

# Legislative Families: Siblings

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The Texas Legislature has seen many siblings who have legislative service in common. As of 2019, there have been 46 sibling sets! \* Read on for a list of brothers and sisters who have shared time in the Capitol (along with some interesting details about a few of these family units).

Ten sets of siblings have had overlap in their years of service (though not necessarily in the same chamber):

- **Dennis Bonnen** and **Greg Bonnen**
  - Dennis serves in the House, 1997-present (75th-86th)
  - Greg serves in the House, 2013-present (83rd-86th)
- **William H. Bourland** and **James G. Bourland**
  - William served in the House, 1846-1849 (1st-2nd), and 1853-1855 (5th)
  - James served in the Senate, 1846-1849 (1st-2nd)
- **James Washington Guinn** and **Robert Guinn**
  - Robert served in the Senate, 1853-1870 (5th-11th)
  - James served in the House, 1863-1866 (10th-11th)
- **Ross Hardin** and **Doss Hardin** *The first and only twins to serve in the Texas Legislature. Read a [speech](#) given by Doss Hardin at Baylor University's 1939 "Convention of Twins" that was read into the Senate Journal record.*
  - Ross served in the House, 1935-1941 (44th-46th)
  - Doss served in the Senate, 1938-1940 (45th-46th)
- **Jim Keffer** and **Bill Keffer**
  - Jim served in the House, 1997-2017 (75th-84th)
  - Bill served in the House, 2003-2007 (78th-79th)
- **William Henry Pope** and **Alexander Pope** *In an act of brotherly devotion, Alexander died when shot by W.T.S. Keller "while endeavoring to prevent him from shooting his brother, W.H. Pope" during a child custody trial. William was shot but survived the assault.*
  - William served in the Senate, 1883-1893 (18th-22nd)
  - Alexander served in the House, 1887-1889 (20th-21st)
- **Joseph Draper Sayers** and **William Sayers**
  - Joseph served in the Senate, 1873-1874 (13th)

- William served in the House, 1873–1876 (13th–14th)
- **Henry Berryman Terrell** and **George Butler Terrell** *The Terrells appear to be the first brothers to serve at the same time, in the same chamber.*
  - H. B. served in the House, 1901–1909 (27th–30th), and in the Senate, 1909–1915 (31st–34th)
  - George served in the House, 1899–1903 (26th–27th), 1907–1913 (30th–32nd), 1917–1920 (35th–36th), and 1931–1933 (42nd)
- **Carlos Uresti** and **Tomas Uresti**
  - Carlos served in the House, 1997–2006 (75th–79th), and in the Senate, 2006–2018 (79th–85th)
  - Tomas served in the House, 2017–2019 (85th)
- **Phillip L. Willis** and **Doyle Willis** *The Willis brothers are noted as the first siblings to serve two consecutive terms together in the Texas House of Representatives (HR 95, 74R).*
  - Phillip served in in the House, 1947–1949 (50th–51st)
  - Doyle served in the House, 1947–1953 (50th–52nd), 1969–1971 (61st), and 1973–1997 (63rd–74th), and in the Senate, 1953–1963 (53rd–57th)

*No siblings have served at the same time in the Senate, according to our research.*

Other siblings served in the Legislature at different times:

- **Ballard C. Bagby** and **George H. Bagby**
  - Ballard served in the Senate, 1846–1847 (1st)
  - George served in the House, 1861–1862 (9th)
- **Jack C.F. Blanton** and **Bill Blanton**
  - Jack served in the House, 1967–1973 (60th–62nd)
  - Bill served in the House, 1977–1987 (65th–69th)
- **John Howell Burnett** and **James Russell Burnett**
  - John served in the House, 1857–1859 (7th), and in the Senate, 1861–1862 (9th)
  - James served in the House, 1870–1871 (12th), and in the Senate, 1879 (16th)
- **Robert Henry Burney** and **Jesse Green Burney**
  - R. H. served in the Senate, 1887–1893 (20th–22nd)
  - Jesse served in House, 1895–1899 (24th–25th)
- **Gabi Canales** and **Terry Canales** *The Canales siblings appear to be the first sister and brother to have both served in the House.*

- Gabi served in the House, 2003–2005 (78th)
- Terry serves in the House, 2013–present (83rd–86th)
- **Price Daniel, Sr.** and **Bill Daniel**
  - Price Sr. served in the House, 1939–1945 (46th–48th)
  - Bill served in the House, 1949–1955 (51st–53rd)
- **John N. Doyle** and **William Elliott Doyle**
  - John served in the House, 1873–1874 (13th)
  - W.E. served in the Senate, 1921–1925 (37th–38th)
- **Frederick Joseph Duff** and **Robert Crews Duff**
  - Frederick served in the House, 1883–1885 (18th)
  - Robert served in the House, 1895 (24th), and 1903–1905 (28th)
- **A.K. Foster** and **Samuel Thompson Foster**
  - A.K. served in the Senate, 1870 (12th)
  - Samuel served in the House, 1866–1870 (11th)
- **Caleb Jackson Garrison** and **Thomas Smith Garrison**
  - C.J. served in the House, 1876–1881 (15th–16th), and 1883–1885 (18th), and in the Senate, 1885–1889 (20th)
  - T.S. served in the House, 1897–1899 (25th)
- **John Hancock** and **George Hancock**
  - John served in the House, 1861 (8th)
  - George served in the House, 1866–1870 (11th)
- **William N. Hardeman** and **Blackstone Hardeman**
  - William served in the House, 1849–1853 (3rd–4th)
  - Blackstone served in the House, 1861–1863 (9th)
- **Hardin Hart** and **Martin Hart**
  - Hardin served in the Senate, 1849–1855 (3rd–5th)
  - Martin served in the House, 1857–1859 (7th), and in the Senate, 1859–1861 (8th)
- **Oliver Cromwell Hartley** and **Rufus K. Hartley**
  - Oliver served in the House, 1851–1853 (4th)
  - Rufus served in the House, 1859–1861 (8th), and in the Senate, 1861–1866 (9th–10th)
- **John Nathaniel Henderson**, **Thomas Stalworth Henderson**, and **Samuel Red Henderson**
  - John served in the Senate, 1881–1883 (17th)
  - T.S. served in the House, 1893–1895 (23rd)
  - Sam served in the House, 1899–1901 (26th)
- **Alfred Marmaduke Hobby** and **Edwin E. Hobby**

