

# 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.

### HARFORD COUNTY (HA) – formed in 1773 from Baltimore County

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## I. Published City or City Histories

- *Belair: The Town Through its Buildings*
- *Joppa Town: To the First City of Northern Maryland* (PAM 10,175)
- *History of Harford County* (MF187.H2P93)
- *Lapidum: A Chapter of Harford County History* (PAM 2078)
- *Historical Sketches of Harford County, Maryland* (MF187.H2M412)
- *Our Harford Heritage: A History of Harford County, Maryland* (MF187.H2W7)
- *An Architectural History of Harford County, Maryland* (MNA730.M32H38)
- *Sketches of Early History of Harford County* (PAM 10,491)
- *Spesutia Hundred: A Study of a Colonial, Maryland Parish* (MF187.H2P95S8B)
- *The Story of Harford County* (PAM 10,508)
- *Time After Time: Harford and Baltimore County History* (MF187.H2T58)

## II. Published Genealogy Sources and Journals

- *Heirs and Legatees of Harford County, Maryland, 1774-1846* (MF187.H2P43H)
- *Bible Records of Harford County, Maryland Families* (MF187.H2D23B)
- *Bible and Family Records, Harford County, MD* (F187.H2.B53) check if same
- *Inhabitants of Harford County, 1791-1800* (MF187.H2P371I)
- *Early Harford Countians* (MF187.H2P43E)
- *Biographical Record of Harford and Cecil Counties, Maryland* (MF187.H2P85)
- *Harford Historical Bulletin* (MF187.H2H24)
- *Newsletter of the Historical Society of Harford County* (MF187.H2H67N)

## III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Deaths and Marriages in Harford County and the Vicinity 1873-1904 from the Diaries of Albert Peter Silver* (PAM 11,149)
- *Abstracts of Death Certificates, Harford County* (MF187.H2D262)
- *Harford County Marriage Licenses, 1775-1865* (MF187.H2.L784H)
- *Harford County Wills, 1774-1800* (MF187.H2M847)
- *Death Notices from the Belair Times, 1882-1899* (PAM 10,364)
- *Abstracts of Death Certificates from the files of Herbert S. Bailey, Funeral Director, Darlington, Maryland, 1921-1961* (MF187.H2D262)
- *Harford County, Maryland Divorce Cases, 1817-1912: an Annotated Index* (PAM 12,161)
- *Maryland, Index to Wills in: Garrett County, 1872-1960; and Harford County, 1774-1960* (MF187.G2H84)

## IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

### Church Records

- *Register (1770-1857) and Church Records of Glade Charge, Walkersville, MD* (Micro 3223)
- *Confirmation, etc. Registers of St. Ignatius Church, Hickory Maryland, 1874-1980* (Micro 3224)
- *Harford Circuit of the Methodist Church: Birth and Marriage Register, 1809-1815...* (PAM 10,899)
- *Register of Harford Circuit, 1809-1878 with index* (Micro 3186)
- *St. John's and St. George's Parish Registers, Baltimore and Harford County, 1691-1851* (MF187.B2S143S)
- *Parish Registers (1696-1851) and Index to Registers of St. John's and St. George's P.E. Church, Baltimore and Harford Counties, MD* (Micro 3186)
- *Vestry Records (1735-1783) and Index to Vestry Records of St. John's Parish, Harford County, MD* (Micro 3186)
- *Register (1787-1899) and Vestry Proceedings (1792-1883) of St. John's Parish, Harford County, MD, with index* (Micro 3220)
- *Register of Marriages (1862-1895) and Vestry Proceedings (1792-1883) of St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties, MD* (Micro 3223)
- *Register and Vestry Proceedings (1681-1799) and Index to Registers of Births, Marriages, and Deaths of St. George's Parish, Harford County, MD* (Micro3186)
- *Registers (1681-1903) and Vestry Proceedings (1718-1952) and Index to Registers and Vestry Proceedings at St. George's Parish, Harford County, MD* (Micro 3221-3222)
- *Births, Deaths, and Marriages of the Nottingham Quakers* (F148.B368)

