

Lansdale Historical Society obituary collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Lansdale Historical Society
Creator	Lansdale Historical Society
Title	Lansdale Historical Society obituary collection
Call number	01
Date [inclusive]	1921-2012
Extent	13 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	Lansdale became a boom town during the mid-19th century when a junction of the North Pennsylvania Railroad was established where the center of the town is now located. The Borough of Lansdale was incorporated on August 24, 1872. The Lansdale Historical Society obituary collection, 1921-2012, contains original and photocopied obituaries dating from the 1880s into the 21st century, especially for individuals buried in Lansdale Cemetery.

Biography/History

Once inhabited by Lenni Lenape Indians, the area now called Lansdale became a boom town during the mid-19th century when a junction of the North Pennsylvania Railroad was established where the center of the town is now located.

The railroad brought much needed work into the area, creating the need for housing, businesses and hotels. In 1860, with the influx of people moving into the area, the federal government established Lansdale as a post office village. In less than 20 years, the community "grew from a muddy crossroads to a vibrant town," and became a commercial center in the North Penn section of Montgomery County.

The Borough of Lansdale, named after railroad engineer Philip Lansdale Fox, was incorporated on August 24, 1872.

Bibliography:

Borough of Lansdale. "History of Lansdale." Accessed November 21, 2012. http://www.lansdale.org/index.asp?Type=B_DIR&SEC=%7BDEE01716-0108-4F02-AA89-9E09497FC2E3%7D.

Lansdale Historical Society. "About the Jenkins Homestead." Accessed November 21, 2012. http://lansdalehistory.org/jenkins_homestead1.htm

Scope and Contents

The Lansdale Historical Society obituary collection consists of original and photocopied obituaries of people who died in and around Lansdale, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It is divided into two series: Obituaries and Lansdale Cemetery Burials.

The Obituaries series, which is the larger of the two, contains clippings mostly from *The Reporter*. Most are original, but there are some photocopies, especially of the earlier obituaries. The series is organized in chronological order from 1890 to 2010. More recent obituaries are collected from local funeral homes in digital format.

The second series, Lansdale Cemetery Burials, consists of photocopies of printed obituaries from the 1880s to 2012, organized in chronological order. There is also one binder with obituaries of people buried in the Lansdale Mausoleum, arranged in alphabetical order.

Alphabetical indexes to this collection are available on site.

Administrative Information

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Sponsor

This preliminary finding aid was created as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Access Restrictions

Contact Lansdale Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Obituaries collected by the Lansdale Historical Society over time.

Processing Information Note

Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2012-2014 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Lansdale Historical Society directly for more information.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Lansdale Cemetery Association

Geographic Name(s)

- Lansdale (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)

Subject(s)

- Cemeteries
- Genealogy
- Obituaries