

**Genealogical Research Materials
Available in the Rosenberg Library and the
Galveston and Texas History Center (GTHC)**

The Galveston and Texas History Center's website is located at: <http://www.gthcenter.org>

Census

- ***The First Census of Texas, 1829-36 to which are added Texas Citizenship lists, 1821-1845 and other early records of the Republic of Texas.*** Mullins, Marian Day, ed.
F 385 .F37 1959. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- ***Republic of Texas Poll Lists for 1846.*** Mullins, Marian Day, ed.
F385 .M84. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- ***1840 Census of the Republic of Texas.*** White, Gifford, ed.
F 390.W59. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **U.S. Census (Texas only) 1850.** Indexed; Publications by county.
GTHC Ready Reference shelf.
- **U.S. Federal Census Records (United States) 1790 – 1930.** Online search accessed from the library's website www.rosenberg-library.org → e-Library → All Online Databases → [HeritageQuest Online](#). Then select *Search*.
- **Ancestry.com (Library Edition)** Accessed by library's website (*in-library only*) www.rosenberg-library.org → e-Library → All Online Databases → [Ancestry Library Edition](#) Then select *Begin Searching*.

*We recommend you visit the **Clayton Genealogical Library in Houston** to access census indexes. Their website is <http://www.hpl.lib.tx.us/clayton/>

Tax Records

- ***Galveston County Tax Assessor's Abstracts: 1880-1914.*** Original ledger books divided by Galveston city lots and out lots.
GTHC manuscript.
- ***Galveston County Tax Rolls: 1838-1922.*** Arranged chronologically then alphabetically.
MSS# 83-0013 microfilm. GTHC Microfilm Cabinet.

Birth Records

- ***Early Texas Birth Records, 1838-78.*** Gracy, Sumner, and Gentry.
F 385.G72. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf.

Other sources of birth records:

1903 – present. Contact Galveston County Health District, Dept of Vital Statistics.

Galveston County Birth Index:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgalves/GalvestonBirthRecords/galvestoncountybirthrecordshomepage.html>

Note:

- Births and deaths were not officially recorded prior to June 1903.
- Galveston birth records start 1910; Texas City start 1912.
- For "Delayed" birth and death records, contact Galveston County Clerk's Office.

Death Records

- **Record of Interments of the City of Galveston, 1859 – 1872.** Transcription. F394.25.G2R4 v.1. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf.
- **Record of Interments of the City of Galveston, May 1878 – Nov 1882.** Transcription. F394.25.G2R4 v.2. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf.
- **Record of Interments of the City of Galveston, 1866 – 1881.** MSS# 83-0021 microfilm. GTHC Microfilm Cabinet.
- **Mortuary Records, City of Galveston, 1875 – 1926.** MSS# 98-0006 microfilm. GTHC Microfilm Cabinet
 - Book 1: Jan. 01, 1875 – Dec. 31, 1886
 - Book 2: Jan. 01, 1887 – Aug. 09, 1894
 - Book 3: Aug. 10, 1894 – Mar. 30, 1900
 - Book 4: Mar. 30, 1900 – Dec. 31, 1903
 - Book 5: Jan. 01, 1904 – Jan. 31, 1910
 - Book 6: Feb. 01, 1910 – May 31, 1918
 - Book 7: Jun. 01, 1918 – Dec. 31, 1926
- **Death Certificates, City of Galveston, ca. 1880 - 1910.** Alphabetized by last name. MSS# 86-0005 microfilm. GTHC Microfilm Cabinet. [copy at Clayton Genealogical Library]
- **Early Texas Death and Legal Records From Joseph Franklin's Diary and John Griffin's Sexton Records. Joseph Franklin's Diary Parts 1 and 2 (1838-1908), and Galveston City Sexton Part 3 (1847-1851).** Galveston County Genealogical Society. F 394. G2E E2 1990. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf

Other sources of death records:

1927 – current. Contact Galveston County Health District, Dept of Vital Statistics.

Galveston County Death Index:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgalves/GalvestonDeathRecords/galvestoncodeathrecordshomepage.html>

Marriage Records

- **Galveston County Texas Marriage Records, Book A: 1838 – 1850.** Crabtree, Oradel, compiler. F 392 .G25 G17 1985. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf

Other sources of marriage records:

1838 – current. Contact Galveston County Clerk's Office.

