This document lists all records currently held by the Montgomery County Archives (MCA). The archives periodically acquires new records, at which time the archivist will update this list.

***To search this inventory, hold the Ctrl (control) button and the F key on your key board at the same time. A search box will appear. In the search box type what you are looking for. If you do not find what you are looking for during your first search, try searching again using a different key word (s). When you do a search, the computer will go through this inventory finding all words matching your search (for example: if you search marriage, the computer will highlight all instances of the word marriage in the inventory). To go through each instance of a particular word in the inventory, once you have hit search, hit Enter each time you want to go to the next instance of the word you searched.

To maximize search effectiveness try searching for a particular record type, like marriage records. Although many of the records in this inventory have dates associated with them, many consist of date ranges, not specific dates. Searching for a particular county office, like Probate Office, Circuit Court, or Revenue Commission, will yield results as well.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) regularly publishes Records Disposition Authorities (RDAs) to help county archivists, records managers, and other officials manage county records. ADAH lists categories of records within each RDA it publishes for a particular county agency. Accordingly, the records here have as closely as possible been organized according to the records categories the ADAH has devised for county offices.

**County Probate Office Records**

**Administering Elections**

- Elections Results books, ca. 1830-1956
- Probate Judge’s List of Registered Voters, 1908
- Miscellaneous election materials
- Voter precinct maps

**Recording/Maintaining Legal Instruments and Verifications**

- Real Property Records books, ca.1941-1986
- Personal Property Records books, ca. 1979-1993
- Tax Returns for Assessments of Shares of Domestic Corporations, 1993
- Act record books, ca. 1982-1986
- Miscellaneous property record books
- Direct and Reverse Real Estate Indexes, ca. 1903-1961
- Mortgage Records books, ca. 1871-1966
- General Index to Mortgages, ca. 1869-1902
• Index to [tax] Exemption Records
• Exemption Records, ca. 1881-1961
• Land for [unpaid] Taxes, ca. 1870-1876
• Records of Conveyances, ca. 1827-1887
• 16th Section land book
• Deeds and Mortgages Index, 1883-1884
• Deeds of Trust, 1833-1838
• Deed Records, ca. 1870-1962
• Alabama Tract Book, ca. 1817-1908
• Montgomery County Field Notes, 1879
• Land Tract Books, ca. 1835-1956
• Marriage Record books (white), ca. 1817-1945
• Marriage Indexes (white), ca. 1871-1935
• Marriage License Application Register, ca. 1899-1904
• Marriage Records books (African American), ca. 1827-1974
• African-American Marriage Index book, ca. 1865-1935
• Marriage License Books, ca. 1974-1989
• Tax Records, 1873
• World War I and II, Korean War Discharge Papers
• DD214 Papers, ca. 1988-2001
• Condemnation case files, ca. 1897-1907
• Naturalization Petition and Record, ca. 1905
• Naturalization Papers, ca. 1848-1908
• Physicians and Dentists Licensed to Practice in Montgomery County, ca. 1863-1963
• Official Bonds and Oaths, ca. 1817-1966

**Probate Court Cases and Miscellaneous Probate Office Records**

• Probate Court and County Court case files, ca. 1838-present (wills, marriages, divorces, etc.)
• Miscellaneous Probate Court Records (administrative correspondence, tax exemptions, etc.), ca. late 19th century-1990s
• Veterans Administration Correspondence
• Bank Books, ca. 1913-1953
• “J. B. Gaston Records,” ca. 1880-1890
• Probate Court Loose Records, ca. 1840-1940
• Montgomery County Common Court of Pleas Indexes
• Montgomery County Gravel Record
Certifying Corporations

- Corporation Record books, ca. 1887-1967
- Municipal Incorporation Records, ca. 1895-1953

Establishing the Validity of Wills/Documenting the Administration of Estates

- Estate Tax Records, ca. 1934-1941
- Minutes & Record of Partial [estate] Settlement, ca. 1870-1883
- Index to Estate Case Files, ca. 1869-1957
- Wills books, ca. 1820-1967
- Estate Records [final petitions included], ca. 1819-1878
- Sale Record of Personal Property from Estate, ca. 1870-1880
- Executor’s Record, ca. 1870-1899
- Bonds of Executors and Administrators, ca. 1848-1914
- Montgomery County Probate Judge Executor’s Record, ca. 1868-1891
- Administrator’s Bond record books, ca. 1920-1967

