

## **Historical and Museum Commission State Documents**

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is an independent administrative board, charged with the responsibility of preserving the Commonwealth's historic heritage. The Commission administers the state archival and records management program and numerous museums and historical sites. The Commission also assists local historical societies and governmental agencies in all matters regarding historical preservation, conducts research and publication programs to promote Pennsylvania history, and manages the State Records Center.

The publications of the Historical and Museum Commission contain annual reports, strategic plans, and standards. Selected topics from these publications include yearly statistics, historic preservation, and collections management. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2007 to present.

## Biographical / Historical

The State Archives was originally created as the Division of Public Records in 1903 as an administrative unit in the State Library. A State Museum was also created under the State Library in accordance with legislation passed in 1905. As part of a general reorganization in 1919, the State Library became the State Library and Museum. In 1923 the State Library and Museum was made an administrative unit of the Department of Public Instruction, as was the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, which had functioned as an independent commission since its establishment in 1913. Under the Department of Public Instruction, the State Library and Museum worked through five sections: the General Library, Law Library, Library Extension, Archives and History, and the State Museum. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission was created by Act No. 446 and approved June 6, 1945 to consolidate the functions of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission, the State Museum, and the State Archives.

## Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Pennsylvania Historical Commission (incorporated agency), Pennsylvania State Archives (partly-incorporated agency), Pennsylvania State Museum (partly-incorporated agency), Department of Public Instruction (former parent agency of incorporated entities)

## **Other Finding Aids**

For more information concerning the records of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit:

<https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class990>.

## **Administrative Information**

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