

Other State & Local Repositories

- Detre Library & Archives,
Senator John Heinz History Center

<https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/research/detre-library-archives/>

- Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania

<https://genpa.org/>

- Historical Society of Pennsylvania

<https://www.portal.hsp.org/>

- Pennsylvania Department,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

<https://www.carnegielibrary.org/special-collections/pennsylvania-department-collections/>

- Pennsylvania State Archives

<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Pages/default.aspx>

- Pennsylvania State Library

<https://www.statelibrary.pa.gov/GeneralPublic/Learn/Genealogy-and-Local-History/Pages/default.aspx>



Find Us!

Butler Area Public Library
218 N. McKean Street
Butler, PA 16001

<https://www.butlerlibrary.info/>

Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

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BUTLER COUNTY Historical Resources

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Butler Area Public Library Resources

Local Butler County Resources:

Butler County Courthouse & Government Center

214 W. Diamond Street
Butler, PA 16001
Phone: 724-285-4731

Office of the Prothonotary *Phone: 724-284-5214*

The Office of the Prothonotary is where civil records, including naturalization records, are kept on a permanent basis.

Office of the Recorder of Deeds Office *Phone: 724-284-5340*

The Office of the Recorder of Deeds is the central location for all of Butler County's land records. Any transaction or document dealing with real estate would be recorded here.

Office of the Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphan's Court *Phone: 724-284-1409*

The Office of the Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphan's Court can help you with locate public records including estate records, marriage records from 1885-present, as well as births and deaths from 1893-1905.

Butler County Historical Society

123 W. Diamond Street
Butler, PA 16001
Phone: 724-283-8116
Website: www.butlerhistory.com
Email: society@butlerhistory.com

The Butler County Historical Society owns three museums: the Senator Walter Lowrie Museum, the Little Red School House, and the Cooper Cabin Pioneer Homestead. It also has one of the largest collections of documents, genealogical collections, artifacts, and volumes pertaining to Butler County.

Useful Websites:

Family Search familysearch.org

Family Search is a great free website for genealogical research. It also has a very helpful wiki with information about types of documents or genealogical concepts, and a directory to resources in specific cities, counties, or countries. The Butler Area Public Library is a **Family Search Affiliate Library**, which means access to a greater selection of their collection of digitized records is available onsite at the library.

Cyndi's List cyndislist.org

Cyndi's List is a comprehensive link round-up of genealogy online. It features the capability to search by location, resource type, or just browse.

Rootsweb rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pabutler/

There is a rootsweb for nearly every county in the nation. Some are more comprehensive or better maintained than others, but these locally-supported websites were an early online genealogy presence. The rootsweb for Butler County includes indexes of early deaths and births, estates, map images, and more.

PA Ancestry Portal phmc.pa.gov/archives/research-online

Pennsylvania records on Ancestry.com digitized by the state Historic and Museum Commission are available for free to Pennsylvania residents. Access requires an Ancestry account (a username), but you do not need to pay a subscription fee to view these records through the state website portal. At the site, enter your zip code (do not hit 'Enter' on your keyboard afterward) and a link to the collection will generate automatically. The portal includes death certificates, early military pensions, Civil War muster rolls, and more.



The Butler Area Public Library has a vast collection of resources that reflect the history of Butler County and its residents. These resources include:

- **4,500** volumes, including local histories, family histories, maps and gazetteers.
- **1,000** rolls of census, newspaper and probate microfilm.
- State of the art microfilm and microfiche readers and copiers
- An online obituary and newspaper index dating from 1818 to 2021 with over **497,000** records.
- More than **1,300** family vertical files and **3,200** topical vertical files available with staff assistance.

