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Begin your research with our CONVICT AND CONDUCT REGISTERS

www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/convict.html

Available on microfilm and on Ancestry: *Texas, Convict and Conduct Registers, 1875-1945*

Convict and Conduct Registers do not include the actual inmate prison records, which are held by TDCJ.

ESCAPE AND EXECUTION

Prison and inmate activities documented in our holdings include escapes and executions.

[Escape record, 1851-1953](#), TDCJ records, print records available on site.

[Death row historical files \(execution files\), 1923-1983, 1992-1995](#), TDCJ records, print records available on site. Certain information is restricted.

PARDON AND CLEMENCY

If the Convict Register states that the inmate was pardoned, you may wish to consult the following records:

[Secretary of State executive clemency records, 1840, 1845-2009](#), some proclamations available on microfilm.

- Card index to pardon applications available on site.

Governor records, print records available on site.

- May contain letters and proclamations related to clemency.

APPEALS

If the Convict Register states that the sentenced was affirmed, you may wish to consult the following appellate court records:

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals index, 1892-1947. Digital images on Ancestry: *Texas, Court of Criminal Appeal Indexes, 1892-1947*

[Texas Court of Criminal Appeals records](#), case files stored off site and may require review. Advance notice is needed.

FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- *County Records on Microfilm* may include county and district court records. More information at: www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/local/index.html
- District and County Clerks may hold county and district court records: www.cdcatexas.com/Directory/Clerks
- Contact the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) at:
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