

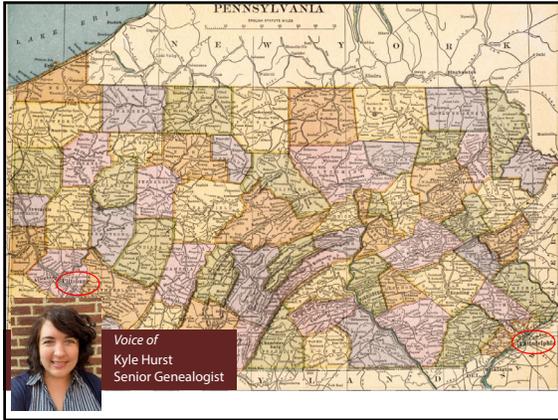
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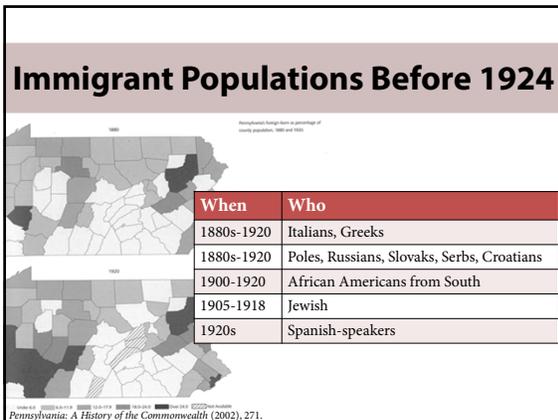
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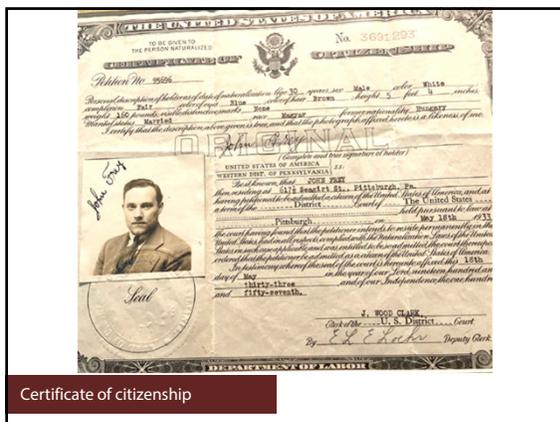
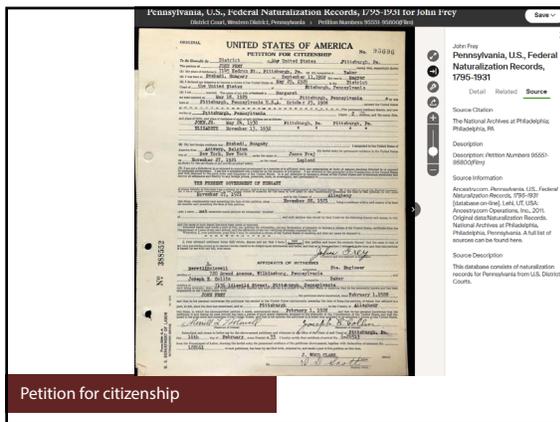
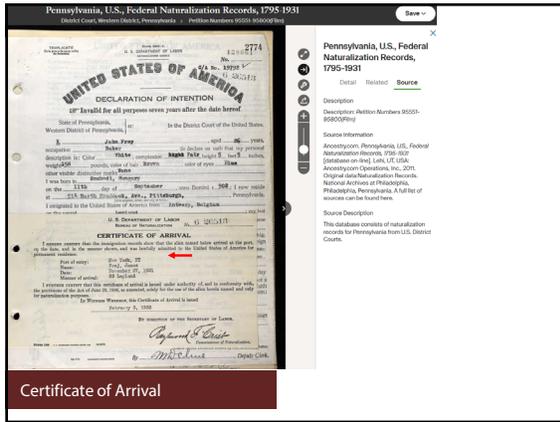
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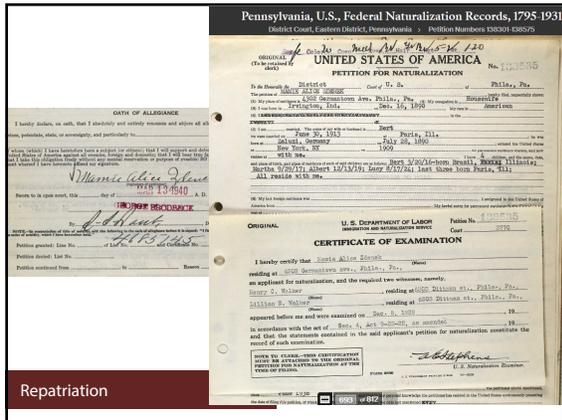
- Pre-1906 – courts of common pleas and quarter sessions
- 1906 – Comprehensive Naturalization Law
- Post-1906 – U.S. District Courts and Supreme Court
- PA Districts:
 - Eastern
 - Middle – created 1901
 - Western

