

# Pennsylvania Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

*18<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania*

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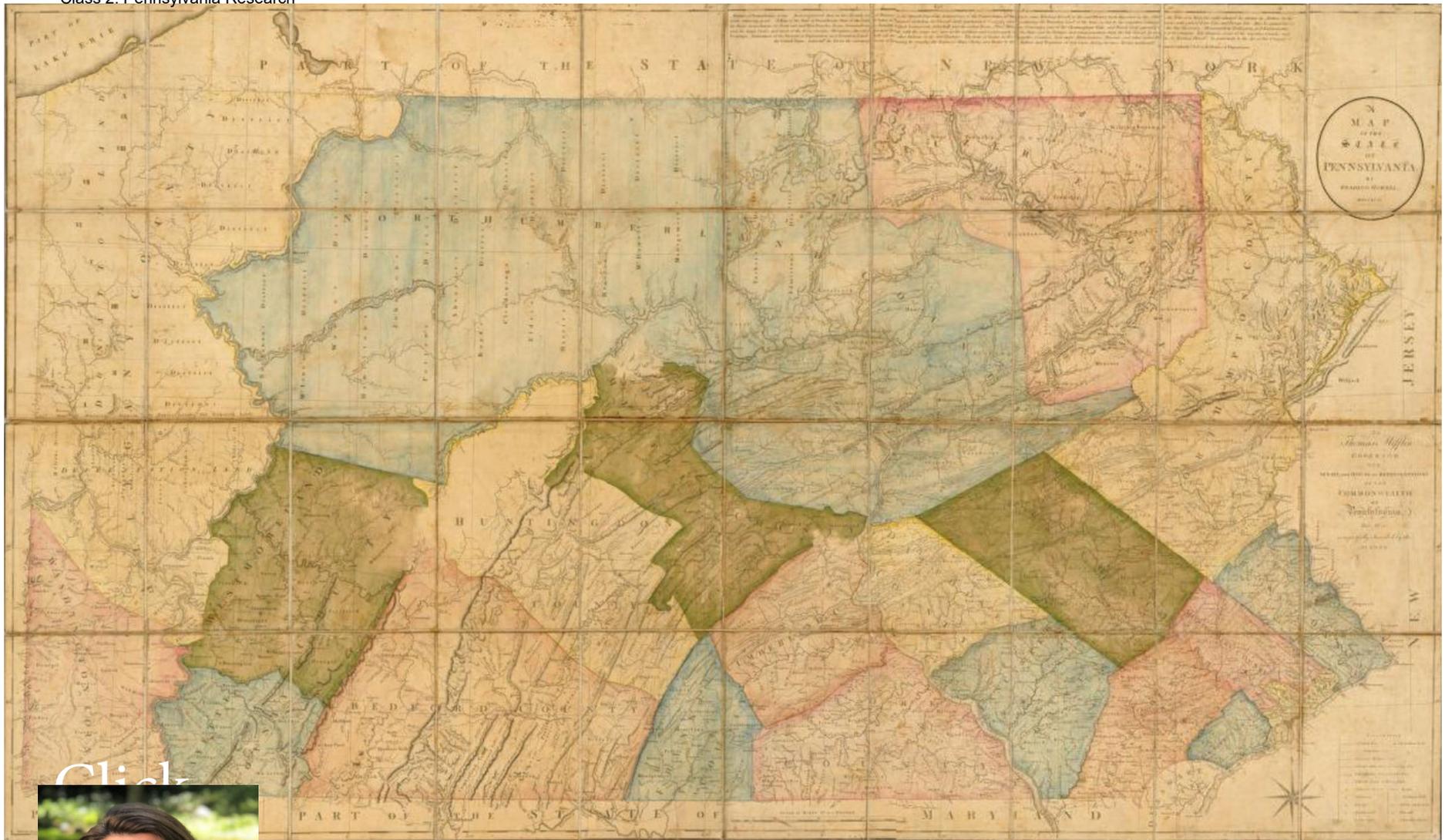
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# OVERVIEW

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  - History of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania
  - The People
  - Resources
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



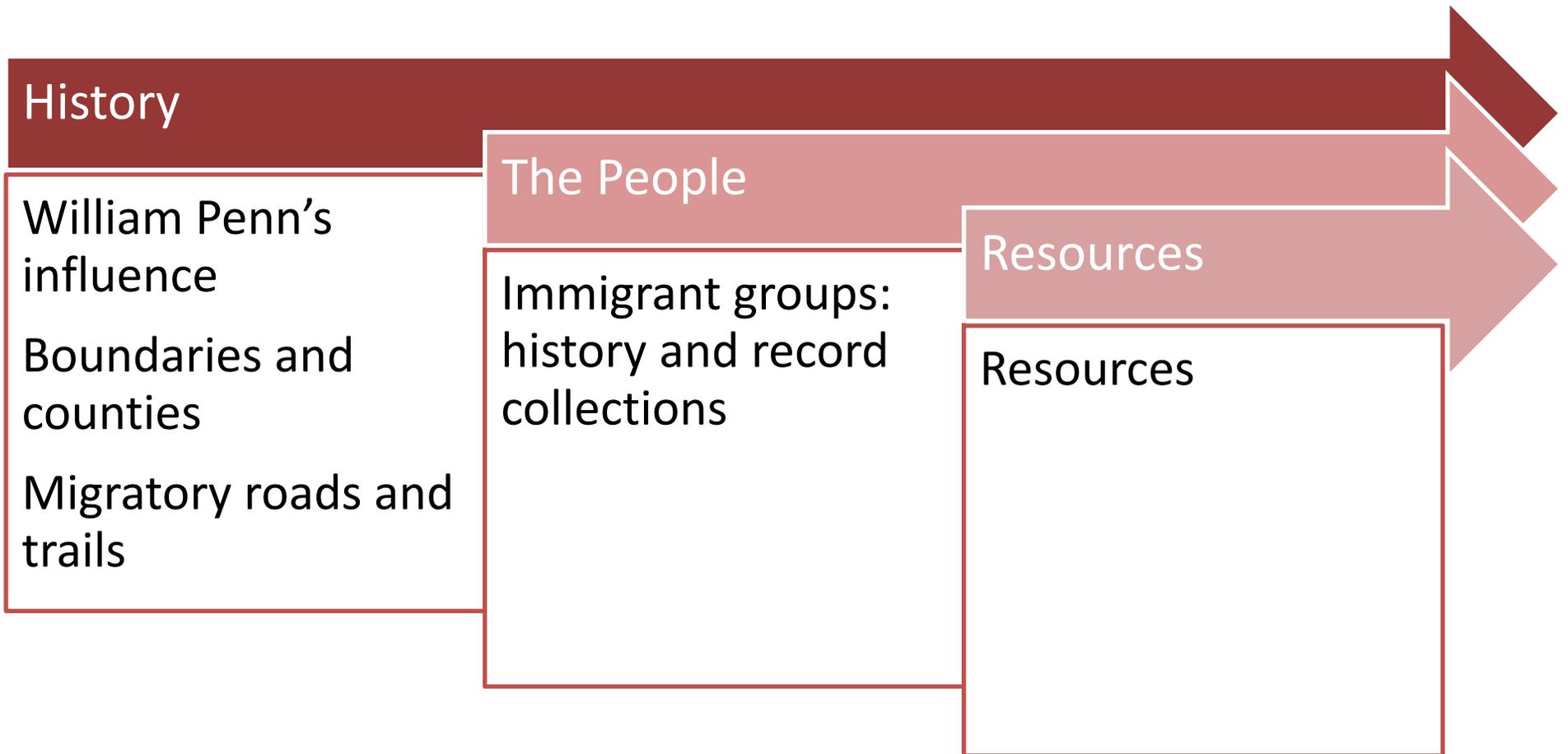
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Dave Rumsey Map Collection, 18<sup>th</sup> Century Map of Pennsylvania,  
"first detailed map of the State to show its exact boundaries, 1792,  
[davidrumsey.com](http://davidrumsey.com).

# Overview



# History

# William Penn's Influence

- William Penn's influence continued to shape Pennsylvania and offer immigrants:
  - Religious freedom
  - A liberal form of government
  - The promise of affordable land and a chance at prosperity
- The prospect of escaping religious persecution, government over-reach, systemic poverty, and rack-renting in their homelands was worth the risk of the long journey to the popular colony.



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# Charter of 1701

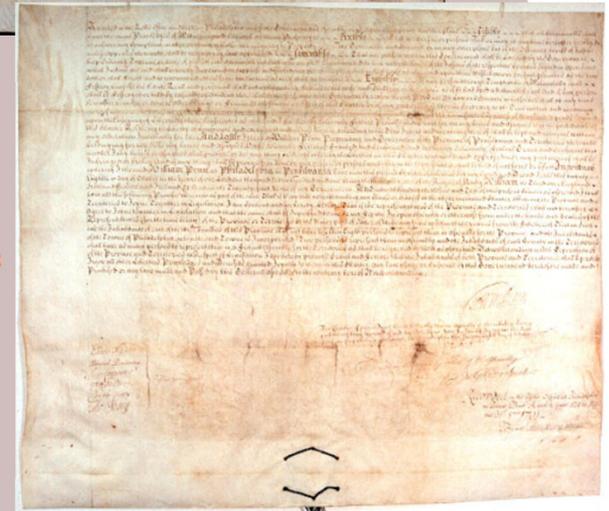
- In 1701, William Penn, created a “Charter of Privileges” for the people of his colony.
- Governed how the colony was to be run  
[www.amphilsoc.org/exhibits/treasures/charter.htm](http://www.amphilsoc.org/exhibits/treasures/charter.htm)
- Principles from charter reflected in:
  - United States Constitution
  - Bill of Rights
  - Several state constitutions



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American Philosophical Society, [www.amphilsoc.org](http://www.amphilsoc.org)

# Port of Philadelphia

- If your ancestor arrived in the colonies during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, there is a good chance they came through the Port of Philadelphia.

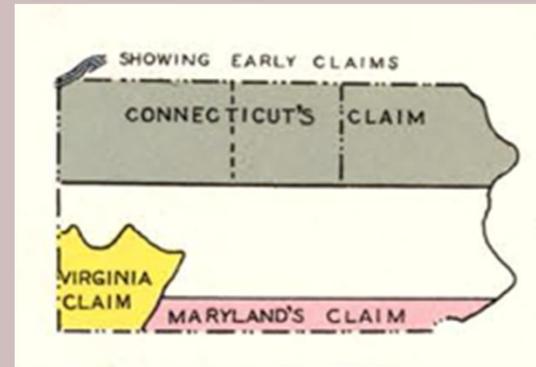


View of Philadelphia, 1702, illustrated by FJ Wade, New York Public Library Digital Collections, 1875

# Pennsylvania Boundaries and Counties

# Early Boundary Disputes

- Boundary lines for Pennsylvania remained in dispute throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> century:
  - Connecticut, Virginia, and Maryland laid claim to areas now part of Pennsylvania
- Disputes led to bloody confrontations like the Cresap's War (1730s):
  - Land disputes were settled by land treaties
  - 1767- Mason-Dixon Line clarified borders of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia (current West Virginia), and Delaware



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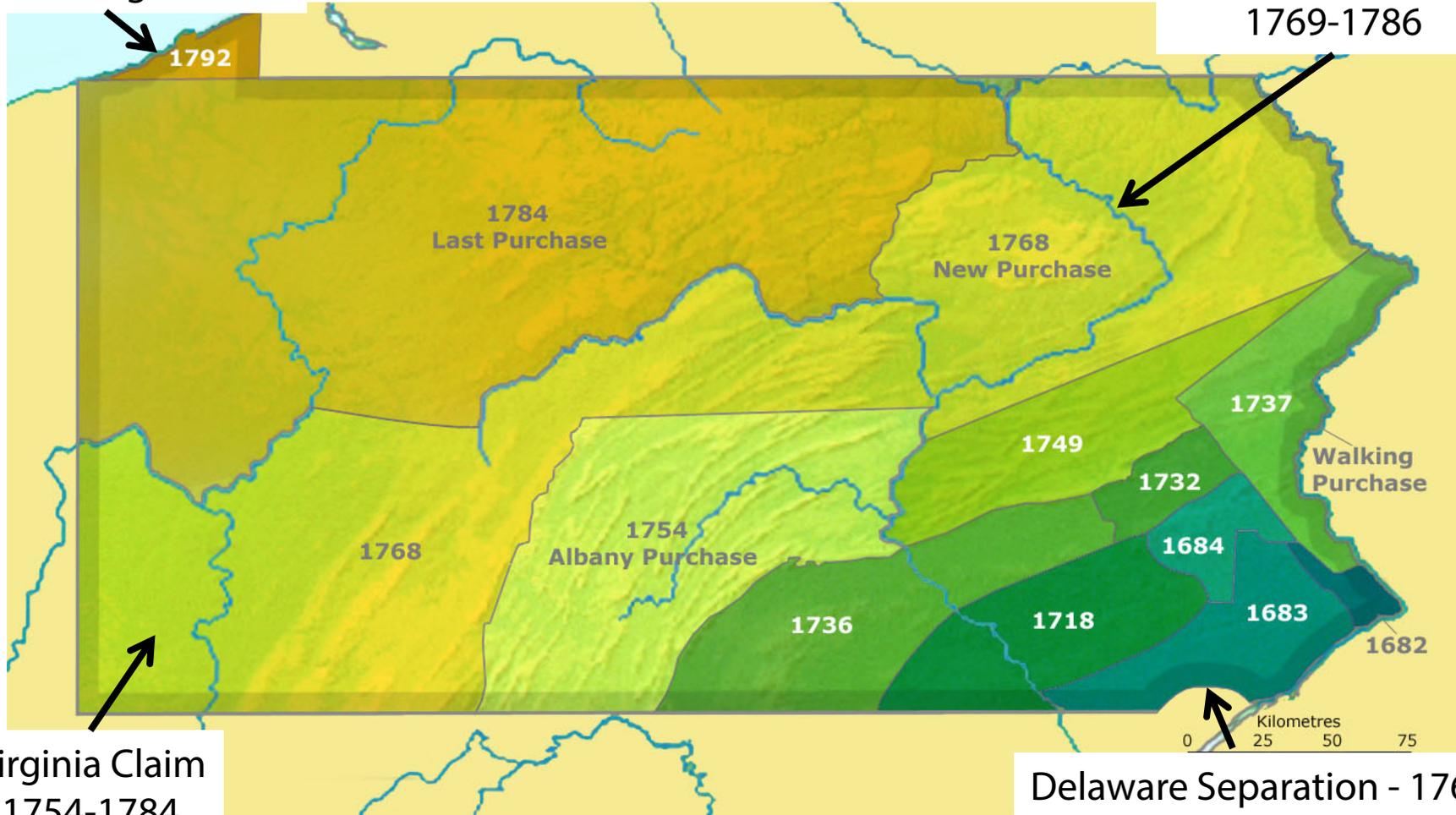


risingsunmd.org, Crownstone of the Mason-Dixon Line depicting the Coat of Arms of the Calvert Family.

# Disputed Land and Records

Erie Triangle - 1792

Connecticut Claim  
1769-1786

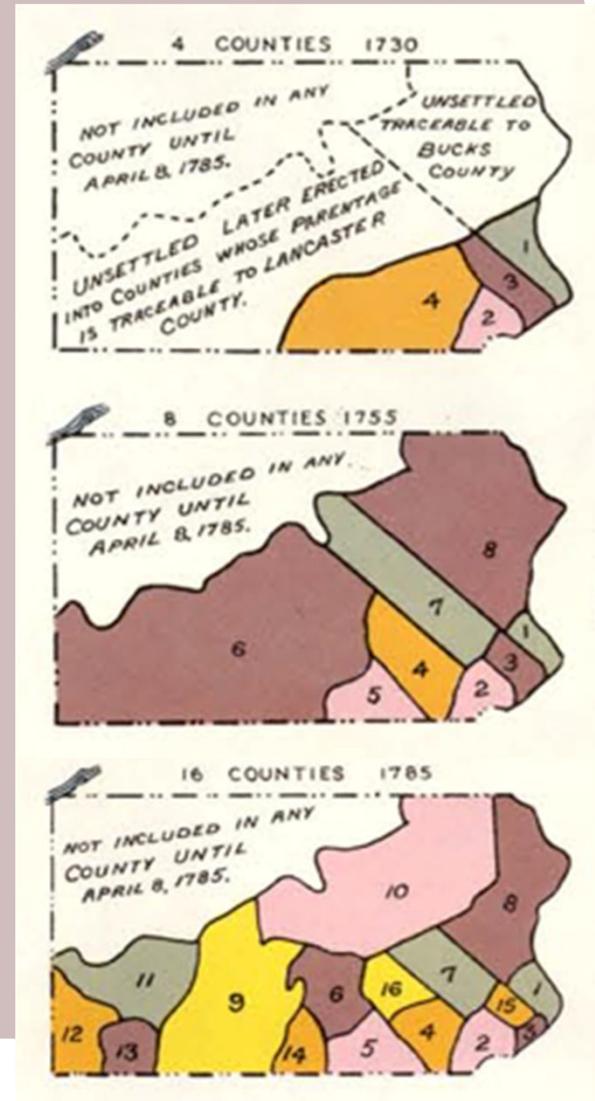


Virginia Claim  
1754-1784

Delaware Separation - 1769

# The Expansion of Pennsylvania

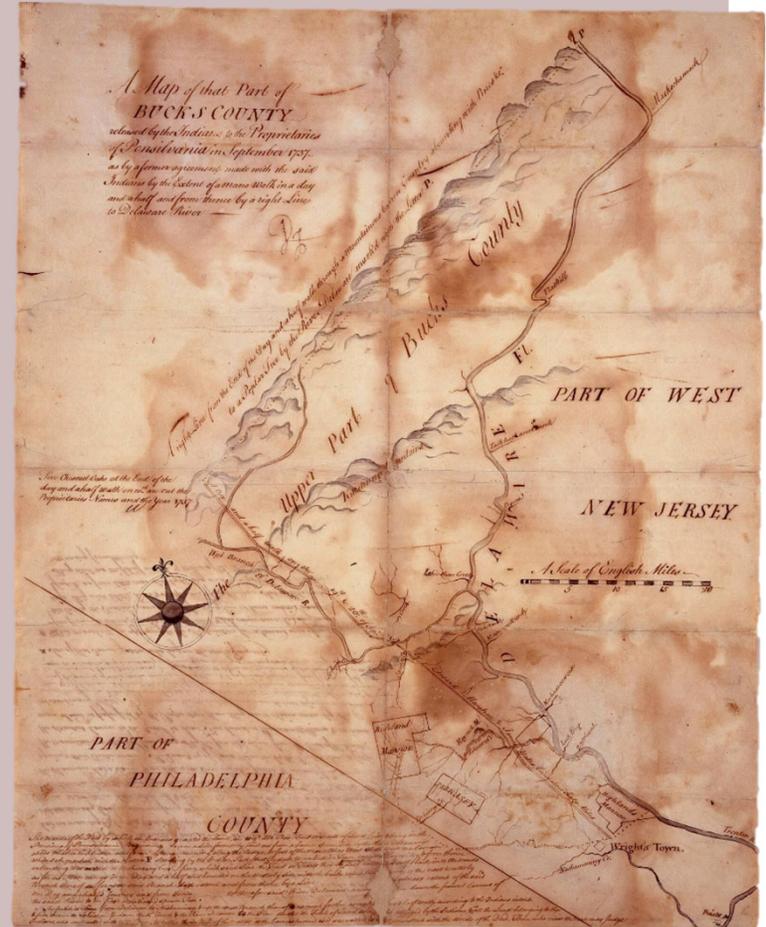
- Start of the 18<sup>th</sup> century - Pennsylvania only consisted of Philadelphia, Bucks, and Chester counties
- Pennsylvania remained mostly uninhabited for much of the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- 1682 to 1792 - thirty-three land purchases and treaties with Indigenous tribes of Pennsylvania
- By 1768 - everywhere but the northwestern portion of Pennsylvania was purchased by the Penn family



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# The Walking Purchase

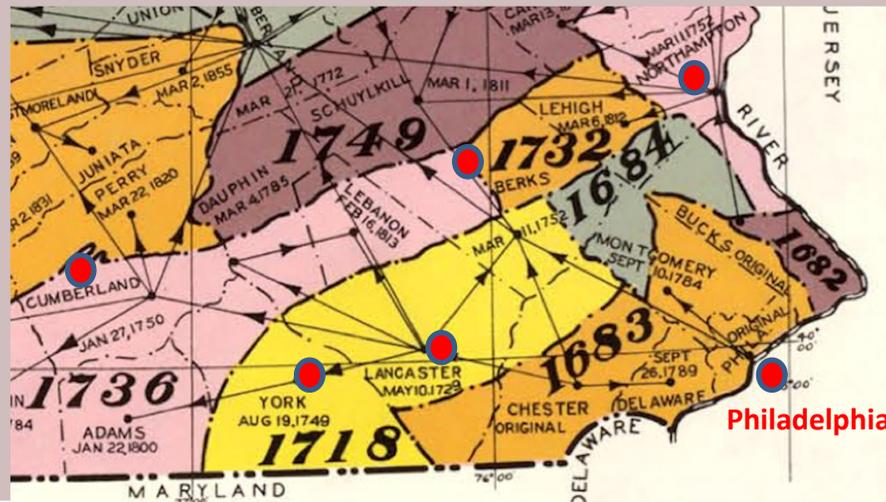
- One of the most controversial land acquisitions was the 1737 Walking Purchase:
  - Thomas Penn and the Lenape Tribe set out to establish boundaries regarding land purchased by William Penn in 1686
  - 1686 treaty described the land as “the amount of land owned by Penn would be measured by a day and a half’s walk”
  - Thomas Penn employed his fastest “trained” Englishmen and 1.2 million acres were forcibly taken from the Lenape



<https://emuseum.history.org/objects/79795/a-map-of-that-part-of-bucks-county-released-by-the-indians>

# Pennsylvania Counties

- 1729 - a fourth county named Lancaster, was created from Chester County
- The next two counties, York (1729) and Cumberland (1750), were then created from Lancaster.
- 1752 - Northampton created from Bucks; Berks created from Philadelphia, Chester, and Lancaster counties



Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Genealogical Map of the Counties.

