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BUCKS COUNTY REPOSITORIES

Researchers should consult the web sites listed for each repository for additional information about holdings, current hours, current admission fees, and access rules. Many archives and repositories have very limited hours.

Bucks County is an original county.

SPRUANCE LIBRARY, BUCKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (BCHS), Mercer Museum, 84 South Pine Street, Doylestown, PA 18901; (215) 345-0210. Hours: Tuesday 1:00PM–9:00PM, Wednesday–Friday 1:00PM–5:00PM, Saturday 10:00AM–5:00PM. Day fee currently \$8. The Bucks County Archives, with records from the Court of Quarter Sessions, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court, Prothonotary, and the County Commissioners, are deposited at the Spruance Library. Holdings, with indexes, include: Naturalization Records (1802–1906), Criminal Papers (1697–1786), Quarter Sessions (1684–1700), Coroners Papers (1700–1900), Divorces (1806–1948), Marriage Licenses (1852–1854, 1885–1946), Vendues (1784–1884), Tavern Licenses (1742–1923), Tax Records (1782–1960), Deeds (1684–1919), Wills And Administrations (1684–1900), and Mechanics Liens (1836–1949). Over 700 manuscript collections.

Website: www.mercermuseum.org/library_collections.htm#buckscountyarchives

BUCKS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 55 East State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901; (215) 348-6000. Birth and death records 1893-1906; marriage license applications 1885-present; Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills offices. www.buckscounty.org

DAVID LIBRARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1201 River Road, (PO Box 748), Washington Crossing, PA 18977. Phone: (215) 493-6776. Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 10:00AM–5:00PM. Holdings: 10,000 reels of microform and 40,000 books and pamphlets, primarily on the American Revolution (including Loyalists), especially British sources, with some French and Indian War material, and Early American Imprints. See online guides on its website. Website: www.dlar.org

MARGARET R. GRUNDY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007; Phone (215) 788-7891. Member of the Bucks County Library Network. Hours: Monday – Thursday 11:00am-9:00pm; Friday 11:00am – 4:00pm; Saturday 11:00am – 4:00pm. Online access to NewsBank, GenealogyBank, Ancestry, HeritageQuest, ProQuest and LexisNexis Academic.

BUCKS COUNTY RECORDS

Birth:

- January 1906–present: Bureau of Vital Statistics, PO Box 1528, New Castle, PA, 16103.
Web site: www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&Q=229939
provides downloadable request forms

Death:

- January 1906–present: Bureau of Vital Statistics, PO Box 1528, New Castle, PA, 16103.
Web site: www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&Q=229939
provides downloadable request forms

Marriage:

- 1852–1854, 1885–1946: Marriage Licenses, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1806–1948: Divorces, indexes: **BCHS**

Probate—Wills and Administrations:

- 1684–1900: Wills and Administrations, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1682–1870: Will Books, indexes (microfilm): **HSP**.

Court and Miscellaneous Records

- 1697–1786: Criminal Papers, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1684–1700: Quarter Sessions, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1700–1900: Coroners Papers, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1784–1884: Vendues, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1742–1923: Tavern Licenses, indexes: **BCHS**

Land and Property:

- 1684–1919: Deed Books, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1836–1949: Mechanics Liens, indexes: **BCHS**
- 1684–1866: Deed Books, indexes (microfilm): **HSP**
- 1782–1821: Mortgages, indexes (microfilm): **HSP**
- First land transactions through Proprietors at Pennsylvania State Archives
- First land transactions: some microfilm: **HSP**

Naturalizations

- 1802–1906: naturalization records, indexes: **BCHS**

1798 U.S. Direct Tax (Window Tax): **BCHS, NARA and GSP/HSP**

Key to Repositories

BCHS – Spruance Library, Bucks County Historical Society

GSP – Genealogical Society Of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia

HSP - Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia

NARA – National Archives and Records Administration, 900 Chestnut St., Philadelphia