School Records

- **[Scholastic Census: 1900 – 1912].** Includes all children enrolled in Galveston School District. Separated by City, County, and Race. Arranged chronologically and then alphabetically by last name.
MSS# 78-0018 microfilm. GTHC Microfilm Cabinet
- **Galveston School Records: [1881 – 1902].** Ledgers from Ball High School, 1886-1892; First District School, 1884-1888; Grammar School, 1881-1888; Second District School, 1881-1884; West District Colored School, 1885-1895; West District School, 1895-1902.
MSS# 95-0010 GTHC Manuscript Collection (oversize)

Funeral Home Records

- **W.K. Herbert & Company Records, 1919 - 1968.** Includes Rosewood Cemetery Association.
MSS# 87-0033. Index on Ready Reference Shelf
- **Johnson – Young Funeral Service, [1947 – 1950].** Beal, Bertha Ellen, compiler.
F 394.25 .G2 J4 1995. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **Green's Funeral Home Ledgers, 1948 – 1956; 1959 – 1981 (African-American)**
MSS# 2014-0008 GTHC Manuscript Collection (oversize)

Cemetery Records

- **Cahill Cemetery Records, 1923 – 1951.**
MSS# 77-0033. GTHC Manuscript Collection
- **Episcopal Cemetery Register, 1848 – 1994.**
MSS# 85-0025. GTHC Manuscript Collection
- **Galveston County Tombstones Inscriptions.** Texas City Ancestry Searchers.
F 392 .G25 G2. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
 - Volume 1:** Alta Loma Cemetery; Fairview Cemetery, League City; San Leon Cemetery; City Cemetery, Dickinson; Episcopal Cemetery, Dickinson; Mainland Cemetery, Hitchcock; Perthius Cemetery, Hitchcock; Campbell's Cemetery, Texas City.
 - Volume 2:** Campbell's Cemetery, Texas City (revised); Evergreen Cemetery, Arcadia; Grace Memorial Cemetery, Alta Loma; LaMarque Cemetery; High Island Cemetery; Bolivar Cemetery.
 - Volume 3:** Galveston County Memorial Park Cemetery burial records before 1952 (Hitchcock)
- **Broadway Cemeteries Galveston, Texas.** McBee, Linda and Doug.
F 394.25 G2M3 1994. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
 - Book 1: Vol. 1: Oct. 1900 – March 1910, A-J
 - Book 1: Vol. 2: Oct. 1900 – March 1910, K-Z
 - Book 2: Vol. 1: 1910 – 1920, A-K
 - Book 2: Vol. 2: 1910 – 1920, L-Z
 - Book 2: Vol. 3: 1920 – 1930, A-K
 - Book 2: Vol. 3: 1920 – 1930, L-Z

- **Lakeview Cemetery Record, Galveston, Texas.** McBee, Linda, compiler.
F 394.25 .G2 L3 1992. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf

Vol. 1: 1887 – 1908

Vol. 2: 1908 – 1917

Vol. 3: 1917 – 1929

- **Confederate Veterans “Rest in Peace” Galveston, Texas.** McBee, Linda, compiler.
F 394.25 .G2 C6 1991. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf

Passenger Lists

- **Ships Passenger Lists, Port of Galveston, 1846 – 1871.** Galveston County Genealogical Society.
HE 601 .U5 S5. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf; also 2nd floor reference stacks
- **Passenger Lists for Galveston, 1850 – 1855.** Blaha, Albert, compiler.
These lists were compiled from German newspapers and newsletters. The lists are in chronological order. There is no name index.
HE 601 .U5 P3 1985. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **The Galveston-Bremen Project: 1865 – 1896.** Konecny, Lawrence, compiler.
Immigration from Bremen and Bremerhaven to Galveston, Texas 1865 – 1896, an analysis by year and by voyage. Information gathered from newspapers; not a complete list of immigrants.
F 395 .G3 K6 1995. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **Fisher-Miller and GEC Forever: July 1844 – Feb. 1846.** Kleinecke, Charles, Jr., compiler.
From the original ship lists in the Texas State Archives at Austin, TX (the Fisher Colony Papers).
F 395 .G3 F53 1994. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Vol. 1, 2, 3, 6.** Baca, Leo.
Includes pictures and information about the ships.
CS 68 .B32. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **New Homes in a New Land: German Immigration to Texas, 1844 – 1847.** Geue, Chester W. and Ethel.
F 395 .G3 G41. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf
- **Passenger Lists for the Port of Galveston, 1895 – 1948.** Indexed.
Microfilm on 3rd Floor

Note: There are no official Galveston passenger lists for the years 1872 – 1894.

Passenger Lists – Other Sources

- **National Archives.** See also: <http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html>
- **Texas Seaport Museum’s Galveston Immigration Database:**
www.galvestonhistory.org/galveston_immigration_database.asp
2200 Harborside Drive, Galveston, TX 77550, 409-763-1877.
- **Immigrant Ships Transcriber’s Guild Database:** www.immigrantships.net.
Access by Port of Arrival, Port of Departure, Ship or Captain Name, or Chronologically.

