



Atlases & Maps at LancasterHistory.org

Lancaster County has three published atlases: 1864 (with index), 1875 (with index) and 1899 that show landowners, acreage, churches, graveyards and schools. The earliest indexed map is the Joshua Scott map of 1824. All maps are listed in the [library catalog](#).

Historical maps and atlases are also a valuable source for property research. These interesting documents depict how a property fits into the physical environment. Maps give you a pictorial view of your property in relation to waterways, transportation routes and physical boundaries. Some 18th and 19th century maps name landowners and may even indicate where the dwelling was located within the property. Since there can be significant gaps between publication of maps it is important to corroborate information found on maps with written descriptions found on other documents.

Another type of map of interest to house historians are fire insurance maps. These maps, created for larger towns and used to provide underwriters with the information they needed, contain details not found in other maps. Produced in the late nineteenth century fire insurance maps depict the exact location and shape of a building, the type of construction material used, how close it was to a water supply, etc. They are commonly referred to as Sanborn maps since that was the largest company to produce such maps.

Lancaster County Maps and Atlases

The maps listed below are useful for studying the physical layout of Lancaster County from the 18th century to the present. The original, reprint or photocopy of these maps is in the collection of LancasterHistory.org.

<i>Lancaster County Maps and Atlases</i>		
Date	Title	Notes
18th c.	Connected Warrant Maps	(by township, data from early 18th Century)
1776	Thomas Jefferys Map of Pennsylvania of 1776	David Rumsey's Historical Maps
1792	Reading Howell Map of Pennsylvania of 1792	David Rumsey's Historical Maps
1819	J. Scott's Map	
1821	William Wagner's Map of 1821.	(Map 900 110)



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Date	Title	Notes
1824	Joshua Scott's Map of 1824.	(Map 900 116; reprint for sale in bookstore)
1842	Joshua Scott's Map of 1842.	
1851	Duval/Scott Map 1851.	(Map 911 510)
1864	Bridgen's Atlas of 1864	(Reading Room)
1875	Everts & Stewart Atlas of 1875	(Reading Room)
1899	Graves & Steinbarger Atlas of 1899	(Reading Room)
1940s	Arial Surveys of Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg
1955-present	U. S. Geological Survey Maps	(topographic, incomplete)
current	ADC's Street Map of Lancaster County	(Reading Room)
current	Lancaster County Parcel Viewer CDs.	(CD)
current	Lancaster County GIS Parcel Search	Lancaster County GIS

Lancaster City Maps and Atlases

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Date	Title	Notes
18th c.	Connected Warrant Map for Lancaster City	data from early 18th Century
1848	George Hess, Plan of Lancaster	(Map 911 119)



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Date	Title	Notes
1850	J. Franklin Reigart, A plan of Lancaster	(Map 911 510)
1850	Moody & Bridgens, Map of the City of Lancaster	(CD 974.815 C581)
1864	Bridgen's Atlas of 1864	(Reading Room)
1872	Barnes & Pyott, Index to the Numbering System of the City of Lancaster	(CD)
1874	Roe & Colby, Map of the City of Lancaster	
1875	Everts & Stewart Atlas of 1875	(Reading Room)
1886	Sanborn Insurance Map Atlas, 1886	(Reading Room) Additional Fire Insurance Maps for more recent years also available
1899	Graves & Steinbarger Atlas of 1899.	(Reading Room)
1956/1969	U. S. Geological Survey Map, Lancaster, PA	(15' quadrangle)
current	ADC's Street Map of Lancaster County	(Reading Room)
current	Lancaster County Parcel Viewer CDs	(CD)
current	Lancaster County GIS Parcel Search	Lancaster County GIS