

## SEARCHING FOR BOROUGH INCORPORATION DATA

There are occasions when a borough must locate the charter or information in regards to its incorporation for a loan application, a grant, or for a student who is writing a report.

If there are no files in the borough office, then start with your local historical society and if there isn't one in your borough, then check with the public library and even county law library. Another resource is the PA State Archives in Harrisburg which is part of the PA Historical Museum Commission at [www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us) and click on State Archives.

In the past, boroughs and townships were chartered by special legislation or local acts until the state legislature prohibited this action. An excellent resource for incorporation dates and from what county or other municipality it originated from is a history of Pennsylvania written by Frederick A. Godcharles, Pennsylvania, Political, Governmental, Military and Civil: Political and Civil History Volume. This five volume set is in the Reference Section of the PA State Library with the following call number: R974.8 G541p 5v. ©1933.