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This annotated bibliography is created to give you, the genealogy/history researcher, a head start on your research visit. The sections are listed alphabetically and the titles within each section are alphabetical by title of the publication.

**Cemeteries**

*Chambersville Cemetery: List of Tombstone Inscriptions and Grave Locations.* Ben F. Giles. October 1996. Includes a brief history of the cemetery. "Grave locations" are noted by row number. However, it refers the user back to a plat map that is not included in this publication. Inscriptions are sorted by name and by location.

*Collin County (Texas) Cemetery Inscriptions, Volumes I and II.* Compiled by Mrs. Alice Pitts, Mrs. Wanda O'Roark, and Mrs. Doris Posey. Includes 4 maps to help locate each cemetery. Names are alphabetical by cemetery. Indexed.

*Cottage Hill Cemetery, Collin County, Texas.* Gayle Maxson. 2004. Amundsen Publishing Co. "The purpose of this writing ... was to produce the best database to date and to provide documentation and personal and family history with as many grave sites as possible. The history of the families unfolds as one reads the data associated with each stone in this book." Indexed.

*Farmersville IOOF Cemetery.* Completed by Richard and Jeanette Bland. A master map shows the relationship of section blocks to one another. Then each section is blocked off with the names of each tombstone listed in each block. Indexed.

*From Early Highland Cemetery Minutes.* Informal publication. Appears to show owners of various lots in the cemetery.

*Highland Cemetery. State of Texas – Collin County.* Prepared by Diane Miller. 1985-86. An eclectic collection of historical information on the cemetery and surrounding communities. "This book has been prepared in conjunction with efforts to obtain a State Historical Marker at Highland Cemetery."

*Historical Narrative, Pecan Grove Memorial Park, Inc.* Ova James West, Historian. 1975. Includes an extensive historical narrative, some color photos, a copy of the original deed for the land, and a map of Pecan Grove Cemetery. No tombstone inscriptions. No index.

*Markers and Burials in Walnut Grove Cemetery.* Indexed by John L. Stambaugh and John E. Robison. 2004-2005. Divides the cemetery into three sections, then provides an alphabetical list of the graves and markers and designates their location.

*Pecan Grove Cemetery, McKinney, Texas. Burials Confederate Soldiers, Union Soldiers, Republic of Texas Citizens, Veterans of Mexican War, Spanish American War.* Margaret Hughston. Divided by war name. Alphabetical listing of individuals includes birth and death dates shown on their grave marker, and in some cases, their company/regiment of service.

*People of Old Celina Cemetery, Celina, Texas.* Gayle Maxson. 2002. Extensive collection of biographical information on each person buried in this cemetery. Indexed.

*Peters Colonists: Their Descendants and Others (Who Settled North Texas) Volumes I and II.* Louise Myers Young. 1972 and 1973. Despite the title, this book is actually cemetery inscriptions of various cemeteries in the parts of the counties that were at one time part of the Peters Colony. Listings are by cemetery.

*Pleasant Grove Cemetery and Foundation.* Charles and Wenona Carman. 1998. Includes the names and addresses of all the trustees of the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association in 1998, a narrative history of the cemetery, alphabetical list of lot owners, alphabetical list of deceased, and diagrams of the cemetery.

*Scott Cemetery, Collin County, Texas.* James E. Baxter. 1970. A straight listing of names and dates from headstones. Indexed.

*Stony Point Church and Cemetery, Collin County, Texas.* Jewell Thompson Mitchell. 1981. Includes a narrative history and a few photos of the cemetery. Also has a list of Stony Point Church members in 1878. No headstone inscriptions. No index.

*Walnut Grove Cemetery, Collin County, Texas.* James E. Baxter. 1970. List of names and dates from each headstone divided by lot number. Indexed.

## **Church Histories**

*Bethlehem Baptist Church.* Jane Pool, Ph.D. 2002. A non-copyrighted brief, informal history of this church located “on the road from Farmersville to Bonham in Collin County.”

