



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.

TALBOT COUNTY (TA)–formed in 1662

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *History of Talbot County Maryland, 1661-1881*, by Oswald Tilghman (MF187.T2T57)
- *Talbot County, A History* (MF187.T2P73)
- *Historic Easton* (MF187.T2L945)
- *Easton Album* (MF187.T2H311)
- *Historical Compton* (PAM 10,307)
- *Free Workers in a Plantation Economy: Talbot County, Maryland, 1690-1759* (MHD2346.U52T357)
- *Occupational Diversity in A Rural Economy: Talbot County, Maryland, 1690-1759* (ME195.C748)
- *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)
- *Oxford: The First Three Centuries* (MF187.T2P937)

II. Published Genealogy Sources and Journals

- *Historical Society of Talbot County, Maryland* (PAM 2846)
- *Historical Society of Talbot County, Newsletter* (MF187.T2H6)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Marriage Licenses of Talbot County, Maryland, from 1794-1810* (MF187.T2D23 or Micro 3241)
- *Talbot County, Maryland Marriage Licenses: 1794-1824* (PAM 10,429)
- *Talbot County, Maryland, Marriage Licenses, 1657-1691, 1738-1751, and 1781* (PAM 10,426)
- *Talbot County, Maryland, Marriage Licenses, 1825-1850 with Biographical Sketches of the Ministers* (PAM 10,425)
- *Leeds List of Talbot County Marriage Licenses, 1738-1751* (MF187.T2L4 or Micro)
- *Talbot County Maryland Wills* (PAM 11,017)
- *Talbot County Maryland Wills Liber JP#7 & 8 1818-1822* (F187.T2K4346)
- *Talbot County Maryland Wills Liber JP# 8 1823-1829* (F187.T2K4347)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

Church Records

- *Baptisms (1760-1878) of St. Joseph, Cordova, (Tuckahoe or Wye), Talbot County, Maryland* (Micro 3206)
- *Baptismal, Marriage, and Death Records of St. Joseph's Church, Cordova, Talbot County, Maryland, 1803-1879* (Micro 3245)
- *Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials (1803-1879, 1888) of St. Joseph's Mission, Cordova, Talbot County, Maryland* (Micro 3230)
- *Marriages of St. Joseph, Cordova, (Tuckahoe or Wye), Talbot County,*

Maryland (1765-1802, 1803-1874) (Micro 3206)

- *Deaths (1767-1803, 1803-1838) of St. Joseph Parish, Cordova (Tuckahoe or Wye), Talbot County, Maryland (Micro 3206)*
- *Baptisms (1871-1930), Marriages (1869-1978) Confirmations (1904-1954), First Communion (1904-1954), and Deaths (1898-1991) of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland (Micro 3237)*
- *Register (1681-1805) and Vestry Proceedings (1708-1806) of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, Maryland (Micro 3242)*
- *Vestry Proceedings with Index (1706-1806) of St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, Maryland (Micro 3299)*
- *Register (1672-1859) and Vestry Proceedings (1737-1802) of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County, Maryland (Micro 3241)*
- *Register of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County, Maryland: 1672-1704 (PAM 10,480)*
- *The Register of Baptisms of Talbot Circuit, Easton District, Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1842 to 1875, and Sardis Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Michael's, Maryland, 1875-1990 (PAM 11,597)*
- *Vestry Proceedings (1694-1819) and Index to Vestry Proceedings of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, Maryland (Micro 3236)*

Church Histories

- *Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Old Third Haven Meeting House (PAM 5314)*
- *Maryland Quaker (Friends) Record of Third Haven (Tred Avon), Talbot County (MF187.T2F89M1)*
- *Minutes of the Third Haven or Tred Avon Monthly Meeting, 1676-1797 (Micro 3243-3244)*
- *History of St. Michael's Parish (PAM 5316)*
- *Old Wye Church, Talbot County, Maryland, 1964-1949 (PAM 10,389)*
- *The History of St. Joseph's Mission, Cordova, Maryland, 1765-1965 (MF187.T2C15)*

Cemetery Records

- *Tombstone inscriptions: Talbot County, Maryland (PAM 10,478)*
- *Tombstones of Talbot County Maryland, 4 volumes (MF187.T2T656)*
- *Tombstone Inscriptions and Map of Graves at Wye House, Talbot County, Maryland (MF187.T2B97)*

V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Talbot County Land Records, 3 volumes (MF187.T2L581T)*
- *Tuckahoe Neck: Abstracts of Land Records, Talbot, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties, Maryland, 1663-1691 (MF187.E2W876)*
- *1783 Tax List of Maryland, includes Talbot County (MF180.C293s or F180.C38)*

- *1860 Census of Talbot County, Maryland* (PAM 11,105)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Talbot County* (MF187.T2P371)
- *List of Persons Taking the Oath of Fidelity in Talbot County, 1778* (PAM 12,310)
- *Revolutionary Militia: Some Names of the Officers and Privates in the Talbot County Forces* (PAM 10,322)
- *Bound to Serve: The Indentured Children in Talbot County, 1794-1920* (MF187.T2L581)
- *Free Blacks in Harford, Somerset, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, 1832* (PAM 10,802)

