



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.

CHARLES COUNTY (CH)–formed in 1658

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I. Published County Histories

- *Charles County Maryland: A History* (MF187.C5C45)
- *History of Charles County Maryland* (MF187.C5K55)
- *Charles County Maryland: A Study of Chesapeake Social and Political Structure* (MF187.C5W22)
- *The Price of Nationhood: The American Revolution in Charles County, Maryland* (MF187.C5L44)

II. Published Genealogy Sources and Journals

- *Early Charles County, MD, Settlers, 1658-1745* (MF187.C5B329)
- *Genealogical Sources of Charles County Maryland* (PAM 11,101)
- *Charles County Gentry* (MF187.C5N5)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Charles County* (MF187.C5P371)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Charles County, 1654-1726* (MF187.C5B6 or Micro 3207)
- *Charles County (Maryland) Wills, Administration Accounts, Inventories and Orphan Court Proceedings, 1771-1791* (MF187.C5O75)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

- *Vestry Proceedings (1774-1824), Baptisms (1842-) and Marriages (1843-) of Durham Parish, Charles County, Maryland* (Micro 3207)
- *Register (1729-1803) and Vestry Proceedings (1749-1797) of Trinity Parish, Charles County, MD* (Micro 3207)
- *Register of the Congregations of Upper and Lower Zachia, Mattawoman, and St. Mary's (Bryanstown)* (Micro 3207)
- *Registers (1793-1861) and Index to the Registers of Upper and Lower Zachia, Mattawoman, and St. Mary's (Bryanstown)* (Micro 3207)
- *Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage Registers of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Waldorf, MD, 1852-1870* (Micro 3208)

V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Abstracts of Charles County Maryland Court and Land Records* (MF187.C5.186)
- *Charles County (Maryland) Land Records, 1722-1752, 1752-1765, 1765-1775 & 1790-1796*, 3 volumes (MF187.C5L253)
- *1870 Census of Charles County* (MF187.C5C396)
- *Charles County 1860 Census* (MF187.C5C396)

VI. Newspapers

- *Maryland Independent: 1874-1926* (Micro 2848-2854)
- *Abstracts from the Port Tobacco Times, and Charles County Advertiser, 1844-1875*, 3 vols. (MF187.C5W363)

VII. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *John Hanson Correspondence, 1780-83*; includes letters about home and family, management of his Charles Co. plantation (MS1785)
- *George Harrison Papers, 1695-1956*; genealogy notes, land documents, etc. (MS2556)
- *Ann P. Marshall Collection*; official copies of deeds, wills, etc. (G5035)
- *Raphael T. Semmes Collection*; notes from Charles County land records (G5060)
- *Miss Berkeley Stevenson Collection*; Bible records from Charles County (G5066)

Business Papers/Accounts

- *Robert Ferguson Correspondence, 1768-1829*; business letters to Port Tobacco merchant (MS2065)
- *William B. Stone Papers, 1815-82*; includes promissory notes and legal papers of Stone in Port Tobacco, Charles Co. (MS1580)
- *John W. Mitchell Records, 1768-1935*; legal and personal papers of Port Tobacco lawyers (MS1728)
- *Henry H. Chapman Account Book, 1794-1821*; Charles County lawyer (MS225)
- *Fendall Papers, 1762-1961*: bills, receipts, accounts, etc. (MS2207)

Land/Official Papers

- *Samuel Cox Papers, 1714-1862*; includes Charles Co. land records (MS1245)
- *States and Counties of Maryland Records, 1663-1852*; includes some Charles Co. records (MS1117)
- *Charles County Court Records, 1658-1662* (MS227)
- *Charles County, MD, Land Papers, 1687-1840* (MS1254)
- *Charles County Land Records, [n.d.]* (MS235)
- *Gray Family Land Papers, 1741-1801* (MS2438)

War/Military

- *William Smallwood Collection*, 1776-1790; letters about politics or the Revolution from Charles Co. native and commander of a regiment in the Maryland Line (MS1875)
- *Col. John Addison Papers*, 1671-1980; Addison family genealogical material and Civil War letters (MS2823)
- *List of Invalid Pensioners, Charles Co., MD*, [1789?] (MS1814)

Miscellaneous

- *Nanjemoy Charles County Undertakers' Record*, 1892-97 (MS1721)
- *Baltimore Museum of Art Home Preservation*, 1925-28: Charles Co. historic home (MS2237)
- *Lincoln's Assassination* (MS2447)
- *Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Collection* (MS1975)

VIII. Maps and Atlases

- *Charles County, MD, Street Map*, 1983 (Ref. MG1271.W3A4)