



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.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (PG)–formed in 1696 from Calvert and Charles Counties

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *A Brief History of Prince George's County in the Perspective of Three Centuries Commemorating its 250th Anniversary* (PAM 2308)
- *A Chronicle of Belair* (MF187.P9B197)
- *A History of Hitching Post Hill or Ash Hill: A Landmark in Prince George's County, Maryland from 1835-1965* (PAM 10,362)
- *A History of Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland, United States of America* (PAM 10,376)
- *City of the Highlands, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1870* (PAM 10,487)
- *County Government in Maryland, 1689-1709; PG Co. courts* (MKF1632.C37)
- *History and Development of the City of College Park, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, and Adjacent Areas from 1745-1865* (PAM 10,474)
- *History of Upper Marlboro* (PAM 10,380)
- *Prince George's County, Maryland* (F187.P9B79)
- *Prince George's County, Past and Present*, by James Douglas Watson (MF187.P9W3)
- *Prince George's County: A Pictorial History*, by Alan Virta (MF187.P9V81)
- *Prince George's Heritage: Sidelights on the Early History of Prince George's County, Maryland, from 1696-1800* (MF187.P9H53)
- *Proud Past and Promising Future: Cities and Towns in Prince George's County, Maryland* (MF187.P9D412)
- *Tobacco and Slaves: Population, Economy, and Society in Eighteenth-Century Prince George's County, Maryland*, by Allan Kulikoff (MF187.P9K9)

II. Published Genealogical and Biographical Sources and Journals

- *Across the Years in Prince George's County: A Genealogical and Biographical History of Some Prince George's County Maryland and Allied Families* (MF187.P9B6)
- *Bible and Family Records from Brigadier General Rezin Beall Chapter* (MF187.P9D23)
- *Colonial Settlers of Prince George's County* (MF187.P9J865)
- *Out of the Past: Prince Georgians and Their Land* (MF187.P9V2)
- *Belle Air in Bowie: Its Families and Its History* (MF187.P9B38)
- *Genealogical Sources of Prince George's County, Maryland* (PAM 10,381)
- *Genealogically Speaking* (MF187.P9L8)
- *Prince George's County Genealogical Society Bulletin* (MF187.P9P9)
- *News and Notes from the Prince George's County Historical Society* (MF187.P9N5)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Prince George's County Maryland Marriages and Deaths in Nineteenth Century Newspapers*, 2 volumes (MF187.P9B197Pg)
- *Marriage Records Prince George's County Maryland, 1777-1836* (MF187.P9G812)
- *Prince George's County Marriage Licenses, 1777-1824* (MF187.P9P89)
- *Index of Marriage Licenses Prince George's County Maryland, 1777-1886* (MF187.P9P89B)
- *Marriage Licenses Prince George's County Maryland, 1777-1886* (MF187.P9P89B)
- *Gleanings from the Records of the Francis Gasch's Sons Funeral Home, Prince George's*

County Maryland, 1860-1940
(MF187.P9G246)

- *Prince George's County, Maryland, Marriages and Deaths in Nineteenth Century Newspapers* (MF187.P9.B197 Pg)

- *Index: Wills, 1698-1832, Prince George's County* (MF187.P9D26)

- *Index to the Probate Records of Prince George's County Maryland, 1696-1900* (MF187.P9I38P)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

Church Records

- *Prince George's County, Maryland Indexes to Church Registers, 1686-1885* (MF187.P9B878)
- *Prince George's County Episcopal Church Registers, 2 volumes* (MF187.P9B878)
- *Register (1686-1770) and Vestry Proceedings (1701-1770) of Queen Anne's Parish, St. Barnabas Church, Prince George's County, Maryland; with index* (Micro 3233)
- *Register with Index (1686-1773) and Vestry Proceedings with Index (1705-1773) of Queen Anne's Parish (St. Barnabas Church), Prince George's County, Maryland* (Micro 3298)
- *Register and Vestry Proceedings of St. John's or Piscataway Parish, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1701-1805, and Index* (Micro 3232)
- *Vestry Proceedings with Index (1793-1775) and Register with Index (1691-1801) of St. John's Piscataway Parish, Prince George's County, Maryland* (Micro 3298-3299)
- *Baptismal and Marriage Records of St. Mary's of the Mills Church, Laurel, Maryland, 1842-1871* (Micro 3234)
- *Index to Registers, St. Matthew's Parish, Prince George's County Maryland, 1843-1926* (MF187.P9T621)
- *Vestry Proceedings of St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1733-1819, with Index* (Micro 3233)
- *St. Thomas Parish Register, Croome, Prince George's County, 1849-1906* (F189.C88P63)

