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

http://www.powerlibrary.org/collections/
PA Photos and Documents: the CONTENTdm Site

(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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