

Genealogical Resources: Dallas History & Archives (And Beyond)



A Division of the Dallas Public Library
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Who We Are...



- ❧ The collection of materials at the Dallas History & Archives Division is one of the largest of its kind in the nation. Our holdings span many aspects of the diverse history of not only Dallas and the surrounding area, but the entire state of Texas.
- ❧ The Dallas History & Archives Division collects, preserves, and makes available to patrons information in text, graphic, audio, and video formats.
- ❧ Please note that because of the many unique and fragile resources in the Dallas collection, no items circulate outside the Library.
- ❧ The Dallas History & Archives Division is part of the Special Collections department, which also houses the Fine Books Division.

Our Renovation



Background

- ❖ The 7th floor of Central Library closed on March 21, 2015 and re-opened on August 20, 2016 after renovation.
- ❖ Over 250 pallets of materials and tens of thousands of reference books were moved back to the 7th floor for our re-opening.
- ❖ The total renovation project cost was nearly \$6 million.

7th Floor Reading Room



Our Holdings



☞ Cataloged Materials > Other Items

- ❖ 65,000+ books
- ❖ City Directories
- ❖ School Annuals
- ❖ JFK Assassination
- ❖ Serials (current and historical)
- ❖ Bios



- ❖ Vertical Files
- ❖ Maps and Blueprints
- ❖ 475+ Manuscript Collections
- ❖ DPL Archive- old photographs, paperwork, blueprints and programs (*contact us to donate material*)
- ❖ Dallas County Court district minutes on microfilm
- ❖ *Dallas Times Herald* on microfilm

Our Holdings



☞ Photographs - Over 1.5 million Photographs (~7,000 are in PAC)

A black and white portrait of a young African American man, Marion Butts, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression.

Marion Butts:
Lens on Dallas

View over 1,800 historic images captured by a pioneering Dallas photographer

Bonus! African-American history lesson plans for seventh-grade Texas history teachers. [Details here!](#)

Our Holdings



- ❧ Manuscripts
- ❖ 475+ Collections
 - ❖ Pioneer families
 - ❖ Architectural
 - ❖ Ethnic communities in Dallas
 - ❖ Women's history
 - ❖ Council members and mayors
 - ❖ Business history
- * Dallas Genealogical Society Collection (MA1982.04) - material covers the years 1960 through 2019, with additions being made periodically.

Our Holdings



Fine Books Division

- ❖ Dallas Public Library's Fine Books collection numbers over 2,750 volumes donated by Dallas citizens or purchased with endowment or gift funds.
- Fine Books - Areas of Focus:
 - ❖ History of Printing and the Book
 - ❖ The History of Ideas - particularly those that have exerted major influence on Western civilization
 - ❖ Fine Printing - the Art of the Book

Visit Our Division Online



 <http://dallaslibrary2.org/dallashistory>



How Does This Help Genealogists?



❧ A Local Emphasis

- ❖ While the 8th floor Genealogy Department of the Central Library has been previously rated by a leading family history magazine as one of the top ten genealogy collections in the United States, those researching family histories with strong Dallas and/or Texas connections can benefit from the holdings of the 7th floor Dallas History & Archives Division.
- ❖ The Dallas Public Library system (as a whole) has a number of useful resources as well.

Documenting Ancestors



- ❧ To successfully document an ancestor, you must know the following:
 - ❖ Ancestor's name
 - ❖ Approximate date of birth and death
 - ❖ Location where ancestor resided
- ❧ To find that information, genealogists rely on the following records resources:
 - ❖ Census & Census substitutes
 - ❖ Tax Records
 - ❖ Vital Records
 - ❖ Cemeteries
 - ❖ Obituaries
 - ❖ Marriage Records

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∞ Census & Census substitutes:

- ❖ The United States Census can identify an ancestor's residence every ten years from 1790 to 1940 (census records are closed to the public for a period of 72 years). All of the census records for Texas and the United States are on Ancestry.com
- ❖ One exception is 1890 due to a fire in the early 20th century which destroyed many of those records.
- ❖ 1880 census – started listing family.
- ❖ 8th floor also has census on microfilm: 1790-1930.

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∞ Census & Census substitutes:

- ❖ 8th floor also has Soundex System, which is a coding system for the census used to group people's last names together based on how they sound.
- ❖ It is useful for names with different spellings.

