

# Lancaster County Historical Society

230 North President Avenue • Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603-3125 • 717 392-4633

Visit our Website at <http://www.lancasterhistory.org>

The Lancaster County Historical Society has created research guides to assist you in your genealogical research. The guides are to be used with the library floor plan map. These guides are not meant to be used as definitive lists. Ask for assistance from the research staff for further suggestions as you work on your project.

## BIRTH & BAPTISM RECORDS

Pennsylvania did not have a systematic registry of births before 1906. For records after January 1, 1906, write the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16103-1528. For births before that date, it is necessary to check church records or compiled marriage records. Knowing the township where your ancestor lived or their religious denomination will help to narrow your search. To locate the specific church records, use the *Churches and Cemeteries in Lancaster County*, LC 310.35 R579, *Map # 20* and the online catalog, *Map # 6*. Fill out a call slip and turn in at the reference desk.

The sources listed below are all found on the Reading Room shelves.

<b>17<sup>th</sup> Century</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CALL NUMBER</b>	<b>FLOOR PLAN LOCATION</b>
	Early Pennsylvania Births 1675-1875	LC 310.31 F533	<i>Map # 17</i>
	PA Vital Records from PA Genealogical Magazine & PA Magazine of History & Biography	929.32 P415p	<i>Map # 11</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Century</b>			
	Church Records of the 18 <sup>th</sup> Century, Wright	LC 310.3 W949	<i>Map # 17</i>
	Trinity Lutheran Church [Lancaster City] Records, 1730-1796, Smith & Weiser	LC 284.1 T832ds	<i>Map # 17</i>
	Pennsylvania Births, Lancaster Co., 1723 - 1800, Humphrey	LC 310.31 H926	<i>Map # 17</i>
	Circuit & Circuit Riders, Lancaster Co. baptisms 1752-1786, v. 1, pp. 5-45	929.3748 R497	<i>Map # 11</i>
	Early Pennsylvania Births 1675-1875	LC 310.31 F533	<i>Map # 17</i>
	Genealogical Gleanings from the Lancaster Journal, PA Genealogical Magazine, v.30, p.75-124 [1800-1809] & 182-197 [1809-1814]; v.31, p. 27-46 [1814-1821]	905.29 GSP v. 30 & v. 31	<i>Map # 15</i>
	Family Records in Bibles at the Landis Valley Museum, 1700-1850	Film drawer # 1	<i>Map # 4</i>
	Pennsylvania German Church Records of Birth, Baptism, Marriage from the PA German Society Proceedings & Addresses, 1736-1800	929.32 P415	<i>Map # 11</i>
	Pennsylvania Vital Records from PA Genealogical Magazine & PA Magazine of History & Biography 17 <sup>th</sup> Century	929.32 P415p	<i>Map # 11</i>

Continued on back

**FLOOR**

<b>PLAN</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CALL NUMBER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	Registration of Births Records, Lancaster Co. 1852-1855 records with index	Film drawer # 16	Map # 4
	Registration of Births Records, Lancaster Co. 1894-1907, alphabetized	Film drawer # 16	Map # 4
	Delayed Birth Certificates, Index to Lancaster Co., 1875-1906	Film drawer # 16	Map # 4
	Delayed Birth Certificates, Lancaster Co, vols. 5-25, 1875-1906	Film drawer # 16	Map # 4
	Biographical Sketches Index, database. Use the computer to see this database.	Click "ACCESS" icon	Map # 6
	Local Records Southern Lancaster County. Miscellaneous family records in southern Lancaster County townships	Wood card file	Map # 5
	Early Pennsylvania Births 1675-1875	LC 310.31 F533	Map # 17
	Family Records in Bibles at the Landis Valley Museum, 1700-1850, no index	Film drawer # 1	Map # 4
	Pennsylvania Vital Records from PA Genealogical Magazine & PA Magazine of History & Biography	929.32 P415p	Map # 11

**20<sup>th</sup> Century**

	Biographical Sketches Index, database. Use the computer to see this database	Click "ACCESS" icon	Map # 6
--	--	---------------------	---------

**General References Containing Births in Lancaster County**

	Family Files		Map # 2
	Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, PA	LC 092 B615	Map # 17
	Every Name Index to Notes & Queries, Egle	974.8005 E31	Map # 11
	Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society, with its Every Name index on database	Click on "Q &A"	Map # 6
	Heritage Quest Online Index. Includes Census 1790 to 1930 & other resources. On computers.	Click on "Heritage Quest" icon	Map # 6
	Pennsylvania Census, 1790 to 1930; Indexes to 1860; 1870 & 1880 available on CD at Research Desk	Indexes on top of film cabinets	Map # 4
	The History of Lancaster County, PA with Biographical Sketches, Index, Ellis & Evans	LC 09 E47	Map # 17
	Periodicals may include birth records. Check individual indexes & online catalog.		Map # 13 to # 15
	Portrait & Biographical Record of Lancaster County, PA, some births	LC 092 P853	Map # 17

