

Subject Guide: Transportation

All LancasterHistory's Subject Guides follow the same format and are designed to help you identify the types of resources best suited to your needs. The first half focuses on resources that are available remotely. First you will find helpful online resources from other organizations, and secondly, materials from our collections that have been digitized and made available online.

The second half of the guide includes materials that are available to access on-site at LancasterHistory in our Research Center. First are materials from our Archives. Each listing includes a link to the FindingAid so that you can learn more about the items in that manuscript group. Next are materials in the Library collection, which can be found in our catalogue by searching for the title and located on-site using the call number listed here. Next are items from our Photograph collection, which include links to the object record with the digital photograph attached. Finally, we have listed items from our Artifact collection, which can be found by searching for the Object ID or by following the direct link to the object record in our catalogue.

If you have any questions about how to use these guides or need to report a broken link, please email research@lancasterhistory.org.

If you would like to schedule an appointment at our Research Center or learn more about visiting, you can do so here: <https://www.lancasterhistory.org/research>

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Online Resources

National Museum of American History

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/subjects/transportation>

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/about-us/50years/Pages/default.aspx>

Digitized Articles and Books from LancasterHistory

“Abraham Witmer's bridge”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo913>

“A brief history of the Strasburg Rail Road”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo96>

“A history of aeronautics in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo889>

“A history of aviation in Lancaster County”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3701>

“A history of the Strasburg Rail Road, 1832-1862”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1092>

“A prologue to the construction of the fifth Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1819>

“Conestoga Transportation Company, 1931-1976”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo393>

“Early post roads in eastern Pennsylvania”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo556>

“Evolution of the bicycle and its history in Lancaster County”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1822>

“Gibson's steam turbine engine”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo280>

“Flying adventures in Lancaster 1924 to 1934”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1837>

“Hand-book of the locomotive : including the construction, running, and management of locomotive engines and boilers : with illustrations”

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015026484710>

“How the Pennsylvania railroad came through Lancaster”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4230>

“History of the Bethlehem Pike”

[https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.\\$b726938&view=1up&seq=7](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b726938&view=1up&seq=7)

“History of Lancaster County's highway system (from 1714 to 1760)”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4185>

“History of the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike : the first long turnpike in the United States”

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/27445/27201>

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/27470/27226>

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015005340586&view=1up&seq=257>

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015005340586&view=1up&seq=382>

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/27518/27274>

<https://journals.psu.edu/pmhb/article/view/27529/27285>

“James Buchanan, "Big wheel" of the railroads”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo916>

“Locomotives ; made in Lancaster”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4411>

“Memoranda concerning the Columbia and Philadelphia Railroad, etc”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo7780>

“Peter Bezaillion's Road”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4070>

“Pioneers and transportation on Newport Road”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo2316>

“Rafting on the Susquehanna”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3385>

“Railroad and bridge builders of Lancaster”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo7776>

“Railroad bridges over the Big and Little Conestoga”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3998>

“Report to the directors of the Pequa Railroad and Improvement Company”

https://books.google.co.mz/books?id=Q3U5AAAACAAJ&printsec=frontcover&hl=pt-PT&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

“Rhymes of the road and river”

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=osu.32435011375599&view=1up&seq=7>

“Rowe Motor history : 1908-1925”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo729>

“The Atglen and Susquehanna : Lancaster County's low grade”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo883>

“The beginnings of artificial roads in Pennsylvania”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3320>

“The Bridgeport and Horseshoe Turnpike”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3733>

“The Carroll Motor Car Company of Strasburg”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo601>

“The Columbia-Philadelphia Railroad and its successor”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo2475>

“The Conestoga horse”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo7775>

“The Conestoga Wagon”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3382>

“The Conestoga Wagon : a Pennsylvania German product”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1393>

“The earliest use of the term—'Conestoga Wagon'”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo845>

“The fifth Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo784>

“The first Columbia bridge”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo2270>

“The first long turnpike in the United States : Parts I-III”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo8502>

“The great Conestoga road”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo7966>

“The Intercourse Stage”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1108>

“The Lancaster, Oxford & Southern R.R. Company”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1014>

