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


- *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.


*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


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, 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]

Other sources of death records:


Marriage Records

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

  MSS# 87-0033. Index on Ready Reference Shelf

  F 394.25 .G2 J4 1995. GTHC Ready Reference Shelf

  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; Perthis 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

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


- **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](http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html)

- **Texas Seaport Museum’s Galveston Immigration Database:** [www.galvestonhistory.org/galveston_immigration_database.asp](http://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](http://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/](http://www.passengerlists.de/)
  A project with the Bremen Chamber of Commerce and the Bremen Staatsarchiv

- **The Ships List:** [http://www.theshipslist.com/](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](http://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/](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/](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](http://www.rosenberg-library.org) under E-Library / Articles, News, & Magazines / NewspaperArchives.

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](http://www.cyndislist.com)

- **The USGenWeb Project.** Volunteer project organized by county and state. [http://www.usgenweb.org/](http://www.usgenweb.org/)

- **Index to Military Rolls of the Republic of Texas, 1835 – 1845**
  [https://www.tshaonline.org/supsites/military/](https://www.tshaonline.org/supsites/military/)

- **Research in Military Records: Civil War**
  [http://www.archives.gov/research/military/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
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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/