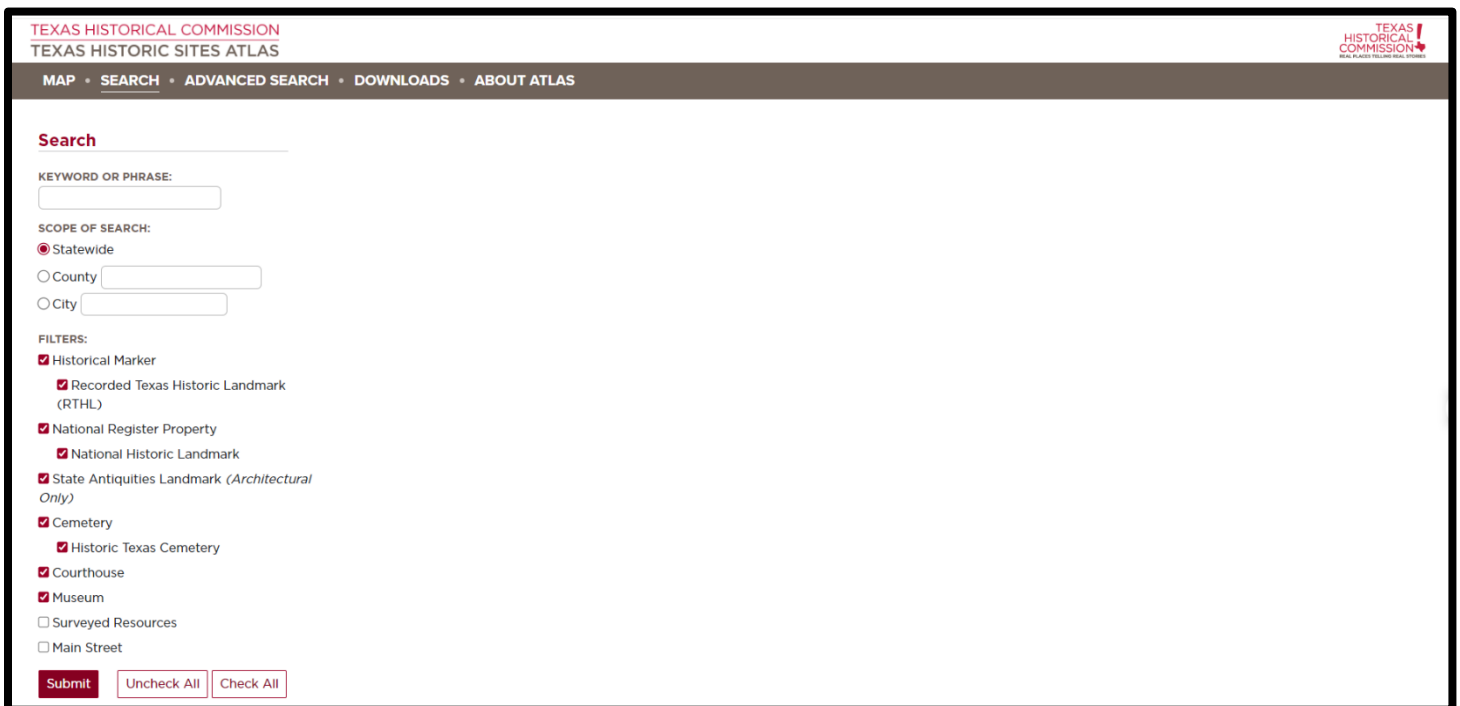


## FINDING CEMETERIES IN THE THC'S TEXAS HISTORIC SITES ATLAS

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) maintains a statewide inventory of cemeteries and makes it available to the public through the Texas Historic Sites Atlas. The Atlas is a database of historic site records with integrated digital maps documenting Texas history, enabling the user to find a historic site's location and other select details. The Atlas contains more than 300,000 site records for a wide variety of cultural resources across the state, including more than 12,000 cemeteries.

Start your search at <https://atlas.thc.texas.gov/>. The screen will look like this:



The screenshot shows the search interface of the Texas Historic Sites Atlas. At the top, it says "TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION" and "TEXAS HISTORIC SITES ATLAS". Below that is a navigation bar with "MAP", "SEARCH", "ADVANCED SEARCH", "DOWNLOADS", and "ABOUT ATLAS". The main search area is titled "Search" and includes a "KEYWORD OR PHRASE:" input field. Below that is the "SCOPE OF SEARCH:" section with radio buttons for "Statewide" (selected), "County" (with a dropdown menu), and "City" (with a dropdown menu). The "FILTERS:" section has several checkboxes: "Historical Marker" (checked), "Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL)" (checked), "National Register Property" (checked), "National Historic Landmark" (checked), "State Antiquities Landmark (Architectural Only)" (checked), "Cemetery" (checked), "Historic Texas Cemetery" (checked), "Courthouse" (checked), "Museum" (checked), "Surveyed Resources" (unchecked), and "Main Street" (unchecked). At the bottom of the filters are three buttons: "Submit", "Uncheck All", and "Check All".

