

Good Deeds in Pennsylvania

Guiding Questions

- Explore the documents and their transcriptions.
 - How are online transcriptions helpful for understanding written documents?
 - Do these transcriptions make sense to you? Why or why not?
 - What changes do you notice from each century?
- What are the differences between William Garrett's two wills?
- Look at the deeds as primary sources. How do deeds give us information about families, regions, history?

Classroom Activities

- Describe where your home is by its physical surroundings (trees, street lights, signs, stores, etc.) without including street names, building names, or any other "modern" indicators.
- Consider how the land originally belonged to the Okehocking people. The land was transferred between multiple people for centuries, yet the Okehocking never received any money from the exchanges. Examine how this common practice pushed out Indigenous tribes during colonial settlement and how the repercussions of colonization are being addressed today.
 - Look up Okehocking Preserve and examine how small the 155 acres of land is in comparison to the original land occupied by the Okehocking people.