

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.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY (SM) – formed in 1637

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *History of St. Mary's County Maryland* (MF187.S2H35)
- *Yesterday and Today in Old St. Mary's County* (MF187.S2P746)
- *St. Mary's, Mother County of Maryland* (F187.S2S35)
- *Intimate Glimpses of Old Saint Mary's* (MF187.S2K7)
- *Economics and Society in a Staple Plantation System: St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1790-1840* (MF187.S2M2)
- *The Marylanders: Without a Shelter or Crumb* (MF187.S2C152)
- *Changing Lifestyles in Colonial St. Mary's County* (HV107.A12W927)
- *Doctors of St. Mary's County, 1634-1900* (MR134.F884)

II. Published Genealogical Sources and Journals

- *Colonial Settlers of St. Clement's Bay, 1634-1780, St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2D685)
- *Index of Persons and Places, St. Mary's County, Maryland [1639-1724]* (10,423)
- *Genealogical Sources of St. Mary's County* (PAM 10,406)
- *Catholic Families of Southern Maryland: Records of Catholic Residents of St. Mary's County in the Eighteenth Century* (MF187.S2O75)
- *Colonial Settlers of St. Clement's Bay, 1634-1780, St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2D685)
- *The Generator, St. Mary's County Genealogical Society* (MF187.S2G32)
- *Chronicles of St. Mary's: Monthly Bulletin of the St. Mary's County Historical Society* (MF187.S2H)
- *St. Mary's Beacon* (MF187.S2S13)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Black Marriages of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1800-1900* (MF187.S2C164.B)
- *St. Mary's County Coroner's Inquest, 1821-1921* (MF187.S2K72)
- *Deaths and Burials in St. Mary's County* (MF187.S2C958)
- *Death Index of St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert Counties, Maryland, 1898 through 1923* (MF187.S7H635)
- *St. Mary's County Marriage Licenses and Cemetery Records* (MF187.S2S4)
- *Marriages and Deaths, St. Mary's County, 1634-1900* (MF187.S2F884)
- *Maryland Wills, St. Mary's County, 1662-1960; Somerset 1664-1955* (MF187.S2H8)
- *Maryland Wills: Charles and St. Mary's Counties, 1744-1722* (MF180.B9611)
- *St. Mary's County Orphans Court Proceedings, 1777-1829, 4 volumes* (MF187.S2O63)
- *General Index of Wills, St. Mary's County, 1633-1900* (MF187.S2S14)
- *Index of St. Mary's, Calvert, and Charles Counties, Maryland, 1898-1919* (MF187.S7B168)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

Church Records

- *Vestry Proceedings (1692-1816) and Index to Vestry Proceedings of All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, Maryland* (Micro 3240)
- *Register and Vestry Proceedings (1736-1886) and Index to Register and Vestry Proceedings of St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, Maryland* (Micro 3240)

Church Histories

- *A History of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church (Old Newtown) the Manor of Little Bretton, St. Mary's County, Maryland* (PAM 2523)
- *The Jesuit Missions of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2C3B4)
- *Historical Summary of the Shrines, Churches, Chapels, and Homes of the Priests in St. Mary's County, Maryland since 1634* (PAM 11,795)

Cemetery Records

- *Index to St. Mary's County Graves* (MF187.S2R6)
- *Index of St. Mary's County, Maryland Cemeteries* (PAM 10,412)
- *Burials From Tombstones, Grave Markers, and Church Registers of St. Mary's County, Maryland (1634-1994)* (MF187.S2B959)

