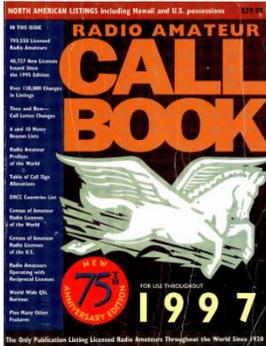


Amateur Radio and Genealogy

A surprising resource by David Taylor.

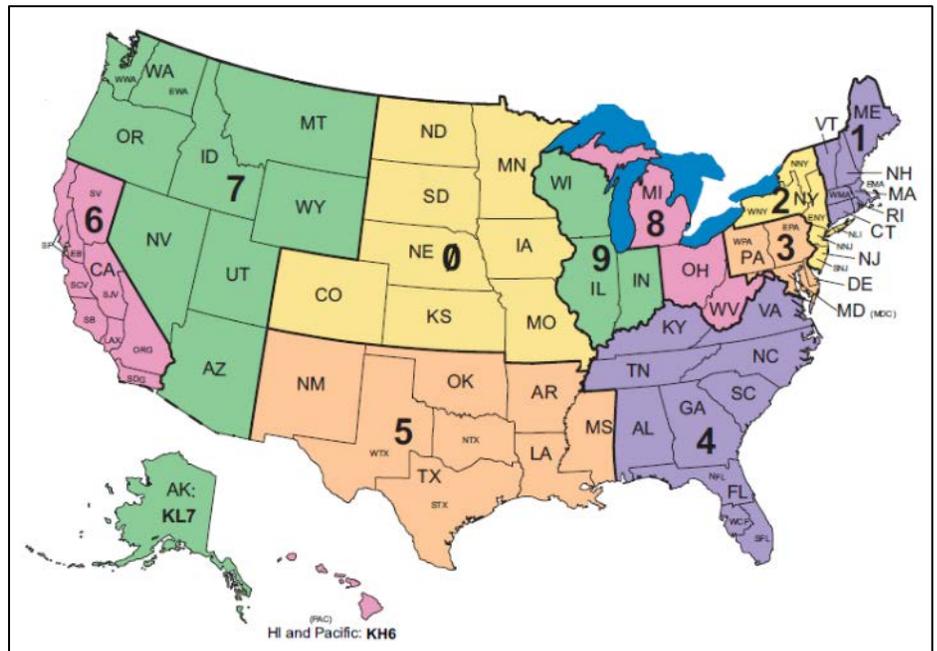
Did you know that amateur radio operators have a resource that can be used for genealogy research? Their resource is valuable for finding addresses between censuses especially if they moved around a lot. They had a book that was published every year from 1913 to 1997 and listed the call sign, license class, operator's name, and address of their radio station. Almost all amateur radio operators or Hams as they are known have their stations in their homes or somewhere on their residential property. The address that was published in the book had to be the actual location of the radio station and it had to be current. If you have someone in your family that was an amateur radio operator and they moved and you can't find them, you now have another way to look for them.



The Radio Amateur Callbook is available for download or viewing from <https://archive.org/advancedsearch.php>. You can view or download all of the books from 1913 to 1997 free of charge. When you use the link shown above type **Radio Amateur Callbook** in the title field, change “all media types” to **texts** and press search. On the page that comes up hover your mouse over the tab **Date Archived** and select **Date Published**. This will sort all of the books by date from newest to oldest. Select the book you wish to view and you will be taken to the next screen. You can view the pages by clicking on the page that is open at the top of the screen and browse through the section that is displayed, if you can read

it. I can't because the type is too small. A better way is to scroll down to the area for download options and select PDF. This will give you the option of selecting a district to view. The callbook is arranged by districts as shown in the map.

Looking at the map, look for the state your family member lived in and find the corresponding district number. After you find the district number simply download the appropriate pdf and you will be able to view the pages in a type size that is easy to read and/or save the file to your computer. Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat can search most of the books that have been scanned by archive.org. Select edit and scroll down to advanced search in your pdf program and type in the name of the family member you are looking for. You must enter a



name exactly as it appears in the callbook or your search will not produce any results. Most amateur radio operators use their middle initial in the listing. You can search by name, call sign, city or street. Once you find your family member in one listing it is then very easy to search all of the callbooks and compare addresses where they have resided while they were an amateur radio operator. Sometimes a search will provide no results even though you are searching for someone that is in the book exactly as you are searching for them. This is because the scanning process does not always scan one line at a time. Sometimes it scans two lines and the search can only scan one line and so you do not get any

results. In this case you will have to manually search through the pages to find what you are looking for. As an example I searched for myself **David F Taylor** (don't use a period after the initial) in the 1997 callbook. It returned no results. I knew I was in the book so I manually scrolled through the pages until I came to **WB5PIO** which is my call sign. When I tried to highlight my listing I could only highlight two lines instead of one which is why the search would not work. Do not get discouraged because once you find your family member and obtain their call sign it is very easy to look through the pages of all of the books to obtain their addresses. It is important to note that the call signs are arranged alphabetically by the letters following the district number. See the example below.

