



Online Lessons for Beginning Researchers

Genealogy for Beginners

- *Family Search*

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL22F8BBFA0FE23AD2&feature=plcp>

"Gain insights and inspiration by watching a video series on how to further your family history experience in five minutes or less. Join host Jessie Davis as she shares tips and tricks in a way that is simple, fun, and easy to understand."

How to Start Researching Your Family Tree

- *The Genealogy Center* at Allen County Public Library

<https://sites.google.com/site/beginninggenealogy/>

"A free online tutorial for beginning genealogists from the Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library. Also included in this tutorial are some tips on using the Internet in your research."

Genealogical Charts & Forms Online

Free Genealogy Charts

- *Access Genealogy*

http://www.accessgenealogy.com/free_genealogy_charts.htm

Charts and Forms

- *ancestry.com*

<http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx>

Vital Records: Birth, Marriage, and Death

CDC – Where to Write for Vital Records

- *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>

Provides links "for those users who want direct access to individual state and territory information. To use this valuable tool, you must first determine the state or area where the birth, death, marriage, or divorce occurred, then click on that state or area."

VitalCheck Network, Inc.

<http://www.vitalchek.com/>

"For over 20 years, VitalChek has provided Americans with official government certificates of birth, death, marriage and divorce. We do this as an official service provider for over 400 government agencies throughout the United States and US Territories safely delivering millions of important documents every year."

Online Death Indexes, Records & Obituaries

<http://www.deathindexes.com/>

"This website is a directory of links to websites with online death indexes, listed by state and county. Included are death records, death certificate indexes, death notices & registers, obituaries, probate indexes, and cemetery & burial records. You can also find information here about searching the Social Security Death Index online."



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Texas Vital Statistics

- Texas Department of State Health Services

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/default.shtm>

“For fast, affordable service, order birth certificates, death certificates, and birth, death, marriage, and divorce verification letters through Texas.gov, the official eGovernment site for the State of Texas.”

Social Security Death Index (SSDI)

A name index to deaths recorded by the Social Security Administration beginning in 1962. The index is freely available from several sources, including the following.

Ancestry.com

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3693>

FamilySearch

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1202535>

Stephen P. Morse

<http://stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>

Cemetery Records

Dallas Area Cemeteries

- Dallas Genealogical Society

http://dallasgenealogy.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=145&Itemid=78

This site provides a searchable database to cemeteries in the Dallas, Texas area.

Find A Grave

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

“Find a Grave's mission is to find, record and present final disposition information from around the world as a virtual cemetery experience”, which is offered at no cost to users.

Books

Eichholz, Alice, Editor. n.d. *Ancestry's Redbook-American State, County & Town Sources*.

Available online at <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3249>

Organized by U.S. state, this reference easily directs you to information-rich resources including vital records, census, land, probate, church, military, and much more.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. 2009. *Evidence explained: citing history sources from artifacts to cyberspace*. Baltimore, Md: Genealogical Pub. Co.

This book is the definitive guide to citation and analysis of historical sources used in genealogical research.



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Rose, Christine and Ingalls, Kay G. 2012. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*, 3rd Edition. Penguin Group (USA) Incorporated.

This guide provides tools for tracking down family records and locating relatives.

Smolenyak, Megan. 2010. *Who do you think you are?: the essential guide to tracing your family history*. New York: Viking.

This is a basic introduction to genealogical research, including using online resources.

TEXAS VITAL RECORDS

Texas Birth Records Online

ancestry.com - Texas Birth Index, 1903-1997

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8781>

"This database is an index to over 15 million births recorded in the State of Texas, USA, between 1903 and 1997. Information available in this index includes: child's name, sex, birth date, and birth county. Some records may also include: names of both parents."

FamilySearch - Texas Birth Certificates, 1903 – 1935

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1803956>

"This collection contains digital images and an index of birth certificates for the state of Texas. The original records are housed at the Vital Statistics Unit of the Texas Department of Health in Austin."

FamilySearch - Texas Birth Index, 1903 – 1997

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1949342>

"Index of births from the Texas Department of State Health Services. *Index provided by Ancestry.com.*"

FamilySearch - Texas, Births and Christenings, 1840-1981

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1681015>

"Name index to birth, baptism and christening records from the state of Texas. Microfilm copies of these records are available at the Family History Library and FamilySearch Centers. Due to privacy laws, recent records may not be displayed. The year range represents most of the records. A few records may be earlier or later."