### Cemetery Records

- *Interments in Darlington Cemetery* (PAM 11,265)
- *Tombstone Records of Harford County, MD* (MF187.H2D23T)
- *Harford County Maryland Tombstone Records, 2 volumes* (MF187.H2D23T)

### Church Histories

- *Bethel Presbyterian Church at Madonna, Maryland, 1769-1969: Two Hundredth Anniversary* (PAM 2095)
- *Bicentennial Program, Churchville Presbyterian Church, 1738-1938* (PAM 2090)
- *A Brief History of Cokesville Memorial Church, 1784-1984: with some notes on its place in the history of Harford County and the history of Methodism* (BX8481.H257.P75)
- *History of the Deer Creek Harmony Church of Glenville, Harford County, Maryland* (PAM 1746)
- *Harford Baptist Church* (PAM 10,495)
- *An Historical Sketch of the Presbyterian Church of Churchville, Harford County, Maryland* (PAM 1705)
- *Spesutia Church and Vestry House* (PAM 11,004)
- *A Brief History of St. George's Parish, Harford County...* (MF187.H2P95S8C)
- *History of St. George's Parish, Harford County, Maryland* (MF187.H2P95S8A1)
- *1792-1942: Sesqui-Centennial: St. Ignatius Parish, Hickory, Harford County, Maryland* (PAM 2073)
- *Historical Notices of St. James Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties* (PAM 10,231)

- *A Maryland Colonial Parish: St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford Counties* (PAM 942)
- *The Church in Gunpowder Hundred: Saint John's 1692-1817, the Church of the Resurrection 1965, Copley Paris Gunpowder Hundred 1986* (PAM 1711)
- *An Historical Tour of St. John's Parish... 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1692-1967* (PAM 2091)
- *Historical Sketch of St. John's Church, Havre de Grace Parish, Harford County* (PAM 5885)
- *A Short History of St. John's Episcopal Church of Baltimore and Harford Counties, Kingsville, MD* (MF187.B2C126)
- *1887-1937: Golden Jubilee St. Mark's Church, Fallston, Maryland* (PAM 10,507)
- *The History of Union Chapel, United Methodist Church, Joppa, Maryland* (PAM 3620)
- *History of the Old Catholic Chapel at Priest's Ford, in Harford County, Maryland* (PAM 10,502)

## V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Maryland Tax List, Harford County, 1783*, (MF187.H2.H33)
- *Harford County Taxpayers in 1870, 1872, and 1883* (MF187.H2P371T)
- *Harford County, Maryland Tax List: 1778* (PAM 10,492)
- *1831 Tax List of Harford County, Maryland* (PAM 11,056)
- *Harford County Orphans Court Proceedings* (MF187.H2.P43A)
- *Abstracts of the Orphans Court Proceedings, 1778-1800, Harford County, Maryland* (MF187.H2P43A)
- *Children of Harford County: Indentures and Guardianships, 1801-1830* (PAM 4804)
- *Harford District Telephone Directory of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, October 1, 1909* (PAM 1717)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Harford County, MD, 1775-1783* (MF187.H2P43)
- *Abstracts of the Ledgers and Accounts of Bush Store and Rock Run Store, 1759-1771, Harford County* (PAM 12,066)
- *Free Blacks in Harford, Somerset, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, 1832* (PAM 10,802)
- *Harford County Directory for 1901* (PAM2067)
- *Harford County, Maryland 1800 Census* (PAM 11,434)
- *Hunter's Sutherland's Slave Manumissions and Sales in Harford County, Maryland, 1775-1865* (E445.M3S966)
- *Illegitimate Children of Harford County, Maryland, 1800 to 1900, from the minute books of the Harford Circuit Court* (PAM 10,803)
- *Index to Harford County Naturalization Records* (PAM 10,533)
- *Directory, Baltimore, Carroll, and Harford Counties..., 1879* (MF187.B2L67)