W5PGL	Danny K. Corb, 401 Live Oak St, P.O. Box 64, Valley Mills, TX 78057	K5PFE	James L. Sharrack, POB 109, Tijeras, NM 87015	W5PIK	Roger F. Britton, 204 S Houston St, Edgewood, TX 75117
K5PGE	Ralph E. Cox, Rt 6 Box 197-C, Harrison, AR 72601	WB5PHE	Owen E. Lohman, 2408 Kingston, Arlington, TX 76015	K5PIK	James P. Knight, 2801 Kinkead, Fort Smith, AR 72901
KB5PGE	Mark G. Jones, POB 287, Woodworth, LA 71485	K5PHF	David A. Clark, 9225 Lail Dr, El Paso, TX 79925	KB5PIK	Malcolm T. Avereit Sr, 27165 Leighton Ln, Denham Springs, LA 70726
K5PGE	Kevan T. Wilson, 3511 Squirrel Rd, Imboden, AR 72434	N5PHF	Sharon A. Lewallen, Rt 1 Box 355, Wesley, AR 72773	K5SPIK	Thomas W. Hlatt, 5919 Fairbrook, San Antonio, TX 78242
WB5PGE	James S. Gilchrist, 361-A N Field St, Burleson, TX 76028	K5PHF	John E. Abernathy, 10328 Paseo Del Norte NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114	W5PIK	Gypsy M. Adams, 150 Arbor Apt 3, Hot Springs, AR 71901
N5PGE	William H. Heath, 1804 Mayfield Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681	N5PHG	Gerry W. Harsh, 818 Preston, Burkburnett, TX 76354	N5PIL	Virginia E. Villacusa, 3506 Timber Hawk, San Antonio, TX 78235
K5PFG	Anthony M. Bauman, 8749-A Lemede Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46268	K5PHG	Jerry W. Hill, 533 N 20th Street E, Abilene, TX 79601	W5PIL	Herman E. Bertram, POB 1106, Beeville, TX 78102
KB5PFG	Richard A. McDonald, 1809 Chamberlain, Carrollton, TX 75007	K5PHG	Jaeg L. Rodrigues De Miranda, 9039 Lexington Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112	KB5PIL	N. Gregory T. Keese, 4700 Elk Run, Yukon, OK 73099
K5PFG	Zachary C. Geelhoed, 6624 Valley Chapel Rd, Ravenden Springs, AR 72460	WB5PHG	Robert S. Hawkins Jr, 333 Stephenson St, Shreveport, LA 71104	K5PIL	Robert L. Schrock, 410 Bunker, Aztec, NM 87410
N5PGG	Kimberly D. Sheffler, POB 585, Magdalena, NM 87825	N5PHH	Mark E. Traylor, Rt 1 Box 154-A, Chilton, TX 76632	W5PIL	Joe W. Tindel Jr, POB 188, Frankston, TX 75763
W5PGE	Orville L. Gulseth, 198 Polk 133, Mena, AR 71953	K5PHH	N. James W. Chamberlain, PSC 1 Box 20875, APO AP 96230	K5PIM	Huston W. Clark, POB 406, Springdale, AR 72765
K5PGE	Kenneth W. King, 870 Persimmon Pond Rd, Pocahtontas, TX 76119	WB5PHH	Allen W. Williams, 6200 Eubank NE 723, Albuquerque, NM 87111	KB5PIM	Watson A. Stains Jr, 220 Saddlebrook, San Antonio, TX 78245
N5PHH	Don C. Wallace, 3601 Hardeman, Fort Worth, TX 76119	K5PHH	Bobbie L. McClams, 1613 Lorraine Dr, Plano, TX 75074	K5PIM	William L. Jameson, 1212 Zauk Ave, Dumas, TX 79029
K5PHH	Roger J. Dillon, 521 Elsie Ln, River Ridge, TX 77089	KB5PHI	N. Jose D. Rodriguez, 1605 Thorain, San Antonio, TX 78201	N5PIM	Stephen N. Kennedy, 2703 S Sharlet, Oklahoma City, OK 73109
WB5PHH	Clyde E. Villines, 11306 Sagepark, Houston, TX 77083	K5PHI	Steve M. Cameron, 7503 Silentwood, Houston, TX 77086	KB5PIN	Rebecca L. Burkholder Dealey, 4332 Fairfax Ave, Dallas, TX 75205
KB5PHH	Thomas D. Johnson, 904-B Weldon Ter, Brenham, AR 72432	K5PHI	Kimberly A. Kelley, 2019 S Shaver, Pasadena, TX 77502	K5PIN	Franklin C. Adams, 10386 Luke St, Fort Bliss, TX 79908
