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MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPOSITORIES

Researchers should consult the web sites listed for each repository for additional information about holdings, current hours, current admission fees, and access rules. Many archives and repositories have very limited hours.

Montgomery County was formed in 1784 from Philadelphia County.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECORDS DEPARTMENT [ARCHIVES] (MCA), 2000 Old Arch Road, Norristown, PA 19401; (610) 278-3441. Original estate papers (wills, administrations and orphans' court) 1784-c1992; original marriage records 1885-present; deed books 1784-1917; birth and death records 1893-1915; marriages, births and deaths 1852-1855; tax lists 1790-1844. Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30AM–4:15PM. Website: www2.montcopa.org/montco/cwp/view.a,3,q,14582.asp

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS (MCRD), One Montgomery Plaza, 3rd floor, Swede and Airy Streets, (P.O. Box 311); Norristown, PA 19404-0311; (610) 278-3289. Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30AM–4:15PM. Holdings: Land Records from 1784, including deeds, mortgages, releases, easements (rights-of-way), subdivisions, restrictions, notaries, public and elected county officers, foreign birth certificates, and cattle brands. Website: www.montcopa.org

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROTHONOTARY/CLERK OF COURTS (MCP), One Montgomery Plaza, 3rd floor, Swede and Airy Streets, (P.O. Box 311); Norristown, PA 19404-0311; (610) 278-3360. Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30AM–4:15PM. Holdings: Court Records from 1784, including divorces, naturalizations, peddlers' licenses, registration of attorneys, oaths of county officers, equity, sheriff's sales, juror lists, some tax records, and some civil court records. Website: www.prothy.montcopa.org/prothy/site/default.asp

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY (HSMC), 1654 DeKalb Street, Norristown, PA 19401; (610) 272-0297. Hours: Monday, Wednesday–Friday 10:00AM–4:00PM; Tuesday 1:00PM–9:00PM. Day fee currently \$5. Holdings: Genealogical files, early deeds, tax records, census records, atlases, photographs, scrapbooks, newspapers. Website: www.hsmcpa.org

MENNONITE HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES, Mennonite Heritage Center, 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville, PA 19438; (215) 256-3020. Tuesday–Friday 10AM–5PM; Saturday 10AM–2PM. Church records, cemetery transcripts, Bible records, manuscript family files. Website: www.mhep.org

SCHWENKFELDER LIBRARY AND HERITAGE CENTER, 105 Seminary Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073; (215) 679-3103. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00AM–4:00PM; Thursday 9:00AM–8:00PM; Saturday 10:00AM–3:00PM; Sunday 1:00PM–4:00PM. Holdings: Genealogies and local histories, church and cemetery records, newspapers, family files.

Website: www.schwenkfelder.com/Library_Library.htm

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Birth:

- January 1906–present: Bureau of Vital Statistics, PO Box 1528, New Castle, PA, 16103.
Web site <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&Q=229939>
provides downloadable request forms

Death:

- January 1906–present: Bureau of Vital Statistics, PO Box 1528, New Castle, PA, 16103.
Web site <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&Q=229939>
provides downloadable request forms

Marriage:

- 1885–present: Marriage Records: **MCA**
- 1784–present: Divorces: **MCP**

Probate—Wills and Administrations:

- 1784–present: Probate Records: **MCA** and **MCRW**
- 1714–1839: Will Books and indexes (microfilm): **HSP**.

Court Records

- 1784–present: Civil Court Records (some): **MCP**

Land and Property:

- 1784–present: Land Records: **MCRD**
- 1784–present: Tax Records (some): **MCP**
- First land transactions through Proprietors at Pennsylvania State Archives
- First land transactions: some microfilm: **HSP**
- 1784–1818: Deed Books and indexes (microfilm): **HSP**

Miscellaneous

- 1784–present: Foreign Birth Certificates: **MCRD**
- 1784–present: Cattle Brands: **MCRD**
- 1784–present: Public, Elected, and Appointed County Officers: **MCRD**
- 1784–present: Peddlers' licenses: **MCP**
- 1784–present: Sheriff's sales: **MCP**
- 1784–present: Juror Lists: **MCP**

Naturalizations

- 1784–present: Naturalizations: **MCP**

Key to Repositories

- MCA** – Montgomery County Archives
- MCP** – Montgomery County Prothonotary/Clerk Of Courts
- MCRD** – Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds
- HSP** - Historical Society of Pennsylvania