

Montgomery Judge of Probate Microforms Collection

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Montgomery County Archives, Courthouse Annex III, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104, (334)-832-7173

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Collection Creator: Montgomery County Judge of Probate

Collection: Montgomery County Judge of Probate Microforms Collection

Collection Dates: 1817-present

Collection Size: ca. 177 cubic feet

Abstract: The Montgomery Judge of Probate Microforms Collection consists of microfiche and microfilm copies of Judge of Probate-created records.

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Reference Code: 2016.015

Languages and Scripts: The entire collection is recorded in English.

Administrative/Biographical History: Created in 1850, along with all other probate courts in Alabama, the Montgomery Judge of Probate is responsible for fulfilling a wide variety of county government tasks. These duties include recording deeds, mortgages, wills, and other real estate-related records; issuing various licenses including business, driver, and marriage licenses, dealing with vehicle registrations and the collection of automobile tag fees, administering elections, recording military discharges, dealing with adoptions, guardianships, legitimation declarations, and involuntary commitments, as well as collecting other various fees and taxes.

Scope and Content: Microfiche and microfilm copies of Montgomery County Judge of Probate-created records compose this collection. Records in the collection include marriage licenses, real property records, personal property records, charters of incorporation, apartment and condominium ownership records, mortgage records, and judicial records created by the Montgomery County Judge of Probate. The judicial records contain a wide variety of record types, including probated estates, wills, guardianship records, and more. Records in the collection also include birth and death records, Uniform Commercial Codes, Orphans Court records, military discharge records, election results, lists of registered physicians, etc. While some gaps in the collection do exist, the records in the collection span from 1817 to the present.

System of Arrangement: These records are roughly organized by record type.

Location of Originals: Montgomery County Archives; Vault 116; offsite storage

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: This entire collection consists of microfiche and microfilm-based records. To view the records in the collection, patrons will have to use a microfiche/microfilm reader.

Access Points:

Montgomery (Ala.)
Montgomery County (Ala.)
Probate Courts- - Alabama- - Montgomery County
Marriage records- - Alabama- - Montgomery County
Real property- - Alabama- -Montgomery County
Personal Property- -Alabama- - Montgomery County
Incorporations- - Alabama- - Montgomery County- - Charters
Mortgages- -Alabama- - Montgomery County
Administration of Estates- - Alabama- - Montgomery County
Wills- - Alabama- - Montgomery County
Guardian and ward- - Alabama- - Montgomery County
Military Discharge- - United States
Elections- - Statistics

Conditions Governing Access: Access to adoption records, involuntary commitments, and military discharges is extremely restricted. Anyone wishing to access these records will need to contact the Montgomery County Probate Court.

Accruals: Future accruals expected.

Acquisition Info: Received from the Montgomery County Judge of Probate.

Alternative Forms: Many records in the collection exist as digital files in the Montgomery County Judge of Probate's Records and Recording Department's digital records management program, as well as the Probate court's digital records management program.

Additional Finding Aids: Many records in this collection exist in their original form. The finding aid for these records in their original forms is available on the Montgomery County Archives' website as well as at the archives. The title of that finding aid is: Montgomery County Judge of Probate Record Group.

Appraisal Process: The Montgomery County Archives collects Montgomery County's permanent records. The Alabama Local Government Records Commission determines which records produced by local government are worthy of permanent retention. Records deemed permanent are transferred to the Montgomery County Archives. The probate offices transferring records to the Montgomery County Archives sometimes make microfilm or microfiche copies of their records. In other cases, the Archives has made the microfilm or microfiche copies.

Custodial History: The records in this collection were either in the custody of the Judge of Probate office that created them before transfer to the archives, or the archives created the microfilm and microfiche from the original records.

Suggested Citation: Title and type of record, date of record, book number, page number [or if necessary, description of the cited record] Montgomery County Judge of Probate, Montgomery County Archives, Montgomery, Alabama.

Example: John Doe Property deed, January 1, 1901, Book 1, Page 1, Montgomery County Judge of Probate, Montgomery County Archives, Montgomery County, Alabama.

