DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS OF INTEREST TO THE GENEALOGIST

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INTRODUCTION

This guide was created to show what Dallas County records are available for research by genealogists working at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, a part of the Dallas Public Library (DPL) system. It is a subset of the Dallas County Records Inventory Project begun by members of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) in 1998 and still in progress in 2001. The output from the Inventory Project's efforts will be published in traditional book media as volumes which can be purchased by libraries and other repositories, with some of the summary results available on the internet through the Dallas Genealogical Society's web page at www.dallasgenealogy.org. It is envisioned that the information about which county records exist, the kind of data contained in them, and the years covered will be of use to county employees as well as to interested researchers, whether they are genealogists, historians, writers or merely curious citizens.

THE DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS INVENTORY PROJECT:

Members of the Records Preservation Committee of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) participating in the Dallas County Records Inventory Project include:

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BACKGROUND:

Dallas County was created by the first legislature of the State of Texas on 30 March 1846, comprising 900 square miles of what was then Nacogdoches County, east of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, and what was then Robertson County, west of the Trinity River.

Although record inventories have been published for various other Texas counties, none has been done for Dallas County. This is the first Texas county inventory to base its record reporting on the official Texas State Record Retention Schedule published by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. These schedules attempt to define all possible county record types and their mandatory minimum retention. No local government office may dispose of a record listed in this schedule prior to the expiration of its retention period. (The originals of records in the schedule may be disposed of prior to the expiration of the stated minimum retention period if they have been microfilmed or electronically stored pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code, and rules of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.)

Dallas County has gone a step further in record retention. In a 1995 Commissioners' Court Order, Dallas County Commissioners made the formal commitment¹ that those records which are legitimately eligible for destruction will be first offered to the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (DPL), in its capacity as an approved member of the Regional Historical Resource Depository and Local Records Program (RHRD) of the Texas State Library. The DPL communicates this information to the Records Preservation Committee of the Dallas Genealogical Society, and the records in question are reviewed to ensure that items of sufficient historical interest will be saved from destruction and moved to the RHRD section on the 7th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Library.

Members of the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) have been key in gathering and publishing abstracts of local records. Originally called The History and Genealogical Society, it published *The History and Genealogical Society Quarterly*; then, renamed The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS), it has published *The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly* and, more recently, *The Dallas Journal*, an annual publication². Copies of all these journals are available in the Genealogy section on the 8th floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Library.³

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¹ Court Order # 95–466, dated March 21 1995, motion made by Commissioner Mike Cantrell and seconded by Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield

² Call number 929.10973 L811L in the 8th floor Genealogy section.

³ Note that many articles published in the DGS journals have no author listed; usually this means that the current editor of the journal wrote the article or did the record abstraction.

LOCATIONS OF OFFICIAL DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS

Official Dallas County records are stored in a variety of places, but requests for them are usually made through either the office of the County Clerk, located in the Dallas County Records Building, at 500 Main Street or the office of the District Clerk⁴, located in the George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Building, at 600 Commerce Street. Many of the older county records are housed in the central County Records Storage Facility, from which they are retrieved when requested through either the County Clerk's or District Clerk's offices.

Some older, more historical Dallas County records have been placed in the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library (DPL) in the RHRD⁵ archives section of the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division. A partial list of genealogically-interesting records in the RHRD is included in Appendix B. Some additional older records (most generated before 1920) have been identified as historically significant, even though their retention codes would indicate they could be disposed of, and these have been placed in a special section in the county's Records Storage Facility. These older records will be identified in the formal publication of the Inventory Project.

In addition to those official Dallas County records which reside in the county, the Texas State Library and Archives⁶, and the General Land Office of the State of Texas⁷ are repositories for some of the older, very historical documents, including those having to do with land grants, election registers, etc. Copies of birth and death records may be obtained from the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.⁸ The Texas State Library has an extensive collection of Texas County vital records indexes, including births, delayed births, deaths and divorces. Note that birth records are public after the 50th anniversary of the date on which the record is filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics or local registration officer. Death records are public after the 25th anniversary of the filing date.

Some public records are becoming available on the Internet. The following **Internet** addresses may be useful for additional research:

Texas State Library and Archives(TSL) http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/index.htm

Dallas Public Library(DPL) http://dallaslibrary.org

DPL:Texas/Dallas History(CTX) http://dallaslibrary.org/ctx/ctx.htm
http://www.dallasgenealogy.org

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) www.familysearch.org

⁴ The District Clerk is by law the ministerial officer and record keeper for the Civil, Criminal, and Family District Courts. There are currently 37 such District Courts in Dallas County and, with the assistance of 242 deputies, the District Clerk has custody of all papers and instruments filed in all lawsuits within these District Courts. "Permanent retention" records for which the District Clerk still has responsibility may go back as far as 1846

⁵ See the DPL 7th floor discussion which follows for more complete details on the RHRD program.

⁶ Texas State Library and Archives, 1201 Brazos St, P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711-2927; phone 512-463-5465 – or see internet address.

⁷ General Land Office of the State of Texas, 1700 North Congress St, Austin, TX 78701-1495.

⁸ Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3191 phone 512-458-7111 or 512-458-7364.

Some genealogically-significant Dallas County records have been microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), and microfilm copies may be found on the DPL 7th floor, and/or may be ordered through the LDS Church's film rental program, either at the DPL or at neighborhood LDS Family History centers. A full listing of the records filmed by the LDS Church and available through their rental program is available either on CD-ROM in the DPL Genealogy section on the 8th floor or through the LDS Internet site (listed above).

DPL: THE HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

The History and Social Sciences division housed on the eighth floor of the Central Library is comprised of two distinctly different service areas, History & Social Sciences and the Genealogy section.

THE HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SECTION

The History and Social Sciences section (8th floor) contains over 139,000 volumes, 35,000 periodicals, and 2,000 videos. The collection is primarily circulating but includes substantial reference sources in the fields of history and law. For the family historian, this collection is a good starting point for historical research. Available to the genealogy researcher are the following: geographical sources including atlases, maps, gazetteers and historical travel guides; biographical indexes and sources on well-known Americans; a wide array of historical sources including chronologies and city, county, and state histories; military sources including first-person accounts, regimental histories, and guides for military uniforms, decorations, medals and insignia. In addition, the division has a good selection of circulating genealogy "how-to" manuals, and Texas and local histories.

THE GENEALOGY SECTION

The Genealogy section (8th floor), part of the DPL History and Social Sciences Division, is a highly regarded genealogy research facility, and houses a large collection of books, microfilm and microfiche pertaining to Dallas County.

None of its materials circulate outside the department. The Genealogy section has both a card catalog and a computerized catalog. Since only a portion of the microfiche and microfilm holdings are on the computerized catalog, it is advisable to use the card catalog to identify all book, microfiche and microfilm items associated with Dallas County, and also to pick up any items newly added to the collection. The card catalog is in two sections; by geographic locality and by surname. The geographic section is organized by locality, alphabetically by state, then alphabetically by county within the state. At the front of each state's counties are some general entries that may span county boundaries. Call numbers for books provide the information necessary to locate the books on the shelves established for the specific state locality (e.g. Texas), where they are arranged by the Dewey decimal classification system. After utilizing the specific Dallas County books, film, and fiche, it might be fruitful to peruse

the general (front) section of the Texas section of the card catalog in case there is some Dallas-related data included in more general records.

Many (but not all) Dallas resources included in the current card catalog are detailed in the various record category groupings described in this document.

DPL: THE TEXAS/DALLAS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES DIVISION

The Texas/Dallas History and Archives division (7th floor) collects and makes available to researchers materials related to Dallas and the State of Texas. It is comprised of two service areas, the RHRD section and the Texas/Dallas Collection, both of which are treasure troves of local and state history. A trained staff, archival finding guides, and subject indexes provide access to the collections. Because of the many unique and fragile sources in the collection, no items circulate outside the library. They are located in a limited access area and retrieved by staff members for researchers.

RHRD Section (Regional Historical Resource Depository)

The 7th floor Texas/Dallas History and Archives division has a special role as custodian for local government records. Credit for much of the following description of the RHRD function and holdings is due archivist Cindy C. Smolovik for her article *Researching in the Texas/Dallas History & Archives Division*, published in the June 1989 issue of *The Dallas Quarterly*.

A portion of the Texas/Dallas holdings concentrates on the city and county of Dallas. One of the best genealogical resources are the county records which are housed in the Texas/Dallas collection as a result of its membership in the Regional Historical Resource Depositories (RHRD) system. The Regional Historical Resource Depository and Local Records Program of the Texas State Library is a network of local libraries created to preserve historical materials. The Texas State Library states the purpose of the RHRD twenty-five regional depositories system as:

"To locate, identify, and preserve local government records and private records of permanent value; to make them available to the public for research and to assist researchers in using them..."

This network of libraries was developed in order to give better access to the records by locating them in various areas instead of everything being stored in Austin. The Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division of the Dallas Public library is one of the depositories in the RHRD system.

Each county in Texas decides when and what records will be placed in the RHRD holdings. Since the 1989 publication of Ms. Smolovik's article, many more records have been added to the RHRD holdings, due principally to activities of the Dallas County Records Inventory Project which is still in progress. Some, but not all, of these recently-added records have been filmed by the LDS Church.

⁹ Article by Cindy C. Smolovik and Carol Roark, appearing on page 12 of the *DALLASEARCH* manual published by the Dallas Genealogical Society, 1993

A variety of interesting and useful resources for Dallas County can be found in the RHRD holdings. See Appendix B for a partial list. Some of these same records may be referred to throughout this research guide as specific areas of interest are addressed.

THE TEXAS/DALLAS COLLECTION

The **Texas/Dallas collection** contains a number of resources for genealogists with family ties in Texas. Included in the holdings are newspapers, tax rolls, county histories, biographical encyclopedias, archives collections, photographs, maps and books relating to Texas and to Dallas.

Finding aids include:

Index binders describing microfilm holdings of Texas and Dallas area newspapers. Index binders pointing to publications of various civic organizations and clubs, and to the yearbook collection. 11

A collection ¹² of Criss-Cross directories and Dallas City Directories on microfilm from 1875 to 1975 and actual directories from 1975 until the last published issues. Data from 1881 and 1882 directories has been abstracted and published by the Dallas Genealogical Society in *The Dallas Journal*.

A User Guide for the Dallas area *Sanborn Insurance Fire Map* collection.

In the near future, online access will be available to pre-1953 Sanborn maps.

A card file index to Biographical Studies of Texans, prepared in 1933–1935 by the Texas Historical Society

Indexes to various District Court Civil case papers (arranged by case number and by witnesses), Minute Books and indexes, and Reverse and Direct Indexes to File Dockets for the various district courts.

The 7th floor houses a large collection of early Dallas and Texas maps, Texas almanacs, a very extensive photographic collection for Dallas, oral histories and files of private collections for family or subject research. It has copies of early magazines including *Dallas* (published by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce), *Farm & Ranch*, and *Beau Monde*, a publication reflecting the early social life of Dallas.

The Texas/Dallas photography collection concentrates on Dallas and contains over half a million negatives, the majority from the Hayes, Rogers, Haskins and Dallas City Photographer collections. It has good representation of Dallas in the late 1880's though the 1970's. Images include street scenes, personalities, businesses, parades, and buildings. The collection is accessed by a visual file that consists of contact prints mounted on cards and arranged by subjects. Prints are available for a fee.

The Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division also houses microfilm of many Texas and Dallas-area newspapers, Texas death rolls and Dallas County records, District Court Civil

¹⁰ Listed on DPL CTX website, http://dallaslibrary.org/ctx/ctx.htm.

¹¹ Listed on DPL CTX website, http://dallaslibrary.org/ctx/ctx.htm.

¹² Listed on DPL CTX website, http://dallaslibrary.org.ctx/ctx.htm.

case papers from 1846 to the early 1900's, and Texas county tax rolls 1846–1920, and, for Dallas County, to 1959.

DPL: THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

The Government Publications division (6th floor) contains atlases, maps, and state, federal and international government publications.

It houses most U.S. topographical maps, including those for Dallas County, along with recent aerial photos of Dallas County¹³, as well as county road maps.

It is a U.S. Federal Depository and houses statistical summary census information for Dallas County, as well as the Serial Set of every report and document published by Congress between the time of the Continental Congress to 1992 (including federal pension awards). It also houses lists of U.S. Navy, Marines and Coast Guard military casualties (wounded, killed and missing in action) in World War II. There is a section for the state of Texas.

Additionally it houses records on U.S. patents and copyrights, which often include birth year and place of residence of those registering intellectual property.