V. Land, Deed, Tax, and Other Records

- *Index, St. Mary's County Maryland Rent Roll, 1707* (MF187.S2H)
- *Colonial Records of Southern Maryland* (MF187.S7.J86C)
- *Colonial Source Records of Southern Maryland Catholic Families* (MF189.C3O75)
- *The 1850 Census of St. Mary's County Maryland* (MF187.S2S146)
- *The 1860 Census of St. Mary's County Maryland* (MF187.S2C396)
- *The 1870 Census of St. Mary's County Maryland, 2 volumes* (MF187.S2C396)
- *St. Mary's County 1880 Census, 2 volumes* (MF187.S2C396)
- *The 1890 Special Census of the Civil War Veterans of the State of Maryland, Volume 2: Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties* (E494.M66)
- *1900 Census St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2C396)
- *The 1910 Census of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2C396)
- *The 1920 Census of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2A19)
- *Free African Americans of Maryland, 1832: Including Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties* (E185.86.H95)
- *Inventories and the Analysis of Wealth and Consumption Patterns in St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1658-1777* (E178.6N534)
- *Proceedings of the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (MF187.S2O63)

- *Revolutionary Patriots of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, Maryland, 1775-1783* (MF187.C15P371R)
- *St. Mary's County, Maryland Administrative Accounts, 1674-1720* (PAM 10,936)
- *St. Mary's County Patent Records, 1635-1946* (F287.S2S7)

VI. Related Manuscript Sources

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *Rufus Mills Diary, 1821*; lived at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County (Vertical File)
- *Lucy Leigh Bowie Collection, 1795-1959*; includes letters to and from daughters teaching at Saint May's Seminary in Saint Mary's County (MS1755)
- *Mrs. Thomas George Account Book, 1870-72*; household, personal and garden expenses at "Mattapany," St. Mary's County (MS810)
- *Miss Berkely Stevenson Collection*, includes marriage records of Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties (G5066)
- *Eldridge, C. Price Papers*, notes concerning descendants of Thomas Price, immigrant settler of St. Mary's County (G5046)
- *Raphael T. Semmes Collection*, copies of wills, deeds, accounts, land records, and other genealogical source records concerning early Charles and St. Mary's settlers (G5060)

Business Papers/Accounts

- *Physicians Accounts, St. Mary's County, 1779-1783* (MS1044)
- *Dr. James Waring Account Books, 1832-59*; medical records for practice in Washington City and Chaptico, St. Mary's County (MS875)
- *Miscellaneous Account Books, 1773-1837*; includes day book of Gist Mill and Cotton Factory in St. Mary's County (MS1688)
- *Floyd and Thomas Account Book, 1831-34*; ledger kept for store in St. Mary's Co. (MS368)

Land/Official Records

- *Western Shore Counties Land Tracts: Record Book, 1818-34*; includes list of warrants in St. Mary's County (MS2234)
- *Survey Record Book, St. Mary's County, 1874-1892* (MS721)
- *Tax Lists, 1795-1808*; includes St. Mary's County (MF807 on Micro)
- *Samuel Maddox Papers, 1650-1775*; papers relating to lands owned by St. Mary's Co. family; includes map with land plots (MS1361)
- *Henry Greenfield Sothoron Key Papers, 1696-1865*; includes St. Mary's Co. land papers and other family and business papers (MS649); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000649.html>
- *Sarah Cole Papers, 1724-1824*; includes business papers relating to Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and Prince George's Counties (MS1240)

War/Military Records

- *Revolutionary War Military Collection*, 1776-1824; includes Oaths of Fidelity for St. Mary's County and other Revolutionary War records (MS1146, parts on Micro)
- *Revolutionary War Oaths of Fidelity*, 1778; includes St. Mary's Co. (MS1586)
- *Mrs. Samuel Charles Kerr Collection*, includes list of subscribers to oath of allegiance in St. Mary's County, 1778 (G5031)

Church/Religious Records

- *William and Mary Parish Records, St. Mary's County (MD)*, ca.1810-1903; papers relating to parish business (MS902)
- *Cedar Point M.E. Church, Young People's Christian Association Record Book*, 1889-911 includes roll and minutes (MS226)

Miscellaneous

- *Paul Bailey*, about Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin speaking in Saint Mary's County in the late 1920s (OH8157)

VII. Maps and Atlases

- *St. Mary's County Atlas* (MF187.S2M38)
- *St. Mary's County, Md. Street Map* (ref. MG1273.S2A34)