Quaker Research - Handout
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History / Sociology:
- Albion’s Seed: Four British Folkways in America, by David Hackett Fisher.
- Quakers and the American Family: British Settlement in the Delaware Valley, by Barry Levy. (Martin Luther King Lib.)

Aids:
- English dates before 1752: March is the first month of the year.
- British Calendar Act of 1750 Implemented Across 1751, 1752, and 1753 http://www.exit109.com/~ghealton/y2k/br1752a.html

Learn about Meetings:
- Swarthmore Friends Historical Library (google it)
  Quaker Meeting Records --> Yearly Meetings
- Earlham College Friends Collection (google it)
- QuakerMeetings.com

Sources - Meeting Abstract Books:
- A few of authors for Pennsylvania & New Jersey:
  John Pitts Launey, F. Edward Wright, Anna Miller Watring,
  Charlotte D. Meldrum, Gwen Boyer Bjorkman.
- Indiana / Ohio: Willard C Heiss
- Search FHL catalog by county & township. Also keyword search by meeting name.
- Visit county historical society web sites.

Sources - Microfilm from Family History Library:
- New website: www.familysearch.org
  Catalog --> Place-names --> Church records
- Old website: www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp
  Library Catalog --> Place Search --> Church records
- Meetings were typically named after the township. Do a location search on township & county; also a keyword search on meeting name.
- Order film on-line: http://www.familysearch.org/films/

Sources - Compilations:
  Santa Clara City Lib., San Jose Family History Center, Ancestry.com, Genealogical Publishing Co. (CD)
  Also New Jersey, Illinois
- Abstracts of the records of the Society of Friends in Indiana, ed. by Willard Heiss.
  Santa Clara City Lib.
Index to Gilbert Copes Collection of Family Data (google it)
Films at Santa Clara Family History Center

Pennsylvania Births, Bucks County, 1682-1800, by John T. Humphrey.
Similar titles for Berks, Lancaster, Chester, Dauphin, Lehigh, Montgomery, Lebanon, Philadelphia, York, Northampton, Delaware, Carbon, Monroe, & Schuylkill counties.
Try Sutro, Santa Clara City Lib.

Burlington County, New Jersey, Marriages, by H Stanley Craig.
Similar titles for Cape May, Gloucester, Salem, Camden, Atlantic counties, and South Jersey. See web site of Gloucester County Historical Society.

Other handy books for a few states:
- The Welcome Claimants Proved, Disproved and Doubtful, With an Account of Some of Their Descendants, by George E. McCracken
- Record of Pennsylvania Marriages, Prior to 1810.
- New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665-1800, by William Nelson
- Quaker census of 1828: members of the New York yearly meeting, the Religious Society of Friends, 1828, ed. by Loren V. Fay.

Will Abstracts:
  Random counties; Most all for eastern Pennsylvania.
- Calendar of New Jersey Wills, 1670-1817.
  13 volumes, not consecutive, of N.J. Archives ("Documents Relating to the Colonial, Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey"
A few volumes on Google Books

Maps:
- Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (google it)
  State Archives --> Maps:
  ➢ Pennsylvania Political Subdivisions
  ➢ Melish-Whiteside Maps