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Birth Records

Birth records maintained by the Clerk and the Bureau of Vital Statistics are closed to public inspection, with the exception of birth records that have reached the 75th anniversary of the date of birth as shown on the record. However, if you are a qualified applicant, you will be able to purchase a Birth Certificate for any birth that took place in the State of Texas at the Lamar County Clerk's office (dating from 1903 - present) or any birth that took place in Lamar County that date from 1903 to present. It was not a requirement to file your birth certificate until 1903 but we do have a few that date back as far as the late 1800's.

The County birth records date back to around 1903; however, we presently do not have all the birth records for events that happened in the City of Paris, Paris is also a local Registrar. (The City of Paris has birth certificates dating back to 1933) Those certificates that we don't possess can be located at the City of Paris (903-784-9291)

For genealogical search information, contact the Genealogical Society at 903-784-5020.

<http://gen.1starnet.com>.

Because birth records are protected by state law, you must be a qualified applicant in order to receive a birth certificate.

The following may apply for a Birth Certificate:

- The person named in the record;
- The parents, sibling, spouse, grandparent, legal guardian or managing conservator of the registrant.

Necessary Information

An applicant must provide all necessary information and show proper identification prior to obtaining the certificate.

The following information is required:

- Full name as it appears on birth record



- Date and Place of Birth
- Parents names, including mother's maiden name
- Your relationship to person named on certificate
- Your name and mailing address
- Purpose of record
- Valid identification (photo id preferred)
- Appropriate fee. Accepted forms of payment are: cash, check, money order or credit card.

Birth records are considered confidential information; therefore, all requirements must be met. If you are unable to meet the requirements, please contact the State Bureau of Vital Statistics in Austin. The toll-free phone number is (888) 963-7111. The fax number is (512) 458-7506.

Procedures to Purchase a Birth Certificate

In Person:

- Download the attached Birth Certificate Application or obtain application from the clerk
- Complete and sign the application
- Provide necessary identification and pay appropriate fee
- Complete application will be processed and Birth Certificate (if available) will be provided immediately.

By Mail:

- Download the attached Birth Certificate Application. Include a legible return address and daytime telephone number
- Complete and sign the application
- Mail with a copy of valid ID and appropriate fee to:

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- Proper identification and a check or money order, payable to the County Clerk, must accompany the Birth Certificate Application or written request. Please do not send cash through the mail.
- Completed application will be processed and Birth Certificate will be mailed within 1 business day.

Applicable Fees:

The fee for a Birth Certificate is \$23.00 for each certified copy.

- Type of Payments Accepted: Cash, Check, Money Order or Credit Card