

# **LMHS.22: Lower Merion School Board minute books**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Lower Merion Historical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Lower Merion (Pa. : Township). School Board.
<b>Title</b>	LMHS.22: Lower Merion School Board minute books
<b>Call number</b>	22
<b>Date</b>	1834-1856 and 1892-1913
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear feet
<b>General Physical Description Note</b>	4 volumes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Lower Merion School District was the first in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania to apply to establish free "common" public schools under legislation passed in Harrisburg in 1834. The Lower Merion School Board minute books, 1834-1856 and 1892-1913, consist of four volumes.

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## Biography/History

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"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established free "common," public schools April 1, 1834. Before that, schools existed in Lower Merion such as Fairview, the Little Bethel School, the Lower Merion Benevolent School (The Academy), those operated by the Merion Friends Meeting, Merion Square Academy, Sibley's, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and two Union schools (one was probably held in the Union School House building on Lancaster Ave. in Bryn Mawr). The Lower Merion School District

consolidated some schools in November, 1835...The Lower Merion School District was the first in Montgomery County to apply for establishing 'common' schools under legislation passed in Harrisburg."

### **Bibliography:**

Goldsborough, Ted. "Public Schools in Lower Merion and Narberth." 1999, revised 2010. Accessed November 1, 2011. <http://lowermerionhistory.org/texts/schools.html>.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection consists of four minute-books of the Lower Merion School District School Board: 1834-1856, 1892-1905, 1905-1910, and 1910-1913.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Sponsor**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Contact Lower Merion Historical Society for information about accessing this collection.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

On long-term deposit from the Lower Merion School Board.

## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials Note**

Lower Merion Historical Society: Lower Merion Historical Society school ephemera collection.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Ardmore (Pa.)
- Gladwyne (Pa.)
- Lower Merion (Pa. : Township)
- Main Line (Pa.)
- Merion (Pa.)
- Montgomery County (Pa.)
- Narberth (Pa.)
- Wynnewood (Montgomery County, Pa.)

### **Subject(s)**

- School boards
- School districts
- Schools