



**Montgomery County Genealogical &
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**The History
of
Montgomery County Texas
Genealogical And Historical Society, Inc.**

Foreword

This compilation of the Montgomery County Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc. history is an ongoing endeavor by Emery Heuermann. Readers are encouraged to contact him at emeryheuermann@charter.net with any additional recollections, corrections, additions etc. Credit will be given. Pictures are especially appreciated.

This compilation is primarily from past issues of The Herald and past Minutes of the Society. Additional sources include personal recollections of members Frances Peoples, Carol Cryar, Carol Palmer, Liz Heuermann and Charter Member Robin Bartholet.

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Birth of the Society

In August 1976, Imogene Kennedy obtained permission from Hank Blasik, Director of Montgomery County's Library system, to hold a public meeting to consider forming a genealogical society in Montgomery County. About fifty persons attended. George M. Hope was elected president, and the Montgomery County Genealogical Society was born. By the end of the first year, membership stood at ninety-two.

Society Contributes to the Genealogy Department of the Library

At the time that the Society was formed, the genealogical section of the county library had only six books. In an effort to contribute to the fledgling growth of the genealogy department and in keeping with its stated purpose, the Society quickly began to collect and publish Montgomery County's historical records. Over the last forty one (41) years (August 1976 – February 2017), the genealogical section of the county's library has arguably become the third largest and best equipped genealogical library in Texas.

Society Business Offices

The Society has conducted its business affairs from four different locations from 1976 till 2016.

The first office was within the old Conroe National Bank building basement from 1977 till 1998 when the building was sold to Walgreens and a new pharmacy constructed. Again, we thank Oliver Kniesly (posthumously) for his generous donation of letting the Society conduct its business affairs there for over 21 years.

From 1995 till 2001, the Society conducted its business affairs from an area office located adjacent to the genealogy department. Due to ever increasing size of the library, we lost our space but we thank Ms. Jerilynn Willems for the time we were allowed to meet here.

In 2001 the Society again relocated its business office. This time to a office space on Thompson Street adjacent to the old J C Penny building in Conroe. That gift of space lasted until 2010.

In 2010, a request was made to the Commissioners Court requesting a meeting space. It was considered to in the Library Systems best interest, so the County offered the Society two rooms at its newly acquired property at 1500 North Frazier St in Conroe. As of this writing February 2017, we are still here.

Note to self: Dates not working.

Past Presidents

1. George Hope, 1976
2. Vera Wimberly
3. Jack Morton, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997
4. Mel Westmorland, 1998, 1999
5. Lena Truster, 2000, 2001
6. 2002
7. Charles Herford, 2003, 2004
8. 2005
9. 2006
10. 2007
11. 2008
12. 2009
13. Henry Harris, 2010
14. Courtney Crane Cross, 2011
15. Frances Peoples, 2012, 2013
16. Emery Heuermann, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Note to Self: Too many holes. Dates not working again. Need to do independent check.

Meeting Rooms

19976 till 1994, Original meeting room was at old library, now the Tax office in downtown Conroe
1994 till 2016, met at new library meeting room.

2016- South Montgomery County Community Center

Publications

156 books published, to include two volumes of Montgomery County History.

Membership,

1. Charter members total 76. Need to re verify this #. New number could be 68. August 1976 till August 1977. Sixteen members missed being charter members, to include this writer.
2. General membership Count: 1st year in 1977 was 92 members. High year in 1989, 289 members, Next highest year, 1994, 186 members. Internet became a factor in about 2005.

Appendix

1. Copies of minutes
2. Copy of Charter original member roster

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