*Collin County Baptist Association 1886-1986: A Century of Progress.* Compiled by Mrs. Zadabeth Uland and Dr. Gilbert N. Callaway. Includes a picture of each church and a Historical Table naming each moderator, clerk and preacher.

*First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas: Centennial Story 1865-1965.* Features names, facts, figures, and photos of this church throughout its first 100 years.

*History of the Copeville United Methodist Church: Celebrating 100 Years 1902-2002.* Compiled and written by Mary Elizabeth Montgomery Watson. 2002. “This book is intended to give all who read it a look at the birth, life and times of this church from the beginning to the present days. It is a compilation of memories through stories and photos contributed by many persons who have been a part of this community.”

*History of First Baptist Church of Copeville, Texas.* Delcie Garner Cameron. 1976. An interesting collection of history on this church including such tidbits as pastor salaries and the cost of major appliances. Includes informative biographical sketches of early elders.

*History of the First Baptist Church of McKinney, Texas 1872-1972.* The text history of the church is accompanied by photographs and a list of the leaders of the church in each year.

*King Memorial Baptist Church, McKinney, Texas, Directory 1978.* A brief history of the church is provided, but this really is the directory of the church members in 1978 which includes photographs and the contact information for each member.

## County Records and Indexes to Records

- Collin County Tax Rolls.* (microfilm) 1846-1910.
- Federal Population Census Schedules.* (microfilm) 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930
- Collin County Deeds.* (microfilm) Indexes. 1846-1888. Records 1846-1886.
- Collin County Scholastic Census.* (microfilm) 1941-1956.
- Collin County Discharge Records.* (microfilm) 1919-1943.
- Collin County District Court Final Probate Records.* (microfilm) 1860-1874.
- Collin County Naturalization Records.* (microfilm) 1893-1902 Vol. 1
- Collin County Birth Records.* (microfilm) 1917-1925.
- Collin County Marriage Records.* (microfilm) Index 1846-1976. Records 1846-1951.
- Collin County Death Records.* (microfilm) 1910-1936. Indexes 1903-1973.
- Collin County Death Certificates.* (microfilm) 1910 Vol. 1A - 1977
- Marriages, Collin County, Texas. Volume I 1846-1867 and Volume II 1867-1876.* Mrs. Alice Pitts. 1978. Lists include bride and groom names, dates of marriages, names of ministers, and names of recording clerks. Indexed.
- Records of Reconstruction Days in Collin County, Texas.* Rita Bickley Roose and Jeanette Bickley Bland. 1981. Includes a list of registered voters in the county in 1867 and the property tax lists for this same year. Images of the original signatures of the registered voters are included. Indexed.

## County Histories

- Collin County Elected Officials 1848-1992.* Paul Hardin. Includes a list of names, their official positions, and dates of service. No other biographical information is included. No index.
- Collin County: Pioneering in North Texas* by Capt. Roy F. Hall and Helen Gibbard Hall. 1975. Begins with the geology and moves through the history beginning with the first pioneer settlers in 1841. This is a thorough collection including brief histories of each of the towns in the county. The final chapter is filled with information on the pioneer families.
- Early Collin County Roads: Routes and Builders.* Joy Gough. 2000. Brief information on the main roads of the county. Includes many names of those involved in their construction. Names are indexed.
- Hear That Lonesome Whistle Blow: the History of Railroads and Interurbans in Collin County, Texas.* Joy Gough. 1997. Brief information on each of the railroads and interurbans that ran through Collin County.
- Historical Calendar.* Each page includes many black and white photos and notations of historical dates.
- History of Collin County, Texas.* Harold Beam. A Ph.D. thesis completed in 1951. "It is the purpose of this thesis to make a political, economic, and social study of Collin County, Texas, from 1841 to approximately 1948." Chapters are by subject matter. Includes a soil map, original land grant map, and highway map. A few photos. No index.

