



## Introduction to County Records, Newton Gresham Library, Sam Houston State University

### PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE:

This is a catalog of the physical and microform county records which are available here in the Newton Gresham Library at Sam Houston State University. This includes records from Walker County as well as several other Texas counties.

#### *Looking for Other Counties?*

To find county records not listed in this guide, consult the list of microform records available from other depositories in Texas, consult the Local Records information from the Texas State Library, which is available at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/#local> and at the Newton Gresham Library Reference Desk.

### DISCLAIMER:

These county record collections are not necessarily inclusive in either indexing or actual holdings. We will do our best to help you find what you are looking for, but we cannot guarantee that we will have the content you want.

### AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS:

These materials are available from 8-5. Ask for help at the Reference Desk on the second floor. If possible, a librarian or staff member will take you downstairs to access records. If it is after hours and no one is available who can access the records, please contact the Reference Desk or the Special Collections department to arrange an appointment with a knowledgeable staff member.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS:

Birth records from within the past 75 years, and death records from within the past 25 years, are protected records. Though some microfilm reels may contain protected and unprotected records, the entire reel must be restricted, so some older records may be unavailable on microfilm. The lists in this guide show what records are available at SHSU (as far as is possible). Some records can also be obtained from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) Vital Statistics Unit (**may require a fee**). Contact Texas Vital Statistics online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/default.shtm>, by phone at (888) 963-7111, or by mail at:

Texas Vital Statistics  
Department of State Health Services  
P.O. Box 12040  
Austin, TX 78711-2040

Additionally, unofficial indexes for some records may be found free online from websites like the Texas GenWeb Project (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/walker/walktoc.htm>).

### MORE RESOURCES AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

If you are looking for genealogical information, Huntsville Public Library has an extensive collection and volunteers to help people do research. You may find more resources there than at SHSU.

## Anderson County at a Glance

### 1. **Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Automobile Register
- Bonds, Oaths, and Deputations
- Convict Labor Record
- Cotton Transactions Book (non-governmental)
- County Farm Superintendent Administrative Record Book
- County Judge's School Record
- County Treasurer Claim Register and County Bonds Register
- Election Minutes and Records
- Jail Register
- Licenses and Professional Records
- Livestock Records
- Minutes of Accounts Allowed
- Mortgages and Liens
- Ownership of Property Records
- Poll Tax Receipts Record
- Probate Docket, Minutes, and Record
- Reports of Road Supervisor
- Spring Hill Store Journal (non-governmental)
- Vital Statistics

Full details of these records are available on pages Anderson-2 through Anderson-4.

### 2. **Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Birth Record (Palestine) 1910-1940
- County Court Civil Minutes 1884-1908
- Death Certificates 1929-1965
- Death Record 1903-1931 (Delayed 1903-1966; and Palestine 1912-1965)
- Deed Record 1846-1910
- Discharge Record, Army and Navy, 1919-1947
- District Court Civil Case Papers 1846-1940 (87<sup>th</sup> District 1935-1940)
- District Court Civil Minutes 1846-1945 (87<sup>th</sup> District 1935-1940)
- District Court Civil Record 1846-1874
- Divorce Minutes 1908-1945 (87<sup>th</sup> District 1935-1967)
- Inquest Record 1887-1928
- Marriage Licenses (Original) 1853-1870
- Marriage Record 1848-1918; 1920-1942
- Naturalization Record 1904-1928; Declarations of Intention 1882-1920
- Probate Case Papers 1846-1910; Minutes 1846-1934; and Record 1846-1878
- Scholastic Census 1930-1947
- School Land Sale Record 1882-1956
- Survey Records 1835-1956
- Tax Rolls 1846-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/anderson.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/anderson.html) and at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

# ANDERSON COUNTY – Physical Records – Available from Sam Houston State University

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

### ELECTION MINUTES

- Election Minutes. 1903-1924. 1 vol. 1 in.

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Minutes of Accounts Allowed (“Register of Allowances”). 1857-1883, 1904-1941. 10 vols. 2 ft.
- Convict Labor Record. 1883-1892. 1 vol. 1.5 in.
- Reports of Road Supervisor. 1899, 1901. 3 items.  
*Documents originally placed at random inside Convict Labor Record, which reflect upon convicts working on the county road crew.*

## COUNTY CLERK AS REPORTER FOR COUNTY COURT

### PROBATE

- Probate Docket. 1848-1850, 1855-1857, 1859-1862, 1865-1867. 6 vols. 6 in.
- Probate Minutes. 1846-1855, 1860-1863. 5 vols. 6 in.
- Probate Record. 1846-1851. 3 vols. 3 in.
- [Isaac Kirk Probate Minutes.] 1865. 1 vol. 1 in.  
*Transcribed records of the estate of Isaac Kirk from the Probate Court of Talladega County, Alabama.*

## COUNTY CLERK AS RECORDER

### OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

- Bill of Sale Record. 1885-1905. 2 vols. 2 in.  
*Includes other instruments such as liens, contracts, and deeds of trust. See also Record of Mortgages.*
- Petroleum & Gas Prospect Application. 1920-1934. 1 vol. 1 in.  
*Recorded copies of applications to the County Clerk to prospect for and develop petroleum and natural gas on public lands.*

### MORTGAGES AND LIENS

- Chattel Mortgage Record. 1879-1898, 1900-1903, 1908-1910. 25 vols. 4 ft.
- Record of Liens of Progeny. 1901-1905. 1 vol. 1 in.
- Record of Mortgages. 1868-1869, 1878-1882. 2 vols. 3 in.  
*Predominantly mortgages on personal property but also includes bills of sales, powers of attorney, etc. See also Bill of Sale Record.*

### VITAL STATISTICS

- Notice of Intention to Marry. 1929-1933. 2 vols. 5 in.
- Documents Relating to Matrimony. 1930. 1 in.
- *Miscellaneous notes and documents removed from but not relating to Notice of Intention to Marry. The bulk is notes from parents directing the County Clerk not to issue marriage licenses.*

### LICENSES AND PROFESSIONAL RECORDS

- Drummers’ Licenses Records. 1881-1882. 1 vol. 2 in.