Church Histories

- *A Retrospect of the History of the Church in Maryland* (PAM 4551)
- *Holy Trinity – Collington: Her People, Her Church* (MF187.P9A18)
- *Immanuel Methodist Church, Horsehead, Maryland, Heritage Celebration* (PAM 10,357)
- *Queen Anne Parish, 1704-1954, Prince George's Co.* (PAM 2462)
- *Restoration of Queen Anne Parish, St. Barnabas Church* (PAM 5653)
- *St. Matthew's Parish, Prince George's County* (PAM 2463)
- *As it Was in the Beginning, is Now, and... ??? A Brief History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church* (PAM 2453)
- *For the Glory of God: A Brief History of Page's Chapel, Later Known as St. Thomas' Church, Croom, Prince George's County, Maryland, 1732-1995* (BV775.R63)
- *Pilgrimage for the Restoration of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Croom, 1732-1952* (PAM 10,355)
- *Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro: Its Architecture and Furnishings* (PAM 10,737)
- *Ethan Allen, Occasional Sermons, 1823-64; Rector of St. John's Parish, PG Co.* (MS15)
- *History of St. Paul's Parish Manuscript, 1692-1855; includes list of taxables in parish in 1774* (MS13)

Cemetery Records

- *Prince George's County Maryland Tombstone Records* (MF187.P9T62)
- *Stones and Bones: Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland* (MF187.P9S86)

V. Land, Census, Tax, and Other Records

- *1828 Tax List Prince George's County Maryland* (MF187.P9W667)
- *1850 Census of Prince George's County, Maryland* (MF187.P9P91)
- *1890 Special Census of the Civil War Veterans of the State of Maryland, Volume 2: Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties* (E494.M66)
- *A Study of the Court and Land Records of Prince George's County* (PAM 10,377)
- *Census 1776*; for St. John's and Prince George's Parish, PG Co. (MS667)
- *Charles B. Calvert Notebooks*, 1819-1849; plats of tracts of land north of Bladensburg (MS 173)
- *Clement Hill Papers*, 1683-1823; includes land surveys in Calvert and PG Counties. (MS446)
- *Court Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1696-1699* (MF187.P9S65)
- *Digges Family Land Records*, 1651-1878; for residents of Charles and PG Co. (MS2586)
- *Internal Revenue Assessment for Maryland, 1862-1866* (Micro 3394-3397)
- *James B. Belt Papers*, 1870-1900; clerk of PG Co. (MS116)
- *James Pearre Papers*, 1712-1825; land papers for Frederick, Prince George's, and Montgomery Counties (MS2054)
- *Land Records of Prince George's Count Maryland, 1702-1743*, 3 volumes (MF187.P9J86)
- *Maryland Tax Lists*, 1798-1805; includes PG Co. (MS807 Micro)
- *Michael Stone Accounts*, 1792-98; accounts received from clerks of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's Counties (Vertical File)
- *Miscellaneous Land Papers*, 1659-1915; includes some land grants for Prince George's County (MS1342)
- *Oaths of Fidelity, 1778, Prince George's County Maryland* (MF187.P9H6)
- *Orphans and Infants of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1696-1750* (MF187.P9S64)
- *Prince George's County Land Records, 1696-1702* (PAM 2476)
- *Prince George's County Militia, Muster Rolls, 1799-1907 May 19, 22* (Vertical File)
- *Prince George's County, Maryland 1800 Census* (PAM 10,368)
- *Registry of Free Negroes, 1806-1863, Prince George's County Maryland* (MF187.P9P969)
- *Rev. Henry Addison Record Book*, 1767-68; Rector of St. John's Parish, PG Co.; deals with his landholding (MS 4)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Prince George's County (MD)* (MF187.P9P391)
- *Revolutionary War Oaths of Fidelity, 1778*; includes PG Co. (MS1586 Micro)
- *States and Counties of Maryland Records, 1663-1852*; includes levy lists and land records for PG (MS1117)
- *Tax lists, 1798-1805*; includes particular assessment lists for the federal tax of 1798 for Bladensburg, Eastern Branch, Grubb, Horsepen, Hynson, King George, New Scotland, Oxen, Patuxent, Piscataway, Prince Frederick, and Rock Creek Hundreds (MS 807 microfilm)
- *Thomas Maynard Patents*, 1735-1921; patents to Frederick and PG Counties properties (MS2704)

- *Western Shore Counties Land Tracts: Record Book*, 1818-34; includes list of warrants in Prince George's County (MS2234)