### How-To: SEARCH FOR ALL CEMETERIES IN THE COUNTY

You can perform searches in a number of different ways. These instructions focus on how to view data on cemeteries within a particular county. Remember that this data is not all-inclusive. It represents only those cemeteries for which THC has data. Please note that not all cemeteries are listed by name, or may be listed by an alternate name. Refer to [page 5](#) for how to search by location instead of by a list of names.

1. From the Atlas home page, click on the second tab from the left called "County."
2. Select your county from the drop-down menu.
3. Uncheck all boxes except "Cemetery" and "Historic Texas Cemetery"
4. Click "submit."

See the graphic on the following page:

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**Search**

KEYWORD OR PHRASE:

SCOPE OF SEARCH:  
 Statewide  
 County   
 City

FILTERS:  
 Historical Marker  
 Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL)  
 National Register Property  
 National Historic Landmark  
 State Antiquities Landmark (*Architectural Only*)  
 Cemetery  
 Historic Texas Cemetery  
 Courthouse  
 Museum  
 Surveyed Resources  
 Main Street

1. Select Search tab.

2. Choose your county.

3. Check only cemeteries.

4. Click submit.

You'll get a list of cemeteries in THC's database. The screen will look like this:

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**Search**

KEYWORD OR PHRASE:

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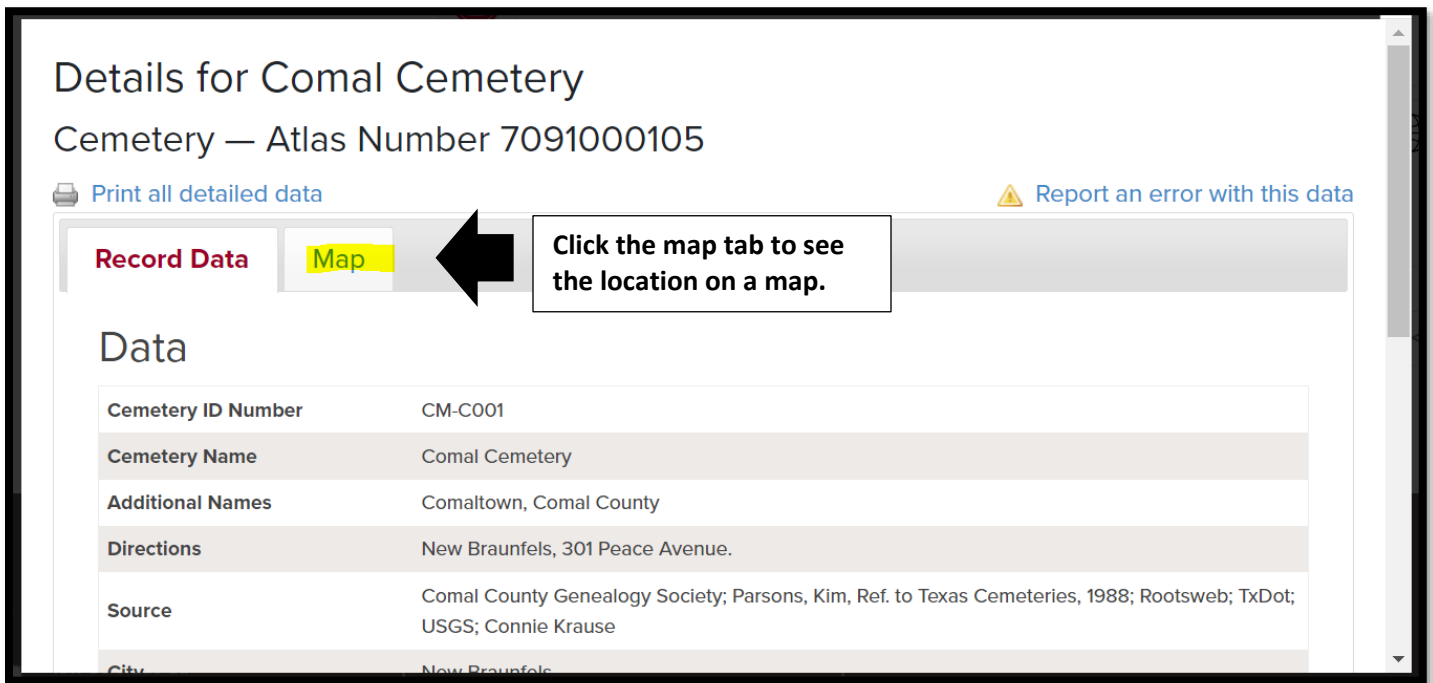
FILTERS:  
 Historical Marker  
 Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL)  
 National Register Property  
 National Historic Landmark

155 Search Results (1 - 25)

-  **Adams Family Cemetery — Comal County**  
Cemetery
-  **Adolph Georg Cemetery — Comal County**  
Cemetery  
Georg, A Cemetery
-  **Andreas — Comal County**  
Cemetery
-  **Arnold Cemetery — Comal County**  
Cemetery

Click name for details.