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Soundex System. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), September 26, 2016:
<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/soundex.html>

Basic Soundex Coding Rule

Every soundex code consists of a letter and three numbers, such as W-252. The letter is always the first letter of the surname. The numbers are assigned to the remaining letters of the surname according to the soundex guide shown below. Zeroes are added at the end if necessary to produce a four-character code. Additional letters are disregarded. Examples:

- **Washington** is coded W-252 (W, 2 for the S, 5 for the N, 2 for the G, remaining letters disregarded).
- **Lee** is coded L-000 (L, 000 added).

Soundex Coding Guide

Number	Represents the Letters
1	B, F, P, V
2	C, G, J, K, Q, S, X, Z
3	D, T
4	L
5	M, N
6	R

See also this [online Soundex Calculator](#) →

Disregard the letters A, E, I, O, U, H, W, and Y.

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☞ Tax Records:

- ❖ Generally, tax records are a yearly listing of residence and status and come in to play once locality is established.
- ❖ Helpful in determining when a person arrives and departs an area, either by relocating or death. If by death, the next year may reflect the name of the widow.
- ❖ Tax records on microfilm are currently housed in the 8th floor Genealogy Department.

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❧ City Directories help identify the ancestor's residence every year.

❖ The 7th floor Archives Division maintains a collection of telephone, city, and criss-cross directories for cities across Texas, in hard copy and microfilm.

❖ Lists ancestor's residence and occupation. In many cases, the name of the wife is included.

❖ **Note that it took a year to compile and publish. Therefore 1950 directory reflects information from 1949.**

❖ A complete list of Texas/Dallas city directories holdings is located on the department web page, www.dallaslibrary2.org/dallashistory

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- ❧ Older city directories have three types of listings:
- ❖ Name (by name of person or business).
 - ❖ Street (after 1901; arranged alphabetically by street name and then by number).
 - ❖ Type of business or occupation (i.e. grocers, attorneys, banks, etc.).

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- ❧ City Directories - Be aware of street numbers:
 - ❖ Streets were renumbered at least two times (1891-92 and 1911).
 - ❖ The 1911 directory gives both the old and new numbers.
- ❧ If the building you are researching pre-dates 1901, find the 1901 directory street listing and note the name of the occupant. Then try to trace the name of the occupant in earlier directories.
- ❧ When using city directories, refer to beginning of directory for lists of helpful abbreviations, symbols, and demographic information.
- ❧ Some early directories may even indicate death dates.

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It's the **AMERICAN LAUNDRY** *In Dallas* VI
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WORLEY'S GREATER DALLAS CITY DIRECTORY 1952

Including Town of Highland Park and City of University Park

Copyright, 1952, by John F. Worley Directory Co.

For List of General Abbreviations see opposite page

ABBREVIATIONS OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

DI	Dixon	FE	Federal	LO	Logan	FR	Prospect	UN	Union
DR	Drexel	FO	Forest	MA	Maple	RA	Randolph	VI	Victor
ED	Edgemont	FR	Franklin	MI	Milton	RI	Riverside	WE	Westbrook
EL	Elmhurst	HA	Harwood	MO	Mohawk	ST	Sterling	WI	Winfield
EM	Emerson	HU	Hunter	NI	Nichols	TA	Taylor	WO	Woodlawn
EV	Evergreen	IM	Imperial	NO	Norwood	TE	Tenison	YA	Yale
EX	Express	JU	Justin	OA	Oakland	TR	Tremont	YU	Yukon
FA	Fairdale	LA	Lakeside						

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

A&P	A&P Food Stores	DAV Industries	Disabled American Veterans Industries Inc	OPS	Office of Price Stabilization
BAORR	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad	FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation	RPC	Reconstruction Finance Corp
CAA	Civil Aeronautics Administration	FR.A.	Federal Housing Administration	SMU	Southern Methodist University
CB&QRCo	Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co	GC&SPry	Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Co	SPLines	Southern Pacific Lines
CMS&P&PR	Chicago, Milwaukee, St.Paul & Pacific Railroad Co	GMAC	General Motors Acceptance Corp	SLSWRY	St.Louis Southwestern Railway Co
CR&IPRR	Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co	IBM	International Business Machines Corp	SWDrug	Southwestern Drug Corp
CVAC	Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corp (Ft Worth)	KCSRR	Kansas City Southern Railway	T&NO&R	Texas & New Orleans Railroad Co
		L&ARy	Louisiana & Arkansas Railway	T&PR	Texas & Pacific Railway Co
		M-K-TRR	Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Co	TEMCO	Temco Aircraft Corporation (Grand Prairie)
		Max Pet	Magnolia Petroleum Co	USDA-PMA	United States Department of Agriculture
		NYC Sys	New York Central System	VA	Veterans Administration

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2861-2-3-4

Worley's Greater Dallas City Directory, 1952

A&P...

