



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.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (WA)–formed in 1776 from Frederick County

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *The History of Washington County, Maryland, from the Earliest Settlements to the Present Time...* (MF187.W3W73)
- *Hagerstown and Washington County in History* (PAM 3400)
- *History of Western Maryland, Being a History of Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties from the Earliest Period to the Present Day...* (MF181.S32)
- *A newspaper History of Life in Washington County: 1820-1835, the Coming of the C&O Canal* (MF187.W3W275)
- *History of Leitersburg District, Washington County, Maryland* (MF187.W3B43)

II. Published Genealogy Sources and Journals

- *Washington County Maryland Genealogical Research Guide* (PAM 4518)
- *The Legacy: Newsletter of the Washington County Historical Society* (F176.L55)
- *Now and Then, Washington County Historical Society*, Aug. 1979 (PAM 10,525)
- *Antietam Ancestors* (MF187.W3A62)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Allegany and Washington Counties, Maryland, compiled by F. Edward Wright* (MF187.A4W949M)
- *Marriages and Deaths, 1830-1837, Washington County, recorded in the Republican Banner* (MF187.W3B87)
- *Marriages of Washington County, Maryland* (MF187.W3M663)
- *Washington County, Maryland Obituary Locator, 1790-1943* (F187.W3R53)
- *Wills of Washington County, Maryland: an Index, 1776-1890* (PAM 11,809)
- *Bible Records of Washington County, Maryland* (PAM 4995)
- *An Index to Hagerstown Newspapers, 1790-1844, 12 volumes* (MF187.W3C593A)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

Church Records

- *Register and Minutes of Salem Reformed Church, Washington County, Maryland, 1774-1801* (Micro 3246)
- *St. John's Episcopal Church Records, 1787-1963* (Micro 3296)
- *St. Mary's Catholic Church Records, 1818-1900, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland* (BX4603.H26S335)
- *Records of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, 1825-1910, Hagerstown, MD* (MF187.W3D23)
- *Register and Minutes of Zion Reformed Church, Washington County, Maryland, 1807-1849* (Micro 3246)
- *Maryland German Church Records; includes some for Washington Co.* (MF187.F8W427G)
- *Washington County, MD, Church Records of the 18th Century* (MF187.W3.W317C)

Church Histories

- *St. Thomas Church, Hancock: the Emery Parish of the Diocese of Maryland, or Reflections on the Potomac, 1929-1934* (MF187.W3T458)
- *They Continued Steadfastly in the Apostle's Teaching and Fellowship: A History of St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Lappins)* Washington County, Maryland (MF187.W3M145)
- *For Five Shillings Current: The Store of the Lutheran Church at Jerusalem (Funkstown), Washington County, Maryland 1771-1983* (Mf187.W3B81)

Cemetery Records

- *Washington County, Maryland cemetery records; 7 vols., includes indexes* (MF187.W3 C75)

V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Naturalizations of Washington County Maryland* (MF187.W3F367N)
- *African American Manumissions of Washington County, Maryland* (MF187.W3A)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Washington County* (MF187.W3P371)
- *Washington County, Maryland Records: Oaths of Allegiance, 1778, and Balance Books on Estates (Distributions), 1778-1801* (PAM 10,514)
- *Roster of Civil War Soldiers from Washington County Maryland* (MF187.W3K29)
- *Events of the Civil War in Washington County, Maryland* (F187.W3K45)
- *Distribution of Estate Accounts, Washington County, Maryland* (PAM 4997)
- *Events of the Civil War in Washington County, Maryland* (F187.W3K45)
- *Inventory of the County and Town Archives of Maryland: No. 21, Washington County (Hagerstown)* (PAM 10,498)
- *Washington County, Maryland, 1800 Census* (PAM 11,808)
- *Washington County Telephone Directory, 1936* (MF187.W3T 1936 Octavo)

VI. Newspapers

- *Hagerstown Gazette: 1809-13* (Micro 3010)
- *Hagerstown Daily News: 1874-94* (Micro 2805-2837)
- *Hagerstown Mail: 1828-31 ?-1917* (Micro 2771-2772, 3017a, 3369)
- *Hagerstown Torch Light: 1817-31, 1842-46* (Micro 2844)
- *Herald (of Freedom) & Torchlight: 1821-51; 1859-64 (missing some)* (Micro 2770, 3017a)
- *Maryland Free Press: Jan. 1862* (Micro 3017a)
- *Maryland Herald and Hagerstown Weekly Advertiser: 1797-1826** (Micro 2800-2804, 3014)
- *The Morning News: May-Nov. 1894* (Micro 2838-2839)
- *Plain Dealer: 1813-14** (Micro 3001, 3016)
- *Washington Spy: 1790-97** (Micro 2845-2847, 3001, 3004, 3390-3391; index at MF187.W3C5939)
- *Westliche Corresponden (German)t: (some)** (Micro 3014)

VII. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *John Blackford Diaries*, 1835-36, 1839; Washington Co. farmer, merchant, and ferry owner (MS2736)
- *Williams Family Papers*, 1787-1829; letters to and from Williams family members in Washington Co. (MS2845)
- *Jonathan Hagar Manuscripts*, 1740-1952: includes notes relating to Hagar family and list of patents for town lots in Hagarstown (MS1295)
- *John Thomas Mason, Jr. Papers*, 1744-1882; correspondence between family members in Washington County and Baltimore about law, medicine, tobacco, and slavery (MS2224)
- *Mrs. P. D. Shingleton Collection*, notes and correspondence concerning 150 families of Western Maryland, primarily Washington County (G5036)

Land/Official Records

- *Judge Samuel Hughes Court Docket*, 1799-1805; Washington County Orphans Court and County Court (MS1775)
- *Washington County Tax Collection Ledger*, 1805-06 (MS1028)
- *Washington County Sheriff's Accounts*, 1833-45 (MS878)
- *Washington County Sheriff's Papers*, 1786-1895 (MS878.1)
- *Western Shore Counties Land Tracts: Record Book*, 1818-34; includes list of warrants in Washington County (MS2234)
- *Washington County Documents*, 1760-1800; 18th c. legal documents (Vertical File)
- *Jonathan Hagar Papers*, ca. 1785: copies of depositions and petitions in dispute over Hagar's estate (MS1296)
- *Washington County Court Records*, 1774-97, 1801, 1822; mostly summonses (MS1818)
- *Washington County Court Records*, 1776-1865 (MS2079)
- *States and Counties of Maryland Records*, 1663-1852; includes Washington Co. levies and charges and land records (MS1117)

VIII. Maps and Atlases

- *An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland*, 1877 (MG1271.W3L1)
- *Washington County Map of Topography and Election Districts*, 1931 (MF187.W3M38)
- *Washington County, Md. Street Map* (Ref. 1271.W3A4)