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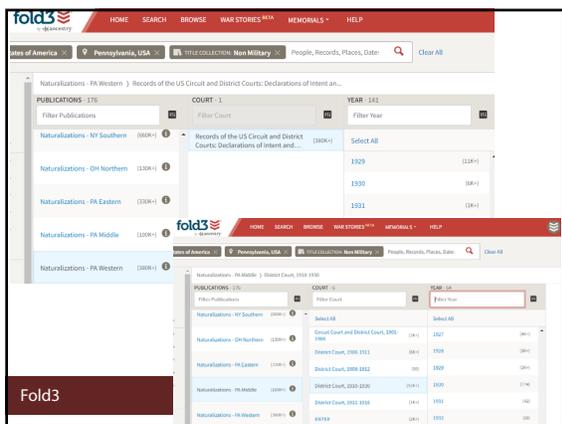
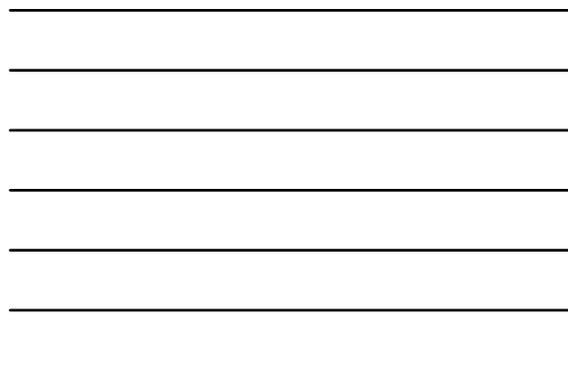
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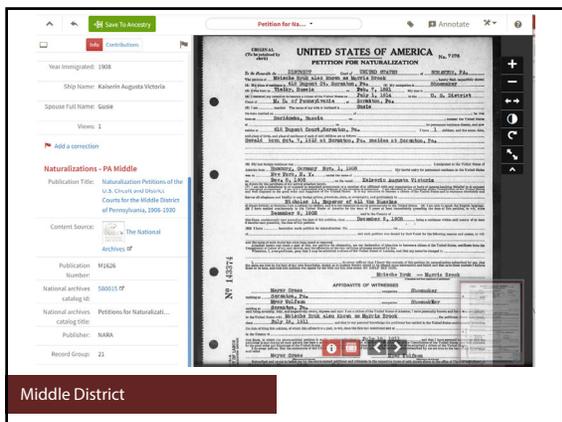




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Urban Population

Year	PA	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
1900	6.3	1.3	.322
1910	7.67	1.55	.534
1920	8.72	1.82	.588
1930	9.63	1.95	.670
1940	9.9	1.93	.672
1950	10.5	2.07	.677
2000		1.52	.335

Based on Tables 6.1 and 7.2 in
Pennsylvania: A History of the Commonwealth (2002), 260, 323.

