



# LancasterHistory

## Research Guide: Land and Property Records

LancasterHistory's Research Guides are designed to help you identify various resources that may help you in your research. Online resources are available to help you remotely and can be accessed online. Often, these resources are from other organizations. The Microfilm and Print resources below are those that are available at LancasterHistory or by contacting LancasterHistory.

If you have any questions about how to use this guide or need to report a broken link, please email [research@lancasterhistory.org](mailto: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>.

### Quick Facts

- Deeds were recorded in Lancaster County as early as 1729, but it was not required to register transfers of deeds with the county until the 1970s.
- Early land records, which include patents, surveys, and warrants, are available through [the State Archives in Harrisburg](#).
- [The Lancaster Recorder of Deeds](#) office has digitized deed books and indexes and made them available online at [lancasterdeeds.com](http://lancasterdeeds.com). There is a guide to using their database at the Reference Desk at LancasterHistory.
- Visit the [Lancaster County Archives Historical Indexes webpage](#) to use their Historic Map Viewer, which allows you to overlay warrant maps and other atlases on top of modern parcel and street maps.

### Digital Resources

- **Lancaster County Archives Historical Indexes**  
<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/193/Historical-Indexes>
- **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (via Library of Congress)**  
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?fa=location:pennsylvania%7Clocation:lancaster+county>
- **Warrantee Township Maps** (via the Pennsylvania State Archives)  
<https://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-522WarranteeTwpMaps/r17-522WaranteeTwpMapMainInterface.htm>
- **Copied Survey Books** (via the Pennsylvania State Archives, Records of the Land Office)  
<https://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-114copiedsurveybooks/r17-114maininterfacepage.htm>

## Microfilm

- Lancaster County Direct Tax of 1798 (**microfilm drawer no. 6**)
- Lancaster County Mortgage Index, 1729-1940 (**microfilm drawer no. 5**)
- Lancaster County Township Tax Records, ca. 1750-1846 (**microfilm drawer no. 6**)
- Lancaster County Mortgage Books, 1812-1848 (**microfilm drawer no. 5**)

## Print Resources

- Atlases
- City and County Directories
- Hamilton Lots card files (available upon request)
- **016 H389** Warrantee Township Maps of Lancaster County
- **016 H389s** Index to the Joshua Scott Map of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1824
- **300 H389** A New Index, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, before the Federal Census (5 vols.)
- **912.74815 M152** Early landowners of Pennsylvania: Atlas of township patent maps of Lancaster County, PA
- **333.3 M382** Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Land Records, 1729-1750 and Land Warrants, 1710-1742
- **910 G464** The Warrant Maps of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania: Including an Every- Name Index
- **929.34 M469** Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Deed Abstracts & Revolutionary War Oaths of Allegiance; Deed Books "A" through "M", 1729 through ca. 1770, with Adjoining Landowners & Witnesses
- **929.34 W423** Warrants and Surveys of the Province of Pennsylvania Including the Three Lower Counties, 1759
- **929.35 S824** Pennsylvania in 1780: A Statewide Index of circa 1780 Pennsylvania Taxlist
- **929.37481 D857g** Guide to the Mortgages of the General Loan Office of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1724-1756
- **974.815 LACO M469a** Abstracts of Lancaster, PA Deed Records: Including Areas Now Comprising Dauphin and Lebanon Counties, 6 Volumes, 1770 to 1797
- **974.815 LACO W544c** Lancaster Co., PA Connections: Evidence of Persons Residing in Other States or Countries with a Connection to Lancaster Co., PA, 1770-1830