

Delaware County Historical Society Research Resources

Atlases - Delaware County townships 1870 to 1940 and numerous maps

Books - Reference library for genealogy, local Pennsylvania and American history

Dr. Anna Broomall Collection - notebooks of photos, information and news clippings of local historic places and important people (compiled 1900-1922)

After retiring from her medical practice in 1904, Dr. Anna Broomall, writer, photographer and historian returned to her home in Chester where she became an authority on Chester and Delaware County history. She was the curator of the DCHS museum in the old Chester courthouse.

Chester F. Baker Notebooks - indexed scrap books of history, genealogies, maps and news articles

Birth Records:

Chester Register of births 1889 to 1906 (microfilm) and Upland Borough birth list 1894-1917

Borough Township Files - news clippings, articles, booklets, photos

Census Information: Delaware County 1790-1920 (microfilm) (1790-1870 indexed)

Census for other PA Counties:

1790 Berks/Chester/Huntington/Mifflin/Luzerne/Dauphin/Northampton/Cumberland/Fayette/Westmoreland/Bucks, Lancaster; 1800 Beaver/Bedford/Bucks/Butler/Chester/Crawford/Cumberland/Fayette/Franklin; 1810 Chester/Clearfield/Crawford; 1820 Adams/Beaver/Chester/Fayette; 1850 Elk; 1880 Dauphin/Elk; 1900 Dauphin; 1920 Dauphin/Elk

Death related information:

Chester Rural Cemetery Records - 1863-1918

Funeral records of E. F. White - (Chester) 1887-1930

Old Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, Collingdale (was Darby) 1861-1882

Obit extracts from the Delaware County Republican 1833-1885

Obits, DCHS random collection of clippings

Mortality schedules from the census: 1850, 1860 & 1870

Social Security death benefit records (for the United States) 1937 to June 1992 (on CD-Rom)

Upland Borough death list 1894-1917

W.P.A. Grave Marker Project - information from readable stones in 1937 (some Del Co. cemeteries)

Will abstracts - Chester Co. 1714 to 1800, Delaware Co. 1789 to 1835

Wills & Administration Records INDEX to 1850: Berks Bucks/Chester/Delaware/Lehigh/Montgomery/Northampton Co.s

Deeds/Indentures - over 3,000 catalogued

Directories: Aston Township 1951-1994/ Chester City 1879-1931, 1941, 1956, 1959

Eddystone 1889-98, 1901-12, 1917-31, 1941, 1956/ Marcus Hook 193, 1956, 1959, 1941;

Media - 1883-86, 1891, 1906, 1917-31, 1941/ Upland 1882-86, 1889-96, 1901, 1904/31/1941;

West Chester 1857-1860; 1897: Clifton Heights/Darby/Lansdowne/Sharon Hill/Wayne

1902: Clifton Heights/Darby/Lansdowne, Ridley Park/Sharon Hill/Wayne

1914: Delaware County Farm & Business/ 1936 Philadelphia City Directory

1941: Parkside/Linwood/Trainer

1956: Brookhaven/Linwood/Parkside/Ridley Park/Swarthmore/Trainer

1959: Brookhaven/Nether Providence/Parkside/Rose Valley/Swarthmore/Trainer

Telephone Books: 1957, 1958, 1965, 1970 to present

High School year books

Genealogies - bound books and files of manuscripts

Marriage announcement extracts from the Delaware County Republican 1833-1885/bible records

New Jersey Archives - First series, indexed

Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography (by H.S.P.) 1877 to date

Pennsylvania Archives - First through eighth series

Pennsylvania's Colonial Records - 17 volumes, indexed

Photographs - over 2,000

Tax Records - Chester County 1715-1800 (microfilm) This includes Delaware Co. until 9/1789.

NEWSPAPERS

Microfilm:

Chester Times/Delaware County Daily Times 7/1876 to 12/31/1974 (for 1974 to present at Widener Library)

Delaware County American (published in Media) **1855 to 1873 and 7/2/1890 to 12/30/1911**

Delaware County Advocate (published in Chester) **6/5/1869 to 6/9/1938** (some gaps)

Delaware County Democrat (published in Chester) **6/27/1889 to 12/27/1912**

Ridley Park News 1913-1915

Rockdale Herald (published in Aston Township) **1/2/1925 to 12/25/1964**

Some other various older papers on microfilm ---

Bound: Morton Chronicle - Vols 1 to 33 6/1880 to 5/1911 (some gaps)

CD ROM: The Pennsylvania Genealogical Catalogue Vol. 1 Chester County 1809-1870, The Pennsylvania Newspaper Record Volume II Delaware County 1819-1870 *Collection includes articles from: the, Post Boy, The Upland Union, The Delaware County American, The Delaware County Democrat, and the Delaware County Republican* (very few entries in early years)

List of **Deaths & Marriages** from the Delaware County Republican 1833 to 1885 CFB Vols. 35 & 36

CHURCH RECORDS

St. John's (Concord)

Baptisms 1876 - 1934

Burials 1875 - 1927

Confirmation 1875 - 1932

Marriages 1876 - 1934

Minute Books 1724 - 1934

St. Thomas the Apostle (Concord)

Grave site records compiled in 1996

St. David's Episcopal Church (Radnor)

Baptisms 1719-1819, 1861-1937, 1949-1966

Burials 1861-1913

Confirmations 1861-1909, 1913-1951

Communicants 1833-1911, 1919-1951

Marriages 1861-1951

Church Wardens 1719-1819

Offerings 1861-62

St. Martin's Church (Marcus Hook)

Cemetery records to 1937

On Microfilm:

St. Paul's Episcopal (Chester)

Marriages 1704 - 1920

Baptisms 1704 - 1937

Confirmations 1832 - 1936

Cemetery 1704 - 1936

Madison Street U.M. (Chester) (mixed records - not in order)

Plus numerous books with vital records listed

Such as Quaker Marriage Certificates, Concord Monthly Mtg. Del. Co., PA 1679-1808 by Gwen B. Bjorkman

St. Paul's P.E. (Chester)

Marriages 1704 - 1904

South Chester Methodist Episcopal (3rd & Jeffrey)

Baptisms 3/29/1894 - 6/27/1926

Marriage 3/29/1894 - 4/3/1926

Official Members 1894 - 1896

Probationer's Record 1894 - 1926

Members in Full Connection 1881 - 1926

Immaculate Heart R. C. (Chester)

Marriages 1873 - 1933

Baptisms 1873 - 1909

Cemetery 1887 - 1974

Immanuel Baptist Church (Chester)

1881 - 1991 Membership list, Baptisms, Deaths