

Pennsylvania Room Collection

The Pennsylvania Room has a specialized collection of more than 3,000 volumes on state, local, and family history, as well as original Centre County records, newspapers, patron-provided manuscript genealogies, vital record indexes, and indexes to Centre County marriages and newspaper obituaries.

Some fees apply to research done by the staff: please visit our [Research Services](#) [1] page for more information on services and costs. Patrons on-site pay only for any photocopies that they make. Laptops and scanning devices are permitted; WiFi is available in the building.

Items on the shelves, including county history, family history, and general genealogy and Pennsylvania reference books, in the Pa. Room are included in the [Centre County Library's online catalog](#) [2]. In addition to the books in the catalog, the following research materials are included in the Pennsylvania Room collection:

Centre County Newspapers on Microfilm:

- Bellefonte Patriot
- Bellefonte Republican
- Centre Daily Times
- Centre Democrat
- Centre Reporter
- Democratic Watchman
- Democratic Whig
- Howard Hustler
- Keystone Gazette
- Millheim Journal
- Philipsburg Journal (10 years)
- Philipsburg Daily Journal

Indexes (Partial Listing):

- Index to Centre County Death Notices and Obituaries, 1821-2013
- Centre County, Pennsylvania Marriage Index, 1764-2005
- Centre County Births, 1893-1905
- Centre County Death Records, 1893-1905
- Centre County, PA: Index to the CCGS Cemetery Series

Original Centre County Government Records:

- Marriage license applications, 1885-1987
- Tax assessment records, 1801-1965
- Will and intestate files, 1800-1990
- Orphans court dockets, 1802-1971
- Civil and criminal court papers, 1800-1875
- Road petitions, 1800-1956

Spangler Collection:

This collection of data on central Pennsylvania families was compiled over a period of many years by Adella Fink Spangler (1871-1964). It was largely assembled from primary documents, a few of which no longer exist. The Spangler Collection is fully

indexed on about 250,000 cards. Among the contents of this collection are:

- Tombstone inscriptions for 113 county cemeteries [updated in a set of modern books by the Centre County Genealogical Society]
- Newspaper obituaries (1826-1854 and 1926-1942)
- Marriage records [updated by a compact disc, indexing Centre County marriages 1764-2005]
- Bible transcriptions
- Church records
- Family records
- Tax lists

J. Marvin Lee Genealogical Collection:

A good adjunct to the Spangler Collection for the early to mid-twentieth century, this grouping contains approximately 20 notebooks compiled by a longtime Centre County genealogist/historian. Mr. Lee's work, which includes family group sheets with some documentation, is primarily from the 1940s to the 1970s.

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