

Forgotten Treasures in the Texas Courthouse: Discovering the Miscellaneous Records



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“The county court keeps...**miscellaneous records, which may include** marks and brands, military discharge, pauper records, road orders, and **many other types of records**” (Kelvin Meyers, *NGS Research in the States: Texas*, p. 21).

Understanding the value of Miscellaneous Records relies on 3 steps:

- Learning the types of documents that may be found in the record set,
- Learning where to look for them, and
- Learning their value in genealogy searches.

Resources for Further Study:

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When analyzing the miscellaneous records, this chart may be of use.

Chase & Check Individual/Surname Research Chart

	County Courthouse contact information	Physical Location of Misc. Records	Date of search	Physical format of documents	Type of doc	Page(s) of doc(s)	Photo or copy	Get/give contact info
Name								
Biographical Information								
Birth Information								
Death Information								
Marriage Information (Spouse)								
Burial								
Family Members								
Military Service								
Occupation								
Physical Description								
Social Security Number								
Social Media								

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