

Why are these documents Important?

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Important documents

- * Federal – Agency and Departments
- * State – Agency, Courts, Census, Occupation Licenses
- * Local – County and City clerks
- * Personal – letters, diaries, books

Federal records

- * United States Population census 1790 – 1940
 - * List of forms https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census_Forms
- * Military records – Revolutionary war, War of 1812, Mexican War 1846, Spanish American War 1898, WW1, WW2
- * Census of other countries and states

United States Census

- * Census available

- * https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census
<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/keeping-censuses-17901940/>

- * 1890 burned

- * Census compared

- * <http://lh3.ggpht.com/-CDeRU2BC5FU/UD7XyuaWVul/AAAAAAAAADUQ/5pO2EWndUJ4/s1600-h/What%252520You%252527ll%252520Learn%252520in%252520the%252520Census%25252C%252520Year%252520by%252520Year%25255B5%25255D.png>

- * Census indexes and images –other census on left -

- https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Census#Key_Reference_Sources

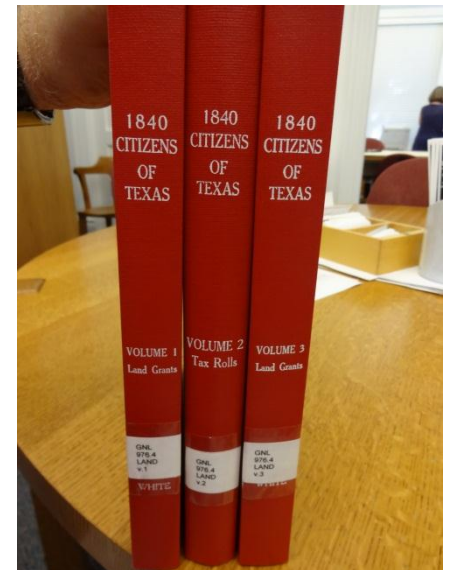
Major Census

- * Population – 1790 thru 1940
- * Defective - 1880
- * Manufacturing and Industrial – 1820 and 1850 - 1880
- * Mortality – 1850 thru 1880
- * Slave – 1850 thru 1860 Southern states
- * Agriculture – 1850 thru 1880

<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/nonpopulation/>

State records

- * State population census – duration varies
- * State courts – criminal cases, divorces
- * State library – state military service
 - * Texas Adjutant General has all military records
- * State licenses – occupational license
- * State Supreme court
- * State Agriculture census



Local records

- * County clerk
 - * Birth
 - * Death
 - * Marriage
 - * Land transfer
 - * Oil leases
 - * Animal markings
 - * Wills and inventories
- * District clerk
 - * Criminal cases
 - * Naturalization
- * Tax district
 - * Tax records – Appraisal district

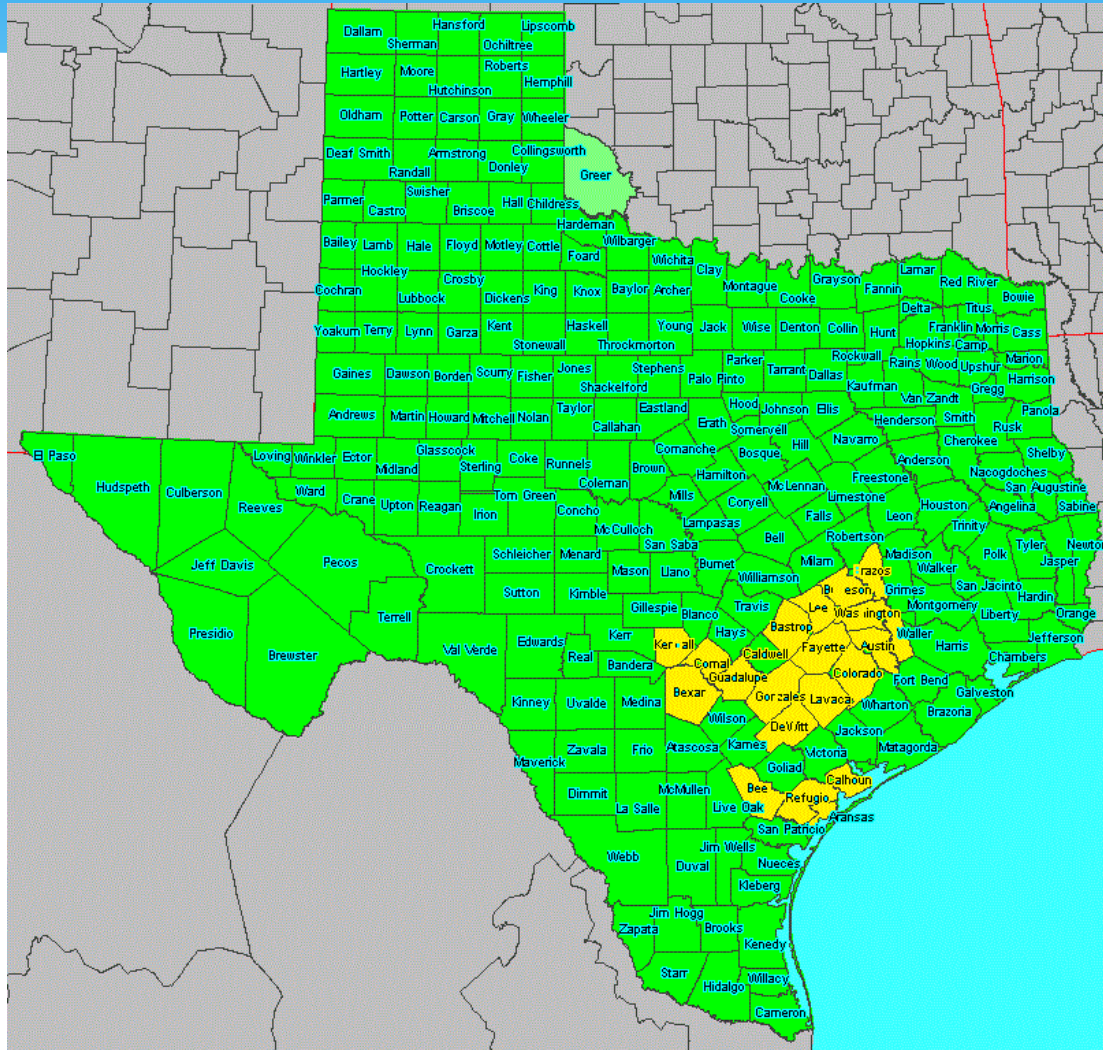
Local

- * City directories
- * Local histories
- * Newspapers
- * Church records
- * Family bibles
- * County and city libraries

Personal

- * County histories
- * Letters
- * Family bibles
- * Artifacts
- * Notes from other relatives

Texas counties



Austin
Bastrop
Bexar
Brazos
Burleson
Calhoun
Colorado
Comal
Dewitt

Fayette
Gonzales
Guadalupe
Lavaca
Lee
Kendall
Refugio
Waller
Washington