K5PHH	Evelyn J. Simpson, 19741 Hwy 158, Harrisburg, TX 76240	WA5PHJ	James P. Dawson, 1005 Pine Oak Dr, Edmond, OK 73034	W5PIN	Julie A. Newchurch, 5805 Marcie St, Metairie, LA 70003
N5PHJ	Woody Featherston, POB 361, Gainesville, TX 77640	N5PHJ	Linda A. Brannon, POB 267, Georgetown, TX 78627	K5PIO	Margie G. Klar, 3709 Winifred, Fort Worth, TX 76133
KB5PHJ	John S. Murray, 3201 Burley Cove, Austin, TX 78745	W5PHK	Norman A. Taylor, 4251 E. Young Place, Tulsa, OK 74115	N5PIO	Joe P. Hunt, 7686 N FM 2288, San Angelo, TX 76901
K5PHJ	Joe L. Paclaram, 1016 N Mesquite St, Arlington, TX 76011	K5PHK	Max R. Turner, 1598 Luisa St, Santa Fe, NM 87505	K5PIO	Ernest R. Boatwright Jr, 2596-A Valencia Loop, Holloman AFB, NM 88330
WB5PHJ	Lionie T. Bennett, 3608 Bon Aire Dr, Monroe, LA 71201	N5PHL	Ronnie C. Sharrick, 74031 Nomin Hall Ln, Katy, TX 77449	W5PIO	David F. Taylor, 7636 Carl Rd Ext, Spring TX 77328
N5PHJ	Andrew V. Badgett, POB 75, Lindsay, TX 76250	KB5PHL	R. Jose L. Mendez, 143 Danny Clay, San Antonio, TX 78228	K5PIP	Frank X. Jones, 2632 Duchess Trail, Dallas, TX 75229
K5PHJ	David C. Wood, 3130 Manzano St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110	K5PHL	Darwin E. Pattenberg, Rt 1 Box 3, Pecos, NM 87552	N5PIP	A. Stirling W. Gosa, 3331 NE 12th Ter, Pompano Beach, FL 33064
K5PHJ	Marc J. Ben Meir, 3061 W Sycamore Cir, Euless, TX 76040	N5PHM	Timothy L. Stanley, 2110 Musket Ridge, Richmond, TX 77469	W5PIP	Fred F. Gilbert, 2108 W 9th St, Plainview, TX 79072
N5PHK	John E. Sprehe, 6908 Hatch Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76135	W5PHM	A. Claude F. Saunders, 501 Crockett POB 305, Booker, TX 78214	K5PIP	William J. Bragg, 2001 Plymouth Rock, Richardson, TX 75081
W5PHK	Carlton F. Barber Jr, 474 N Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147	KB5PHM	Paulino Rosales, 208 Launika, San Antonio, TX 78124	KB5PIP	Jessica B. Cohen, 5421 Royal Crest Dr, Dallas, TX 75229
K5PHK	Michael F. Joseph, 31 E Kittyhawk Dr, Richmond, TX 77469	K5PHM	C. D. Dedon, 1303 Tejas, Midland, TX 79705	N5PIP	Robert E. Concannon Jr, 4940 Sparrow Dr, Dayton, OH 45424
K5PHK	Johnny R. Wilbanks Sr, 6624 Betty Dr, Westauiga, LA 70094	N5PHN	James A. Laurent Jr, Hwy 415 Box 612-A, Ventress, LA 70783	K5PIO	John E. Shelton, 718 Ridgecrest, Irving, TX 75060
N5PHL	Leonard R. Abadie Jr, 1178 Avenue B, Westauiga, LA 70094	W5PHN	A. Robert J. Rychel, 4657 S Lakewood, Tulsa, OK 74135	N5PIO	Billy J. Trammell, Rt 3 Box 329, Mc Alester, OK 74501
KB5PHL	John P. Bush, 1701 Hillview Dr, Jackson, MS 39211	K5PHN	Margaret N. Bartels, 2408 Westridge Dr, Plano, TX 75075	W5PIO	E. August C. Golla, Box 114-AA, Converse, TX 78109
K5PHL	Charles D. Quinn, POB 121, Como, TX 75431	K5PHN	Jana R. Norwood, 3353 Mapleleaf, Dallas, TX 75233	KB5PIO	Frank D. Turner Jr, 610 Boyce Ave, Alamogordo, NM 88310
N5PHM	Dale W. Draeger, 1319 Mackie Dr, Richardson, TX 75081	K5PHN	Raylon R. Howell, 708 W California Ave, Midland, TX 79701	W5PIO	G. Jeter R. Kelley, Muse, OK 74949
KB5PHM	Johnnie J. Smith, 3090 S Major Dr, Beaumont, TX 77707	N5PHN	Nellie J. Stephens, POB 125, Fulton, MS 38843	KB5PIO	John C. Lile, 326 W Mandalay, San Antonio, TX 78212
