

DEATH CERTIFICATES

Certified Copies of death certificates are \$21.00 for the first copy and \$4.00 for each additional copy per request.

Death records are CLOSED for 25 years from the date of death.

Only a qualified applicant can request a death record (within 25 years) – records older than 25 years can be obtained by anyone.

For deaths that occurred in DeWitt County:

Death records from 1903 to present are available

To obtain a certified copy:

A qualified applicant may complete an application form including a copy of the applicant's current valid form of identification. Applications may be completed in the County Clerk's Office or requested by mail to: DeWitt County Clerk 102 N. Clinton St., Suite 120 Cuero, Texas 77954. **Qualified applicant's signature must be notarized on mail in applications for death records.**

Qualified Applicant:

Father (when listed on the record; if not listed, has a court order stating he is the father), Mother, Grandfather (see notation for father), Grandmother (see notation for father), Sibling, Spouse, Legal Guardian (a copy of the legal guardianship papers is required as proof), Legal Representative (document from the qualified applicant needed), a Local, State and Federal law enforcement or governmental agencies (by demonstrating a direct or tangible interest in the record when the information in the record is necessary to implement a statutory provision or to protect a personal legal property right).

Proper Identification:

Each applicant must present a current valid form of photo identification (government issued), such as driver's license, state issued identification card or other valid form of photo identification. If you do not have a valid photo ID or have questions about ID requirements, please call the County Clerk's office at 361-275-0864.

Method of payment:

Cash, check or money order. Check or money order made payable to **DeWitt County Clerk.**