



Ready Reference Resource: City Directories at TSLAC

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What This Session Covers

- City directories at TSLAC
- City directory research
- Visiting TSLAC
- Other city directory sources



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City Directories at TSLAC

- Print and microform directories
- 285 Texas cities and towns
- 1859 – 2002

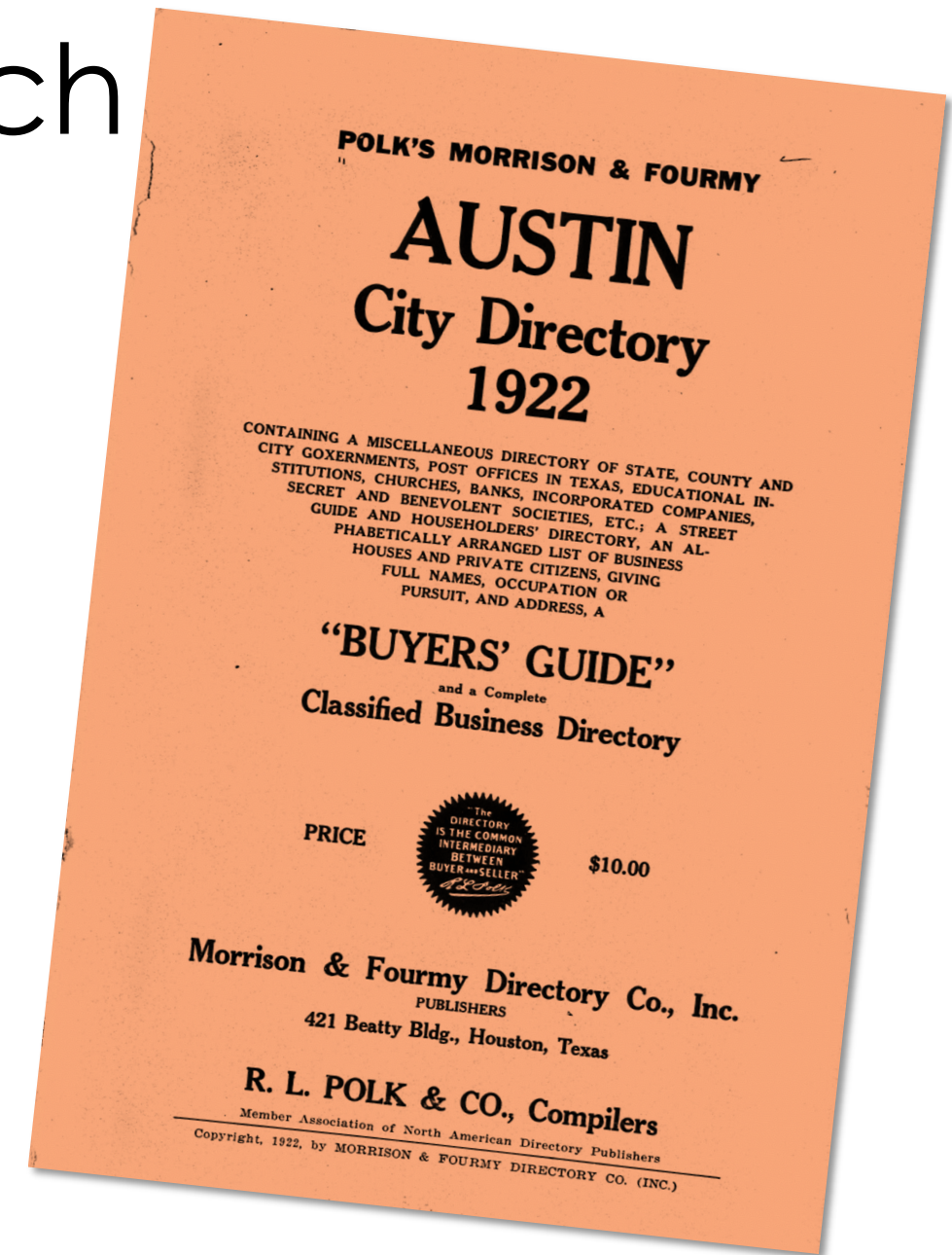
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City Directory Research

What's in a city directory?

- Individual and/or business name
- Residence and/or business address
- Homeowner or resident status
- Telephone number
- Name of spouse
- Occupation





Early City Directories

Berlocher, J, avenue C, between 23d and 24th streets.
Berchtold, H, bootmaker, 23d street, between avenue B and C—
residence avenue C, between 22d and 23d streets.
Bethge, F. J, upholsterer, avenue D, between 22d and 23d streets.
Beug, C, carpenter, avenue M, between 17th and 18th streets.
Beyer, Otto, printer, avenue G, between 13th and 14th streets.