# Pennsylvania Counties

- These 8 were they only counties in Pennsylvania until 1771:
  - Only three additional counties would be erected before the start of the Revolutionary War: Bedford, Northumberland, and Westmoreland
- Westward expansion continued after the Revolutionary War and several more counties were added by the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century:
  - For a list of county creations see-  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania\\_County\\_Creation\\_Dates\\_and\\_Parent\\_Counties](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania_County_Creation_Dates_and_Parent_Counties)

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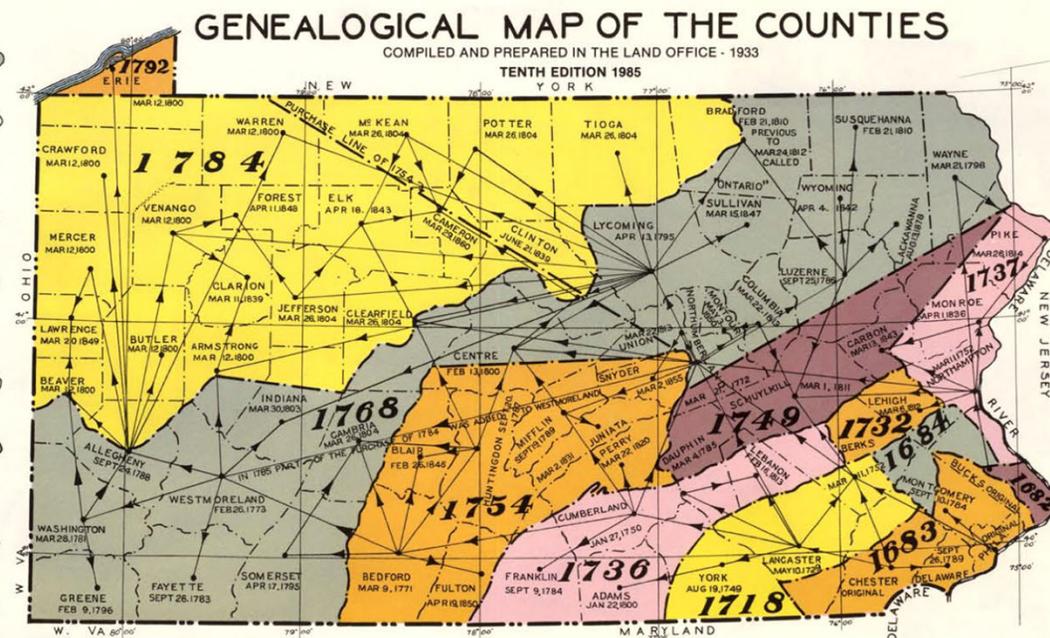
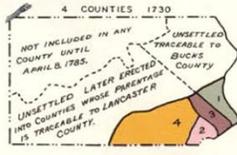
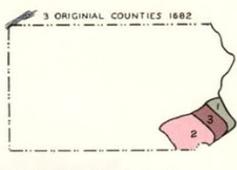
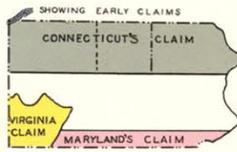
## GENEALOGICAL MAP OF THE COUNTIES

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### LEGEND ORGANIZATION OF COUNTIES.

- 1 1682 BUCKS
- 2 1682 CHESTER
- 3 1682 PHILADELPHIA
- 4 1729 LANCASTER
- 5 1749 YORK
- 6 1750 CUMBERLAND
- 7 1752 BERKS
- 8 1752 NORTHAMPTON
- 9 1771 BEDFORD
- 10 1772 NORTHUMBERLAND
- 11 1773 WESTMORELAND
- 12 1781 WASHINGTON
- 13 1783 FAYETTE
- 14 1784 FRANKLIN
- 15 1784 MONTGOMERY
- 16 1785 DAUPHIN
- 17 1785 LUZERNE
- 18 1787 HUNTINGDON
- 19 1788 ALLEGHENY
- 20 1789 DELAWARE
- 21 1789 MIFFLIN
- 22 1795 SOMERSET
- 23 1795 LYCOMING
- 24 1796 GREENE
- 25 1798 WAYNE
- 26 1800 ARMSTRONG
- 27 1800 ADAMS
- 28 1800 BUTLER
- 29 1800 BEAVER
- 30 1800 CENTRE
- 31 1800 CRAWFORD
- 32 1800 ERIE
- 33 1800 MERCER
- 34 1800 VENANGO
- 35 1800 WARREN
- 36 1803 INDIANA
- 37 1804 JEFFERSON
- 38 1804 M'KEAN
- 39 1804 POTTER
- 40 1804 TIOGA
- 41 1804 CAMBRIA
- 42 1804 CLEARFIELD
- 43 1810 BRADFORD
- 44 1810 SUSQUEHANNA
- 45 1811 SCHUYLKILL
- 46 1812 LEHIGH
- 47 1813 LEBANON
- 48 1813 COLUMBIA
- 49 1813 UNION
- 50 1814 PIKE
- 51 1820 PERRY
- 52 1831 JUNIATA
- 53 1836 MONROE
- 54 1836 CLARION
- 55 1839 CLINTON
- 56 1842 WYOMING
- 57 1843 CARBON
- 58 1843 ELK
- 59 1846 BLAIR
- 60 1847 SULLIVAN
- 61 1848 FOREST
- 62 1849 LAWRENCE
- 63 1850 FULTON
- 64 1850 MONROUR
- 65 1855 SNYDER
- 66 1850 CAMERON
- 67 1876 LACKAWANNA



Tip

Research county  
formation history!

# Interactive Map of County Formations

- Interactive map that shows county-by-county formations of Pennsylvania: <https://www.mapofus.org/pennsylvania/>
  - Great site when researching in any state
  - You can also learn about the history of counties formations on *FamilySearch.org*

Interactive Map of Pennsylvania County Formation History

(Pennsylvania maps made with the use AniMap Plus 3.0 & with the Permission of the Goldbug Company)

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1750

Cumberland from Lancaster, non-county area.

PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY FORMATION YEARS															
1673	1674	1678	1680	1681	1682	1687	1704	1729	1749	1750	1751	1752	1771	1772	
1773	1774	1775	1776	1779	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1792	
1795	1796	1798	1800	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1810	1811	1812	1813	
1814	1815	1816	1818	1819	1820	1821	1822	1823	1826	1830	1831	1834	1835	1836	
1839	1840	1843	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1853	1854	1855	1857	1860	1861	
1865	1866	1867	1868	1870	1878										

PENNSYLVANIA CENSUS YEAR WITH MODERN MAP OVERLAYED:															
1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940

Pennsylvania Map Abbreviations			
unorg. = unorganized	Br - Bradford	De - Delaware	Leb - Lebanon
g. = gained	Buc - Bucks	Elk - Elk	Leh - Lehigh
w. = with	But - Butler	Er - Erie	Lu - Luzerne
fr. = from	Car - Carbon	Fa - Fayette	Ly - Lycoming
atnt. = attachment	Chr - Cambria	Fo - Forest	McK - McKean
exch = exchanged	Cen - Centre	Fr - Franklin	Me - Mercer
nca. = non county area	Ch - Chester	Fu - Fulton	Mi - Mifflin
ch. = changed	Cl - Clarion	Gr - Greene	Mro - Monroe
Ad - Adams	Cle - Clearfield	Hu - Huntingdon	Mit - Moutour
Al - Allegheny	Cl - Clinton	In - Indiana	Mt - Montgomery
Ar - Armstrong	Co - Columbia	Je - Jefferson	Nhn - Northampton
Bea - Beaver	Cr - Crawford	Ju - Juniata	Nud - Northumberland
Bed - Bedford	Crn - Cameron	Lac - Lackawanna	Pe - Perry
Ber - Berks	Cu - Cumberland	Lan - Lancaster	Ph - Philadelphia
Bl - Blair	Da - Dauphin	Law - Lawrence	Pi - Pike
			Po - Potter
			Sc - Schuylkill
			Sn - Snyder
			So - Somerset
			Sul - Sullivan
			Sus - Susquehanna
			Ti - Tioga
			Un - Union
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			We - Westmoreland
			Wy - Wyoming
			Yor - York

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Berks County, Pennsylvania

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**County Information** [edit | edit source]

**Description** [edit | edit source]

The county is located in the South-East section of the state.<sup>[2]</sup>

**County Courthouse** [edit | edit source]

**Berks County Courthouse**  
633 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Phone: 610-478-6208  
Fax: 610-478-6366  
Clerk Of Courts#: 610-478-6550  
Orphan's Court#  
Prothonotary#: 610-478-6970  
Recorder of Deeds#: 610-478-3380  
Register of Wills#: 610-478-6600  
Berks County Website#

County clerk has birth and death records 1894-1905, marriage records from 1885, and probate records from 1752  
Prothonotary Office has divorce and court records  
Recorder Deeds has land records.<sup>[3]</sup>

**Berks County, Pennsylvania Record Dates** [edit | edit source]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1893	1885	1893	1752	1752	1752	1790

\*Statewide registration for births and deaths began in 1906. General compliance by 1915.

**Record Loss** [edit | edit source]

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

**Boundary Changes** [edit | edit source]

- Formed from Chester, Lancaster, and Philadelphia Counties 11 March 1752.<sup>[5]</sup>
- County seat: Reading<sup>[6]</sup>
- 14 October 1728: Future southwestern half of Berks County became part of Lancaster County when it was created; the other half remained in Philadelphia County.
- 1 March 1811:Schuylkill County was created, giving Berks its final boundaries.<sup>[7]</sup>

For animated maps illustrating Pennsylvania county boundary changes, "Rotating Formation Pennsylvania County Boundary Maps"<sup>[8]</sup> (1673-1878) may be viewed at the MapofUS.org website.

**Populated Places** [edit | edit source]

For a complete list of populated places, including small neighborhoods and suburbs, visit HomeTown Locator#. The following are the most historically and genealogically relevant populated places in this county.<sup>[8]</sup>

**Cities**

- Reading#

**Boroughs**

- Adamstown#
- Bally#
- Bechtelsville#
- Bermville#
- Birdsboro#
- Kutztown#
- Laureldale#
- Leesport#
- Lenhartsville#
- Luzerne#
- St. Lawrence#
- Shillington#
- Shoemakesville#
- Sinking Spring#
- Tontown#

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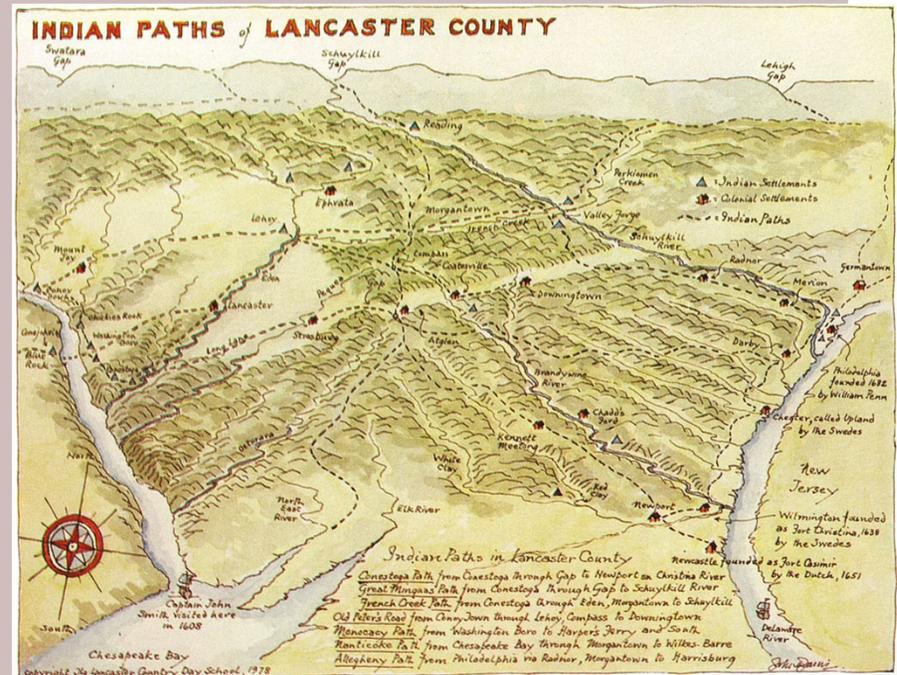
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# Pennsylvania Roads and Trails

# Pennsylvania Migration

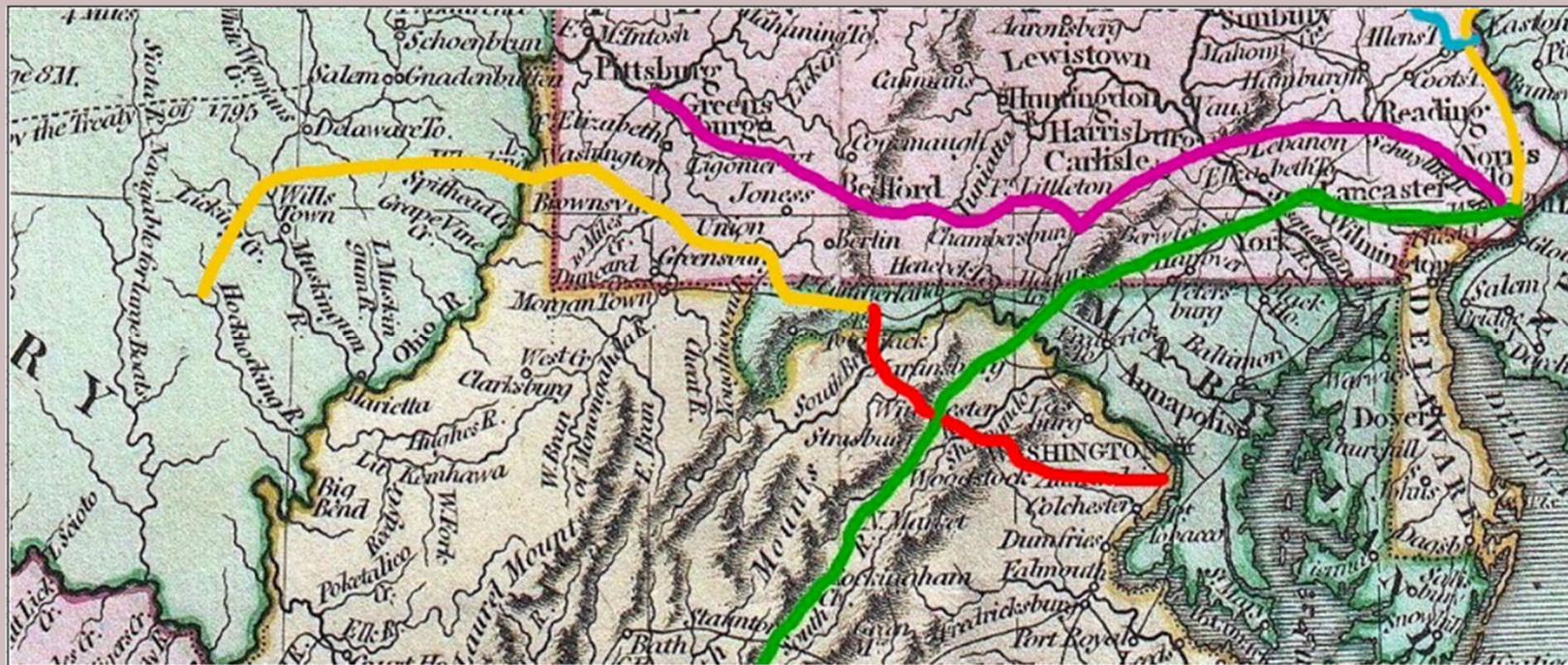
- Pennsylvania was an important crossroads
- Odds are your colonial ancestors passed through Philadelphia at some point
- Early colonial roads were well-used footpaths created by Native Americans to connect villages and conduct trading and hunting expeditions



Indian Footpaths of Lancaster County, illustrations by John Jarvis unchartedlanaster.com.

# Roads and Trails

- Important roadways through Pennsylvania in the 18<sup>th</sup> century included the Forbes Road (purple), Braddock's Road (yellow), and Great Wagon Road (green).



