

Texas

Census

Nonpopulation Census Schedules for Texas, 1850–1880.

Microfilm	59 rolls	NARA MT1134	Locality	Texas
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There are 43 rolls of agricultural census for 1850–1880, followed by statistical summaries, manufacturing schedules, and the 1800 Delinquent, Dependent, and Defective schedules. Note: There is no roll #1.

The 1850 agricultural census has been transcribed in Linda L. Green, *Texas 1850 Agricultural Census*, 2 volumes, R929.3764/G796T/2003

Counties

Bexar

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 0025382	Bexar Co.	Texas
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Baptisms, 1869-1887; 1887-1915; 1916-1947; 1947-1957.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 0025384	Bexar Co.	Texas
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Marriages, 1868-1897; 1900-1937; 1937-1955; 1955-1957.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 0025385	Bexar Co.	Texas
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Deaths, 1875-1955; 1955-1957.

Brazos

**Index to Probate Cases.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 8; No. 21, April 26, 1841 – March 1, 1939.

Brown

**Index to Probate Cases.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 1; No. 25, November 19, 1878 – November 7, 1938.

Camp

**Index to Probate Cases.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 10; No. 32, November 4, 1871 – January 9, 1939.

Cass

**Deeds Records.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #1301873	Cass Co.	Texas
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Deeds, volume A-C, 1844-1850.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #1301874	Cass Co.	Texas
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Deeds, volume D-F (to p.490), 1850-1852.

**District Court minutes, 1847-1917; index, 1841-1954.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1301797	Cass Co.	Texas
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Items 1-2; Direct and Reverse Indexes, 1841-1954. Minutes of District Court, volume A 1847-1851. Item 3; Special minutes of District Court, volume I 1913-1914. Item 4; Minutes of District Court, volume A 1847-1851.

Dallas

Dallas County, Texas Deeds, Books A–Z, AA–BB, 29–249 [years] and Grantor/Grantee Indexes [years].

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>		Locality	Texas
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Dallas County, Texas Probate Records, Cases 1–3100.

Microfilm	35 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The probate records of Dallas County, Texas, including guardianship cases and lunacy files, were microfilmed by the Dallas Genealogical Society in 1978. For their contribution to research the Texas Heritage Council presented its award to the society.

All of the cases from the founding of the county in 1846 to 1900 appear in the set. Access to the records is via *Index to Probate Cases 1846–1900 Dallas County, Texas*, R929.37642/D145I, by Helen Mason Lu. It is arranged alphabetically by the name of the decedent, lunatic, or minor and includes the file number, the status, the executor or guardian, and the case file number. The files themselves are arranged in numerical order. It should be noted that the file numbers are the ones assigned in the 1930s when all of the older cases were classified as “disposed cases.” The numbers appearing in the probate records themselves at the Dallas County court house are the old numbers even though the records are now filed under the new numbers so that is essential to utilize this index.

Dallas County, Texas Marriage Index, August 1846–October 1963.

Microfilm	16 rolls		Locality	Texas
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This is a single alphabetical index to the brides and grooms. The date in the index is that of the license and not of the marriage ceremony.

Karnes

**District Court Minutes Volume G, 1903-1910*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1013265	Karnes Co.	Texas
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**Index to probate records, 1875-1934; Probate Minutes Vol. A, 1865-1879; Probate Journal Vol. A1, 1867-1870.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1013383	Karnes Co.	Texas
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**Probate Minutes Vol. 3, 1897-1902; Probate Records Vol. 4, 1902-1907.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1013385	Karnes Co.	Texas
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Delta

**Index to Probate Cases.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 5; No. 60, September 23, 1870 – November 2, 1939.

Gregg

**Index to Probate Cases.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 4; No. 92, January 23, 1872 – January 31, 1939.

Limestone

**Deed records, 1873-1889; index, approx., 1833-1940.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #985964	Locality	Texas
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Reverse index volume T-Z, 1833-1940 (approx.).

Matagorda

**Marriage Records, 1837-1899; Item 9 on roll.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1321237	Matagorda Co.	Texas
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McCulloch

**McCulloch County Burials, 1860-1985. Item 21 on roll.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1321237	McCulloch Co.	Texas
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Robertson

**Court Records, 1838-1972.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #1477525	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Item 1-3; Index to civil district court cases volume A-C, 1838-1972.

Item 4-5; Civil minutes volume C-D, 1843-1851.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1479251	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Civil minutes volume E-J (no v. F), 1847-1870.

****Deeds, 1838-1901.***

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963270	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Grantor index S-Z, 1838-1928.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963273	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Grantee index L-R, 1838-1928.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963278	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Deeds book M, 1856-1860.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963279	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Deeds book N, 1823-1872.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963280	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Deeds book O-P, 1834-1868.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963281	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Deeds book Q-R, 1868-1870.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963282	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Deeds book S, 1869-1871.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 963283	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Deeds book T-U, 1835-1877.

