow for depreciation pay. Virtually all of the data on the muster rolls have been transferred to the cards.

**Military—War of 1812 (1812–1815)**

***RG-2. Auditor General, War of 1812 Pension Files [1866–1879]–1896.***

Microfilm	27 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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These records were created under the Act of 30 April 1866. It granted Annuities, gratuities, or pensions to Pennsylvania soldiers or their Widows who had served a minimum of two months or had been disabled or Wounded during the war. There were approximately 4,500 files. A veteran's file gives his name, residence, rank, regiment, and unit; the name of the officer under whom he served; period of service; and the approximate dates of enlistment and discharge. A widow's file may also contain the same information plus her date and place of marriage and the date and place of her husband's death. The records are arranged alphabetically; that finding aid is listed on the first reel.

**Military—Mexican War (1846–1848)**

***Mexican Border Campaign Veterans' Card file, 1916–1917.***

Microfilm	8 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The index gives the name of the soldier, his regiment and company, rank, age, height, complexion, eyes, hair, birthplace, occupation, marital status, residence, name and address of next-of-kin to be notified in the event of an emergency, date of commission or enlistment in the service, and acceptance into U.S. service. The remarks section gives the expiration date of enlistment and the muster out date from U.S. service.

***Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Organizations from the State of Pennsylvania.***

Microfilm	13 rolls	NARA M1028	Locality	Pennsylvania
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These records are arranged numerically by infantry unit and thereunder alphabetically by name of veteran. Each file contains abstracts from muster rolls, returns, payrolls, company and regimental books, hospital registers, lists of deserters, personal papers such as correspondence and requests for leaves of absence, and supplemental notation cards. There are records for six civilian females who were employed as hospital matrons by the Pennsylvania regiments. Access to the records is available through the Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War.

## Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

*Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Pennsylvania.*

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M554	Locality	Pennsylvania
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*Index of Civil War Soldiers 1861–1866.*

Microfilm	80 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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This index is sometimes viewed as an index to *History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861–65* by Samuel P. Bates, R973.7488/B293H/1993. It is actually much more inclusive.

## Military—Miscellaneous

*Records of the Comptroller General, Military Accounts, Militia 1777–94.*

Microfilm	37 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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By county. Does not include all counties.

## Miscellaneous

*D.A.R. Records of Pennsylvania*

Microfilm	1 roll	0858641	Locality	Pennsylvania
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This film contains cemetery records for Tioga, Washington & Westmoreland Counties, PA; church records, Wills, a history of Rostraver & biographical information of Westmoreland Co. Revolutionary War soldiers. This information is contained on a roll with South Carolina D.A.R. Records and is filed in the SC drawers.

*RG-33. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Eastern District Coroner's Inquisitions, [no date], 1751, 1768–1790, and 1792–1796.*

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The film is of original loose papers, with signatures of the coroner's jurymen. They are arranged chronologically and include items from the city of Philadelphia (the bulk of the items, many on preprinted forms) and the counties of Berks, Bucks, Lancaster, and Northampton. Many descriptions of the circumstances of death are spelled phonetically.

## Naturalization

*Indexes to Registers and Registers of Declarations of Intentions and Petitions for Naturalization of the U.S. District and Circuit Courts of the Western District of Pennsylvania, 1820–1906.*

Microfilm	3 rolls	NARA M1208	Locality	Pennsylvania
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Congress established the Western District of Pennsylvania with its seat at Pittsburgh in 1820. The U.S. circuit and district courts processed the declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization. The records are in chronological order by either the date of the declaration or, if the naturalization action was completed by the same court, by the date of the petition.

***Indexes to Naturalization Petitions to the U.S. Circuit and District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1795–1951.***

Microfilm	60 rolls	NARA M1248	Locality	Pennsylvania
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The U.S. circuit and district courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Until 1818 it covered the eastern half of the commonwealth. There are separate alphabetical indexes in this micropublication. The first covers 1795–1906, the second 1906–1926, and the third 1926–1951.

Cards in the first index contain the name of the alien, the country of nativity, date of the petition for naturalization, the number of the petition, and the court (circuit or district) to which the alien applied. The second index contains the same data plus the number of the certificate of naturalization.

The third index has the alien's name, age, address, date of the petition for naturalization, petition number, and the signature of the petitioner. It also shows any name change and the date of loss of citizenship if applicable. Some cards for the years 1926–1930 also indicate the alien's declaration of intention number and the names and ages of any minor children.

## **Taxation**

***United States Direct Tax of 1798: Tax Lists for the State of Pennsylvania.***

Microfilm	24 rolls	NARA M372	Locality	Pennsylvania
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These tax lists show the names of persons who owned real property or slaves subject to the taxes under the act of 14 July 1798. Many of the lists show valuations of the properties or the amounts of taxes assessed, and some of the lists indicated the amounts of tax collected. There are also lists of property omitted from assessment or dwelling houses built after it, lists of property sold or transferred, lists of uncollected taxes, list of property sold because of unpaid taxes, and lists of receipts by the U.S. Marshal from property sales.

## **Vital Records—Deaths**

***Index to Registration of Deaths City of Philadelphia, 1803–1860.***

Microfilm	14 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The index gives the name of the decedent, the cemetery where buried, race, date of death, cause of death, age [in years, months, weeks, or days as applicable], and doctor.

## **Vital Records—Divorces**

***RG-33, roll 766. Pennsylvania Supreme Court General Motions 1750–1837 and Divorce Docket 1800–1805.***

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The General Motions are not indexed. The Divorce Docket has an index by the spouse applying for the divorce.

***Pennsylvania Supreme Court Eastern District Divorce Papers, 1786–1815.***

Microfilm	6 rolls		Locality	Pennsylvania
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The records are arranged in alphabetical order.

\*denotes film that is owned by the LDS Church but is on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.