## VI. Newspapers:

- *The Southern Aegis (and Harford County Intelligencer): 1857-62, 1864-1923* (Micro 2606-2621)
- *Newspaper Abstracts of Cecil and Harford Counties, 1822-1830* (PAM 11,366)

## VII. Related Manuscript Collections

### Family Papers/Genealogy

- *Archer-Mitchell-Stump-Williams Family Papers*, 1712-1926; prominent and related families of Harford and Cecil Counties (MS1948)
- *James J. Archer Collection*, 1843-1864; letters from Archer of Harford Co. to his family (MS33); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000033.html>
- *Archer Family Letters*, 1846-1871 (MS1920.1); see finding aid at [www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms01920\\_1.html](http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms01920_1.html)
- *Pocock Family Papers*, 1802-1975; personal and business records and correspondence of Harford Co. family (MS2992)
- *Mary Goldsmith Elizabeth Davis Jay Collection*, 1824-1970; correspondence and papers of Harford County and Baltimore County family (MS1947)
- *Stephen Boyd Papers*, 1799-1948; Harford Co. family letters, including some from a cousin who was a doctor (MS1208)
- *Susan Rodgers Malter Correspondence*, 1808-1840; Harford Co. family correspondence (MS1665)
- *Samuel Stump Holloway Family Papers*, 1857-96; family letters (MS1676)
- *George L. Van Bibber IV Papers*, 1926-79; diary of Harford County draftsman, architect and local historian; poetry, misc. (MS2409); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms002409.html>
- *Hall Family Papers*, 1829-1900; poetry book, recipe book, etc. of Harford Co. family (MS3002)
- *Hall Family Papers*, 1750-1889; papers relating to Hall family of Harford Co. (MS1299)
- *Benedict Edward Hall Papers*, 1759-1824; letters to Hall of Harford Co. (MS1297)
- *Francis J. Dallam Papers*, 1792-1866; indexed correspondence of Dallam of Harford Co. and Baltimore (MS1250)
- *James Lloyd Rogers Papers*, 1800-1856; includes papers of Frederick Imorde, a German emigrant to Harford Co. (MS2728)
- *Thomas Family Papers*, 1854-1944; Thomas and Jones families of Harford Co. (MS2523)
- *Iris Holloway Papers*, 1875-96; letters of Holloway family of Darlington, Harford Co. (MS1676)
- *F. Sydney Hayward Collection*, abstracts of wills, accounts, parish registers, marriage records, tax lists, etc. for Harford County families (G5024)
- *Joseph L. Hughes Collection*, notes, cemetery inscriptions, and church records of Harford County families; copies of tax list, parish register, and land records (G5048)

### Business Papers/Accounts

- *Harford County Business Record Books*, 1750-1901; record book of various types of businesses all located in Harford Co. (MS1516); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001516.html>
- *John Archer Ledgers*, 1786-1852; medical records of Harford Co. doctor (MS1502)
- *Harford County Druggist's Ledger*, 1887-94; customer accounts (MS1689)
- *Harford Medical Society Records*, 1797-98; papers on medicine, chemistry, botany, etc. (MS1897; Micro reel 806)
- *Licensing and Enrollment Book*, 1813-17; licenses list names of schooners, sloops, and their owners for Havre de Grace, MD (MS1898)
- *William Brannan Account Book*, 1819-23; lived on Susquehanna River near

- Darlington, Harford Co.; deals with items for the sale of salt and shad (MS105)
- *Alonzo Bowman Day Book*, 1848-72; accounts of expenses and diary of resident of Perrymansville, Harford Co. (MS1500)
- *Zephaniah Buffington Papers*, ca. 1813; notes on farms in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil Counties (MS2852)
- *Cheyney Hoskins Papers*, 1847-87; Harford Co. Quaker's account book, notes on farming, weather, road repairs; reports on schoolhouse conditions (MS1761)
- *Eureka Peach Bottom Slate Mining Co. Account Book*, 1885-1890; Harford County near Delta, PA (MS755)
- *Cooper S. Boyd Legal Papers*, 1806, 1854-56, 1869, 1888
- *Dr. John Green Account Books*, 1904-1918; physician serving northeast Baltimore County and west Harford County (MS2573)
- *Jeremiah Harlan Papers*, 1777-1885; papers relate mostly to Henry S. Harlan, Harford Co. banker and insurance broker (MS1008)
- *Robert Spear Papers*, 1858-66; correspondence concerning lumber operations in Charles and Harford Counties (MS1428)
- *Thomas H. Robinson Papers*, 1877-1930; correspondence of Harford Co. lawyer, Democratic leader, and state Senator (MS1473); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001473.html>