## BONDS, OATHS, AND DEPUTATIONS

- Convict Bond Record. 1908-1910. 1 vol. 1 in.
- *For additional records pertaining to Convict Labor, see Convict Labor Record under Commissioners Court.*
- Official Bond Record. 1851-1870, 1878-1908, 1883-1896. 5 vols. 1 in.
- *These volumes also contain some oaths of office and deputations.*
- Acknowledgement Record. 1866-1911. 27 vols. 1.5 ft.

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Official Receipts Record ("Record of Deeds"). 1862-1863. 1 vol. 1 in.

## LIVESTOCK

- Butchers Record of Animals Slaughtered. 1886-1898. 1 vol. 1 in.
- Record of Inspections of Hides for Butchers. J. F. W. 1889-1890. 1 vol. 1 in.
- Estray Record. 1852-1925. 8 vols. 1 ft.
- Marks and Brands Record. 1872-1943. 2 vols. 4.5 ft.
- Marks and Brands Record Index. 1872-1884. 1 vol. 1 in.

## ELECTION RECORDS

- Election Returns Record. 1856-1876, 1898-1928. 4 vols. 3 in.
- Voter Registration List ("General Register"). 1873-ca. 1875, 1968-1972. 104 vols.  
*Volume covering 1873-ca.1875 is indexed. Others are arranged alphabetically within each precinct.*
- Election Materials. 1974. 4 in.
- Election Materials of Republican Primaries. 1968, 1974. 1 in.

## MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

- Automobile Register. 1907-1918. 1 vol. .5 in.

## ***SHERIFF***

### CASE FILES AND REPORTS

- Jail Register. 1899-1902, 1912-1916. 2 vols. 2.5 in.

## ***TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR***

### VOTER REGISTRATION

- Poll Tax Receipts Record. 1913, 1929, 1937. 2.5 in.  
*Poll Tax Receipts for Precinct #25, Palestine in 1913; Precinct #27, Montalba in 1929; and Precinct #25, Palestine in 1937.*

## ***TREASURER***

### REGISTERS AND LISTS

- Claim Register. 1881-1898, 1886-1890. 2 vols. 2.5 in.  
*The 1886-1890 volume also includes a register of County Bonds, 1887-1897.*

## ***SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT***

### MISCELLANEOUS

- County Judge's School Record. 1876, 1879-1883. 2 vols. 1.75 in.

## ***COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT***

### MISCELLANEOUS

- [Administrative Record Book], ("Record"). 1897-1898. 1 vol. 1.5 in.  
*Administrative record of the County Farm Superintendent including monthly accounts, names of paupers and convicts, inventory of property, etc.*

## ***NON-GOVERNMENTAL***

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Cotton Book. 1872-1880. 1 vol. 1 in.  
*Record of cotton transactions of "M. W. & Co.". For each transaction this book shows from whom received, when shipped, grade of cotton, etc.*
- Store Journal. Spring Hill. 1839-1841. 1 vol. 2 in.  
*Running account of a general store showing names of customers, their purchases, and goods delivered by them in trade. The location of Spring Hill has not been ascertained.*

## **Freestone County at a Glance**

### **1. Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

In full, these records are:

- Chattel Mortgage Records, 59 volumes total.
  - General Index to Mortgages, vols. 3-5
  - Register of Chattel Mortgages (alternately titled Chattel Mortgage Register, Chattel & Mortgage Register, Chattel Mortgage Record, or Chattel Mortgage Index on some volumes), vols. 1-12, 14-29, 31, 33, 33 (*duplicate #*), 34-53, 54 A-K, 54 L-Z, one additional volume (*spine missing, number not known*). 55 vols.
  - Register of Chattel Mortgage situated on real estate, vol. 1

### **2. Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Commissioners Court Minutes, 1851-1856
- Deed Record, 1838-1888
- Marriage Record, 1851-1916
- Marriage Record (Freedmen), 1865-1892
- Official Bond Record, 1858-1887
- Probate Minutes, 1851-1920
- Tax Rolls, 1851-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/freestone.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/freestone.html) and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

## Grimes County at a Glance

### 1. **Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- WPA Tax Survey Records (1936)
- District Court: Criminal Docket, Civil Docket, Motion Docket, Fee Ledger, Funds
- Monthly Reports of Voting Poll Taxes and State and County Taxes
- Miscellaneous Court Documents
- Statements of Facts
- 1958 State Census

Full details of these records are available on pages Grimes-2 through Grimes-6.

### 2. **Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Birth Record (Delayed), 1939-1996
- Deed Record, 1848-1886
- District Court Civil Minutes, 1848-1934
- (Land Commissioners) Land Certificate Record, 1854-1855
- Marriage Record, 1849-1918
- Naturalization Certificate Stubs, 1907-1913
- (Naturalization) Declarations of Intention, 1905-1906
- (Naturalization) Declarations of Intention, 1890-1925
- Naturalization Record, 1890-1925
- (Probate) Bond Record, 1870-1875
- Probate Docket, 1838-1848; 1883-1894
- Probate Minutes, 1848-1919
- Probate Record, 1838-1881
- Tax Rolls, 1846-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/grimes.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/grimes.html) and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

# GRIMES COUNTY – Physical Records – Available from Sam Houston State University

## GRIMES COUNTY, WPA TAX SURVEY RECORDS

The State-Wide Tax Survey was authorized by the Works Progress Administration on November 25, 1935 to provide for the more equitable and systematic appraisal of real estate throughout Texas. Out of 254 counties, the work was completed in 207. For more complete information on this project interested individuals are directed to Works Progress Administration Division of Women's and Professional Projects Report of the State-Wide Tax Survey of Texas; Austin: 1938. A copy of this report may be found in the Texas A&M University Library, #336.2 t35r.

