



MARYLAND CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE

Guide to Maryland County/Regional Resources

What resources are available for specific counties and how do I find them?

Most of the published county resources available at the Maryland Center for History and Culture can be located in section MF187 of the Main Reading Room. Books on specific counties or regions of Maryland are arranged alphabetically by county beginning with Allegany County in the northeast stacks and continuing across the room in the southeast stacks of the Reading Room. Some records are also available on microfilm or in pamphlet form. Patrons may access microfilm and those books on the first floor of the Main Reading Room themselves; however, pamphlets must be retrieved by the staff. Since searching the Library's online catalog by county name would result in too many hits, we have listed below some of the most popular resources for each county. **Please note that this is not an inclusive list**, just an example of the types of records available for each county and where you might find them. If you are interested in a particular type of record, you can search the Library's online catalog using specific key words.

ALLEGANY COUNTY (AL)–formed in 1789 from Washington County

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *History of Allegany County Maryland*, by Thomas and Williams, 2 volumes (MF187.A4T45)
- *History of Cumberland, Maryland* (MF187.A4L91)

II. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Allegany and Washington Counties, Maryland 1820-1830*, compiled by F. Edward Wright (MF187.A4W949M)
- *Maryland Wills: Index to the Wills of Allegany County, 1784-1960* (MF187.A4H8)
- *Allegany County Maryland Wills, etc., 1826-1850*; wills and account abstracts (MF187.A4D23)
- *Allegany County, Maryland Records... Marriage Licenses : August 1, 1791 – May 1, 1847 with some Marriage Proved* (MF187.A4D231)
- *Marriages and Deaths from the Cumberland Alleganian, Cumberland, Maryland, May 16, 1864-May 1, 1867*, by Gloria V. Gatewood (PAM 10,725)

III. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

- *Baptismal, Marriage and Interment Registers of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, Lonaconing, MD, 1858-1981* (Micro 3102-3103)
- *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of St. Michael's Church, Frostburg, MD 1852-1910* (Micro 3101)
- *Allegany County, Maryland, Lutheran Records, 1801-1921* (St. Luke's, Zion Reformed, Trinity Evangelical, family Bible records, cemetery records) (MF187.A4D23)
- *Allegany County Maryland Methodist Records, 1792-1813* (Rev. Shaw's marriage records, Center Street Methodist Church birth and marriage records, family Bible records) (MF187.A4D23)
- *History of the Sand Spring Church*; includes membership rolls (MF187.A4F899)
- *Commemorating Frostburg's Percy Cemetery: Restoration and Research*; obituaries, family trees (MF187.A4C949)

IV. Land, Deed, and Tax Records

- *Allegany County Maryland Land Records, Deed Books A-D and Tax Lists, 1788-1812* (MF187.A4D23)
- *Cumberland City Directory, 1890, 1901, 1927*
- *Early Allegany County Records: 1787-1825, Volume 1: marriage licenses, abstracts of wills and accounts* (MF187.A4.D23)

V. Newspapers

- *Cumberland Alleganian (and Times)*: 1845-51, 1861-1912 (Micro 2682, 2687)
- *Allegany Federalist*: (some)* (Micro 3005, 3009)
- *Allegany Freeman*: (some)* (Micro 3005, 3009)
- *Cumberland Civilian/Phoenix Civilian*: 1828-30, 1832-35, 1840-43, 1880-91 (Micro 2695-2706)
- *Western Herald and Cumberland Weekly Advertiser*: (some)* (Micro 3009)

VI. Related Manuscript Collections

- *Sprigg Family Papers*, 1770-1893: Cumberland, MD; C&O Canal info (MS1783)
- *Buchanon Family Papers*, 1827, 1851-75: family letters, effects of Civil War in Cumberland
- *Account of Confederate Raid on Cumberland*, 1927: printed in *MHM* Vol 36, p.33 (1860)
- *Cumberland Control Center Records*, 1941-45: register of Council of Civilian Defense in AL County (MS1800)
- *Claude Kookan Papers*, 1880-86; student work from Westernport Public School in Allegany County (MS1886)
- *Record Book, Allegany County Almshouse*, 1874-1887 (MS2632)
- *Cumberland Control Center Records*, 1941-45; registers of volunteers and messages of the Council of Civilian Defense in Allegany County (MS1800)
- *Lonaconing Iron Works Records*, 1837-40 (MS2292)
- *Western Maryland Railway Company Records*, 1857-1961: includes George's Creek and Cumberland Railroad Company, 1879-1910 (MS2190)
- *Charles F. Mayer Papers*, 1782-1884: includes letter describing work on railroad near Cumberland in 1850 (MS1574)
- *William Raymond Sanderson Legal Papers*, 1835-1877: papers relating to Sanderson & Jenkins and Sanderson General Store in Cumberland, MD (MS2885)

VII. Maps and Atlases

- *Allegany County*, 1900 (MF187.A4M38)