VI. Newspapers

- *Marlboro Gazette (and Prince George's Advertiser)*: 1841-48, 1851-54, 1864-98 (scattered) (Micro 2914-2919)
- *Planters' Advocate*: 1853-61 (Micro 2922-2932)

VII. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers

- *H. Hanford Hopkins Collection*, manuscript discussing operations of Wood family plantation in Prince George's County and family genealogy (MS1896.1)
- *Ethan Allen Manuscript Collection*, 1664-1870; writings, historical notes, letters, etc. (MS786)
- *Henry Joseph Stier Correspondence*, 1797-1828; correspondence with his daughter Rosalie Stier Calvert of Riversdale (MS 787)
- *Alexander Randall Correspondence*, 1841-1850; to his wife, Catherine Wirt of Bladensburg, both before and after their marriage (MS 2962)
- *William Wirt Papers*, 1784-1864; Bladensburg lawyer; US attorney general, 1817-1829; presidential candidate of the Anti-Masonic party in 1832 (MS 1011 available on microfilm; MS 1013)
- *Hollyday Family Papers*, 1711-1934; family papers, including a Revolutionary War letter and deed of manumission (MS1508)
- *Fendall Family Papers*, 1762-99, 1804-82, 1919-61; papers of family from Charles, Baltimore, and Prince George's Counties (MS2207)
- *Maynard Family Papers*, 1732-1911; letters, deeds, accounts, etc. of Maynard and related families of Montgomery, Prince George's, and particularly Frederick County (MS2049)
- *Miss Berkely Stevenson Collection*, includes marriage records of Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties (G5066)
- *Richard Mareen Duvall Papers*, 1810-1941; both family and genealogical papers (MS 315)
- *The Latchford Papers Collection* (G5111)

Business Papers/Accounts

- *Robert Darnall Ledger*, 1787-1821 (MS272)
- *Benjamin Oden Collection*, 1766-ca.1900; papers of tobacco merchant and landowner (MS2380)
- *Benjamin Oden Papers*, 1755-1836; family letters to Oden; letters of Oden to Stephen West about London trade, 1772-1775 (MS178)
- *Hollyday Account Books*, 1805-19; general merchant at Aquasco Mills; includes religious diary (MS455)
- *Hyde Account Book*, 1759-1763; blacksmith (MS480)
- *William Wirt Letterbooks*, 1806-1816, 1832-1834; prominent Bladensburg lawyer's outgoing correspondence (MS 1014; on microfilm with MS 1011)
- *Tangier Steamboat Company Account Book*, 1855-56; trips from Baltimore to Prince George's and Somerset Counties (MS802)

- *Thomas Wood Papers*, 1795-1888; plantation records of Prince George's County tobacco planter (MS1896)
- *George W. Hyde Farmbook*, 1840-88; Prince George's County farmer (MS2429)
- *Robert Sewell Papers*, 1780-1905; legal and business papers of Upper Marlboro, PG Co. family (MS1421)
- *Richard F. Grimes Papers*, 1837-1907; PG Co. storekeeper (MS2698)
- *Sarah Cole Papers*, 1724-1824; business papers relating to Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's, and Prince George's Counties (MS1240)

Miscellaneous

- *Laurence H. Fowler Architectural Drawings*: of Montpelier (MS370)
- *School Documents*, 1674-1860; compiled by Rev. Ethan Allen, Rector of PG Co. (MS14)
- *Rebecca B. Haslup Cyphering Book*, 1847-55 (MS1071)
- *Literary Manuscript Collection*, 1700-1974; poems, stories, letters, and essays about history of Prince George's County (MS2169)
- *Edmund Brice Duval Guardianship Account Book*, 1813-42; PG Co. resident (MS2806)
- *J. Robert Sherwood*, 1978; President, Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Maryland (OH8254)
- *The Public Schools of Prince George's County, from the Seventeenth Century to Nineteen Hundred Fifty* (PAM 10,366)
- *Women of Achievement in Prince George's County History* (MF187.P9Y49)

VIII. Maps and Atlases

Atlases

- *Prince George's County Atlas*, 1911 (MF187.P9.M38)
- *Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, Including the County of Prince George, Maryland*, 1878 (MG1273.P9H7)
- *Street Map of Prince George's County, Maryland*, 1971 (MG1271.P9A3)
- *Prince George's County Street Map*, 1979 (MG1271.P9A3)
- *ADC's Street Map of Prince George's County, Maryland*, 1990 (Ref. MG1273.P9A3)
- *Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland*, 1878 (Ref. MG1271.P9H7)

