

HSP Card Catalog Guide

What is in the card catalogs:

Records for books, pamphlets, articles, genealogical notes, select newspapers, periodicals, microfilm, family histories, and general descriptions of our manuscript collections can be found in the online catalog. Specific card catalogs fully represented are: Genealogical Catalog (PC-7), Historical/Genealogical Catalog (PC-8), and Historical Catalog (PC-9), with some general entries for Manuscript Catalog (PC-1) and Graphics Catalog (PC-4).

PC 1 - Manuscript catalog

This catalog indexes at the item level 17 million manuscript resources, including letters, diaries, accounts, and minutes. It is primarily a name index. Many collections have finding aids which are shelved in the reference room. Note: collection descriptions are published in MANX, the Online Catalog, as well as the printed *Guide to the Manuscript Collections of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania*.

PC 2 - LCP in HSP catalog

This catalog is a name index to the Library Company of Philadelphia (LCP) manuscript collections. HSP administers these collections according to a cooperative agreement with LCP.

PC 3 - Broadsides

This catalog indexes the HSP's graphics holdings of broadsides and World War I and World War II Posters (available through title only).

PC 4 - Graphics catalog

This catalog indexes HSP's graphics holdings. It is subdivided into three sections:

4a - catalog of images, portraits, and trade cards in the formats of prints, drawings, watercolors, and photographs. Access is by name, place, or subject.

4b - catalog of coats of arms, arranged alphabetically by surname.

4c - catalog of insurance surveys held in the Mutual Assurance Company and the Philadelphia Contributionship. Access is by street name and address.

4d - catalog of HSP's holdings of maps, atlases and all other cartographic material.

PC 5 - Music catalog

This catalog indexes HSP's holdings of sheet music. Access is by title, author, and publisher.

PC 6 - Afro-Americana in HSP and LCP

This catalog is a name index to manuscript collections of the Library Company of Philadelphia (LCP) and the Historical Society containing Afro-Americana for the period of 1553-1906. Citations correspond to the manuscript section of the published guide *Afro-Americana, 1553-1906*, which is available at the Reference Desk. Location information, whether HSP or LCP, is entered at the bottom of the card.

PC 7 - Genealogical catalog

This is a catalog of genealogical public records and unpublished scrapbooks and folders, including, but not limited to, church, cemetery, tax, marriage, birth and death records, deeds and wills, and family notes and Bible records. All items in PC-7 are also found in our Online Catalog.

PC 8 - Historical/Genealogical catalog

This catalog indexes books, periodicals and newspapers, including regional, local, and family histories as well as biographies. Cards cite all published material cataloged by HSP after 1969. All items in PC-8 are also found in our Online Catalog.

Note: some cards are for items that are housed at the Library Company of Philadelphia. In order to use these items, you must use LCP's facilities (next door at 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107). These cards are marked either with the words Library Company of Philadelphia, or are stamped with the initials LCP.

PC 9 - Historical catalog

This catalog indexes published material, mostly 18th-20th century, which was cataloged by HSP before 1969. All items in PC-9 are also found in our Online Catalog.

Note: an item published after 1969 will never be indexed in this catalog; however, an item published before 1969 may be indexed in either this catalog or PC-8.