Among retailers of fine foods, the most famous name in the world!

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From 1998 Cole Directory - Denton, Lewisville, & Vicinity

Look at All the Information You'll Find in These Pages

A STREET DIRECTORY Arranged by street and house number

Total Residential Listings

Year First Listed in Directory: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Verified Homeowner: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Intersecting Street: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Zip Code: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Street Name: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Year First Listed in Directory: 610 F M Beakout, 611 Stephanie Tisdale

New Listing that is also a New Arrival to our Directory: 610 F M Beakout, 611 Stephanie Tisdale

No Phone or Non-Published Phone: 610 F M Beakout, 611 Stephanie Tisdale

Also No Phone or Non-Published Phone: 610 F M Beakout, 611 Stephanie Tisdale

Total Business Listings

Mapsco Location: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Map Book #: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Map Number: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Map Square: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

House Number: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Room Number: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Business Listing: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Duplicate Business Telephone Number: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Even Numbers: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Odd Numbers: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Census Tract: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Rating: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Telephone Number: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

Personal or Firm Name: 1300 Anna P Wade, 1316 Charlene Barnes

* F - Fort Worth Mapsco Book
D - Dallas Mapsco Book

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From 1998 Cole Directory - Denton,
Lewisville, & Vicinity

A NUMERICAL DIRECTORY

Arranged by telephone number

Business Listing

1776 ★ Longhorn Meat Pckr	900 E University	MC
2208 ★ Cdm Constrcn	302 E Hwy 380	PR
★ Prncatn Cabinet	302 E Hwy 380	PR
2408 John R Tuma	Frst Grv East	MC
2444 ★ Brookshv Fd Str 68	5000 Fm 423	TC
2924 ★ Taxis Flying Clb	McKinney Arprt	MC
5161 ★ Anchor Redi-Mix	2105 S McDonald	MC
5280 ★ Country Clb Const	301 Industrial	MC
5612 ★ Murry Homes	8505 Clear Crk Cir	FR
5888 ★ Preston Rd Rltra	Preston Rd	FR
8262 ★ McKinney Title Co	212 E Virginia	MC
8553 ★ A&T Bearing&Supply	323 Industrial	MC
9300 ★ Cntry 21 Col Est	The Colony	
	21 RESIDENCE	18 BUSINESS

Community Designation
(see following page for complete list)

Telephone Exchange → **381 EXCHANGE (NEW IN 1988-89)**

Area Code → **AREA CODE 817**

Exchange Location → **DENTON**

Year First Listed in Directory

Street Address

New Listing that is also a New Arrival to our Directory

New at this address, but listed previously in our Directory

Telephone Number

Personal or Firm Name

0003 II Scott Cox	904C Kilkenny Ct
0004 John Allen Harris	3117 Broken Bow
0005 Frank A Atkins	1600 E Windsor St
0006 ★ Cozy Oaks Rstrnt	809 Sunset
0007 V L Hayes	3804 Stuart Rd
0008 Elvin L Creamer	RFD 5
0009 Bob Jacobs	620 Hettie
0010 A E Marza	600 Roberts
	600 Roberts
	316 Bryan
0012 - Christopher Tracey	2402 W Prairie
0013 II Mark Pitts	RFD 3
0017 Larry Arnold	1501 Fort Worth Dr
0019 William D Overall	912 N 38th Av
0020 II Lola Sligar	317 Crescent
0021 William A Thomas	2705 Winchester Ct
0023 Welda Johnson	615 Headlee
0027 V R Clearman	RFD 1
0030 Gregory D Wyatt	3400 Joyce
0031 Tommie L Shelton	2001 Azal
0032 James D Nance	1738 Teasle
0033 II S Werner	72P
0034 Lawrence P Forman	1105 M
0035 Judy Goin	Kri
0036 - Co Commann	1921
0037 Robert Follet	22
0038 II Pro Systems	
0039 II Jeremah Ng	
0040 Lewis OHara	
0042 ★ Action Water W/	
0043 Mike Narramorr	

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☞ Vital Records:

- ❖ Birth and death records in Texas are a “modern” record. Vital records were not required to be recorded prior to 1903, except for a very brief time in the 1870s. Many births and deaths from 1903 up to as late as 1930 were never recorded.
- ❖ Some births during this time were later recorded in the late 1930s as Probated or Delayed births. What is available for Texas is located on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).
- ❖ Death certificates is a primary source but contains secondary information.

