



PA Photos & Documents

Exploring Pennsylvania's digitized documents and photographs

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Information At A Glance

- ▶ PA Photos & Documents is a statewide DAM service utilizing CONTENTdm
- ▶ The primary focus is to make PA's historical & cultural collections readily available to the citizens of PA
- ▶ The Office of Commonwealth Libraries encourages collaborative partnerships among the state's libraries, historical societies, museums, and other cultural and educational institutions

PA Photos and Documents: at POWER Library

The screenshot shows the POWER Library website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the POWER Library logo on the left, which includes the text 'POWER LIBRARY PENNSYLVANIA'S ELECTRONIC LIBRARY'. In the center of the bar are the words 'Chat with a librarian now'. To the right is the 'Find' section with 'e-resources' and sub-links 'Help me choose' and 'List all e-resources'. Further right is the 'POWER KIDS' section with 'books, movies, and more in a PA library' and 'PA photos and documents'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'Home > PA Photos and Documents'. The title 'PA Photos and Documents' is followed by a description: 'Explore thousands of digitized documents and photographs from unique collections in libraries across Pennsylvania. You'll be amazed by what you find!'. There are social media share icons for Facebook, Twitter, Email, and a plus sign. Below this is a 'Browse:' section with a search bar and a link to 'List by Institution | List by Subject'. A list of collections is displayed, each with a title and the number of collections in parentheses, and a small icon to the right: 'Church and Missionary History (7 collections)', 'Culinary Arts (1 collection)', 'Film History (1 collection)', 'Genealogy (2 collections)', and 'Health and Medicine (2 collections)'. A '+ Expand All' link is positioned to the right of the list. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Live Chat Help Now' button with a person icon and a speech bubble, and a section titled 'Explore Other Collections' featuring a photo of three men. Below that is a graphic for 'Get the POWER Library News' with a portrait of Benjamin Franklin.

<http://www.powerlibrary.org/collections/>

PA Photos and Documents: the CONTENTdm Site

The screenshot displays the website interface for the Pennsylvania State Archives. At the top, there are logos for POWER LIBRARY and PHMC (Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission). The main header reads "Pennsylvania State Archives: Polk Center Glass Plate Negative Collection". Below this is a navigation bar with links for Home, Browse All, Browse by Subject, About, and Return to POWER Library Portal. A search bar is present with a "Search" button and a link to "Advanced Search".

The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: Home >> Pennsylvania State Archives - Polk Center Glass Plate Negative Collection. Below this is a section titled "Pennsylvania State Archives - Polk Center Glass Plate Negative Collection". A large image viewer shows a grid of thumbnails, with the selected image being a girl in a dress and hair. The caption below the viewer reads: "620, Play, Girl with Flowers on Dress and Hair, 8x10".

To the right of the main image viewer is a "Recent Additions" section with a link to "Receive updates for this collection". It displays four thumbnail images with their respective captions: "234, Southside Industrial Building, View from Terrace, 5x7", "557, Girls Seamstress Class Southside, Women with Sewing Form, 8x10", "301, Field Games, Barrels, 8x10, Broken Corner", and "584, Rip Van Winkle, 1916, 8x10".

Below the main image viewer is an "About this collection" section. It contains the following text: "Welcome to the Pennsylvania State Archives (State Library of Pennsylvania Partner) Polk Center Glass Plate Negative Collection Posters Collection, a digitized collection of the POWER Library: Pennsylvania's Electronic Library. Historical glass plate negatives documenting daily life of staff and residents of Polk State School in Venango County, Pennsylvania. In the early 20th century Polk Village included resident cottages and dormitories, industrial school classrooms, auditorium, gymnasium, hospital, bakery and kitchen, power plant, farm and orchard. Images show grounds and facilities, interior and exterior views of buildings, staff and residents, school activities, celebrations, games, athletic teams, plays and performances. The State Archives thanks the Polk Center for their cooperation in making these images available and, wherever possible, has retained the".

(sample collection page located at:

<http://contentdm1.accesspa.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/sstlp-psagp>)



PaP&D: What Is It?

A digital repository that enables the storage and retrieval of digitized collections created by libraries and other organizations throughout Pennsylvania.

- ▶ As a hosting service for digital content, HSLC takes digital images and corresponding metadata and uploads them to the state's CONTENTdm site
 - ▶ HSLC does not gather the information – institutions must provide it
 - ▶ HSLC does not store or own original digital objects – they belong to the institution

It makes local collections available to a worldwide audience.

- ▶ HSLC harvests thumbnails and metadata from the CONTENTdm site and sends it for inclusion to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)



PaP&D: What's In It?

- ▶ Sample Acceptable Items for Inclusion:
 - ▶ Photographs
 - ▶ images from long ago and an institution's 3-D objects such as bowls and uniforms
 - ▶ Postcards
 - ▶ Pamphlets and Ephemera about Historical Events and People
 - ▶ Local History Manuscripts Donated to a Library or Historical Society
 - ▶ Books in the Public Domain
- ▶ Looking toward the future:
 - ▶ Oral histories with transcripts



PaP&D: Who's In It?

- ▶ Special & Government Institutions:
 - ▶ State Library of Pennsylvania
 - ▶ Pennsylvania State Archives
 - ▶ College of Physicians
 - ▶ Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
- ▶ Colleges & Universities:
 - ▶ Carnegie Mellon University
 - ▶ Gettysburg College
 - ▶ Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
- ▶ Public Libraries:
 - ▶ Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
 - ▶ Memorial Library of Nazareth & Vicinity
- ▶ K-12:
 - ▶ Milton Hershey School
 - ▶ B. Reed Henderson High School



Questions Asked of Contributors

- ▶ Is your local history collection in boxes, filing cabinets, or wall displays, but not online?
- ▶ Is your collection already partially digitized, but not on a website found by search engines or people outside your library?
- ▶ Do you have patrons, students K-12 and beyond, genealogists, and/or alumni researching or potentially interested in your collection?
- ▶ Do you have a scanner?
- ▶ Do you have a staff member or volunteer who can work with HSLC to address any questions related to a digital collection?
- ▶ Are you a subscribing library to POWER Library or know one?
- ▶ Are you able and willing to sign an agreement to send digital images and metadata to HSLC, and for HSLC to share everything with DPLA?



Thank You for Listening!

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