****Index to Probate Cases.***

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 7: No. 198, April 30, 1838 – September 1, 1939.

****Probate Docket, 1853-1920.***

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 964223	Robertson Co.	Texas
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Items 1-2: Probate docket volume 3(?), Q, 1853-1857, 1869.
Item 3: Bills of sale, power of attorney, etc.
Item 4: Minutes, 1876-1887.

Rusk

****Index to Probate Cases.***

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 2: No. 201, June 18, 1843 – December 29, 1939.

Shelby

****Index to Probate Cases.***

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 3: No. 210, November, 1881 – August 1, 1939.

Titus

****Index to Probate Cases.***

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Waller

**Index to Probate Cases.*

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL #844634	Locality	Texas
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Item 6: No. 237, October 1, 1873 – May 6, 1940.

Immigration

Certificates of Enrollment Issued for Merchant Vessels at Galveston, Texas 1846–1860 and 1865–1870, and Master Abstracts of Enrollments Issued for Merchant Vessels at All Texas Ports 1846–1860 and 1865–June 1911.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1857	Immigration	Texas
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The first roll contains the enrollments issued at all Texas ports for 1846–1860 and 1865–June 1911. The majority are for Galveston, but there are others from Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Eagle Pass, Houston, Indianola, Point (Port) Isabel, La Salle, Lavaca, Port Arthur, Rockport, and Saluria. The second roll features the master abstracts for Galveston 1846–1860 and 1865–1870 and the certificates for enrollment for the same periods.

Certificates of enrollments were made in triplicate. The owner of the vessel retained one on board the vessel, the issuing collector of customs retained the second copy, and the third copy was sent to Washington, D.C.

The certificates usually contain the certificate number, the vessel's official number and call number after 1866, the names and addresses of owners [after 1850 each owner's fraction of ownership is included], name of vessel and home port; name of master of vessel on date of issue; date and place of construction; name of builder; number, place, and date of issue of previous certificate; number of decks and masters; dimensions and tonnage; type of stern, gallery, and figurehead; type or rig; place and date of issue of certificate; and on the recto any endorsements giving the date, place, and surrender of the certificate.

The records are arranged chronologically.

Statistical and Nonstatistical Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Brownsville, Texas, February 1905–June 1953, and Related Indexes.

Microfilm	40 rolls	NARA M1502	Immigration	Texas
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Indexes of Vessels Arriving at Brownsville, Texas, 1935–1955; Houston, Texas, 1948–1954; and at Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, 1908–1954.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1514	Immigration	Texas
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Statistical Manifests of Alien Arrivals by Airplane at San Antonio, Texas, May 17, 1944–March 1952.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1973	Immigration	Texas
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Index and Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Roma, Texas, March 1928–May 1955.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M1503	Immigration	Texas
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Lists of Aliens Arriving at Laredo, Texas, from July 1930 to June 1907, Via the Mexican National Railroad or the Laredo Foot Bridge.

Microfilm	1 roll	NARA M2008	Immigration	Texas
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Alphabetical Card Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Fort Hancock, Texas, 1924–1954.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M1766	Immigration	Texas
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Index to Manifests of Permanent and Statistical Arrivals at Eagle Pass, Texas, December 1, 1929–June 1953.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M2040	Immigration	Texas
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Manifests of Non-Mexican Aliens Granted Temporary Admission at Laredo, Texas, December 1, 1929–April 8, 1955.

Microfilm	66 rolls	NARA M1771	Immigration	Texas
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Indexes and Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Rio Grande, Texas, November 1908–May 1955.

Microfilm	5 rolls	NARA M1770	Immigration	Texas
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Index and Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Progresso/Thayer, Texas, October 1928–May 1955.

Microfilm	6 rolls	NARA M1851	Immigration	Texas
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Applications for Nonresident Alien's Border Crossing Identification Cards Made at El Paso, Texas, ca. July 1945–December 1952.

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>	NARA M1756	Immigration	Texas
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Indexes and Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Zapata, Texas, August 1923–September 1953.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M2024	Immigration	Texas
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Nonstatistical Manifests and Statistical Index Cards of Aliens Arriving at Eagle Pass, Texas, June 1905–November 1929.

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>	NARA M1754	Immigration	Texas
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Record of Aliens Arriving at Brownsville, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, El Paso, and Laredo, Texas; Douglas, Naco, and Nogales, Arizona.

Microfilm	5 rolls	NARA MA <u>0000</u>	Immigration	Texas
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Applications for Nonresident Aliens Border Crossing Identification Cards Made at El Paso, Texas, ca. July 1945–December 1952.

Microfilm	62 rolls	NARA M1756	Immigration	Texas
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List of Aliens Arriving at Brownsville, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, El Paso, Laredo, Presidio, Rio Grande City, and Roma, Texas May 1903–June 1909 and at Aros Ranch, Douglas, Lochile, Naco, and Nogales, Arizona, July 1906–December 1910.