 $^{^{13}}$ Early aerial maps of Dallas County may be found on the 7^{th} floor.

GENEALOGICALLY-INTERESTING DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS AT THE DPL

HISTORIES/ATLASES/DIRECTORIES/MAPS

Genealogy Section (8th floor):¹⁴

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Histories		
*Memorial and Biographic History of Dallas County, TX	976.428	M533
includes Index prepared by Davis, Irene Chenault		
History of Dallas County, TX, 1837–1887, Brown, John Henry	976.428	B878H
combined with	x 1 xx	
Dallas County, a record of its pioneers and progress, Cochran	, John H.	
Everyname Index to the above named combination,		
Smith, Michael Kalen	976.428	B878H
*A Place Called Dallas; the pioneering years of a		
continuing metropolis, Greene, A. C.	976.428	G799P
A History of Greater Dallas and Vicinity (2 vols.),		
Lindsley, Philip	920	L753H
Reminiscences, A Glimpse of Old East Dallas	976.42812	R388
*Proud Heritage: pioneer families of Dallas County,		
(2 vols.), Dallas County Pioneer Association	976.42811	P968
History of Duncanville, Texas	976.42811	D912H
*Lancaster, a history, 1845-1945, Lancaster Historical		
Society	976.42811	L245
Hardscrabble, Pleasant Run and the origins of Lancaster,		
Fitzhugh, Newton	976.42811	F555H
Elm Fork Settlements: Farmers Branch and Carrollton,	976.42811	O35E
Ogle, Georgia Myers		
A Stake in the Prairie (Mesquite)	976.42811	S782
Lisbon, a History, Anthony, Helen B.	976.428	A628L
History of Balch Springs, 1848-1910, Tabb, Jeanne J.	976.42811	T112T
Sachse Remembered (1840-1940), Jones, Mary Allene	976.42811	J78S
*Dallas, an illustrated history, Payne, Darwin	976.42812	346D
White Cliffs of Dallas, Story of LaReunion, Santerre, George		
Henry	976.428	S234W
*The Lusty Texans of Dallas, Rogers, John William	917.64	R727L
*Miss Ada's Pleasant Grove community, Carothers, Meredith	976.42811	C292M
First African American Families of Dallas: creative survival	976.42812	
Homeward Bound: the heart and heritage of Buckner		
(Children's Home), Bullock, Karen O'Dell	362.73209	B938H
*It's Our Dallas County; the story of self-government since		
1846, Switzer, David S.	976.428	S979I
*A Century of Class; Public Education in Dallas 1884-1984,	- · · · - ·	~ / / / -
Rumbley, Rose-Mary	379.764	R936C
12011014, 12004 11101	2,7.70.	1000

 $^{^{14}}$ * Additional copies available in either History and Social Sciences or Texas/Dallas History sections.

*Greater Dallas Illustrated: the most progressive metropolis of the Southwest, Friends of the Dallas Public Library 976.42812 G786 History of the Dallas Medical and Surgical Clinic, Spence, Harry M. 362.1209 S744H Sarah Horton Cockrell in early Dallas, Cockrell, Monroe F. 929.2 C666C Early Days in Dallas, published in The Dallas Journal, vol. 16, Dec 1970 Dallas County Roots in Old Nacodoches, published in vol. 17, March 1988 issue of Texas Kin Dallas County in 1858, published in The Dallas Journal, vol. 15, June 1969 One Hundred Twenty Years: A History of the Dallas Pioneer Association 367.97642 O58

Directories

Texas State Gazetteer and Business Directory, vol. 2, 1884–1885 published by the R.L. Polk & Co, has been abstracted by DGS members for geographical areas belonging to Dallas County, and published in *The Dallas Quarterly*. ¹⁵

Dallas City and County Directories for 1881 and 1882 have been abstracted by members of the Dallas Genealogical Society and published in vols. 25-27 (1979–1981) of *The Dallas Journal*.

Published city and other directories for Dallas, including Dallas social registers, *City Directory for Greater Dallas*, and

The Negro City Directory, 1947–1948

Mayors of Dallas, Cullom, John H.

917.64281 N393

929.2

C967M

<u>History and Social Sciences Section</u>(8th floor) (circulating)¹⁶

Histories

Dallas, an illustrated history, Payne, Darwin

Dallas's first hundred years, 1856-1956, Santerre, George Henry 976.428 S234D

Dallas: a history of "Big D", Hazel, Michael V.

Big D, triumphs and troubles of an American supercity

in the 20th century, Payne, Darwin

Big D is for Dallas, Howard, James

African American families and settlements of Dallas: on the

inside looking out, McKnight, Mamie L. (Black Dallas Remembered)

Dallas: her golden years, Sanders, Barrot Steven

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15 The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly, vol. XXXVIII, #1, March 1992 includes Cedar Hill, Dallas(part), #2, June, 1992 includes Dallas(part), Duck Creek, Duncanville, Eagle Ford, Elam, Farmers' Branch, #4 December 1992 includes Grand Prairie, Limtown, Klaburgh Langestar, Letat, Lighan, Mesquita, Miller

#4,December 1992 – includes Grand Prairie, Jimtown, Kleburgh, Lancaster, Letot, Lisbon, Mesquite, Miller, Morris, Pleasant Valley, Richardson, Rylie, Scynne(sic), Seagoville, Sowers, Sprowls, Sweets, Trinity Mills, Wright, and a list of operating railroads.

¹⁶ * Additional copies available in Genealogy or Texas/Dallas History and Archives sections.

*Dallas, the deciding years – a historical portrait, 976.428 G799D Greene, A. C. Dallas, the making of a modern city, Hill, Patricia Evridge 976.42811 H647D Dallas yesterday, Acheson, Sam 976.42812 A177D Diaper Days of Dallas, Dealey, Ted 976.428 D279D *First half dozen years: Dallas County, as seen through the Commissioners Court Minutes, Lu, Helen Mason., and Neumann, Gwen 929.37642 F527 A Guide for seeing Dallas County history, Dallas County Historical 917.64281 G946 Commission *Dallas Rediscovered: A Photographic Chronicle of Dallas Urban Expansion 1870-1925, McDonald, William Lloyd 076.42812 M135D A history of Dallas: from a different perspective, Prince, Robert 976.42812 P956H Land is the cry!: Warren Angus Ferris, pioneer Texas Surveyor and founder of Dallas County, Starling, Suzanne B F394S *A Century of Class; Public Education in Dallas 1884-1984, 379.764 Rumbley, Rose-Mary R936C *The Lusty Texans of Dallas, Rogers, John William 917.64 R727L *A Place Called Dallas; the pioneering years of a continuing metropolis, Greene, A. C 976.428 G799P *Proud Heritage: pioneer families of Dallas County, 976.42811 P968 **Dallas County Pioneer Association** *The WPA Dallas Guide and History, written and compiled from 1936 to 1942 by the workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration(WPA) in Dallas, Saxon, Gerald D. 976.42811 W111 Sketches of a growing town: episodes and people of Dallas from early days to recent times, writings by Dallas citizens in the Master of Liberal Arts Program at Southern Methodist University, Payne, Darwin 976.42812 S627 *Miss Ada's Pleasant Grove community, Carothers, Meredith 976.42811 C292M *Pioneers of yesteryear: Pleasant Mound "Public" Cemetery and Memorial Park, 1848-1973, Bryant, Stella Vinson 976.428 B915P Women and the creation of urban life: Dallas, Texas 1843-1920, Enstam, Elizabeth York 305.40976 E59W A history of Dallas lawyers, 1840 to 1890, Cobb, Berry B. 920 C653H (approved and authorized by the Bar Association of Dallas in 1934) Southern Methodist University; founding and early years, Thomas, Mary M. H. 378.764 T459S Education in Dallas; ninety-two years of history, 1874-1966, Schiebel, Walter J. E. (Dallas Independent School District) 370.9764 S332E The Park Cities: a walker's guide and brief history, Galloway, Diane and Matthews, Kathy 917.64281 G174P *Greater Dallas Illustrated: the most progressive metropolis of the Southwest, Friends of the Dallas Public Library 976.42812 G786

<u>Texas/Dallas Archives and History Division</u> (7th floor)¹⁷

Histories

*WPA Dallas Guide and History, written and compiled from 1936 to 1942 by the workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration in the City of Dallas, Saxon, Gerald D. 976.42811 W111 Dallas guide and history; written and compiled by the Dallas unit of the Texas Writers' Project in 1940 917.64 W956D Dallas County Boundaries, Ferris, Warren Angus 976.428 F394D *Memorial and Biographic History of Dallas County, TX 976.428 M533 includes Index prepared by Davis, Irene Chenault *Dallas, the deciding years – a historical portrait, Greene, A. C. 976.428 G799D As Old as Dallas Itself; a history of the lawyers of Dallas, Payne, Darwin 340.09764 P346A *Lancaster, a history, 1845-1945, Lancaster Historical Society 976.42811 L245 976.428 History of Grand Prairie, Texas, Vail, Marvin V129H City of Dallas Mayors and city councils (1856–1963), Armstrong, W. Lee 352.008 A738C LaReunion: a fourieristic colony founded by colonists from France, Switzerland and Belgium, in Dallas County, TX, 976.428 Blain, Samuel S. B634L History of early Dallas, Cockrell, Frank M. 976.42812 C666H Early Days in Dallas and Oak Cliff, 1856–1920, Cretien, Charles F. 976.428 C924E *It's Our Dallas County; the story of self-government since S979I 1846, Switzer, David S. 976.428 *Dallas Rediscovered; A Photographic Chronicle of Dallas Urban Expansion 1870-1925, McDonald, William Lloyd 076.42812 M135D Dallas Express, a Negro newspaper: its history, 1892-1971, and its points of view, Margot, Louis, III 071.64281 M329D The Dallas Express as a forum on lynching, 1919-1921, Turner, William Douglas (thesis) 071.64281 T954D The early history of medicine in Dallas, 1841–1900, Giles, Marie Louise 610.9 G472E *A Century of Class; Public Education in Dallas 1884-1984, Rumbley, Rose-Mary 379.764 R936C A quarter of a century history of the Dallas Woman's Forum, 1906–1931, Hunter, Martha L. 367 H946Q Dallas, log cabin to metropolis; a narrative history with pictures of Dallas' first 125 years, Langston, Frank 976.428 L285D

¹⁷ * Additional copies available in either History and Social Sciences or Genealogy sections on 8th floor.

History of an opportunity. Facts about Dallas: Business and		
Directory of Dallas, TX, 1911, Wilson, L. A.	917.64	W749H
*Greater Dallas Illustrated: the most progressive metropolis		
of the Southwest, Friends of the Dallas Public Library	976.42812	G786
Greater Dallas illustrated, American Illustrating Company	976.42812	A512G

Periodicals

Texas Historian 976.4005 T355

Map Collection

There are many different types of maps in the Texas/Dallas Collections – railroad maps, Sanborn fire insurance maps, historic maps of Texas, commercial atlases, and city and county maps with heavy concentration on Dallas. Many of the original maps have been transferred to Mylar, making them stronger for handling. Once a Mylar map has been made, the originals are no longer available for use. However, the Mylar maps show essential details and can be copied. Paper copies can be ordered from the Mylar maps for a fee. A few of the historic maps are available for sale at the BookEnds shop in the lobby of the J. Erik Jonsson central library.

Mylar maps include for the City of Dallas:

1846: Map of the Town of Dallas

1860: Grigsby League and Original Township of Dallas

1875: Official Map of Dallas, Texas

1878: Jones and Murphy's Map of Dallas

1887: Murphy and Bolanz' Official Map of City of Dallas and East Dallas, TX

1911: Kessler plan for the City of Dallas

1930–1936: City maps

1941: Zoning map

Mylar maps include for Dallas County:

1889: Reconnaissance Map Texas – Dallas Sheet

1900: Sam Street's Map of Dallas County (also in Genealogy Section, with index)

1918: Geological Map

1920: Soil Map

1943: Road Map

1946: Post Offices, Dallas County

1955: Norman's Map of Dallas and Dallas County

Maps on microfilm

There are two microfilm map sources that are important: Land Grant Maps and Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. The Land Grant records include an abstract index for Land Grants (1835–1889). From this index researchers are directed to county maps on film to locate the property. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps are available for Dallas from 1885–1970. They enable researchers to locate homes, businesses, churches, and other buildings and are useful for

giving an in depth look at the layout of the city. "Soon" there will be remote access to Sanborn maps from 1885-1927 for people who have a DPL library card.