Processing Information: In March and April of 2016 Montgomery County archivist Dallas Hanbury inventoried the archives microforms, processed previously unprocessed microforms, and created a finding aid for the collection.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use: This collection has no copyright restrictions.

Related Materials: None

Separated Materials: None

Bibliography: None

Notes: Customers can access many records in this collection online by visiting the Montgomery County Judge of Probate's webpage, the Montgomery County Judge of Probate Record and Recording division's webpage, and the Montgomery County Archives' webpage. Once on one of the above three webpages, uses the records search function to find the records desired.

Inventory

Cabinet 1 [Vault 116]

Drawer I: Deed Books 1-151

Drawer II: Deed Books 152-299

Drawer III: Deed Books 300-455

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Drawer V: Deed Books 612-626; Corporation Books 1-96

Drawer VI: Corporation Books 97-194

Drawer VII: Corporation Books 195-333

Drawer VIII: Corporation Books 334-360

Drawer IX: Personal Property Books 1-114

Drawer X: Personal Property Book 115-121; Personal Property Direct Index Book 16-36;
Personal Property Reverse Index Book 16-36

Drawer XI: Apartments 1-4; Condominiums 2-16, 18, 21-74; Real Property Duplicates
14, 860

Cabinet 2 [Vault 116]

Drawer I: Real Property Books 1-80

Drawer II: Real Property Books 81-160

Drawer III: Real Property Books 161-240

Drawer IV: Real Property Books 241-320

Drawer V: Real Property Books 321-400

Drawer VI: Real Property Books 401-479

Drawer VII: Real Property Books 480-559

Drawer VIII: Real Property Books 560-639

Drawer IX: Real Property Books 640-719

Drawer X: Real Property Books 720-799

Drawer XI: Real Property Books 800-859

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Drawer I: Real Property Books 860-999

Drawer II: Real Property Books 1000-1144

Drawer III: Real Property Books 1145-1289

Drawer IV: Real Property Books 1290-1432

Drawer V: Real Property Books 1433-1580

Drawer VI: Real Property Books 1581-1730

Drawer VII: Real Property Books 1731-1880

Drawer VIII: Real Property Books 1881-2009

Drawer IX: Real Property Books 2010-2139

Drawer X: Real Property Books 2140-2265

Drawer XI: Real Property Books 2266-2394

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Drawer I: Real Property Books 2395-2519

Drawer II: Real Property Books 2520-2644

Drawer III: Real Property Books 2645-2769

Drawer IV: Real Property Books 2770-2892

Drawer V: Real Property Books 2894 [?]- 3018

Drawer VI: Real Property Books 3019-3143

Drawer VII: Real Property Books 3144-3271

Drawer VII: Real Property Books 3272- 3396

Drawer VIII: Real Property Books 3397-3551

Drawer IX: Real Property Books 3552-3793

Cabinet 5

Drawer I: Real Property Books 3794-4018

Drawer II: Real Property Books 4019-4138

Drawer III: Real Property Books 4139-4261

Drawer IV: Real Property Books 4262-4392

Drawer V: Real Property Books 4393-4517

Drawer VI: Real Property Books 4518-4631

Drawer VII: Real Property Books 4643-4765

Drawer VIII: Real Property Books 4766-4887

Drawer IX: Real Property Books 4888-5013

Drawer X: Real Property Books 5014-5141

Cabinet 6 [Vault 116]

Drawer I: Real Property, Books 5142-5199; Direct Real Estate Index Book 11-39;
Reverse Real Estate Index Book 11-27

Drawer II: Mortgage Books 1-146

Drawer III: Mortgage Books 147-307

Drawer IV: Mortgage Books 308-469

Drawer V: Mortgage Books 470-629

Note Mortgage Books 202 and 354 are in cold storage as they could not be converted to new film. Cold storage slows down the pace of decay of acetate-based microfilm. Books 202 and 354 are still available for use. However, they will need 3-4 hours to acclimate to room temperature before use.