Microfilm	rolls	NARA A3365	Immigration	Texas
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Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Galveston, Texas. 1896 1906.

Microfilm	3 rolls	NARA M1357	Immigration	Texas
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Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Galveston, Texas. 1906–1951.

Microfilm	7 rolls	NARA M1358	Immigration	Texas
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Temporary and Nonstatistical Manifest of Aliens Arriving at Eagle Pass, Texas, July 1928–June 1953.

Microfilm	14 rolls	NARA M2041	Immigration	Texas
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There are approximately 110,000 cards of alien arrival at Eagle Pass, Texas, from 1 July 1928 to June 1953.

There are two types of INS forms—Form 548 or Form I-448 includes the person's name, age, sex, marital status, place of nativity, physical description, occupation, citizenship, race, ability to read and write and in what language, place of last permanent residence, port and date of arrival, destination, purpose for entering the U.S., intention of becoming a U.S. citizen, head tax status, and previous citizenship. It also includes the name and address of the friend or relative the alien intended to join and the name and address of the alien's nearest relative or friend in the country from which he or she came. Previous dates and places of earlier residences, if any, in the United States are also given. Sometimes there are photographs of the alien and his family from 1940 to 1953.

Form I-190 includes the person's name, address, date and place of birth, sex, marital status, occupation, ability to read and write, nationality, weight, visible distinctive marks, and purpose for coming to the U.S. Color of the person's complexion, eyes, and hair, signature, and finger print are also given. The number, date of issuance, and issuing authority of the alien's foreign passport or other identification card are also included.

Manifest of Alien Arrivals at Yseleta, Texas, 1924–1954.

Microfilm	7 rolls	NARA M1849	Immigration	Texas
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More than 7,000 records are included in this series. They are arranged by record series: statistical and permanent, temporary, and nonresident alien arrivals; thereunder alphabetical by surname; and thereunder alphabetical by forename.

Form 548 or Form I-448 give the person's name, age, sex, marital status, place of birth, physical description, occupation, citizenship, race, ability to read and write and in what language, place of last permanent residence, port and date of arrival, destination, purpose for entering the U.S., intention of becoming a U.S. citizen or of returning to country of previous residence, head tax status, and previous citizenships. It also has the name and address of the friend or relative whom the alien intended to join, persons accompanying the alien, and the name and address of the alien's nearest relative or friend in the country from which he or she came. Previous dates and places of residence in the U.S. are also given. The cards in the first two series are based on these forms.

The cards in the third series are based on form I-190. It includes the alien's name, date and place of birth, sex, marital status, occupation, ability to read and write, place of residence, citizenship, physical description, purpose of U.S. visit, and fingerprint of right index finger. The number, date of issuance, and place of issuance of the person's passport may also be noted.

Form I-95, I-94(C), I-94(E), and 257D included the alien's name, date and place of birth, sex, marital status, occupation, citizenship, physical description, names of accompanying alien children under 14, name and address of nearest relative at home, name and address of person to whom destined, purpose and intended length of U.S. visit, port and date of arrival, and means of transportation.

Permanent and Statistical Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Eagle Pass, Texas, June 1905–June 1953.

Microfilm	30 rolls	NARA M1755	Immigration	Texas
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While the manifests are arranged in chronological order and thereunder by manifest number, there are many exceptions, which are noted in the introductory comments of this micropublication. Most of the alien arrivals are Mexican citizens. Syrians and Japanese, as well as a scattering of Europeans, are also included.

It is necessary to consult two separate indexes to the records. For arrivals prior to 1929 *Nonstatistical Arrivals Manifests and Statistical Index Cards of Aliens Arriving at Eagle Pass, Texas, June 1905–November 1929* and *Permanent and Statistical at Eagle Pass, Texas, December 19–June 1953*. The two indexes provide the date of arrival and the manifest number, which are needed to locate an individual in the records themselves.

Nonstatistical Manifests and Statistical Index Cards of Aliens Arriving at Eagle Pass, Texas, June 1905–November 1929.

Microfilm	<u>rolls</u>	NARA M1754	Immigration	Texas
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Military—Indian Wars (1815–1858)

Audited Civil and Military Claims [1835–1846].

Microfilm	130 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The files consist some of 9,500 audited military claims and 2,000 audited civil claims arranged in a single alphabetical sequence. They are the records of payments for services and goods provided to the Republic of Texas for either military or civil purposes. They consist of claim vouchers, auditor affidavits, War Department pay certificates, discharges, and assignment of benefits, powers of attorney, and pay accounts. In the event that the claimant was deceased, proof of filiation of the next of kin may also appear in the file.