Passenger Lists – Other Sources (continued):

- **Bremen Passenger Lists (the Original):** <http://www.passengerlists.de/>
A project with the Bremen Chamber of Commerce and the Bremen Staatsarchiv
- **The Ships List:** <http://www.theshipslist.com/>

Naturalization Records

Naturalization Records prior to 1950 are held at the Civil Division of the District Clerk's Office. Information may include the immigrant's Petition and Declaration of Intent to become a citizen, along with accompanying data, such as birth, origin, family, employment, residence, and arrival information. Galveston County Courthouse, 4th Floor, Suite 4001, 600 59th Street, Galveston, TX 77551, 409-766-2440. www.co.galveston.tx.us/District_Clerk

City Directories

- **Galveston City Directories**
1856 – 1860; 1866 – 1938 on microfilm
1938 – current. GTHC Reading Room
1859 – 1881, Portal to Texas History <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/ROSEL/>
- **Galveston Telephone Directories**
1904 – current, shelved in GTHC Book Room
- **Houston City Directories**
1879 – 1984 [not inclusive]. GTHC Reading Room
- **Alvin City Directories**
1967 – 1991. GTHC Reading Room
- **Clear Lake City Directories**
1964 – 1979. GTHC Reading Room
- **Texas City/La Marque City Directories**
1963 – 1993. GTHC Reading Room

Church/Temple Records

- **First Baptist Church Records, 1840 – 1883.**
MSS# 83-0005 microfilm, located in GTHC
- **First Lutheran Church Records 1850 – 1946.** [Records are written in German].
MSS# 83-0006 microfilm, located in GTHC
- **First Presbyterian Church Papers, 1868 – 1976.**
MSS# 76-0039, located in GTHC
- **Grace Episcopal Church Records, 1875 – 1955.**
MSS# 89-0012, located in GTHC
- **St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Galveston, Texas: baptismal, confirmation, marriage, and death records, 1860 – 1952.**
BX 4603 .G2 S24 1984, GTHC Ready Reference Shelf

- **Temple B’Nai Israel Congregation, 1869 – 1953.**
MSS# 83-0008 microfilm, located in GTHC
- **Trinity Episcopal Church Records, 1865 – 1944.**
MSS# 86-0006, portions on microfilm, located in GTHC
- **Zion Lutheran Church Records, [1896 – 1945].**
MSS# 89-0023, located in GTHC

Other sources of church records:

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Archives <http://www.archgh.org/Archives/>
Lisa May, Director

Newspapers

1. **NewspaperArchive.com.** Searchable, digitized microfilm of Galveston newspapers, as well as many other newspapers across the country. Accessible through Computer Lab on the third floor. www.rosenberg-library.org under E-Library / Articles, News, & Magazines / [NewspaperArchives](http://www.newspaperarchives.com).
2. **Newspapers on microfilm.**
 - Flake’s Bulletin: 1861 – 1872
 - Galveston Daily News: 1863 – 69; 1870 – present
 - Galveston News: 1846-1863
 - Galveston Tri-Weekly News: 1855 – 1873
 - Galveston Tribune: 1885 – 1965 (only a few scattered issues)
 - Indianola Bulletin: 1853 – 1860
 - Indianola Courier: 1859 – 1861
 - Indianola Times: April 21, 1866
 - Indianola Weekly Bulletin: 1871 – 1872

Other Genealogy Resources

- **Cyndi’s List.** Website with links that point you to thousands of genealogical research sites online at: www.cyndislist.com
- **The USGenWeb Project.** Volunteer project organized by county and state. <http://www.usgenweb.org/>
- **Index to Military Rolls of the Republic of Texas, 1835 – 1845**
<https://www.tshaonline.org/supsites/military/>
- **Research in Military Records: Civil War**
<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/>
- **Family Histories.** Privately published family histories
GTHC Reading Room
- **Texas County History and Genealogical Works**
GTHC Reading Room
- **Maps.** (#398B) Texas County map showing landowners; (#499A) Map of the Cahill Cemetery

Galveston County Clerk's Office

600 59th Street Suite 2001, 2nd floor

Mailing address: PO. Box 17253, Galveston, TX 77552-7253

409-766-2200

www.co.galveston.tx.us/County_Clerk/

Civil Division of the District Clerk, Galveston County

600 59th Street Suite 4001, 4th floor

Galveston, TX 77551

409-766-2440

www.co.galveston.tx.us/District_Clerk

Galveston County Health Department

Vital Statistics Office

9850 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway, Suite A-102

Texas City, TX 77591

409-765-2520

www.gchd.org/vitals/