The all too few surviving county level records of this project provide a valuable description of the property and structures during the Great Depression. Information included: the name of the owner as of January 1, 1936; assessed value from 1926 to 1935; soil types; the number of acres used for the home, a garden, in cultivation, in waste land, in pasture in meadows, in woodlands; the number of acres terraced, cut over, in second growth timber, in virgin timber; mineral leases; distance from county seat, local market, school, and church on what type of road; whether served by school bus, electricity, and gas; tenancy; crops grown; and a description of structures to include dimensions, date built, type of foundation, roof, how heated, how lit, plumbing, etc.

Of the 509 land grants comprising Grimes County, survey sheets have survived for ca. 360. Though not complete, the forms are among the best that have been found as of May 1988. Most are the typed, transcribed copy rather than the handwritten working notes that are common to other counties.

### BOX 1

1. General Land Office Abstract Map. (Inserted into the records in May 1988-as-a finding aid.)
2. Survey Lists. Arranged by abstract number, each list records the names [of] land owners as of January 1, 1936. (3 folders)
3. School Lands. Survey sheets for public schools located throughout Grimes County.
4. County Roads. Survey sheets for public roads located throughout Grimes County.
5. Unnumbered Precincts. Survey sheets for the Yaboro and Midkiff Surveys, neither of which had an abstract number.
6. Stoneham. Survey sheets for the Stoneham community.
7. D. Arnold Survey. Survey forms taken on-site and apparently never transcribed. These are especially significant because they include the City of Navasota and indicated whether the neighborhood is "White - Colored - Mixed" and includes comments on the condition of the buildings and grounds.
8. D. Tyler Survey. Survey forms taken on-site and apparently never transcribed. This survey includes the City of Navasota and has the same significance as the ones described above. (2 folders)

*Note: many of these surveys are not in order.*

**BOX 2:** Abstract Sheets, Surveys #2, 7, 10, 13-14, 37, 44, 46, 55, 224, 245, 256, and 365-450.

**BOX 3:** Abstract Sheets. Survey #451-485, 487-490, 492-501, and 503-515.

**VOLUME 1:** Abstract Sheets. Surveys #20-35.

**VOLUME 2:** Abstract Sheets. Surveys #56-77, 79-95, 97, 100-109.

**VOLUME 3:** Abstract Sheets. Surveys #110-118, 150-151, 153-161, 163-169, 171-215, and 217.

**VOLUME 4:** Abstract Sheets. Surveys #336-364, 366-367, 369-391, 393-400.

**TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR**

State Census 1958 [originals], State Census 1958 [photocopy] (1 Grey archival box)

**DISTRICT COURT**

**CRIMINAL DOCKET**

- Cases: # 1 - 4 1925
- # 3254 - 3299 1924
- # 3300 - 3399 1924-25
- # 3400 - 3499 1925-27
- # 3500 - 3599 1927-28
- # 3600 - 3750 1928-31
- # 4176 - 4599 1946
- # 4600 - 4699 1946-47
- # 4700 - 4783 1947-51 (1 gray archival box)
- Judge's Criminal Docket Dec 1881-July 1883. 1 vol.
- Criminal Motion Docket Dec 1890 - July 1905. 1 vol.

**CIVIL DOCKET**

- Cases: # 3772 - 5044 1899-1912
- # 6083 - 7899 1913-20
- # 7914 - 8093 1920-21
- # 9011 - 9212 1921-23
- # 998 - 1299 1918-25
- # 1300 - 1395 1925-27
- # 1400 - 1500 1927-31 (1 gray archival box)
- Civil Docket, Spring Term-Fall Term 1856 (included in another archival box)
- Filing Fee Ledger, Apr 1856-Jan 1870 (included in another archival box)

**VARIOUS DOCUMENTS**

(1 gray archival box)

- State of Texas vs. S. M. Cook, 1901
- State of Texas vs. Joe Darter, 1897
- State of Texas vs. Sanders Ford, 1911
- Lightfoot, J.W. vs. A. Host, 1912
- State of Texas vs. A. H. Montgomery, 1901
- State of Texas vs. Berry Tillman, 1906
- Sullivan, Mrs. Annie vs. Houston and Texas Central Railroad, 1911
- State of Texas vs. Godie Wheeler, 1908

**TREASURER'S REPORTS**

(1 manila folder of pages)

- District Court Funds Nov 1891-Jan 1893
- County Court Funds Nov 1890-Jan 1893
- Pauper Funds Nov 1890-Jan 1893
- General Funds Nov 1890-Jan 1893

**GRIMES COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS, 1890-1920**

subpoenas, motion to dismiss, inquests, arrest warrants, jury duty, Grand Jury Reports, judgments, alcohol license applications, bail bond, witness bond, testimonies. (2 gray archival boxes)

## TAXES

- Monthly Report of Voting Poll Taxes, Oct 1921 - Jan 1925
- Monthly Report of Voting Poll Taxes, Jan 1925 - Jan 1943
- Monthly Report of Voting Poll Taxes, Oct 1944 - Nov 1950
- Monthly Report of State and County Taxes, Nov & Dec 1944
- Poll Tax Receipts. #1001-1250. 1964. 1 vol.

## VOTER REGISTRATION

- Voter Registration Certificates. #3501-3750. 1971. 1 vol.