*History of Collin County, Texas.* Harold E. Massey. A Ph.D. thesis completed in 1948. Chapters are by subject matter. Maps of major creeks and some of the Indian settlements. No index.

*History of Collin County, Texas.* J. Lee and Lillian J. Stambaugh. 1958. Texas State Historical Association.

“...the authors chronicle the first century of Collin County’s existence; the events, the institutions, the people that shaped and were shaped by them; how those people lived, and in certain cases, how they died.”

*Kentucky Colonization in Texas: A History of the Peters Colony.* Seymour V. Connor. 1983. A shorter version of Connor’s work, *The Peters Colony in Texas.*

*Prehistoric History of Collin County.* James M. Muse. “This is intended to be a statement of the main facts of the geological history of this small segment of the earth’s crust.” Non-copyrighted bond copy of a booklet. No index.

## **Directories**

*Daily Gazette’s Directory of McKinney* 1902  
*McKinney City Directory* 1933, 1938  
*Collin County Business Directory* 1948  
*McKinney Con Survey Directory* 1948, 1949, 1953, 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1971, 1975, 1977  
*City Directory McKinney, Texas* 1982, 1984, 1985  
*McKinney Business Directory* 1878-79, 1884-85  
*McKinney Telephone Company Directory* 1917  
*McKinney, Texas Telephone Directory* 1950, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1966-current  
*Polk City Directory, Collin County, Texas.* 1996, 1998, 1999 editions.

## **McKinney**

*Architectural Heritage of McKinney.* The Owl Club. First Edition. 1974. A publication that shows examples of various architectural styles of homes in McKinney. The history of each house is given along with the photos.

*City of McKinney Historical Information.* This is an informal notebook of historical information such as important dates, lists of mayors and school board members, and minutes of City Council meetings.

*City of McKinney History 1880-1910.* This is another informal notebook of various historical tidbits about the city during these vital growth years.

*City of McKinney Volume II 7-19-1910 to 7-19-1921.* This book includes the minutes of City Council, various articles from the McKinney Weekly Democrat newspaper, and a name index.

*City of McKinney Volume III.* Another informal listing of interesting people and dates including McKinney ISD officials, Chamber of Commerce officials, McKinney officials, Collin County officials, and United States officials. An interesting inclusion is the listing of religious affiliation for each of the U.S. presidents through Bill Clinton.

*Disaster in McKinney: Collapse of the Mississippi Store.* Joy Gough. This is a short history of the collapse of the Mississippi and T.J. Tingle Implement Store which collapsed in 1913 leading to the deaths of 10 people.

*Historic Resources of the Central Business District of McKinney, Texas: Survey Report.* Prepared for the Main Street Program for Texas Historical Commission. David Moore, Preservation Consultant. 1982. A discussion of the architectural heritage and historical development of the city is followed by a McKinney Commercial Historic District Map, and a copy of the inventory cards for each building.

*History of the Owl Club 1893-1963, McKinney, Texas, Trinity District.* The title says it all. There are no photos or index, but there is a list of charter members.

*McKinney Historical Marker Guide.* This publication was issued by the McKinney Courier-Gazette in September 2004. It shows a photograph, address, and brief description of each place in the city with an official historical marker.

*McKinney Lions Club 1920-1970.* Compiled and edited by E.G. "Pat" Simpson. This little book offers a brief history of the local club and a complete listing of members along with the year in which the individual joined the club.

*McKinney Main Street Project Resource Team Report.* The Texas Main Street Center of the Texas Historical Commission. McKinney was one of five cities selected in 1982 to participate in the Texas Main Street Project. This project aimed to assist small cities to revitalize their central business districts and preserve important historic buildings. This publication outlines the plans for this project.

*Minutes of the Meeting of the McKinney, TX VA Hospital Former Employees Association.* The original minutes for each meeting of the Association from September 11, 1982 through September 13, 2003 are featured.

*Obituaries of the Former Employees of the McKinney, TX VA Hospital.* These are painstakingly gathered newspaper obituaries of these former employees beginning in 1994 and continuing through 2005.