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Outside Urban Centers

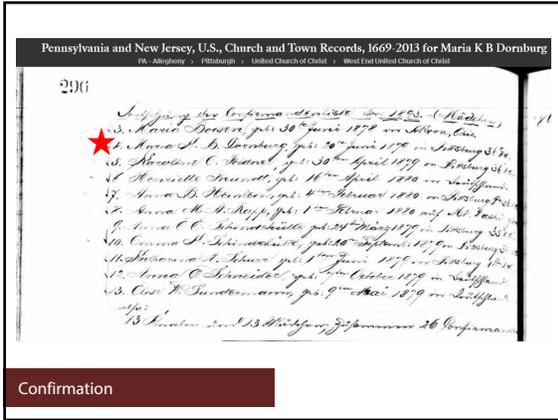
- Planned communities
 - Hershey
 - Levittown
- Suburbs



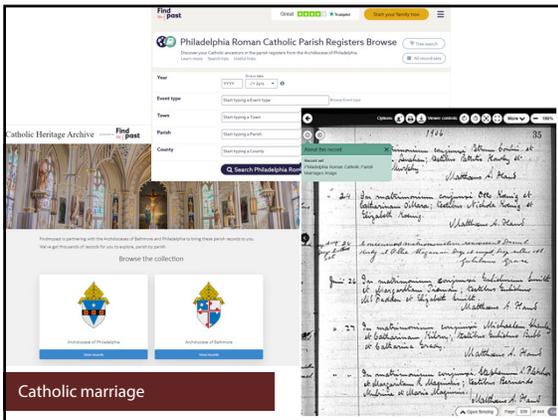
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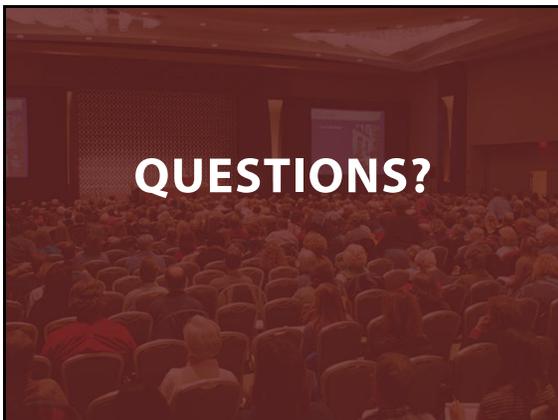
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Challenging Times	
When	What
1890s-1920s, 1946	Coal mine strikes and disasters
Late 1910s	World War I
1918-1919	Flu pandemic
1930s	Great Depression
Early 1940s	World War II
Early 1950s	Korean War
1964-1973	Vietnam War

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Industries

- Still booming through World War I
- Key industries in decline thereafter:
 - Coal
 - Steel
 - Railroads
 - Textiles
- Rust belt

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Population Losses 1930-2000

Over 1/3	Over 1/2
• Pittsburgh	• Nanticoke
• Altoona	• Shamokin
• Johnstown	• Monessen
• McKeesport	• Duquesne
• New Castle	• Ambridge
• Scranton	• Homestead
• Wilkes-Barre	
• Harrisburg	

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Innovations

- Electrical manufacturing
- Nuclear generation of electric power
- Computers
- Agriculture
- Tourism

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**Key Records:
Deaths**

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Deaths

- 1893-1906 – Clerk of Orphans Court at each county courthouse
- 1906 – Department of Health issues certificates
- 1972 – cut off for uncertified copies

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Online Resources

- PHMC
 - Death Indices – 1906-1972
- Ancestry.com
 - *Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1969*
- FamilySearch.org
 - *Pennsylvania Deaths and Burials, 1720-1999*

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Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1969 for Mary C Smith

70118 X

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Death certificate

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Coal Mining

- Types of coal:
 - Anthracite – NE, hard, heating homes
 - Bituminous – SW, soft, electricity & coke for steel
- Growth and Decline:
 - Growth through 1917
 - Declined sharply by 1930 and through 1970
- Labor movement:
 - 1902 Great Strike and Federation of Labor
 - 1919 United Mine Workers strike

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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Pennsylvania State Archives

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Records of the Department of Mines and Mineral Industries
REGISTERS OF MINE ACCIDENTS FOR THE ANTHRACITE DISTRICTS, 1899-1972 (series 445.14) & REGISTERS OF MINE ACCIDENTS FOR THE BITUMINOUS DISTRICTS, 1899-1972 (series 445.15).

