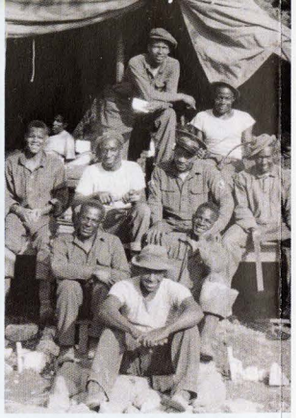
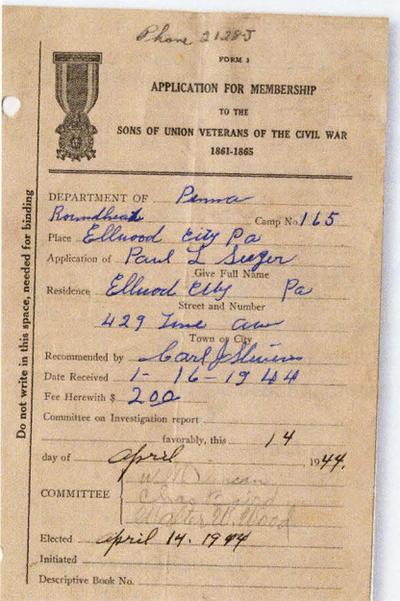
- Works Progress Administration historical and cultural projects
- Ethnic studies and oral history collections



Genealogical Resources

The Archives holds a broad range of sources that help to document family history. Frequently consulted materials include:

- Birth and death records(1852–1854, 1893–1906)
- Original 20th-century birth and death certificates beginning 1906
- Marriage records (1742–1762, 1852–1854, 1885 and thereafter)
- 18,000 rolls of county records on microfilm—wills, deeds, tax records, etc.
- Military records from the French and Indian War through the Vietnam War
- Pension records for the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812
- Philadelphia ships' lists of Germanpassengers (1727–1808)
- Colonial naturalizations (1740–1773)
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court naturalizations (1794–1868)
- U.S. Direct Tax of 1798, also known as the Glass Tax
- Pennsylvania Septennial Censuses (1779–1821)
- Pennsylvania Farm Censuses (1924, 1927)
- State land records including warrants, surveys, and patents (1667–2000)



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FORM 3

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TO THE

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

1861-1865

DEPARTMENT OF Penna

Roundhead Camp No. 165

Place Ellwood City Pa

Application of Paul L Seger
Give Full Name

Residence Ellwood City Pa
Street and Number

429 Lime Ave
Town or City

Recommended by Carl J Stein

Date Received 1-16-1944

Fee Herewith $ 2.00

Committee on Investigation report

favorably, this 14

day of April 1944.

COMMITTEE

Elected April 14. 1944

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- State penitentiary records (1829–1972)
- Occupational records for coal miners, doctors, and teachers
- Maps
- Family papers
- Free access to Ancestry.com

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Location

Southeast corner of Third and Forster Streets, adjacent to The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Enter at the art deco gates facing Third Street. Visit www.pastatearchives.com for directions.

GPS address:
801 North 3rd Street
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Coordinates: 40.266080, -76.886053

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Metered street parking and garages are nearby. Street parking is free on Saturday in selected areas. Call the State Archives for directions.

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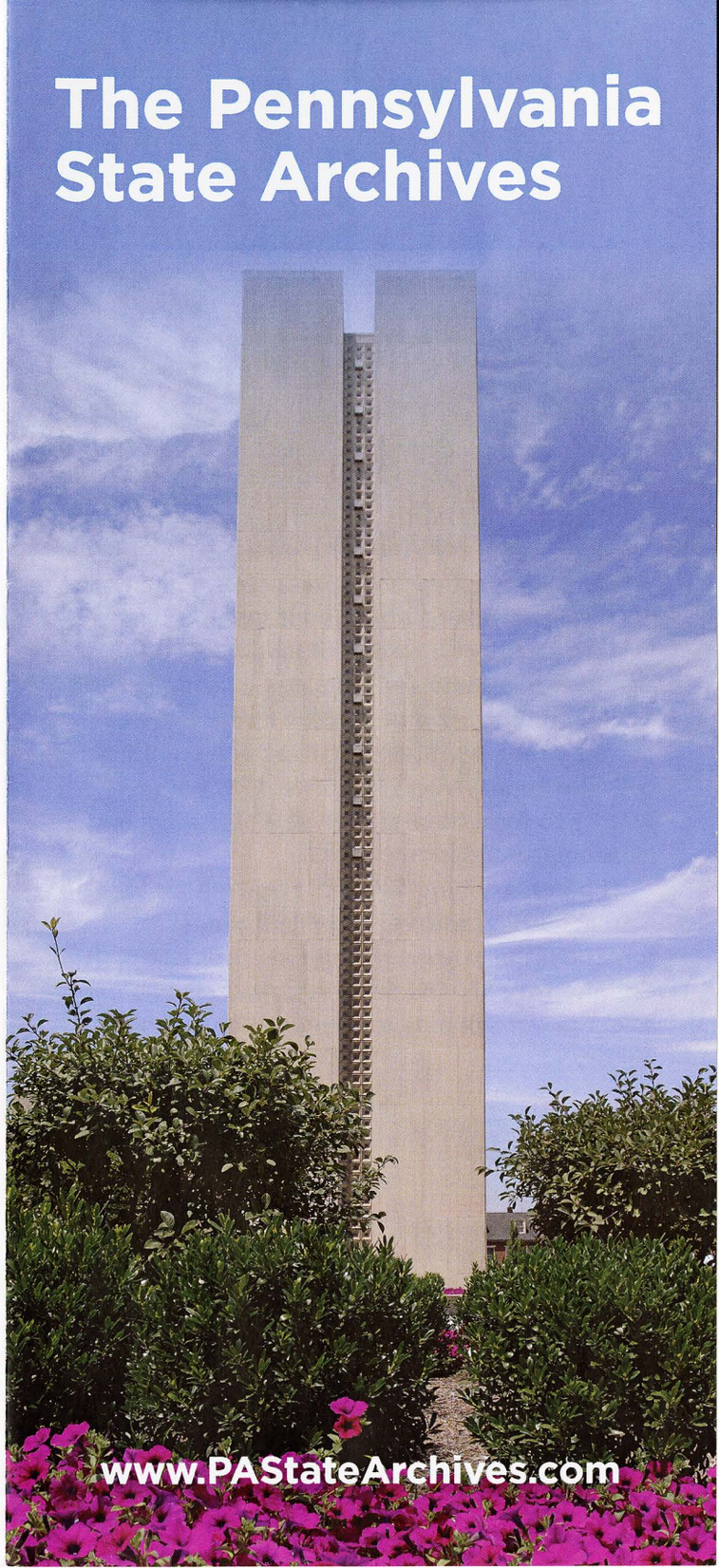


