

Introduction

The purpose of this list is to help researchers find documented evidence of deaths that occurred prior to 1860. The majority of the individuals in this index died in Lavaca County, Texas. However, some individuals who died outside of Lavaca County are also included because Lavaca County was involved in their estates.

In compiling this index, every effort was made to locate as many individuals as possible in the county records and other existing records, but no index is foolproof. Researchers are reminded that they should always consult the actual record if they feel that either someone has been excluded or that the information in this index is incorrect or incomplete. Also the deaths of many individuals, such as women and/or children, are less likely to appear in any official document.

Caution should also be used when researchers are working with common surnames such as Brown and given names such as William and James. Every possible effort was made to distinguish between individuals with similar names, but it is possible that with a common given name and/or surname, more than one individual could be involved.

Also note in many cases, the probate record was filed under the name of the minor involved. In these cases, it is noted that the name listed in the index is that of a minor, not the deceased individual. When available, the name of the deceased is included in the notes section.

This index is simply a tool for researchers. If you are interest in any of the individuals listed in this index, you must consult the actual records to locate the information available in the record. Depending on the record, a variety of information can be available.

To locate the records for personal viewing or for copies contact:

Friench Simpson Memorial Library	705 E. Fourth St.	Hallettsville, Texas 77964-2828
Lavaca County Archives	406 N. Texana	Hallettsville, Texas 77964
Lavaca County Clerk	P.O. Box 326	Hallettsville, Texas 77964
Lavaca County District Clerk	P.O. Box 306	Hallettsville, Texas 77964

The accompanying page is an explanation of the coding used in identifying the different sources. When using this publication in the instances when indexes are available for each record group, such as the Indexes to Probate Minute Books, only the name of the record group is given under the name of the individual. When reference is made to the deed books or civil court cases, the actual page numbers or court case number are included.

When available, the actual date and/or location of death are included. Also military service and any other identifying information are given when available.

Sources

LMS 1850	1850 Lavaca County Mortality Schedule
SHC	Sacred Heart Catholic Church Records
Tise1	Lavaca County Cemetery Book Volume 1
Tise2	Lavaca County Cemetery Book Volume 2
Tise3	Lavaca County Cemetery Book Volume 3
Tise4	Lavaca County Cemetery Book Volume 4
Tise5	Lavaca County Cemetery Book Volume 5
Tise6	Lavaca County Cemetery Book Volume 6
CCM	Lavaca County Police Minutes Books Vol. A & B
Ind. to PM Bk. A	Lavaca County Probate Minutes: Index to Book A September 28, 1846 – September 27, 1852
Ind. to PM Bk. B	Lavaca County Probate Minutes: Index to Book B October 25, 1852 – July 11, 1859
Ind. to PM Bk. C	Lavaca County Probate Minutes: Index to Book C July 20, 1859 – June 1864
Ind. to PM Bk. D	Lavaca County Probate Minutes: Index to Book D July 25, 1864 – January 3, 1867
CD	Civil Docket of the County Court of Lavaca County Pertaining to Estates of Deceased Persons Located in Probate Minute Bk. D pp.330-526
RoE Vol. A	Lavaca County Record of Estates Book A
RoE Vol. B	Lavaca County Records of Estates Book B
RoWBO Vol. C	Records of Wills, Bonds and Oaths Lavaca County Book C
Deed Bk. A	Lavaca County Deed Book A
Deed Bk. B	Lavaca County Deed Book B

Deed Bk. C
Deed Bk. D
Deed Bk. E
Deed Bk. F
Deed Bk. G

Lavaca County Deed Book C
Lavaca County Deed Book D
Lavaca County Deed Book E
Lavaca County Deed Book F
Lavaca County Deed Book G

Civil Case

Lavaca County District Court Civil Cases