Links to Each Page

- [Anthracite Districts, 1899-1913, 1917-1918](#)
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- [Anthracite Districts, 1933-1937](#)
- [Bituminous Districts, 1899-1909](#)
- [Bituminous Districts, 1910-1917](#)
- [Bituminous Districts, 1918-1924](#)
- [Bituminous Districts, 1925-1932](#)
- [Bituminous Districts, 1933-1972](#)

Links to PDF versions of Pennsylvania coal mine accident registers, providing documentation on mining accidents for the anthracite, bituminous, and bituminous coal districts, are listed above. The information contained within each report changed over time, with a few additional columns of data included in the later reports, as the volume of accidents diminished. Topics covered in both the early and later reports include: name of the district; name of the mine; character of the mine; name of the injured miner.

Year	Count	Deaths	Name	Age	Occupation	Location	Nationality	Marital Status
41 Mathey	1916	6	Orno Adam	40	nonfatal	outside	trackman	Austrian
37 Nesquehoning	1902	7	11 Orly Frank	42	nonfatal	inside	laborer	Italian
50 Buck Mountain	1914	9	4 Onofry John	22	fatal	inside	laborer	Slavic

Accident Cause or Remarks	Fault	County	Page#	Mining Dist.	Film#
struck by piece of iron			199 8th		6028
slipped on coal & injured his knee		Carbon	150 17th		3590
killed by cars on gangway	victim		70 18th		6028

Accident registers

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Table 12.1 in *Pennsylvania: A History of the Commonwealth* (2002), 490.

Record	Use of This Type of Record	For This Time Period	Where Found
Birth	Private certificates	Any	Private and museum collections
	Christian baptismal registry	Any, especially to mid-1800s	Individual churches, denominational archives
	Birth registers	1852-55, 1893-1905	County register of wills
	Pennsylvania birth certificates	1906*	Pennsylvania Department of Health
	Newspaper notices	1900s	State Library of Pennsylvania
Marriage	Private certificates	Any	Private and museum collections
	Marriage registers	Any	Individual churches, denominational archives
	Newspaper notices	Mostly 1800s*	State Library of Pennsylvania
	Marriage licenses	1880s	County register of wills
Death	Burial records	Any	Individual churches, denominational archives
	Tombstones	Any	Field work, belongs to historical societies
	Cemetery lot listings	Mostly 1800s*	Less common for church graveyards
	Newspaper obituaries	Any	State Library of Pennsylvania
	Death registers	1852-55, 1893-1905	County register of wills
	State death certificates	1906*	Pennsylvania Department of Health
	State records	Any	County register of wills
Residence	U.S. Census	1790-1920 (every 10 years)	National Archives
	Pennsylvania Septennial Census	1779-1863	Pennsylvania State Archives
	County tax records	Any	County tax assessors
	State land records	Any, especially to mid-1800s	Pennsylvania State Archives
	County deeds, assignments	Any	County recorder of deeds
	City and county directories	Any	Local historical societies
Military service	Completed service record	Any	National Archives
	Pension records	Any	Pennsylvania State Archives, National Archives
Investigation	Passenger lists	Any	National Archives
	Naturalization records	Any	County, federal, and special courts

Key record sets

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Strategies

Problems	Solutions
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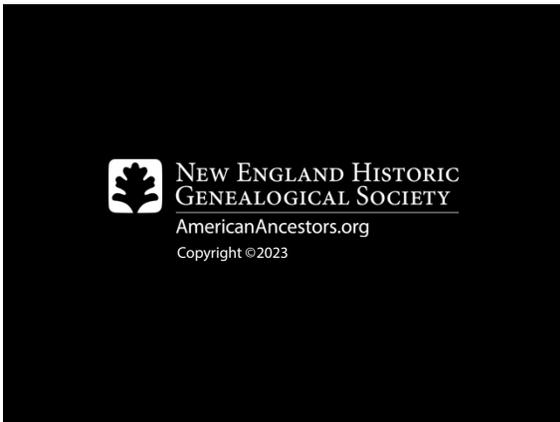
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