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❧ Vital Records:

- ❖ Dallas History & Archives Division has indexes to births and deaths in microform.
- ❖ Birth Records: Indexes for 1903-1997; Birth certificates, 1903-1932. Birth records are closed/confidential in Texas for a period of seventy-five years.
- ❖ Death Records: Indexes from 1903-2000; Death certificates from 1903-1982. Death certificates are closed/confidential for a period of twenty-five years.
- ❖ To find these records use the following web sites: www.ancestrylibrary.com or www.familysearch.org (set up a user name and password)

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources



- ❧ Bureau of Vital Statistics: A New Addition to Central Library Building
- ❧ (214) 670-3248
- ❧ For Fee-Based, Same Day Service (by appointment):
 - ❖ Birth Certificates.
 - ❖ Death Certificates.
 - ❖ Birth Abstract (certificates from State records for all births outside of Dallas in Texas).
 - ❖ Acknowledgement of Paternity.
 - ❖ Funeral Home Service.
 - ❖ Notary Service.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources



☞ Cemeteries:

- ❖ Burial records often provide birth and death dates.
- ❖ Mortuary records are also helpful.
 - ❖ A number of Dallas cemeteries have been published.
 - ❖ Shirley Remnant Sloat's book, *Dallas County Records of Interest to the Genealogist at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library Dallas Public Library System*, to determine what has been abstracted and where it was published. A copy is available at the 7th floor reference desk.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources



☞ Cemeteries:

❖ Oakland Cemetery, one of largest and earliest cemeteries in Dallas, is online (www.dallasgenealogy.org) and on microfilm in the Genealogy Section.

- ☐ Physical collection: interment, lot and section cards:
 - Name, date of birth, death and burial.
 - Next of kin.
 - Extended cause of death (if death was notable).
 - Names of all those buried in the plot.
 - Whether or not there is a gravestone.
 - Obituaries, some with photographs, of all burials in lot.
 - Family tree (limited) information.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources



☞ Cemeteries:

- ❖ Published abstracts for other Texas Counties are on the 7th and 8th floors.
- ❖ Other online cemetery resources:
 - ❖ www.findagrave.com
 - ❖ www.billiongraves.com

Documenting Ancestors - Library Resources



❧ Obituaries:

- ❖ Modern obituaries are a great source for obtaining information about the deceased. The further back you go, however, information may become less helpful.
- ❖ Newspapers are a vital source for birth and death information contained in obituaries. Dallas and other Texas newspapers are maintained on microfilm. A complete list of newspaper holdings is located on the CDH web page, www.dallaslibrary2.org/dallashistory
- ❖ Obituaries are just a small part of information to be located in newspapers.
- ❖ Archives Division vertical clipping files can be useful for obituaries, marriage information, and more...

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources



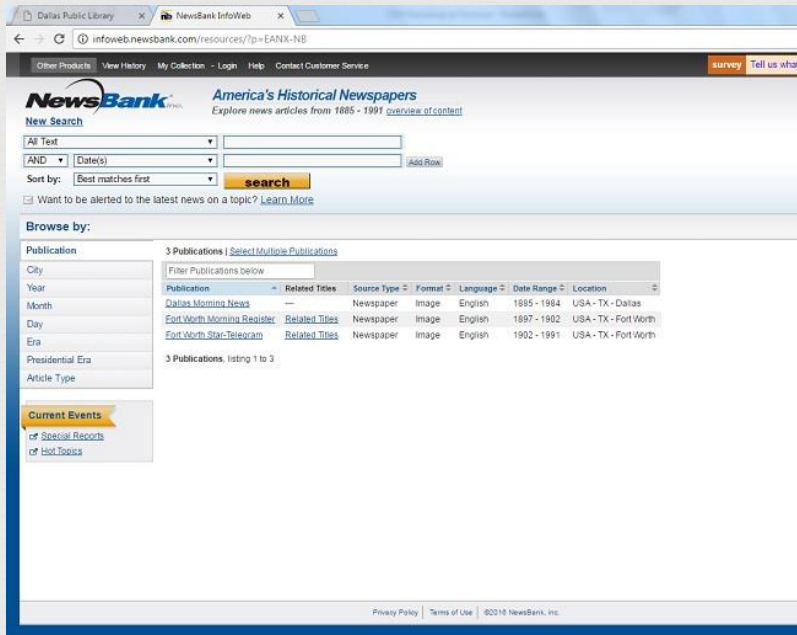
☞ Newspapers as a resource:

- ❖ Notices of deeds of transfer.
- ❖ Probate matters.
- ❖ Civil and criminal court proceedings.
- ❖ Marriages
- ❖ Births
- ❖ Anniversaries
- ❖ ... and more...
- ❖ Dallas newspapers pick up information from all over the state.