Clipping from Galveston City Directory, 1859. Source: The Portal to Texas History.

TSLAC also holds a facsimile copy of this volume.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| ✓ Names | ✗ No exact address |
| ✓ Occupations | ✗ No spouses listed |
| ✓ Approximate addresses | ✗ No phone number |



Alphabetical Listings

AUSTIN CITY DIRECTORY (1922) 407

SCHNEIDER

" Jacob P (Mary) genl mdse 401 W
2d r 402 same

**SCHNEIDER LEONARD J (Pauline),
Active V-Pres American National
Bank, Sec-Treas The Stelfox Co
(Inc), res 303 W 12th, Tel 2801**

Milton student U of T rms 203 E
25th

" Oscar baker Maerki Baking Co r
Enfield

" Pauline (wid Gottlieb) h 1301 Cedar
27

" Peter (Lydia) prsfd r 1158 San Ber-
nard

" Ruth h 1304 Cedar av

" Walter T mech Covert Auto Co h
601 E 22

" Wm () & G N r
1611

" & Cherico (G W Schneider, F F
Cherico) garage 105 E 5th

SCHRADER

" Chas (Emma) waiter Lookes Cafe r
91 Red River

" Earl B (Augusta) bkpr Nelson Da-
vis & Son r 91 Red River

Schramm Max (Della) clk P O r 303
E 14th

Schreffler Wm E (Minnie) carp r 401
E 47th

Schreiber Herman (Bertha) gro 2300
Fauntleroy r 2302 same

" Wm F clk Herman Schreiber h 2302
Fauntleroy

Schreyer Andw Rev C S C prof St Ed-
wards College

Schroeder see also Schrader

" Bertha opr S W Bell Tel Co h 907
E 7th

" Emil E woodwkr Becker Lmbr Co
h 907 E 7th

" Emma dom 4212 Av E

" Martha (wid Henry) r 907 E 7th

prsfdr = ??

- Individual and business listings with addresses
- Householders and residents
- Occupations and firm names
- Women listed with husbands

h = householder
r = resides
wid = widow
dom = domestic



Address Listings

- Street listings with individual and business names
- Neighborhood snapshot
- Cross streets
- Owners and renters

S E V E N T H (East; 6th ward) —From 701 Congress ave to city limits	813 Garza A D (r)
103½ I O O F Hall	814 Candolas Amador (r)
104 Keystone Hotel	818 Sappington N D Mrs (o)
105 Condit Auto Livery Maverick Amusement Club	Brushy
106 High Art Tailoring	900 McCumber Geo (r)
107-9 M Co	901 Zander Aug (o)
110 Ev	902 Johnson W W (r)
111-15 Laundry	903 Walker Carl (c; o)
112-18 Millers Garage	904 Gildart W B (r)
116 Houston Chas H Packard Co	905 Fannin W E (c; o)
	906 Fehr Herman (o)
	907 Schroeder Martha Mrs (o)
	908 Schulz E K (o)
	910 Vacant
	911 Morrey J W (o)
	912 Jabour Albert (o)
	913 Morrey J W jr (o)

o = homeowner
r = renter
c = "colored"

Clipping from Austin City Directory, 1922. Source: TSLAC



Business Listings

WACO FURNITURE CO. [A. J. CARUTHERS] [R. A. CARUTHERS] 521 AND 523 AUSTIN AVE. **JONES & GOODLOE**

268 [LUM] MORRISON & FOURMY'S [MUS]

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LUMBER, Etc.—continued.
Gates C. W., 213 S. 5th.
Nash, Robinson & Co., 908 Austin.
Waco Lumber Co., 602 Webster cor S. 6th, A. J. Caruthers, prest and mgr.

Machinery and Supplies.
(See also Agricultural Implements.)
Kellett W. M., 691 Austin ave. See back bone.

Machinists.
(See also Founders and Machinists.)
Blake James, cor 7th, Franklin.
Mitchell & Warren, 720 Austin.
Wester John, 625 Franklin.

Marble Works.
Gooch J. W. & Co., 315 S. 5th. See advt.
Wells Homer, propr Waco marble works, 524 Washington cor N. 6th.

Mattress Manufacturers.
Pigg Wm., 1205 S. 4th.
Stephenson Mfg Co., mfrs of bedding and bedding material, 916 S. 9th. See advt.

Mattress Machine Mfrs.
Stephenson Mattress Machine Co., office and factory 916 S. 9th.