*Owl Club of McKinney, Texas.* Judith Crever. This small publication gives a history of the club and the McKinney Public Library. The Appendix presents photographs of various social clubs with identification of the club members in each photograph.

*Rotary Club of McKinney, Texas, Fiftieth Anniversary 1919-1969.* A history of Rotary Clubs is presented as text followed by highlights of the local club through the years and a directory with a photograph of each member of the 1969-1970 club roster. The club's by-laws are included in this publication.

*Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps* – both on microfilm and in a computer database.

*The Way It All Began: McKinney, Texas A History.* Helen Gibbard Hall. This is a wonderful new book (2006) by Collin County's oldest living citizen. She is a walking history book that has put her knowledge in print.

## **Miscellaneous**

*Collin County Jail: A Historical Narrative.* Compiled from the McKinney Courier-Gazette Newspaper Microfilm. 1986. No index.

*Collin County Genealogical Society Newsletter.* Issues back to October 1989.

*Collin County Place Names.* Joy Gough. May 1996. Alphabetical listing and brief history of each community, town, or city in the county.

*Historic Markers of Collin County.* Edited and printed by Rita Roose and Jeanette Bland. 1986. The name, location and description of each site in Collin County which bears an official historic marker from the State of Texas. Includes a map of the County with each historic site marked.

*Historic Markers of Collin County.* 1993. Collin County Historical Commission. Similar to 1986 edition.

*Historic Markers of Collin County, Texas, 1997 edition.* Collin County Historical Commission. Similar to the 1986 version. Various maps included. Indexed.

*Oral Histories.* This collection includes 44 cassette tapes recorded as part of the Texas Sesquicentennial. A cassette player and headphones are available for enjoying these cassettes in the library.

*Vertical Files.* Newspaper clippings are kept in file folders in a cabinet near in the genealogy and local history area. They relate to various towns, businesses, events, prominent citizens, and families of Collin County. These file folders also include some local genealogy society newsletters and blank forms for use in genealogy record keeping.

## **Newspapers**

*McKinney Democrat* and *McKinney Courier-Gazette* are the two main newspapers throughout the days of the city's existence. At times they bore slightly different versions of these names. Our collection includes most years of these newspapers beginning in 1884 through the current year. These items are on microfilm. The obituaries printed in these newspapers have been indexed by the volunteers of McKinney Memorial Public Library.

For a brief period of time there were two other newspapers in McKinney: *The Weekly Enquirer* and the *McKinney Messenger*. For the first we own one reel of microfilm with some editions between 1869 and 1893. For the second we have one reel of microfilm with some editions between 1860 and 1874.

## **Personal Histories**

*Captain Benjamin Squibb Johnson.* Brief history of this former business owner and city marshal of McKinney in the later part of the 1800s.

*Collin County, Texas Families, Volumes I and II.* Alice Ellison Pitts and Minnie Pitts Champ. 1994 and 1998. The stories and lineage of each family were submitted by living descendants. These are large books with a wealth of information. Volumes are indexed individually.

*Diary of Lucretius Harrison Graves, 1858-59 & 1871.* "Includes Travels of Albert Gallatin Graves – 1855, Civil War muster list and officers of Co. K, 6th Texas Cavalry, 1861 that were copied by L.H. Graves into his 1871 diary."

*Early Settlers of Collin County, Texas 1846-1880 Application by Charles W. Culwell.* This notebook is a collection of copies of documents submitted by Mr. Culwell

with his application to the North Collin County Genealogical Society for membership in the Early Settlers of Collin County, Texas group.

*Samuel P. Burks, City Marshall, McKinney, TX.* Compiled information on Mr. Burks who was killed in the line of duty on June 12, 1902.

*Son of a White Collin County Sharecropper of the 1920s and 1930s.* Harold E. Massey. 1995. non-copyrighted. Beginning with an introduction to the practice of sharecropping this story tells the life of Massey and gives a history lesson of the times and topics of life of the time period.

