

PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIALS FOR LOCAL RESEARCH
Public Records in the Union County Courthouse

Register & Recorder's Office

Older records are on microfiche. Newer records are on computer. Ask staff for assistance.

Wills & Letters of Administration
may include the following:

date of death
where resided
spouse, children, relatives
inventory of possessions
value of estate
possessions given to others
business
dower/dowry responsibilities

Indexes for Wills & Letters are in Register & Recorders office and UCHS office.

Grantor / Grantee Records
Deeds may include the following:

title to property
spouse's name
location of seller / property being sold
previous residence of buyer
existence of house / building (not construction date)

Estate Inventories and Estate Auctions

List of possessions and value
purchaser at sale (vendue)

Additional estate information may be in Orphan's Court records. See index in Prothonotary office.

Prothonotary's Office

Orphans Court records Indexed to 1988 & microfilmed. From 1988 on computer
agreements; partitions of real estate; appointment of guardians

Marriage License Applications 1885 to present. Indexed.
names, parents' names, addresses, birth dates and birthplaces, occupations

Divorce Papers Indexed by name; on microfilm/computer
maiden name; children's names and ages; relatives' names; date and place of marriage; residence; occupation

Civil and Criminal Court proceedings Indexed
contracts; goods levied on; charge; sentence: jury & trial lists; occupation

Death Index- 1852-1855
name, parents, occupation, birthplace, spouse, children; date of death, place, cause; where buried.

Birth & Death Records - 1893-1905. Indexed

Naturalization papers - country of origin; time & place of immigration; trade

Delayed Birth Records - name, birthdate, court # date, docket page.

Soldiers & Militia Enrollment Index 1845-1944 - name, age, year enrolled, township.

Sheriff's Sales - existence of buildings

Tavern Licenses 1814-1916 - owner, location, date.

Census Indexes 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 The actual census data is on microfilm in UCHS.

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Union County Historical Society Office

Population Schedules: "Census" - microfilm, by year, county:

Union 1820-1930; Snyder 1860-1920; Northumberland 1790-1920; Schuylkill Co 1880-1920; Philadelphia 1850.

1790-1840 - heads of household only, age and sex of household members, trade

1850-1880 - full name of everyone enumerated, trade, property, place of residence, and place of birth

1900-1930 - head of household, wife, children, owned or rented property, personal description (sex, color, age, marital status), citizenship, education, place of birth, and occupation

Note: printed: 1790, 1810 [head of household names only]; 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1930

Direct Tax of 1798 - for Northumberland County (included Union & Snyder)

property owners; description of property; tenants; building descriptions; value

Tax Assessments for Union county 1792-1882; Snyder County 1792-1881

occupation; ownership of property, horses, cows, etc.; single men/tenant or owner; widows (property owners)

Agricultural Census - 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. shows what individual farmers were raising

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps - Lewisburg 1885-1925; Mifflinburg 1887-1943: streets, log/brick/frame bldgs

Manufacturer's Reports - 1850 and 1860: employees; months operating, materials used; goods made

Union County Annual Enumeration and Assessment 1883-1946

Union County Commissioners Minutes 1813-1894; Treasurers books 1822-1836; License Books 1836-1856

Mortality Reports - by County 1850-1880: name; age; date of birth; place of birth; date of death; cause

Burials of Deceased Soldiers 1886-1915; PA 1890 Veterans Census / 1890 - applications for Civil War pensions

NEWSPAPERS on microfilm

1834 - 1835 *Union Annalist* (New Berlin)
1834 - 1855 *Union Times* (New Berlin)
1835 - 1837 *Anti Masonic Star* (New Berlin)
1838 - 1841 *The Milton Ledger*
1839 *Lewisburg Standard*
1841 *The Union Star* (New Berlin)
1843 - 1848 *Clinton County Democrat*
1847 - 1912 *Lewisburg Chronicle*
1847 *Good Samaritan* (New Berlin)
1850 - 1852 *Der Christliche, Botschafter*
1862 - 2002 *Mifflinburg Telegraph* (no 1868-1872)
Sep 1910 - Dec 1952 *Lewisburg Journal*
Jan 1999 - Dec 2010 *Union County Times*

IMAC Computer Indexes for the following:

Births from Prothonotary records, late 1800s

Deaths noted in newspapers, late 1800s

Tombstones in Union County cemeteries

Tombstones in Lewisburg Cemetery

Strunk Funeral Home records 1908-85

Marriages c.1845-1895: Male and female indexes

Contemporary obituaries

GENERAL REFERENCE BOOKS

Annals of Buffalo Valley 1755-1855, Linn, plus Index
Civil War Soldiers of Union County, by Lontz
Commemorative Biographical Record, Beers, 1898
Gen. and Biog. Annals of Northumberland County
Genealogists Guide to Burials in Northumberland Co
Guide to Union County Cemeteries, Finsterbush, et al
History of the Susquehanna & Juniata Valleys, 1886
Revolutionary War Soldiers of Union County, Lontz
Snyder County Marriages, Fisher, plus Index
Snyder County Pioneers
Snyder County Tombstones
Soldiers of War 1812, Philippines, Mexico, Spain, WWI and WWII, Lontz
The Story of Snyder County, Dunkleberger
Tombstone Inscriptions, Lontz
Town on the Susquehanna, Kalp
Union County, Snyder
Union County Marriages, Fisher, plus Index
Veterans' Grave Registrations
Wills & Administrations of Northumberland County
World War II commemoratives

Union County HERITAGES 1968-2012: Indexed
New Berlin Heritage Bulletins 1972-2003
Snyder Co. Historical Society Bulletins 1913-97

Also see town histories, and boxes for municipalities and specific subjects; Church histories.