



## Collin County Historical Commission Texas State Historical Markers

*Collin County has over 200 State Historical Markers and over 50 County Historical Markers*

The State of Texas has **three** kinds of historical markers: Subject markers, Recorded Texas Historical Landmark (RTHL) markers, and Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) markers.

**Subject markers** are educational in nature and reveal aspects of local history that are important to a community or region. Subject marker topics include religious congregations, schools, communities, businesses, events, historic individuals, and institutions.

**Recorded Texas Historical Landmark (RTHL) markers** are awarded to structures deemed worthy of preservation for their historical associations and architectural significance. RTHL is a legal designation and comes with a measure of protection and is the highest honor the state can bestow on a historic structure and Public display of the Official Texas Historical Marker is required by the Texas Historical Commission.

**Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) markers** are only for burial grounds that have previously been approved for HTC designation. HTC markers must be placed at the cemetery, but since cemeteries are protected under other existing laws, they convey no restrictions on the property.

**Marker application forms** are available a couple of months before the submission period on the Texas Historical Commission (THC) website: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us>. Search on “Apply for state marker.” All marker applications are submitted electronically to the THC by the county historical commissions during a 10-week period, which may vary, each year.

**The Narrative section** of the application is a research paper that documents the significance of the topic or property. It is the most important section of the historical marker application. The research paper must be complete, orderly, concise, and fully documented with footnotes or endnotes. Thoroughly researching and writing the narrative history takes time. Plan on it taking at least ten months. Narratives are accepted by the Collin County Historical Commission throughout the year but must be received by **October 1<sup>st</sup>** for submission with the next year’s marker applications to the Texas Historical Commission.

The [Marker Research Guides](#) and the [Marker Toolbox](#) on the THC’s website are excellent resources for researching historical topics for both **state** and **county markers**.