

Guide to Maryland County/Regional Resources at the Maryland Historical Society

What resources are available for specific counties and how do I find them?

Most of the published county resources available at the Maryland Historical Society can be located in section MF187 of the Rhodes Reading Room (the row farthest from the reference desk). 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 Rhodes Reading Room themselves; however, pamphlets must be retrieved by the staff. Since searching the Library's on-line catalogue 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 on-line catalog using specific key words.

CECIL COUNTY (CE) – formed in 1674 from Baltimore and Kent Counties

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I. Published County Histories

- *Cecil County: A Reference Nook of History, Business, and General Information* (MF187.C4C8)
- *Cecil County*, by Gifford (MF187.C4C38)
- *History of Cecil County Maryland*, by Johnston (MF187.C4J72)
- *Index to Johnston's History of Cecil County Maryland* (MF187.C4J72)
- *Cecil County, Maryland: A Study in Local History* (MF187.C4M64)
- *At the Head of the Bay: A Cultural and Architectural History of Cecil County, MD* (MF187. C4B58)
- *Muffled Drums and Mustard Spoons: Cecil County, MD, 1860-65* (MF187.C4G37)

II. Published Genealogical Sources or Journals

- *Genealogical Research Guide for Cecil County, Maryland* (PAM 587)
- *Families of Bohemia Manor* (MF187.C4M38)
- *Inhabitants of Cecil County, 1649-1774* (MF187.C4P371I)
- *Bulletin of the Historical Society of Cecil County/Cecil Historical Journal* (MF187.C4H6)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Indices to Cecil County Maryland Marriage Licenses, 1865-1885* (MF187.C4H845)
- *Cecil County, Maryland, Marriage Licenses, 1777-1840* (MF187.C4.D23)
- *Marriage Licenses of Cecil County, Maryland: 1840-1863* (MF187.C4D23H)
- *Births, Deaths, and Marriages of the Nottingham Quakers, 1680-1889* (F148.B368)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

- *Early Anglican Church Records of Cecil County*; includes baptism, marriage, and burial records (MF187.C4.P43E)
- *Tombstone Inscriptions, Cecil County Maryland*, volumes 1-4 (MF187.C4D23T)
- *Tome Memorial Church Records of Baptisms from 1891* (Cecil County Marriage Records) (PAM 10,277)

V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Abstracts of Cecil County Maryland Records, 1673-1751* (Deeds) (MF187.C4B878)
- *Land Patents of Cecil County Maryland* (MF187.C4G326)

- *Abstracts of Cecil County, Maryland Land Records, 1734-1753* (F187.C3B76 1999)
- *Cecil County Maryland Signers of the Oath of Allegiance, March 2, 1778* (MF187.C4C45)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Cecil County* (MF187.C4P43R)

VI. Newspapers

- *Cecil Republican: 1832-33* (Micro 2739)
- *Elkton Press: 1822-24, 1827-32* (Micro 2740-2743)

VII. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *Sidney George Fisher Papers, 1838-50*; diaries of life at Mt. Harmon; comments on agriculture and slavery (MS1837)
- *Martha Ogle Forman Diaries, 1814-54*; life at "Rose Hill"; purchases, social engagements, etc. (MS1779)
- *Miss Ann Russell Memorandum Book, 1822-30*; brief daily entries of Cecil Co. resident (MS2057)
- *Archer-Mitchell-Stump-Williams Family Papers, 1712-1926*; prominent and related families of Harford and Cecil Counties (MS1948)
- *Steel Family Papers, 1760-1829*; deeds, bonds, wills of Cecil County family (MS2240)
- *Amos A. Evans Papers, 1831-1907*; correspondence and other papers of Cecil Co. family (MS1271)
- *McLane-Fisher Family Papers, 1800-1906*; correspondence and financial papers of Baltimore and Cecil County families; 15 boxes (MS2403)
- *Joseph Irwin France Papers, 20th c.*; MD and US Senator with farm in Cecil County (MS2329)
- *Ann Russell Memorandum Book, 1822-1830*; Cecil County resident's notes on weather, health, household chores, farm management, etc. (MS2057)
- *John Chisholm Correspondence, 1751-64*; letters to mother and brother (MS2018)
- *David P. Davis Papers, 1794-1941*; papers, diaries, and correspondence of Cecil Co. families (MS232); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000232.html>
- *Hollingsworth-Patridge-Gilpin Family Papers*; correspondence, land deeds, and land plats (MS642)
- *Amos A. Evans Papers, 1831-1907*; correspondence of Cecil County family (MS1271)
- *Mollie Howard Ash Collection*, professional genealogical research on various Maryland families, particularly of Cecil County (G5003)

