

Local Government Archives and You: Your Heritage, Your Rights, Your Community

Why should I care about local government records?

- They protect your rights
- They prove individual identity
- They ensure efficient government
- They allow citizens to know what their officials have done
- They document our heritage and enhance education

Why should I care now?

- So that the next disaster does not destroy the records you need most
- To halt the equally destructive effects of neglect
- To make sure that digital records survive

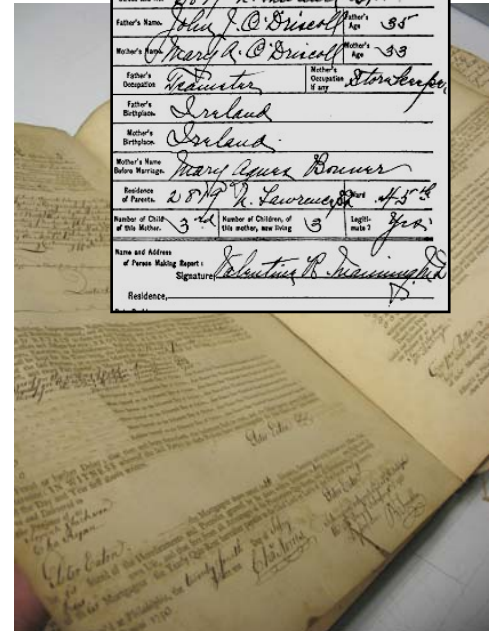
Why do we need archival programs for local government records?

- To provide secure storage for the records that matter most
- To organize the records for use by officials and researchers
- To reduce the day-to-day burden in clerk's offices
- To help teachers use original public documents in the classroom
- To promote the community through its history/heritage

What should concerned citizens do?

- Ask your local government officials about how they keep and make public records available
- Support efforts to increase resources for state and local governments to manage records, improve access, and protect records of continuing value
- Use History Day events and Archives Months to focus on needs within your community

Division of Vital Statistics	Record of a Birth In Philadelphia.	Bureau of Health
Full Name of Child <i>Edward J. O'Driscoll</i>		
Color <i>white</i>	Sex <i>Male</i>	Age and in order of Birth
Date of Birth <i>1910 July 25th 9⁴⁵ A.M.</i>	Place of Birth <i>2819 N. Lawrence St.</i>	Father's Name <i>John J. O'Driscoll</i> Age <i>35</i>
Mother's Name <i>Mary K. O'Driscoll</i> Age <i>33</i>	Father's Occupation <i>Printer</i>	Mother's Occupation <i>Stenographer</i>
Father's Birthplace <i>Ireland</i>	Mother's Birthplace <i>Ireland</i>	Mother's Name Before Marriage <i>Mary Agnes Bauer</i>
Residence of Parents <i>2819 N. Lawrence St.</i>	Number of Child of this Mother <i>3rd</i>	Number of Children of this Mother, now living <i>3</i> Legit. <i>Yes</i>
Name and Address of Person Making Report: <i>Robert B. Cunningham</i>		
Residence: <i>[Signature]</i>		



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