Adjudicating

- Indexes to Probate Records and Minutes
- Notary Docket, ca. 1989-2003
- Probate Court Memo books, ca. 1860-1953
- Probate Court Minute Books, ca. 1830-1967
- Involuntary Commitment Records, ca. 1902-2008 [access highly restricted]
- Commitment Certifications, ca. 2008-2014 [access highly restricted]
- “Insane Affidavits” [access highly restricted]
- Consolidated Docket and Fee Book, ca. 1950-2006
- Motion Docket, 1854
- Trial Docket Tax Payers, ca. 1922-1931
- Montgomery County Court of Common Please, Execution Docket, ca. 1927-1934
- Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas records, ca. 1944-1959
- Montgomery County Court Minutes, ca. 1822-1839
- Montgomery County Court Solicitors Fee Book, 1895-1902
- Montgomery County Court Trial Docket and Minutes, ca. 1838-1839
- Orphans Court Minutes, ca. 1822-1955
- Orphans Court Minutes Index
- Minor’s Trust Fund, ca. 1972-1988
- Guardian Record Books, ca. 1831-1937
- Guardian Record Index Books, ca. 1953-1967
- Contested Guardianship Records, ca. 1936-1954
• Montgomery County Justice of the Peace Docket, 1908
• Montgomery City Court Grand Jury Docket, ca. 1904-1905
• Montgomery County Justice of the Peace Criminal Docket and Fee Book, ca. 1920-1954
• Fee and Docket books, ca. 1875-1918
• Guardian Bonds, ca. 1882-1913
• Tax Dockets, ca. 1917-1954
• Administrator and Guardian Bonds, ca. 1818-1954
• “Montgomery County Probate Judge Index to Orphans”
• Insolvent Dockets, ca. 1869-1922
• Solvent Dockets, ca. 1916-2007
• Probate Docket and Fee Book, ca. 1866-67

**Administering Internal Operations (Probate Office)**

• Probate Judge Inventory Record, ca. 1821-1953
• Probate Administrative records, ca. 1817-1918
• Probate Court Administrator’s Record, ca. 1870-1899
• Administrative Inventory Record, ca. 1870-1934
• Administrative Appointment Record, ca. 1879-1900
• Montgomery County Personnel Department, Personnel Rules, 1950
• General Administrative Records, ca. 1929-1935

**Records No Longer Created**

• Index to Poll Tax Record From Other Counties, ca. 1961-1963
• Cattle Brand Records, ca. 1935-1943
• Delayed Birth Certificates, ca. 1910-1940
• Birth Decrees, ca. 1944-1952
• Records of Birth, ca. 1913-1917
• Death Register, ca. 1908-1912
• Birth Register, ca. 1908-1912
• Dower Record book, ca. 1847-1887
• Road Overseer Records, ca. 1840s
• Montgomery County Probate Judge Abstract Records of Chattel Mortgages, ca. 1888-1903
• Non-Age Petitions, ca. 1919-1968
• Non-age Decrees
• Estray Records, ca. 1826-1880
• Probate Judge’s Letter Book, ca. 1868-1876

**Montgomery County, County Commission Records**
Making and Implementing Policy

- Montgomery County Commission Court Minutes [transcripts], 1820-1859
- County Commission Minutes, ca. 1828-2002
- County Commission Minutes Indexes, ca. 1980-1985

Zoning and Regulating Subdivisions

- Aerial Photographs (of the county), 1974

Administering Internal Operations

- General Ledger book, 1926-1949
- County Commission budgets and financial statements, ca. 1971-2005
- Final Record of Claims Against County, 1875-1884
- Records of Claims, ca. 1868-1904
- Census Projects, 1980-2000
- Montgomery County Commission member photographs, ca. 1970s
- Clippings Files, ca. 1975-1985
- Publicity, Special Courthouse Dedication, 1958
- Non-Profit Agency Annual Reports, 1995-1998

