Washington County formed from Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1781.

County offices are housed in:
- Washington County Courthouse
  One South Main St.
  Washington, PA 15301
- Courthouse Square Office Bldg.
  100 W. Beau St.
  Washington, PA 15301

Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; Closed on court holidays.

On site records: self-serve & staff serve copying; copy fee required.

Off site records: allow two days for access. Retrieval fee may be required at time of record request.

County Information:
(724) 228-6700
www.co.washington.pa.us
www.washingtoncourts.us

Recommended Web Sites for Genealogical Research

► California University of Pennsylvania (Manderino Library) www.library.cup.edu
► Citizens Library – Local Public Library www.citlib.org
► Genealogy & History in Washington County www.chartiers.com
► Genealogical Society of SW PA www.genealogicalsocietyswpa.com/
► National Archives, Washington, D.C
► National Military Personnel Records Center (NPRC), St. Louis, MO,
► Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission
  www.phmc.state.pa.us
► U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
  www.uscis.gov
► Washington County Law Library
  www.washcourts.us/pages/lawlibrary.aspx
► Washington County Historical Society
  www.wchs.org
► Washington & Jefferson College
  U. Grant Miller Library
  www.washjeff.edu
► Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society
  www.wpgs.org

Washington County Law Library
1 South Main Street
Suite 200
Washington, PA 15301

Key:
mf = microfilm
pc = photocopy

Information has been verified by public records’ originating offices and is correct as of 4-1-09.
Register of Wills

Courthouse, Room 1002
Phone: (724) 228-6775

Vital Records:
- Marriage Licenses: applications and dockets (1885-present)
- Births & Deaths (1893-1906)
- Delayed Birth Records (1941-1970; births ca. 1870-1906)

Note: Births, marriages, and deaths before 1893 were not systematically recorded; they may be found in church records, newspapers, etc. After 1906, birth & death records can be found at: PA Dept. of Health, Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, PA 16105; www.dsf.health.state.pa.us

Property Records:
- Tax Records from 1860-year preceding present: stored off-site.
- Tax Records ca. 1781-1859: mf and pc available in Law Library.

Recorder of Deeds

Courthouse, Square, Suite 204
Phone (724) 228-6806

Property Records:
- Deeds & Mortgages (1781-present)

Miscellaneous Records:
- Articles of Incorporation (1794-1994)
- Military Discharges (1862-present) Note: available for public inspection only if discharge occurred more than 75 years prior to request.
- Oaths & Commissions: Notaries public; Justices of peace; County Officers (1781-present)
- Plan Books (1781-1921)
- Powers of Attorney (1781-present)
- Surveys (1781-1921)

Prothonotary

Courthouse, Room 1001
Phone: (724) 228-6770

Civil Record Holdings: (Civil action records including, but not limited to, divorce, custody, protection from abuse, equity, appeals, judgments, and liens)
- Indexes: Miscellaneous & Ejectment (1782-present); Ad Sector (1782-1985); Judgment (1855-present)
- Fictitious names in business (1917-1983) Note: after 1983 filed only with PA Department of State
- Adoptions (before 1925). Note: Confidential: access only by court order.

Veterans Affairs

Courthouse, Square, Suite 703
Phone (724) 228-6865
Appointments recommended.

Veterans Office Holdings:
- Veterans' Grave Registration Index (1781-present)
- Veterans' Discharge Papers (if papers were recorded at Recorder of Deeds office; discharges less than 75 years old available only to next of kin through Veterans Affairs Office)

If military discharge is available from neither Recorder of Deeds nor Veterans Affairs Office, try:
- National Archives in Washington, D.C., for military service records from Revolutionary War—1912.
- National Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO, for military service records from WWI—present.

Law Library

Courthouse, Room G004
Phone: (724) 228-6747

* = privately-prepared abstract, transcript, compilation, index, etc.

Probate Records:
- Accounts & Administration Bonds (1781-present)
- Adoption Records (1925-present) Note: Confidential; access only by court order.
- Court Audits (1880-present)
- Guardianships: incapacitated & minors (1781-present)
- Inventories & Appraisements (1781-present)
- Orphans Court (1781-present)
- Partitions (1781-1968)
- Wills (1781-present)

Tax Assessment

Courthouse Square, Suite 205
Phone (724) 228-6850

Tax Assessment Record Holdings:
- Current year's tax records: available on site
- Tax Records from 1860-year preceding present: stored off-site.
- Tax Records ca. 1781-1859: mf and pc available in Law Library.