Maps – other locations

Genealogy Section 8th floor

U.S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, Carrollton, TX, 1959

Cemeteries of Dallas Co, TX, 1986, Barnes, Rita

Street Map of Grand Prairie

*1900: Sam Street's Map of Dallas County (also in Texas/Dallas Collection)

Index to Sam Street's Map of Dallas County, Helfrey, Gwen S. 929.37642 H474I

NEWSPAPERS/GENEALOGICAL PERIODICALS

Newspapers

Newspapers are not always accurate, but they are one of the best sources for giving a glimpse of the past. Newspapers are available for Dallas as well as smaller holdings for other Texas towns.

<u>Texas/Dallas Archives and History Division (7th floor):</u>

The 7th floor has an index binder describing its microfilm holdings of Dallas area newspapers, and the Adair Index, an index card file by date, subject and proper name to articles written by W. S. Adair in the Dallas Morning News from Oct 1920–Feb 1933. There is a Texas Newspaper Name Index for the years 1830-1885 that was developed by the University of Texas in Austin; their card file index is available on microfilm, is alphabetical by last name, and includes obituaries, advertising, minor mentions, as well as longer feature stories and in depth articles. A wide variety of early Texas newspapers are included, including *The Dallas News* and *Dallas Herald*. There is also a microfilmed subject index to *The Dallas Morning News* for the years 1916–1971 but it is rather cumbersome to use. It is inconsistent, not always accurate, and is in date order within subject entries that have been termed "sometimes bizarre and illogical."

Newspapers in the holdings include (but are not limited to)¹⁸

The Dallas Weekly Herald 1830s–1885

The Dallas Evening Journal (a.k.a. Dallas Journal) 1914–1938; 1940–1942

The Dallas Express 1919–1928; 1934–1963; 1965–1970

Dallas Morning News October 1885–present

Dallas Times Herald 6 October 1886–9 December 1991

(a.k.a. Dallas Herald¹⁹, 8 December 1855–1885 and a.k.a. Dallas Daily Herald) 11 February 1873–1886

(no paper Jan-Oct 1886)

Newspapers for Oak Cliff, Pleasant Grove, Irving, Lancaster, Plano, and Richardson

Various Hispanic and African-American publications

Dallas Morning News Index 1917–1976

One other newspaper resource is the vertical files, consisting of newspaper clippings and other materials ranging from the mid-1940's to the present time. A wide range of subject headings such as cities, county, crime, current events, biographies and elections make up this extensive collection. The papers currently being clipped by the Texas/Dallas staff include *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Dallas Observer*. (*The Dallas Times Herald* was clipped until its demise in 1991.)

¹⁸ A full listing is available online at the DPL CTX website.

¹⁹ On January 15, 1862, *The Dallas Herald* suspended publication – the editor and all the office force had joined the southern army.

Genealogy Section (8 th floor):		
The Southwestern Presbyterian, 1869–1876	929.376	L926S
(Abstracts, Helen Lu) (also on microfiche)		
The Texas Presbyterian, 1846–1877	929.3764	L926T
(Abstracts, Helen Mason Lu)		
The Texas Baptist – 1859–1869	929.3764	L926T
(Abstracts, Helen Mason Lu)		
The Texas Christian Advocate – 1872–1881	929.3764	L926T
(Abstracts, Helen Mason Lu)		

Periodicals

Genealogical and Historical Society (8th Floor):

The 8th floor Genealogy section has computers that contain, among other things, the PERSI PERiodical Source Index. Searching for entries of the sort "Dallas County Texas" and optionally selecting from a list of record types like "biography", "directories", "history" will create pointers to articles in various genealogical periodicals which could be of great value to a researcher.

Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS)	929.37642	D111
The Quarterly, published by the Local History and	929.10973	L811L
Genealogical Society (precursor of The Dallas		
Genealogical Society)—replaced by The Dallas		
Genealogical Society Quarterly		
Guide to The Quarterly (1955-1982), DGS	929.10973	D145Q
The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly (replaced		
by The Dallas Journal)		
The Dallas Journal (published annually)	929.10973	L811L
Mesquite Tree – Mesquite Historical and Genealogical		
Society (also on microfiche)	929.37642	M582
Texas Kin – Balch Springs	929.37642	T355
Garland Local History and Genealogical Society Quarte	rly^{20} 976.428	G233
Elm Fork Echoes, Peters Colony Historical Society of Da	allas Co. 976.42	8 P483E
Quarterly Newsletter of the Dallas County Pioneer Association	ciation	

History and Social Sciences section – 8th floor

Texas Historian	976 4005	T355
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²⁰ Publication discontinued but Quarterlies on file in the Genealogy section on the 8th floor.

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS

General

Beginning in 1903, Texas county clerks began to register all births and deaths although compliance was not universal at first. Later, large cities (like Dallas) with vital record offices and city secretaries maintained separate series of birth and death records. Justices of the Peace also recorded births and deaths.

Birth records become public 50 years after they have been filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics; death records are public after 25 years from the filing date.

Today the Dallas county clerk records those births and deaths that occur within Dallas County but outside the Dallas City limits, and the City of Dallas records all others. Information about recent births or deaths occurring within the Dallas City limits may be obtained at the Dallas City Hall or from the State of Texas, provided there is a "need to know" such that legal privacy provisions are observed.

Provided the same provisions are met, copies of birth and death certificates may be obtained by the public from the Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics through the County Clerk's offices and outlying Justice of the Peace offices or by writing directly to the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Once recording of births and deaths became mandatory (1903), copies of county records have been maintained at the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Statewide birth and death indexes were microfilmed by the Texas State Library, and copies are additionally available at the DPL. The birth index covers 1903-1976 and is alphabetized by year. The death index is alphabetical within broader periods of time: 1903–1940; 1940–1945; 1946–1955; then annually for 1956–1996.²¹ The indexes contain the deceased's name, date of death, county where death occurred and the death certificate number, by which a full certified copy of the death certificate can be ordered from the State, provided the record is old enough to be "public" or there is a "need to know".

If a birth or death record is not found at the state level, it is prudent to check the proper municipal or county office.²²

Probated or delayed birth registrations²³ were sometimes submitted to the respective county court. These were then forwarded to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. Microfilm indexes to

²¹ Also available online at http://rootsweb.com.

²² Ancestry's Red Book, American State, County & Town Sources, Edited by Alice Eichholz, Revised edition 1992, p. 703

Individuals born before issuance of birth certificates often applied for a delayed birth certificate to document their age for Social Security or passport applications, insurance, or other benefits. Those applying for a delayed birth certificate had to provide some evidence of their age. In some cases 1880 and 1900 census enumerations were used; others submitted baptismal certificates, Bible pages, school records or affidavits from relatives or attending physicians present at birth. Information recorded on the delayed birth certificate can include applicant's name, date of birth, and name, place of birth and race of mother and father. Supposed to be noted on the certificate is the evidence presented with the application.

delayed birth records include Texas residents born elsewhere, many of whom were seeking Social Security registration. The bureau ended delayed birth registrations in 1959.²⁴

Delayed birth records in Dallas County have been abstracted and include individuals born many places other than Dallas or Texas, but living in Dallas at the time they filed their application. In some cases, ordering the actual birth certificate might be the only proof of birth date and location.

Adoption records generally result from court processes and, for privacy considerations, recent and even older adoption files are usually sealed and inaccessible without a court order. Most adopted children have amended birth certificates using the adoptive parents' names. *Note*: In Dallas County, Judge Hal Gaither of the 304th Family District Court is supportive of appropriate access to adoption data. The desk reference in the Genealogy Section (8th floor) has more details. There are several Internet sites of interest for those interested in pursuing this topic.²⁵

Early marriage records are in the jurisdiction of the county clerk where the license was issued. Marriages of blacks were frequently recorded in separate volumes. Statewide recording of marriages began in January 1966, but certified copies are not available through the state office.

In Texas, marriage licenses issued in one county are valid in any other Texas county.

Marriages are recorded by the County Clerk. Dallas county marriage records available at the County Clerk's office include:

Marriage license applications dated 1 Jan 1940 – 8 Oct 1963 39 rolls of microfilm. Marriage Record books for the early years through 1964, beginning 1847²⁶ Indexes to marriage records, 1847–1963; (3 x 5 cards filed alphabetically by last name, in two sections, one for males, one for females)

Indexes to marriage records 1964-current, by male and female, alphabetized by surname.

During the first years of the Republic of Texas, divorces were granted by special acts of Congress, but in 1841 District courts took over this responsibility. Now district courts have full jurisdiction over divorces and divorce records are now maintained by the District Clerk's office. Divorce indexes have been maintained statewide by the Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics since January 1968, but certified copies are not available from this facility. Divorce records from 1966–1997 are available online at http://rootsweb.com.

²⁶ The earliest marriage record books have been abstracted by DGS members.

²⁴ Ancestry's Red Book, American State, County & Town Sources,, Edited by Alice Eichholz, Revised edition 1992, p 703

²⁵ ADOPT: Assistance Information Support http://www.adopting.org/ffcwnr.html; Adoptee Searcher's Handbook http://www.birthquest.org/

DALLAS VITAL RECORDS AT THE DPL

Births

Statewide Birth Indexes, 1903–1976, alphabetized by year
Statewide Probate Birth Indexes, 1945 and prior
Statewide Delayed Birth Indexes

50 rolls of microfilm
9 rolls of microfilm

Delayed Birth Indexes, Dallas County – abstracted by Dava Beisecker Ladymon and being published in the Dallas Genealogical Society's Journal²⁷

Marriages

Marriage Indexes

Marriages in Dallas County, Early to 1850, published by the Dallas Genealogical Society

Dallas County Marriage Record Index,

Aug 1846–Oct 1963 16 rolls of microfilm

Volume 1 Marriage Books A–E 1846–1877,

Edited by Helen Lu (DGS) 929.37642 L926M

(also available on microfiche)

Volume 2 Marriage Books F-H 1877–1885,

Published by DGS in book and microfiche format

Volume 3 Marriage Books I-K 1886–1889 DGS microfiche Volume 4 Marriage Books L-N 1890–1895 DGS microfiche Volume 5 Marriage Books O-Q 1896–1898 DGS microfiche Volume 6 Marriage Books R-S 1898–1899 DGS microfiche Index to Marriage Books A-D (1847–1874). 929.37642 548N

Index to Marriage Books A-D (1847–1874),
Peggy Anderson

548M

Texas Marriage Index 1966–1998 microfiche

Texas Surname Index – Texas Marriage Records 929.3764 T355

Dallas County, TX Marriages 1873–1876

Jane Douglas Chapter, NSDAR microfilm

(DAR records, roll 4 microfilm (929.3 D5T))

Divorces

Texas Divorce Record Indexes, 1968–1996 129 microfiche

Divorces, Dallas County, TX, 1846–1905,²⁸

abstracted by Jim Monaghan 929.37642 M734D

Deaths

Statewide Death Indexes

Alphabetical 1903–1940; 1940–1945 9 rolls microfilm Alphabetical 1946–1955, then annually 1956–1973 9 rolls microfilm Alphabetical 1964–1988 196 microfiche Alphabetical 1989–1996, annually microfiche

²⁷ The Dallas Journal (Dallas: The Dallas Genealogical Society, Vol. XLVI, June 2000), pp. 19–32

²⁸ Duplicate copy also on 7th floor.

INQUEST RECORDS (Justice of the Peace)

An inquest is held to determine cause of death in cases of violent, sudden or unexplained death or if the deceased has not recently been under a physician's care. The findings of the inquest are recorded in inquest dockets or coroner's reports. Data that might be included in an inquest record could include name and description of the deceased, date of death if known, where died or where body found, date of inquest, where inquest held, nature of information and by whom given, name of suspected person, principal or accomplice, residence of suspected person, date of arrest, where confined, date of bail bond, residence of persons on bail, names and address of sureties on bail bond. Inquests that used to be performed by Justices of the Peace are now performed by the Dallas County Medical Office.

The majority of original Justice of the Peace inquest records have been moved to the DPL 7th floor RHRD archives section. They have been microfilmed by the LDS church and copies of those films are available on the 7th floor and also through the LDS microfilm rental program.

Index to Justice of the Peace Inquest records – Various J.P. Precincts, years ranging from 1889–1969. microfilm Justice of the Peace Inquest Records–Various J.P. Precincts, years ranging from 1889–1969. microfilm

Articles published about these inquest records include:

Inquest Minute Book, Justice of the Peace, S. N. Braswell, Precinct 1, Dallas Co, Texas, 1889–1893, published in The Dallas Journal, vol. XLI, 1995
Inquest Minute Book, Justice of the Peace, J. M. Skelton, Precinct 1, Dallas Co, Texas, 1897–1900, published in The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly, vol. XL, March and June 1994

Inquest Records, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Dallas Co, Texas, 1915–1930, published in Mesquite Tree, vol. 23, June 1987

FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

Original records of the Ed C. Smith Funeral Home, Dallas, Texas, 1883–1978 Note that the original records consist of registers starting in 1909 and extending to 1978. From 1909–1926 they are in hard-cover binders and from 1927–1978 the records are in file folders, but in both cases they are filed by year and then alphabetically by first letter of last name within the year.

