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CHESTER COUNTY REPOSITORIES

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CHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES AND RECORD SERVICES (CCARS), 601 Westtown Road, Government Services Center, Suite 080, West Chester, PA 19380-0990; 610-344-6760. Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00AM–4:00PM. The Chester County Archives and Record Services are administered by the Chester County Historical Society. Holdings: Birth and Death Records 1852–1855, 1893–1906; Marriage Records 1852–1855, 1885–1930; Wills and Administrations 1714–1923; Orphans' Court Papers 1714–1916, 1930–1940; Deeds 1688–1918, Tax Records 1715–1939; Coroner's Records 1720–1957. Online indexes for most record groups on website. Website: www.chesco.org/archives

CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (CCHS), 225 North High Street, West Chester, PA 19380-2691; 610- 692-4800. Hours: Wednesday–Saturday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM. Newspaper clipping file 1810-1970; newspapers on microfilm; diaries; family files; church and cemetery records; Septennial census/tax records. \$6.00 daily research fee, seniors 65 & up, \$5.00. Website: http://www.chestercohistorical.org/index.php

CHESTER COUNTY RECORDS

Birth:

- 1852–1855, 1893–1906: **CCARS**
- 1857-1906: Delayed Birth Records: CCARS
- 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:

- 1852-1855, 1893-1906: CCARS
- 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

[NOTE: Indexes for birth, 1906 and Death, 1906-1961 are online as of 13 February 2012 – http://www.portal.health.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public records/206861

Marriage:

- 1852–1855, 1885–1930 (applications): CCARS
- 1804-1902: Divorces: CCARS
- 1698–1890: Marriage Contracts, Certificates & Separations: CCARS

Probate—Wills and Administrations:

- 1714-1923: CCARS
- 1714-1938: Will Books (microfilm): HSP

Orphans Court (excluding vital records):

- 1714-1923: Orphans' Court Papers: CCARS
- 1882-1923: Orphans' Court Estates: CCARS
- 1832–1848: Feme Covert Records: CCARS
- 1809-1822, 1831-1838: Orphans' Court Docket Book (microfilm): HSP

Land and Property:

- 1681-1918: Deeds: CCARS
- 1728-1835: Petitions for Sheriff's Deeds: CCARS
- 1773–1830: Sheriff's Deeds: CCARS
- 1690–1773: Mortgages: **CCARS**
- First land transactions through Proprietors at Pennsylvania State Archives
- First land transactions: some microfilm: HSP
- 1715-1939: Tax Records: CCARS
- various tax rolls and Septennial Census: HSP & CCHS

Court of Common Pleas

- 1781-1834: Affidavits, Depositions, Interrogatories: CCARS
- 1724–1850: Insolvent Debtor's Petitions & Bonds: CCARS
- 1821-1942: Assigned Estates: CCARS
- 1903-1905: Registry of Automobiles: CCARS
- 1828-1868: Mechanics Liens: CCARS
- 1683-1970: Professional Registers: CCARS
- 1844-1940: Equity Cases: CCARS

Court of Quarter Sessions

- 1820-1839: Fugitive Slave Records: CCARS
- 1843-1872: Prison Discharges: CCARS
- 1700–1855: Indentured Servants & Apprentice Records: CCARS
- 1788–1821: Negro Servant Returns: CCARS
- 1700–1800: Tavern Petitions: CCARS
- 1869–1952: Miscellaneous Quarter Sessions Papers: CCARS
- 1718–1790: Languishing Prisoner Petitions: CCARS
- 1722-1869: Peddler's Petitions: CCARS
- 1681-1800: Quarter Sessions Indictments: CCARS
- 1802-1910: Oyer & Terminer: CCARS

Miscellaneous

- 1885–1979: Veterans' Burials: CCARS
- 1917-1921: World War I Servicemen Records (County War Aid Association): CCARS
- 1800–1858, 1873–1900: Poorhouse Admissions: CCARS
- 1856–1884: Poorhouse Children's Board Book: CCARS
- 1720–1940: Coroner's Inquisition Papers: CCARS
- 1777-1782: British Depredations: CCARS
- 1711–2004: Chester County Commissioners: CCARS
- 1861-1865: Board of Relief (Civil War): CCARS
- 1810-1841: Poor School Children Records: CCARS
- various years: Slave Manumissions: CCARS

Naturalizations

- 1798–1935: Naturalization Records: CCARS

Key to Repositories

CCARS – Chester County Archives and Record Services

HSP - Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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