☞ Funeral Homes as resource:

- ❖ Recent obituaries are sometimes published on funeral home websites, rather than the newspaper.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources



❧ The Historical Dallas Morning News

❖ A part of Newsbank, Inc., this database has:

❖ *The Dallas Morning News* (October 1, 1885 to December 31, 1984)

❖ *Fort Worth Star Telegram* (July 2, 1902 to May 31, 1991)

❖ *Fort Worth Morning Register* (January 1, 1897 to June 30, 1902) digitized and indexed for easy access.

Documenting Ancestors - Library Resources



☞ Marriage Records:

- ❖ Best source for learning the female's maiden name.
- ❖ Dallas County's index to Dallas marriages, 1846-1963, is located on the 8th floor on microfilm.
 - ❖ The date in this index reflects the date the license was issued, not the date of marriage.
- ❖ Marriage records are **ONLY** at the Dallas County Clerk office on 21st Floor of Renaissance Tower - 1201 Elm Street.
- ❖ Marriage Records indexes for most Texas counties are on microfilm on the 8th floor.
- ❖ Published abstracts for Dallas County have been published by the Dallas Genealogical Society.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources – A More Complete Picture



- ❧ After names have been identified, a locality established, and birth and death information obtained for an ancestor... what next?
- ❧ Building a more complete picture:
 - ❖ Land Records
 - ❖ Probate Records
 - ❖ Court Records
 - ❖ Maps
 - ❖ Published Histories
 - ❖ Military Records
 - ❖ Church Records
 - ❖ Yearbooks
 - ❖ Serials/Magazines
 - ❖ Manuscript Collections
- ❧ Try searching for collateral associations – “A family leaves more records than an individual.”

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources – A More Complete Picture



Land Records:

- ❖ Land Grants: see *Texas Land Survey Maps for Dallas County* and *Sam Street's Map* (available in library catalog). Published land survey maps are available for other Texas counties.
- ❖ Deeds: Indexes and early deed records are on the 8th floor

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources – A More Complete Picture



☞ Probate Records:

- ❖ Wills and estate case papers, 1846-1900. On microfilm on the 7th and 8th floors.
- ❖ After 1900, the indexes are at the County Clerk's office. The records are located off-site and must be ordered from the clerk and viewed during a second visit.
- ❖ During slavery, slaves were sometimes included as property and may have the person's name.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources – A More Complete Picture



🌀 Court Records:

- ❖ All of the following records are currently located on the 7th floor.
 - ❖ District Court Records: divorces and civil cases; microfilm.
 - ❖ Naturalizations: Published index; Case Papers, 1872-1912 and Declarations of Intention, 1889-1903 on microfilm.
 - ❖ Inquest Records, microfilm for each district in Dallas.
 - ❖ May have death certificate from justice of the peace or a coroner.

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Published Histories:

- ❖ “Mug Book” histories about Dallas.
- ❖ Family histories and biographies.
- ❖ Historical overviews about Dallas.
- ❖ The same for other Texas Counties.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources – A More Complete Picture



☞ Military Records:

- ❖ Best source for Texas military materials are located on the 8th floor.
- ❖ They have National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) records from the American Revolution to the Philippine Insurrection. Starting to get World War I.
- ❖ fold3 database available through Dallas Public Library – contains “...military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.”

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Church Records:

- ❖ Establishing an ancestor's religion is necessary before a search can begin for church records.
- ❖ Not all church records are created equal.
 - ❖ If the ancestor is Catholic, vital information is often contained in registers belonging to the diocese.
 - ❖ If the ancestor was Baptist, expect to find church histories and records of membership, but very little vital information.

Documenting Ancestors – Library Resources – A More Complete Picture



❧ Yearbooks:

- ❖ May contain early photos of an ancestor.

❧ Serials/Magazines:

- ❖ May have articles about the locality where ancestors lived and events that may have influenced their lives.

❧ Manuscript Collections:

- ❖ May contain letters, diaries, & other papers or ephemera.
- ❖ May have information about your ancestor or people who touched their lives or places where they resided.
- ❖ Certain genealogical collections exist within manuscript collections.