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# Forbes Road

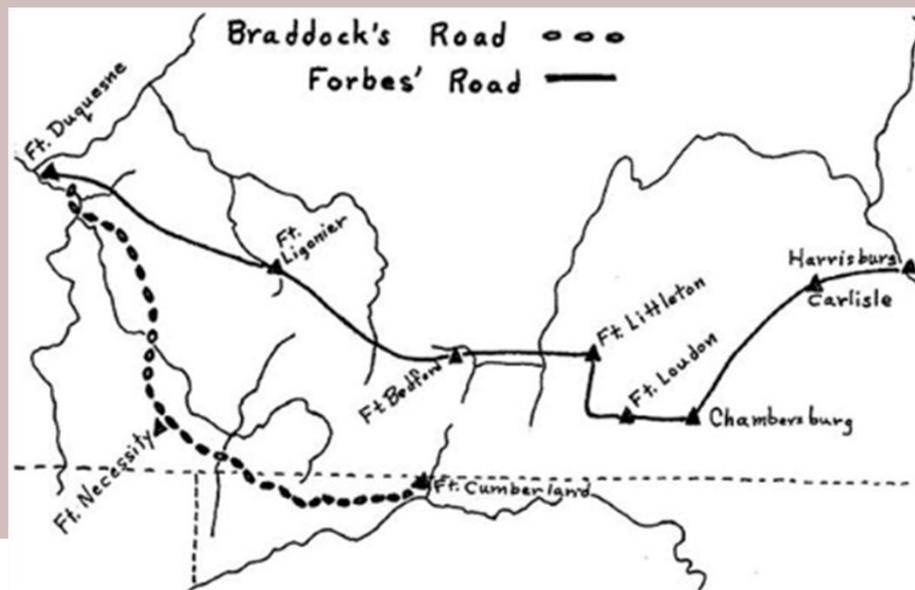
- Named after British Brigadier General John Forbes
  - Made to transport military supplies during the French and Indian War (1754-1763)
- Stretched from Carlisle in Cumberland County to the French Fort Duquesne in present-day Pittsburgh
- Road's westerly route crossed over the Susquehanna River and into what became Franklin, Fulton, and Bedford counties



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# Braddock's Road

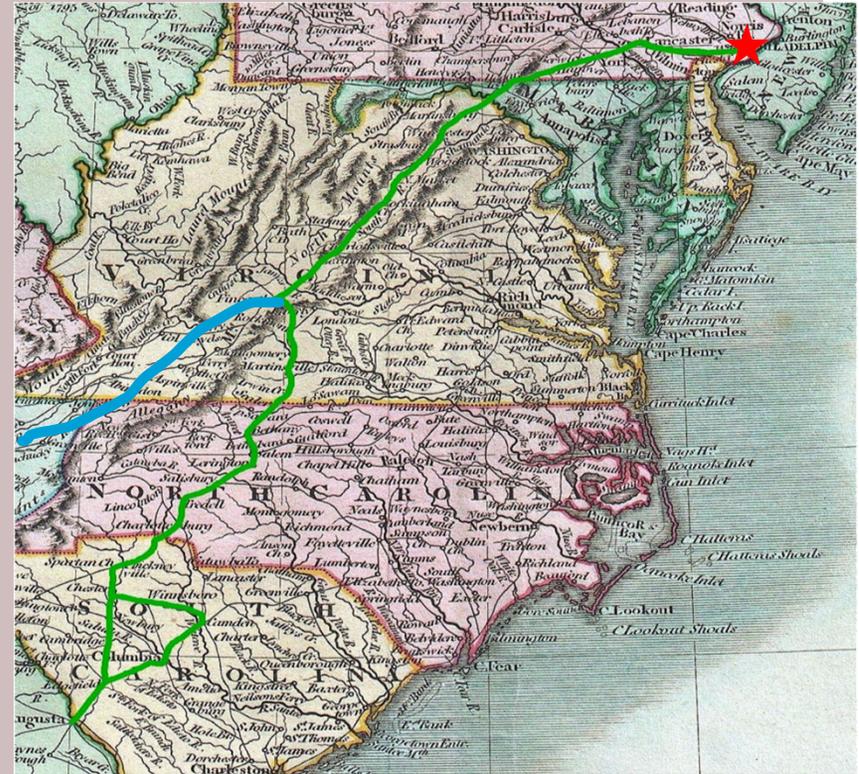
- Built by British Army during the French and Indian War (1754-1763); named after British Major-General Edward Braddock
- Constructed to cross the wilderness of the Appalachian mountains from Fort Cumberland in Maryland to Fort Duquesne:



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# The Great Wagon Road

- Considered the most significant frontier road in the 18<sup>th</sup> century:
  - Began in Philadelphia and went through Lancaster County; down into York
  - Passed through Gettysburg, the Blue Ridge and Hagerstown, Maryland
  - Crossed the Potomac, went over the Shenandoah Valley and through Winchester, Harrisonburg, Lexington.
  - When it reached Roanoke, it forked to Knoxville, Tennessee (blue) and Fort Augusta, Georgia (green)



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- Canada Road
- Centre Turnpike
- Culbertson's Path
- Cumberland Road
- Delaware River
- Fall Line Road
- Forbes Road
- Gist's Trace
- Great Indian Warpath
- Great Island Path
- Great Shamokin Path
- Great Trail
- Great Valley Road
- King's Highway
- Kittanning Path
- Lake Erie
- Lake Shore Path
- Lehigh and Lackawanna Paths
- Gist's Trace
- Minsi Path
- National Road
- Ohio River
- Pennsylvania Road
- Philadelphia Lancaster Turnpike
- Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road
- Great Valley Road
- Pennsylvania Railroad
- Schuylkill Canal
- Fall Line Road
- Tuscarora Path
- Union Canal
- Venango Path

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## Great Valley Road

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The **Great Valley Road**, also called in various parts the "Great Wagon Road," "Great Warriors Path," "Valley Pike," "Carolina Road," or "Trading Path," was the most important Colonial American route for settlers of the mountainous back country of the southern British colonies. It went from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania over to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia forking into the Tennessee Valley and Knoxville. The other fork went more south into the Piedmont Region of North Carolina, and then to its terminus on the Savannah River at Augusta, Georgia. From Philadelphia to Augusta was 735 miles (1183 km). Several other important early pathways merged with, or split off from the Great Valley Road.<sup>[1]</sup>

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The Great Valley Road went from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Roanoke, Virginia. There it split with one fork going to Knoxville, Tennessee, and the other to Augusta, Georgia.

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### Historical Background [edit | edit source]

The American Indians developed a network of eastern trade and warrior trails stretching from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. One of these trails, the Great Warrior Path from New York to the Carolinas, also served as the western boundary of British settlement until 1744. In that year a new treaty gave control of the east side of the trail to European colonists in Virginia. This opened the way for the trail to evolve into one of the most important roads for settlers in Colonial America.<sup>[2]</sup> By 1765 the road was cleared for use by horse drawn wagons.<sup>[3]</sup>

After 1744, the Great Valley Road was most heavily used by Ulster-Irish immigrants called Scots-Irish in America to spread through most of Appalachia bringing their Presbyterian religion.<sup>[3]</sup> Pennsylvania Germans also used the trail to spread into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The Moravians of Pennsylvania followed the road to settle the Wachovia region of North Carolina starting in 1753. The first settlements of Virginians in Tennessee were associated with the end of the trail in that region in the 1760s.

In 1746 the Pioneer Road first crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains from Alexandria to Winchester, Virginia, where it fed into the Great Valley Road.<sup>[4]</sup> The Wilderness Road opened in 1775 into central Kentucky, and branched off the Great Valley Road in southwest Virginia at Bristol (Sapping Grove).<sup>[5]</sup> Starting in the late 1770s explorers and pioneers at Staunton, Virginia started using the Kanawha Trail which followed the New River/Kanawha River into West Virginia.<sup>[6]</sup> From the terminus of the Great Valley Road at Knoxville, Avery's Trace to Nashville opened in 1788, and the Georgia Road to Athens opened in 1805.

### Route [edit | edit source]

- The Great Valley Road<sup>#</sup>

(Northeast to Southwest)<sup>[7]</sup>

- Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (often called the Philadelphia Wagon Road through Pennsylvania)
- Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Gettysburg, Adams, Pennsylvania
- Hagerstown, Washington, Maryland (crosses Cumberland Road)
- Winchester, Frederick, Virginia (Pioneer Road from Alexandria joined here)
- Staunton, Augusta, Virginia (start of Kanawha Trail to West Virginia)
- Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia (trail forks toward Knoxville and Augusta)

**Western fork**

- Bristol, Washington, Virginia (start of Wilderness Road to Boonesborough)
- Jonesboro, Washington, Tennessee
- Knoxville, Knox, Tennessee (connects with Avery's Trace to Nashville, and the Georgia Road to Athens)

**Southern fork**

- Martinsville, Henry, Virginia (on south fork of the Great Valley Road)
- Salem, Forsyth, North Carolina
- Salisbury, Rowan, North Carolina
- Charlotte, Mecklenburg, North Carolina
- Camden, Kershaw, South Carolina (where it merged with the Fall Line Road)
- Augusta, Richmond, Georgia

### Settlers and Records [edit | edit source]

For partial list of settlers who used the Great Valley Road, see:

**In North Carolina**

- The Wachovia Settlement in North Carolina<sup>#</sup>
- Early Settlers in the Wachovia Community<sup>#</sup>
- Moravian Archives<sup>#</sup>
- The Wachovia Tract<sup>#</sup> (North Carolina History Project)
- Levin T. Reichel, *Moravians in North Carolina: an authentic history*<sup>#</sup> (1857 reprint: Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing for Clearfield, 2002) [FS Library 6015005<sup>#</sup>]. Indexed in Elvert Ivey Memorial Library, *Index to Moravians in North Carolina, an authentic history*<sup>#</sup> (Hickory, N. Car.: Elbert Ivey Memorial Library, [1997]) [FS Library 975.6 F2m Index<sup>#</sup>].

**In Tennessee**

- East Tennessee Historical Society, *First families of Tennessee: a register of early settlers and their present-day descendants*<sup>#</sup> (Knoxville, Tenn.: East Tennessee Historical Society, c2000) [FS Library 976.8 H2f<sup>#</sup>].

**Journals**

Owen kept a journal of his trip from Virginia to Alabama in 1818. He followed the Great Valley Road as he traveled through Southwest Virginia into Tennessee. His journal is available online at Internet Archive<sup>#</sup> - free.<sup>[8]</sup>

### Internet Sites [edit | edit source]

- Brenda E. McPherson Compton, "The Scots-Irish From Ulster and The Great Philadelphia Wagon Road" in *ElectricScotland.com* at [http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/wagon\\_road.htm](http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/wagon_road.htm)<sup>#</sup> (accessed 31 July 2010).
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Wikipedia has more about this subject: [Great Wagon Road](#)

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## Great Valley Road

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The **Great Valley Road**, also called in various parts the "Great Wagon Road," "Great Warriors' Path," "Valley Pike," "Carolina Road," or "Trading Path," was the most important Colonial American route for settlers of the mountainous back country of the southern British colonies. It went from [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#) over to the Shenandoah Valley of [Virginia](#) forking into the [Tennessee](#) Valley and [Knoxville](#). The other fork went more south into the Piedmont Region of [North Carolina](#), and then to its terminus on the Savannah River at [Augusta, Georgia](#). From Philadelphia to Augusta was 735 miles (1183 km). Several other important early pathways merged with, or split off from the Great Valley Road.<sup>[1]</sup>

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#### Historical Background [edit | edit source]

The American Indians developed a network of eastern trade and warrior trails stretching from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast. One of these trails, the Great Warrior Path from New York to the Carolinas, also served as the western boundary of British settlement until 1744. In that year a new treaty gave control of the east side of the trail to European colonists in Virginia. This opened the way for the trail to evolve into one of the most important roads for settlers in Colonial America.<sup>[2]</sup> By 1765 the road was cleared for use by horse drawn wagons.<sup>[3]</sup>

After 1744, the Great Valley Road was most heavily used by Ulster-Irish immigrants called Scots-Irish in America to spread through most of Appalachia bringing their [Presbyterian](#) religion.<sup>[3]</sup> Pennsylvania Germans also used the trail to spread into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The Moravians of Pennsylvania followed the road to settle the Wachovia region of North Carolina starting in 1753. The first settlements of Virginians in Tennessee were associated with the end of the trail in that region in the 1760s.

In 1746 the [Pioneer Road](#) first crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains from Alexandria to Winchester, Virginia, where it fed into the Great Valley Road.<sup>[4]</sup> The [Wilderness Road](#) opened in 1775 into central Kentucky, and branched off the Great Valley Road in southwest Virginia at Bristol (Sapling Grove).<sup>[5]</sup> Starting in the late 1770s explorers and pioneers at Staunton, Virginia started using the [Kanawha Trail](#) which followed the New River/Kanawha River into West Virginia.<sup>[6]</sup> From the terminus of the Great Valley Road at Knoxville, [Avery's Trace](#) to Nashville opened in 1788, and the [Georgia Road](#) to Athens opened in 1805.

#### Route [edit | edit source]

- [The Great Valley Road](#)

(*Northeast to Southwest*)<sup>[7]</sup>

- Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (often called the Philadelphia Wagon Road through Pennsylvania)
- Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- Gettysburg, Adams, Pennsylvania
- Hagerstown, Washington, Maryland (crosses [Cumberland Road](#))
- Winchester, Frederick, Virginia ([Pioneer Road](#) from Alexandria joined here)
- Staunton, Augusta, Virginia (start of [Kanawha Trail](#) to West Virginia)
- Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia (trail forks toward Knoxville and Augusta)

#### Western fork

- Bristol, Washinton, Virginia (start of [Wilderness Road](#) to Boonesborough)
- Jonesboro, Washington, Tennessee
- Knoxville, Knox, Tennessee (connects with [Avery's Trace](#) to Nashville, and the [Georgia Road](#) to Athens)

#### Southern fork

- Martinsville, Henry, Virginia (on south fork of the Great Valley Road)
- Salem, Forsyth, North Carolina
- Salisbury, Rowan, North Carolina
- Charlotte, Mecklenburg, North Carolina
- Camden, Kershaw, South Carolina (where it merged with the [Fall Line Road](#))
- Augusta, Richmond, Georgia

#### Settlers and Records [edit | edit source]

For partial list of settlers who used the Great Valley Road, see:

##### in North Carolina

- [The Wachovia Settlement in North Carolina](#)
- [Early Settlers in the Wachovia Community](#)
- [Moravian Archives](#)
- [The Wachovia Tract](#) (North Carolina History Project)
- Levin T. Reichel, *Moravians in North Carolina: an authentic history* (1857 reprint: Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing for Clearfield, 2002) [FS Library 6015050]. Indexed in Elvert Ivey Memorial Library, *Index to Moravians in North Carolina, an authentic history* (Hickory, N. Car.: Elbert Ivey Memorial Library, [1997?]) [FS Library 975.6 F2mr index].

##### in Tennessee

- East Tennessee Historical Society, *First families of Tennessee : a register of early settlers and their present-day descendants* (Knoxville, Tenn.: East Tennessee Historical Society, c2000) [FS Library 976.8 H2ff].

##### Journals

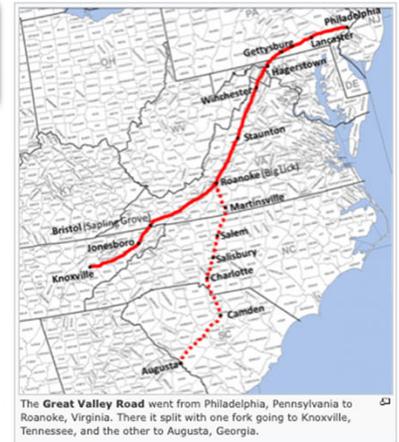
Owen kept a journal of his trip from Virginia to Alabama in 1818. He followed the Great Valley Road as he traveled through Southwest Virginia into Tennessee. His journal is available online at [Internet Archive](#) - free.<sup>[8]</sup>

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The Great Valley Road went from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Roanoke, Virginia. There it split with one fork going to Knoxville, Tennessee, and the other to Augusta, Georgia.

Wikipedia has more about this subject: [Great Wagon Road](#)

Tip

Understand  
migratory routes!

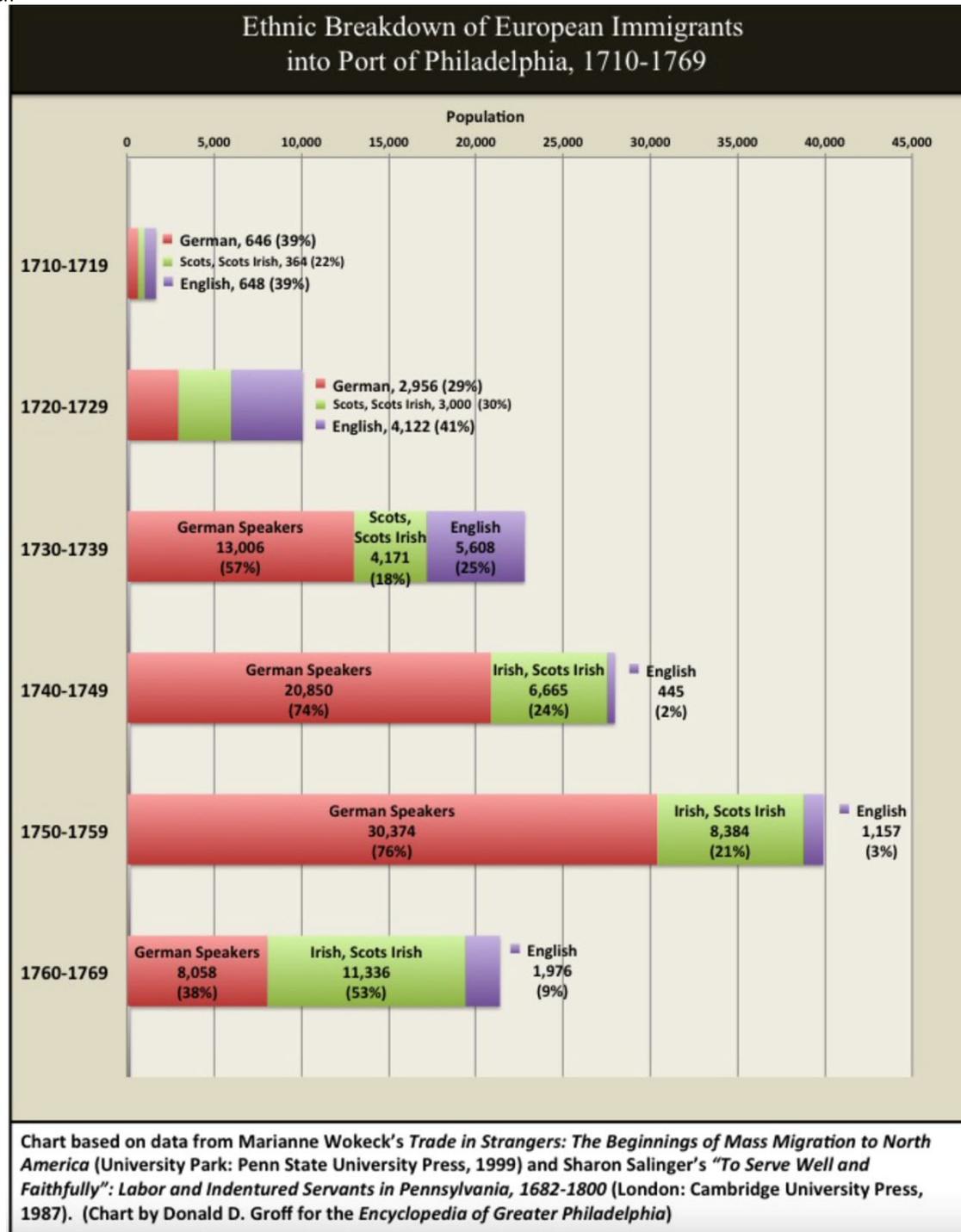


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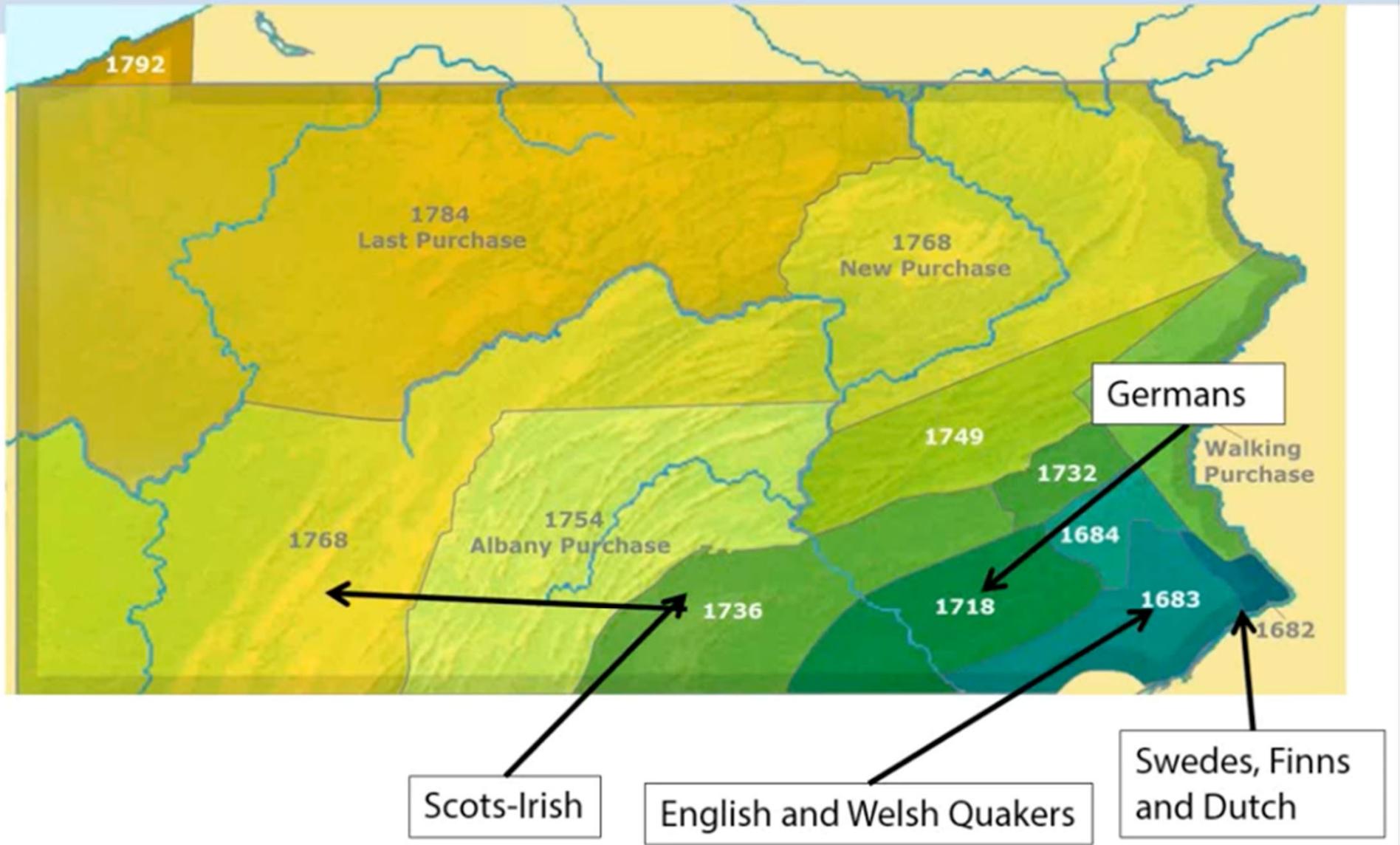
# The People