K5PHM	Michael D. Jorns II, 315 Ellington St 106, Nacogdoches, TX 75961	KB5PHO	Charles K. Costa, POB 482, Rosebud, TX 76750	N5PIO	W. Catherine A. Fay, 9050 Dunmore Dr, Dallas, TX 75231
N5PHN	Robert D. Shacklett Jr, 8313 S Kalanchoe, Broken Arrow, OK 74011	N5PHO	Betty L. Thomas, 4611 Colt Dr, Arlington, TX 76017	K5PIR	Debra K. Castagnetta, 409 Chickasaw, Borger, TX 79007
KB5PHN	William S. Grisham, 1570 Hwy 4, Ripley, MS 38663	KB5PHO	Leon W. James, 2306 E Ledford, Benton, AR 72015	N5PIR	Cynthia D. Saffel, Rt 1 Box 332, Shreveport, LA 71103
K5PHN	James S. Coats, Rt 3 Box 286-B, Gladewater, LA 70458	W5PHO	Patti D. Hunt, 4737 Beckview, Midland, TX 79703	K5PIR	Arthur D. Peirce, 6315 Keniworth, Austin, TX 78723
N5PHO	John H. Kennedy, 1490 Harbor Dr 105, Slidell, LA 70458	N5PHO	A. Joseph A. Banos, 3960 W Pt Loma Boulevard H-121, San Diego, CA 92110	K5PIU	Robert I. Worley Sr, NOW W5JFB
KB5PHO	Robert F. Adair, NOW W5FKE	W5PHO	Stephen G. Greenwell, 12102 Attlee Dr, Houston, TX 77077	N5PIU	James R. Foliart, 2724 Cedar Pk, Richland Hills, TX 76118
W5PHO	Danny L. Lattin, 1938 Victory St, Brookings, SD 57006	N5PHO	Don L. Mullican, POB 221, Halls, OK 73550	KB5PIU	Rudolph J. Whitten, POB 2171, San Antonio, TX 78217
N5PHO	Joyce D. Bigham, 13235 Hodonin St, Elbert, CO 80106	KB5PHP	Supretha K. Arsikere, 1208 E Houston St Apt 49, Tyler, TX 75702	KB5PIU	Samantha E. Holloman, 3546 Drane Dr, Dallas, TX 75209
W5PHO	Nesbit A. Boyles, Rt 4 Box 107-F, Sherman, TX 75090	K5PHP	Kevin D. Johnson, 12281 Falcon Rd, Crandall, TX 75114	K5PIU	Camilla D. Heffernan, 3208 Primrose Trail, Georgetown, TX 78628
KB5PHO	Richard W. Robinson, 2934 Hwy 49 W, Pleasant View, TN 37146	W5PHO		W5PIU	Stephen R. Best, 12818 Chamberlain, Houston, TX 77077
K5PHO	Alfred G. Youngberg, 503 N Fairview 33, Keene, TX 76059				
N5PHO	Royce D. Quinn Jr, 4912 Travis, Houston, TX 77002				

In the example shown above you can see that I was not able to select just my listing which is why the search did not work. However the search did work in most of the other books. Also note how the listings are sorted. For example: K5PIO, N5PIO, KC5PIO and finally mine WB5PIO. Then comes K5PIP, N5PIP, W5PIP, KA5PIP, KB5PIP, and KC5PIP. Also note that sometimes amateur radio operators change their call signs. See the red arrow above. If this was your family member you would now have to go to the area where FKE is located to see his address.

I had an uncle whose call was WA0FZS. I first found him in the callbook in 1964. The last time I found his call sign was in 1982. Then I made a search for Francis D. Baumann and discovered that he had changed his call sign to N0EEL. The callbook did not give me notice that he had changed it. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't. When you are searching by call sign you no longer find it be sure to do a name search. After continuing to search the callbooks I found every address that he had lived at up until his death in 2005. My genealogy profile on him just became more complete thanks to the Radio Amateur Callbook.

Do you have ancestors that were Amateur Radio Operators? This might be the answer to that brick wall problem that you have.

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