Records from the Ed C. Smith Funeral Home, 1909–1933,
microfilmed by the LDS Church
10 rolls microfilm
Ed C. Smith Funeral Home Register for 1911 has been abstracted²⁹
by DGS members Linda Frank and Jennifer Miles and

²⁹ Records sorted by last name and the sequence of the page as it is filed in the funeral home register.

published in vol. XLII, 1996 of *The Dallas Journal*. 30

Ed C. Smith Funeral Home Register for 1913 has been abstracted by DGS members Linda Frank and Jennifer Miles and published in vol. XLIII, 1997 of *The Dallas Journal*. ³¹

Ed C. Smith Funeral Home Register for 1914 has been abstracted by DGS members Linda Frank and Jennifer Miles and published in vol. XLIV, 1998 of *The Dallas Journal*³²

Early ledger records dating from 1897 to 1909 from the Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home have been abstracted in vols. 21-23, 1975–1977 of *The Quarterly*, published by the Local History and Genealogical Society (predecessor to the Dallas Genealogical Society and its *The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *The Dallas Journal*).

CEMETERY RECORDS

There are a few large perpetual care cemeteries that were established well after Texas started keeping death records on a statewide basis in 1903. Records of burials are available from these cemetery offices.³³ Most cemeteries in Dallas County are small private cemeteries and in many cases there are no records other than the stones themselves. The Dallas Genealogical Society began a recording project in 1978, attempting to record and publish genealogically significant information from as many cemeteries as possible. The project is still active in the year 2001.

In addition to the following material on the 8th floor, the 7th floor Texas/Dallas History and Archives section has microfilm of interment and lot owners' cards for Oakland Cemetery and burials in Calvary Hill Cemetery.

Books or periodicals or vertical file materials in the Genealogy section of the DPL include information about the following Dallas area cemeteries:

Reference to Texas cemetery records ³⁴ , Parsons, Kim		016.92937	P268R	
	Texas Jewish Burials ³⁵ , Teter, Gertrude		929.30899	T347T
	Beeman Memorial Cemetery Corp – Records	Dallas	929.37642	B414C
	Beeman Family Cemetery Survey, Jones, Richard S.	Dallas	929.20973	B366YJ
	Bennett Cemetery (a.k.a. Laurel Oaks Cemetery),	Balch Spri	ngs	
	published in Mesquite Tree, vol. 4, 1968.			
	Historic Bethel Cemetery	Coppell	929.37642	C785
	Black Cemetery Grounds-Mesquite, published in	Mesquite		

³⁰ Some of the cemeteries most frequently mentioned include Greenwood Cemetery, Grove Hill Memorial Park Cemetery, Oakland Cemetery, Oak Cliff Cemetery, and Five Mile Cemetery.

³³ As of July 2001, the Grove Hill Cemetery General Manager is Mr. Steve Bates, 214-381-7118.

³¹ See previous footnote for most frequently mentioned cemeteries.

³² See previous footnote for most frequently mentioned cemeteries.

³⁴ This book is organized alphabetically by Texas county and lists cemetery names and locations, along with a bibliography of articles written about each cemetery, when applicable. The bibliography may include articles not present at DPL.

³⁵ An excellent reference to Jewish burials throughout the state of Texas, with lists of cemeteries and their locations organized by county, along with an alphabetized index of names of those interred in various cemeteries. Includes Agudas Ashim-Tiferet Israel Cemetery, Shearith Israel Memorial Park, Temple Emanu El Cemetery, Tiferet Israel Cemetery, and several sections within Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Mesquite Tree, vol. 12, 1976.			
Catlett Cemetery-Garland, published in	Garland		
Mesquite Tree, vol. 8, 1972.			
Cemeteries in Dallas County, listed in Mesquite	Dallas Cour	nty	
Historical and Genealogical Quarterly, vol. 15		929.37642	M582
Cemeteries In and Around the Irving Community,	Irving	929.3	T4DB
Bates, Mr. and Mrs. O. D.			
Confederate Cemetery, Conger, William R.	Dallas	929.37642	C749C
Cumby, Webster & Bailey Cemetery, published	Mesquite		
<i>The Mesquite Tree</i> , vol. 13, 1977.			
Field Cemetery (African-American), published in	Dallas		
<i>The Mesquite Tree</i> , vol. 9, 1973			
Fishtrap Cemetery, abstracted and published in	Dallas		
Local History and Genealogical Society,			
<i>The Quarterly</i> , vol. XVI, June 1970. ³⁶			
Fuggitt[Fugate] Cemetery, published	Grand Prain	rie 929.3764	42 G751F
by the Grand Prairie Genealogical Society			
Furneaux Cemetery (a.k.a. Cemetery Hill Cemetery)	Carrollton		
abstracted by Jamieson, Adrienne Bird and		est Denton	
Lu, Helen Mason, and published in <i>The Dallas</i>	County		
Genealogical Society Quarterly. ³⁷			
Garland Cemetery Inscriptions, Wright, Betty D.	Garland	929.376	42 W947C
Glover Family Cemetery, abstracted and published	Dallas		
in <i>The Quarterly</i> by the Local History and Geneal	-		
Society (predecessor of DGS), vol. XVI, June 197			
Glover, W.W. Cemetery, published in	Dallas		
The Mesquite Tree, vol. 2, 1966, and vol. 9, 1973.			
Grand Prairie Cemetery Inscriptions,		rie 929.376	42 G/51
Grange Hall Cemetery, published in	Mesquite		
The Mesquite Tree, vol. 7, 1971.	D 11	262 550	6 60166
Greenwood Cemetery Association	Dallas	363.750	
History of the Old Cemetery—City, Masonic,	Dallas	929.376	42 T283H
Odd Fellow, Carlisle, Willie Flowers	D 11		
Horton [Family] Cemetery and Crestview	Dallas		
Memorial Park Cemetery (DPL-8 vertical file)	•		
Lee Cemetery, published in The Mesquite Tree,	Seagoville		
Vol. 6 (3 issues)	D:11	- 020 276	42 (204
Little Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery, published	Duncanville	e 929.376	42 C394
by the Old Chisholm Trail Chapter, NSDAR	M		
Long Creek Cemetery, published in The Mesquite	Mesquite		
Tree, vol. 5, 1969.	Magg=:4-		
Mesquite Cemetery (city), published in	Mesquite		
The Mesquite Tree, vols. 3, 1967, and 4, 1968.			

The Quarterly, published by the Local History and Genealogical Society (Dallas) was a predecessor to The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly and The Dallas Journal.
 The Dallas Quarterly, vol. XXXVII, June 1991 and vol. XXXVIII, March 1992.

Motley Cemetery, published in The Mesquite Tree, vol. 2, 1966, and vol. 8, 1972.	Mesquite		
New Hope Cemetery (a.k.a. Pleasant Ridge or Sunny	vale).		
published in <i>The Mesquite Tree, vol. 4</i>	0/,		
(Old) Aunt Abbie Frost Cemetery, published in	Mesquite		
The Mesquite Tree, vol. 2, 1966, and vol. 8, 1972.	-		
Old Cemeteries of Dallas County, 38	Dallas	929.37642	C2830
Carlisle, Willie Flowers			
(Dallas) Pioneer Park Cemetery, the old cemetery,	Dallas	929.37642	C283D
Carlisle, Willie Flowers			
Pleasant Mound Cemetery 1848–1973 (Pioneers	Mesquite	976.428	B915P
of Yesterday), Bryant, Stella Vinson	-		
Pleasant Mount Public Cemetery, Conger, William F	R. Dallas	929.37642	C749P
Pleasant Mound Cemetery, published in The Mesquit	te		
<i>Tree</i> , vol. 10.			
Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Hinton, George W.	Cedar Hill	929.37642	H666P
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery (a.k.a. Sunnyvale),	Dallas		
published in <i>The Mesquite Tree</i> , 1968, 1970.			
Potter Family Cemetery, published in	Mesquite		
The Mesquite Tree, vol. 7, 1971.			
Rawlins Cemetery (1848–1979), published by	Lancaster	929.37642	R259
the Lancaster Genealogical Society.			
Rylie Cemeteries, Tabb, Jeanne J.	Rylie		
Western Heights Cemetery, Conger William R.	Oak Cliff	929.37642	C749W
Genealogical data from Early Cemeteries	Dallas	929.37642	D145
(Project by the Dallas Genealogical society (DGS)),		
published variously in book or microfiche format	()		

Lilliard Family Cemetery Elm Fork Settlement Mooneyham-Sparkman Cemetery Elm Fork Settlement

Volume 1 (both book and microfiche) covers the following:

38 Cemeteries include Carrollton vicinity: Frankfort, Furneaux, Perry Family, Warner Family; Cedar Hill

vicinity: Holland(Pleasant Valley), Rhodes; Dallas vicinity: Beeman Family, Calvary, Caruth, Cockrell Family, Confederate, Cox, Daniel Family, Ferris, FishTrap, Glover Family, Greenwood, Grove Hill, Smith's Hall, Hillcrest, Horton Family, King's Daughters, Lagow, Letot, Letot Family, Lisbon, McCree, Merrifield Family, Miller Family, Mooneyham Family, Oak Cliff, Oakland, Overton Family; Old downtown cemetery vicinity: City, Jewish, Masonic, Odd Fellow, Scott, Smith Family, Thomas Chapel, Western Heights(Troth); De Soto vicinity: Heath Family, Nance Family, Vincent Family; Duncanville vicinity: Five Mile, Husted[Hustead] Family, Little Bethel, Trees; Farmers Branch vicinity: Farmers Branch(Keenan), Cochran's Chapel, Marsh Family, Merrell Family, Webb's Chapel; Garland Vicinity: Garland Masonic, Garland(Mills), Pleasant Valley; Grand Prairie vicinity: Bowles(Jordon), Fugate, Southland; Grapevine vicinity: Grapevine, White's Chapel, Lonesome Dove; Hutchins vicinity: Hutchins; Irving vicinity; Kit, Tompkins Family, Haley Family, Shady Grove, Sowers; Lancaster vicinity; Edgewood, Rawlins; Mesquite vicinity; Old Bennett Family, Bennett Family, Long Creek, Mesquite; New Hope vicinity: Loving Family, Lyons, New Hope; Pleasant Mound vicinity: Abraham Carver Family, Albert Carver Family, Elam Family, McKinney Family, Pleasant Mound; Richardson vicinity: Big Springs, Blewett Family, Floyd Family, Mount Calvary, Thomas Family; Rowlett vicinity: Big A, Cottonwood; Seagoville vicinity: Kleberg, Rylie, Lee; Wheatland vicinity: Daniel, Wesley Chapel, Wheatland.