# Who Were They and Where Did They Settle?

- The major immigrant groups that arrived in Pennsylvania throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> century tended to affiliate with certain religions denominations:
  - English and Welsh – Society of Friends (Quakers) and Anglican/Episcopal (Church of England)
  - Germans – Lutheran or Reformed Lutheran
  - Scots-Irish – Presbyterian
  - Huguenots – French Protestants
  - Swiss – Mennonites/Anabaptists



# Settlers from Europe

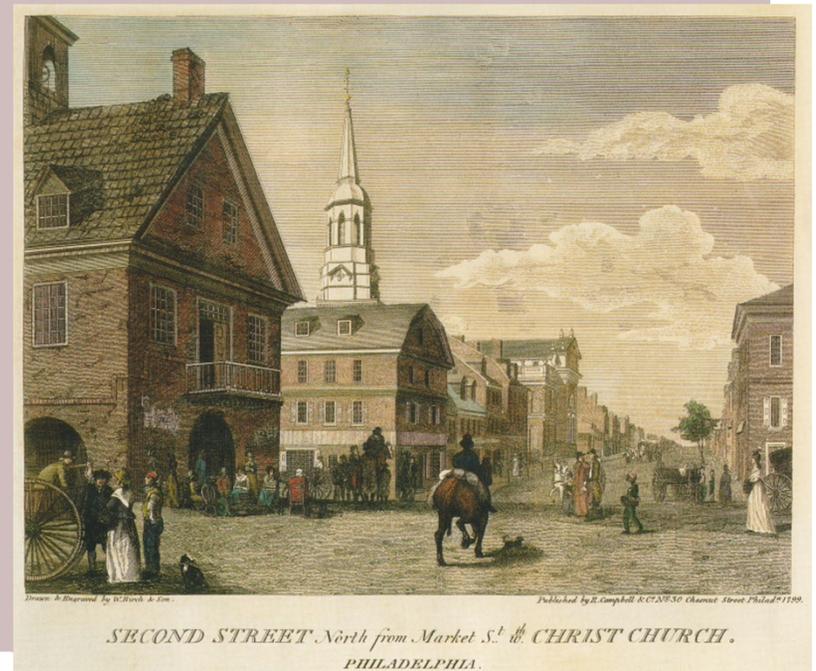


Ann Lawthers, "Resources for Pennsylvania Resources at Americanancestors.org"

# English and Welsh

# English and Welsh

- Not all Quakers; they were also Anglicans who were members of the Church of England
- 1695- formed Christ Church of Philadelphia  
<https://christchurchphila.org/collections-genealogy/>
- Followers wanted to bring Quakers back into the “true church.”
- By 1710-Anglican congregations were erected in several settlements in present-day Berks and Montgomery counties
- 1761- a second church, St. Peter’s, was constructed in Philadelphia



Birch's View of Philadelphia (1800), book of prints drawn by William Russell Birch (1755-184=34).

## Philadelphia County PA Church Records

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NOTE: Additional records that apply to Philadelphia County are also on the [Pennsylvania Church Records](#) page.

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<a href="#">Bustleton</a>	<a href="#">North Penn</a>
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<a href="#">Holmesburg</a>	<a href="#">Roxborough</a>
<a href="#">Kensington</a>	<a href="#">Southwark</a>
<a href="#">Kingsessing</a>	<a href="#">Spring Garden</a>
<a href="#">Logan in Philadelphia County</a>	<a href="#">Torresdale</a>
<a href="#">Lower Dublin</a>	<a href="#">West Philadelphia</a>
<a href="#">Manayunk</a>	<a href="#">Wissinoming</a>
<a href="#">Mantua</a>	

### How to Use This Site Video



### Pennsylvania Map



Philadelphia County shown in red

### Research Tip

Locating church records in the United States can be challenging because some churches did not record anything, some records were kept but have since been lost, and the records are kept in many locations.

### Helpful Articles

[Using and Finding U.S. Church Records](#)

[Exploring Church Records in Genealogy](#)

[Genealogy Record Types: Types of genealogy records and how they may be useful](#)

## Philadelphia County Church Records

- [Baptisms, confirmations, funerals, and marriages in the registers of L'Eglise du Saint Sauveur, the francophone Philadelphia church of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania : 1872-1953](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Bulletin of Friends' Historical Society of Philadelphia](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Catholic Goshenhoppen registers, no. 1 & 2](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Church Records for Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas \(in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records collection\)](#) Ancestry [ONLINE](#)
- [Church records : selected areas of Pennsylvania, 1600s-1800s](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Church records of Northumberland, Perry and Philadelphia counties, Pennsylvania](#) WorldCat
- [Diocesan confirmation registers, 1911-1950 \(Episcopal Church, Diocese of Pennsylvania \(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania\)\)](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Early Lutheran baptisms and marriages in southeastern Pennsylvania : the records of Rev. John Casper Stoever from 1730 to 1779](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Early marriage papers of Philadelphia County, 1684-1869 \[mainly Quaker\]](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Germantown Reformed Church Burials; 1758-1799](#) US Gen Web Archives [ONLINE](#)
- [Germantown Reformed Church Marriages; 1753-1779, 1785-1798](#) US Gen Web Archives [ONLINE](#)
- [Pastor's records, 1729-1798](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Pennsylvania births, Philadelphia County, 1644-1765, 1766-1780](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Pennsylvania births, Philadelphia County, 1644-1765, 1766-1780 \[Records taken from: Gloria Dei, Old Swedes, or Wicaco Church \(established 1642\); Philadelphia Friends Monthly Meeting \(est. 1682\); Christ Church \(est. 1695\); First Presbyterian Church \(est. 1698\); Second Presbyterian Church \(est. 1743\); Pennypack Baptist Church in Lower Dublin Township \(est. 1688\); First Moravian Church \(est. 1742\); St. Michael's \(est. 1728\) and Zion \(est. 1766\) Lutheran Church, Philadelphia; First Reformed Church, Philadelphia \(est. 1727\); St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Germantown \(est. 1738\); German Reformed Church in Germantown \(est. 1727\); St. Joseph's Catholic Church \(est. 1733\); Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford Township \(est. 1698\); First Baptist Church in Philadelphia \(est. 1762\); Friends Monthly Meeting, Pine and Orange Streets \(records from 1730s\); Scots Presbyterian Church \(est. 1767\); Personal register of Rev. Blackwell \(records from 1750s\); Northern District Monthly Meeting at 6th and Noble Sts. \(records from 1750s\); Southern District Monthly Meeting \(records from 1730s\); St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church \(est. 1760\); St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church \(est. 1769\)\]](#) WorldCat
- [Pennsylvania, Quaker arrivals at Philadelphia \(Meeting\), 1682-1750](#) Ancestry [ONLINE](#)
- [Philadelphia County church records, Vol. 4.](#) WorldCat
- [Philadelphia Roman Catholic Diocesan Newspapers, 1831-1958](#) FindMyPast [ONLINE](#)
- [Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms, early to 1917 \(includes Philadelphia County\)](#) FindMyPast [ONLINE](#)
- [Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Marriages, early to 1917 \(includes Philadelphia County\)](#) FindMyPast [ONLINE](#)
- [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Church Records, 1709-60](#) Ancestry [ONLINE](#)
- [Quaker history : the bulletin of Friends Historical Association](#) FamilySearch Library
- [Records of the Redstone Baptist Church : being an account of the gathering, settling, order, & continuance of the church of baptised believers inhabiting in the counties of Philadelphia & Bucks, in the province of Pennsylvania & in the town & county of Burlington in the province of New Jersey](#) FamilySearch Library
- [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Baptisms, 1806-1829](#) US Gen Web Archives [ONLINE](#)
- [St. Michael's & Zion Lutheran Church Marriages 1745-1800, Part I-VI](#) US Gen Web Archives [ONLINE](#)
- [Swede's Church Marriages 1850-1810](#) US Gen Web Archives [ONLINE](#)
- [The 1693 census of the Swedes on the Delaware : family histories of the Swedish Lutheran Church members residing in Pennsylvania, Delaware, west New Jersey and Cecil County, Md., 1638-1693](#) FamilySearch Library

# LDS Genealogy - Idsgenealogy.com

# Welsh

- Continued to settle on the Welsh Tract in present-day Delaware and Maryland
  - Use *FamilySearch* catalog to find records for Pennsylvania Welsh immigrants  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bkeywords%3APennsylvania%20%2Bkeywords%3AWelsh>
- 1746 - Welsh settlers built the Welsh Tract Baptist Church:
  - “Records of the Welsh Tract Baptist Meeting, Pencader Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, 1701 to 1828” on *FamilySearch.org*
- “The Early Welsh Quakers and Their Emigrations to Pennsylvania” in *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol 17 (1893)* on *FamilySearch.org*

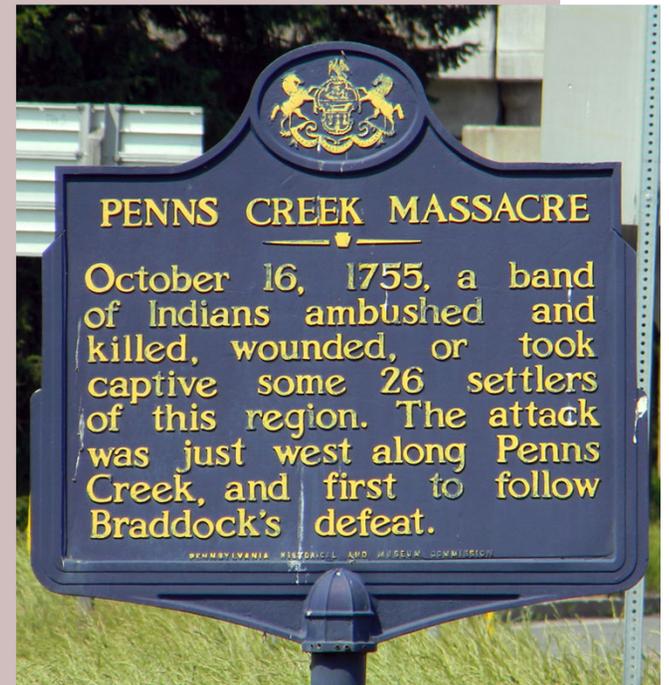
# Quakers

# History of the Quakers

- After William Penn's death, his wife Hannah and then his children took over as the proprietors of Pennsylvania
- Early on, the Penn family appeared to maintain William Penn's social policies and deal fairly with local Native American Tribes:
  - Life in the Commonwealth remained relatively peaceful for the Quakers until the Walking Purchase in 1737 after which relationships eroded

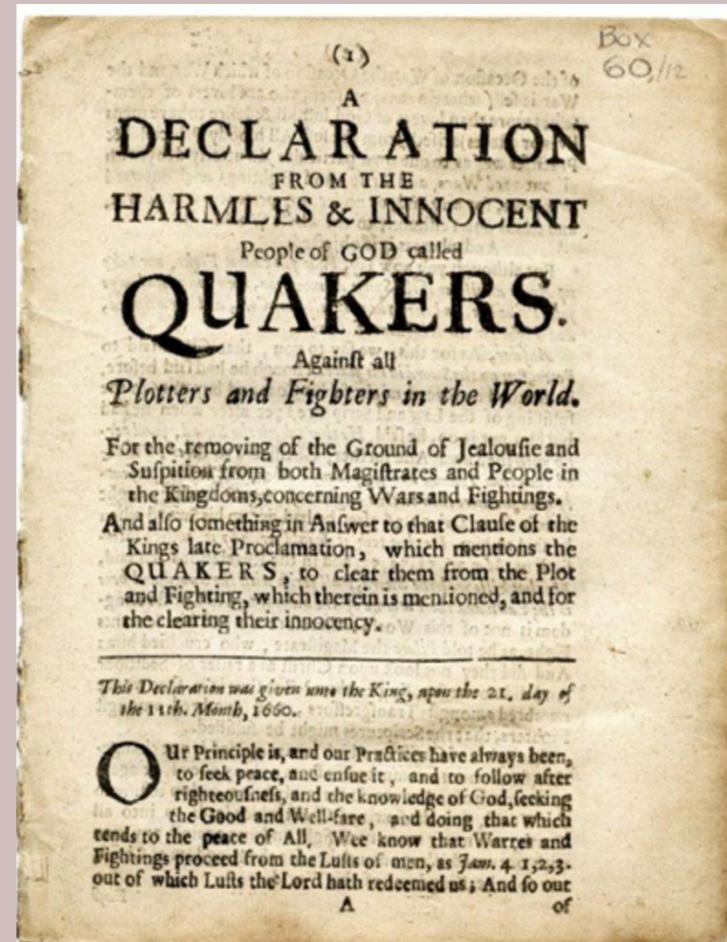
# Penn's Creek Massacre

- This eventually led to violence and attacks by both sides and attacks like the Penn's Creek Massacre in the fall of 1755.
- Despite the continual violence, most Quakers supported Native American rights
- Many Quakers were slave owners, yet became some of the earliest abolitionists:
  - 1758 - Philadelphia Quakers were encouraged to stop participating in the slave trade
  - By 1780 - prohibited from owning slaves and disowned for non-compliance



# Quakers: Revolutionary War

- Quakers were staunch pacifists and were against armed uprisings.
- Not viewed kindly by supporters of the Revolution; Quakers were considered untrustworthy and even thought of as spies
- As a result, many Quakers were arrested, and their property was seized and auctioned off



<https://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/fell/quakers/quakers.html>

# Quaker Exile

- Many Quaker Elders were charged with treason and exiled to Virginia
  - Diaries and letters of exiled Quakers can be found at-  
<https://www.amphilsoc.org/blog/revolutionary-phl-exiled-philadelphia-quakers-during-revolution>
- More information can be found at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
<https://hsp.org/sites/hsp.org/files/Quaker%20exiles.pdf>



Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Excerpt of James Pemberton's diary, 1777, amphilsoc.org.

Tip

Understand an ethnic  
groups immigration  
history!

# Free Quakers of Pennsylvania

- Quakers who showed their support for the Revolutionary War became known as “Free Quakers” of Pennsylvania.
- One of the most well-known was the seamstress Betsy (Griscom) Ross.
- Many were disowned by the society for supporting the war effort.



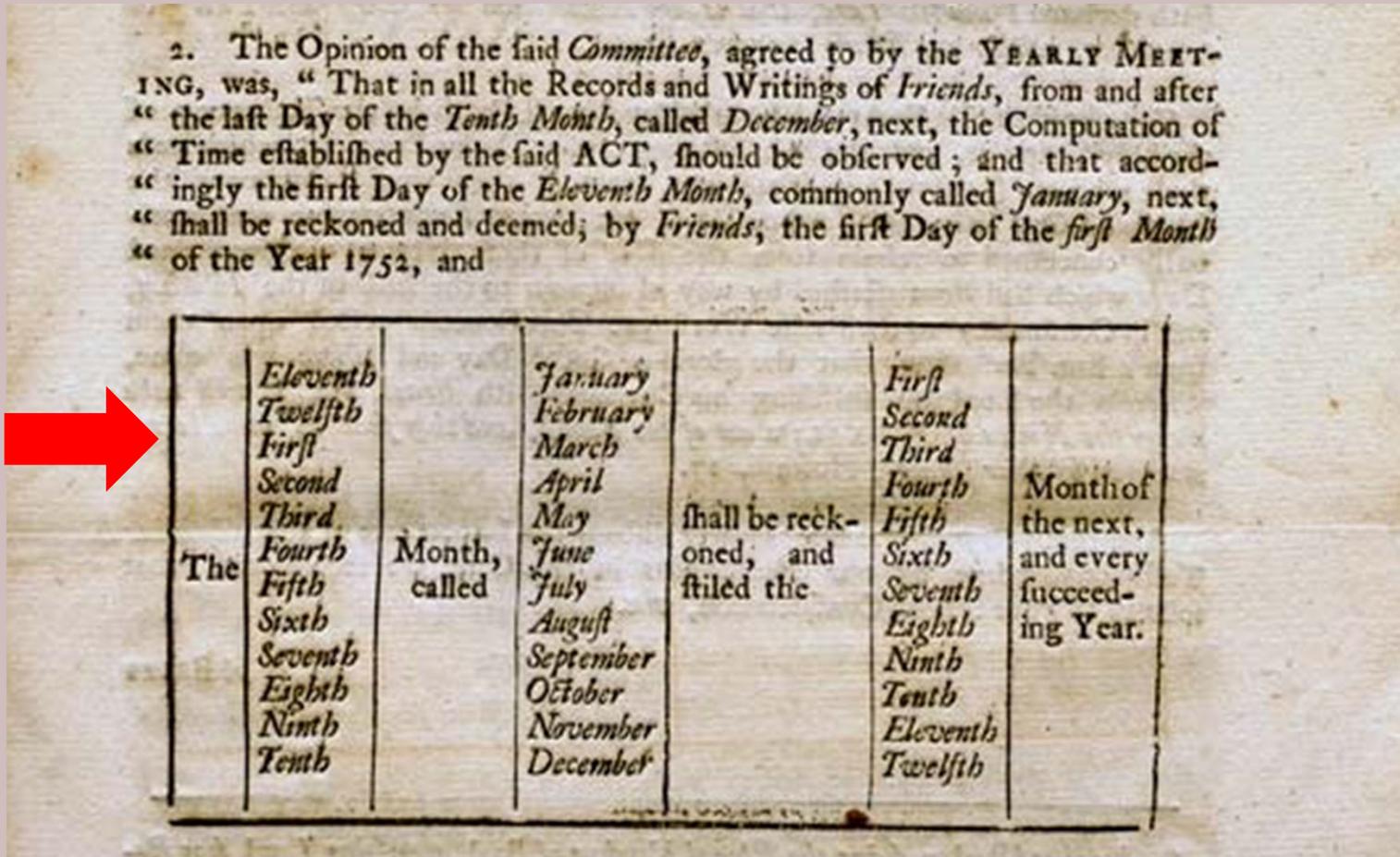
Betsy (Griscom) Ross, Posthumous depiction, 1893, wikipedia.org

# Quaker Meeting House

- Quakers had Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly Meetings.
- The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) on Arch Street, served as the location for the Friends yearly meetings.
- Quaker records include births, deaths, marriages, burials, removals and certificates, and Meeting minutes.



