

County Records

What Are They & How Can You Use Them?

A FREE Genealogy Workshop

Learn about the wide variety of records created and stored at the county level.

WHAT they are

WHERE to access them

and **HOW** they can help you

Speakers include:

- Kelvin Meyers, Texas Institute of Genealogical Research
- Kerry McGuire, McLennan County Archives
- Bill Buckner, Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Center

**Saturday, March 12
9 AM to 5 PM**

**West Waco Library &
Genealogy Center
(5301 Bosque Blvd)**

Registration Required

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9:00-9:30 am Doors Open, Registration, Announcements

9:30- 10:30 am Little Known County Records: 30 Examples in 55 Minutes
Kerry McGuire, McLennan County Archives Preservation and Research Clerk

Learn about the wide variety of records created and stored at the county level in this lightning round review of available records. See examples of each type of record and discover their genealogical value.

10:30-10:45 am Break

10:45 – 11:45 am Exploring Major Sources for County Record Access (part 1)
Bill Buckner, Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Center Supervisor

Explore resources for accessing a wide variety of county records from online databases to print resources and archives. We will walk through the process of discovering available records. Gain valuable tips and strategies to use in your own research.

11:45- 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm Exploring Major Sources for County Record Access (part 2)
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A continuation of Part 1

2:00 -2:15 pm Break

2:15 – 3:15 pm My Favorite Court Records for Brick Wall Problems
Kelvin Meyers, Forensic Genealogist; Director, Texas Institute of Genealogical Research (APG)

Mr. Meyers will present some of his favorite court records. County Court - land, tax, and probate. If your ancestor owned land, he was expected to pay taxes and more than likely there is some sort of probate. District Court - divorce and "friendly" suits. If you can't find a marriage record, a divorce record is good way to prove the marriage. Friendly suits are those suits used to settle partitions of land and other family issues.

3:15 – 3:30 pm Break

3:30 - 4:45 pm Speaking from Experience About County Records: Lessons Learned
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What government created the record? Another country? another county? the territorial government?

Where do you look for records other than the county courthouse (state / federal level)? Do you know which government entity holds the records you are looking for (county vs town records)? What happens to records after a governing body is through with them? Are they retained, destroyed, or donated?

4:45 -5:00 pm Questions, wrap-up