

Newtown Historic Association
Research Center Rules and Regulations
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Materials which have been catalogued and filed, ready for use include books, clippings, slides, photographs and maps, all relating to people, places events in Newtown Borough and Township from the settlement to the present time.

Among our maps are area maps and street or road maps, many showing the changes in street and/or road names and dates. Thus the areas of expansion are pinpointed.

On file are the results of the Historic Resources Surveys of Newtown Borough and Township of buildings 50 years old and older. These include photographs, description of architectural design and location. Also available are some original deeds and copies of recent title searches.

Among the slides are ones covering The Walking Tours and those showing both the interiors and exteriors of all the buildings which have been a part of local tours.

The records of former and present organizations which are part of the collection include those of the Whittier Institute, a literary club which was active from 1868 through 1874; the Reliance Company for the Apprehension of Horse Thieves and Other Villains; the Fire Company; the Newtown Library company; the New Century club; the WCTU and the Needlework Guild to mention some. Many of these have been indexed and others are being worked on.

Though primarily an agricultural community, education was always a principal consideration. Records of private primary schools precede the foundation of The Academy. The one room primary schools and the Newtown High School were the first tax supported schools and were followed by Council Rock School District. Not only the board minutes, but records of the other associations connected with them i.e., the PTA and teachers organization are available.

Material on individuals is being filed under surname and/or profession for easy access. Books, pamphlets and early newspapers are being indexed or catalogued to highlight names and dates. Genealogies of many families are available. Among these are detailed research on the Hicks Family.

Our card catalogue is not only an index to our books but also includes all materials in the vertical file, maps, photographs and magazines.