- Alfred served in the House, 1861–1862 (8th–9th)
- Edwin served in the Senate, 1874–1879 (14th–16th)
- **Spearman Holland** and **Bird Holland**
  - Spearman served in the House, 1846–1847 (1st), 1857–1859 (7th), and 1861–1863 (9th), and in the Senate, 1863–1866 (10th)
  - Bird served in the House, 1853–1855 (5th)
- **Benjamin Franklin Jones**, **Charles Hill Jones**, and **William H. Jones**
  - Benjamin Jones served in the House, 1879–1881 (16th)
  - Charles Hill Jones served in the House, 1866–1870 (11th)
  - W. H. Jones served in the House, 1876–1879 (15th), and 1885–1887 (19th)
- **J. M. Kennedy** and **Austin Milton Kennedy**
  - A. M. served in the House, 1899–1903 (26th–27th), and 1905–1914 (29th–33rd)
  - J. M. served in the House, 1914–1915 (33rd)
- **Marcellus Eugene Kleberg** and **Rudolph Kleberg**
  - Marcellus served in the House, 1873–1874 (13th)
  - Rudolph served in the Senate, 1883–1886 (18th–19th)
- **Tony Korieth** and **A. J. "Al" Korieth**
  - Tony served in the House, 1957–1961 (55th–57th)
  - Al served in the House, 1973–1977 (63rd–64th)
- **Dan Kubiak** and **L. B. Kubiak**
  - Dan served in the House, 1969–1983 (61st–67th), and 1991–1998 (72nd–75th)
  - L. B. served in the House, 1983–1991 (68th–71st)
- **Albert Hamilton Latimer** and **Henry Latimer**
  - Albert served in the Senate, 1849–1851 (3rd)
  - Henry served in the Senate, 1870–1874 (12th–13th)
- **Theophilus Nils Mauritz** and **Fred Mauritz**
  - Theophilus served in the House, 1929–1931 (41st)
  - Fred served in the House, 1935–1939 (44th–45th), and in the Senate, 1941–1947 (47th–50th)
- **James B. McCown** and **Jerome B. McCown**
  - James served in the House, 1846–1847 (1st)
  - Jerome served in the House, 1847–1849 (2nd) and 1855–1857 (6th)
- **Benjamin McCulloch** and **Henry Eustace McCulloch**
  - Benjamin served in the House, 1846–1847 (1st)
  - Henry served in the House, 1853–1855 (5th), and in the Senate, 1855–1859 (6th–7th)
- **Francis Mundine** and **Titus Mundine**

- Francis served in the House, 1897–1899 (25th)
- Titus served in the House, 1859–1861 (8th)
- **Howard Francis O'Neal** and **Hardy Alonzo O'Neal**
  - Howard served in the House, 1895–1896 (24th)
  - Hardy served in the House, 1905–1907 (29th–30th)
- **J. W. Robertson** and **James H. Robertson**
  - J. W. served in the House, 1871–1873 (12th)
  - James served in the House, 1883–1885 (18th), and 1907–1912 (30th–32nd)
- **Hardin Richard Runnels** and **Howell Runnels**
  - Hardin served in the House, 1847–1855 (2nd–5th)
  - Howell served in the House, 1855–1859 (6th–7th)
- **G. R. Shannon** and **William Russell Shannon**
  - G. R. served in the Senate, 1870–1873 (12th)
  - William served in the House, 1857–1861 (7th–8th), and 1864–1866 (10th), and in the Senate, 1866–1870 (11th), and 1879–1887 (16th–19th)
- **James Shepard** and **Chauncy Shepard**
  - James served in the House, 1850–1851 (3rd), and 1856–1857 (6th)
  - Chauncy served in the Senate, 1857–1866 (7th–10th)
- **Pulaski A. Thurmond**, **Alfred Thurmond**, and **George Murat Thurmond**
  - Pulaski served in the House, 1863 (9th)
  - Alfred served in the House, 1866–1870 (11th), and 1873–1874 (13th)
  - George served in the House, 1901–1903 (27th)
- **George Murat Thurmond** and **Roger H. Thurmond, Jr.**
  - George served in the House, 1955–1959 (54th–55th)
  - Roger served in the House, 1959–1967 (56th–59th)
- **James W. Truitt** and **John Hays Truitt**
  - James served in the House, 1881–1883 (17th), and 1891–1895 (22nd–23rd)
  - John H. served in the House, 1887–1889 (20th)
- **Albert Turney** and **William Ward Turney**
  - Albert served in the House, 1909–1911 (31st–32nd)
  - W. W. served in the House, 1893–1897 (23rd–24th), and in the Senate, 1897–1903 (25th–27th)

*\*This blog post is the second in a series, with a previous post on **legislative spouses**, and posts to come on legislative parents/children, and other family connections. We've attempted to identify all of the legislative siblings, but let us know if you think we missed some! This information is provided as a public service by the Legislative Reference Library. The Legislative Reference Library makes no representation as to its*

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