# Quaker Calendar



<https://www.swarthmore.edu/friends-historical-library/quaker-calendar>

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FALLS MONTHLY MEETING

## HUTCHINSON, continued

Joseph d 8-14-1750  
 Mahlon, s Michael & Ann, b 2-11-1743  
 Mahlon b 12-3-1753; m Eliza ----, b 10-15-1738  
 Ch: Mahlon b 10-27-1814  
 Daniel L. " 7-19-1816  
 Sarah " 8-16-1818  
 Elizabeth " 8-16-1820  
 John P. " 10-27-1823  
 Hannah Ann " 6- 7-1826  
 Phebe Jane " 1-15-1831  
 Mary, dt Joseph & Hester, b 11-14-1739  
 Phebe, dt John & Ann, b 11- 6-1736  
 Randall & Elizabeth  
 Ch: Jane b 6-25-1742  
 Matthias " 5- 7-1744  
 Phebe " 8m- 1746  
 Randall & Katherine  
 Ch: Sarah b 9- 4-1750  
 James " 1-29-1752  
 Mahlon " 12-24-1754  
 Michael " 11-22-1757  
 Sarah, dt Joseph & Mary, b 12-12-1741

## IDEN

Sarah, dt Randal & Margaret, b 9-18-1724

## IVINS

Edward Hicks, s George M. & Sarah, b 11-24-1827

## JANNAY

Charlotte d 3-12-1870 bur Bristol  
 Jacob bur 8-3-1708  
 Mahlon, s Abel & Elizabeth, b 2-18-1708  
 Thomas, s Jacob & Mary, b 12-27-1707/8

## JOHNSON

Hephzibah d 8-20-1846

## JOHNSTON

Joseph d 11-13-1732  
 Rachel, w Joseph, d 11-17-1739 ae 71y

## JONES

Isaac, s Christopher & Sarah (Healy), d 5-23-1859 bF  
 John m Sarah Ann BUCKMAN, dt Thomas & Mary, d 3-26-1875 bur Morrisville

## Ch: Mary

Jesse b 11-21-1834  
 Abraham " 1- 7-1840  
 Thomas " 7- 9-1843  
 Sarah " 5- 1-1846

Jonathan, s Solomon & Mary (Comfort), b 11-6-1808 d 12-3-1829 bF

## JUSTICE

John d 7-28-1858 bF; m Martha ---- d 8m-1844 bF  
 Ch: Elizabeth

## KELLETT

William James, s John & Amelia (Kelsall), b 5-31-1876; m Nancy Holden, dt Elijah & Jane

Berry, b 1-21-1878

Ch: Alice b 2-18-1908  
 Harold Drewry " 4- 2-1904  
 Chester Holden " 2-15-1907  
 Jessie Darbyshire" 11- 5-1909  
 Albert Edmund " 9-30-1910  
 Eleanor May " 5- 5-1916  
 Elsie Marie " 12-17-1918

## KELLY

Phebe d 2- 5-1822 bF  
 Priscilla d 9-11-1831 bF  
 Isabella " 9-16-1829 "

## KELTON

Robert, s John & Jane, b 10-26-1716

## KINGSY

Elizabeth, dt Edmund & Sarah, b 4-23-1717

## KIRKBRIDE

Francis, w Stacy, d 9-2-1770 ae 39y bur Falls MH

Hannah, dt Joseph & Phebe, bur 10-4-1703

Hannah, w John, bur 10-12-1732

John, s John & Hannah, b 9-2-1732

John, s Jonathan & Elizabeth, b 10-5-1777 d 1-14-1864 bF; m Elizabeth CURTIS, b 11-18-1787 d 3-12-1860 bF

## Ch: Thomas S.

Mahlon S. b 7-31-1809  
 1887 bF " 2- 3-1811 d 1-24-  
 Mary " 2- 4-1813  
 William " 4- 1-1815 d 9-16-  
 1887 bF  
 Elizabeth " 5-24-1817  
 Rachel " 3- 1-1820  
 Rebecca " 7- 3-1822 d 1-24-  
 1890 bF  
 Anna " 10-27-1829 " 7-27-1830 bF

## Jonathan &amp; Elizabeth

Ch: Mary b 5-11-1769  
 Letitia " 5- 9-1771 d 8-31-1777  
 Mahlon " 12-31-1772  
 Joseph " 5-23-1775  
 John " 10- 5-1777  
 Anna " 2-19-1782

Jonathan, s Mahlon & Mary, d 11-5-1824

## Joseph &amp; Mary

Ch: John b 11-13-1708/7  
 Robert " 12- 5-1708  
 Thomas " 11-21-1712  
 Mary d 2-18-1714  
 Sarah " 4-11-1714  
 Thomas " 10-30-1716  
 Jane " 12-23-1719

## Joseph &amp; Sarah

Ch: Phebe b 12-12-1724/5  
 Hannah " 9-25-1726

Joseph d 1-1-1737

Joseph bur 1-4-1736

Mahlon, s Joseph & Sarah, b 9-3-1703

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FALLS MONTHLY MEETING

## HULME, continued

1796, 6, 8. William & w, Rachel, & minor s, Joseph, & an apprentice, Joshua Canby, gct Middletown MM  
 1799, 2, 6. Benjamin gct ND MM

## HUMMER

1760, 1, 2. Ann con mou

## HUMPHRIES

1724, 8, 21. Thomas [Humphris], Bucks Co., m Sarah Darby, Bucks Co., at Falls MH  
 1747, 4, 3. Sarah gct Buckingham MM  
 1748, 1, 2. Sarah gct Buckingham MM  
 1755, 3, 2. Thomas gct Buckingham MM  
 1759, 1, 3. Ann [Humphreys] gct Buckingham MM  
 1759, 11, 7. Wm. gct Buckingham MM  
 1761, 10, 7. Ann [Humphreys] con mod  
 1823, 7, 12. Richard V. [Humphrey], minor, roof ND MM

## HUNT

1717, 10, 5. Sarah roof Derby MM  
 1719, 6, 5. Wm. roof Abington MM, dtd 1719, 5, 27  
 1719, 12, 3. Wm. gct Burlington MM, N. J., to m Mary Woolman

1720, 8, 5. Mary roof Burlington MM

1725, 12, 2. Wm. dis disunity

1730, 3, 6. Mary gc

1764, 11, 14. Solomon, Middlesex Co., East N. J., m Mary Palmer, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1765, 4, 3. Mary, w Solomon, & dt, Ann Palmer, Jr., gct Woodbridge MM

1765, 12, 19. Robert, s Robert, Burlington Co., N. J., m Abigail Pancock, dt Samuel,

Bucks Co., at Makefield MH

1766, 2, 5. Abigail, w Robert, gct Evesham MM

## HURFORD

1720, 9, 2. John & w & ch, Samuel & Grace, roof Abington MM, dtd 1720, 7, 25

## HURST

1746, 5, 2. Lidia [Hurst] recr q  
 1746, 8, 15. Lidia, Bucks Co., m Joseph Hough, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

## HUTCHIN

1736, 2, 13. John [Hutchins], s John, Bucks Co., m Ann Stanaland, dt Thomas, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1797, 5, 3. Charles & w, Gainer, & s, Jacob, a minor, roof Chesterfield MM

1800, 5, 7. Charles & w, Gainer, & ch, Jacob & Nathan, gct Buckingham MM

## HUTCHINSON

1703, 3, 1. John itm Phebe Kirkbride  
 1707, 6, 6. Hannah itm George Powner  
 1726, 3, 24. John, Bucks Co., m Sarah Burges, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1729, 5, 2. Mary roof Burlington MM

1736, 2, 5. John rmt Ann Stanaland

1739, 5, 25. Thomas, s John, Bucks Co., m Elizabeth Higge, Bucks Co., at Bristol MH, Pa.  
 1739, 2, 11. Joseph, s John, Bucks Co., m Esther Stanaland, dt Thomas, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1741, 3, 20. Michael, Bucks Co., m Ann Lucas, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1741, 10, 1. Rendal, Bucks Co., m Elizabeth Harvey, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1744, 7, 5. Sarah, Jr. roof Abington MM

1745, 8, 2. Thomas dis disunity

1747, 4, 3. Priscilla rmt Moses Coats

1749, 8, 4. Mary rmt John Rickey

1749, 11, 3. Randall rmt Katherine Rickey

1753/4, 1, 7. Joseph gct Abington MM, to m Sarah Dunkan

1757, 4, 6. Phebe, dt John, dis

1758, 4, 4. Samuel dis disunity

1760, 5, 27. Mary, dt Joseph, Bucks Co., m Joseph Brown, Jr., s Joseph, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1761, 12, 8. John, s John, Bucks Co., m Ann Church, dt Joseph, Bucks Co., at Bristol MH, Pa.

1762, 9, 1. Hannah, dt Joseph, dec, gct Burlington MM

1763, 12, 7. Hannah roof Burlington MM

1764, 6, 12. Michael, Bucks Co., m Margery Palmer, dt Daniel, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1765, 3, 6. Matthias gct Buckingham MM, to m Elizabeth Eye, Jr.

1765, 7, 3. Mathias gct Buckingham MM

1765, 9, 11. Katherine, Bucks Co., m Joseph Millnor, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1766, 6, 2. Joseph dis mod

1770, 5, 18. Hannah, dt Joseph, Bucks Co., m Joshua Linton, s Benjamin, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1771, 6, 5. Michael dis disunity

1771, 10, 23. Sarah, wd Joseph, Bucks Co., m Robert Lucas, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1772, 12, 2. Joseph dis

1779, 1, 7. Mahlon, s Randle, Phila., m Sarah Palmer, dt John, Jr., Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1780, 1, 5. Mahlon dis disunity

1780, 2, 2. Thomas dis disunity

1780, 3, 1. Sarah, w Mahlon, gct Phila. MM

1780, 8, 6. Elizabeth (form Whitacre) dis mou

1784, 2, 4. Rebecca Merrick (form Hutchinson) dis mou

1788, 12, 17. Margery, Bucks Co., m John Chapman, Bucks Co., at Falls MH

1789, 1, 7. Mary, dt Margery Chapman, gct Wrightstown MM

1790, 10, 6. Rebeckah gct Wrightstown MM

1800, 10, 8. Thomas rst

1801, 1, 7. Thomas gct Middletown MM

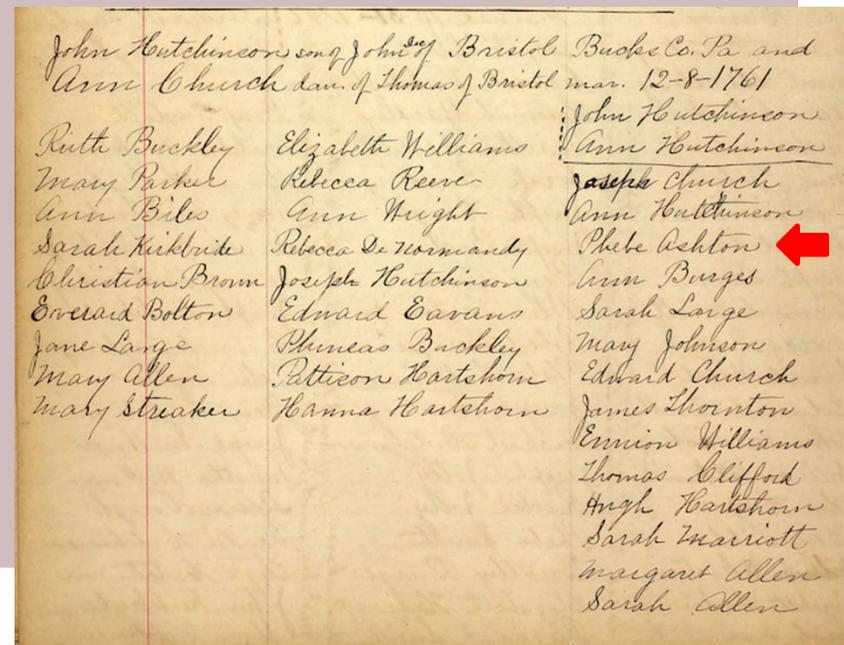
1806, 3, 5. John, Jr. & w, Elizabeth, & minor ch, John, Joseph, Mary, Ann & Margaret, roof Middletown MM

1812, 8, 7. John dis disunity

1812, 12, 15. Mahlon, s Mahlon & Sarah, Phila., m Eliza Lovett, dt Daniel & Elizabeth,

# Quaker Marriage Witnesses

- Quaker-style marriage ceremonies were the legal form of marriage for Quakers in early Pennsylvania
- Couples had to pass several moral tests to gain approval from both their parents and the society
- Original marriage records are available in the collection “U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935” an *Ancestry*:
  - They are a good way to expand a family and confirm relationships



Tip

Use Quaker marriage records to identify family members and close relations!

# Repositories for Quaker Records

- Three major repositories for Quaker records:
  - Haverford College (Orthodox Quaker)
  - Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College (Hicksite)
  - Bryn Mawr College (Orthodox Quaker)
- The colleges' digital collections are searchable at the TriCollege Libraries Digital Collections  
<https://digitalcollections.tricolib.brynmawr.edu>
- The site offers “A Friendly Glossary of Quaker Abbreviations” as well as a platform to search their manuscript collections  
<https://archives.tricolib.brynmawr.edu>

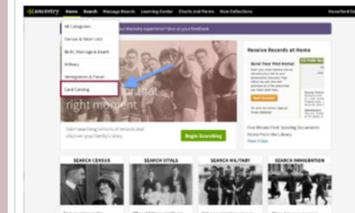
# Ancestry Catalog Function

- A tutorial on how to navigate the *Ancestry* collection “U.S. Quaker Meeting 1681-1935” is available at <https://guides.tricolib.brynmawr.edu/c.php?g=889447&p=6470727>
  - This search technique work for all states and topics

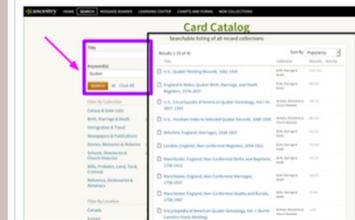
## Using Ancestry.com to browse Quaker records

In this section, you will learn how to navigate the [U.S. Quaker Meetings 1681-1935 collection](#) on Ancestry.com.

To access the card catalogs from the homepage, click on "Search" in the header, and then "Card Catalog," as seen below.



You can search for any genre terms you would like here, for this guide we'll use the term "quaker."



## Using the U.S. Quaker meetings records database

Once you have searched for "Quaker," there will be over 70 collections to chose from. To browse US Quaker meeting records, choose "U.S. Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935."



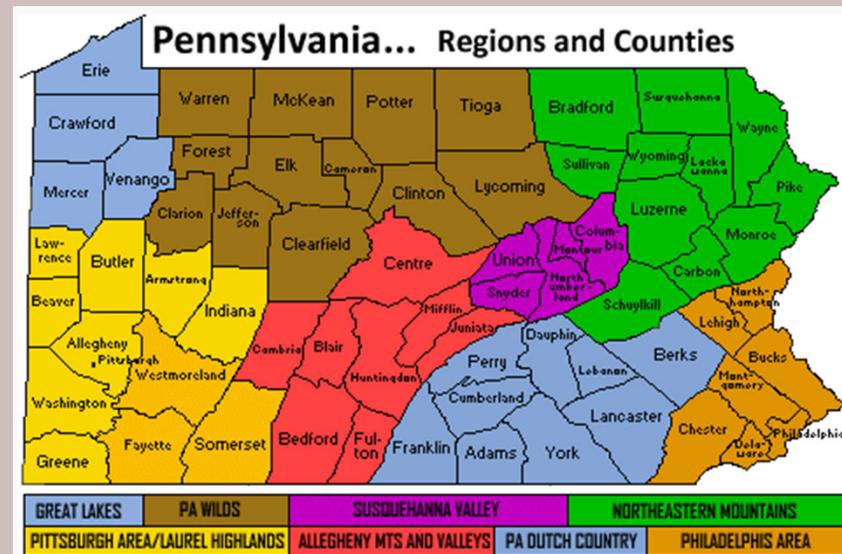
# Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy

- Volume II of William Wade Hinshaw's collection contains Monthly Meetings records for Pennsylvania and New Jersey:
  - Records are for Philadelphia, Salem, Burlington, and Falls
  - Look for your ancestors in New Jersey and Pennsylvania Meetings Minutes
  - A “how to” guide to using the Hinshaw Manuscripts is available at the TriCollege Libraries  
<https://guides.tricolib.brynmawr.edu/c.php?g=889447&p=6393946#s-lg-box-28519505>

# Germans

# Germans

- Waves of German immigrants arrived between 1708 and 1740
- Arrived primarily from the Rhineland and the Palatinate areas, but also hailed from areas in Switzerland
- They settled in southeastern Pennsylvania
- German Denominations included:
  - German Reformed
  - Lutheran
  - Mennonite and Amish
  - Dunkard
  - Moravian
  - Roman Catholics.



Pennsylvania Visitors Network, pavisnet.com

- A Research guide to your German ancestors is available at American Ancestors <https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/german-genealogy>

# Pennsylvania Dutch

- The term Pennsylvania Dutch (Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch) refers to the combined unique language and culture of the people:
  - The Americanized word "Dutch" referred to a large area in Europe that included present day Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Austria and Switzerland



Signal Museum, The Palatine Refugees and the coming of the Pennsylvania Germans.

# Congregations

- Lutheran and Reformed congregations kept registers which included births, baptisms, marriages, and burials
- Original records are in German, but transcriptions often exist:
  - Use resources like the *German Genealogical Word List* to help you decipher German records  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/German Genealogical Word List](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/German_Genealogical_Word_List) or translators, such as <https://www.deepl.com/en/translator>

Tip

Read local histories!

