

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Information, Ideas, and Interaction



JOURNEY TO THE PAST

Search through over 30,000 items in one of the largest genealogy and local history collections in Texas. Discover details for your family tree by connecting to multimedia resources, attending classes, and visiting with staff to chart your journey.

How do I start genealogy research?

Genealogy research is a growing national pastime that enriches the lives of those who trace ancestors. To begin genealogy, start with what you know and record information on a pedigree chart available through the library. Estimate birth years and places when possible. Next, ask relatives, friends, and neighbors about ancestors and the family history to add to the pedigree chart. Be sure to ask about names, dates, and locations about ancestors. Some may have copies of vital records or obituaries that have more information.

Visiting the library can introduce new records to research. Census records are especially important in documenting family history. Other records to examine are: passenger and immigration lists, tax records, wills, deeds, manuscript collections, county histories, vertical files, and databases. Be sure to keep track of where information is found. Remember, librarians are always available to help!

The Genealogy & Local History Room was established in 1976 due to the efforts of Imogene Kennedy, first genealogy librarian, and the Montgomery County Genealogical Society. What began as a 100 volume collection in the balcony of the old county tax office has grown to a 5,500 sq. ft. facility. New resources are added continuously.



*Imogene Kinnard Kennedy
Librarian 1976-1992*



Montgomery County History

Founded 1837

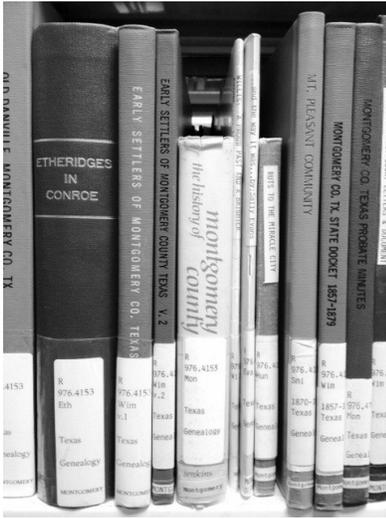


Old jailhouse, Conroe

From Attakapas and Kickapoo Indians to Austin's Second Colony to saw mills and lumber companies, Montgomery County has a rich and variable history. Early settlements include Danville and the town of Montgomery, which became the first county seat. Other early towns include Old Waverly, New Caney, Esperanza, Willis, and Magnolia. The city of Conroe was established about 1886 and became a crossroads for the railroad in the county. Conroe became the county seat in 1889. Today Montgomery County is home to 455,746 residents.



The Library



*Montgomery County,
Texas book collection*

Let staff provide guidance through the library's multimedia resources of books, databases, maps, vertical file, and microfilm. The book section is comprised of several sections: Family Histories, General, States, Counties, Local History, Foreign, and Periodicals. Books are arranged alphabetically by surname or state. State books are further divided into two sections: general and county.

Several databases, including Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest, and Historic Map Works, are available for use on three public computers. New digital microfilm readers provide special enhancements for microfilm and are flash drive optional. Copy cards are available for purchase to copy or print items of interest. Wi-fi and power strips are available for laptops.

Special Collections

The Genealogy & Local History Room contains many research collections to support various interests:

- Montgomery County Records
- The Courier (newspaper), 1911-2012
- Montgomery County News (newspaper), 1922-1963
- Conroe City Directories, 1930-1995 (incomplete)
- Texas Voter's Registration 1867-1869
- Texas Rangers Collection
- Texas Convict Record Ledgers
- Texas Adjutant's Records Collection, 1861-1884
- Ronald Jackson Census Index Book Collection
- Dawe's Rolls (Native American)
- Tennessee Land Grants
- Nacogdoches Archives (Spanish)
- Civil War Book Collection
- Revolutionary War records

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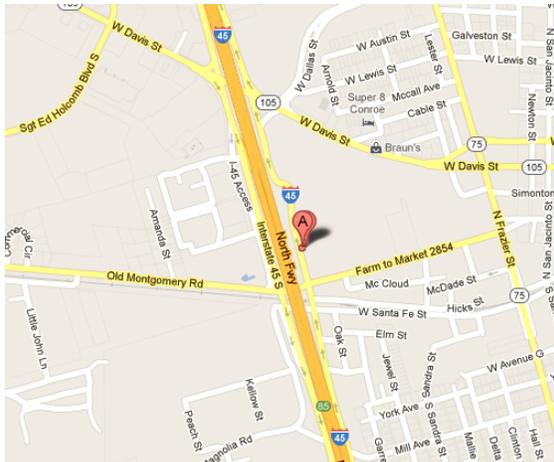
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9am-9pm

Monday, Friday, Saturday

9am-5pm

Sunday CLOSED



Directions

From Dallas: Take I-45 South towards Houston; exit at Hwy 2854 and Hwy 105; go to the T intersection and make a left; at stop light turn left; library is on the right.

From Houston: Take I-45 North towards Dallas; exit at Hwy 2854 and Hwy 105; stay in the right hand lane; turn right on the frontage road exit; library is on the left.



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