

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 Koriioth** and **A. J. "Al" Koriioth**
 - 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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