Elisha Fyke Family Cemetry Farmers Branch/Carrollton

Warner Family Cemetery Carrollton

Myers Cemetery

Marsh [Family] Cemetery

Keenan Cemetery

Farmers Branch
Farmers Branch
Carrollton Memorial Cemetery

Elm Fork Settlement
Farmers Branch
Farmers Branch
Carrollton

Carrollton

Bullock Cemetery Coppell Parrish Cemetery Coppell **Bethel Cemetery** Carrollton Moore Cemetery Coppell City Cemetery **Dallas** Old Letot Cemetery **Dallas** Forest Lawn Cemetery Dallas **Letot Family Cemetery Dallas** Calvary Hill Cemetery & Mausoleum Dallas Perry [Family] Cemetery Carrollton Snyder Kennedy Cemetery Carrollton Hilltop Cemetery Carrollton Webb['s] Chapel Cemetery **Dallas Smith Family Cemetery Dallas**

John Jackson, Sr. Graveyard (moved to Greenwood)Elm Fork Settlement

Dallas

Merrell Cemetery
Caruth Family Cemetery(now part of Hillcrest)
Dallas
Field Cemetery (African-American)
Dallas
Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mausoleum
Restland Memorial Park
Dallas
White Rock Garden of Memory
Dallas

a.k.a. White Rock Union Cemetery and

Scott Cemetery

Crown Hill Memorial Park

Collins-Chenault Cemetery Dallas McCree Cemetery Dallas

a.k.a. Rodgers Cemetery

Floyd Pioneer Family Cemetery

Mount Calvary Cemetery

Big Springs Cemetery

Blewett Cemetery

Thomas Chapel Cemetery

Dallas

Richardson

Dallas

a.k.a. Jenkins Cemetery

Big A Cemetery Rowlett
Laudermilk Cemetery Garland

a.k.a. Axe Cemetery

Sachse Cemetery Sachse

Cottonwood Cemetery N.E. Dallas County

Mills Cemetery Garland

a.k.a. Garland Cemetery

Rowlett McShan Cemetery Sacred Heart Cemetery Rowlett

Pleasant Valley Cemetery Between Sachse and Rowlett

Lancaster

Knights of Pythias Cemetery Garland Chiesa Road Cemetery Rowlett Ursuline Academy Cemetery **Dallas** Thomas Family Cemetery Dallas

Volume 2 (both book and microfiche) covers the following: **Edgewood Cemetery**

Porter Cemetery Near Bear Creek Floyd-Taylor Cemetery Near Lancaster Stadden Cemetery Near Wilmer Hutchins Cemetery (1875–1970) Hutchins Hutchins Cemetery (1970–1988) Hutchins

Patrick-Pruitt Cemetery S.E. Dallas County **Rawlins Cemetery** Near Lancaster

Volume 3 (microfiche)

Note: * perpetual care cemeteries

Dallas City Cemetery **Dallas Dallas** Cochran's Chapel Cemetery Garvin/Smith-Hall Cemetery Dallas Trinity Farm/El Rancho Cemetery Dallas

(formerly Arlington Park Cemetery)

Bear Creek Cemetery **Irving** Haley [Family] Cemetery **Irving** Harrington Cemetery **Irving** Kit Cemetery Irving Oak Grove Cemetery* **Irving** Smith Cemetery East Irving **Sowers Cemetery Irving** Tompkins [Family] Cemetery **Irving** Wild Briar Cemetery **Irving**

American Memorial Park Cemetery **Grand Prairie Grand Prairie** Antioch/St John's Cemetery **Bradshaw Family Cemetery Grand Prairie Fugate Cemetery Grand Prairie** Jordan-Hight Cemetery **Grand Prairie** Old Southland Cemetery* **Grand Prairie Shady Grove Cemetery Grand Prairie** Southland Memorial Park* **Grand Prairie Small Cemetery Grand Prairie Turck Cemetery Grand Prairie Grand Prairie** Vernoy Cemetery Robinson Family Cemetery Oak Cliff **Dallas Scott Cemetery**

LaReunion Cemetery(also see Fishtrap Cemetery) Oak Cliff Struck Cemetery Oak Cliff Western Heights Cemetery Oak Cliff

(formerly Troth Cemetery)

Volume 4 (microfiche) Oak Cliff

Oak Cliff Cemetery (includes Beaty Family Cemetery and some remains moved from Hord Family Cemetery)

Volume 5 (microfiche)

Horton Family Cemetery
Crestview Memorial Park Cemetery
Cockrell Family Cemetery
Cameron Family Cemetery
Dallas
Cameron Family Cemetery
Cak Cliff
Ledbetter Family Cemetery
Oak Cliff

LaReunion Cemetery (also see Fishtrap Cemetery)Oak Cliff Trinity Portland Cemetery Co. Cemetery **Dallas** Merrifield [Family] Cemetery Oak Cliff McAdams Family Cemetery Oak Cliff Five Mile Cemetery Oak Cliff Hord Family Cemetery³⁹ Oak Cliff Beaty Family Cemetery⁴⁰ Oak Cliff Lisbon Cemetery Oak Cliff Miller Family Cemetery Dallas **Overton Family Cemetery** Dallas Honey Springs Cemetery **Dallas**

- adjacent to Honey Springs Cemetery

Coming Home Cemetery (African-American) Dallas

Kinnard Family Cemetery Oak Cliff Wesley Chapel Cemetery Oak Cliff Wheatland Cemetery Oak Cliff **Hustead Family Cemetery** Duncanville Trees/Treese Cemetery Duncanville Little Bethel Memorial Park Cemetery Duncanville Little Bethel "Pioneer" Cemetery Duncanville Ramsey Family Cemetery Cedar Hill Mobley Family Cemetery Cedar Hill Pleasant Valley Cemetery Cedar Hill **Daniel Family Cemetery** De Soto **Rhodes Cemetery** De Soto De Soto **Heath Family Cemetery** Nance Family Cemetery De Soto Vincent Family Cemetery De Soto Holy Redeemer Cemetery De Soto

(formerly De Soto Memorial Park Cemetery)

De Soto Memorial Park Cemetery De Soto

⁴⁰ See Oak Cliff Cemetery, vol. 4.

³⁹ See Oak Cliff Cemetery, vol. 4.

OBITUARY RECORDS

Obituaries and death notices for some Dallas residents are published in the religious newspapers abstracted by Helen Mason Lu. 41

Other obituary records may be found in microfilm of area newspapers (7th floor).

Some obituary data published in periodicals includes:

Some Deaths Reported in the Dallas Morning News, 1889, compiled by Chester Lambeth and published by the DGS in *The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly*.⁴²

Some Deaths Reported in the Times-Herald, 1889, compiled by Chester Lambeth and published by the DGS in *The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly*. 43

PROBATE/WILL RECORDS

Probate records are generally related to wills but cases regarding the mentally ill (lunacy records) and the State Hospital are also found in these records. Probate dockets (part of the RHRD records) basically indicate names and dates when the court case was heard. The actual probate papers are separate. All original papers are located at the County Records Building, but the Dallas Genealogical Society filmed all the original papers of the probate packets and published an index in 1978. These are microfilm records that contain all the documents available pertaining to a particular probate case at the time of filming.

Probate records in Texas are under the jurisdiction of the County Clerk, except in heavily populated counties where probate courts may fill that function instead. Dallas County has three probate courts.⁴⁴ The county provides record storage for wills "filed for safe-keeping" but these are not accessible to the public until they have been officially entered into probate.

Probate records include wills, court records such as estate, guardian or claims dockets, minutes, orders, decrees, judgments, executions, appeals and indexes, petitions for letters testamentary, letters of administration, guardianship for a minor or disabled person, lists of heirs, bonds (administrator's, executor's, guardian's, appraiser's or trustee's), inventories, land divisions and sales (including settlements, dower rights, probate decrees, decree of heirship), and final accounts. All may be found in the probate records and/or minutes, although each type of record may be filed separately. Probate records can also include miscellaneous records such as changes of name, legitimization, judgments and appeals. Probate appeals from either the county or probate court are heard by district courts.

⁴¹ Texas Presbyterian Newspaper Abstracts available on microfiche from the DGS were also published in The Dallas Quarterly.

⁴² The Dallas Quarterly, vol. XXXVIII, March 1992, June 1992, vol. XXXIX, March 1993, vol. XXXIX, June 1993

⁴³ The Dallas Quarterly, vol. XXXVIII, June 1992.

⁴⁴ See list of Dallas courts in Appendix A.

In early times, some probate case details were officially filed in deed books. Between 1869–1876, when the office of county clerk was temporarily abolished throughout the state, some probate records were filed in District Court Civil Minutes or District Court Minutes.

Genealogy Section (8th floor)

Dallas County Original Probate Packets,

Cases 1–3100 (1846–1900), DGS microfilm

Index to Probate Cases Vol. 1, 1846–1900, DGS (Lu, Helen) 929.37642 D145I

Dallas County Will Books A,B,C,D (Jan 27,1847–Feb 17,1897)

Abstracted by the Jane Douglas Chapter, NSDAR 929.1 DSTEDJD

Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division (7th floor)

Original records:		State Retention Code:
Probate Annual Account Records	1878–1905	1625-01
Probate Inventory Records	1924–1929	1625-08
Probate Bond Docket	1917–1930	1625-09
Probate Case Papers	1846-1900	1625-10 microfilm
Index to Probate Case Papers (cop	ies on	929.37642 D145I
both 7 th and 8 th floors)		
Probate Claim Docket	1870–1898	1625-11
Probate Docket	1878–1914	1625-12
Probate Minutes	1867–1869, 1883–1930)1625-14
Probate Final Record	1850–1869	1625-15
Probate Reports of Sale	1881–1931	1625-16
Probate Fee Book	1883–1911	1800-04

THE COURT SYSTEM

The following three paragraphs have been abstracted from *Ancestry's Red Book*⁴⁵.

Court names and jurisdictions in Texas changed over time. . Although English common law is the basis for the court system in Texas, modifications are allowed as dictated by situations. These were usually changed based upon Spanish law, which proved beneficial to settlers. The county commissioners' court conducts the daily business for each county, among other duties, setting tax rates and county budgets for such categories as schools, roads and the poor. The county clerk serves as recorder and clerk to the commissioners' court and the county court.

County courts operating from 1836 [with the exception of the reconstruction period] hear most misdemeanor, civil, probate, and guardianship cases, all recorded by the county clerk, along with other instruments such as cattle brands, deeds, and marriage licenses. Naturalization records are found, prior to 1906, in county court records; after 1906, the district court continued to handle naturalization matters.

District courts are the principal trial courts in Texas and serve as the court of appeal in probate matters (from the county court) and for the commissioners' court. District courts have original jurisdiction in felonies, divorce, land title, name changes, and, after 1931, adoption. In the 1890's separate divorce minutes appeared.

Dallas was organized in 1846 and the district court met for the first time Dec 7th of that year. The minute books for the 14th District Court dating from its inception until March 1939 are available in the RHRD section of the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division. The 14th District Court was the earliest court but the Texas/Dallas Division also holds the records of the other district courts in Dallas County from their founding until 1939. The second court, the 44th District, commenced July 1889 and the others were founded in the twentieth century. The extant loose case file papers for the same time period are housed in the RHRD section at the DPL ⁴⁶

Historical note: It is important to understand the impact of the reconstruction era on Dallas and Texas record-keeping. After the Civil War, the constitution of 1866 restored a civil government "provisional" until the state conformed to national guidelines. Military appointments were made to offices and, under "radical rule" or "military despotism," all Democrats holding offices in the state/county were removed under military order as impediments to reconstruction; they were replaced by military appointments. From the Reconstruction Constitution of 1869 until the enactment of the Constitution of 1876, political power was transferred from the county level to the district (state) level. The power and jurisdiction and record-keeping (including probate) that had been assigned to the County Clerk's office was transferred to the jurisdiction of the District Clerk. The commissioners'

⁴⁵ Alice Eichholz, Editor, *Ancestry's Red Book, American State, County and Town Sources* (1989; revised 1992, Ancestry, Incorporated), pp. 706-707.

⁴⁶ Helen Mason Lu, *The Dallas Quarterly*, vol. XXXIX, no. #4, p 209.

court (consisting of Commissioners and a County Judge) was replaced by newly appointed/elected Justices of the Peace, one of whom became the Chief Justice, and county courts were abolished temporarily in 1869, with jurisdiction transferred to district courts until 1876 when county courts were reinstated. In 1870, the 14th Judicial District was formed, consisting of the counties of Dallas, Tarrant and Ellis.⁴⁷ It was not until the new Constitution of 1876 was approved that commissioners' court was re-established and the positions of the County Clerk and the District Clerk were once again separated. Awareness of this political upheaval should cause the genealogist seeking records in this 1865-1876 time period to look in multiple locations.

Before 1891, all case appeals went directly to Austin's appellate courts – the Supreme Court, one Court of Appeals, or a Commission of Appeals that sat in two separate sections. The Supreme Court's jurisdiction was limited to civil cases appealed from district courts, the Court of Appeals handled all criminal appeals and a few civil appeals tried in county courts. In 1893 the 5th District Court of Civil Appeals was established; it had jurisdiction over all civil cases from trial courts within the district which at that time was made up of 32 northeast Texas counties, including Dallas. In 1895, Smith and Gregg counties were removed to lighten the load on the 5th District Court. In 1907, the 6th District Court was created in Texarkana and the 5th District was reduced from 30 to 17 counties. Since 1963, the 5th District consists of seven counties – Collin, Dallas, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Van Zandt. In September 1981, each Court of Civil Appeals was renamed "Court of Appeals" and in 1985 each of the supreme judicial districts was renamed "Courts of Appeal Districts." Dallas County's court is now named "5th Court of Appeals," and it is located in the George L Allen, Sr. Courthouse.

Justice of the Peace courts were established in 1845. They handle civil and criminal matters under low dollar limits (originally \$200, now \$5,000) and issue warrants and writs. During the post-Civil War reconstruction period, JPs served in lieu of county commissioners. A historical list of Dallas County's Justices of the Peace is available at the DPL, and could be useful in determining who was maintaining inquest and/or birth/death records for a specific geographical area and precinct and time period.

