

# LancasterHistory Research Collections



## Documents

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**Description Level:** Item

**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

**Year:** 1844

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Myerly, Henry  
Ehler, John

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1844 F006

**Case Number:** 411.500

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 004

**Box Number:** 004

**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.

**Additional Notes:**

Charged with suspicion of theft.

Petitioner: Myerly, Henry.

Filed against: Ehler, John. Occupation: Sheriff and jailor.

Petition.

Warrant of commitment.

Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.

3 items, 2 pieces

**Access Conditions /  
Restrictions:**

Restricted use of original. A photocopy will be made for patron use.