

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.

WORCESTER COUNTY (WO) – formed in 1742 from Somerset County

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I. Published City or County Histories

- *Worcester County: Maryland's Arcadia* (MF187.W5T7)
- *Worcester: A Pictorial Review* (MF187.W5B1)
- *Worcester County* (F187.W7J23)
- *Worcester Memories: 1890-1933* (PAM 11,072)
- *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architechtural History of Worcester County, Maryland* (NA730.M32W678)
- *First Annual Pilgrimage of Old Homes and Landmarks in Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland* (PAM 3246)
- *Articles for Consideration: 250 Years of History, Worcester County, Maryland, 1742-1992* (PAM 5379)
- *Hickory Stick to Computer Chip: A History of Public Education in Worcester County, Maryland* (MF187.W5A819)
- *Whaleyville, Worcester Co.* (PAM 10,540)

II. Published Genealogy Sources and Journals

- *To Speak of Many Things: About Worcester County, Maryland, its Homes, Families, & Records* (F187.W7A35)
- *Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland: A Study in Foundations and Founders* (MF187.S6T68)
- *Mostly Worcester Countians: An Every Name Index to R.V. Truitt and M.G. Les Callette's "Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia"* (F187.W5T7)

III. Vital Records – Birth, Death, Marriage

- *Marriage Licenses of Worcester County Maryland, 1795-1865* (MF187.W5W48L)
- *Marriages and Deaths of the Lower Delmarva, 1835-1840: from the Newspapers of Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester Counties, Maryland, compiled by F. Edward Wright* (PAM 11, 108)
- *Worcester County Maryland Wills, 1666-1851, 2 volumes* (MF187.W5J79)
- *Other Wills in the Prerogative Courts of Somerset and Worcester Counties, 1644-1775* (PAM 10,811)
- *Worcester County Maryland Wills, 1806-1833, 3 volumes* (MF187.W5D779)
- *Worcester County, Maryland Will Book JW-13 (1783-1790)* (PAM 3276)
- *Distribution of Estates for Worcester County Maryland, 1750-1776* (MF187.W5H8)

IV. Church and Cemetery Records/Histories

- *Parish Records of Worcester County by Millard F. Hudson* (PAM 10,534)
- *Register (1722-1840) and Vestry Proceedings (1753-1765, 1801) of St. Martin's Church, Worcester Parish, Worcester County, Maryland* (Micro 3247)
- *Register of St. Francis de Sales (RC) Church, Salisbury, Maryland, 1910-1985* (Micro 3197)
- *Worcester County; Old Lewis Graveyard and Ebenezer Methodist Church Cemetery* (PAM 10,536)
- *Cemetery Records of Worcester County Maryland* (MF187.W5D799)
- *Inscriptions on Tombstones in Cemeteries of Worcester County, Maryland* (MF187.W5H88)

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

- *Land Records of Worcester County, Maryland, 1666-1810* (MF187.W5S799)
- *Worcester County Land Records, abstracts of Libers AG, AF and AH, May 1815-June 1818* (F187.W67W67)
- *Worcester County, Maryland, 1800 Census* (PAM 4996)
- *Worcester County, Maryland 1850 Census* (PAM 11,828)
- *1783 Tax lists of Somerset and Worcester County, Maryland* (MF187.S6D799T)
- *Worcester County, Maryland, Orphans Court Proceedings* (MF187.W5H473)
- *Worcester County Inventories and Accounts, 1694-1792* (PAM 10,541)
- *Abstracts of Worcester County Estate Docket, 1742-1820* (PAM 11,827)
- *Worcester County, Maryland Administrators Bonds and Inventories, 1783-1790* (PAM 6022)
- *Balance Books at Annapolis: Distribution of Estates for Worcester County, Md., 1750-1776 inclusive* (MF187.W5H8)
- *Heads of Families in Worcester County, Maryland: At the First Census Taken in the Year 1790* (PAM 10,535)
- *1890 Special Census of the Civil War Veterans of the State of Maryland, Volume 4: Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties* (E494.M66)
- *Revolutionary Patriots of Worcester and Somerset Counties* (MF187.W5P371)

VI. Related Manuscript Collections

Family Papers/Genealogy

- *Harry Lee Benson Collection*, notes on families of Eastern Shore of Maryland, primarily Somerset and Worcester Counties (G5005)

Business Papers/Accounts

- *John Davis Account Book*, 1751-81; account book for Davis' mill, Worcester Co. and detailed inventory of estate of James Round of Worcester County (MS1475)

Land/Official Records

- *Deeds and Plat*, 1659-1759; several Cecil County land documents (MS831)
- *Miscellaneous Land Papers*, 1659-1915; includes some land grants for Worcester County (MS1342)
- *James Teackle Dennis Collection*, 1651-1917; includes some land papers for Worcester County (MS233); see finding aid at <http://www.mdhs.org/library/mss/ms000233.html>
- *Isaac Dashiell Jones Papers*, 1729-1871; includes large collection of land papers from Somerset and Worcester Counties (MS501)
- *Harry Lee Benson Collection*, n.d.; includes Worcester County land records (MS120)

War/Military Records

- *Oaths of Fidelity – Worcester County returns* (MS1814)
- *Revolutionary War Oaths of Fidelity, 1788;* includes Worcester Co. (MS 1586)
- *Worcester County Militia Papers, May 7, 1794;* four letters, includes list of participants (Vertical File)

Religion/Church Records

- *St. Martins Church, Worcester County, Records, 1734-1817* (Vertical File)

VII. Maps and Atlases

- *Worcester County, Md. Street Map* (Ref. 1273.W5A4)