Appendix A contains a historical list of Dallas County Courts, which could be useful in identifying possible court jurisdictions for a specific time period. Note that court locations can, and probably will, change: these locations are current as of April 2001.

Most court records are retained by either the County Clerk or the District Clerk's offices, but some historically significant Dallas area records have been moved to the RHRD archives section of the DPL 7th floor. See Appendix B for a listing of some of these.

⁴⁷ These records could contain significant information for the genealogist. They are housed in the RHRD section of DPL, and microfilm of the records is available.

COURT RECORDS — Books and microform available at the library include:

Genealogy Section(8th floor)⁴⁸

Texas Minute Book A, 1848–1855 – 14th District Court Minute

Book abstracts, DGS

microfiche

14th District Court – Minute Book A abstracts, DGS members

Lu, Helen Mason and Jamieson, Adrienne Bird,, published in

The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly. 49

*First half dozen years: Dallas County, as seen

through the Commissioners Court Minutes, Lu, Helen Mason., and Neumann, Gwen

929.37642 F527

Inquest Records, JP Pct 4, 1915–1930, published in Mesquite Tree

Historical List of Justices of the Peace – 1846–2000, Sloat 929.37642 S634H

(also published in the June 2000 issue of *The Dallas Journal*)

<u>Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division(</u>7th floor)

Microfilm of the following records was created by the Genealogical Society of Utah for the LDS Church and is available either on the DPL 7th floor or by rental through the LDS Family History Library:⁵⁰

Dallas County District Court Civil case papers, arranged numerically by case number. These case papers can include summons, petitions, cancelled checks, orders of sale, depositions, bonds for attachments, jury lists, hearsay, cost bills, applications for continuances, oaths of witnesses, orders of sales, land deeds, plats, newspaper clippings, writ of injunctions, affidavits for change of venue, marriage certificates as part of land divisions in divorces or other disputes, and decisions of the court. These case papers have been indexed.

In addition to the usual index, Dr. Alan Miller has prepared an index to witnesses in the cases from the inception of the court in 1846 through 1900⁵¹. There are three categories of testimony, i.e. depositions (responses to interrogatories), affidavits, and trial testimony. The manuscript is being bound and should be available on the 7th floor as well as viewable from the DGS web site www.dallasgenealogy.org. It is also available at the FHL in Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁴⁸ *Indicates item may be found in either the Texas History and Sociology or the Texas/Dallas History and Archives section.

⁴⁹ Helen Mason Lu and Adrienne Bird Jamieson, *The Dallas Quarterly, vol. XXXIX, Sept 1993 and Dec 1993;* vol. XL, Mar 1994, June 1994, Sept 1994, and Dec 1994. In these abstracts are to be found the names of the founders of Dallas – as jurors, defendants, and plaintiffs – involved in the usual disputes of life.

⁵⁰ Dallas County records available on microfilm are listed on the Texas State Library's website: http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/index.htm.

⁵¹ Dr. Miller has recently begun to index witnesses for filmed cases from 1901–1921.

Dallas County Court Minute Books for District Courts 14, 44, 68, 95, 101, 116 (also referred to as courts A–F):

14th District Court (A) vols. A-Z, 1846-1891; vols. 1-61, 1891-1939 Auxiliaries vols. A-I 44th District Court (B) vols. 1-63, July 1889-Mar 1940 Auxiliaries vols. A-O 68th District Court (C) vols. 1-44, Feb 1909-Jan 1939 Auxiliaries vols. A–I 95th District Court (D) vols. 1-23, Jun 1923-Nov 1939 **Auxiliaries** vols. A-G 101st District Court (E) vols. A-P and 1-7, May 1925-Nov 1939 116th District Court (F) vols. 1-4, Jun 1930-Sep 1939), Index **Auxiliaries** vols. A-J

Indexes:

Reverse and direct indexes to File Dockets to January 1929, include dates, case # and names) Reverse and direct indexes to Minute Books

14th District Court 1846–1891; 1891–1920; 1921–1939 44th District Court 1889–1920; 1921–1939 68th District Court 1909–1939 101st District Court 1923–1939 116th District Court 1930–1939

CHURCH RECORDS

Books and/or periodicals include information about the following churches in the Dallas County area:

<u>Genealogy section</u> – 8th floor⁵²

Antioch Baptist Church, published in the Oct. 1972 issue of <i>The Garland Local History and Genealogical Society Quarterly</i>	Garland		
Bethel Church - Convention	Coppell	929.37642	B562C
Big Springs Baptist Church	Garland	286.1764	B592B
Central Christian Church (1941–1945), Catter, Shirley		286.67642	
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	niversity Park	284.17642	C554T
Church of Christ, published in the	Garland		
Mar 1973 issue of The Garland Local History and			
Genealogical Society Quarterly			
First Baptist Church of Oak Cliff, Luper, J. Dan	Oak Cliff	286.17642	L9650
First Baptist Church of Oak Cliff, Pederson, Herbert I	L Oak Cliff	286.17642	P3710
First Baptist Church of Richardson (1865–1990),	Richardson	n 286.17642	M8470
Morgan, Elizabeth Johnson			
*First Baptist Church of Dallas; centennial history,	Dallas		
1868–1968, McBeth, Leon (286 M118F)			
First Christian Church (1893–1993), Jones, Judy Penr		le 286.7642	J77H
First Christian Church, published in the	Garland		
Oct 1973 issue of The Garland Local History and			
Genealogical Society Quarterly			
First Methodist Church History, Werry, Adolphus	Dallas	287.6	W498H
First Methodist Church, published in the	Garland		
Mar 1973 issue of <i>The Garland Local History and</i>			
Genealogical Society Quarterly			
History of the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, T.	X, Dallas	•••	G 10 177
Sergeant, George	a	285.1	S484H
First Presbyterian Church, published in the	Garland		
Mar 1973 issue of the Garland Local History and			
Genealogical Society Quarterly	D 11	205 17642	14121D
First Presbyterian Church History, McCoy, John M.	Dallas	285.17642	
Highland Park Methodist Church, Directory 1966	Dallas	287.67642	
Highland Park Methodist Church, Johnson, Doris M.	Dallas	287.6	J66G
Highland Park United Methodist Church (1916–1991)	/	287.67642	
Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Directories	Dallas	285.17642	
Junius Heights Baptist Church (1916–1935), Smith,	Dallas	286	S651R
J. Lloyd			

 52 * Additional copies available in History and Social Sciences or Texas/Dallas History and Archives sections.

Lovers Lane United Methodist Church (1944–1971), Dallas History, Spellman, Norman W.	287.67642	S743J
Methodist Episcopal Church Register South Coppe	11 020 37642	C785C
Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church (1890–1990), Oak Cliff	285.17642	C9760
Currie, Thomas White	263.17042	C9700
Park Cities Baptist Church (1939–1999), Dallas Park Citi	og 206 17642	B938T
1	es 200.1/042	D9361
Bullock, Karen O'Dell Pidgawa d Park United Methodist Church (1054, 1070) Polley	207 67612	D544NI
Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church (1954–1979) Dallas	287.67642	R544N
Salem Institutional Baptist Church (1888–1988) Dallas	286.17642	C9760
Southwood United Methodist Church, Dallas Wright, Verda K.	287.6764	W953I
St Matthew's Cathedral (1852–1880) Dallas	929.37642	R337
St Pius X Parish (1954–1979) Dallas	282.76428	S149T
Sunset Preservation Church, Van Wunnick, Peggy T. Dallas	285.17642	V285M
Urban Park Baptist Church Directory 1982 Dallas	286.17642	U72C
West Fork United Presbyterian Church, (1870–1970), Grand 1	Prairie	
Jones, Mary Wheeler	285.17642	J78H
Westminster Presbyterian Church Year Book Dallas	285.17642	W532Y
<u>Texas/Dallas History & Archives section</u> 7 th floor ⁵³		
Unitarianism in Dallas: an outline history of the First		
Unitarian Church in Dallas, Texas, in its first		
seventy years, 1899–1968, Gard, Wayne	288.764	G217U
History of Central Congregational Church, 1902–1952,		
Comstock, E.B.	285.8	C739H
*The first Baptist Church of Dallas; centennial history,		
1868–1968, McBeth, Leon	286	M118F
The Diocese of Dallas, 1895–1952, Moore, Gerald G.	283	M822D
Some High Points in the history of Tyler Street Methodist		
Church, Dallas, TX, 1962, Anderson, Crittenden H. C.	287.6	A545S
Transcripts of early Dallas church and lodge records		
and the diary of an early settler,		
James Campbell Chapter, NSDAR	976.428	D238T
St Matthew's, 1857–1947. Dallas, TX. St Matthew's Cathedral.		
Moore, Gerald G.	283	M822S

Note: see Newspaper section for newspapers published by religious organizations

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^{**} Additional copies available in History and Social Sciences or Genealogy sections.

LAND/DEED RECORDS

See *Ancestry's Red Book* for a fuller discussion of Texas land records and where they are maintained. Various types of land records include head-rights grants, preemption (squatter) grants, bounty grants, and contracted grants. Once land was initially granted, all succeeding land transactions fell under the jurisdiction of the county in which the land was located at the time each record was created. It is useful to note that land ownership could be passed within a family without being recorded; it may not be until the first time land is sold outside the family that it and previous "private" transfers of property are officially recorded.

By law, all deed records are indexed by grantor and by grantee. Transcribed deeds from parent counties may be maintained in separate volumes. County land transactions, including deeds and mortgages, are located at the respective County Clerk's office.

Deed records must be retained permanently by the County Clerk's office. Earlier deed record books may contain entries in addition to straight land transactions. Occasionally included are dower release waiving a wife's rights to property, deeds of gift transferring land, quit claim deeds releasing the right or title, marriage property settlements between spouses either before or after marriage, contracts such as leases, and indenture papers. Also found in early Dallas County deed books A and B are animal brands and earmarks, slave sales, apprentice papers, petitions, divorce proceedings, road construction approvals, approval of estate administration appointment, oaths of office of various county officials, Republic of Texas land grants and headright claims (land appraisals).

Deed record indexes and the deed records themselves may be accessed at the County Clerk's office in the Records Building. For Dallas County, the original deed books⁵⁴ and indexes have been retired from public use, with the originals placed in secure storage for safe-keeping, but the copies available to the public are clear and easy to read and handle and permit the production of excellent copies for legal purposes.

An article in the Dec 2000 issue of the *DGS Newsletter* describes how Dallas's current County Clerk Earl Bullock has recently utilized the "records management and preservation fee." It has paid for the implementation of the first optical imaging system in the State of Texas. This optical imaging system allows the public to do computer real estate searches as far back as 1964, and actual filed instruments can be viewed as far back as 1978. The fee has also paid for the re-creation of real estate Deed Books. Photostat copies (negatives – black page with white lettering) had been created back in the 1950's when this was considered a good process, but it became obvious that this process was an unsatisfactory reproduction method. The County Clerk's office is now converting these copies into positive copies (white pages with black lettering) from which satisfactory subsequent copies can be made. There is also a current project to re-create old real estate index records from 1846 to 1962. The fee also paid for online operation of issuing copies of birth records from the State

⁵⁴ The earliest Deed Book A, beginning 20 July 1846, contains descriptions of precinct boundaries

Bureau of Vital Statistics to the public through the County Clerk's offices and outlying Justice of the Peace offices.

Note: Although not technically "land and property" records, the RHRD holdings on the 7th floor include chattel mortgage records from (1880-1910). These refer to mortgages on personal property, an article of personal or movable property as distinguished from real property; furniture, automobiles, livestock, farm equipment, etc. are chattels.

Genealogy Section(8th floor)

Dallas County Deeds – 1846–1899,	112 rolls m	nicrofilm
Grantor and Grantee Index		
Texas General Land Office – Abstracts of all original land		
titles comprising Texas land titles to Aug 31, 1845	8 rolls mic	rofilm
	76 microfic	che
Abstracts of original titles of record in the General Land Office,		
Texas General Land Office	333.3	T355A
A Cross File of Grantors and Grantees of Town Property		
of Dallas 1846–1856, abstracted in the March 1966 issue		
of The Quarterly.		
Abstracts of Title – Munger Place	346.76404	A164

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

From the time Dallas County was formed in 1846 until 1906, any legal court or level could do naturalizations – the federal government did not mandate to local courts what they had to record. Naturalization records may be found in county court records up until 1906. In 1906, the INS (Immigration Naturalization Service) was created, and only federal (district) courts could do naturalizations (or specific state courts given authorization). Since then district courts handle naturalization matters.

