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START WITH THESE SOURCES:

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| Online Catalog | AHC's books and biography files are cataloged in the Austin Public Library's Bibliocommons catalog. |
| Archives Index | Indexes the Archives & Manuscripts collections in our archives. Finding aids for some of these collections are available at Texas Archival Resources Online . |
| Genealogy Databases | APL subscribes to both HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry Library Edition and these are available on the Library's database page . Ancestry can only be used from a computer in the Library. |
| <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> | For dates and formats see Indexes on page 4 of this handout. |
| Card Catalog | Name index for many older business and professional directories and for many older cumulative biographies; subject and name index for articles in selected periodicals issued in the 1970s and for selected published histories of the local area. |

ANNUALS AND DIRECTORIES

Cactus

Student annuals of the University of Texas. 1894 – present, with some gaps.

High School and Junior High School Annuals.

Austin and Travis County area. Years collected differ with each school.

Austin. Telephone Directories

1905 – present with a few gaps.

Austin, Texas City Directories

1872 – current with a few years not published

Criss-Cross Directory of Austin

1957 –

Travis County Directories

1894 – 95

1898 – 99

1901

1954-1962

1972

BIRTH RECORDS

Early Texas Birth Records, 1838 – 1878. (2 vols.) A 929.3 Gr

CEMETERY RECORDS

- Assumption Cemetery Listing* A 929.5 As
Listing of markers. Compiled in 1999.
- Austin Memorial Park Cemetery* A 929.5 Sa
Indexed by last name. List of burials taken from cemetery books at AMP and the grave stones.
Compiled by Robert Sage. 2004.
- Austin State Hospital Cemetery Record* A 929.5 Au
Alphabetical list of those buried in this cemetery. Data includes name, race, county of origin,
admission date, date of death, and plot number. Separate list by plot number.
- Cemeteries of West Travis County* A 929.376431 Ha
List of gravestones in 37 small cemeteries in far western Travis Co. Compiled in 1977.
- Cemeteries of the Western Hill Country of Travis County, Texas* A 929.376431 Pe
Tombstone inscriptions for 31 cemeteries. Includes name index. Compiled in 1991.
- City of Austin Cemetery System* AR.2001.003
Includes biannual updates of Interment Reports of city cemeteries; dates of interment from 1800's to
early 2000s. Alphabetical by name of deceased. Cemeteries included: Oakwood, Oakwood Annex,
Mt. Calvary, Memorial Park, Evergreen, Travis Country International, Highland Park, Jewish
Memorial, and Plummers. Ledgers record burials for the city cemeteries. Recorded are names, ages,
sex, race, nativity, cause of death, attending physician, where buried, by whom buried.
Completeness of data varies from ledger to ledger and entry to entry. See [finding aid](#) for more
information and location details.
- Davis Cemetery, Travis County* A 929.5 Da
Tombstone listing compiled in 2001. Also includes history of cemetery, photographs of cemetery,
articles about cemetery, and some obituaries and biographies of those buried there.
- Documentation of the Historic Fiskville Cemetery* A 929.5 Do
Tombstone listing by Russell Yeager and Boy Scout Troop 454. Compiled in 1999.
- Evergreen Cemetery* A 929.5 Sa
Indexed. List of burials taken from city records and the grave stones. Compiled by Robert Sage.
- 1993 Survey of Manor, Texas Cemetery* A 976.431 Do
List of markers by Evelyn S. Donnell.
- Oliver Cemetery* http://www.interment.net/data/us/tx/travis/oliver_cemetery.htm
- Park Springs Cemetery* A929.5 Pa
Record of markers, compiled during 1994-95.
- Russell Collection of Cemetery Data from the Tombstones in Travis County, Texas* A 352.72 Ru
Tombstone inscriptions for 24 very small cemeteries, including 6 cemeteries in Blanco Co. Includes
name index. Compiled in 1964-65.
- Texas State Cemetery List* A 929.3 St
- Texas State Cemetery* A 929.3 Te
Besides listing of burials also gives some biographical information on some of the people buried.
Tombstone Transcription Project for Travis County <http://www.usgwtombstones.org/texas/travis.html>
Tombstone listings for numerous cemeteries in Travis County.
- Travis County Cemeteries: Travis County 19th Century Pioneers* A 929.3764 Tr
List of interments for people born in 19th Century and buried in selected Travis Co. cemeteries.
Includes name index. Compiled in 1986.
- Webberville and the Manor Cemetery* A 976.431 We
Besides lists of those buried in these two cemeteries there is a great deal of information on these
two communities and its residents. Compiled by Banks McLaurin, Jr. 1995
- Williamson Creek Cemetery, 700 Block Little Texas Lane, Austin Texas 78745* A 363.750976 Fl
Inventory conducted by Dale L. Flatt from 8/23/200? to 9/21/2001. Accompanied by CD-ROM with
text and 456 photos taken at the cemetery.

CENSUS RECORDS

The First Census of Texas, 1829 – 1836: To Which are Added Texas Citizenship Lists, 1821-1843 and other Early Records of the Republic of Texas

The 1840 Census of the Republic of Texas

Republic of Texas: Poll Lists for 1846

The State of Texas Federal Population Schedules; Seventh Census of the United States, 1850

Seventh Census, 1850; Population Schedules: Texas (Slave schedule), Travis County and others. Microfilm.

Travis County, Texas. The Five Schedules of the 1860 Federal Census

Ninth Census, 1870; Population Schedules: Texas, Travis County. Microfilm.