The military claims may be for service in the Texas Army and Navy or other military units of the Republic of Texas; medical, mechanical, and transportation services; goods furnished for military use; goods requisitioned for military purposes; and damages or losses due to military action.

The civil claims may be for service as an elected or appointed official of the Republic of Texas, special relief and pension acts passed by the Congress, and money, goods, and services expended in behalf of the Republic. These would include negotiation with the Indians and other foreign governments.

The claims are arranged in alphabetical order by name of claimant on rolls 1–119. It is important to check all possible spellings of a person's name. Horatio Allsberry might appear as Horatio A. Allsberry, H.A. Allsbery, H.A. Allsbury, Horatio Allsbury, Horatio A. Allsbury, H.A. Allesberry, Horatio A. Alsberry, Dr. Alsbury, H.A. Alsbury, Maj. H.A. Alsbury, Horatio A. Alsbury, and Horace Aylesbury.

Military—Mexican War (1846–1848)

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the Mexican War in Organizations from the State of Texas.

Microfilm	19 rolls	NARA M278	Locality	Texas
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These are the records of the volunteer soldiers belonging to units from the Texas. The records consist of a jacket envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, rank, and unit. Following the envelope on the microfilm are card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls, troop returns, and occasionally pay vouchers as well as the originals of any papers relating solely to that particular soldier. The records are arranged according to a complicated organizational breakdown ending with either the regiment or the independent battalion or company. Under each unit the service records are arranged alphabetically. Preceding the records of individual soldiers are the record-of-event cards. These indicate the station of the unit and occasionally the activities in which any portion of the unit had been assigned.

Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Union

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Texas.

Microfilm	13 rolls	NARA M402	Locality	Texas
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Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Texas.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M393	Locality	Texas
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Military—Civil War (1861–1865) Confederate

Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Texas.

Microfilm	445 rolls	NARA M323	Locality	Texas
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These are the compiled service records of Confederate Soldiers belonging to units from Texas. They consist of a jacket envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, rank, and unit. Following are card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls, returns, rosters, payrolls, appointment books, hospital registers, Union prison registers and rolls, parole rolls, and inspection reports. Also included are the originals of any papers relating solely to a particular soldier. There are cross references to spelling variations.

Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Texas.

Microfilm	41 rolls	NARA M227	Locality	Texas
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This is the alphabetical card index to the service records of Confederate soldiers belonging to units from Texas. The index card gives the name of the soldier, his rank, and his unit.

Texas Confederate Index.

Microfilm	15 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The first roll of this set contains in alphabetical order the names of Confederate commanding officers. The card gives the officer's name, his rank, unit, and normally his county of residence. Next is a listing in alphabetical order by county of the commanding officers of each county in Texas. It has been published as *Confederate Officers of Texas* by Frances T. Ingmire, R973.7464/I52C/1983.

Rolls 2 to 15 are the cards of the enlisted men and officers arranged in alphabetical order. Besides the soldier's name and rank, the name of his commanding officer, his unit, the date and place of enlistment, the date and place of his discharge, his description (i.e., his age, nativity, marital status, and place of residence), and concluding remarks are given. Not all of the cards are complete.

These records pertain to service rendered within the state of Texas. With much of the available manpower out of the state, state and local officials were apprehensive that slave uprising and attacks by Indians would leave the society vulnerable. Older men, young boys, and discharged veterans were likely candidates for inclusion in these forces, which could be likened to the National Guard.

Texas. Comptroller's Office. *Confederate Pensions: Applications Approved and Rejected.*

Microfilm	699 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The state of Texas processed 54,636 applications for Confederate pensions and approved 52,094 for Confederate veterans or their widows. These are arranged in numerical order with one exception. Applications 20,401–20,471 were photographed out of sequence and appear after 20,600 on the microfilm. The pension numbers are given in Virgil D. White's *Index to Texas CSA Pension Files* or in John M. Kinney's *Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions*. The latter is superior because it also includes the index to Confederate home pension applications. The Confederate home pension applications are arranged alphabetically at the end of the set of the series. They are not included in the pension applications themselves. Accordingly, one must either consult the last index of Kinney's book or consult the appropriate roll for the relevant portion of the alphabet. There was a Confederate home both for veterans and for Confederate widows. White's index is superior in that widows are identified with the names of their husbands. Kinney's index is deceptive because the individual who wrote the program for the computer generated index failed to instruct the computer to overlook the title of "Mrs." before a female's name. Accordingly, one must always consult the entries of any particular surname in the letter "M". Kinney also includes entries for those individuals for whom pension application files no longer survive. These are marked with an asterisk (*). Whereas White's index encompasses both approved and rejected applications in one sequence, Kinney's index segregates the two.

The microfilm consists of four sections. The first and largest are the approved applications. The rejected applications, in alphabetical order, constitute the second section. The third consists of the Confederate home pension applications in alphabetical order. The last roll of the set has miscellaneous accepted and rejected pension applications.

