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MONTGOMERY COUNTY REPOSITORIES

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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/rod/site/default.asp

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, sheriffs sales, juror lists, some tax records, and some civil court records. Website: www.prothv.montcopa.org/prothv/site/default.asp

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

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. \$5 Admission Donation
Website: www.mhep.org

SCHWENKFELDER LIBRARY AND HERITAGE CENTER, 105 Seminary Street, 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/Librarv Librarv.htm

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Birth:

- 1852-1855, 1893-1915, Delayed Birth Certificates 1941-1966: **MCA**
- 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&0=229939>
provides downloadable request forms
- Birth Index 1906: PA Department of Vital Records Website:
http://www.portal.health.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_records/20686

Death:

- 1893-1915: **MCA**
- 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&0=229939>
provides downloadable request forms
- Death Index 1906 – 1961: PA Department of Vital Records Website:
http://www.portal.health.state.pa.us/portal/server.pl/community/public_records/20686

Marriage:

- 1852-1855: **MCA**
- 1885-present: Marriage Records: **MCA**: FamilySearch – Montgomery County Marriage Docket Books included in Pennsylvania County Marriages, 1885 – 1950: FamilySearch Website:
https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list?page=1&retzion=UNITED_STATES
- 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: Public, Elected, and Appointed County Officers: **MCRD**
- 1784-present: Peddlers' licenses: **MCP**
- 1784-present: Sheriffs sales: **MCP**
- 1784-present: Juror Lists: **MCP**
- 1893-1959: Coroners Dockets and Inquests: **MCA**

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