



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.

FREDERICK COUNTY (FR)–formed in 1748 from Baltimore and Prince George's Counties

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *Frederick: A Pictorial History* (MF187.F8.W616)
- *History of Frederick County Maryland*, 2 volumes (MF187.F8W73)
- *The Origin of Frederick County Maryland* (MF187.F8D33)
- *History of Carrollton Manor, Frederick County, Maryland* (MF187.F8G881)
- *History of Emmitsburg, Maryland* (PAM 5252)
- *A Social Analysis of Maryland Community Elites, 1827-1836: A Study of the Distribution of Power in Baltimore City, Frederick County, and Talbot County* (MJK2295.M3R54)

II. Published Genealogy Sources and Journals

- *Genealogy Index to Frederick County Maryland*, 4 volumes (MF187.F8M379)
- *Moravian Families of Graceham, Maryland* (MF187.F8Y72M)
- *Genealogical Sources of Frederick County Maryland* (PAM 10,752)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Index of Bill of Mortality, Frederick County, Maryland, 1816-1892* (MF187.F8D23)
- *Marriages and Deaths in the Newspapers of Frederick and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, 1820-1830*, by F. Edward Wright (PAM 3845)
- *Abstracts of Marriages and Deaths and Other Articles of Interest in the Newspapers of Frederick and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, from 1831-1840* (MF180.M823)
- *Marriages and Deaths, 1802-1815, from the Frederick-town 'Herald'*, by Robert Barnes (PAM 10,016)
- *Frederick County Marriage Licenses, 1778-1839* (MF187.F8S64)
- *Marriage Licenses of Frederick County, 1778-1865* (MF187.F8M996)
- *Frederick Maryland Lutheran Marriages and Burials, 1743-1811* (MF187.F8W4)
- *Frederick County Maryland Will Index, 1744-1946* (MF187.F8.F644)
- *The Jacob Engelbrecht Death Ledger of Frederick County Maryland, 1820-1890* (MF187.F8.E57)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

- *Tombstone inscriptions... Frederick County, Maryland* (PAM 2030)
- *Gravestones of Frederick County Maryland*, 7 volumes (MF187.F8H72)
- *Names in Stone: 75,000 Cemetery Inscriptions from Frederick County Maryland*, 2 volumes (MF187.F8H726)
- *More Names in Stone* (MF187.F8H726)

- *History of All Saints Parish* (MF187.F8P9581H4)
- *Maryland German Church Records*, 12 volumes (MF187.F8W427G)

V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Frederick County (MD) Land Records, 1748-1768*, 2 volumes (MF187.F8A544)
- *Frederick County Land Records, 1767-1773* (MF187.F8A544)
- *The Jacob Engelbrecht Property and Almshouse Ledgers of Frederick County, Maryland* (MF187.F8.E57)
- *Galt's Company of Frederick County Maryland Militia, Muster Rolls and Returns, War of 1812-14* (MF189.F8F29)
- *Frederick County Militia in the War of 1812* (MF187.F8M254)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Frederick County* (MF187.F8P371R)

VI. Newspapers

- *Bartgis' Federal Gazette, or the Fredericktown and County Weekly Advertiser*: 1797 (Micro 3003, 3013)
- *Bartgis' Maryland Gazette, and Frederick-Town Weekly Advertiser*: 1792-1794 (Micro 1746-1747, 3003, 3013)
- *Bartgis' Republican Gazette*, 1800-1814 (Micro 2762, 3002, 3012, 3013, 3015)
- *Examiner*: 1813-15, 1860-66 (Micro 2748-2749)
- *Frederick (Town) Herald*: 1807-35, 1857-61 (Micro 2750-2759)
- *Hornet*: 1803-07, 1809-11, 1813-14* (Micro 2760-2761, 3001-3002, 3011-3012)
- *Independent American Volunteer*: 1087 (Micro 3001, 3011)
- *Maryland Chronicle*: 1787-88* (Micro 2763, 3003, 3013)
- *Maryland Gazette*: 1788-1791* (Micro 3013)
- *Maryland Union*: 1855-56, 1868-78 (Micro 2764-2767)
- *Plain Dealer*: (some)* (Micro 3001-3016)
- *Political Intelligencer or Republican Gazette*: 1792-1820*
- *Republican Advocate*: 1805-08* (Micro 3011)
- *Star of Federalism*: 1817-19* (Micro 3001, 3016)
- *Newspaper Abstracts of Frederick County, 1811-1819*, 2 volumes (MF187.F8W949)

