

Montgomery Township's History

Montgomery Township occupies roughly 32 square miles between the Sourland Mountain and the Millstone River, where the indigenous [Lenni Lenape](#) caught migrating shad fish for thousands of years until Dutch settlers arrived in the 1600s. The Lenape called this place [Lenapehoking](#).

The Europeans arrived, cleared forests, and built an [agriculture-based economy](#) that benefited from fertile plains and proximity to markets in New York and Philadelphia.

The area was known as the “[Western Precinct](#)” of [Somerset County](#) until 1798, when it was incorporated as Montgomery Township. The name honors [Colonel Richard Montgomery](#) who died on a Revolutionary War battlefield.

More than [20 Montgomery residents](#) are known to have served in the Revolutionary War. General George Washington led the Continental Army through Montgomery several times, including [on the way to Morristown](#) after the Battle of Princeton in 1777; on the [way to the Battle of Monmouth](#) in 1778; and on the [March to Yorktown](#) where the British surrendered in 1781.



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