## GRIMES COUNTY STATEMENTS OF FACTS

### 1925

- June Term, 1925. No. 7503, State of Texas vs. John T. Kolbachinski, Barney Kolbachinski, and Toney Kolbachinski

### 1927

- March, 1927, No. 9578, Liquidation of Farmers State Guaranty Bank (Feb 11, 1926)
- June Term, 1927, No. 9695, W. Y. Fuqua, et al. vs. C. F. Rea, et al.
- June, 1927, No. 9720, Mrs. C. D. Lee, et al. vs. International Great Northern Railroad Company

### 1928

- January, 1928, No. 9695, W. Y. Fuqua, et al vs. C. F. Rea, et al.
- January, 1928, Liquidation of Farmers State Guaranty Bank

### 1929

- January, 1929, Eliza O'Neil vs. J. T. Keisler
- January, 1929, No. 7798, State of Texas vs. Eddie Clemons
- January, 1929, The State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams, No. 7814
- January, 1929, No. 9912, City of Navasota vs. P. H. Levy
- June Term, 1929, No. 7705, State of Texas vs. Esque Wade
- June Term, 1929, No. 9516, Schumacher Oil Works vs. J. T. Keisler
- June, 1929, No. 7838, State of Texas vs. Henry Parnell
- June, 1929, No. 7811, State of Texas vs. Eddie Clemons
- June, 1929. No. 9516, Schumacher Oil Works vs. J. T. Keisler
- June, 1929, No. 9947, L. C. McClurkin vs. Security Union Insurance Company
- December, 1929, No. 7874, State of Texas vs. J. D. Echols & E. A. Breeding

### 1930

- January, 1930, No. 7704, State of Texas vs. Tom Roberson
- January, 1930, No. 7720, State of Texas vs. John Swanky
- January, 1930, No. 9871, M. B. Allen vs. City of Navasota, et al.
- January, 1930, No. 10024, Tom McKinney, et al. vs. Hal B. Stoneham, et al.
- June, 1930, No. 7877, State of Texas vs. Arthur Paul
- June, 1930, No. 7879, State of Texas vs. R. H. Schroeder
- June, 1930, No. 7908, State of Texas vs. Jenneth Smith
- June, 1930, No. 7907, State of Texas vs. George Lewis
- June, 1930, No. 9806, W. T. Spears et al. vs. M. L. Wood, et al.
- June, 1930, No. 10048, Walker-Smith Company vs. Mrs. Lee Roan
- June, 1930, No. 10071, Mrs. Gladys Ewing et al. vs. Texas & New Orleans Railroad Company
- June, 1930, No 11002, L. A. Barnes vs. R. M. Hudson et al.
- June, 1930, No. 11006, J. H. Davis vs. Atlantice Pipe Line Company

### 1931

- June, 1931, No. 7945, State of Texas vs. J. B. Dawson
- June, 1931, No. 7955, State of Texas vs. J. B. Dawson
- June, 1931, No. 7984, State of Texas vs. Talmadge Bryant

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**1931 (cont'd.)**

- Sept, 1931, No. 7893, State of Texas vs. Tommie Jones

**1932**

- January, 1932, No. 9806, W. T. Spears et al. vs. M. L. Wood et al.
- February, 1932, No. 9922, Smith Brothers, Inc. vs. Dr. D. L. Peeples et ux.
- April, 1932, No. 12047, Thomas H. Mackie et ux. vs. Milwaukee Mechanics' Insurance Co.
- September, 1932, No. 9121, State of Texas vs. Ben Wilson
- September, 1932, No. 9086, State of Texas vs. Charley Stevenson

**1933**

- May, 1933, No. 10,048, Walker-Smith Company vs. Mrs. Lee Roan
- May, 1933, No. 12,199, J. J. Cappleman et al. vs. G. A. Woods et al.
- September, 1933, No. 12,286, Neal Todd et al. vs. Elizabeth Siddall

**1934**

- January, 1934, No. 9193, State of Texas vs. B. G. Richards
- June, 1934, No. 9762, J. R. Hawkins vs. John F. Buckner
- June, 1934, No. 12,372, Lee Chiles vs. Burlington-Rock Island Railroad Company

**1935**

- June, 1935, No. 9325, State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams
- June, 1935, No. 9327, State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams
- June, 1935, No. 9328, State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams
- June, 1935, No. 9329, State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams
- June, 1935, No. 9330, State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams
- June, 1935, No. 9331, State of Texas vs. Bennie Williams

**1936**

- January, 1936, No. 12381, W. D. Kelly et al. vs. Mrs. Virginia H. Terrell
- June, 1936, No. 9345, State of Texas vs. T. S. Hill

**1937**

- January, 1937, No. 12752, Navasota Compress Company, D. W. Howell, Owner vs. Jim McDonald
- June, 1937, No. 9448, State of Texas vs. Clarence McGinty
- June, 1937, No. 12759, Morris E. Robertson vs. Texas Fire and Casualty Underwriters
- June, 1937, No. 12775, S. D. Coleman vs. William Hayes et al.
- June, 1937, No. 12789, W. G. Barnes vs. Thomas Gibbs et al.
- June, 1937, No. 12813, City of Navasota, Texas vs. George Ashford

