

FAMILY RESEARCH GUIDE

The library staff recommends beginning your family research with the York County History Center (YCHC) family collection. Find the control spelling in the surname index and complete a request form with the appropriate control spelling and number. Give your request for this collection to volunteers or staff.

Family file collection includes:

- Family file
- Vital statistic cards (consisting mainly of church records).
- Pre-1800 random year tax abstractions for York County
- Cemetery cards for York and Adams counties (1930's tombstone abstractions)
- Will and Orphan's Court abstractions 1749-1850
- Cross-reference abstractions

Here are additional sources to pursue (some are available now on Ancestry.com or FamilySearch.org).

- Census, PA Septennial (York County: 1786, 1793, 1800, 1807 - on microfilm)
- Church and Denominational histories-Brethren, Lutheran, Reformed, etc.
- City directories, some contain York County communities
- Death index to York County newspapers 1783 - 1909
- Ethnic histories.
- *European Origins of Immigrants to Pennsylvania* - SCPGS/YCHC joint compilers
- Genealogical Family Reports (compiled by YCHC; limited surnames, mostly pre-1850 records)
- Genealogies (over 40 pages; printed or published - book shelves)
- Glass Tax, 1798
- *History of the Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil War* - Bates
- *History of York County* (Gibson - 1886, Prowell - 1907) and Indices to published York County Histories
- Lineage books - DAR, DAC, SAR, etc.
- Manuscript collection accessed with [Past Perfect](#).
- Maps-1860/1876 York County Atlas, Hively maps
- Marriage index to York County Newspapers 1783 - 1909
- *Pennsylvania Archives* - numerous series with indices
- Periodicals collection: (Ex: Pennsylvania Folklife, Lancaster County Historical Society)
- South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society publications
- Will Index of York County, 1749-1940
- *York County in the American Revolution* - Henry J. Young compiler
- York County community/township histories