VI. Newspapers

- *Easton Eastern Shore Whig & People's Advocate*: 1828-41 (Micro 2707-2709)
- *Easton Gazette, and Eastern Shore Intelligencer*: 1818-22 (Micro 2711-2712)
- *Easton Gazette*: 1822-29, 1831-48, 1854-71, 1881-85 (Micro 2712-2720)
- *Easton Journal*: 1863-74 (Micro 2721-2728)
- *Easton Ledger*: 1882-83 (Micro 2728)
- *Maryland Herald and Eastern Shore Intelligencer*: 1790-1799 (Micro 2729)
- *Herald and Eastern Shore Intelligencer*: 1799-1804 (Micro 2730)
- *People's Monitor*: 1809-10, 1814-15 (scattered)* (Micro 3006, 3017)
- *Republican Star and General Advertiser*: 1802-26, 1833 (Micro 2735-2738)

VII. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *The Goldsborough Family Papers*, 1659-1958; land papers, correspondence, etc. of prominent Talbot County family (MS3006)
- *Lloyd Family Papers*, 1658-1910; correspondence, land and business papers, etc. (MS2001)
- *William Hemsley Papers*, 1659-1891; Talbot Co. landowners (MS1311)
- *Talbot County Marriage Licenses*, 1738-50 (MS801)
- *Henry I. Hollyday Papers*, 1683-1925; correspondence of Hollyday family of "Ratcliffe Manor" and "Readbourne" (MS1316)
- *Henry I. Hollyday Papers*, 1677-1905; correspondence of Hollyday family of "Ratcliffe Manor" and "Readbourne" (MS1317)
- *Ensey Family Papers*, 1823-1924; misc. papers of Talbot Co. family (MS2221)
- *Lowe-Ensey Papers*, 1823-1924; family of Talbot County and Baltimore; business and personal papers/letters (MS2221)
- *Tilghman Papers*, 1818-1930; family letters on a variety of subjects (MS1967)
- *Dr. Ridgely Warfield Collection*, 1725-1824; indentures, wills, letters, etc. from Talbot Co. (MS873)
- *John Leeds Bozman Papers*, 1788-1876; lawyer of Talbot and Caroline Counties; includes notes on families and individuals of Talbot and Caroline Counties (MS1934)
- *Dr. Thomas E. Sears Collection*, abstracts of administrators' accounts and index to wills for Talbot County, list of persons who took oath of allegiance in

Talbot County, marriage abstracts, death notices, land records, ships' registries, etc.; card file of genealogical notes (G5059)

Business Papers/Accounts

- *John W. C. Loud Papers*, 1659-1883; business and papers of two Talbot County families (MS1513)
- *Henry Hollyday Account Book*, 1745-90; accounts of Henry Hollyday of "Ratcliffe Manor," in Talbot Co. (MS454)
- *Hollyday Account Book*, 1746-84; ledger includes purchase of slaves (MS454.1)
- *Alexander Smoot Daybook*, 1784-85; owner of store at Northwest Fork Bridge in Talbot County (MS2204)
- *Kemp Family Papers*, 1803-57; includes account records of the Wades Point farm in Talbot County (MS2335; Micro 470-72)

Land/Official Records

- *Dr. Samuel A. Harrison Collection*, 1790-1890; manuscripts and scrapbooks about Talbot Co. (MS432)
- *Talbot County Land Records*, 1659-82; names of property owners and descriptions of property locations and boundaries (MS2330)
- *Miscellaneous Land Papers*, 1659-1915; includes some land grants for Talbot County (MS1342)
- *Tax Lists*, 1794-1805; includes Talbot Co. (MS807 on Micro)
- *Talbot County Maryland Survey Book*, 1667-1726 (MS1595)
- *Talbot County (Md.) Deputy Surveyors Record*, 1659-82 (MS2330)
- *Indentures and Deeds, Talbot County*, 1630-1740 (MS1484)
- *Talbot County Court Distribution of Estates Record Book*, 1751-1776 (MS1471)
- *States and Counties of Maryland: Records*, 1663-1852; includes some land records for Talbot Co. (MS1117)
- *Foster Rigby Land Patents*, 1757-1795 (MS2705)

War/Military Records

- *Dr. Samuel Harrison Journal*, 1861-65; events in Talbot Co. during Civil War (MS432.1)
- *Pensioners, Talbot County*, 1785 (MS1814)

VIII. Maps and Atlases

- *An Illustrated Atlas of Talbot and Dorchester Counties, Maryland*, 1877 (MG1271.T2L1)
- *Talbot County Atlas*, 1926 (MF187.T2M39)
- *Talbot County Maryland Street Map* (Ref. 1273.T2A4)