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Key Dates in Early Dallas History

- 1845 - Texas was annexed by the United States of America.
- 1846 - Dallas County was founded.
- 1856 - Dallas was granted a Town Charter
- 1861 - Texas declared its secession from the United States of America.

Dallas Area Cemetery Records

The Dallas Genealogical Society has a long history of documenting burials in and around Dallas, having published a five-volume edition of our *Dallas County Texas: Genealogical Data from Early Cemeteries* between 1981 and 1993. Our work in this area has continued to the present day.

At present, this database contains 41,704 records from 45 different cemeteries. These records have been compiled from a variety of sources, starting with a walk through of the cemetery itself by DGS volunteers. Additional information has been obtained from obituaries, funeral home records and other sources, making this rich and comprehensive collection.

Note: This database does not include records from perpetual care cemeteries in the area as these records are available by contacting the cemetery.

One of the resources we now provide is a Google Map showing the location of every cemetery we are aware of in the greater Dallas area. We are also creating a web page for and about each cemetery as it is added to our database. These pages provide exact location details, pictures of the entrance, maps and other information of interest to anybody researching burials at a specific cemetery.

Index to McGowan Funeral Home Records

Members of the DGS African American Genealogical Interest Group have created a searchable index to 5,499 records of the McGowan Funeral Home, which operated in South Dallas from 1955 until the 1990's. The Dallas Public Library holds this collection of records. It is currently housed in the administrative area of the 8th floor of the library and is accessible to the general public with prior arrangement. The collection contains client/deceased files which may include obituaries, photographs, funeral pamphlets, death certificates, and related materials. A small portion of the collection pertains to the administrative/office functions of running the funeral home, which held city, county, and VA contracts for local ambulances serving several nearby counties.



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Early Court, Land, Marriage, Probate & Tax Records

- **Marriage Records** – Transcriptions of selected marriage records from 1846 – 1890.
- **Probate Records** [Searchable Database] – Dallas County Probate Records from 1850 to the early 1900s
- **14th District Court Minute Abstracts, 1846 – 1855** – Find the names of the founders of Dallas – as jurors, defendants and plaintiffs, involved in the usual disputes of life.
- **Dallas County Deeds** – Transcriptions of deed records recorded by the Dallas County Clerk of the County Court between 1846 and 1900.
- **District Court Civil Case Witnesses** [Searchable Database] – Witnesses for cases filed from the inception of the county in 1846 through early 1921.
- **Federal Census Records** – Transcriptions of selected census records from Dallas and surrounding areas.
- **Micro Fiche at the Dallas Public Library** [Searchable Database] – The Genealogy Section has nearly 4000 individual Fiche providing information from Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden and the United States.
- **County Tax Records** [Searchable Database] – Transcribed from reel 1 of the Dallas County Tax Records. Entries are from 1846 and 1847 and include name, acreage, nearest stream, total dollar value, etc.