Business Papers/Accounts

- *Massey Diary and Time Book for Bohemian Manor and Grassdale Farm, 1861-1904* (MS3044)
- *George Ricketts Account Book, ca.1845-55*; grist and saw mill in Cecil County (MS2943)

- *John Carson Papers*, 1829-53; merchant in Port Deposit, Cecil County (MS1903)
- *Dr. Robert Harris Archer Ledger*, 1804-1815; accounts from Baltimore City and Cecil County (MS1080)
- *John Davis Account Book*, 1751-1781; includes notes on British activity in Cecil County in 1777 (MS1475)

Land/Official Records

- *Hollingsworth Family Land Papers*, 1741-1840; Cecil County family (MS1605)
- *Dr. William B. Rowland Papers*, 1727-1825; land papers of Rowland and Sappington families of Cecil County (MS1412)
- *George P. Whitaker Papers*, 1670-1913; various land papers for Baltimore and Cecil County properties acquired by Whitaker; misc. business papers (MS1730)
- *Cecil County Poor School Fund Records*, 1826-56 (MS2080)
- *Legal Papers*, 1810-66; papers relating to Cecil County Courts (MS1619)
- *Cecil County Orphans Court Papers*, 1800-45 (MS1633)
- *Cecil County Orphans Court Papers*, 1824, 1833, 1846-49 (MS1281)
- *Cecil County, MD, Papers*, 1739-1831; court, tax, and other papers (MS231); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000231.html>
- *Cecil County Tax List*, 1761 (MS1929)
- *States and Counties of Maryland Records*, 1663-1852; includes a few Cecil County land records (MS1117)
- *Cecil County Roads Petitions*, ca.1801; petitions on laying out roads in Cecil County (MS1232)
- *John P. Cochran Papers*, 1720-1900; small collection of legal papers of Cecil Co. landowner (MS1411)

War/Military

- *Revolutionary War Military Collection*; 1776-1824, includes Cecil County Oaths of Fidelity (MS1146 on Micro)
- *Cecil County Pensioners*, 1789 (MS1814)

Church/Religious Papers

- *St. Stephan's Parish Records*, 1693-1913; births, baptisms, marriages (MS1961)
- *Redwood Collection*, 1766-1938; includes material on St. Mary's Church, Cecil Co. (MS1530.1); see finding aid at http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms1530_1.html
- *Norris Jones Papers*; Quaker meetings in Maryland, including Cecil County (MS2186)

Miscellaneous

- *Rev. Charles Payson Mallery Papers*, 1660-1916; correspondence concerning history of Bohemian Manor (MS554)
- *Zephania Buffinton Papers*, ca. 1813; notes on farms in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil Counties (MS2852)

VIII. Maps and Atlases

- *Cecil County*, 1902 atlas (MF187.C4M38)
- *Cecil County, MD, Street Map*, 1984 (Ref. MG1273.C4A4)
- *An Illustrated Atlas of Cecil County, Maryland*, 1982 (Ref. MG1271.C4.L1)
- *Hollingsworth Family Papers*, 1732-1891; includes fragments of manuscript maps of sections of roads and lands in Cecil Co. (MS452); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000452.html>