The district court Civil Minutes will give the date of declaration to become a citizen and the country of birth. The very early naturalization papers do not give much more information but will often contain an original signature. However, after the change in naturalization laws in 1906, the declarations of intent are much more detailed. They contain full names, age, occupation, a physical description including birthmarks or other distinctive marks and scars, place of birth, date of birth, where living at time of declaration, what vessel emigrated on, last foreign residence, and which port arrived at in the United States and the date of arrival.

Since it was impossible to get federal lands if an alien had not at least applied for citizenship, a search of homestead files or federal land files could also yield naturalization papers

As of 1906, three steps had to be taken before the naturalization process was completed and a certificate of naturalization issued to an alien:

- 1. Filing of the Declaration of Intent could be made any time after the alien was in the Country, but at least two years prior to his admission to citizenship, and after he had reached age 18.
- 2. Filing of the Petition along with two photographs, not less than two or more than seven years after the Declaration of Intention. Immediately preceding the date of the Petition, the applicant must have resided continuously in the United States for at least five years and within the county where he resided at the time of filing, for at least six months. He was also required to reside continuously in the United States from the date of his petition to his admission to citizenship.
- 3. Hearing on the petition for the granting of the certificates of citizenship of final papers.

"Challenges" associated with researching declaration and naturalization records⁵⁵ include the possibilities that a) a record may appear in several different sources with varying dates and spellings of the name; b) there were many applications for declarations for which no final papers were granted (some applicants moved and it is possible that some may have considered themselves to be citizens because they had filed their intentions to become one); c) some applicants may have filed more than one declaration; d) if the declaration was made in a different county or state, the only local record of a declaration may be in its mention in the final papers of an applicant; e) various dates supplied may not be accurate, and sometimes the residency requirements were not enforced.

⁵⁵ Naturalization Records for Oakland County, Michigan 1827-1906, compiled by Ruth S. Kennedy, and published 1985.

Index to Naturalization Records 1872–1914, published by the District Clerk's office

929.37642 D145I

Index to Naturalization Records, Dallas County, Texas, abstracted by members of the Local History and Genealogical Society, (predecessor to the Dallas Genealogical Society) and published in vols. 26–29 (1980–1983) of *The Quarterly*.

Index to Naturalization Records found in Texas State, District, and County Courts – ca 1846–1939

microfilm, roll 3 Texas

Original naturalization-related records in the RHRD section include:

Declarations of Intention (to become citizen), 1906–1908

Naturalization ex parte papers (can include declaration of intention, proof, residence, affidavits and petitions for naturalization)

Naturalization records, 1889–1915 and 1872–1914

(also microfilmed)

CENSUS RECORDS⁵⁶

Federal – Dallas County - All available censuses and indexes – 1850–1920⁵⁷

1850-1880 Non-	-population Census schedules (included		
agric	cultural, manufacturers)	microfilm	
Dallas 1850 Cou	unty census – compiled/indexed by DGS	929.3	T4DU
Dallas 1850–186	60 County census – compiled/indexed by DGS	929.37642	C739D
1860	Dallas 1860 County census	929.37642	E34
1870	Dallas 1870 County census	929.3	T4DU
1880	Dallas 1880 Texas census Index	929.3764	T355
1880	Soundex Index	microfilm	
1900	Soundex Index	microfilm	
1910	Soundex Index	microfilm	
1920	Soundex Index	microfilm	

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1850	
1850	Slave schedules and mortality schedules
1860	

Actual Dallas County Census records (all microfilm):

1860 Slave schedules and mortality schedules 1870

Mortality schedules 1870 1880

1880 Mortality schedules Mortality schedules 1890

1890 Special schedule of 1890 enumerating Union veterans and widows of

Union veterans of the Civil War - See 1890 tax lists for substitute of 1890

census

 1900^{58} 1910

1920

See also: 1830 Texas residents, as computed from 1867 register of voters, residing now in the 929.3764 W584E county of Dallas

⁵⁶ The Desk Reference in the Genealogy Section (8th floor) contains a census section describing the data asked for on each federal census from 1790–1970, along with a list of official abbreviations to be used by the census

⁵⁷ The 1930 federal census will first become available to the public in the year 2002.

⁵⁸ For the 1900 census, there exists a microfilm (roll 9, T1210), providing "Census Enumeration District Descriptions"

Miscellaneous non-Federal censuses for Dallas:

1860 Old French Colony, Dallas County, 1860 Census, abstracted in the March 1969 issue of *The Quarterly*.

1870-1874 Dallas County Prisoners from Court records⁵⁹ 1870–1874, abstracted by Terri Mulliken Allen and published in vol. XLIV,

1998 of The Dallas Journal.

1880 Census for Dallas County Institutions (the poor farm, an unnamed jail, and

a small unnamed hospital), abstracted by DGS members Gerri Brannan and

Cheryl Mann and published in vol. XLIV, 1998 of

The Dallas Journal.

1910 Census for Buckner Orphan's Home, abstracted by

Hallie Price Garner and published in vol. XLII, 1996,

The Dallas Journal.

1910 Census for Buckner Orphan's Home, abstracted by

DGS member Hallie Price Garner and published in

vol. XLIII, 1997, The Dallas Journal.

1910 Census for the Girls Co-Operative Home, abstracted

by Gerri Brannan, and published in vol. XLIII, 1997,

The Dallas Journal.

1910 Census for the Dallas County Jail, abstracted by

Gerri Brannan, and published in vol. XLIII, 1997,

The Dallas Journal

Census for the Town of Dallas

1868

The Town of Dallas –1868 Census, abstracted in The Dallas Journal, vol. XLI, 1995. (Data includes the number of white males over and under 18, the number of white females, black males over and under 18 and black

females.)

⁵⁹ In working with Dallas County court records, DGS member Alan Miller discovered court cases in which the jailer sued the county in order to be reimbursed for prisoners' food. In this lawsuit, the jailer submitted as evidence the names of the prisoners and the amount of money he was due for their upkeep. This abstract includes only the name and case file number in which the name appeared, but proves that the person was actually in Dallas County sometime during this time period.

TAX RECORDS

Tax rolls on microfilm include ad valorem taxes and poll taxes.

Ad valorem taxes are for import duties or other fees levied in proportion to the certified value of the merchandise or goods.

Poll taxes represent a head tax, a tax of specific sum levied on each person within a certain "class", e.g. all males of a certain age, without reference to property or lack of it. They are valuable when attempting to locate laborers or tradesmen who did not own property but who did vote.

City of Dallas real estate and personal property tax rolls 1879–1919⁶⁰

microfilm (7th floor)

Dallas County tax lists from 1846–1910, 1911–1959

microfilm, rolls 4–5, Texas

1846 Dallas County tax list (including non-resident

property owners), abstracted by Lloyd Bockstruck in vol. XXI, Dec 1975 issue of *The Ouarterly*, published by

the Local History and Genealogical Society, predecessor of

the Dallas Genealogical Society.

1890 tax rolls of Dallas County

929.37642 E34

Taxpayers of the Republic of Texas, covering 30 counties

and the district of Panola, Dorman, Beth

929.3764 D712T

1890 Dallas County Poll Tax List, Precincts 1–8

published in vols. 28, 1982, and 29,1983 of The Quarterly

ELECTION RECORDS

Register of Elected and Appointed State and County Offices

1838–1972 microfilm

List of Elected County Offices 61 from 1846-present, published by

the District Clerk's office, 1991 352.0052 E38

Historical List of Justices of the Peace, 1846–2000,

Sloat, Shirley R. 929.37642 S634H

VOTER RECORDS

1830 Texas residents, as computed from 1867 register of voters, residing now in the county of Dallas 929.3764 W584E

Voter Registration Records - 1867–1869 microfilm, roll 2, Texas

(also abstracted in *The Dallas Journal*, vol. XLI, 1995)

Voter Registration Records - 1914–1916.

See Appendix B for this original record

⁶⁰ Original tax records for the City of Dallas are retained by the Dallas City Secretary's Office.

⁶¹ This list of elected county officials is published by the District Clerk's office and is normally updated every two years to reflect the results of recent elections. The next edition (expected in 2001) should contain Justices of the Peace for the first time.

MILITARY RECORDS⁶²

Revolutionary War and frontier conflicts and Post-Revolutionary wars to 1846

Consult the card catalogue for records produced by various patriotic lineage

organizations

Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in Dallas County, published in vol. 22, June 1976, issue of *The Dallas Journal*.

Republic of Texas

Texas Under Arms: The camps, posts, forts and military towns
of the Republic of Texas, 1836–1846, Pierce, Gerald S. 976.403
*Republic of Texas Pension Application Abstracts,
Barron, John C. (Austin Genealogical society)
*Defenders of the Republic of Texas, vol I, Texas Army: Muster rolls,
receipt rolls, and other rolls, 1836-1841, Daughters of the

976 404

D313

Mexican War (1845–1848)

Republic of Texas

Index to service records

Service records of MISS, PA, TN, TX, and Utah

Index to pension records

Dallas Co, TX and the Mexican War 1846–1848: A History

And Roster, Butler, Steven R.

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Civil War (1861–1865)

Consolidated index to Confederate service microfilm (also available in book form *Confederate State Roster*(2 vols.)⁶³ 973.7464 T355 Index to Texas Confederate service records microfilm Texas confederate service records microfilm Texas Confederate pension records microfilm Indexes for Texas Confederate pensions given microfilm Index to Texas Union service records microfilm (also available in book form The Roster of Union Soldiers 1861–1865, (volume 2 includes Texas) 973.741 R839 Confederate Indigent Families Lists of Texas 1863–1865 929.3764 M483C List of Pensioners in Dallas County, Texas in 1883, published in vol. 36, March 1990 issue of The Dallas Genealogical Society Quarterly. A History of Dallas County, Stark, Anne (7th floor) 976.42811 S795H (includes details about Civil War Battles of Dallas companies) Union Veterans buried in Dallas County is an article printed in The Dallas Journal, vol. XLI, 1995, which abstracts the veteran's name, burial location and pertinent information.

62 * Additional copies available in History and Social Sciences or Genealogy sections

⁶³ Volume 1 lists Confederate soldiers, organized alphabetically by soldier's surname. Volume 2 is organized sequentially by units, (in order of cavalry, artillery, and infantry) with names of Confederate soldier.

Confederate Veterans' Reunion, 1902, published in several 1977 issues of The Dallas Journal.

Note: Dallas County Muster Rolls for the Civil War may be found in the Muster Rolls in the Texas State Library in Austin

WWI

Note: On 5 June 1917, the first selective service draft registration for World War I was held in the united States in an effort to register all men between the ages of 21 and 31, both native born or alien. On 5 June 1918 a second registration was held to register those men who had turned 21 since the first registration. A third draft registration was held on 12 September 1918 to list men between the ages of 18–21 and 31–45. This included men born between 1873–1900. Draft registration cards exist for about 242 million men. Not all men who registered actually served in the military; not all men who served in the military registered for the draft.⁶⁴

Each of the registrations used a slightly different form, but all asked essentially the same information: full name, full date and place of birth, race, citizenship, trade or occupation, employer, marital status, dependents, and personal description. Cards are arranged by state, then county or city, then draft board, then alphabetically by the names of registrants.

Just prior to the first registration in Dallas, a local newspaper, The Dallas Daily Times Herald, 65 printed a list of the polling locations where Dallas men were required to register. About three weeks after the registration, the newspaper began to publish the names of the registrants by printing one polling precinct per issue. Apparently they discontinued printing the lists before all precincts had been published.⁶⁶

Ms. Lee has abstracted this list of places "where Dallas men of military age will register" in *The Dallas Journal*, vol. XLI, 1995.

Members of DGS are involved in a project to abstract Dallas County draft registration records to be published in *The Dallas Journal*. 67

World War I, Texas draft registration cards, 1917–1918⁶⁸ 6 rolls of microfilm Texas Heroes, Daffan, Katie 976.4 D124T Index to History of Texas World War I Heroes, Brannan, Gerri L. and Allen, Terri Mulliken, published in The Dallas Journal. June 1998

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⁶⁴ Lee, Sammie Townsend, Locations of the 1917 Draft Registration Polling Precincts for Dallas, Texas, published in The Dallas Journal, vol. XLI, 1995.

The Dallas Daily Times Herald, 4 June 1917, page 1.

⁶⁶ Lee, Sammie Townsend, ibid.

⁶⁷ The Dallas Journal, vol. XLIV, 1998 – Abstractions by Terri Mullikin Allen, Stacey Bennett, Barbara Dossett, Hallie Garner, and Alan Miller..

⁶⁸ Currently being abstracted by members of the Dallas Genealogical Society and published in the Dallas Journal (1999,2000,...)

