

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE COLLECTIONS

The Room is always staffed with personnel who will assist patrons.

All users must sign the register with their full address when entering or leaving.

Briefcases and bags are to be placed near the sign-in book. Materials can be retrieved at any time.

Discreet cell phone use only.

Materials must stay in the Room.

No scanning of any Marx Room materials by any method.

Only pencils may be used to take notes.

All photocopying is done by staff. There is a limit of 10 copies per person per day. Cost is **50¢** per page. Entire manuscripts will not be copied, and no pre-1918 items may be copied.

Patrons may use a camera (with no flash) in the Room. Check with the attendant first.

Limited electrical connections for personal computers are available.

GENEALOGY RESOURCES

on the Easton Area Public Library Website
www.eastonpl.org

AVAILABLE WITHOUT AN EAPL CARD

1. Easton Newspaper Obituary Index - 1900 - current
2. Church & Cemetery Indexes
 - 1930s WPA Index to 31 volumes
 - Index to Northampton County records acquired since the 1930s - currently 138 volumes with 316,000 names (more being added)
3. Easton Newspaper Index to Selected Articles from 1799-2007 - more than 20,000 entries

AVAILABLE TO EAPL CARD HOLDERS

Heritage Quest - censuses & much more
Express-Times - Full Text, July 13, 1998 to present
Morning Call - Full Text, 1984 to present
America's Newspapers - Full Text, 2,000 papers
New York Times - Full Text, 1851 to present

AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

Ancestry Library Edition

MAIL SERVICE

Photocopies of microfilmed obituaries or newspaper articles cost \$5.00 per obituary or article. Photocopies of pages from the indexed church records cost \$1.00 each. There is a limit of 10 items per request. All requests must be made by mail.

For those who cannot make a personal visit to Easton, the library will answer letters. A succinct inquiry is best. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive a reply. There is a \$1.00 charge for each photocopy from the Library's printed collections.



Assistance is always available in the Marx Room.

DONATIONS

THE HENRY F. MARX ROOM

The Henry F. Marx Room accepts unconditional donations of materials that fit the Room's collecting focus. Of primary interest are local history, genealogy, and manuscript materials. The library reserves the right to decline any and all gifts.

The Room welcomes monetary gifts that can be used to purchase needed materials and supplies.

If you would like further information, contact Emily Rabson, Supervisor, at 610-258-2917 ext. 381.

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

HENRY F. MARX LOCAL HISTORY ROOM



THE EASTON FLAG
LOCATED IN THE MARX ROOM

HOURS

Monday through Friday

10:00 a.m. - Noon

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

515 Church Street
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Marx Room contains three distinct collections:

1. Easton Library Company volumes acquired between 1811–1855 (approximately 1600 volumes)
2. Volumes written by local authors, signed by local residents, or printed locally (about 550 volumes)
3. Local history and genealogy material (about 15,000 items)



LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY

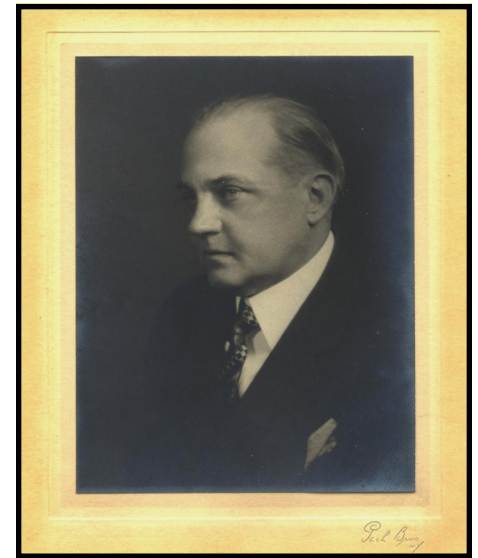
Our holdings focus on Easton and locales within a 30-mile radius of the city. This includes Northampton, Lehigh, Monroe, Carbon, eastern Berks, eastern Schuylkill, northern Montgomery, and northern Bucks counties in Pennsylvania, and Hunterdon, Sussex, and Warren counties in New Jersey.

Our holdings include:

- County and municipal histories.
- Family genealogies.
- Government records:
 - Pennsylvania Archives and Colonial Records.
 - New Jersey Archives.
 - Early Northampton County will abstracts.
 - Easton city births, deaths, and burials, 1888-1907.
- Tax lists, 1761 – 1806.

- Revolutionary Oaths of Allegiance for Northampton County.
- Church histories, records, and registers.
- Cemetery records and tombstone transcriptions.
- Obituary indexes, 1900 - present.
- Death rolls, 1901-1919.
- Marriage and death indexes to local newspapers, 1799-1902.
- Easton city directories, starting in 1855.
- Easton area phone and cross-reference directories.
- Easton Area High School yearbooks.
- Photographs.
- Civil War material, including the War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies.
- Journals, including extensive holdings of:
 - Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine
 - Pennsylvania German Folklore Society Yearbooks
 - Pennsylvania History
 - Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography
 - Proceedings of the Pennsylvania German Society
 - Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey
 - New England Historical and Genealogical Register
 - New York Genealogical and Biographical Record
- Microfilmed local newspapers dating from 1799.
- Maps and atlases.
- Area census records, 1790 – 1940.
- Heritage Quest online.
- Ancestry Library Edition online.

For detailed holdings, consult the library's online catalog, available on the library website: www.eastonpl.org



Henry F. Marx was Director of the Easton Area Public Library from 1901 until 1936. He realized the importance of local history and genealogy and initiated and fostered the collecting of this material.

The collection has been maintained and expanded through the support of successive directors, and is now housed in a climate controlled environment.

THE EASTON FLAG

Tradition holds that the Easton Flag was unfurled on July 8, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was read in Centre Square. In 1814, the flag was presented to the troop of rifleman the city recruited to defend Washington, D.C. The flag was presented to the Easton Library Company in 1821.