

Chester County, Pennsylvania Poor School Children Tree Building Project

My name is Maren Burgess and I work for the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. I am leading a tree building project based on records from Chester County, Pennsylvania, and would like to seek the help of local Pennsylvania residents, genealogists, and history enthusiasts in carrying out this effort to document nineteenth-century families from their own home state.

The Chester County, Pennsylvania Poor School Children Project uses tax record lists of children in Chester County, Pennsylvania between 1810 and 1842 whose parents could not afford to pay for their schooling. These lists are used to create person profiles and link family relationships on the shared global family tree on FamilySearch.org. Using this unique record set will allow us to link families together who would otherwise be difficult to connect in this time and place in part because of the lack of records documenting low-income families. Over 17,000 entries appear in the index of these records, and we anticipate that this will result in the creation and/or sourcing of several thousand person profiles in the tree.

Project assignments include:

- 1. Analyzing tax entry lists to search for or create profiles in the tree**
- 2. Attaching images of original sources to profiles**
- 3. Performing additional research, primarily in pre-1850 censuses**
- 4. Reviewing to check for errors**

Anyone interested in helping can fill out the google form below or directly email Maren Burgess at maren.burgess@familysearch.org. Each volunteer will then be given an assignment and training. After completion of a given assignment, volunteers who wish to continue will be given subsequent assignments.

Signup link:

<https://forms.gle/9xte3mxdfEU9smHw6>

Please contact me with any questions you may have about the project.

**Thank you,
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