Additional Online Resources

☞ Online Databases - Dallas Public Library



☞ Access in the Library only

- ☞ Ancestry Library Edition (at home until 12/31)
- ☞ American Ancestors
- ☞ FamilySearch Affiliate Library Records
- ☞ HistoryGeo
- ☞ NewspaperArchive

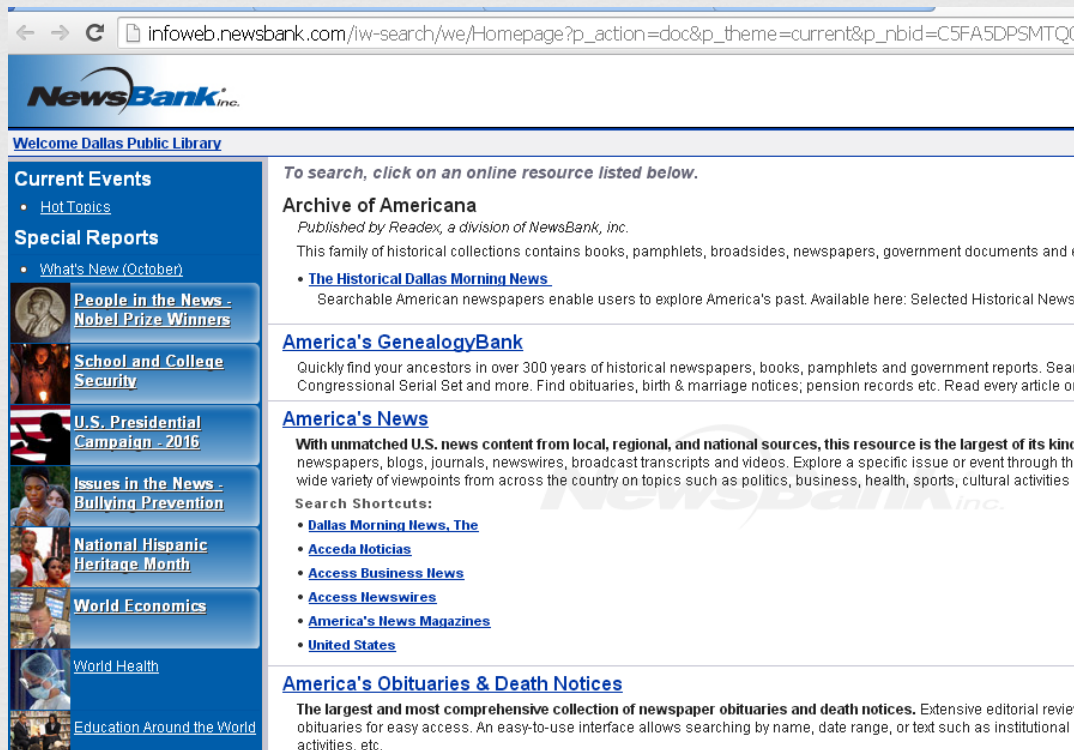
☞ Access from home*

- ☞ Fold3
- ☞ Genealogy Bank
- ☞ Newsbank (Dallas Morning News)
- ☞ America's Obituaries and Death Notices
- ☞ Heritage Quest
- ☞ Sanborn Maps (Texas)
- ☞ Handbook of Texas
- ☞ Western & Native American Databases
- ☞ Hobby & Craft Reference Center

Additional Online Resources



Dallas Morning News Archive



The screenshot shows the NewsBank website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NewsBank logo and a welcome message for the Dallas Public Library. Below this, there are several sections:

- Current Events**: Includes a link for "Hot Topics".
- Special Reports**: Includes a link for "What's New (October)".
- People in the News - Nobel Prize Winners**: A section featuring a portrait of a Nobel laureate.
- School and College Security**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.
- U.S. Presidential Campaign - 2016**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.
- Issues in the News - Bullying Prevention**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.
- National Hispanic Heritage Month**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.
- World Economics**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.
- World Health**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.
- Education Around the World**: A section featuring a portrait of a person.

On the right side of the page, there are several resource sections:

- To search, click on an online resource listed below.**
- Archive of Americana**: Published by Readex, a division of NewsBank, inc. This family of historical collections contains books, pamphlets, broadsides, newspapers, government documents and more. Includes a link for "The Historical Dallas Morning News".
- America's GenealogyBank**: Quickly find your ancestors in over 300 years of historical newspapers, books, pamphlets and government reports. Search Congressional Serial Set and more. Find obituaries, birth & marriage notices; pension records etc. Read every article or document.
- America's News**: With unmatched U.S. news content from local, regional, and national sources, this resource is the largest of its kind. Includes a list of search shortcuts: Dallas Morning News, The Accessa Noticias, Access Business News, Access Newswires, America's News Magazines, and United States.
- America's Obituaries & Death Notices**: The largest and most comprehensive collection of newspaper obituaries and death notices. Extensive editorial review and access to obituaries for easy access. An easy-to-use interface allows searching by name, date range, or text such as institutional affiliations, etc.