Meat Markets.
Bettinger J. C., 725 N. 4th.
Block, Michel & Co., 615 Austin ave.
Cooper Henry L., 317 Elm, E. Waco.
Crenshaw & Rogers, 704 Austin.
Crippen J. C., 301 S. 5th cor Franklin. See advt.
Darrow & Goebel, 609 Austin.
Delaney John H., 123 S. 3d. See advt.
Franc Conrad, 109 N. 8th. See advt.
Goldsmith R. & Co., 621 Aus in ave.
McCann C. C. (c), 1100 S. 2d.
Monroe J. L., 416 S. 1st.
Riddle A. C., 208 ss square. See advt.
Roddey W. E., 741 N. 5th.
Sallis J. W., 741 N. 5th.
Smith E. A. & Co., 1424 S. 5th.
Sneed Bros. & Dollins, 723 Austin ave. See advt.
Williams Jane (c), 1303 S. 4th.
Winton W. M., 321 Elm.

Medicine Mfrs.
Catherine Medicine Co., mfrs estarrh cure, sw cor 4th, Mary.

Germetuer Drug Co., dealers in Dr. C. R. King's medicines, 109 S. 4th, J. T. McKinney, mgr.
Knebel & Martin, 105 Bridge. See advt.
Waco Medicine Co., 121 S. 3d, H. V. Kolbye, mgr.

Mercantile Agencies.
Bradstreet's, office 102½ S. 4th, C. W. Cockerham, supr.
Dun R. G. & Co., 121½ S. 4th, W. H. Cameron, mgr.

Merchandise Brokers.
Arnold H. A. & Co., 411 Franklin.
Thompson W. H., 111 S. 4th.

Merchant Tailors.
Gabert Bros., 116 S. 4th.
Jacobs H., agt, 121 S. 5th.
Lack & Kirk, 110 S. 4th.
Reising Peter, 314½ Austin.
Schweinsinger & Co., 123 S. 3d.

Millinery and Fancy Goods.
Doss B. J. Mrs., 400½ Austin ave.
McDonnell L. E. Mrs., Fashion Parlor, 118 N. 5th. See advt.
Panton S. A., Mrs., 124 120 W. 4th.
Sanger Bros., 817-821 Austin ave. See advt.
Stoute Kate Miss, 500½ Austin.

Monuments and Tombstones
Gooch J. W. & Co., 315 S. 4th. See advt.

Wells Homer, 524 Washington cor N. 6th.

Music, Musical Instruments and Mfse.
Goggan Thos. & Bro., 412 Austin ave, C. C. DeZouche, mgr. See back cover line.
Spencer D. H., 405 Austin ave. See initial lines.

Music Teachers.
(See also Schools and Academies.)
Darrow Eva Miss, 125 S. 11th.
Erath L. C. Miss, 1421 Washington.
Graves Bettie C. Miss, 817 S. 3d.
Johnson L. C. Miss, 931 S. 5th.
Krause E. W., 618 N. 5th. See advt.
Krause Lena H. Mrs, 618 N. 5th.
Lequan C., 1001 N. 10th.
Leslie V. Miss, 1063 S. 4th.

R. J. TOLSON & CO. STANDARD MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE

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- Business categories
- Business owners and employees
- Locations
- Product illustrations or photos