WWII

Records listing (by state)⁶⁹ war casualties (dead and wounded and missing in action for the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard) in World War II are housed in the Government Publications Section, 6th floor.

Miscellaneous

50 Years of Pride in Serving America's Best: Our Veterans, 1940–1990,
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center 362.868 F469

 69 Note that the state association is determined by the residence of the next-of-kin at notification time.

APPENDIX A HISTORICAL LIST OF DALLAS COUNTY COURTS CURRENT

Dates Court Name First Justice Location* Notes

*Key to Current Court Location e.g. CR-3 means Crowley Courts Building, 3rd floor

CR: Frank Crowley Courts Building133 N. Industrial Blvd, Dallas 75207 GA: George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Building, 600 Commerce, Dallas 75202 REC: Dallas County Records Building, 500 Elm Street, Dallas 75202

OCC: Old Criminal Courts Building (connected to REC)

ADM: Dallas County Administration Building, 411 Elm Street, Dallas 75202 HW: Henry C. Wade Juvenile Justice Center, 2600 Lone Star Dr., Dallas 75212

1846–1848	6 th Judicial District Court County	William B. Ochiltree		Early court shared by Ellis
1848-1855	9 th Judicial District Court	Benett H. Martin		
1854–1885	14 th Independent District Court	N.P.Norton		Replaced by 14 th District
1856–1866	16 th Judicial District Court	Nat M Burford		10 counties; reorganized in 1858, 1860
1857–1874	11 th Judicial District Court			
1866–1870	5 th Judicial District Court	John J Good		32 counties, including Dallas
1873-1876	Criminal District Court	Silas Hare		
1885–1888	14 th District Court	John Hanna		
1888-current	14 th Judicial District Court ("A")	R.E.Burke	GA-3	Replaced 14 th Independent
1889-current	44 th Judicial District Court ("B")	Charles Fred Tucker	GA-3	
1893-current	Criminal District Court #1	Charles F. Clint	CR-6	
1893-1981	Court of Civil Appeals, 5 th District	Henry W Lightfoot		Decreased from 32 to 7 counties
1904-current	County Criminal Court #1	N. G. Williams		CR-3
1907–1923	County Court at Law of Dallas	W.M. Holland		Name changed to County Court at Law #1
1909-current	68 th Judicial District Court ("C")	J.C.Roberts	GA-3	
1911-current	Criminal District Court #2	Barry Miller	CR-7	
1917-current	County Court at Law #2	Jack Thornton	REC-3	
1923-current	County Court at Law #1		REC-4	Name changed
1923-current	95 th Judicial District Court ("D")	Royall R. Watkins	GA-6	
1923–1924	Special District Court	Towne Young	(created f	or limited time to clear civil dockets)
1925-current	101st Judicial District Court ("E")	Claude M. McCallum	GA-4	
1930-current	116 th Judicial District Court ("F")	Robert B. Allen	GA-3	
1949-current	134 th Judicial District Court ("G")	William M. Taylor, Jr.	GA-4	
1951-current	County Criminal Court #2	Dean Gauldin	CR-3	
1951-current	County Probate Court	F. W. Bartlett Jr.	OCC-2	(County Probate #1)

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1954–current	Criminal District Court #3	William M. McCraw	CR-6	Created as special, then permanent
1954-current	County Criminal Court #3	James H Guthrie	CR-7	
1957-current	160 th Judicial District Court ("H")	Claude Williams	GA-4	
1957–1977	County Domestic Relations Court	Beth Wright		Changed to 301st District Family
1957–1977	County Juvenile Court #1	Dwight L McCormack		Changed to 304 th District
1959–1977	County Domestic Relations Court	John Mead		Changed to 302 nd District Family
1961-current	County Criminal Court of Appeals # 1	Newton Fitzhugh	CR-3	
1963-current	County Court at Law #3	Fred "Red" Harris	REC-6	
1963-current	County Court at Law #4	Ted M. Akin	REC-3	
1963-current	162 nd Judicial District Court ("I")	Dee Brown Walker	GA-6	
1963-current	Criminal District Court #4	John Mead	CR-6	
1965-current	Criminal District Court #5	Jim Bowie	CR-5	
1965-current	County Probate Court #2	Ted Z. Robertson	REC-2	
1967–1977	County Domestic Relations Court #3	Dan Gibbs		Changed to 303 rd District
1969–1977	County Juvenile Court #2	Ted Z. Robertson		Changed to 305 th District
1969-current	191st Judicial District Court ("J")	Charles Spencer Carver	GA-3	
1969-current	192 nd Judicial District Court ("K")	Snowden M. Leftwich	GA-4	
1969-current	193 rd Judicial District Court ("L")	Hugh T. Snodgrass	GA-4	
1969-current	194 th Criminal District Court	John C. Vance	CR-7	
1969-current	195 th Criminal District Court	Roland T. Scales	CR-7	
1973-current	203 rd Criminal District Court	Thomas B.Thorpe	CR-7	
1973-current	204 th Criminal District Court	Richard Mays	CR-7	
1973-current	County Criminal Court #4	Harold Entz	CR-7	
1973-current	County Criminal Court #5	Carl Friedlander	CR-7	
1973–1977	County Domestic Relations Court #4	Oswin Chrisman		Changed to 330 th District Family
1975-current	County Probate Court #3	Joseph E. Ashmore Jr		"Mental Illness Court"
1977-current	254 th Family District Court	George Martinez	GA-5	
1977-current	255 th Family District Court	Don Koons	GA-5	
1977-current	301st Family District Court		GA-5	Changed from county domestic #1
1977-current	302 nd Family District Court		GA-5	Changed from county domestic #2
1977-current	303 rd Family District Court		GA-6	Changed from county domestic #3
1977-current	304 th Juvenile District Court	Craig Penfold	HW-2	Changed from county juvenile #1
1977-current	305 th Juvenile District Court	Pat McClung	HW-2	Changed from county juvenile #2
1977-current	330 th Family District Court	Oswin Crisman	GA-5	Changed from county domestic #4

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1977–current	County Criminal Court #6	Berlaind Brashear	CR-7
1977-current	County Criminal Court #7	Charles"Chuck"Miller	CR-7
1979-current	256 th Family District Court	Linda Thomas	GA-6
1979-current	265 th Criminal District Court	John Ovard	CR-6
1979-current	County Court at Law #5	Robert E."Bob" White	REC-4
1981-current	282 nd Criminal District Court	Kelly Loving	CR-5
1981-current	283 rd Criminal District Court	Morris J. Hampton	CR-6
1981-current	291st Criminal District Court	Gerry Holden Meier	CR-7
1981-current	292 nd Criminal District Court	Mike Keasler	CR-6
1981–1985	District Court of Appeals		Removed "civil" from name
1981-current	County Criminal Court of Appeals #2	Tom Fuller	CR-3
1981-current	County Criminal Court #8	John Crowder Hendrik	CR-4
1981-current	County Criminal Court #9	George Shepherd	CR-7
1981-current	County Criminal Court #10	Ed Kinkeade	CR-7
1982-current	298 th Judicial District Court ("M")	Sidney A.Fitzwater	GA-6
1985-current	5 th District Court of Appeals		GA-2 Name change
1989-current	363 rd Criminal District Court	Randall Isenberg	CR-5
Commissioner	s' Court (County Judge + 4 Commissi	ioners)	ADM
Justice of the F	Peace 1–1		GA-106
Justice of the F	Peace 1–2		GA-99
Justice of the F	Peace 2–1		2774 Valwood Parkway, Farmers Branch
Justice of the F	Peace 2–2		841 W Irving Blvd, Irving
Justice of the F			10056 Marsh Lane, Dallas
Justice of the F	Peace 3–2		1411 W Belt Line, Richardson
Justice of the F	Peace 4		305 N 5 th St, Garland
Justice of the F			823 N. Galloway, Mesquite
Justice of the F	Peace 5–2 (2 locations)		630 W Main St, Grand Prairie
			and
			422 S Centre, Lancaster
Justice of the F			410 S. Beckley, Dallas
Justice of the F			410 S. Beckley, Dallas
Justice of the F			7401 S. Westmoreland, Dallas
Justice of the F			414 R L Thornton Fwy, Dallas
Justice of the F	Peace 8–2		414 R L Thornton Fwy, Dallas

OFFICIAL DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS IN THE RHRD SECTION OF THE DPL TEXAS/DALLAS HISTORY AND ARCHIVES DIVISION

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CODE	DATES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
1300-06	1880–1910	Chattel Mortgage records	Mortgages on personal property
1300-06x	1879–1886,	Direct and reverse indexes to c	hattel mortgages
	1891–1896		
1325-30	1929–1933	Notice of Intention to Marry	Names, ages, places of residence of both parties
1375-07	1890-1903	Occupation Tax Register	•
1375-17	1846–1910,	County Tax Rolls ⁷⁰ – microfilm	n
	1911–1959	•	
1425-08	1889-1947	Dental Licenses	
1425-18	1948-1950	Naturopathic Licenses	
1425-20	1923-1951	Nurses Records	
1450-03	1891-1917	Annual statement of school fun	nds (included staff salary lists)
1525-01	1879–1891	Acknowledgement Records, - County Clerk	` '
1525-02	1858–1899,	Acknowledgement Records, No	otary Public
	1874–1876		
1525-16	1888–1890	Register of instruments filed for	
1525-01	1878–1905	Probate Annual Account Recor	rd
1525-08	1924–1929	Probate Inventory Record	
1525-09	1917–1930	Probate Bond Docket	
1575-03	1867	County Civil Court case papers	
1600-05	1884–1899	County Criminal Court Docket	
1625-10	1846–1900	Probate Case Papers (also micr	ofilmed by DGS members)
1625-11	1870–1898	Probate Claim Docket	
1625-12	1878–1914	Probate Docket	
1625-14	1867–1869,	Probate Minutes	
	1883–1930		
1625-15	1850–1869	Probate Final Record	
1625-16	1881–1931	Probate Reports of Sale	
1650-06	1884–1899	County Civil and Criminal Cou	art Minutes
1800-04	1883–1911	Probate Fee Book	
1775-04	1892–1905	Liquor License Docket	
1900-04	1884		count Register (names teachers)
2025-03	1846–1921	District Court Civil Case Paper	rs (also microfilmed)
2025-04	1866–1899	District Court Civil Dockets –	various courts
2025-04x	1905-1927	Index to Civil Dockets, all cour	rts
	1911-1928	Reverse Index to Civil Dockets	s, all courts
2025-06	1867-1939	District Court Civil Minutes, al	ll courts
2025-06x		Indexes to District Court Civil	Minutes, all courts (also microfilmed)
2025-03	1899–1956	District Court Civil Docket for	delinquent tax suits
2075-10	1954	Divorce Case Papers (one box	only)
2125-05x		Index to District Court Crimina	* ·
2125-06	1858-1905	Criminal Dockets – various cou	
2125-06x	1915-1927	Index to Criminal Docket	
2125-07	1846-1939	District Court Minutes – combi	ined criminal and civil

 70 Before 1915, taxes were levied on animals, vehicles, goods, money, stocks and bonds, and other assets. Beginning in 1915, only real estate was taxed.

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STATE RETI	ENTION				
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2125-08x		Index to Criminal Minutes – various courts			
2150-05	1853-1858	District Court Docket - combi	ned criminal and civil		
2150-08	1858-1935	Execution Docket and Indexes			
2250-01	1906-1908	Naturalization declaration of in	ntent, 44 th District Court		
2250-02	1872–1914	Naturalization ex parte papers files in individual folders, f	71, all District courts, 18 boxes of case iled alpha by surname of immigrant ned by the LDS Church; microfilm available		
2250-02x	1872–1914	published by the District C	s 1872-1914, prepared by the WPA and lerk's office in 1982. Index is alpha by ll 3 Texas microfilm – 8 th floor		
2250-03	1865–1898,	Naturalization records			
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2300-04	1949-1961	Chiropractic Register			
2300-05	1887–1919, 1932–1981	Medical Register			
2300-05	1978-1981	Temporary Medical Register			
2300-08	1911–1979	Veterinary Register			
2350-04	Various	Various Justice of the Peace Civil and Criminal Dockets			
2375-02	Various	Justice of the Peace Inquest Records (also microfilmed)			
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3150-07	1914–1916	Voter Registration Record	An original record which appears to be a record of voters transferring into the county from another precinct or county. Lists name, age, residence, occupation, race, present address and where coming from.		
4200-06	1890–1912, 1912–1939	District Clerk's Jail Register	Record of convicts		

⁷¹ Naturalization ex parte papers can include declaration of intention, proof, residence, affidavits, and petitions for naturalization.

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