“The Marietta-Lancaster Turnpike

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1413>

“The Odyssey of five locomotive : 1836-1965”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo400>

“The Old Pike; an Illustrated Narrative of the National Road”

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/yale.39002004095379>

“The Old Turnpike”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4086>

“The Peach Bottom Railway Company”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3684>

“The Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike : and biographical sketch of Col. Matthias Slough”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo4422>

“The Reading and Columbia Railroad”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo577>

“The river to be crossed rather than to be followed”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1027>

“The Tapeworm Railroad”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo902>

“The Thomas Wagon Company of Lititz : pioneer motor truck manufacturer in Lancaster County

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo728>

“Through the Air: a narrative of forty years' experience as an aeronaut.”

<https://archive.org/details/throughairnarrat00wise/page/n7/mode/2up>

“Transportation troubles in Lancaster County during the Revolution”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo3732>

“Trolley Lines of Columbia”

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/lhdo1392>

“When railroads were new”

<https://hdl.handle.net/2027/mdp.39015021131100>

LancasterHistory's On-Site Resources

Archives Collection

Andreadis: George and Rhonda Andreadis Collection of Lancaster City Records, Series 4 Railroads, 1833-1896

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/andreadis-george-and-rhonda-andreadis-collection-of-lancaster-city-records-series-4-railroads-1833-1896/>

Aviation in Lancaster County Collection

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9509af77-4e24-463f-ae23-151560073820>

Bridge Records

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/list?q=lincoln+highway&p=9&ps=20>

Bridges, Roads, and Turnpikes Collection, 1767-1968

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/bridges-roads-and-turnpikes-collection-1767-1968/>

Columbia Bridge Company Collection, 1809-1843

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/columbia-bridge-company-collection-1809-1843/>

Denney: John D. Denney Jr. Railroad and Trolley Collection, Series 1 Trolleys, 1896-2006

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/denney-john-d-denney-jr-railroad-and-trolley-collection-series-1-trolleys-1896-2006/>

Griest: William Walton Griest Collection, Series 12 Roads, Waterways, Transportation, 1912-1929

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/griest-william-walton-griest-collection-series-12-roads-waterways-transportation-1912-1929/>

Griest: William Walton Griest Collection, Series 11 Susquehanna Bridge, 1913-1928

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/griest-william-walton-griest-collection-series-11-susquehanna-bridge-1913-1928/>

Lancaster & Marietta Turnpike Road Co. Collection, 1848-1916

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/lancaster-marietta-turnpike-road-co-collection-1848-1916>

Pennsylvania Railroad Collection, 1859-1956

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/pennsylvania-railroad-collection-1859-1956/>

Ross: George M. Ross Pennsylvania Railroad Passes, 1894-1915

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/ross-george-m-ross-pennsylvania-railroad-passes-1894-1915/>

Scrapbook of Conestoga wagon, Jasper Yeates, General Hand, Penn Square, Wheatland, Hensel, Thaddeus Stevens, railroads, Steinman, Baron Stiegel, and John Wise

Transportation Collection

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/transportation-collection/>

Trolley Cars in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1900-1949

<https://www.lancasterhistory.org/finding-aids/trolley-cars-in-lancaster-county-pennsylvania-1900-1949/>