### Land/Official Records

- *Joppa Town Records*, 1724-31; early records of town, the remains of which are now located in Harford Co. (MS502)
- *James Steel Papers*, 1795-1849; notebooks, plats, and survey of state roads in Harford County; laying out the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike roads (MS1649)
- *Western Shore Counties Land Tracts: Record Book*, 1818-34; includes list of warrants in Harford County (MS2234)
- *Miscellaneous Land Papers*, 1659-1915; includes some land grants for Harford County (MS1342)
- *States and Counties of Maryland Records*, 1663-1852; includes charges and allowances and land records for Harford Co. (MS1117)
- *Western Shore Counties Land Tracts Record Book*, 1818-34; includes Harford Co. (MS2234)
- *Harry Dorsey Gough Papers*, 1745-1808; includes large numbers of indentures and documents dealing with tracts of land in Baltimore and Harford Counties (MS401)
- *Stirling Collection*, 1760-1905; papers about land in Baltimore and Harford Counties (MS2366); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms002366.html>
- *Captain William Ward Viridin Papers*, 19<sup>th</sup> c.; includes correspondence about land acquisition in and around Harford Co. (MS866)
- *John Gilman D'Arcy Paul Collection*, 1788-1970; includes papers relating to Paul's landholdings in Harford County, including a manuscript about an early settler (MS1920)
- *Abraham Lingan Jarrett Ledger*, 1887-1894; clerk of Harford Co. Court; contains court records (MS1469)

### War/Military

- *Harford County Committee of Observation Record Book*, 1774-77 (MS2159)
- *George W. Archer Collection*, 1859-91, 1930; scrapbooks of notes, lectures and articles on Harford County during the

- American Revolution (MS1678); see finding aid at [www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001678.html](http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms001678.html)
- *Harford County Militia Records*, 1814-16; papers relating to court martial proceedings against Thomas Casper Stump (MS1681)
- *McNeal – Watters – Preston – Munnikhuysen Papers*, 1776-1981; includes some information on Harford County residents who fought for the Confederacy (MS3055); see finding aid at [www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms003055.html](http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms003055.html)

### **Religion/Church Records**

- *Harford County Circuit Register*, 1776-1871; records local births for a number of years, plus other miscellaneous information (MS427)
- *Saint Mary's Episcopal Church Scrapbooks*, 1848-1963; history of Harford County church; newspaper clippings and photographs (MS1738)
- *John Coleman Papers*, 1775-1815; papers of rector of churches in Baltimore and Harford Co. (MS1749)
- *St. Ignatius Church Papers*, 1964-74; includes notes, correspondence, etc. used in writing history of Catholic Church in Harford County (MS2229)

### **Miscellaneous**

- *Farm Account Book*, 1833-1840; includes election returns for Harford County from 1828-1840 (Vertical File)
- *Harford County Election Returns*, 1789 Jan. (Vertical File)
- *Joseph Lee Hughes Harford County Collection*, 1660-1965; material collected on the history of Harford County, 9 boxes (MS1675)
- *Daniel Scott Papers*, 1833-68; info on prisoner arrested in Harford County (MS2066)

### **VIII. Maps and Atlases**

- *Harford County, Maryland Street Map*, 1985 (Ref. MG1273.H2A4)
- *Index to Harrick's 1858 Map of Harford County, Maryland* (PAM 10,641)