# German Passenger Lists

- *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* by Ralph Beaver Strassburger contains passenger lists of German immigrants (usually males 16 and older) who landed in the Port of Philadelphia between 1727-1808:
  - Located on Hathi Trust and *FamilySearch*
- See the Pennsylvania Archives for more details-  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20141117021255/http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/sd/r26sd.htm#26.36>



# Mennonite/Anabaptist

- Mennonites were mostly Swiss-Germans who settled in Lancaster and Montgomery counties
- Records are scarce because the group was heavily persecuted and killed in their homelands:
  - “Lancaster, Pennsylvania, U.S., Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014” on *Ancestry*
  - “Pennsylvania, Church Records, Adams, Berks, and Lancaster Counties, 1729-1881” on *Ancestry*

# Moravians

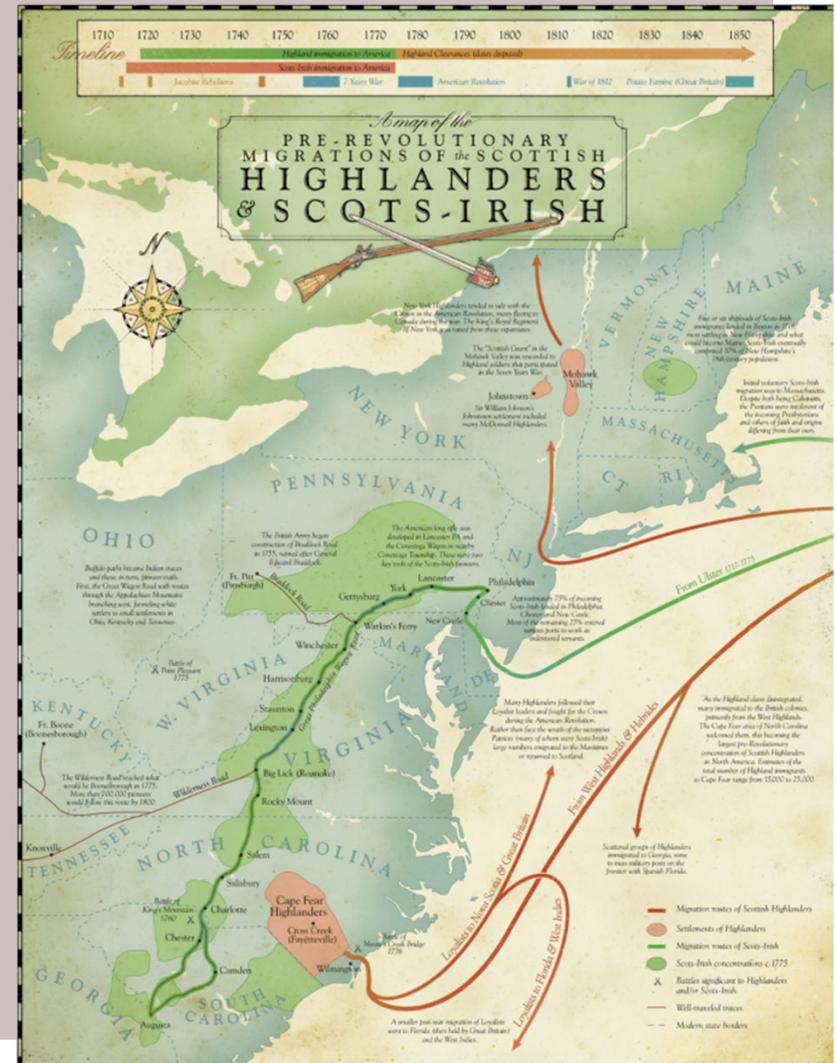
- If your ancestors arrived in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania between 1741 and 1753 they were possibly Protestant dissenters
- Moravians ran a successful settlement for at least 20 years after their arrival between the years of 1741 and 1762:
  - Contact the Moravian Archives about records  
<https://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/about/>

# Scots-Irish

# Scots-Irish

- The political climate in Ireland brought two major waves of Scots-Irish primarily from the Ulster area in Northern Ireland:
  - Major waves occurred between 1710-1776 and 1780-1820
  - Helped expand the frontier of Pennsylvania
  - Often referred to as “Backwoodsmen”
  - By 1790 - made up 15% of Pennsylvania’s population

McMillen Design, “Scots-Irish and Highland migrations prior to the American Revolution,” <https://mcmillen-design.com>.



# Paxton Boys Massacre

- Scots-Irish reputation was soiled by events like the “Paxton Boys Massacre”
- Result of Pontiac’s War (1763-66) which caused bloodshed and unease in the frontier lands
- Many settlers were forced to seek refuge in the city.
- “Paxton Boys” wanted all Native Americans removed from Pennsylvania

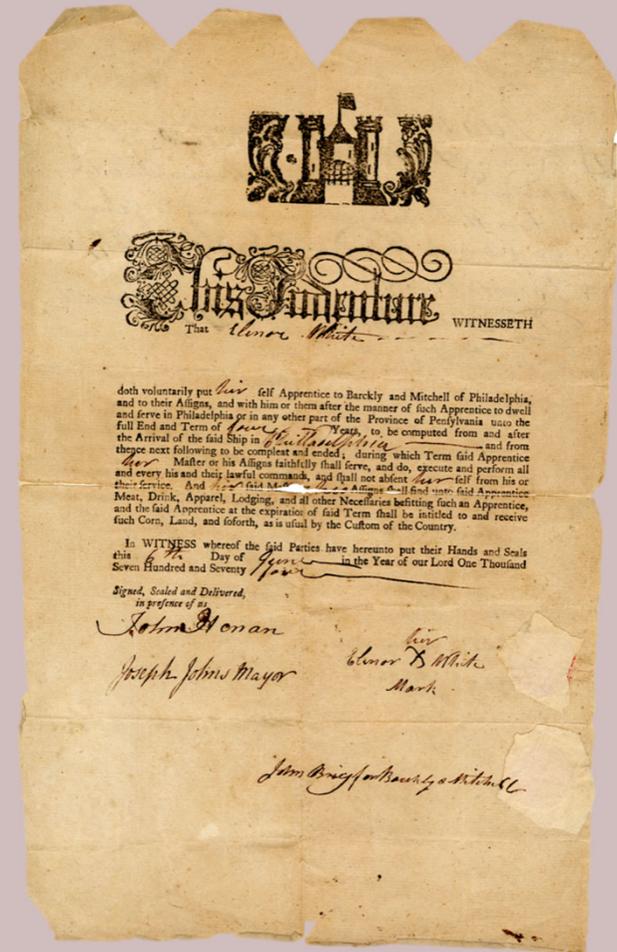


# Scots-Irish

- Scots-Irish immigrants were predominantly Presbyterians escaping religious persecution and poverty:
- Vital records are scarce and marriage records and meeting minutes may be the best source of information:
  - Search collections like the “U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970” on *Ancestry*.
  - Also consult the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia-  
<https://www.history.pcusa.org>
- Some Scots-Irish, as well as other immigrants to Pennsylvania, may have arrived in bondage so see- *The Complete Book of Emigrants in Bondage, 1614-1775* and *Emigrants in Chains, 1607-1776* both on *Ancestry*.

# Indentured Servant

- Many immigrants entering Pennsylvania, including the Scots-Irish, came over as indentured servants:
  - They voluntarily agreed to serve several years in return for passage to the colonies.
  - They were normally skilled in a trade or placed as apprentices.
  - Some received wages in addition to food, lodging, and clothing.



Diglib.amphilsos.org, Indenture contract, 1774 bound Elinor White to Barclay and Mitchell of Philadelphia.

- Search for your ancestor in the digitized collection at the American Philosophical Society Library-  
<https://diglib.amphilsoc.org/islandora/object/record-indentures-individuals-bound-out-apprentices-servants-etc-and-german-and#page/1/mode/1up>

James Bell • Bound an Apprentice to Frazier Hinsley of Philadelphia of Philadelphia House Carpenter, five Years to be taught the Art, Trade & Mystery of a House Carpenter, have two Winters Schooling & be taught the first five Rules in common Arithmetic. —  
5th.

Fredericke Meyer. In consideration of £20<sup>00</sup> paid for his Passage from Rotterdam, bound a Servant to Phineas Paason of Northampton Township Bucks County & his Assigns seven Years, to be found all Necessaries, & at the Expiration have two compleat suits of Apparel one whereof to be new. —

# The Runaway

- Many Scots-Irish and Irish can be found in “Runaway” notices in colonial newspapers.
- Runaway notices were placed in newspapers up and down the seaboard in states like New York, New Jersey, and Georgia-See [genealogybank.com](http://genealogybank.com)
- *Runaways of Colonial New Jersey Indentured Servants, Slaves, Deserters and Prisoners, 1720-1781*- locate a copy on <https://www.worldcat.org>
- *Genealogical Data from The New-York Mercury, 1766* on Google Books

August 7, 1766  
The Pennsylvania Gazette

Salem, July 30, 1766.

RUN away, on the Tenth Day of June last, from his Bail, a certain Edward Ashton, born in Ireland, by Trade a Taylor, served his Time in Bristol, Pennsylvania, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a sandy Complexion; has on a new Fustian Coat, with gilt Buttons, old blue Everlasting Breeches, white thread Stockings, good Shoes, and a Pair of Silver Buckles, marked S. W. He was seen at Bristol the 28th Instant, with a blue Coat and Jacket and a Pair of striped Holland Trowsers on. Whoever takes up and secures said Runaway in any Goal, if in the Province of Pennsylvania, shall receive Eight Dollars Reward; and if in the Province of New Jersey, Ten Dollars, and reasonable Charges, paid by

JOHN BREEDING.

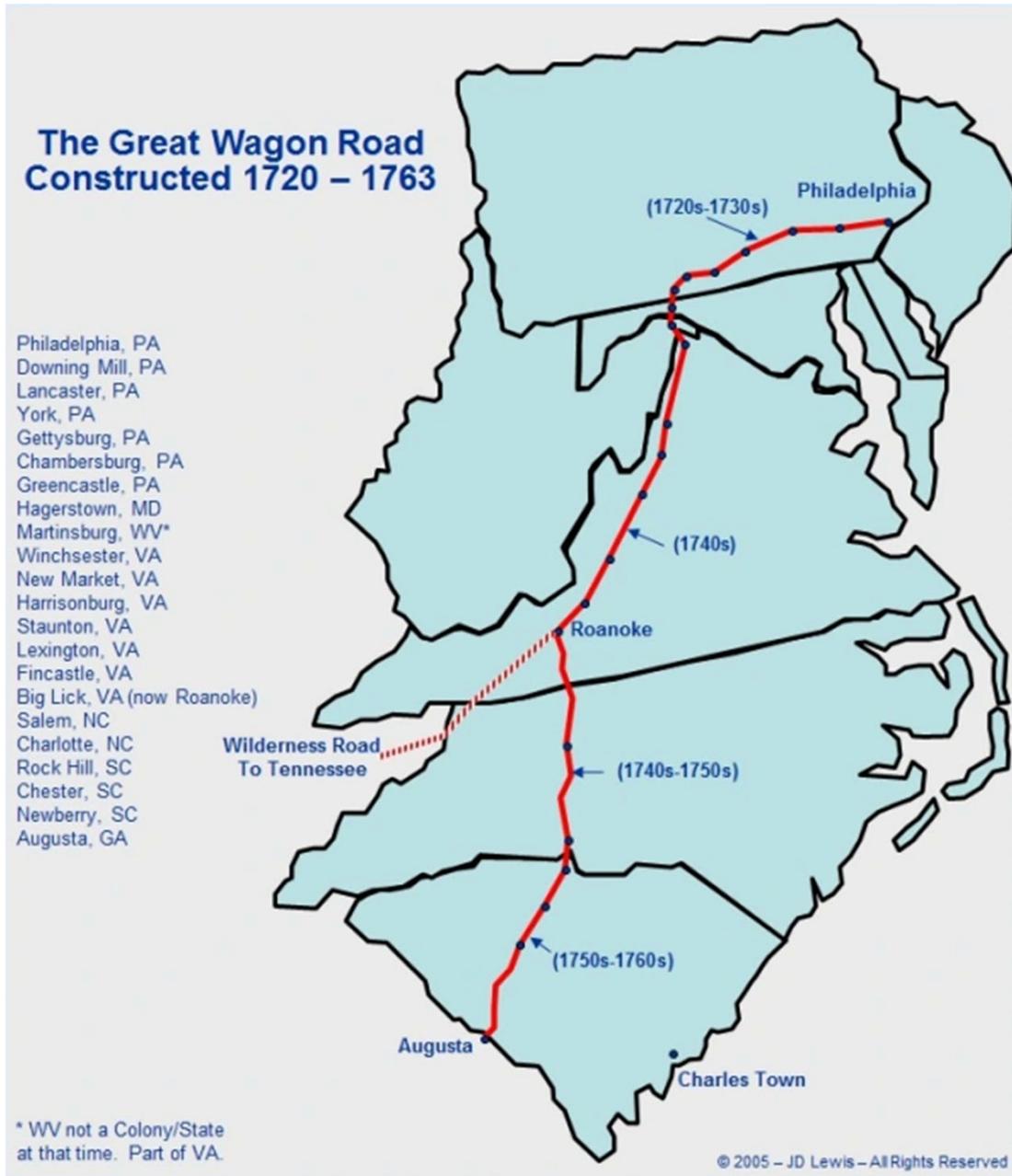
(6/16)

Randell, Dr. Annenias, born on L.I., age c. 25—escaped from jail of Somerset, Co., N.J.

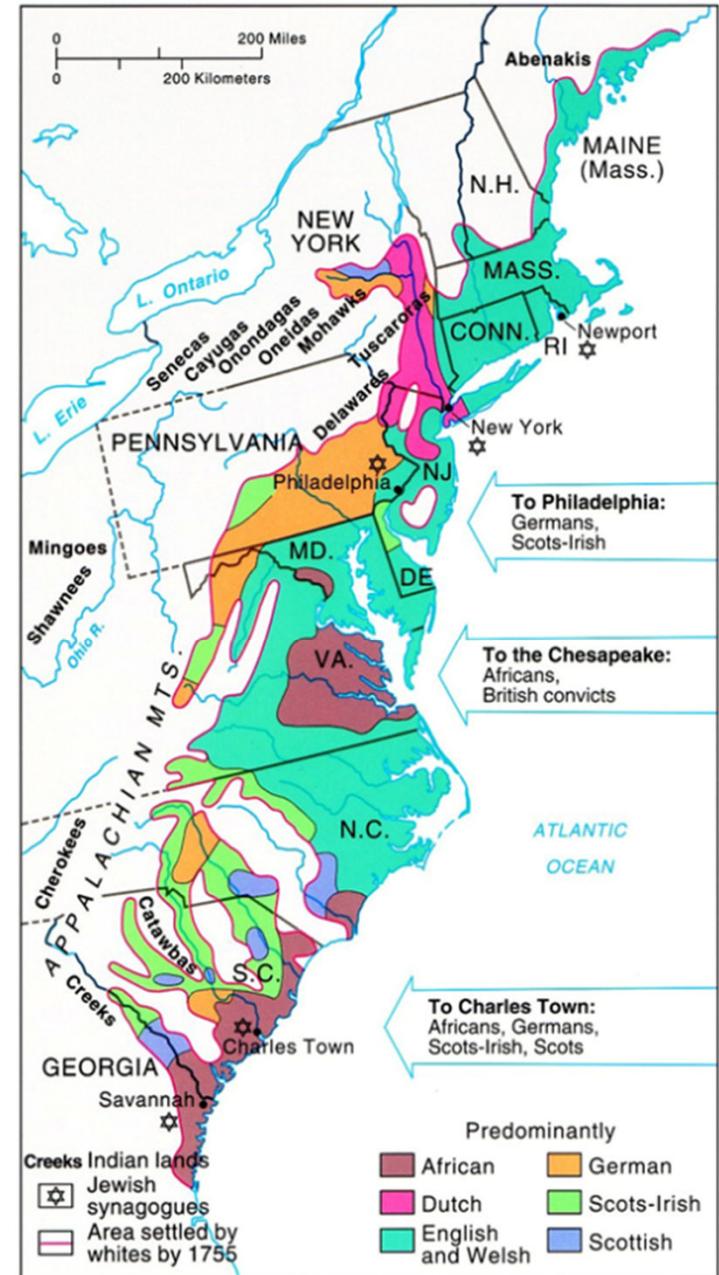
(6/16)

Ashton, Edward, a “young Man” tailor—runaway from his bail June 12; had served his time with William Large in Bristol, Pa.; reward for his capture offered by William Ashton, of Bristol, Pa. (6/16)

Pritchel, Walter and Winford, servants, lately come from Ireland—runaway June 12 from Henry Neill of Phila. (6/16)



JD Lewis, The Great Wagon Road Construct 1720-1763, scotishirishamerica.wordpress.com



Scots-Irish Migration Map of American Colonies, adamsfamilydna.com

# French Huguenots

# Huguenots

- A French Protestant groups who previously escaped religious persecution in Europe by settling in Germany's Palatine region, England, Ireland, and Scandinavia.
- They settled in the Oley Valley in Berks County (1752) and Pequea Creek in Lancaster County (1729)
- They were often misidentified as Pennsylvania Dutch (German) because they had a tenancy to assimilated with these ethnic groups

- Read local histories in areas where you suspect your French ancestors settled:
  - “Annals of the Oley Valley in Berks County” on *Ancestry*.
- Search for them in church records, particularly in German Reformed Church records.
- Join DNA projects on sites like FamilytreeDNA.com and search for genealogical studies.

Tip

Research possible  
anglicized names for  
your ancestor!



# QUESTIONS?

# Other Resources

# Vital Records

- Pennsylvania vital records are kept at the county level
- Alternative sources for vital information are church records, bible records, and cemetery records:
  - Contact local churches or denominational archives regarding their collections
  - Search “Pennsylvania, Births and Christening, 1709-1950” and Pennsylvania Civil Marriages, 1677-1950”
  - For extracted church records see: John T. Humphrey’s *Pennsylvania Birth Records*
    - See the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania for list of counties and dates covered- <https://genpa.org/member-collections/john-t-humphrey-pennsylvania-births-books/>

# Cemetery Records

- Search for your ancestor on Find a Grave and in record collections like the “Pennsylvania Cemetery Records, ca. 1700-ca 1950” on *FamilySearch*-  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3743478>
- Internment.net- allows you to search by state and county:  
<http://www.interment.net/us/pa/index.htm>
- Contact local historical societies for cemetery transcriptions or other burial record collections.

# Tombstone Transcriptions Project

- Search by county and cemetery:

<http://www.usgwtombstones.org/pennsylvania/pennsyl.html>

**THE TOMBSTONE TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT**

HOME PA USGENWEB ARCHIVES SUBMISSION FORMS USGENWEB PAGENWEB CEMETERY LOCATOR  
SEARCH

↪ Pennsylvania Cemeteries at PAgenWeb Archives ↪

Cemeteries & Photographs can be found at the PAgenWeb Archives pages listed below. To submit transcriptions or photos please visit the [PAgenWeb Archives Submission Forms](#) or contact the Archives File Manager for that County.

<a href="#">Adams</a>	<a href="#">Allegheny</a>	<a href="#">Armstrong</a>	<a href="#">Beaver</a>	<a href="#">Bedford</a>	<a href="#">Berks</a>
<a href="#">Blair</a>	<a href="#">Bradford</a>	<a href="#">Bucks</a>	<a href="#">Butler</a>	<a href="#">Cambria</a>	<a href="#">Cameron</a>
<a href="#">Carbon</a>	<a href="#">Centre</a>	<a href="#">Chester</a>	<a href="#">Clarion</a>	<a href="#">Clearfield</a>	<a href="#">Clinton</a>
<a href="#">Columbia</a>	<a href="#">Crawford</a>	<a href="#">Cumberland</a>	<a href="#">Dauphin</a>	<a href="#">Delaware</a>	<a href="#">Elk</a>
<a href="#">Erie</a>	<a href="#">Fayette</a>	<a href="#">Forest</a>	<a href="#">Franklin</a>	<a href="#">Fulton</a>	<a href="#">Greene</a>
<a href="#">Huntingdon</a>	<a href="#">Indiana</a>	<a href="#">Jefferson</a>	<a href="#">Juniata</a>	<a href="#">Lackawanna</a>	<a href="#">Lancaster</a>
<a href="#">Lawrence</a>	<a href="#">Lebanon</a>	<a href="#">Lehigh</a>	<a href="#">Luzerne</a>	<a href="#">Lycoming</a>	<a href="#">McKean</a>
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York

Let's work together in this endeavor!

This Project is about remembering our dead and preserving our history!!!