Library Collection

Non-Bibliographic Resources

Conestoga Navigation - Information File

Fulton - Family File

Fulton, Robert - Information File

Railroads - Information File

Road Map, Lancaster County 1714-1760 - Information File

Roads, Lancaster County - Information File

Roads, Pennsylvania - Information File

Steamboats - Information File

Transportation - Information File

Trolleys - Information File

Turnpikes - Information File

Wise, John - Information File

Books

- 380 L643** A brief history of transportation in Lancaster County
- 380.5 C321** Cars, trains, buggies & planes : transportation in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
- 380.5 L245** Lancaster County historic transportation cultural resource study
- 380.5 S524** Three hundred years with the Pennsylvania traveler
- 380.509 B855** From trail to railway through the Appalachians
- 385 A216** The Lancaster Locomotive Works
- 385 A969** The Pennsylvania Railroad : a pictorial history
- 385 A969a** American locomotives : a pictorial record of steam power, 1900-1950
- 385 A969i** Iron horses : American locomotives, 1829-1900
- 385 B881** The Reading railroad--an early history
- 385 B955** Centennial history of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 1846-1946
- 385 C188** Report of surveys made to avoid the inclined plane upon and for the improvement of the Eastern Division of the Columbia and Philadelphia Rail Road, by order of the Canal Commissioners of the state of Pennsylvania
- 385 C357** The catalogue of the centenary exhibition of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, 1827-1927
- 385 D249** End of the line : Alexander J. Cassatt and the Pennsylvania railroad
- 385 D399** Trolleys of the Pennsylvania Dutch country: Harrisburg, Hershey, Lebanon, Reading, Lancaster, York, Hanover and Gettysburg
- 385 D417** Trains of the Pennsylvania Dutch country: Pennsylvania, Reading, Western Maryland, Strasburg, Stewartstown, Maryland & Pennsylvania, Wanamaker Kempton & Southern, and others
- 385 D489** Development of the locomotive
- 385 H198** Rails along the east branch: the Delaware & Northern Railroad
- 385 H269** Narrow gauge railways in America
- 385 H274** History of The Reading
- 385 H526** P. R. R. [Pennsylvania Rail Road] How the "Main Line" was constructed through the city

- 385 H656** The Ma & Pa, a history of the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad
- 385 H936** The story of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, 1827-1927
- 385 K65 2007** "Little, old and slow" : the life and trials of the Peach Bottom and Lancaster, Oxford and Southern railroads
- 385 M693** The road to Paradise; the story of the rebirth of the Strasburg Rail Road
- 385 O81** The trains of our memory : a history of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania 1965-2015
- 385 P415** The Pennsylvania Railroad low grade freight line from Harrisburg to Atglen, Pa
- 385 P982** The story of the Pullman car
- 385 R287** The Reading's heritage, 1833-1958; 125th anniversary of a pioneer railroad
- 385 R287r** The Reading : building a modern railroad
- 385 S275** The railroads of Pennsylvania
- 385 S897** Strasburg Railroad Company Archives finding aid
- 385 T835** The role played by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the "Main Line" area of Philadelphia : History of the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad
- 385 W588** Scale drawings of the Peach Bottom Railway : later known as the L.O. & S. Lancaster, Oxford, and Southern Railway
- 385 Z46** American Locomotives in Historic Photographs 1858 to 1949
- 385.52 R845** A railroad for the "Southern End" : Pictures, timetables, rare documents and all the news of the Little, Old & Slow, Pennsylvania's first narrow gauge railroad
- 386 E82** The Old Gulph Road
- 386.4 K64** The canals of Pennsylvania and the system of internal improvements
- 386.4 S638** Canals along the lower Susquehanna (1796 to 1900): Prepared for the Historical Society of York County
- 388 N427** Down the pike : a history of the Chambersburg-Bedford Turnpike Company
- 388 S562 1966** Conestoga wagon, 1750-1850; freight carrier for 100 years of America's westward expansion
- 388.1 G326** General history of Pennsylvania roads

388.1 H526 Making roads and making road laws in Pennsylvania : an address

388.1 P 544 1807 An Act for making an artificial road from the city of Philadelphia to the borough of Lancaster

388.12 L675 The development of early emigrant trails in the United States east of the Mississippi River

388.122 D763 The Pennsylvania turnpike

388.122 M989 A brief history of the turnpikes of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

388.4 M693 The trolley ... triumph of transport

624.2 H467 The Bridges between Columbia and Wrightsville Pennsylvania

624.2 K29 Keller's Covered Bridge and Middle Creek Road Bridge

625.1 R152m A moveable feast : from the farm to the table by train

625.263 J65 Electrical transmission on the A & S Branch: A documentary report on the PRR's electrification of its premier freight road

625.7 S524 Indian trails to super highways

629.13 T831 High frontier : a history of aeronautics in Pennsylvania

629.13322 M639 The first century of flight in America; an introductory survey

629.13322 W812 A system of aeronautics, comprehending its earliest investigations, and modern practice and art

815 P769 # 34 Remarks of Mr. Champneys, of Lancaster Country, on the bill to reduce the state debt, and to incorporate the Pennsylvania Canal and Railroad Co., in connexion with his former remarks on the same bill

