



The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

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ELK 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.

Elk County was created on April 18, 1843 from Parts of Jefferson, McKean, and Clearfield Counties. The County Seat is Ridgway.

ELK County PUBLIC RECORDS CENTER

[Elk County Courthouse, Ridgway](#)

Register of Wills ~ Recorder of Deeds ~ Clerk of Orphans' Court ~ Prothonotary & Clerk of Courts ~ Wills from 1843 ~ Marriage records from 1885

The "**Elk County 2005 Plat Book and Land Atlas**" is still available to purchase in the Tax Assessment office in the Elk County Courthouse Annex, 300 Center Street, Ridgway, PA 15853, for **\$5.00** <http://www.co.elk.pa.us/assessment/>

Register/Recorder - Elk County

www.co.elk.pa.us/registerrecorder.html

Elk County Courthouse•250 Main Street •P.O. Box 448•Ridgway, PA 15853.

Elk County Courthouse Annex ... 240 Main Street. P.O. Box 314. Ridgway, PA 15853.
814.776.5349

814.776.5382 (fax)

Monday thru Friday 8:30 - 4:00

Closed weekends and holidays

The Elk County Recorder of Deeds Office's primary mission is to Record , Protect and Reproduce legal documents (such as deeds, mortgages, marriage licenses, wills, etc.) that relate to real estate in Elk County and act as a collecting agent for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, local School Districts and Municipalities for Real Estate Transfer Taxes. All document records since 1843, except for Military Discharges, are available for public inspection. The Recorder's staff is ready to help anyone who comes to the office seeking information.

[Website](#)

Susanne Straub Schneider, [Prothonotary](#) & Clerk of Courts
Elk County Courthouse
240 Main Street
P.O. Box 237
Ridgway, PA 15853
(814) 776-5344
(814) 776-5303—Fax

The Prothonotary is a dual officeholder. She holds the office of Prothonotary which is the clerk of the civil court. The civil court deals with the record keeping and processing of such cases as actions in law, equity, divorce, custody, protection from abuse, mechanics liens, judgments, appeals from the district justice.

The Prothonotary also holds the office Clerk of Courts which deals with the record keeping and reporting of criminal cases which have been bound over to court from the district justice. Additionally, she maintains road dockets and **naturalization** records.

Prison - Elk County

www.co.elk.pa.us/prison.html

Elk County Historical Society - [\[map\]](#)

109 Center Street, Ridgway, PA

[Website](#)

Ridgway Public Library

[Website](#)

Pennsylvania Libraries.

[Website](#)

Additional resources:

- PAGenWeb – Elk County - <http://www.pagenweb.org/~elk/>
 - Cemeteries
- Elk County Obituaries
USGenWeb Archives - [website](#)
- Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania
<http://www.GenPA.org>
- **Elk County Newspapers –**
 - <http://www.topix.com/county/elk-pa>
 - The Elk County advocate. (Ridgway, Pa.) 1868-1883, Ridgway, Pa. (1868-1883)
Library of Congress - <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026259/>
 - Elk County Pennsylvania History and Genealogy Newspaper Stories
<http://genealogytrails.com/penn/elk/newspaper.html>
 - The Daily Press
<http://www.smdailypress.com/>

- The Ridgway Record
<http://www.ridgwayrecord.com/>

MILITARY

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/pa/elk/military.htm>

Elk County, Pennsylvania Genealogy Guide

Random Acts of Kindness - <http://www.raogk.org/pennsylvania-genealogy/elk-county/>

Family Search - Elk County, Pennsylvania Genealogy

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Elk_County,_Pennsylvania_Genealogy

State of Pennsylvania Vital Records

Birth Certificates, 1906-1910

Death Certificates, 1906-1965

Original **birth** certificates for 1906-1910 and **death** certificates for 1906-1965 are available at the State Archives. Digital copies of the 1906-1908 birth certificates and the 1906-1963 death certificates may be found on Ancestry.com. Pennsylvania residents can access these records free of charge through Ancestry.com Pennsylvania.

Certified Copies of Death Certificates

[The Division of Vital Records maintains records of deaths that occurred from 1906 to the present. Certified copies of death certificates \(with a raised seal\)](#)

Related Resources Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission

1. Birth Indices
2. Census Records
3. County and Municipal Records
4. Coal Miners
5. Death Indices
6. Indentured Servants
7. Naturalization and Immigration
8. Naturalizations, PA Supreme Court
9. Prison Records
10. Ships' Passenger Lists
11. Vital Statistics

LAND RECORDS INDICES

PHMC > Archives > Research Online > Land Records Indices

<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Land-Records-Indices.aspx>