

# LancasterHistory Research Collections



## Documents

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/83c5b03a-8c2a-41b1-acf9-076626244931>

**Description Level:** Fonds

**Collection:** Habeas Corpus Papers

**Description:**

A writ of habeas corpus is a procedure for obtaining a judicial determination of the legality of an individual's custody. This collection includes petitions for writs of habeas corpus and the writs themselves, showing the names of petitioners, persons to be brought to court, nature of dispute or alleged crime, dates of writs and accompanying documents, names of judges, and names of persons that the writs are filed against. Petitioners include indentured servants, runaway slaves, free African-Americans, convicted prisoners, those awaiting trial, relatives of prisoners, parties in child custody disputes, and relatives of army recruits and draftees. Arranged chronologically by date of filing. Handwritten, handwritten on printed forms, and a very few typewritten.

**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** HABEAS CORPUS PAPERS

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets:

1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written.  
1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Access Conditions / Restrictions:** Restricted use of original. A photocopy will be made for patron use.



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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/4bd28f4c-a616-4258-ae06-882647237750>

**Description Level:** Fonds

**Collection:** Mechanics' Liens

**Description:**

Liens filed by contractors showing names of parties including owner of property; description of property including location; nature of claim; description of materials and work done on property; volume and page number of recording in Mechanics' Liens Docket; and date filed.

**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date filed.

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** MECHANICS' LIENS

**Classification:** RG 01-00 0202

**Location:** Archives

**Access Conditions / Restrictions:** Request at Reference Desk; photocopy made by staff member.