**1938**

- January, 1938, No. 12808, First National Bank of Navasota vs. H. Putnam et al.
- January, 1938, No. 12965, S. D. Coleman vs. James Holland et al.
- January, 1938, No. 12966, P. M. Rotello vs. Isaac Jackson et al.
- January, 1938, No. 12967, J. D. Francklow, etc. vs. Mortimer Donoho et al.
- January, 1938, No. 12972, S. D. Coleman et al. vs. W. G. Howard et al.
- January, 1938, No. 12985, Mattie Wade and J. W. Wade vs. Sinclair Refining Company
- January, 1938, No. 12992, Elizabeth Moore vs. Grimes County Mutual Life Insurance Association of Navasota, Texas
- June, 1938, No. 13001, Gus Bournias et ux. vs. Daniel Arnold et al.
- June, 1938, No. 13005, Glenn Ahrenbeck et ux. vs. Daniel Arnold et al.
- June, 1938, No. 13010, Mrs. Eleanor T. Smith et al. vs. Covey A. Beard, Receiver Empire Lease and Royalty Co., Trust Estate

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**1939**

- January, 1939, No. 199, State of Texas vs. McDonald Meachum et al.
- January, 1939, No. 9517, State of Texas vs. George Gilbert
- January, 1939, No. 13016, State of Texas vs. Heirs of Martin & Eliza Wilson, deceased
- January, 1939, No. 13033, State of Texas vs. Elsa Reese et al.
- January, 1939, No. 13047, State of Texas vs. Atlantic Pipe Line Company
- January, 1939, No. 13097, First Texas Joint Stock Land Bank vs. Unknown Heirs of Francis Holland, et al.
- January, 1939, No. 13101, State of Texas vs. W. W. Branham et al.
- January, 1939, No. 13103, State of Texas vs. Heirs of C. C. Grissett
- June, 1939, No. 13151, T. B. Terrell vs. Unknown Heirs of Isaac Jackson et al.
- June, 1939, No. 13174, State of Texas vs. Frank H. Midkiff et al.
- June, 1939, No. 13175, State of Texas vs. Mrs. E. L. Parr est.
- June, 1939, No. 13178, State of Texas vs. Josh Charter est.
- June, 1939, No. 13180, State of Texas vs. A. H. Leach, et al.
- June, 1939, No. 13191, State of Texas vs. Jeff Goodwin et al.

**1940**

- January, 1940, No. 13377, R. F. Foster and W. S. Baker Administrators vs. Unknown Heirs of James Nolan et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13228, State of Texas vs. Sallie Conway et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13303, State of Texas vs. Young Abernathy et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13369, State of Texas vs. Arnold Griggs et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13370, State of Texas vs. J. R. Maloney et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13397, State of Texas vs. Alex Jefferson et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13573, State of Texas vs. E. Guidrey et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13577, State of Texas vs. Heirs of H. H. Black et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13600, State of Texas vs. J. C. Jarvis et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13699, State of Texas vs. Heirs of Robert Scott et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13707, State of Texas vs. James Beckham et al.
- June, 1940, No. 13725, R. L. Jones Guardian of the Estate of Leroy Debose, N.C.M., vs. Roy McKinney et al.

**1941**

- June, 1941, No. 14001, Cleo Lewis vs. Aron Lewis
- June, 1941, No. 14002, Macron Wedgeworth vs. Birdie Wedgeworth

**1944**

- September, 1944, No. 17371, Leonard Keller et al. vs. James Holland et al.

**1948**

- January, 1948, No. 18145, Mrs. J. G. Walker vs. Fay Lawson et al.

**1953**

- September 1953, No. 12518, Guy E. Foster et al. vs. Emory Bay et al.

**1955**

- March, 1955, No. 18967, Gregorio Gonzalez et al. vs. Texas and New Orleans Railroad Co.

## **Houston County at a Glance**

### **1. Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

In full, these records are:

- Bond Files – 3 boxes – 10 x 13 x 15
- Probate Records, circa 1959-1960 (1 unlabeled white file box)

### **2. Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- County Court Civil Minutes, 1882-1918
- Deed Record, 1865-1909
- District Court Minutes, 1878-1910
- Marriage Record, 1882-1917
- Naturalization Records, 1880-1925
- Probate Minutes, 1859-1919
- Tax Rolls, 1838-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/houston.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/houston.html) and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

## **Leon County at a Glance**

1. **Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

There are no physical holdings at SHSU for this county.

2. **Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Death Certificates, 1929-1934
- Death Record, 1910-1925; Delayed, 1946-1985
- Deed Record (Transcribed from Robertson County), 1836-1883
- Deed Record, 1846-1903
- District Court Civil Case Papers, 1884-1931
- District Court Minutes, 1846-1935
- Marriage Record, 1885-1935
- Probate Minutes, 1846-1933
- Scholastic Census (Common School District), 1935-1938
- Survey Record, 1842-1947
- Tax Rolls, 1846-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/houston.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/houston.html) and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

## **Madison County at a Glance**

### **1. Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

There are no physical holdings at SHSU for this county.

### **2. Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Deed of Trust Record, 1877-1903
- Deed Record (Transcribed from Grimes County), 1849-1853
- Deed Record (Transcribed from Montgomery County), 1838-1850
- Deed Record (Transcribed from Walker County), 1847-1853
- Deed Record, 1873-1901
- District Court Civil Minutes, 1873-1904
- Marriage Record, 1874-1940
- Probate Minutes, 1873-1939
- Survey Record, 1876-1934
- Tax Rolls, 1854-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/houston.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/houston.html) and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

## Montgomery County at a Glance

### 1. **Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

In full, these records are:

- County Auditor's Office Annual Report, 1960 – 1 grey archival box
- Montgomery County Land Abstract Records:
  - Book 1, Abstract 1-300, 1933-1938
  - Book 2, 301-500, 1933-1938
  - 501-788, 1933-1938
  - Book 1, Abstract 1-150, 1939-1950
  - Book 2, 151-360, 1939-1950
  - Book 3, 361-550, 1939-1950
  - Book 4, 551-803, 1939-1950
  - Miscellaneous 1955
  - City Lots, Book 1, 1908-1916
  - Book 2, 1917-1928
  - Book 3, 1929-1936
  - Book 4, 1937-1942
  - Book 5, 1943-1950
  - Book 6, 1954
  - Book 2, Abstract 1-552, 1893-1908
  - Book 4, 553-733, 1893-1908
  - Book 5, 1-270, 1909-1916
  - Book 3, 271-755, 1909-1916
  - Book 6, 1-316, 1917-1922
  - Book 7, 317-636, 1917-1924
  - Book 8, 637-774, 1917-1924
  - Book 9, 1-316, 1923-1926
  - Book 10, 317-545, 1925-1932
  - Book 11, 546-780, 1925-1932
  - Book 12, 1-158, 1927-1932
  - Book 13, 159-316, 1927-1932

### 2. **Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Deed of Trust Record, 1872-1891
- Deed Record, 1838-1887
- Instruments Filed, Record of, 1879-1890
- Marriage Record, 1838-1916
- Probate Minutes, 1838-1906
- District Court Civil Minutes, 1839-1841; 1845-1908
- Tax Rolls, 1838-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/montgomery.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/montgomery.html) and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

## Trinity County at a Glance

### 1. **Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Bonds, Oaths, and Deputations
- Commissioners Court Papers (miscellaneous documents)
- Convict Labor Record
- County Budgets
- County Treasurer Ledgers and Account Books
- District Clerk Criminal Bar Docket
- Minutes of Accounts Allowed
- Mortgages and Liens
- Ownership of Property Records (Record of Alien Land, Bill of Sale)
- Road Minutes
- Transcript of Testimony to Board of Equilization [*sic*]
- WPA Tax Survey Records

Full details of these records are available on pages Trinity-2 through Trinity-3.

### 2. **Microfilm Records at SHSU**

In brief, these records include:

- Deed Record, 1873-1886
- District Court Civil Bar Docket, 1884-1897
- District Court Civil Case Papers, 1888-1900
- District Court Civil Docket, 1891-1901
- District Court Minutes, 1887-1900
- Marriage Record, 1876-1916
- (Naturalization) Declarations of Intention, 1909-1923
- Naturalization Record, 1912-1925
- Probate Minutes, 1876-1920
- Tax Rolls, 1850-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/trinity.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/trinity.html), and also at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

### 3. **Looking for Other Information on Trinity County?**

The following records were given to the Trinity County Historical Commission :

Voter Registration: Poll Lists and Poll Tax Receipts

Contact the Historical Commission at:

Trinity County Historical Commission

c/o Trinity County Museum

P.O. Box 123

Groveton, Texas 75845

Museum Phone: (936) 642-0242

<http://www.co.trinity.tx.us/ips/cms/othercountyoffices/historical.Commission.html>

# TRINITY COUNTY – Physical Records – Available from Sam Houston State University

## COMMISSIONERS COURT

### PROCEEDINGS AND RELATED PAPERS

- Commissioners Court Papers. 1877-1885, 1887-1890, 1894-1902, 1909. 22 files, 1 ft. 6 inches. (3 boxes.) *Miscellaneous documents filed with the commissioners court. Includes road overseer's reports, road petitions, reports of juries of view, official reports, ferry applications, specifications and bids for county projects, school fund reports, election papers, petitions, etc. The 1879 file includes an affidavit of date of birth for B. F. Goodson.*
- Convict Labor Record. 1881-1925. 1 vol. 1 in.
- Transcript of Testimony to Board of Equalization. 1928. 1 vol. 2 inches. *Verbatim transcript of testimony presented by witnesses on behalf of various lumber companies doing business in Trinity County arguing that the county's renditions were excessive. Subjects discussed include value of cut and uncut lands, market conditions, cutting practices, marketing cleared land, conditions and value of machinery and buildings, etc.*
- Road Minutes. 1883-1924. 4 vols. 9 inches.
- Minutes of Accounts Allowed. 1896-1910. 1 vol. 1 in.

## COUNTY CLERK AS RECORDER

### OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

- Record of Alien Lands. 1920-1923. 1 vol. 1 inch.
- Bill of Sale Record. 1883-1889, 1930-1961. 2 vols. 3 inches.

### MORTGAGES AND LIENS

- Chattel Mortgage Records (Index to Chattel Mortgages). 1889-1904, 1908-1913, 1915-1916, 1933-1936, 1938-1966. 43 vols. 7 feet 2 inches.
- Chattel Mortgages on Realty. 1917-1957. 1 vol. 3 inches.
- Record of Lien on Progeny. 1890-1905. 1 vol. 1 inch.
- Chattel Mortgage Register. 1934. 1 vol.
- Chattel Mortgage "Contents of Book 1 Sept. 1908-July 1911". 1 vol.

### BONDS, OATHS, AND DEPUTATIONS

- Deputation Record. 1894-1958. 2 vols. 3 inches.
- Official Bond Register. 1880-1884, 1890-1949. 5 vols. 8 inches.

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

- County Budgets. 1941-1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1952-1953, 1956-1959. 11 folders, 3 inches. (1 gray file box)

## DISTRICT CLERK

### CRIMINAL

- Bar Docket. 1873-1880. 1 vol. ½ inch.

## **COUNTY TREASURER**

### **LEDGERS AND ACCOUNT BOOKS**

- General Fund Account Book (Treasurers Journal). 1877-1895, 1919-1924. 4 vols. 5 inches.

### **REGISTERS AND LISTS**

- Claim Register. 1879-1883, 1885-1902, 1908-1950. 11 vols. 2 ft. (*volumes alternately titled Treasurer's Claim Register, Claim Register, and County Commissioner Claim Register and Minutes of Accounts Allowed*)

## **WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION**

Records of the Trinity County Office of the State-Wide Tax Survey. 1936-1938, 6 ft.