The Texas legislature instituted the pension program on 12 May 1899. The law required that the applicant, whether the veteran or his widow, to have been a resident of Texas prior to 1 January 1880, be either over 60 years of age or be disabled from actual service in the Confederate army or navy for a period of service of three months or more, and who had not deserted. Widows had to have married prior to 1 March 1866, had been a resident of Texas prior to 1 March 1880, were in indigent circumstances, and who had not remarried, i.e., did not have a living spouse. Accordingly, any Texan who meant these requirements could apply. The service could have been from any former state of the Confederate States of America.

In 1925 the pension act underwent revision. It included every indigent or disabled veteran who came to Texas prior to 1 January 1910. Widows had to have been born prior to 1861 and have become Texas residents prior to 1910. The 1925 act extended coverage to those who had served in units protecting the frontier against the Indians and the Mexicans as well as to indigent or disabled soldiers of the state militia active during the period 1861–1865.

Roster of the Confederate Home, Austin, Texas.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Texas
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This ledger is arranged alphabetically by the initial letter of the surname of the veteran or his widow. Each entry gives the name of the person; where born and when; company, regiment, division, and army; marital status; year when he or she came to Texas; residence; date of admission; disability; religious persuasion; disposition, i.e., death, discharge, or dismissal; whom and where to write in case of death; and remarks [e.g., "buried in the state cemetery"].

These have been transcribed and augmented in Kathryn Hooper Davis, *Texas Confederate Home Roster with Added Data from Confederate Home Ledgers*, R929.3764/D262T/2003.

Military—World War I

United States. Selective Service System. Texas, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918.

Microfilm	183 rolls		Locality	Texas
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During the Great World War, Congress passed the Selective Service Act on 18 May 1917 authorizing the President to increase the military establishment. The Selective Service System had the responsibility of selecting men for induction into the military. By no means did all of the registrants actually enter military service.

The records are arranged by county and thereunder alphabetically by name of registrant. There were three different registrations. The first was on 5 June 1917 for all men between 21 and 31 years of age. The next was on 5 June 1918 for those who attained age 21. The last was on 12 September 1918 for all men aged 18 to 45. The following information usually appears: name, residence, age, date and place of birth, citizenship information, occupation, employer, dependent or nearest relative, marital status, race, physical description, and date of registration.

The last roll of the state contains the registrations of individuals omitted from their usual county of residence.

Military—Miscellaneous

Republic of Texas Pensions.

Microfilm	48 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The 1869 Constitution of the state of Texas authorized the legislature to grant pension relief to surviving veterans of the Revolution of 1836 from Mexico. The act of 13 August 1870 provided for benefits of \$250 to veterans including the Mier prisoners. If wounded in any engagement or as a prisoner of war, each veteran received an additional \$250 per year.

The legislature expanded coverage in 1874 to include the Santa Fe and Mier prisoners, the survivors of the company of Captain Dawson who was massacred near San Antonio in 1842, the survivors of those who were captured at San Antonio in the autumn of 1842 and taken to the Castle at Perote and confined therein, and the survivors of Deaf Smith's spy company. The 1874 act provided for \$150 per annum with a like amount for those who were permanently disabled in the service or who had lost their sight or limb due to any cause. Applicants had to demonstrate insufficient means of support.

Additional pension acts narrowed the pool of eligible claimants to soldiers and volunteers who saw service between 1835 and 1 January 1837, the surviving signers of the Declaration of Independence, and widows who had not remarried. Each claimant had to prove indigency, which in 1885 was defined as owning property not exceeding \$1,000 and proof that a claimant had not transferred such property to another party within the twelve months preceding the application. The maximum amount was set at \$150 per annum.

The overwhelming response under the act of 1876 led to its repeal in 1879 because there was a deficit of more than \$150,000 even before all of the claims had been processed.

It was not until 1883 that new pensioners were added to the rolls.

A file consists of a pension certificate, detailed accounts of military service, power of attorney, certified copy of military service, affidavits from neighbors and compatriots, and proof of identity giving such details as age, place of enlistment, place of residence, date and place of birth, date of immigration to Texas, and names of others with whom he served. A widow had to provide her husband's name, his date of death, the dates of his service, his company commander, her age, and her county of residence. The records are arranged in alphabetical order by name of veteran.

Abstracts appear in *Republic of Texas Pension Application Abstracts*, R976.4/R426/1987.

There is an every-name index to the records located at the web site of Texas State Library and Archives.

Miscellaneous

Republic Claims Files.

Microfilm	259 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Texas Executive Record Books.

Microfilm	26 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832–September 30, 1971: Texas.

Microfilm	7 rolls	NARA M841	Locality	Texas
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These records show the dates of establishment and discontinuance of post offices, their changes of name, and the names of and appointment dates for their postmasters and postmistresses. The names of post offices to which mail from discontinued offices was sent begins in 1870.