Other County Commission Records

- Deeds and Abstracts, ca. 1920-1960
- Miscellaneous records
- “Comprehensive Operational Analysis of Montgomery County’s Justice System” (1997)
- 1953 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Montgomery
- Engineering Department maps and plats
- Montgomery County Commission Convict Record, ca. 1881-1903

Revenue Commission

Mapping

- Department of Revenue Right of Way records
- plat books
- Department of Revenue, lot books, ca. 1936-1975
- Department of Revenue, plot book indexes
- Department of Revenue, lot plot books (date yet to be determined)

Assessing
• Revenue Commissioner, Tax Assessment books, ca. 1858-1960

**Collecting**

• Tax Abstracts, ca. 1916-2000
• Tax Collector, Tax Sales Record, 1931

**Administering Internal Operations**

• Tax Assessor Records, ca. 1945-1958
• Board of Equalization, Chairman Photographs, ca. 1940-1988

**Records No Longer Created**

• Land Record books, ca. 1891-1906

**Other Revenue Commission Records**

• Department of Revenue Minutes, ca. 1920-1968
• Department of Revenue, Condominium Exhibits, 1996-2004
• Department of Revenue, Real Property Exhibits, 1996-2002
• Department of Revenue, miscellaneous records
• Montgomery, Alabama City and County Tax Returns, 1911
• Department of Revenue, Miscellaneous Surveys
• Board of Revenue, books and bonds (with indexes), ca. 1818-1916

**Circuit Court Records**

**Circuit Court Dockets**

• Circuit Court Writ Docket, ca. 1927-1950
• Index to Civil Appearance Docket, ca. 1926-1930
• Circuit Court Appearance Docket, ca. 1926-1947
• Circuit Court Civil Trial Docket and Fee books, ca. 1843-1952
• Indexes to Circuit Court Civil Trial Docket books
• Index to State Trial Docket, ca. 1872-1876
• Circuit Court Judgement and Execution Docket, ca. 1835-1843
• Clerk Fee Book (also labelled Docket and Fee Book), ca. 1917-1953
• Circuit Court Bar Docket, ca. 1874-1932
• Circuit Court Motion Docket, ca. 1920-1958
• Civil Docket Fee Book and Execution Docket, ca. 1820-1977
• Transfer Consolidated Docket and Fee books, ca. 1939-1966
• Index to Grand Jury Docket, ca. 1856-1945
• Montgomery County Alabama Circuit Court [?] Docket: Grand Jury 1986
• Solicitor’s Grand Jury Docket, ca. 1884-1886

Various Circuit Court Minutes
• Circuit Court Minutes (Criminal), ca. 1832-1843
• Index to Montgomery County Circuit Minutes
• Circuit Court Minutes books, ca. 1916-2002
• Circuit Court in Equity D. R. D. Minutes, ca. 1952-1986
• Circuit Court Direct and Reverse Indexes to Circuit Court in Equity

Final Record
• Circuit Court Final Record (criminal appeal), 1928-1931
• Montgomery County Circuit Court Final Record, ca. 1821-1977

Various Circuit Court cases and records
• Circuit Court cases, ca. 1890-1965 (various, estates, etc.)
• Circuit Court Bonds, ca. 1920-1930
• Circuit Court Divorce Files, ca. 1939-1976
• Miscellaneous Circuit Court Files
• Circuit Court Tax Liens
• Circuit Court Ledger Sheets
• Circuit Court Order Book, ca. 1869-1874
• Circuit Court Penitentiary Cases, ca. 1916-1924
• Sales Record books, ca. 1928-1929
• Civil Fee Book, ca. 1933-1935
• Circuit Court Civil Execution books, 1861-1951
• “Non-support and Contributing” record books
• Montgomery County Circuit Court Executions and Attachments, ca. 1835-1838
• Montgomery County Circuit Court Fee Book, 1957-1959
• Circuit Court, Hank Williams Estate, 1954-1993
• Circuit Court, Hank Williams Jr.

