

Research Services

1. The Columbia County Historical & Genealogical Society is a volunteer-run organization. Therefore, research services are offered as time and resources allow. We appreciate your patience and understanding.
2. Our services include genealogical and historical research utilizing resources available in the Society's collection. Examples of these resources include, but are not limited to:
 - Regional histories
 - Church records
 - Cemetery records
 - Surname files
 - Tax lists
 - Census records
 - Naturalization records
 - Birth, baptism, death, and marriage notices
3. Additionally, we perform limited research at the Columbia County Courthouse to locate the following record types:
 - Marriage licenses
 - Wills
 - Deeds
4. Please be complete in providing the information requested on the research forms. A full and detailed description of your research request is important in helping the researcher find the information you are requesting.
5. Please fill out a separate research request form for each specific research request.
6. Research fees are non-refundable in the event of volunteers are unable to answer questions or find relevant information. This is to cover the time and effort spent by volunteers, and we will not confirm possession in our collection before payment. **We recommend using our search database on our website before sending a request** to ensure we have information and speed up the research process. Our website is not all-inclusive.
7. Please allow four to six weeks for a reply.
8. Make your check payable to **Columbia Co. Hist. & Gen. Society** or **CCHGS**.

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REQUEST FORM FOR A WILL COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

By an act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly on March 22, 1813, Columbia County was created from Northumberland County. After this date the will of a person who lived in Columbia County at the time of death would have, most likely, been filed in the Register and Recorder Office in the Columbia County Courthouse. Please provide as much information as possible when requesting a copy of a will from the Columbia County Courthouse.

Columbia County Wills

Full name: _____

Residence, township or town: _____

Year of death: _____

Names of family members: _____

Please provide any other information that would be helpful to the researcher about the individual whose will you wish to find: _____

Full name: _____

Residence, township or town: _____

Year of death: _____

Names of family members: _____

Please provide any other information that would be helpful to the researcher about the individual whose will you wish to find: _____

For additional requests, please use new pages

The fee for finding a will, copying the will, and postage is \$15.00 **each**. It must be prepaid before any research is undertaken and is non-refundable if there is no will in the courthouse or our collection. If the number of pages exceeds five, there is an extra charge of \$1.50 for each additional page. Notice of these additional charges will be sent, and payment is required before forwarding your copies. Payments may be made via PayPal, by calling the front desk at 570-784-1600, cash or check via mail with this form, or in-person with cash, credit card, or check. **Fees apply to CCHGS members and non-members.**

Name: _____ Member: ☐ Y ☐ N

Address: _____ Date: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I wish to have copies returned to me via: ☐ In-Person Pickup ☐ Email ☐ Mail

_____ Quantity \$ _____ Total Payment (*not including add. pages*)