The records are arranged alphabetically by county and thereunder by post office. The records for Texas cover the period 1846–1971. Under each post office the postmaster and postmistresses are listed in chronological order for the life of the post office with the years of their tenures.

The series is 145 rolls of microfilm, of which the library owns 15 rolls, including:
Texas, 121–127

Texas Society of Colonial Wars Membership Applications 1–101.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Sons of the Republic of Texas Membership Applications prior to 1974.

Microfilm	37 rolls		Locality	Texas
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All of the membership applications and supporting documentation when such appeared in the files of male descendants of a resident of Texas prior to 19 February 1846 are included in this micropublication. Access by the name of the member or by the name of the propositus is rendered possible by *Microfilm Index*, R369.14/S699M/1989.

Daughters of the American Revolution.

Microfilm	10 rolls		Locality	Texas
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First Families of Texas Certificate Applications, 1995–1998 by Texas State Genealogical Society.

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Texas
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In observation of the sesquicentenary of the state of Texas in 1996, the Texas State Genealogical Society began a program to recognize early residents of Texas from the Spanish, Mexican, and Republic of Texas eras. The applications are similar to those use for hereditary societies with proof of residence of the ancestor and documentation for the line of descent. The applications are numbered 1 to 4401. Descent from the propositus, collateral or direct, resident in Texas prior to 19 February 1846 constituted eligibility.

The published equivalent is *Texas First Families Lineages*, R929.

Microfilmed & Online Records of The Republic of Texas.

CD	1 disk		Locality	Texas
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Produced by the Houston Genealogical Society in 2010, this CD records a presentation by Robert de Berardinis explaining the records available for Republic of Texas research.

Texas Ranger Service Records, 1919–1935.

Microfilm	10 rolls		Locality	Texas
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There are three categories, each of which is alphabetically arranged:

Loyalty Rangers, 1919–1920, 1 roll

Regular Rangers, 1919–1935, 2 rolls

Special Rangers, 1919–1935, 7 rolls. There is normally an oath of service and a description questionnaire for each ranger. The latter contains his place of birth, age in years and months, occupation, date of enlistment, complexion, eye and hair color, marital status, weight, residence, place and date of enlistment, and enlisting officer.

The enlistment records vary somewhat in the data collected for each ranger over the years.

Record of the States.

Microfilm	22 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Convict Record Ledgers (1849–1954) [and] Convict Record Ledgers Indexes (1849–1970).

Microfilm	22 rolls		Locality	Texas
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These ledgers pertain to incarcerations in the Huntsville Penitentiary, which opened in 1849, and the Rusk Penitentiary, which operated from 1833 to 1891. An entry contains some or all of the following data for a prisoner: the convict's number, name/alias, age, height, weight, complexion, eye color, hair color, marks, marital relations, use of tobacco, habits, education, occupation, nativity, time of conviction, offense, terms of imprisonment, county, residence, money, when received, expiration of sentence, and remarks. From 1891 the ability to read and to write, the number of years of schooling, date of birth, birthplace of father, birthplace of mother, plea, and previous military service are included.

One should undertake a search by determining the name and period of time to be searched. Check the indexes to locate the convict's number. Use that number to find the corresponding entry in the ledgers. An entry in the index will provide the convict's name, county of conviction, year of entry, and the convict's number. There is considerable overlap of dates and entries in the individual indexes, especially between 1849 and 1915. If you are searching for convicts prior to 1882, it will be necessary to check three separate indexes.

Entries in the indexes are arranged alphabetically by the initial letter and first vowel of the surname and thereunder chronologically. It should be emphasized that continuation of entries with the same letter and vowel may be found at the preceding or following letter pairs.

Another obstacle is that convicts may be listed under nicknames and aliases.

Convicts may have had more than one number and may have been in both penitentiaries if they were incarcerated more than once so it is necessary to search the indexes accordingly.

The entries are arranged in numerical order by the convict's number(s). Those for Rusk range from 1 to 4,622. If a convict was first incarcerated in Huntsville and later transferred to Rusk after it opened, the Rusk number could antedate the founding of that institution.

At the Huntsville Prison there were two series of numbering sequences—A and B. The A series began in 1849 and was discontinued in 1882. Series A ranged from 1 to 10,012 in 1882. Series B began in 1882. From Series A numbers 10,001 to 10,012 were reassigned Series B numbers 1 to 12. The year of incarceration provides the data to identify the series correctly.

The Laredo Archives.

Microfilm	16 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Brother Robert D. Wood has produced four important works about this archival collection. They are: *Indexes to the Laredo Archives*, R016.9764/ S146I/1993; *Documentos para la genealogia: archivos de Laredo*, R929.37644/ S878D/1998; *Documentos referentes a los indios*, R976.4/W878D/1998; *Documents for the History of Laredo: Archivos de Laredo*, R972/W878D/1999, and *Death and Taxes: Archivos de Laredo*, R972.03/W878D/2001.

