

## RESEARCH LINKS TO FREE SITES

The Portal to Texas History	Everything - Property, genealogy, photos, stories, 1915 Smith County soil survey map; newspapers, "Old Flag" from Camp Ford; Troup Banner; Tyler Leader (African-Am); Tyler American; Tyler Journal (weekly); Dallas Express (African-Am usually with a Tyler column)	<a href="https://texashistory.unt.edu/">https://texashistory.unt.edu/</a>
Familysearch.org	Like Ancestry.com, but free. Apprentice and indenture records 1867-1870; District Court civil records 1849-1940, divorce records 1893-1951; index to deeds 1846-1901, naturalization papers 1855-1906, naturalization petitions and records 1893-1910; probate minutes 1847-1931; family census records (school) 1916-1946; Smith County tax rolls 1846-1910; Smith County marriage records 1848-1880; birth records 1870-1937; death records 1910-1967; registered voters 1867-1869, 1872; Freedmen's Bureau records; draft registration cards for WWI and WWII	<a href="https://www.familysearch.org/en/">https://www.familysearch.org/en/</a>
Texas General Land Office	Maps - Land maps, highway maps, surveys; Search in Map Store under county Smith, then sort by county to separate Smith County from Deaf Smith County	<a href="https://www.glo.texas.gov/">https://www.glo.texas.gov/</a>
archive.org	Internet Archive - millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more.	<a href="https://archive.org/">https://archive.org/</a>
Texas State Library and Archives	Index to Confederate pension applications; Texas Adjutant General Service Records; Confederate indigent family lists; 1867 voter registration lists; Texas convict record ledgers and indexes; Republic of Texas passports	<a href="https://www.tsl.texas.gov/">https://www.tsl.texas.gov/</a>
University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler newspaper indexing-- <a href="https://scholarworks.uttyler.edu/tyler_news/">https://scholarworks.uttyler.edu/tyler_news/</a> ; articles and presentations by Vicki Betts <a href="https://works.bepress.com/vicki-betts/">https://works.bepress.com/vicki-betts/</a>	<a href="https://www.uttyler.edu/library/archives/">https://www.uttyler.edu/library/archives/</a>
University of Texas	Sanborn Maps - Arp (1939), Troup (1904, 1909, 1919, 1934), Tyler (1877, 1885, 1889, 1898, 1902, 1907, 1912, 1919, 1928, 1938); SCHS has 52, 57, and 65 for Tyler	<a href="https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/texas.html">https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/texas.html</a>
Library of Congress	Photographs, interviews, Sanborn maps, slave narratives (Goodman), Veterans History Project	<a href="https://loc.gov/">https://loc.gov/</a>
Find a grave (anyone can add information, so verify)	Graves; usually photos of tombstones; sometimes connections to other family members; sometimes portrait photos and obituaries	<a href="https://www.findagrave.com/">https://www.findagrave.com/</a>
East Texas Genealogical Society	Genealogy - East Texas. Go to Info by County, then Smith County. May need to note vol. and page in East Texas Family Records journal, then go to the Tyler Public Library local history room to see the articles. Also indexes by person	<a href="https://www.etgs.org/">https://www.etgs.org/</a>
Texas Historical Commission	Atlas--can designate Smith County then pull up all historical markers, cemeteries, National Register properties, etc.	<a href="https://atlas.thc.texas.gov/">https://atlas.thc.texas.gov/</a>
Essential Civil War Curriculum.com	Civil War information	<a href="https://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/">https://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/</a>
D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution)	Genealogy - United States	<a href="https://dar.org/">https://dar.org/</a>
Worldcat.org	Libraries - Find items in libraries around you	<a href="https://www.worldcat.org/">https://www.worldcat.org/</a>
City of Tyler Historic Preservation	City Marker information--note the side panel; local historic buildings, Half Mile Walk of History downtown, videos, resources	<a href="https://www.cityoftyler.org/government/departments/development-services/services/historic-preservation">https://www.cityoftyler.org/government/departments/development-services/services/historic-preservation</a>
Texas State Historical Association	Online Handbook of Texas--like an encyclopedia of Texas	<a href="https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook">https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook</a>
Ancestry.com	Free library edition on computer in the local history room of the Tyler Public Library, must be used there	
Smith County TXGenWeb Archives	Family histories; census; church records; court records; land records; military records; newspaper articles; tax lists; vital records; wills and probate	<a href="http://www.usgwarchives.net/tx/smith/smittoc.htm">http://www.usgwarchives.net/tx/smith/smittoc.htm</a>
Texas Archive of the Moving Image	Sixteen films of Tyler, including 1955 Chamber of Commerce production and Rose Festivals	<a href="https://texasarchive.org/">https://texasarchive.org/</a>
UT Austin Perry-Castaneda Map Collection	Topographical and other maps; For topo maps will need to know quadrant name, such as Tyler, Bullard, Chandler, Bascom, etc.; some back to 1946	<a href="http://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/texas.html">http://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/maps/texas.html</a>
Smith County Official Records Search	Property, assumed names, marriage, births, deaths, misc., commissioners court, marks and brands, foreclosures, governmentals. Earliest dates available vary. Site has all of the deeds in full image to view free, and can order prints at \$1 per page. Deeds to back to 1846.	<a href="https://smith.tx.publicsearch.us/">https://smith.tx.publicsearch.us/</a>
Smith County Historical Society recordings of interviews and programs	Interviews of citizens who lived or came to Smith County early on. Recorded programs of various Smith County topics. - <i>Made possible by CLIR grant*</i>	<a href="https://archive.org/details/@smith_county_historical_society">https://archive.org/details/@smith_county_historical_society</a>
Smith County Historical Society You-Tube Channel	Interviews of citizens who lived or came to Smith County early on. Recorded programs of various Smith County topics. - <i>Many made possible by CLIR grant*</i>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQs2C2Uj02tFE_TQTIKn39nQ/videos">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQs2C2Uj02tFE_TQTIKn39nQ/videos</a>

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