Drawer VI: Mortgage Books 630-789

Drawer VII: Mortgage Books 790-947

Drawer VIII: Mortgage Books 948-1079

Drawer IX: Empty

Drawer X: Empty

Cabinet 7 [Vault 116]

Drawer I: Wills, Books 1-47; Judicial Records, Books 1-10 (microfilm)

Drawer II: Judicial Records, Books 11-58 (microfilm)

Drawer III: Judicial Records, Books 59-106 (microfilm)

Drawer IV: Judicial Records, Books 107-154 (microfilm)

Drawer V: Judicial Records, Books 155-222 (microfilm)

Drawer VI: Judicial Records, Books 223-312 (microfilm)

Drawer VII: Judicial Records, Books 313-402 (microfilm)

Drawer VIII: Judicial Records, Books 403-486 (microfilm)

Drawer IX: Judicial Records, Books 487-568 (microfilm)

Drawer X: Judicial Records, Books 569-696 (microfilm)

Cabinet 8 [Vault 116]

Drawer I: Judicial Records, Books 697-768 (microfilm)

Drawer II: Judicial Records, Books 769-842 (microfilm)

Drawer III: Judicial Records, Book 843-894 (microfilm); UCCs 7/17/90-5/24/96;

Drawer IV: UCCs 7/22/96-10/30/98; Commitments, Book 1-9

Drawer V: Adoptions, Books 1-53 (Microfiche)

Drawer VI: Adoptions, Book 54-68; Election Results: 1984; 1986; 1988; 1990; 1992-2000; 2002-2017; Guardian Records 1840-1915; Estate Records 1840-1915 A-W; Orphans Court + Estate + Inventories + Accounts

Drawer VII: Probate Docket and Fee Books A-X; Adoptions, Books 40-64 (Microfilm)

Drawer VIII: Adoptions, Books 64-82 (microfilm); Commitments, Books 6-20

Drawer IX: Death Records, 1908; Birth Records, 1908; Brand Records, Book 2; Delinquent Tax Docket, Book 1-2; Administrator's Records, Book A-D; Judgements & Documents, Book 2-8; Exemption Records, Book 2-3; Guardian Bonds Inventory Records, Book 7-D; Executors Docket, Book 1; Military Discharges Index, Book 1; Military Discharges, Book A-N, Book 1-3; Field Notes 1879, Book 1; Les Pendes Book 1-2; Executors Record, Book A-B; Physicians Records, Book 1-3; Tract Books, Book 1-2; Trust Funds, Book 1-2

Drawer X: Empty

Cabinet 9 [Vault 116]

Drawer I: 1967 & UP-Real Property Books 2529-2987

Drawer II: 1967 & UP: Real Property Books 2988-3476

Drawer III: Index to Marriages-white 1817-1925; Marriage Indexes 1960-1969 Roll 6-11B; Marriage records-white 1817-1972

Drawer IV: Marriage Records-white 1972-1973; Index to African-American Marriages 1865-1950; Marriage Records African-American 1865-1973

Drawer V: Marriages African-American 1973-1974; Marriages Book 102-147

Drawer VI: Marriages Book 148-162; Book 200-257

Drawer VII: Marriages Book 257-266; White Marriages 1957-1959, White Marriage Books 40-41, 47s, 49, 59, 101 (Duplicates); Divorce Index 1950-1959

Drawer VIII: Empty

Drawer IX: Empty

Drawer X: 1967 & UP-Real Property Books 159-256

Cabinet 10

Drawer I: 1967 & UP- Real Property Books 205-256

Drawer II: 1967 & UP- Real Property Books 257-309

Drawer III: 1967 & UP- Real Property Books 310-420

Drawer IV: 1967 & UP-Real Property Books 421-565

Drawer V: 1967 & UP-Real Property Books 566-714

Drawer VI: 1967 & UP-Real Property Books 715-878

Drawer VII: 1967 & UP-Real Property Books 879-1268

Drawer VIII: 1967 & UP- Real Property Books 1269-1691

Drawer IX: 1967 & UP- Real Property Books 1692-2120

Drawer X: 1967 & UP- Real Property Books 2121-2528

Cabinet 11

Drawer I: Reverse Real Estate Index, Book 28-39; Corporation Index, 1877-1978; Assorted Duplicates

See Also:

Property Deeds Index, 1820-1901