To submit a transcription or photos, please contact the County Archives File Manager listed on the pages above or visit the [PAgenWeb Archives Submission Forms](#)

National Tombstone Project Manager: [Rebecca Maloney](#)

↪ Bucks ↪

<b>Cemetery</b>	<i>Photos</i>	<b>Recorder/Submitter</b>
<a href="#">How to Submit Transcriptions &amp; Photos</a>		
<a href="#">Bensalem Presbyterian Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Chelton Hill Cemetery (Partial)</a>		
<a href="#">Churchill Dutch Church Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Doylestown Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Emilie United Methodist Church Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Friends Burying Grounds - Warminister</a>		
<a href="#">Hillpot Graveyard</a>		
<a href="#">Lahaska United Methodist Church Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Morrisville Cemetery - Partial</a>		
<a href="#">Richland Monthly Meeting Burying Grounds</a>		
<a href="#">St Andrews Cemetery - Partial</a>		
<a href="#">St Johns Lutheran Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Community Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Resurrection Cemetery</a>		
<a href="#">Tincum Burials at Lower Church - Partial</a>		
<a href="#">Tincum Burials at Upper Union Church</a>		
<a href="#">Vandegrift Cemetery</a>		

# Census Records, Tax Lists, and Directories

# Census, Tax Lists, and Directories

- 1790 U.S. Federal Census
- “Pennsylvania, U.S. Septennial Census, 1779-1863,” on *Ancestry*
- Census substitutes include:
  - “Pennsylvania, U.S. Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890”
  - “U.S., Census Reconstructed Records, 1660-1820” both on *Ancestry*.
- Directories are limited to the city of Philadelphia for the years 1785, 1792, and 1793-1922 and are located on Fold3-  
<https://www.fold3.com/publication/451/city-directories-philadelphia>

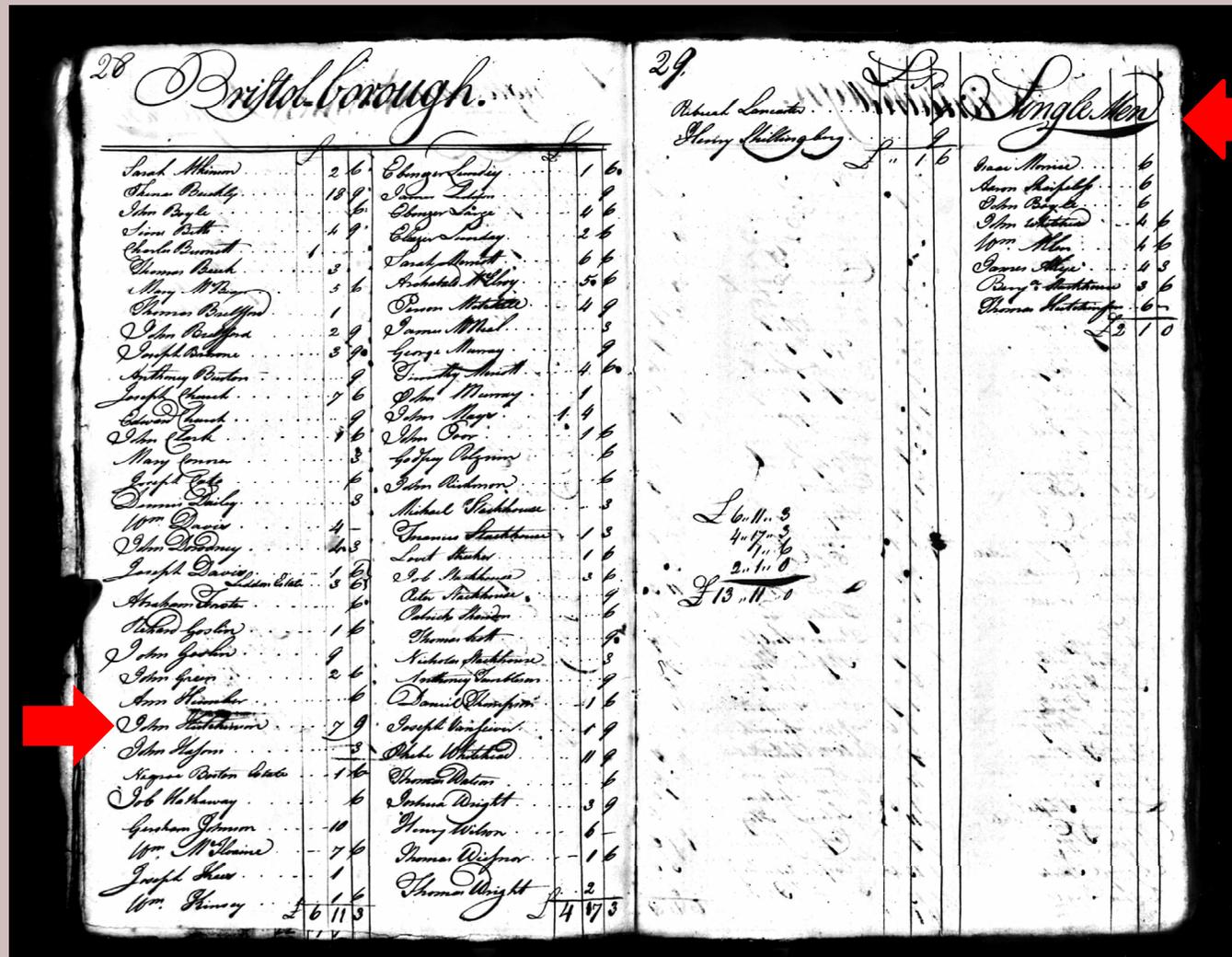
# Tax Records

- Tax records include:
  - “Pennsylvania U.S. Direct Tax Lists of 1798” on *Ancestry*.
  - “Pennsylvania, Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801” on *Ancestry*.
  - “Secretary of the Land Office. Rent rolls, 1703-1744” at a local *FamilySearch* center or affiliated library.
- Pennsylvania taxation resources on FamilySearch wiki- [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania Taxation](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania_Taxation)

Name	Acres	Value	Tax	Year
Edward Engelhorn	2	40	7.5	5
Col. Farmer	100	300	15	15
Needing Fisher	1	5	10	2
James Groves	112	50	10	1
John Galt	2	10	2	2
John Geringer			2	2
Thomas Gray	5	60	90	6
Robert Green	1	15	15	2
John Heston	1	5	5	2
Wm Harvey	240	90	105	2
James Hanna	120	50	1	5
J. Heston	4	10	20	2
Saml Heston	2	10	2	2
John Heston			2	2
John Hough	1		2	2
John Heston	4	15	45	7
Henry Hill	1	5	5	2
John Hulme	202	160	136	3
Wm Linn	15	25	10	3
Philip Hale	177	90	2	9
Company	182	80	2	13
Wm Linn		100	100	2
Margery Heston	60	25	13	13

Pennsylvania, Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801, Ancestry.com

- Search for tax record collections by county using the *FamilySearch* Wiki option :



Ancestry.com, "Bucks County, Pennsylvania, U.S., Tax Records, 1782-1860," Tax year 1782.

## Tax Records [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- **1693** [1693 Tax List](#) at [Bucks County, Pennsylvania PGenWeb Archives](#)
- **1779, 1781-1786** *Proprietary and Other Tax Lists of the County of Bucks: For the Years 1779, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786* (Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, Vol. 13). Digital versions at [Ancestry](#) (\$); [Google Books](#)
- **1798** Pennsylvania, U.S. Direct Tax Lists, 1798 at [Ancestry](#) (\$).

BUCKS COUNTY TAX RECORDS 1693 - 1778 46

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John Webb	9		James Reiley			Thomas Parsons	10	2 6
Jos. Severns	9		Samuel Stackhous	8	2	William Adear	8	2
			Abra. Forster	8	2	William Bidgood	45	11 3
			Henry Nilson	8	2	W. Frak	8	2
			Anthony Burton	24	6	William Stackhous	8	2
			Andrew Write	12	3	W. Muckelvain	150	1 17 6
			Anthony Write	9	2 3	Isaac Blunk	8	2
			Abram Cusley	8	2	John Boos	16	4
			Alexander Blare	14	3 6	John Bunton		
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			Benjamin Swain	20	5	Joseph Clark		
			Benjamin Town	16	4	Joseph Bunton	8	2
			Benjamin Bunton	8	2	William Race	8	2
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			Darby Branning	8	2	Joseph White Junr.	8	2
			Daniel Bunton	8	2	Georg Stackhous	10	2 6
			David Medly	9	2 3	John Biznet	9	2 3
			Danel Lovet	25	6 3	Joseph Smith	12	3
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			Euclides Stackhous	8	2	William Patison	10	2 6
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			John Winer	10	2 6	Edward Ashton		9
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			Peter More	8	2	John Titus		9
			Robert Smith	12	3	Stephen Maight		9
			Samuel Bralsford	8	2	Anthony foellinson		9
			Thomas Sison	8	2	Abraham Brittain		9
			Jacob Titus	8	2	Ab. Swain		9
			Timothy Titus	9	2 3	David Adison		9
			Timothy Stackhous	8	2			

Tip

Contact the local  
historical societies!

# Land Records

# Land Records

- The full process to purchase land entailed:
  - **Application**- A request for a survey of the land (recorded in metes and bounds system)
  - **Warrant**- an order for the survey to be taken
  - **Survey**- measurements recorded along with the names of adjoining landowners
  - **Return of Survey**- a complete description of the land surveyed.
  - **Patent**- documents regarding the sale of the land with title
  - **Deeds**- document regarding a sale of land (already surveyed) naming both the grantor and grantee

# Working with Land Records

- Locating land records is a multistep process:
  - Search “Pennsylvania, Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952,” available on *Ancestry* **and** “Land Records,” available at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Land-Records-Overview.aspx>
- If your ancestors lived in northern Pennsylvania once claimed by Connecticut, records may be in the *Susquehannah Company* on the Internet Archive  
<https://archive.org/details/susquehannahcomp00susq/page/n485/mode/2up>
- Also search “Early Pennsylvania Land Records” on *Ancestry* for land transactions that occurred in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/48381/>



2. Go to: the “Land Records Overview” page on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission website and locate the appropriate years to bring up index-

**To Conduct Your Own Land Records Research Begin With These Indexes**

**If land was purchased before 1733**

- Old Rights Index - divided by three original counties:
  - Bucks and Chester
    - [Finding aids](#)
    - [Images of all pages](#)
  - Philadelphia
    - [Finding aids](#)
    - [Images of all pages](#)
- Patent Indexes -
  - [1684-1781](#)
  - [1781-1809](#)
  - [1809-present](#)
- [Original Purchases](#) - bought land directly from William Penn
- [General Index to Leases and Releases](#)

**If land was purchased after 1733**

- Warrant Registers - grouped by county, then arranged by surname of warrantee.
  - [Finding aids](#)
  - [Images of all pages](#)
- Patent Indexes grouped chronologically, then arranged by surname of patentee
  - [1684-1781](#)
  - [1781-1809](#)
  - [1809-present](#)
  - [Images of all pages](#)
- Tract Name Indexes - arranged by name of patent tract
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3. Locate your ancestor:

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								Vol.	No. Page.	Book.	Page.
11.	Hartley, Roger	Survey	100.	25 April 1738	22. Feby. 1738	100.	Roger Hartley	A	8	197	C76 231. <i>Buckingham</i>
52.	Hill, William	"	200.	16 May "	Vacated.		(See No. 57 "C")				A63 106. <i>Planters</i>
53.	" Nicholas	"	250.	19 " "	10 Oct. 1739	321.17	Nicholas Hill	A	15	291	C76 227. <i>Buckingham</i>
54.	Harren, Thomas	"	"	29 June "	3 Jany. 1754	116.40	Francis Linfell	"	20	153	A50 189. <i>J. J. Del.</i>
55.	Haan, Peter	"	100.	18 July "			Vacated.				A84 142. <i>Conestoga</i>
56.	Hanky, Henry	"	150.	1 Augt. "		140.119					A21 82. <i>Wilmington</i>
57.	Holbe, Conrad	"	200.	11 " "			Vacated.				
58.	Howay, John	"	100.	28 " "							
60.	Hutchinson, John	"	150.	2 Sept. "	27 Jany. 1743	25.	Andrew Gatchel	A	12	44	C76 255-256. <i>Wilmington</i>
					" " "	166.	John Hutchinson	"	14	426	" 261-262.
49.	Hough, Samuel	"	50.	8 " "	30 Sept. 1739	106.120	Jacob Myer	P	15	143	C75 246. <i>Conestoga</i>
39.	Huber, Henry	"	150.	13 " "		182.72					A21 83. <i>Wilmington</i>
40.	Haines, Anthony	"	200.	12 Oct. "	8 June 1754	266.120	Anthony Haines	A	16	533	C76 168. <i>Buckingham</i>
41.	Hoecker, Martin	"	100.	" " "							
44.	Hughes, Uriah	Accept	75.	15 Jany. 1739	15 Jany. 1739	75.	Uriah Hughes	A	9	411	C76 200. <i>Buckingham</i>
45.	Haymaker, Christopher	"	201.	26 " "	26 " "	201.	Christopher Haymaker	A	9	174	A1 247. <i>Buckingham</i>
2nd. 64.	Hartman, John	"	100.	30 " "	11 " 1762	100.	John Hartman	AA	3	181	A51 229. <i>Wilmington</i>
42.	Haycock, William	Survey	"	5 March "	8 Augt. 1758	100.	William Haycock	"	2	176	C76 169. <i>Buckingham</i>
59.	Haymaker, Christopher	"	50.	25 Augt. "							
43.	Harman, Jacob	"	150.	6 Dec. "	12 April 1759	244.	Henry Schaeffer	AA	11	108	A50 177. <i>Conestoga</i>
12.	Harris, Benjamin	Resurvey	Lot	1 " 1740							C76 166. <i>Buckingham</i>
46.	Heestandt, John	Survey	100.	4 " "	5 May 1762	124.	John Heestandt	AA	4	23	A51 231. <i>Wilmington</i>
36.	Hutchenson, Thomas	Resurvey	2 Lots	10 " "	23 Dec. 1740	2 Lots	Thomas Hutchenson	A	9	248	C76 207. <i>Buckingham</i>
38.	Hasall, Samuel	"	Lot	" April 1741							
47.	Haines, Abraham	Survey	100.	12 June "							
65.	Heider, Casper	"	"	15 Sept. "			(See No. 38 "O")				
66.	Haycock, Jonathan	"	"	22 " "	25 Sept. 1759	115.120	Jonathan Haycock	A	19	605	A50 178. <i>Conestoga</i>
69.	Hertzell, George	"	"	2 March 1742							
70.	Heighmaker, Christopher	"	50.	10 " "	11 May 1743	50.80	Christopher Heighmaker	A	11	164	C67 291. <i>Buckingham</i>

## 4. Return to the “Land Records Overview” page and click the hyperlink [Copied Survey Books](#):

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### Surveys and Survey Lists

- [Copied Survey Books](#) - official copies of original surveys filed
- [Index to Copied Survey Books](#) - an index to the Full Alphabet volumes of the Copied Survey Books
- [Indexes of Selected Original \(Loose\) Surveys](#) - a number of supplemental indexes for the surveys and survey books that locate surveys for some Donation Lands tracts, some Philad and some Old Rights tracts and Proprietary Rights tracts and
- [Rejected Surveys](#) - A list of warrantees for whom subsequent were rejected by the Land Office

## 5. Locate the appropriate volume:

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
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**RG-17**  
**Records of the Land Office**  
**COPIED SURVEYS, 1681-1912. (series #17.114)**

**\*Images of Each Survey\***

Below are links to the scanned pages of the Copied Survey Books. These pages faithfully reproduce the original surveys done for persons purchasing unclaimed land directly from the Land Office maintained by William Penn's family, and later by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Each survey is a drawing on a separate page, and shows the name of the individual for whom the tract was surveyed, the acreage, the courses and distances and the names of adjoining property owners, and occasionally other significant geographical features of the landscape (water features, etc). The endorsement "Returned" and the date on the reverse side of each page refer to the date the Surveyor General sent the return of survey to the Secretary of the Land Office to prepare a patent. If the date of the patent itself is not known, the return date provides a useful starting point for patent searches.

The Copied Survey Books are divided into sub-series as follows:

- Full Alphabet subseries: Books A to Z
- "A" subseries: Books A-1 to A-89
- "B" subseries: Books B-1 to B-23 (oversized surveys)
- "BB" subseries: Books BB-1 to BB-4 (very oversized surveys)
- "C" subseries: Books C-1 to C-234
- "D" subseries: Books D-1 to D-90 (surveys numbered D-91 through D-114 exist in loose form in series #17.112), but were never actually copied into books, and so no scanned versions are available).

Steps for Using the scanned Copied Surveys:

1. The surveys in these volumes are arranged by book and page number, which were assigned by Land Office staff in no particular alphabetical or chronological order when the surveys were re-drafted and bound into books. If you have not already done so, you will need to consult the scanned pages of another series, the [Warrant Registers, 1733-1957 \(series #17.88\)](#) in order to determine the survey book and page number for a particular person's survey.
2. When you know your survey number, select the appropriate subseries and volume, all listed below. For example, survey #A-228 would be page 228 of Copied Survey Book A in the "Full Alphabet" volumes, while survey #A-50-175 would be page 175 of Copied Survey Book A-50 in the "A" volumes subseries.
3. From the volume-specific interface page that comes up, click on the appropriate page number, or the link to its reverse side.
4. **Please note: The page images are in Adobe.pdf format and require the Adobe Acrobat Reader to be viewed and printed. The software is available for download free of charge from [Adobe's website](#).**
5. Trouble? Use this email link to [contact an archivist](#).

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## 6. Scroll down to the appropriate page number to view the land survey and return of the survey. Note reverse page to see the patent:

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 Pennsylvania State Archives

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 Records of the Land Office  
 COPIED SURVEYS, 1681-1912. [series #17.114]

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Each survey page in a Copied Survey Book has a front and back. The front displays the shape of the tract, its measurements, the names of the owner and surrounding owners at the time, and any narrative information. The page number is shown as a stamped numeral in the upper right hand corner. The back of the page has no page number. It re-iterates basic information about the survey and how the date that the survey was returned to the Land Office. Normally, the patent on the land was issued shortly after this return date.

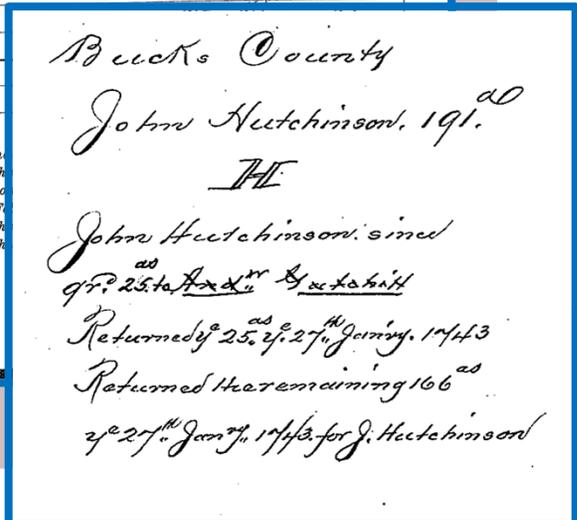
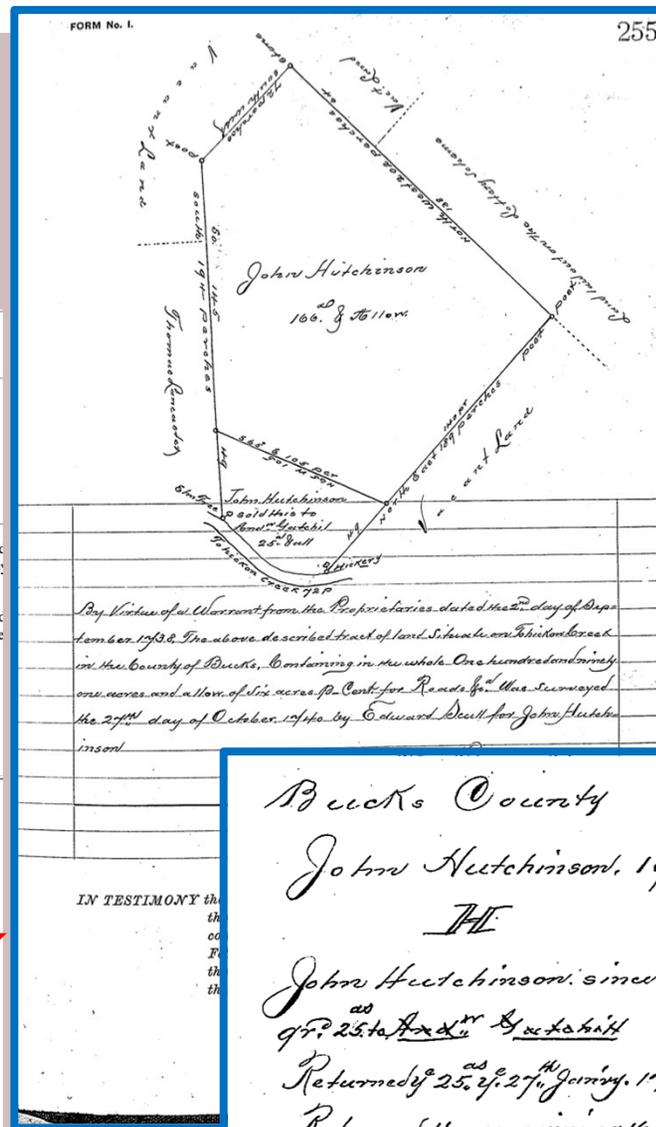
- To order high quality copies of the surveys shown herein, provide the appropriate citations to the Archives at: Pennsylvania State Archives, 350 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0090, (717) 783-2669 or (717) 783-3281.
- Copies of patents and other land records may be obtained using the [land records order form and price list](#) on our website.

