

The History of Adoption and Birth Certificates in the State of Texas

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- I. Historical documentation of adoptions in Texas
- II. Original Adoption Law and implementation
- III. Modification of Adoption Laws through 2015
- IV. Birth Certificate historical alteration, current practice and future thoughts
- V. Birth Books and adoption: Coding birth certificate numbers, locating adoptees
- VI. Political action to ensure accuracy in genealogical records

Adoption Registries

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/adoptionregistry.shtm>

<http://isrr.org/> International Soundex Reunion Registry

Online Adoption Registries

<http://gsadoptionregistry.com/>

<http://adoptionregistry.com>

<http://adopteecconnect.com>

Relevant Organizations and Educational Entities

<http://adoptionknowledge.org/> <http://www.cubirthparents.org/>

<http://www.americanadoptioncongress.org/>

<http://adopteerightscoalition.org> <http://adoptioninstitute.org/>

Suggested Reading

Hole In My Heart: memoir and report from the fault lines of adoption by Lorraine Dusky

The Girls Who Went Away: The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decades Before Roe v. Wade by Ann Fessler

The Primal Wound: Understanding the Adopted by Nancy Newton Verrier

Birthright: The Guide to Search and Reunion for Adoptees, Birthparents, and Adoptive by Jean A. S. Strauss

Being Adopted: The Lifelong Search for Self by David M. Brodzinsky\

Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA by Richard Hill