VII. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *Frederick County Historical Society Collection*, 1741-1935; correspondence, genealogical information and legal papers relating to Frederick County families, mostly during Civil War (MS2417)
- *Baker Johnson Papers*, 1773-1889; family correspondence of Frederick lawyer (MS1656)
- *McPherson-Johnson Family Papers*, 1813-42; correspondence, including letters describing Frederick County in 1830 and 1842 (MS1714)
- *Julia M. Abbot Papers*, 1861-64; letters (MS2209)
- *John Ross Key Collection*, 1741-1935; correspondence, genealogical information,

and legal papers relative to Frederick County families (MS2417)

- *Bernard C. Steiner Scrapbook*, 1883-1926; includes Frederick County events, etc. (MS1869)
- *Maynard Family Papers*, 18th-19th century; family of Montgomery, Prince George and Frederick Counties; land patents and correspondence mainly about religion (MS2049)
- *Shriver Family Papers*, 1774-1957; family of Union Mills, Frederick County., 26 boxes (MS2085-2085.9)
- *Lowe Family Papers*, 19th c.; autobiography of Mrs. Enoch Louis Lowe, including recollection of life in Frederick County (MS1949)
- *Francis Scott Key Papers*, 1810-45; family and legal papers including attempts to sell family farm in Frederick County (MS2199)
- *Maynard Family Papers*, 1732-1911; letters, deeds, accounts, etc. of Maynard and related

families of Montgomery, Prince George's, and particularly Frederick County (MS2049)

- *Shriver Family Papers*, 1774-1957; includes a number of letters concerning politics in Frederick County as well as other subjects (MS2085)
- *Bernard Christian Steiner Scrapbook*, 1883-1926; includes many clippings concerning Frederick County (MS1869)
- *Charles A. Lawrence Papers*, 1814-1949; assorted papers pertaining to Lawrence-Downey-Wright families, relatives, and neighbors of Frederick County (MS1794)
- *Hammond Family Genealogy*, 1624-1931; of Anne Arundel, Frederick and Howard Counties (MS2210)
- *H. Hanford Hopkins Collection*; notes and letters of Frederick County families (G5100)
- *W. Gray Harman Collection*, genealogical notes and original correspondence of Frederick and Carroll County families (G5083)

Business/Development

- *Laurence Family Papers*, 1814-1909; legal and business papers of Wright, Downey and Laurence families of Frederick County (MS1794)
- *Dr. George Hughes Collection*, ca.1819-1855; day books and ledger of physician in New Market, Frederick County; lists many Frederick Co. inhabitants (MS1786)
- *Account Book*, 1832-1918; account book and diary of unknown Frederick County resident (MS1489)
- *Account Book, Farm Labor*, 1862-1874; unknown resident of farm probably in Urbanna District of Frederick County (MS2627)
- *Philip Baltzell Account Book*, ca.1832-1848; collection of debts in Frederick County, plus two pages of diary (Vertical File)
- *Bloomsbury Farm Account Books*, 1849-62; accounts of receipts and expenses (MS6)
- *Enoch Pratt Free Library Collection*, 1735-1926; includes notebook of Nicholas Norris, magistrate of Frederick County (MS2062)
- *Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike Company Records*, 1810-1910 (MS46)
- *Amelung Chancery Case Records*, 1785-96; legal documents relating to insolvency of New Bremen Glass Manufactory in Frederick (MS2227 Micro reel 267)
- *Edward Clarence Shepherd Papers*, 1874-95; English teacher at Frederick College (MS2367)
- *Dr. George Hughes Papers*, 1819-55; daybooks and ledger of Frederic County physician (MS1786)
- *Thomas J.C. Williams Papers*, 1869-90; newspaperman and lawyer of Hagerstown (MS2006)
- *Robert Foulmer Papers*; business papers concerning stock of Frederick and Baltimore Turnpike (MS1876)