Texas Marriage Records Online

Texas Department of State Health Services - Marriage License Application Indexes, 1966-2010

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/marriagedivorce/mindex.shtm>

"Marriage License Application Indexes are a compilation of the marriage license applications that are sent to [the Vital Statistics Unit] from the county clerk in which the marriage license is filed."
"Indexes (lists) of marriage or divorce records by year may be purchased or downloaded for free from our website."



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ancestry.com - Texas Marriage Collection

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8795>

"This database is a collection of Texas marriage indexes covering various years and counties. To see specifically what is included in this database (counties and years covered), please see the bottom of this page. This collection is comprised of indexes created by several agencies - Jordan Dodd of Liahona Research, Hunting For Bears, and the Texas Department of State Health Services. Liahona Research and Hunting For Bears extracted information from records at the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah and/or from records located at county courthouses. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DOSHS) index was created from actual marriage records and begins in 1966 with the statewide registration of marriages."

FamilySearch - Texas, Marriages, 1837-1973

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1681052>

"Name index to marriage records from the state of Texas. Microfilm copies of these records are available at the Family History Library and Family History Centers. Due to privacy laws, recent records may not be displayed. The year range represents most of the records. A few records may be earlier or later."

FamilySearch - Texas, Marriages, 1966-2010

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/2031191>

"This collection contains indexes of marriage license applications from all counties in the state of Texas. The indexes were prepared by the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of State Health Services and have been published on the Department's website."

Texas Divorce Records Online

Texas Department of State Health Services - Report of Divorce Indexes, 1968-2010

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/marriagedivorce/dindex.shtm>

"Report of Divorce Indexes are a compilation of the Reports of Divorce Decrees or Annulment to Marriage sent to [the Vital Statistics Unit] by the district clerk's office in the county where the court decree was filed." "Indexes (lists) of marriage or divorce records by year may be purchased or downloaded for free from our website."

FamilySearch - Texas, Divorce Index, 1968-2010

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/2038378>

"This collection contains indexes of Divorce Decrees and Annulments to Marriage submitted to district courts throughout the state of Texas. The indexes were prepared by the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of State Health Services and have been published on the Department's website."

ancestry.com - Texas Divorce Index, 1968-2002

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8794>

"This database is an index to approximately 2.9 million divorces that were filed in Texas from 1968-2002."



Texas Death Records Online

ancestry.com - Texas Death Index, 1903-2000

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4876>

"This index lists persons who died in the State of Texas, USA, between 1903 and 2000. The index was provided by the Texas Department of Health. At minimum these records include the name of the deceased, county of death, and death date."

FamilySearch - Texas, Deaths (New Index, New Images), 1890-1976

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1983324>

"*Index and images* of Texas statewide death certificates--including delayed certificates, foreign deaths, and probate obituaries--from the Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin. The delayed records are grouped with regular death certificates and, although frequently located in the final few volumes of a given year, can sometimes be found interspersed throughout a volume set."

FamilySearch - Texas, Deaths, 1977-1986

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1930157>

"*Images* of Texas statewide death certificates, including delayed certificates, from the Texas Department of State Health Services in Austin. Additional certificates will be added to the collection as they become available."

FamilySearch - Texas, Death Index, 1903-2000

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1949337>

"Index of deaths from the Texas Department of Health, State Vital Statistics Unit in Austin. *Index provided by Ancestry.com.*"

FamilySearch - Texas, Deaths and Burials, 1903-1973

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1681049>

"Name index to death and burial records from the state of Texas. Microfilm copies of these records are available at the Family History Library and Family History Centers. This set contains 274,258 records. Due to privacy laws, recent records may not be displayed. The year range represents most of the records. A few records may be earlier or later."

FamilySearch - Texas, Death Index, 1964-1998

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1375599>

"Name index to Texas statewide death certificates for 4 million people who died since between 1964 and 1998." Source information: Texas County Clerks. Texas death index. Texas Department of Health, Austin, Texas."