



**Montgomery County Genealogical &  
Historical Society, Inc**

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**HOW YOU CAN HELP  
the  
Montgomery County Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc.**

Greetings,

It is no secret that many genealogy societies have succumbed during the past several years. There are many reasons of course, apathy, declining membership, lack of financial resources but primarily the Internet. While the Internet has been a blessing to those who have contracted the genealogy bug, what it cannot do is provide the camaraderie and excitement of belonging to a vibrant organization like ours, particularly one that appreciates your involvement like we do.

But, to keep a genealogical and historical society alive and well, especially one like the Montgomery County Genealogical and Historical Society requires lots of effort and resources. You know the drill, someone sets up meetings, publishes Society books, sets up interesting monthly speakers and so on, brings refreshments and snacks for the meetings, etc. It takes lots of volunteers doing lots of things . . . and money. That's where you come in!

For some, time is more available than money. For others, money is more available than time. For still others, they have neither but do have precious family heirlooms or family histories to donate or some other tangible gift. For us, everyone is important in keeping this 39 year old society thriving. Just to stay focused, we need your help!

At one time, we may have been guilty of not helping ourselves better by not asking members, business supporters, friends and the public to offer more. Who knows what the inhibitors may have been: pride, arrogance, egotism . . . regardless of the reasons, we should have done more to ask for your help. Well I want you to know those days are over and we are no longer afraid to ask for your help and we will for sure publicly acknowledge any effort you may expend on our behalf. There are so many ways you can help your Society . . . here are just a few.

Here is How You Can Help!

- Join the Society
- Renew your membership for two years.
- Attend the meetings if possible
- Make a financial gift
- Make a bequest
- Remember the society in your will
- Become an indexer
- Donate old pictures.
- Donate a book of stamps.
- Donate white copy paper.
- Donate color copy paper.
- Donate a copy of your Family History
- Sign up an ancestor on the Tree of Remembrance
- Become a corporate sponsor.

If you can't do any of the above, how about just dropping a donation into the mail. Be as generous as you can. We always need money!

Here is more detail and explanation of how you can support the work of the Montgomery County Genealogical and Historical Society and a few other areas that you may be able to assist in.

Join with us as a Member! We have three levels of membership: Regular, Contributing, and Business.

Regular Members are listed in our current members page (makes it easier for others to find you), a listing in our annual Surname Exchange and the option to submit queries for inclusion on this website.

Contributing Members, such as other Genealogy and or Historical Societies or Libraries are cross pollinated with our organization and listed prominently on this website which provides added exposure for your group or organization.

Business Members cannot be advertised for because we are a 501 c3 but we can say Thank You for Your Support by listing your name and contact information, showing your business card and providing a link back to your website.

Here is a 2017 Membership Application. Thank you for clicking thru.

#### Family History

Preserve your family history and genealogy by submitting a copy to the Society and/or for publication in a future History Book. Assistance in assembling your data is available.

#### Donation of Historical Materials

The Society welcomes the donation of items of almost any item that has historical significance to Montgomery County Texas or the surrounding counties. With your permission, we may publish much of what we receive from you on this website. As you do, we also want the world to be proud of your ancestors and what better way to proclaim your heritage than have listed on this website.

#### Cash Donations

Your tax-exempt financial gifts will help us not only to keep our facilities open and well-maintained, but to expand and improve the archival storage of our collections. For any gift over \$50.00, you will receive a written confirmation and Thank You letter.

#### Volunteer Your Time

Representing the Montgomery County Genealogical and Historical Society, volunteer to serve at the Genealogy Library for as little as two hours each week. Other opportunities become available from time to time at the Montgomery County Historical Commission. Your time will be appreciated and of great help to the Library and or Historical commission. Links to both are on the home page. Contact us for more details.

#### Cemetery Project

Volunteer to help with our Cemetery Project.

As you can see, there are so many opportunities to help. As with any volunteer action, the satisfaction of a job well done and of knowing that your time and effort or money is well spent and appreciated by others is immeasurable.

Thanks for visiting the web site! We hope you enjoy what you see and if you can, how about sending in a membership application while it's fresh on your mind.

Thank you for your reading time and we look forward to hearing from you.

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President