- *David Shriver, Sr., Papers*, 1760-70, 1793-1800; merchant and politician of Frederick County (MS2085.3)
- *Garrison Forest Farmers Club Records*, 1887; efforts to solve the road problem in Frederick County (MS2162)
- *Western Maryland Railway Company Records*, 1869-72; Frederick and Pennsylvania Line Railroad (MS2190)
- *Bond Family Papers*, 1749-1844; includes accounts of the "Fountain Company", formed to exploit minerals in Frederick County (1744-64) (MS61)

Land Papers/Official Records

- *Frederick County Land Records*, 1767-1774 (MS2018)
- *Frederick County Document Collection*, 1749-1841; land indentures, deeds, bills of sale, petitions, bonds, etc. (MS2401)
- *Frederick County Land Records*, 1752-1906; surveys, plats and indentures (MS2420)
- *Western Shore Counties Land Tracts: Record Book*, 1818-34; includes list of warrants in Frederick County (MS2234)
- *Miscellaneous Land Papers*, 1659-1915; includes some land grants for Frederick County (MS1342)
- *States and Counties of Maryland: Records*, 1663-1852; includes lists of charges for Frederick County (MS1117)
- *William R. Curry Papers*, 1702-1903; collection of deeds, plats, etc. in Carroll and Frederick Counties (MS279)
- *Amelung Collection*, 1785-1800; mentions land in Frederick County (MS2242)
- *James Pearre Papers*, 1712-1825; land papers for Frederick, Prince George's, and Montgomery Counties (MS2054)
- *Samuel Cook Papers*, 1740-1850; deeds, indentures, surveys, etc. relating to Cook's property in Frederick County (MS244)
- *Henrietta G. Jones Papers*, 1742-1943; small collection of land papers, mainly pertaining to Frederick County (MS1332)
- *Papers*, 1764-1850; land papers of Englar family of Frederick County (MS320)
- *Mary Trepolite Notebook*, 1746-1775; survey notes on various tracts of land in Frederick Co. (MS2018)

American Revolution

- *John Hanson Ledger*; Continental Congress's account with the Frederick County Committee of Observation (MS1785.1)
- *Frederick County Committee of Observation, Elizabeth Town and Middle Districts*, 1775-76; minutes and journal includes lists of soldiers and supplies raised (MS577)
- *Frederick County Treason Papers*: Loyalist insurrection plot (MS576)
- *Brengle Home Guards Minute Book* (MS135)
- *Matthias E. Bartgis Record Book*, 1781-1847; essays, letter describing activities of Frederick volunteers in campaign near Baltimore (1814); muster roll of Frederick Volunteers, 1814 (MS1913)

Civil War

- *The John Wilson Heard Papers*: former editor of *Frederick Herald* arrested for treason during Civil War (MS2132)
- *Elizabeth Phoebe Key Howard Papers*, 1862; letters, including description of Confederate encampment at Frederick (MS1839)

- *Hering Family Scrapbooks and Recollections*: most incidents in book occurred in Frederick and Carroll Counties; second volume deals chiefly with the Civil War era (MS1917)

Education

- *Everhart's School, Frederick County, Records*, 1878-81; attendance records, lists of teachers (MS350)
- *Stephen Haines Notebook*, 1821; Algebra practice book of Frederick Co. student (MS414)

Religion/Church Records

- *Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick Records*, 1779-1866 (MS1752)
- *Register of Rev. George W. Thomas*, 1894-1911; private register of Thomas' pastoral acts at St. John's P.E. Church, Worthington Valley, and St. Paul's Point-of-Rocks and St. Luke's Chapel, Adamstown, Frederick County (MS816)
- *Joseph L. Hughes Collection*, 1776, 1778, 1798; typescript copy of parish register of St. Paul's Parish, Frederick County (1890-1911)
- *Brooke-Hopkins Letterbook*, 1785-1878; includes description of Quaker meetings by Mary Brooke, executrix of estate in Frederick County (MS150)

VIII. Maps and Atlases

- *Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland*, 1873 (MG1271.F8L19)