Additional Online Resources



❧ America's Genealogy Bank

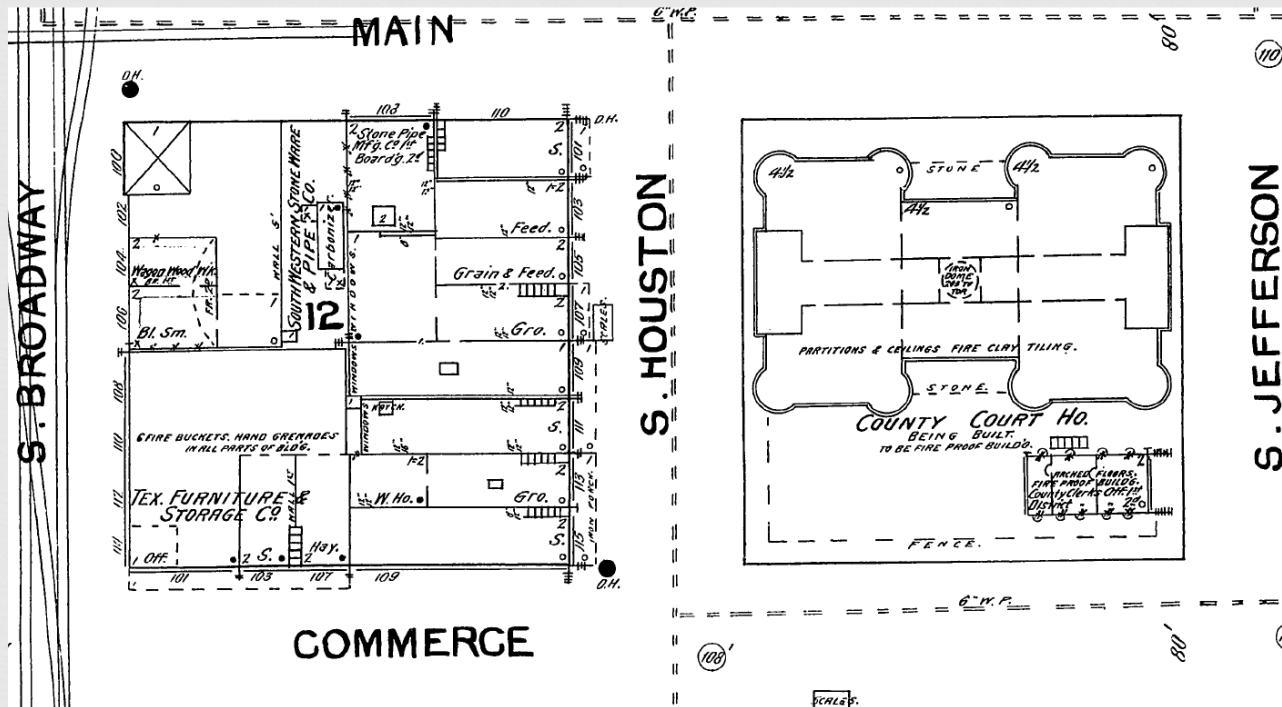
- ❖ Conduct genealogical searches with over 300 years of historical newspapers, books, pamphlets, and government reports.

The screenshot shows the America's Genealogy Bank website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NewsBank logo and the site name. Below this is a search section titled "Start Your Search" with input fields for Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial, and a "SEARCH" button. To the right of the search section is a promotional banner for "Follow Your Family Through America's History" featuring a woman's face and text about exploring names and dates. Below the search section, there are three main content areas: "Historical" (covering newspapers from 1690-1922, books from 1749-1900, and documents from 1789-1994), "Modern" (covering obituaries from 1977-current and the Social Security Death Index from 1937-2011), and "New Content Added Daily - Keep Checking Back!" which lists specific newspaper titles like Dundalk Eagle, Chronicle, City-Citizen News, and Jasper County Sun Times.

Additional Online Resources



Texas Digital Sanborn Maps



But wait, there's
more!