History of Texas together with a biographical history of the cities of Houston & Galveston.

Microfilm	1 roll	FHL# 1425618	Item 2 on roll	Texas
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Masonic Texas Lodge of Research.

CD	1 disk	Volumes 1-40	Locality	Texas
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This CD contains the Transactions of the Texas Lodge of Research volumes 1-40.

The Nacogdoches Archives (1753–1836).

Microfilm	27 rolls		Locality	Texas
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These are the records of the Spanish and Mexican governments at the national and municipal level of the province and state of Coahuila y Texas and of Nacogdoches and vicinity. They include decrees, reports, correspondence, and military records from the mid-eighteenth into the early nineteenth century.

Important genealogical sources include the registers of character certificates and oaths of citizenships from the 1820s to 1835. Foreigners arriving in Coahuila y Texas had to prove by certificates from the local authorities in their former place of residence that they were Christians and of good moral character. Foreigners seeking citizenship had to appear before municipal authorities and on oath swear to obey the general Constitution and that of the State, to observe the official religion, and register their names and those of their family. They had to note their country of origin, marital status, and occupation.

The entrance certificates give name, marital status, and date of issue. The citizenship certificates give name, age, place of previous residence, marital status, religion, and occupation. Those of the 1820s also give the length of residence in Texas.

Betty Fagan Burr's *Nacogdoches Archives, 1835 Entrance Certificates*, R929.3764/B968N, provides abstracts of the genealogical information from the records. The original records are found on rolls 16 and 17.

Another important category of records is the *padrones* or censuses dating from 1783 to 1835. They consist of mission rolls, reports of foreigners, and statistical recapitulations. There are also censuses of ranches from 1797 to 1826. The mission rolls give the names of Indians as heads of households and all other names in the family. The report of foreigners gives the name, residence or nationality, age, marital status, wife's name, and children with their sexes and ages. The ranch censuses give the family names and information and data as to the number of head of livestock such as cattle, horse, and sheep. The *padrones* give the name of the head of household, marital status, occupation, religion, age, and family members. The lists of foreigners give name, country, former place of residence, profession, passport, passport number and date of issue, date of presentation, and place of residence. These records appear on rolls 22 and 23.

The election registers date from 1823 to 1835. They give the names of persons who voted in elections and the names of the persons for whom they voted. It should be noted that the alphabetized lists, when do occur, are arranged by the Christian name rather than by surname. They appear on rolls 22 and 23.

The military company lists give the names in descending rank indicating the name of the soldier, his rank, and, if applicable, the reason for his absence. There are also daily operational roster of events for units. The records are contained on roll 24.

Naturalization

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

Microfilm	10 rolls	7RA-211	Locality	Texas
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Newspapers

Various Texas Newspapers.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Individual newspapers are indicated in the card catalog. We have rolls #1 and #4; the Texas/Dallas Collection (7th floor) has all four rolls. These are special issues prepared for Texas' Golden Anniversary (1889–1890) and often include selections from early issues, reminiscences, and articles of historical interest.

Religions and Churches

Texas Baptist 1856–1884.

Microfilm	2 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Helen Mason Lu has abstracted the marriages, births, deaths, and a wide variety of other information on one microfiche.

The Texas Wesleyan Banner 1850–1854 & The Texas Christian Advocate 1857 1885.

Microfilm	5 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Helen Mason Lu has abstracted more than 30,000 entries from these Texas Methodist newspapers. Her six-volume set has been issued on 6 microfiche as *Texas Methodist Newspapers Abstracts, 1850–1885*. There is a cumulative index for the first four volumes on one microfiche.

Texas Presbyterian 1846–1848, 1851–1854, 1876–1878.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Texas
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Helen Mason Lu has abstracted the births, marriages, deaths, and other information from this religious newspaper on 1 microfiche.

Journal of the Right Reverend A. C. [Alexander Charles] Garrett, D.D., LL.D. 1874–1924.

Microfilm	1 roll		Locality	Texas
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This has been abstracted in Margaret Ann Patten Thetford and Jeanne Jordan Tabb, *Bishop Garrett's Journal, Texas, 1875–1890: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts from the Official Acts of the First Bishop of the Episcopal Missionary District of Northern Texas*, R283.764/G239YG/1987.

San Fernando Cathedral Sacramental Records, 1703–1911.