926 F974fa Robert Fulton : father of modern marine transportation

926 F974fo Robert Fulton : the steamboat man

973.2 R873 The Great Wagon Road : from Philadelphia to the South- How Scotch-Irish and Germanics settled the Uplands

974.80066 P415 Pennsylvania highways

974.80085 G697 An old turnpike-road; with mere mention of some persons and places incident therto

974.80091 F228 Old trails and roads in Penn's land

974.80091 G781 Down the Susquehanna by canoe

974.8011 O13 Lancaster County S.R. 3034, section 001 Wabank Road improvements Lancaster Township : historic resources determination of eligibility ; E.R. 94-0039071-A ; agreement no. 440019, workorder no. 2

974.8011 W193p Indian paths of Pennsylvania

974.802823 L257 The first long turnpike in the United States

974.813 Y73 A political and constitutional study of the Cumberland road

974.843 S613 The Simpson Ferry Road : a Cumberland County highway whose history lies in the past

Journal Articles

905.748 HSP vol.76 "Historic Indian paths of Pennsylvania"

905.748 OAHS vol. 4, no. 11 "Map of Indian paths in Octorara area : from Wallace's "Indian paths of Pennsylvania"

905.748 PHA " Robert Fulton and the Pennsylvania canals"

905.748 PHMC vol. 21 "Where history and magic converge : the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania"

905.748 PHMC vol. 21 "Larger than life along the Lincoln Highway"

905.748 PMH vol. 39, no.1 "Connadago, New Albion, and the Great Minqua path"

905.748 SM (Oct. 1981) "The railroad that never ran"

974.8005 E31 (1899) "Railroad reminiscences or the project of half century ago"

974.8005 E31 (1899) "Thaddeus Stevens and the state railroad : why it stopped short at Columbia, the abandoned 'western division.'"

974.815 MOJT H673 v.9, no.1 "A tale of two streets : Carriages and cars"

974.815 MOJT H673 vol.11, no.2 "Trains & Trolleys in Mount Joy"

974.819 L441 vol. 13 no. 3 "The end of the road - the Berks and Dauphin turnpike"

Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society

Vol. 109, no. 3 "The Mount Gretna Railroad war of 1887"

Vol. 81, no. 2 "The Centrifugal Rotary Engine Company of Lancaster, 1870-1871"

Maps

974.8 SEPA 100 Map showing location and date of the earliest highways leading from the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers to the Susquehanna River and its branches / by H. Frank Eshleman

974.815 LACO 124 Conjectural map of Lancaster County Native American paths and associated sites

974.815 LACO 125 Historic Lancaster County Turnpikes

974.815 LACO 128 Colonial Lancaster County roads : schematic diagram of roads proposed or laid out before 1766

974.815 LACO 129 Lancaster County street railways (trolleys) circa 1910

974.815 LACO 157 Indexed street map of Lancaster, Pa. including Lancaster County road map

974.815 LACO 132 Road and township map of Lancaster County Pennsylvania

974.815 LACO 151 Lancaster with its rail road [sic] connections 1887

974.815 LACO 158 Map of the early roads of Lancaster County, Pa. 1714 to 1760

974.815 LACO 509 Greater Lancaster and the Lancaster County area, street & road map : Pennsylvania

974.815 WARW 501 Map of centre [i.e. center] line of route of Lititz and Brickerville turnpike road per survey of July and August 1882

Under Review Iron, railroad, canal and coal map of Pennsylvania, &c. : showing the relative position of the various anthracite and bituminous coal fields, the railroads, canals and navigable waters by which they are connected forming their respective avenues to market, also the furnaces, rolling mills, bloomeries and forges of Pennsylvania and adjoining states

Object Collection

1927.014.1 Lantern, Railroad

1967.009.2 Portrait of John Wise

1979.010 Model, Trolley

2007.500.10 Commemorative Coin Set, "John Wise"

2010.023.3 Toy

2022.999.001 Print of Bridge over the Susquehanna

Photograph Collection

John D. Denney Photograph Collection

Railroad Collection