Schedule of Inhabitants in the City of Austin 1875

Tenth Census, 1880; Population Schedules

1890 Travis County, Texas Census: Uniquely Reconstructed and Annotated

Twelfth Census of Population, 1900: Texas, Vol. 102: Travis County. No name index. Microfilm.

Thirteenth Census of Population, 1910: Texas: Travis County. No name index. Microfilm.

Fourteenth Census of Population, 1920: Texas: Travis County. No name index. Microfilm

CITY/COUNTY TAX RECORDS

Travis County Tax Rolls, 1840 – 1910. Microfilm

Alphabetical by name. Real property and personal property.

Travis County Lot Registers, 1879-1974

Arranged by legal description of the property and includes name of the tax payer and appraised value of the property.

City of Austin Tax Department Records, 1876-1952. AR.1991.016

Arrangement changes through the years (by ward (1876-1891), subdivision name (1908-1926), plat number (1927-1952), by owner name (1908-1943)). Includes owner name, land and improvement values listed separately.

Travis Central Appraisal District Records, 1973-2011. AR.2014.027

1973-1980 (City of Austin Tax Dept. records held by TCAD) arranged by parcel number. 1981-2011 records have several access points – street address, parcel number, owner name, and legal description.

DEATH RECORDS

Alexander Eanes' records. AF C2150 (2)

City Sexton's record of death for October 1859 – May 1866.

Bartholomew Diary A 818 BaD

An account of daily events in Austin for the period 1853 – 1923 by Austin businessman, Eugene Carlos Bartholomew. Many local deaths are recorded. Separate death index.

Brackenridge Hospital death records AR.W.012 Box7

1947 – 1948, 1952 – 1958

Deaths logged by date. No name index.

Obituaries of Travis County, 1900-1940: As Found in Travis County Scrapbook in Barker Library, Austin, Texas A 929.376431 OB

Transcriptions of obituaries compiled by members of the Balcones Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Travis County Inquest Records-transferred to Travis County Archives

Travis County Probate Index, 1840 – 1870. Microfilm

Travis County Index to Probate Minutes, 1870 – 1926. Microfilm
Travis County Probate Record, 1840 – 1896. Microfilm
Travis County Probate Minutes, 1894 – 1918. Microfilm
Online Texas Death Records & Indexes – A Genealogy Records Guide <http://www.deathindexes.com/texas/>

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

1871-1975 Austin American Statesman (Historical) database (*Democratic Statesman, Austin Daily Statesman, Austin Statesman, Austin Statesman and Tribune, Evening Statesman, Austin American*). Full text searchable. Because some of the publications overlapped, not all dates of a specific title of the publication were scanned and included and have resulted in some gaps and missing articles). Access is available at any library location or from any computer with your library card.
1973 – February 1981: Printed index of local news articles.
1981–1992: Article headlines and subject headings are computer searchable. Computer printouts.
1989 – present. Factiva and Newsbank databases. Full text searchable. Access is available at any library location or from any computer with your library card.

See the Austin American-Statesman Resource Guide for further details

INDEXES

Austin Genealogical Society Quarterly. November 1960-present. Periodical
Indexed by name. Includes lists of Travis County cemeteries, baptisms and burials of St. David's Episcopal Church (late 1800s), and some Travis County marriage records.
Biographical Gazetteer of Texas A 929.3764 Bi AP
A finding aid for information about prominent individuals. Provides the name, a birth or death date, and the title and page number of the publications where the biographical sketch can be found.
1840 Citizens of Texas A 929.3764 Wh
Names gathered from land grants and tax rolls. 3 vols.
Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions A 929.3764 Ki
Provides the names, county of residence, and pension numbers for 65,014 approved, rejected, and Confederate Home pensions. Searchable online at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/pensions/index.php>

MARRIAGE RECORDS

Annals of Travis County and the City of Austin from the Early Times to the Close of 1875
In the years 1850 through 1875 many local marriages were recorded in these annals of Frank Brown. Marriages logged by year. No name index.
Bartholomew Diary A 818 BaD
An account of daily events in Austin for the period 1853 – 1923 by Austin businessman, Eugene Carlos Bartholomew. Local marriages are included, and are separately indexed.
Travis County Marriage Records, 1883 – 1902 A 976.431 Go
Travis County, Texas Marriage Records, 1840 – 1882 A 929.3 Pr
Travis County Marriage Records, 1840 – 1939. Microfilm
Travis County Index to Marriage Records, 1840 – 1939. Microfilm

TRAVIS COUNTY RECORDS (NOT ELSEWHERE LISTED)

Some Early Travis County, Texas Records A 929.376431 Su
Records of General Land office of Texas having to do with wills, land ownership, lawsuits, and other assorted records. Name index.
Travis County Civil Minutes, 1876 – 1894. Microfilm

Travis County Index to County Court Civil Minute (for vols. A – I). Microfilm
Travis County Criminal Minutes, 1876 – 1886. Microfilm

Travis County Deed Record, 1847 – 1882. Microfilm
Travis County Deeds, 1882 – 1886. Microfilm
Travis County Direct Index to Deeds, 1842 – 1893. Microfilm
Travis County Reverse Index to Deeds, 1842 – 1893. Microfilm
Travis County Transcript of Deed Record, 1837 – 1849. Microfilm

Travis County, County Clerk Naturalization Record, 1892 – 1907. Microfilm
Index to Naturalizations, 1890 – 1906. Microfilm

Travis County School Census Rolls, 1913 – 1970

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