

## **Treasury Department State Documents**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of the State Library

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**Date:** Majority of material found within 1818 - 1918

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## Scope and Contents

The Treasury Department is headed by the State Treasurer, pursuant to the Administrative Code. The position of State Treasurer is an independently elected office established under the Pennsylvania Constitution. The powers and duties of the State Treasurer and Treasury are largely delineated in the Fiscal Code and generally involve the receipt and disbursement of funds by the Commonwealth, as well as the deposit, investment, and safekeeping of monies and securities belonging to the Commonwealth. As custodian of the funds of virtually all state agencies, the State Treasurer is responsible for monitoring and safeguarding money and securities, collecting dividends and interest, executing securities transactions, and handling daily settlements of trades. The Treasury Department is responsible for administering the Pennsylvania 529 College and Career Savings Program, the PA ABLE Savings Program, and the Keystone Scholars Program; conducting investigations of loss, theft, or fraud involving all Commonwealth checks; serving as a repository for all Commonwealth contracts valued at \$5,000 or more, and making the contracts available for public review on the Contracts e-Library; and reviewing and approving real estate leases and sole-source contracts entered into by Commonwealth agencies before such leases and contracts can become effective.

The publications of the Treasury Department contain annual reports. Selected topics from these publications include yearly expenditures and receipts of the Commonwealth, and statements from the State Treasurer. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1818 to 1918.

## Biographical / Historical

Though the Constitution of 1776 provided for a State Treasurer elected by the General Assembly, this method of selection was changed in 1874 to direct popular election. The early powers and duties of the Treasurer were largely determined by legislation enacted in 1809 and 1811 which defined the roles of the Treasurer and Department of the Auditor General relating to the payment and settlement of public money and accounts, abolished the Office of the Comptroller General, and required the Treasurer to examine and revise settlements.

## Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of the Comptroller General (incorporated agency)

## **General**

Annual reports of receipts, payments, and finances by the State Treasurer from 1823 to 1918 (intermittent) are available on the Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/search?query=report+state+treasurer+pennsylvania>.

## **Other Finding Aids**

For more information concerning the records of the Treasury Department at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit: <https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class82>.

## **Administrative Information**

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