Microfilm	7 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The records are usually arranged in the categories of baptisms, deaths, and marriages. Pastoral letters, decrees, and confirmations are also included. The earliest records are segregated by race with separate registers for Indians and Europeans. Some of the records overlap, and in some cases one type of sacramental record may be entered in a book for another type of sacramental record. Unused pages in a sacramental register that had been retired have in many instances been reactivated to continue with the same record for a much later date. There are separate registers for the San Jose Mission covering the following: baptisms 1777–1823, marriages 1793–1822 and 1778–1792, and deaths 1781–1824. There are also separate registers for the military company at the Alamo; they are: baptisms 6 Mar. 1788–1823. The records are not necessarily filmed in chronological order.

There is an index to some of the baptisms: Yolanda Juarez Patiño, *Index to the San Fernando Baptismal Records, 1731–1850*, 2 volumes, R976.4351/J911/2001; and to some of the marriages: Yolanda Juarez Patiño, *Index to the San Fernando Marriage Records, 1742–1850*, 2 volumes, R929.37643/J911/2003.

The records include:

Baptism Book: 1703–1783
Baptism [Indians]: 1710–1783
Baptism Book 2: 1731–1760.
Baptism Book 3: 3 Jan. 1761–1793
Baptism Book 4: 17 Mar. 1793–Mar. 1812
Baptism Book 5: 2 Apr. 1812–31 Dec. 1825
Baptism Book 6: 2 Jan. 1826–30 Dec. 1857
Baptism Book 7: 1 Jan. 1858–23 Oct. 1873
Baptism Book 8: 1 Jan. 1874–30 Apr. 1891
Baptism Book 10: 16 Apr. 1891–15 Aug. 1898
Baptism Index 1800–1877
Baptism Index 1900–1903
Baptism Book [Indians] 1703–1783
Death Book: 1703–1708
Death Book 1: 1761–1801
Death Book 2: 1802–1817
Death Book 3: 19 May 1817–26 Dec. 1860
Death Book 4: 1869–1888
Marriage Book: 1709–1788
Marriage Book 1: 20 Jan. 1798–12 June 1856
Marriage Book 2: 30 Mar. 1869–25 Dec. 1883
Marriage Book 3: 7 Jan. 1884–31 Dec. 1911
Marriage Index 1798–1911.

Taxation

Internal Revenue Assessment Lists Texas 1865–1866.

Microfilm	2 rolls	NARA M791	Locality	Texas
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Vital Records—Marriages

Texas County Marriages, by county.

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Texas Department of Health. Marriage Index, 1966–.

Microfiche	485 fiche		Microfiche	Texas
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The marriages are alphabetically arranged for each year. An entry gives the name of the husband or bride, sex, county, month and day, and the file number. (*N.B.* The name of the spouse is not provided. Coverage begins in 1966.

Vital Records—Births

Index to Texas Births 1903–1976.

Microfilm	50 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Index to Probate Birth Records 1945 and Prior.

Microfilm	8 rolls		Locality	Texas
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Vital Records—Divorces

Texas Department of Health. Divorce Index, 1968–when.

Microfiche	66 fiche		Microfiche	Texas
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Each year consists of a single alphabetical index with males and females interfiled. The day and month of the divorce, the county where the divorce was granted, and the case number appear with each entry. While the names of the divorcing spouses are not entered together, one can discern the identities of the parties by matching the case number. Such a procedure will be applicable if the wife took the surname of her husband. Coverage begins in 1968.

Vital Records—Deaths

Texas Department of Health. Death Index, 1964–2001.

Microfiche	196 fiche		Microfiche	Texas
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The index is in a solitary alphabet for the years 1964 to 1988. Annual indexes exist for 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. The entry consists of the surname and forename(s) of the decedent, the Social Security number if available, the county of death, the month and date of death [but not the year], the date of birth, age of death, sex, race, the file number [consisting of the certificate number followed by a hyphen and the last two digits of the year of death], and [sometimes] the father's surname. In the case of females, the latter would be the decedent's maiden name.

Index to Texas Death Records, 1903–1976.

Microfilm	18 rolls		Locality	Texas
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This is the alphabetical index to all of the deaths reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Austin, Texas. It is subdivided into various spans of time. They are: 1903–1940, 1941–1945, 1946–1955, and thereafter annually.

An entry contains the name of the deceased, the date of death, the county of death, and the death certificate number.

Voters

Texas Voter Registrations of 1867–1870.

Microfilm	12 rolls		Locality	Texas
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The Reconstruction Act of 13 March 1867 required the commanding officer in each military district of the former Confederacy to complete by 1 September 1867 a registration of all qualified voters in each county of his district. The list would identify the eligible voters for the proposed Constitutional Convention. The records are a good source for information about newly enfranchised black voters. The name of the registrant, his place of residence, precinct, length of residence, native country or state, and naturalization information (where appropriate) are given. The records are arranged by county and by the name of the individual as he presented himself for registration.

The Index is a CD-ROM application on computer #12.

Texas Election Registers 1838–1972.

Microfilm	31 rolls		Locality	Texas
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*denotes film owned by the LDS Church but on indefinite loan to the Genealogy Section.