The Central Library's 8th Floor - Lloyd
DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection

8th Floor - Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection



- ❧ One of the top 5 genealogy collections in the United States
- ❧ Collection spans all 50 states and many international locations
- ❧ New material is added constantly

8th Floor - Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection



What they collect:

- Records & record transcriptions
- Guides and how-to resources
- Family and local histories
- Social and ethnic histories
- Military histories
- Primary source material
 - They offer programs including those in partnership with Dallas Genealogical Society.

8th Floor - Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection



Holdings:

- ❖ Over 123,000 volumes
- ❖ 64,500 rolls of microfilm
- ❖ 89,000 microfiche
- ❖ 700 maps and charts
- ❖ Census on microfilm: 1790-1930. digital resources like AncestryLibrary edition is available to DPL cardholders remotely through December 31.

- ❖ Tax records on microfilm are currently housed in the 8th floor Genealogy Department

- ❖ Ed C. Smith Funeral Home (1880-1978)
 - funeral files & ledgers

- ❖ McGowan Funeral Home (1956-1995)
 - funeral files
 - indexed on the Dallas Genealogical Society's website by the society's African-American Special Interest Group.

8th Floor - Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection



∞ Vertical Family Files

- Family histories and unpublished manuscripts
- Pages from family bibles
- Family group sheets
- Newspaper clippings
- Photographs
- Loose papers

8th Floor - Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Genealogy Collection



Vertical Family Files (Finding Aid)

✧ Indexed by surname

✧ Available at reference desk and online

Index to the Dallas Public Library Surname Vertical Files

Created and indexed by Mic Barnette

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OWNERS	LAND			CITY AND TOWN LOTS							LAND CERTIFICATES			DRAINAGE RIGHTS OR RIGHTS IN WATERWAYS		DRAINAGE RIGHTS, RIGHTS, INTERESTS AND CLAIMS IN TOWNSHIPS AS USED AND BOUND		DRAINAGE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN TOWNSHIPS AS USED AND BOUND		DRAINAGE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS IN TOWNSHIPS AS USED AND BOUND	
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1 Lowry S. G.	299		Campbell Tho J	80	800																
2 " "	572		Gray John	20	50																
3 " "	1275		Leach G W	5	5																
4 Lovett W D	978		Martin H	4 1/2	285									1	25					2	
5 " "	1133		Marx Robt	22	170									1	20					2	
6 Cox A H														1	50					4	
7 Cooy Thomas	1284		Shelton W G	188	1260									1	11					8	
8 " "	101		Beaty Josiah	4 1/2	40									1	11					2	
9 Cavender W A	634		Wall Peter	70	600																
10 " "	584		Hoover Geo W	20	80																
11 " "	634		Hall Alex	75	600									2	35					5	
12 Lewis J F	446		Blasing Ma	40	500																
13 " "	406		Lowry A	40	40									1	20					2	
14 Rawson J S	1285		Shelton W G	140	1200																
15 " "	348		Samuel G W	80	400																
16 " "	355		Greenfield Robt	10	50									1	25					10	
17 Lindsey A E																					
18 Cavender W A														2	75					9	
19 " "	530		Garner David	320	1950																
20 " "	765		Cavender W A	220	1700																
21 " "	766			320	960																
22 " "	1422		Carhart J B	820	160																
23 Little Miss Anna	761		Little John	84	250																
24 Lindsay Richd														1	50					2	
25 Lloyd J B Jr	1223		Rawlin R	2 1/2	500									2	100					3	
26 " "																					
27 Lewis A J														1	70					1	
28 Leach R Frank	1132		Breen A P	320	1230																
29 " "	232		Boyle James	25	80																
30 " "	273		Scott G W	80	320																
31 Little J S	1014		Newton W D	110	1960																
32 " "	1102		Overton G G	40	120																
33 " "	465		Breeman Tho	6	60																
34 " "	350		Breeman Levi	25	40																
35 " "	1223		Rawlin R	4	500																
36 " "	499		Batten Wm	120	1200																
37 " "	458		Breeman Tho	84	880																
38 " "	412		Overton G G	30	150																
39 " "	380		Breeman Levi	75	100																
40 " "	448		Grigsby Geo	4	200									2	50					5	
41 Lacy David	776		Lacy J	140	1250																
42 " "	846		Brookins W	160	1900																
43 " "	718		Kiefer Ben Bro	105	150									2	40					16	
44 Leonard Mary J	774		Leonard W L	240	800									2	20					5	
45 " "																					
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- Texas County Tax Rolls
- 1846-1910
- Includes the Republic of Texas
- Great way to locate people between census years

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