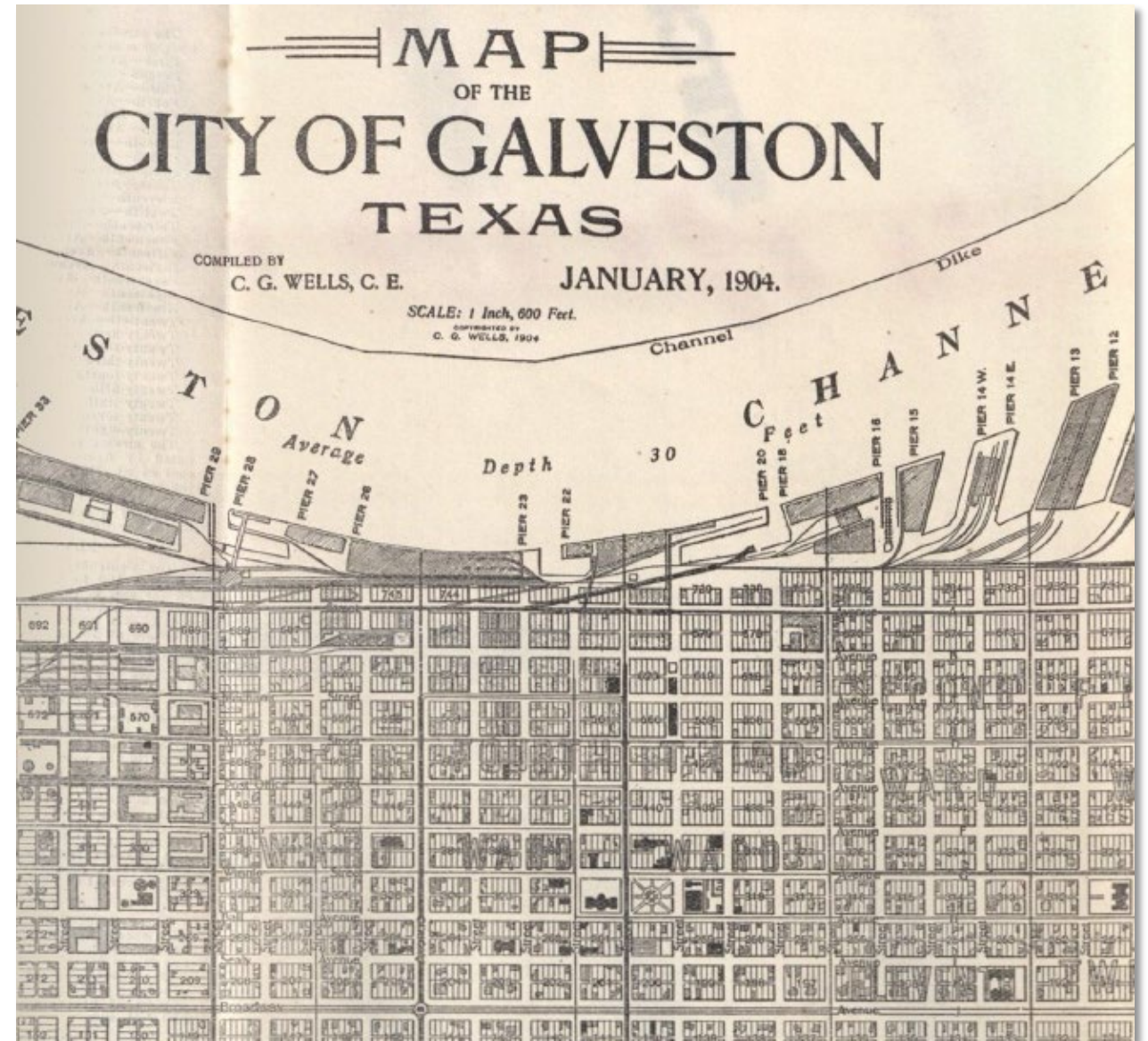
Pages from the Waco City Directory, 1890-1891. Source: TSLAC



Other Features

- Area history, features, and statistics
- Government agencies and officials
- Local organizations, schools, churches and their officials
- Local newspapers
- Illustrations and photos
- Railroads and post offices
- Maps

... and more!



Pull-out map from Galveston City Directory, 1906/07. Source: TSLAC



Criss-Cross Directories

GRACY BLDG
205 W 7TH ST

ZONE 1

100	GRACY TITLE CO	
100	KANSAS CITY TITLE	GR66871
100	H E BRANDT PRES	GR66871
100	ROGER FITZGERALD	GR66871
101	C H WALLACE BR MGR	GR76169
102	R L MOORE RL EST	GR24111
103	A G FERRIS RL EST	GR88765
104	MAURICE HOOPER ATY	GR66871
104	RATTIKIN HOOPER LAW OFFICES	GR66871
105	J VANCE RILEY RLRV	GR71201
201	LANGE INS AGENCY	GR65223
201	C B LANGE	GR65223
201	H D WALKER	GR65223
205	FHA	GR73545
205	E L STANCKE	GR73545
206	W P SIMMS INS&RLTY	GR86261

- Listings by address or telephone number only
- Building directory by room or office number
- Local, state, and federal agencies and officials



Visiting TSLAC

- We are open to the public!
- City directories available on-site
- Self-serve scanners
- Microform readers
- Non-flash photography



Other City Directory Sources



The Portal to Texas History's City Directories Collection.

Hosted by the University of North Texas. Business, legal, and phone directories from the 19th and 20th centuries. Free access is available through the Portal website.

texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/CIT/ ↗



Ancestry.com ↗ “U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995”. Browse by location and year or use the index search. Available on-site through **Ancestry Library Edition** and **HeritageQuest**.



Remote access to HeritageQuest is available through the **TexShare Databases**. Check with your local library about access.

www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/databases ↗





Other City Directory Sources



The Briscoe Center for American History holds a collection of telephone and city directories for most Texas cities and towns from the late 19th century through the present day.

briscoecenter.org/research/online-reference-tools/



Contact libraries in the area of your research about local print and digitized directory collections and copy services. **OCLC WorldCat** lists directories available at libraries close to you. Check with your local library about access options through interlibrary loan (ILL).

www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/libsearch/

www.worldcat.org



The US Library of Congress guide to telephone and city directories in their collections includes general information about city directory research and listings by format, location, and time period.

guides.loc.gov/united-states-city-telephone-directories



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