Includes one folder of correspondence (incomplete) relating to the project; one folder of abstract lists which serves as a finding guide; and one folder pertaining to lands in Polk County. The bulk of the collection are the real estate survey sheets which show all or part of the following information for probably over 70% of all land in the county: a plat showing location and some terrain features; acreage; owner; land usage; type and yields of crops; soil and terrain description; erosion; availability of gas and electricity; distance on what type of road from nearest market, school, church, and the county seat; if served by school bus; type of buildings including dimensions, foundation, roof, construction, walls, trimmings, heating, plumbing, lighting, interior finish, and year built; and renditions since 1926. There are also plat sketch maps of Apple Springs and Helmic.

## Walker County at a Glance

### 1. Physical Records (may include original documents or photocopies) at SHSU

In brief, these records include:

- Civil, Criminal, and District Court Dockets and Minutes
- Divorce Minutes, roughly 1904-1952 (non-inclusive)
- Execution Docket
- Health Records
- Receipts and Disbursements
- **School Records:** School Fund Ledger; Record of Free Public School Lands in Walker County; Superintendent's School Record; Board of School Trustees Minutes; Teacher Certificate Register
- Tax Rolls, Tax Receipts, and Delinquent Tax Records

Full details of these records are available on pages Walker-2 through Walker-4.

### 2. Microfilm Records at SHSU

In brief, these records include:

- Deed Records, 1846-1886
- District Court Civil Minutes, 1847-1902
- Marriage Records, 1846-1916
- (Naturalization) Declarations of Intention, 1888-1894; 1944
- Probate Minutes, 1846-1887
- Scholastic Census (Walker County), 1928-1971
- Survey Record, 1835-1941
- Tax Rolls, 1846-1910

More details—such as exact years, missing items, and reel numbers—are available online at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/walker.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/walker.html), and at the library Reference Desk at SHSU.

### 3. Looking for Other Information on Walker County?

- The reel below is held by the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center; information on borrowing it can be found online at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/local/loans.html>, or in Binder 1 of “County Records Available on Microfilm,” located at the Reference Desk in the Newton Gresham Library.  
WAVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION RECORD, 1860-1905  
Reel 1398927                      1860-1905  
Note: Contained records of baptisms, admissions, dismissals, deaths, and members.
- For **Tax Records** (especially more recent) which are NOT covered in the microfilm or physical records above, try contacting the Walker County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office at (936) 436-4959.
- **Many records may be obtained** from the Texas Department of State Health Services (*may require a fee*). For more information on the record types and years available, contact Texas Vital Statistics online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/default.shtm>, by phone at (888) 963-7111, or by mail at:  
Texas Vital Statistics, Department of State Health Services  
P.O. Box 12040, Austin, TX 78711-2040
- **Unofficial indexes of some records** can be found online at a variety of sites, such as the Texas GenWeb project (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/tx/walker/walktoc.htm>).
- Check out **these books and others at SHSU and Huntsville Public**; search catalogs for “Walker County” to discover additional materials:
  - *Marriage records of Walker County, 1846-1880* (1978) by Mary E. Vick-Rainey. Available at Sam Houston State University, Reference section, call number F392 .W24R3.
  - *Walker County, Texas Probate Records* (1992) by Dickenson Research. Covers approximately 1846-1850. Available at the Huntsville Public Library.

## WALKER COUNTY – Physical Records – Available from Sam Houston State University

CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS JOURNAL (1 Vol. 5") - 1920, 1926-1927

### CIVIL DOCKET (6 vols.)

	1-1026	1846 – 10-14-1857
I	1768-3006	04-21-1868 – 04-19-1895
J		03-01-1887 – 09-28-1898
		1840 – 1848
	3480 - 3940	1901 – 1908
	4515 - 9059	

### CIVIL MINUTES (19 vols.)

Index Vol. 1

Index Vol. 2

A	1 - 450	09-11-1849 – 10-16-1852	
B	5 - 859	10-19-1852 – 04-18-1856	
C	231 - 1417	10-27-1856 – 03-27-1863	
D		02-01-1864 – 04-04-1866	
E	1106 - 1805	04-29-1867 – 12-23-1870	
FF	1 - 2024	02-06-1897 – 04-06-1872 ( <i>sic</i> )	
G	1445 - 2022	07-11-1872 – 12-06-1873	
H	1718 - 2567	03-16-1874 – 05-21-1879	
I	2500 - 2621	11-11-1879 – 02-27-1886	
J	2668 - 2971	03-01-1886 – 10-12-1894	
K	2956 - 3180	09-27-1894 – 10-14-1902	
LL		04-05-1897 – 03-16-1917	( <i>spine labeled "TAX Judgments Minutes"</i> )
M	3459 - 4191	03-23-1903 – 10-17-1914	
N	3940 - 5406	03-22-1915 – 04-30-1926	
O			
O -2			
P			

COURT DOCKET 3030 - 3481 10-07-1895 – 03-03-1906 (1 vol.)

CRIMINAL DOCKET 6240 - 6685 (1 vol.)

### DELINQUENT TAX RECORDS (16 Vol. 38")

1955-57; 1958-61; 1939-1966 (A-L); 1939-1966 (M-Z);  
1919-1947 (Vol. 1); 1919-1947 (Vol. 2); 1919-1954 (Vol. 1);  
1919-1954 (Vol. 2); 1939-1975 (Vol. 1); 1939-1975 (Vol. 2);  
1939-1965 (Vol. A-L); 1939-1965 (Vol. M-Z); 1939-1978 (Vol. 1);  
1939-1978 (Vol. 2); 1962-1964; 1967-1973

DISTRICT COURT DOCKET 231-1471 1867 – 05-03-1876 (1 vol.)