Whether exploring Pennsylvania's documentary heritage or learning about your family's past, you will discover a wealth of resources at the Pennsylvania State Archives. Established in 1903 as an administrative unit of the Pennsylvania State Library, the State Archives was combined with the Pennsylvania Historical Commission in 1945 to form the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).

The primary function of the State Archives is to acquire, preserve, and make available for study, the historical public records of the Commonwealth. The State Archives also acquires select private papers relevant to Pennsylvania history.

Pennsylvania State Archives Web Resources

The State Archives website provides topical research guides, container or folder listings of collections, digital copies of some records and indexes, and information about Archives policies and fees. You can access these web resources by visiting **www.pastatearchives.com**.

Collection

The holdings (1664 to the present) include 78,000 cubic feet of research materials and 30,000 rolls of microfilm. More than 80 record groups contain materials from the Commonwealth's executive departments, boards, and commissions; records from the legislative and judicial branches of state government; and selected records of county and municipal governments. Over 500 manuscript groups contain the records and papers of prominent individuals, families, business concerns, and numerous social, cultural, political, and military organizations relating to many aspects of Pennsylvania history and culture. Descriptive information about the holdings and digital copies of some documents in the State Archives are available on the State Archives website.

State Land Records

The state land records (1667–2000) document the original purchases of land from the Penn family and the Commonwealth. They include:

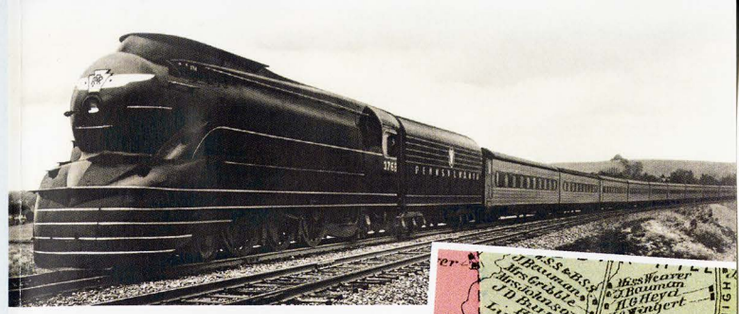
- Purchases from William Penn
- Land warrants and applications
- Original surveys and copied survey books
- Patent books
- Warrant registers and patent indexes
- Warrantee maps for about 30% of Pennsylvania's townships
- Donation Lands papers – grants to Pennsylvania Line veterans of the Revolutionary War
- Virginia claims
- Connecticut claimants files
- Land office map collection

Detailed information about the land records, digital images of many of the indexes, and more frequently used documents in the State Archives can be found on the State Archives website.

Special Media

The Archives collections include non-textual materials from public and private sources:

- 4,000 land office drafts and maps
- Aerial photographs (1937–1942)
- Postcards for all counties



- Over 500 posters
- 600 oral history recordings
- Motion picture films
- Philadelphia Commercial Museum photograph collection
- Photographs, negatives, and slides from various state agencies

Transportation and Industrial Records

- State road and turnpike maps (1706–1873)
- Port of Philadelphia records (1728–1982)
- Cornwall Furnace records (1757–1940)
- Internal improvements files (1777–1902)
- Pine Grove Furnace records (1785–1914)
- Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company records (1792–1978)
- Pennsylvania Main Line Canal records (1816–1868)
- Fall Brook Railroad and Coal Company records (1819–1938)
- Baldwin Locomotive Works records (1834–1962)
- Pennsylvania Railroad records (1835–1968)
- Lehigh Valley Railroad records (1849–1962)
- Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission records (1882–2009)
- Mine accident registers (1899–1975)
- Industrial Board minutes (1914–1986)
- Department of Highways photographs (1907–1966)

Ethnic and Minority History

The Pennsylvania State Archives offers research opportunities for those interested in the study of ethnic and racial groups and partners with the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Notable holdings include:

- The first state law in the U.S. to abolish slavery
- Muster rolls for the United States Colored Troops in the American Civil War