*Thomas Shain, Deputy Sheriff, Collin County, TX.* Compiled information on Mr. Shain who was killed in the line of duty July 2, 1860.

*William C. Hall, Deputy Sheriff, Collin County, TX.* Compiled information about Mr. Hall who was killed in the line of duty April 24, 1869.

*Our Mess: Southern Gallantry and Privations.* William M. Abernathy. This is an autobiographical publication written in 1902 by Mr. Abernathy, a long time McKinney resident. It includes his journal entries during service in Company B, the 17th Mississippi Infantry, Barksdale's Brigade, McLaw's Division. Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee, General.

## **Schools**

*Jones Academy Session 1906-1907.* Less a yearbook than a parents' guide, this small publication gives a brief history of the school along with a description of the classes offered that year. A roll of students from that school year is included.

*Lucas Community School Book of Memories 1874-2001.* Suzanne Christian Calton and Shirley Biggs Parker. Primarily a list of former students. Includes some photos of the students as children and as adults at various reunions. No index.

*McKinney High School Annuals.* 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1955, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005.

## **Town Histories**

*Anna, Texas, The Town, It's (sic) School, It's (sic) People.* Published and distributed by Anna Ex-Students Association. This small publication has a wealth of information on the early town, some of the earliest settlers, and some of the long-time families of Anna. Copies of select newspaper articles are included. It even includes some poetry to area residents.

*Anna Area Historical Preservation Society presents: "Do You Remember..."* This historical calendar includes photos and stories of days gone by in Anna.

*Between the Creeks.* "A collection of newspaper articles by Gwen Pettit about the history of Allen, Texas." No index.

*Friendly Farmersville: A History of Farmersville, Texas 1845-1974* by Charles J. Rike. 1974. Mostly facts and figures in chronological order with a few photos. Lists the Farmersville War Heroes including its most famous, Audie Murphy.

*Frisco: The First One Hundred Years.* Steve Quinn for the Heritage Association of Frisco. "The story of a community told through many voices of its past and present residents." Divided by topic. Indexed.

*History of Frisco 1902-1976.* Frisco Bicentennial Society. 1976. "The purpose is to preserve the 'tell-me-down' stories, the historical facts about the beginnings of Frisco, and many interesting things about the people in the community who had a part in making this the town it is today." Includes family biographies and business histories. Lots of photos. No index.

*Living in Murphy, Texas 1845-1945.* Ben Zavitz. 1984. The account begins with the arrival of the Peters Colonists and is arranged chronologically from the 1840s to the public school closing in the 1940s. Indexed.

*McKinney, Texas, The First 150 Years.* Julie L. Vargo. 1997. The first, and until recently, only history of the city instead of the county. Many photos are included. Indexed.

*Plano, Texas, The Early Years.* Friends of the Plano Public Library. 1985. Chapters are organized by topics and each is written by a different author. A few photos are included. Indexed.

*Princeton 1881-1985.* Compiled by the Community Education Advisory Council in Celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial 1836-1986. Chapters are divided chronologically. Narrative of the history of this city. Includes many photos and some copies of newspaper articles.

*Prosper, Texas. Its History and Families.* Bill Hays. 2003. Begins with the early history of Prosper and leads to biographical sketches of families in the Prosper area beginning in 1902.

*Reminiscences of Celina.* June Lair, Jane Huddleston, Bennie Cox. 1976. Lots of photos and names in this publication. Divided by topics such as "businesses" and "schools". Includes advertising by the businesses of the area in 1976. No index.

*Princeton, TX 1881-2000.* First compiled by the Princeton I.S.D. Community Education Advisory Council in Celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial in 1986. Updated in 2000 by the Princeton I.S.D. Special Programs Advisory Council in Celebration of the Millennium. Initially presented in chronological order and then divided by subject. "Appendixes: Stories from Our Past". No index.