DISTRICT COURT MINUTES (2 vols.)

1875 – 1876

08-15-1927 – 11-28-1928

DIVORCE MINUTES (4 vols.)

A 1904 – 1929  
B 1916 – 1926  
C 1927 – 1940  
D 1940 - 1949

Divorce Case Jackets (non-inclusive, some items missing -- roughly 1928-1952, jacket numbers 7000-9931+)

EXECUTION DOCKET (9 vols.)

Index to Execution Docket  
03-22-1847 – 06-14-1849 1 - 151  
12-26-1850 – 04-05-1854 328 - 609  
10-11-1853 – 10-30-1857 407 - 998, 908 (*sic*)  
12-04-1857 – 11-12-1870 1036 - 1964  
05-26-1867 – 05-22-1812 (*sic*) 1 - 2032  
07-30-1857 – 10-19-1866 899 - 1580  
10-06-1898 – 10-11-1865 1762 - 2378  
07-26-1898 – 05-12-1930 2999 - 6140

HEALTH RECORDS - County School Children. (2 Vol. 10") - 1948-1951; 1952-1961

JACKETS FOR COURT CASES

Divorce 7000 – 9931+ (roughly 1928-1952) -- non-inclusive, some items missing  
Criminal  
Civil

LARGE LEDGER TITLED "1952 & 1954" (1 Vol. 8")

LARGE LEDGER TITLED "1939" (1 Vol. 8")

LARGE LEDGER TITLED "SINKING FUNDS" (1 Vol. 3")

MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (4 vols) - 1911-1978

MISCELLANEOUS

Civil Fee Book (1 vol.)  
Criminal Plea Book, 6439 - 8754, Oct 1904 – Nov 1929 (1 vol.)  
Final Record ledger, "B", 6-18-1855 – 9-18-1851 (1 vol.)  
Fines and Judgments, "B" (1 vol.)  
Judgments of Dismissal, 1917-1929, 1960 (1 vol.)  
Ledger labeled "Book D, Sept. 1906" (1 vol.)  
Ledger labeled "Minutes Book", 2374 - 3606, 5-10-1876 – 11-18-1903 (1 vol.)  
Minutes, District Attorney's Accounts (2 vols.)  
Sheriff's Fee Bills (1 vol.)  
State Fee Docket 1857 - 1870 (1 vol.)

PAYROLL REGISTER (County Judge, School Records) (1 vol) - 1967-1978

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS (4 Vol. 23")

September 1936 - August 31, 1942  
September 1949 - August 1956  
September 1943 - August 1949  
1956 – 1964

RECORD OF PUBLIC FREE SCHOOL LANDS OF WALKER COUNTY (1 vol) – 1888

SCHOOL FUND LEDGER (2 vols)  
receipt and disbursement journal  
1916-1920, 1964-1978

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOOL RECORD (1 Vol. 3") - 1907

TAX RECEIPTS (1 Vol. 3")  
1960 Vol. 4-Retained for sample of Poll Tax Receipts  
(Note: Thirty-nine volumes of Poll Tax Receipts were disposed of on October 19, 1999)

TAX ROLLS (31 Volumes. 6'4")  
1885-86; 1889-90; 1891-92; 1895-96; 1897-98; 1899-1900; 1901-02;  
1903-04; 1905-06; 1913-14; 1919-20; 1921; 1922-24; 1925-26; 1927;  
1928-31; 1932-34; 1935-37; 1938-40; 1941-43; 1944-46; 1947-48;  
1949-50; 1951-52; 1953-54; 1955-56; 1957-58; 1959-60; 1961-62;  
1963-1964, 1965

TEACHER CERTIFICATE REGISTER (3 vols)  
includes record of County Institute Attendance  
1905-1961, 1967-1977

## Topical Index: Materials at SHSU

This index only covers the nine counties for which SHSU holds physical or microfilm records, to assist in topical research done onsite at SHSU. County records available on microfilm from other libraries are not included here.

Audits and Budgets, County	Montgomery, Trinity
Automobile Register	Anderson
Births	Anderson, Grimes
Bonds, Oaths, and Deputations	Anderson, Houston, Trinity
Census	Grimes
Commissioners Court, General	Trinity
Convict Labor Records	Anderson, Trinity
County Court, Civil	Anderson, Houston
Court Documents, Miscellaneous	Grimes
Deaths	Anderson, Leon
Deeds	Anderson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Trinity, Walker
District Court, Civil	Anderson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Trinity, Walker
District Court, Criminal	Trinity
District Court, General	Grimes, Houston, Leon, Trinity
Divorces	Anderson, Walker
Election Minutes and Records	Anderson
Farm Superintendent, County	Anderson
Health Records	Walker
Inquest Record	Anderson
Instruments Filed, Record of	Montgomery
Jail Register	Anderson
Land Abstracts and Certificates	Grimes, Montgomery
Ledgers	Walker
Licenses and Professional Records	Anderson
Livestock	Anderson
Marriages	Anderson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Trinity, Walker
Military Records	Anderson
Minutes of Accounts Allowed	Anderson, Trinity
Mortgages and Liens	Anderson, Freestone, Trinity
Naturalization	Anderson, Grimes, Houston, Trinity, Walker
Non-governmental/Business	Anderson
Ownership of Property	Anderson, Trinity
Probate	Anderson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Trinity, Walker
Receipts and Disbursements	Walker
Road Minutes and Reports	Anderson, Trinity
School Records	Anderson, Leon, Walker
Statements of Facts	Grimes
Surveys	Anderson, Leon, Madison, Walker
Tax Rolls, Receipts, and Records	Anderson, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Montgomery, Trinity, Walker
Tax Survey, WPA, 1936	Grimes, Trinity
Treasurer Records, County	Anderson, Trinity