Maps

- 1695-1776 Med. Map. Prince George's County. Parishes of the English Colonial Church in Prince George County Maryland. Henry J. Berkley. 1935. Blueprint. 4 copies. ca. 1805 Med. Map. Prince George's County. Prince George's County. Engraving
- 1696 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. State of Maryland Showing Prince George's County as erected in 1696. Louise Joyner Hienton. Photocopy. Original (1959) at Maryland Hall of Records. 1861 Martenet's Map of Prince George's County. Simon J. Martenet. Lithograph.
- 1861 (1976) Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Martenet's Map of Prince George's County. Simon J. Martenet. Overlay showing modern roads prepared by Margaret W. and Charles E. Cook. Reprinted by Prince George's County Historical Society. Blue ink copy. Good condition.

- 1866 Med. Map. Prince George's County. Prince George's County. Martenet's Atlas edition. Photostat.
- 1903 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Map of Prince George's County and District of Columbia Showing the Topography and Election Districts. 3 copies. Maryland Geological Survey. Baltimore, Maryland: A. Hoen & Co. Color lithograph. Poor condition.
- 1914 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Map of Prince George's County and District of Columbia Showing the Topography and Election Districts. Maryland Geological Survey. Baltimore, Maryland: A. Hoen & Co. Color lithograph. Poor condition.
- 1925 Lg. map. Prince George's County. Soil Map Prince George's County Maryland. Maryland Geological Survey. Baltimore, Maryland: A. Hoen & Co. Color lithograph. Fair condition.
- 1927 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Map of Prince George's County and District of Columbia Showing the Topography and Election Districts. 2 copies. Maryland Geological Survey. Baltimore, Maryland: A. Hoen & Co. Color lithograph. Poor condition.
- 1947 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. General Highway Map Prince George's County Maryland. With inset state map. Maryland State Roads Commission. Black and white map. Fair condition.
- 1946 (1954) Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Map of Prince George's County Showing the Topography and Voting Districts. With inset state map. State of Maryland Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources. Color lithograph. Fair condition.
- 1947 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. General Highway Map Prince George's County Maryland. With inset map. Maryland State Roads Commission. Black and white map. Fair condition.
- 1958 Lg. map. Prince George's County. Street Map of Prince George's County. Washington, DC: American Automobile Association (AAA). Color lithograph. Good condition.
- 1964 (1973) Lg. Map. Prince George's County. General Highway Map, Prince Georges County Maryland. With inset state map. Maryland State Roads Commission. Color map. Good condition.
- 1967 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Street Map of Prince George's County Maryland Showing Historical Sites. Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Reston, Virginia: Air Survey Corporation. Brown and white map. Fair condition.
- 1969 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Topographic Map of Prince Georges County. Maryland Geological Survey. Baltimore, Maryland: A. Hoen & Co. Color lithograph. Good condition.
- 1973 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. Street Map of Prince George's County. Washington, DC: American Automobile Association (AAA). Color lithograph. Good condition.
- 1975 Lg. Map. Prince George's County. General Highway Map, Prince George's County Maryland. With inset state map. Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. Color map. Good condition.
- 1973 Lg. Map. Bowie. Geologic Map of Bowie Quadrangle, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland. Washington, DC: Williams and Heintz Map Corporation. Bowie Quadrangle Geologic and Environmental Atlas. John D. Glaser.
- 1973 Lg. Map. Bowie. Constraints on Septic Tanks of Bowie Quadrangle, Anne Arundel and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland. Washington, DC: Williams and Heintz Map Corporation.
- 1973 Lg. Map. Bowie. General Construction Conditions of Bowie Quadrangle, Anne Arundel and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland. Washington, DC: Williams and Heintz Map Corporation.
- 1973 Lg. Map. Bowie. Mineral Resources of Bowie Quadrangle, Anne Arundel and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland. Washington, DC: Williams and Heintz Map Corporation.

- 1973 Lg. Map. Bowie. Ground-Water Resources of Bowie Quadrangle, Anne Arundel and Prince Georges Counties, Maryland. Washington, DC: Williams and Heintz Map Corporation.
- 1966 and ca. 1970 Lg. Map. Laurel. Laurel, Maryland. Laurel Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Baltimore, Maryland: A. Hoen & Co. Color lithograph. Good condition.

IX. Photographs

- *J. Gilman D'Arcy Paul Photograph Collection*, 1893-1960 (PP78)
- *Subject Vertical File: Prince George's County* has hundreds of photographs of buildings
- *Historic American Building Survey Photographs* has some images of selected buildings (PP85)
- *Nitrate Negative Collection* has more than 40 photographs relating to PG (PP158)