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# Passenger Lists and Naturalization

# Naturalization

- For people naturalized between 1740 and 1772 see the collection “Pennsylvania Naturalizations, 1740-73” on *Ancestry*:
  - The collection includes the name, date, and location where they became naturalized citizens of the colony-  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4259/>
- Starting in 1727, all non-British immigrants were required to take an Oath to King George II and an Oath Abjuring the Pope before entering the city of Philadelphia.

# Passenger Lists

- “A collection of upwards of thirty thousand names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776” -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/10412/>
- “Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania, 1727-1775” -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/48365/>
- Names of Persons Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania Between the Years 1777-1789” -  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/48371/>
- Also try searching “Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500-1900s” on *Ancestry*.

# Military Records

# Militia Records

- First militias were organized in Pennsylvania in 1777 and prior to that, there were no military groups organized under the Penn family:
  - Militias were organized at the county level
  - Drafts applied to all white males ages 18 to 53
- Look for your ancestor in:
  - *Colonial and Revolutionary families of Pennsylvania; genealogical and personal memoirs on Ancestry*
  - “Officers and soldiers in the service of the Province of Pennsylvania” on *FamilySearch*  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/493538?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

# Revolutionary War Records

- See *FamilySearch* Research Wiki resources-  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania\\_Military\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Pennsylvania_Military_Records)
- Don't forget to search:
  - “Pennsylvania, Oaths Of Allegiance Lists” taken between 1777-1778 on FamilySearch  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/48371/>
  - Revolutionary War pension records and the *Pennsylvania Archives* “Militia and Revolutionary War Lists” on Fold3-
- If you suspect your ancestors were ”Loyalist,” –check out collections like “Pennsylvania, Supreme Executive Council, Forfeited Estate File, 1777-1790”  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/685427?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

# Court and Probate Records

# Court and Probate Records

- Wills and probate records in Pennsylvania are kept at the county level in one of two court offices:
  - Register of Wills
  - Orphans Court
- To locate wills and probate records as well as administrations:
  1. Search the collection “Pennsylvania, Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993” on *Ancestry* to locate the full name and county where the probate was filed.
  2. Use the catalog option on *FamilySearch* to search by county and locate the appropriate collection.

**One of my favorite  
(unconventional)  
tricks!**



Search for:

Hutchinson

Select County:
 

- All Counties
- No Counties
- Adams
- Allegheny
- Armstrong
- Beaver

OR Select Record Type:

- All
- Bibles
- Bios
- Census
- Cemeteries
- Churches

URL matches:  autauga/obits/ or county/recordtype/ and select No Counties

hutchinson : 569

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- 5 <http://files.usgwarchives.net/pa/bucks/wills/g6350001.txt> [ 8.080% Popularity: 0.20424 ]  
 Wills: GIRTON, Hutchinson J., May 19, 1911: Newtown Twp, Bucks ... ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Hutchinson J. Girton of the Township of Newtown, ... Testament. In Testimony Whereof, I, Hutchinson J. Girton, the above named Testator,...  
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Will of Joseph Kirkbride Jr., 1748: Bucks County

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JOSEPH JR. & SARAH FLETCHER KIRKBRIDE  
Bucks Co. Wills, PA # 591

Will of Joseph Kirkbride Jr., 1748

I Joseph Kirkbride of the Falls in the County of Bucks and province of Pennsylvania, yeoman. Being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same; Considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life, Do Make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner following:

Committing my soul to God ñ that it and my Body to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named.

In the first place I will and Direct that all my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be fully paid and Discharged;

Also I give, Devise and bequeath unto my Son Joseph all that my Plantation whereon I now Live With all and Singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging to hold him and his Heirs and Assigns forever, To posses one half thereof when he shall arrive to the age of Twenty-one years, and the other half thereof Immediately after the Decease of my well Beloved Wife Sarah Kirkbride to whom I give the other half During her Natural Life.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said well Beloved wife, Sarah, one moiety or half part of my Household goods and the Services of all my Negroes During the minority of my Son ñ Joseph; But when my Said Son arrives to the age of twenty-one years, then the said Negroes to be Equally Divided between my sd Wife and my said Son. Also I give and bequeath unto my Said Son one Bed and furniture and my Desk and all my Wareing Apparel, with my Watch and cane.

The rest of my Estate whether Real or personal, after my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be fully paid and Discharged as aforesaid, I give, devise and bequeath unto my five daughters (Viz) Pheby, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah; to be equally Divided amongst them share and share alike, to hold to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever. But if any of my said children dye before they come of age than the share of the Deceased to be equally divided between my said wife and the Surviving Children..My mind and will is that my Executors herein after named do as soon as conveniently they can sell and convey as much of my Land, in the \_\_\_ or in Pennsylvania, for the best price that can be reasonably had for the Same to Enable them to Discharge my Just Debts as aforesaid. Also I hereby give full power and absolute authority to my Executors herein after named and to the survivors of them to convey and Confirm all Such Lands as I have sold and given Bond to make them a Title, upon the payment of the consideration money and interest, if due; as also all Lands as shall be sold for the payment of my Just Debts as aforesaid.

And Lastly I do nominate and Appoint my well Beloved Wife, Sarah Kirkbride, my Brotheris-in-law Nicholas Austin and Mark Watson and my Brother Mahlon Kirkbride to be my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament; and I hereby make null and void all other will or wills by me heretofore made, and this only to be taken for my last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I have to these presents set my hand and Seale this twenty first Day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven Hundred and forty Eight - Anno Domi 1748.

Jos: Kirkbride

in the presence of  
Henry Wilson  
Michael Hutchinson  
Ann Hutchinson.

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JOSEPH JR. & SARAH FLETCHER KIRKBRIDE  
Bucks Co. Wills, PA # 591

Will of Joseph Kirkbride Jr., 1748

I Joseph Kirkbride of the Falls in the County of Bucks and province of Pennsylvania, yeoman. Being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be given to Almighty God for the same; Considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life, Do Make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner following:

Committing my soul to God ñ that it and my Body to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named.

In the first place I will and Direct that all my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be fully paid and Discharged;

Also I give, Devise and bequeath unto my Son Joseph all that my Plantation whereon I now Live With all and Singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging to hold him and his Heirs and Assigns forever, To posses one half thereof when he shall arrive to the age of Twenty-one years, and the other half thereof Immediately after the Decease of my well Beloved Wife Sarah Kirkbride to whom I give the other half During her Natural Life.

Also I give and bequeath unto my said well Beloved wife, Sarah, one moiety or half part of my Household goods and the Services of all my Negroes During the minority of my Son ñ Joseph; But when my Said Son arrives to the age of twenty-one years, then the said Negroes to be Equally Divided between my sd Wife and my said Son. Also I give and bequeath unto my Said Son one Bed and furniture and my Desk and all my Wareing Apparel, with my Watch and cane.

The rest of my Estate whether Real or personal, after my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be fully paid and Discharged as aforesaid, I give, devise and bequeath unto my five daughters (Viz) Pheby, Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah; to be equally Divided amongst them share and share alike, to hold to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever. But if any of my said children dye before they come of age than the share of the Deceased to be equally divided between my said wife and the Surviving Children..My mind and will is that my Executors herein after named do as soon as conveniently they can sell and convey as much of my Land, in the \_\_\_ or in Pennsylvania, for the best price that can be reasonably had for the Same to Enable them to Discharge my Just Debts as aforesaid. Also I hereby give full power and absolute authority to my Executors herein after named and to the survivors of them to convey and Confirm all Such Lands as I have sold and given Bond to make them a Title, upon the payment of the consideration money and interest, if due; as also all Lands as shall be sold for the payment of my Just Debts as aforesaid.

And Lastly I do nominate and Appoint my well Beloved Wife, Sarah Kirkbride, my Brotheris-in-law Nicholas Austin and Mark Watson and my Brother Mahlon Kirkbride to be my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament; and I hereby make null and void all other will or wills by me heretofore made, and this only to be taken for my last Will and Testament. In Witness where of I have to these presents set my hand and Seale this twenty first Day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven Hundred and forty Eight - Anno Domi 1748.

Jos: Kirkbride

in the presence of  
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Check Philadelphia county will abstracts. Several Bucks wills filed there also.

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 BAKER, Samuel. Upper Wife Margery, Corn and Grist Mill for life toward bringing up my four children, viz., John, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Miles.  
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 BATES, Sarah. Bensa. "Formerly Eleanor Clark, dau. of James Clark, late of Bristol, December'd., who died intestate leaving four daus., all at that time minors, youngest yet a minor, and leaving Real estate yet undivided."  
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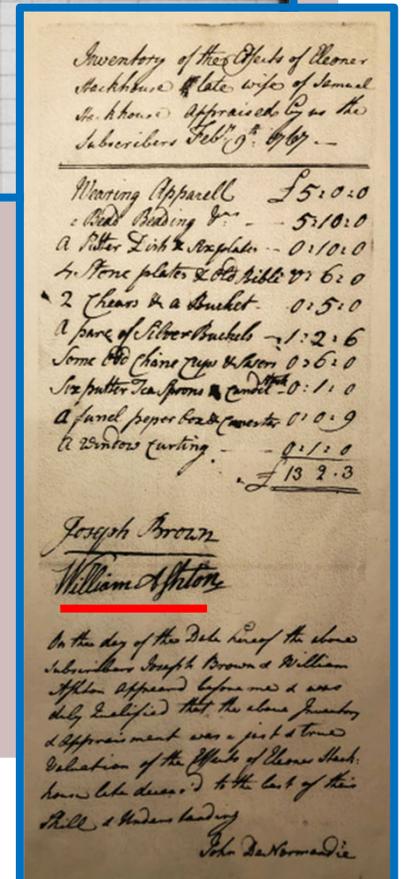
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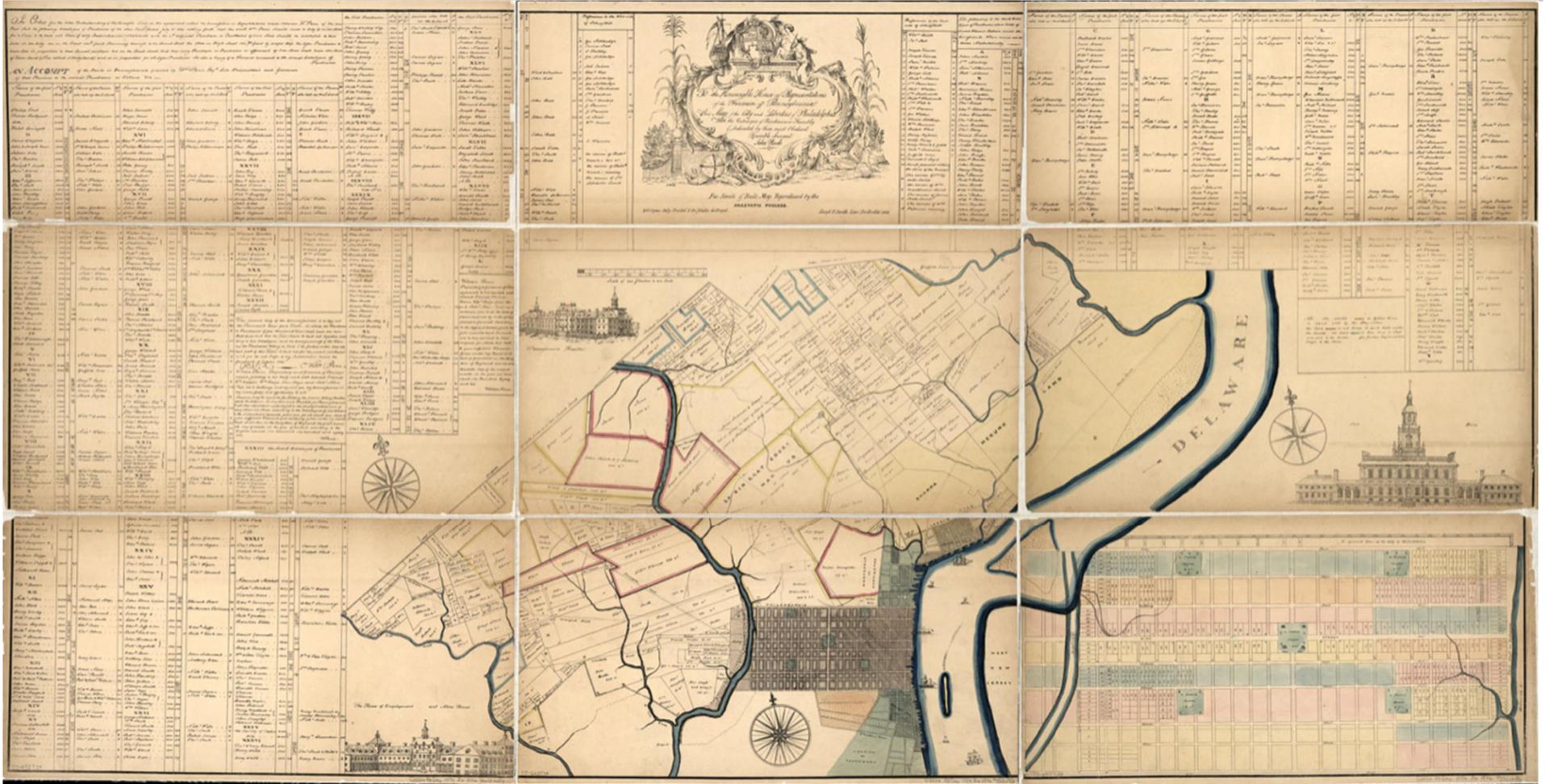
- Contact local historical societies to see if they have indexes of county residents mentioned in colonial newspapers
- Example: “Index To Bucks County Reference In *The Pennsylvania Gazette*” at the Bucks County Historical Society in Doylestown

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Pennsylvania Genealogy

By Ann Lawthers, Genealogist

**Introduction**

Pennsylvania's size and central location on the Atlantic seaboard means it has played a significant role in America's history. The first European settlers of Pennsylvania hailed from Sweden ("New Sweden" 1638-1655), the Netherlands ("New Netherlands" 1614-1664), and England (1664-1682). In 1681, King Charles II of England granted the Quaker, William Penn, a charter for a large parcel of land in what is now Delaware and eastern Pennsylvania.

Upon arrival in the colony in 1682, William Penn established a firm policy of religious tolerance and a *Frame of Government for Pennsylvania* that led to many of the records genealogists find so useful today.

**HOW-TO AND OTHER GUIDES**

The following resources at NEHGS can help orient the family historian to the vast genealogy resources of Pennsylvania.

*A Genealogist's Guide to Pennsylvania Records* by Helen Hutchison Woodroffe, 1994

*Guide to Genealogical Sources at the Pennsylvania State Archives* by Robert Druator, 1998

*Pennsylvania Genealogical Research* by George Keene Schweitzer, 1986

*Research in Pennsylvania* by Kay Haviland Freilich, 2007

**COUNTIES**

The current outline of Pennsylvania did not solidify until 1792 when the "Erie Triangle" in northwestern Pennsylvania was purchased. The website MapoFUS shows the formation of counties as they split off from parental units. This map is especially helpful for individuals researching 17th and 18th century ancestors as it displays the names of the governmental unit that might have their ancestor's records. For additional information, Wikipedia presents a helpful table of facts about Pennsylvania counties with embedded maps showing county locations.

**CIVIL VITAL RECORDS**

Pennsylvania civil record keeping did not begin until the mid-19th century.

	Birth	Marriage	Death
<b>Earliest (County Level)</b>	1852-54, 1893	1885, some in 1700s	1852-54, 1893
<b>Statewide Registration</b>	January 1906		January 1906
<b>General Compliance</b>	1915		1915

Ancestry has recently published **death certificates** for Pennsylvania from 1906-1963.

**OTHER VITAL RECORDS**

Online vital records for Pennsylvania include a mix of church and civil data and are available at both the Family History Library (births from 1709-1950, marriages from 1709-1950, county marriages from 1855) and Ancestry (births, marriages, deaths—check the card catalog for statewide and individual county holdings). The preceding links are only examples of the holdings of both FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com. Online records for the city of Philadelphia are particularly robust.

The NEHGS Library has several unique sources that may fill in the gaps in the online databases.

*Pennsylvania Vital Records: From the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine and the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 1983 volume 1-3. This collection spans the mid-seventeenth to the mid-nineteenth century and covers all counties in the state.

*Names of Persons for Whom Marriage Licenses Were Issued in the Province of Pennsylvania Previous to 1790*

*Central Pennsylvania Marriages, 1700-1896, 1946*

*Record of Pennsylvania Marriages Prior to 1810*

**CHURCH RECORDS**

Colonial immigrants to Pennsylvania represented a wide variety of religious traditions including **Quaker**, **Baptist** (these groups often from the British Isles), **Lutheran**, **Reformed**, **Mennonite**, **Dunkard**, **Moravian**, **Schwenkfelder**, **Calvinist** (typically German speaking), **Huguenot** (French), and **Presbyterian** (Scots-Irish). Later records include **Congregational** and **Roman Catholic**. A sampling of the NEHGS offerings for selected denominations may be found by following the links above. Additionally, NEHGS holds church records by county, e.g., Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware. Another useful source is the three-volume set of *Pennsylvania German Church Records*, edited by Don Yoder.

# Research and Subject Guides

- *The Portable Genealogist: Pennsylvania Research via American Ancestors* bookstore-  
<https://shop.americanancestors.org/search?q=Portable+>
- Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission-  
<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Research-Guides.aspx>
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania “Subject Guide: Family History & Genealogy” <https://www.portal.hsp.org/subject-guides/subject-guide-11>

# Site to Watch

- <https://pennsylvaniagenealogy.org>
- Currently up to date for Allegheny, Bucks, and Chester counties.
  - Gives names of Boroughs and townships and links to multiple collections.

## TAX RECORDS FOR BUCKS COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

- **Proprietary and other tax lists of the county of Bucks for the years 1779, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786**  
Part of a series: Provincial papers, Pennsylvania archives. Third series, v. 13.
- **Transcript tax of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1779**  
Transcribed from the Pennsylvania Archives Series 3, v. 13.
- **Millford Township Property and Tax Records 1787**
- **Bucks County, Pennsylvania tax lists, 1693 : proposal to settle upon Susquehannah §**  
Microreproduction of original at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- **Poor tax lists of Bucks County, 1721-1764 §**  
Contains lists of assessments of inhabitants of Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, for the relief of the poor. Includes index. Microreproduction of original at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Library, Doylestown, Pa.
- **Tax lists of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1776 §**  
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- **Tax and exoneration lists, 1777-1789, for Bucks County §**  
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# Repositories, Magazines, and Other Sites

# Other Resources

- The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (Pennsylvania State Archives)
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania
- *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine of History and Biography*:
  - Available on Archive.org and FamilySearch-  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/97148?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*-
  - Later volumes focus on biographies and genealogies
  - Database available on *AmericanAncestors*
- Cyndi's List- <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/pa/>
- Idsgenealogy.com- <https://ldsgenealogy.com>
- Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia-great resource for history-  
<https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org>

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