City Court of Montgomery Records
• Reverse Index to Montgomery City Court Minutes, ca. 1865-1916
• City Court of Montgomery minute books, ca. 1888-1917
• Judgements in City Court cases
• City Court/Chancery Court cases, ca. 1859-1940
• City Court of Montgomery Divorce Records, ca. 1889-1916
• City Court of Montgomery Final Record, ca. 1881-1915
• Montgomery County City Court Trial Docket, 1881-1917
• Montgomery County Circuit Court Subpoena Docket [city], 1957-1958
• Montgomery City Court Motion Docket, 1869-1874
• Montgomery City Court in Equity Tax Docket records, ca. 1897-1917

Montgomery County Chancery Court Records

Chancery Court Dockets

• Chancery Court Motion Docket, 1886-1898
• Chancery Court Docket books, ca. 1839-1875
• Chancery Court Trial Docket books, ca. 1880-1914
• Chancery Court Claims Docket, ca. 1891-1892
• Assignment Dockets (claims), ca. 1898-1909

Various Chancery Court Records

• Chancery Court Minutes books, ca. 1849-1911
• Chancery Court Indexes to Final Record books
• Chancery Court Final Records, ca. 1840-1957
• Chancery Court Executions, 1833-1855
• Chancery Court files (city trusts, estates, divorces, etc.)
• Chancery Court Fee Book-Estates, 1868-1869
• Register Order Book, 1852-1869
• Chancery Court General Index
• Miscellaneous Chancery Court records
• Chancery Court Registers Reports, 1885-1891
• Chancery Court Bond books, ca. 1908-1915
• Chancery Court Reverse Index, 1875-1915
• Chancery Court Record of Express Trusts, ca. 1881-1899
• Chancery Court Sales Record, ca. 1869-1897
• Chancery Court Loose Records

Montgomery County Board of Education Records

• Montgomery County Board of Education Minutes and Attachments, 1919-1921
• Montgomery County Board of Education, miscellaneous records
• Montgomery County Board of Education, Superintendents Annual Reports, 1917-1920
• Montgomery County Board of Education, County Superintendents Ledger, 1915-1919

Special Collections

Papers and Manuscripts

• Dowe Family Papers
• Emory Folmer Collection
• Shackelford Family Collection
• Tallulah Bankhead Collection

Civil Rights and the Montgomery Bus Boycott

• Montgomery Bus Boycott Mugshots
• Montgomery Improvement Association/Montgomery Bus Boycott/Freedom Rides materials, ca. 1954-1961
• Montgomery Bus Boycott Jail Log
• Circuit Court (criminal), 1961 Freedom Rides material
• Montgomery County Jail Registers-Civil Rights Workers, ca. 1948-1965
• Montgomery County Circuit Court Civil Rights Voting Cases, 1943

Montgomery County Sheriff

• Montgomery County Sheriff Mugshots, undated, ca. 1968-1985
• Girls Industrial School-State Record materials
• Montgomery County Jail Record, ca. 1878-1928

Publications

• 1941 Code of Alabama
• “Montgomery’s Journey”—1 box ; ca. 2004-2008
• “Montgomery Parents”—1 box ; ca. 2004-2008
• City of Montgomery Publications
• The Gazette Collection, ca. 2004-2014
• “Montgomery RSVP” Collection—ca. 2011-2012
• The Montgomery Independent Collection—7 boxes, ca. 2004-2015
• Montgomery Genealogical Society Quarterly Collection—1 box, ca. 1994-2014
• Montgomery County Historical Society Collection, ca. 1996-2015
• The Montgomery Weekly,1941-1942
• Montgomery Cross Reference Directory books, ca. 1982-2008
• Huntingdon College Yearbook Collection-1 box, 1964, 1968
• County and State Officials Directory, 1985-1988
• Montgomery City Directories, ca. 1986-2008
• Various loose publications related to Montgomery [mostly from mid-2000s]

**Miscellaneous Special Collections**

• Montgomery Archives Collection
• Capital Heights Civic Association Materials
• Assorted special collections materials
• “State Auditor,” 1869
• District Court records
• Alabama Supreme Court Opinions, ca. 1898-1947
• State Trial Docket Fee Book and Execution Docket, ca. 1968-1977