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Thousands Search Ancestry.com at the State Archives' Farm Show Booth

As many as 10,000 people visited the Pennsylvania State Archives' booth at this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show, where computer workstations were available for free searching on Ancestry.com. Visitors, assisted by helpful archivists, were thrilled to find ancestors—in a few cases, parents and grandparents they had never met.

The event was an opportunity to introduce the State Archives to a broader public audience, many of whom were unfamiliar

with its mission and impact. The booth was funded by sponsorship from Ancestry to the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

The State Archives has made more than 14 million documents available online through Ancestry, saving taxpayers an estimated \$2 million over the years. Pennsylvania residents can access those documents without charge on Ancestry via the State Archives website: pastatearchives.com.



HIGHLIGHTS

Trails of History Sites and Museums

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PHF Members-Only Preview of New State Museum Exhibit

On November 17, 2017, the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation hosted a members-only preview event of the exhibit *"Every Thing of Interest Shown": T.M. Fowler's Bird's-Eye Views of Pennsylvania, 1885-1905* at The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

The exhibit, now open to the public, showcases 32 panoramic maps of Pennsylvania communities from the late 19th century.

At the preview, PHF members also had the opportunity to meet the new PHMC executive director, Andrea W. Lowery. Guests enjoyed wine and refreshments while learning about the development of the exhibit from Curtis Miner, senior history curator at The State Museum.



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OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation is the nonprofit partner of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Governed by a volunteer board, PHF helps preserve the commonwealth's rich heritage through charitable funding, membership, grant management and community engagement.

New Giving Circle Members

PHF welcomes this year's new Giving Circle members and would like to thank them for their generous support.

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Members are those who support PHF at the highest level by donating \$1,000 or more on an annual basis. PHF helps PHMC protect and provide access to PHMC's 23 historic sites and museums, 9 million objects and 250 million archival items. This key contribution is integral in helping us educate and enrich the lives of Pennsylvanians in the present and future.

Giving Circle members get first priority for PHF updates and events and receive special recognition annually in our printed materials and at various events. Members provide leadership and inspiration to all of those who consider supporting the work at PHF. Please join today.

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