Clicking the cemetery name (in blue text) will take you to the record data, and a link to the mapped location, if available. The record data will provide basic information about the cemetery, including its location and its HTC designation status, if any. It looks like this:



Details for Comal Cemetery  
Cemetery — Atlas Number 7091000105

[Print all detailed data](#) [Report an error with this data](#)

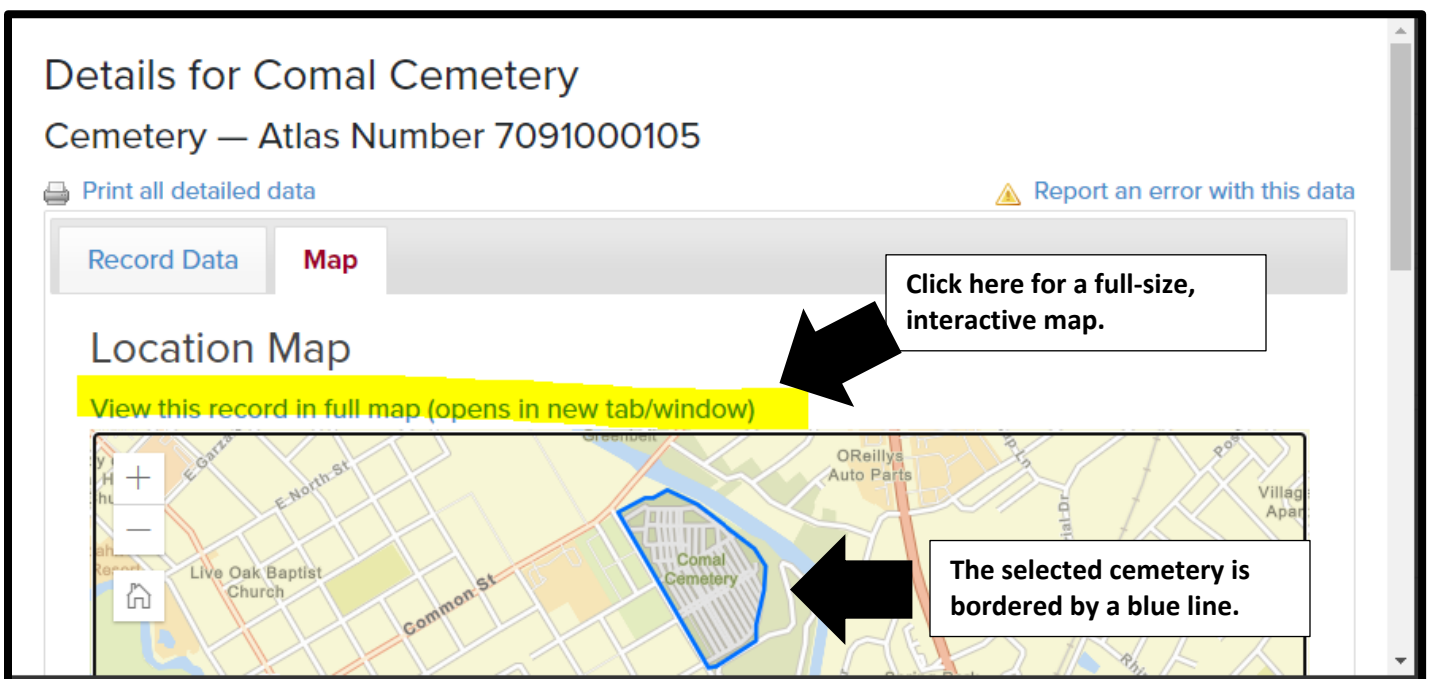
**Record Data** **Map**

**Click the map tab to see the location on a map.**

### Data

Cemetery ID Number	CM-C001
Cemetery Name	Comal Cemetery
Additional Names	Comaltown, Comal County
Directions	New Braunfels, 301 Peace Avenue.
Source	Comal County Genealogy Society; Parsons, Kim, Ref. to Texas Cemeteries, 1988; Rootsweb; TxDot; USGS; Connie Krause
City	New Braunfels

Clicking on the map tab will give you a snapshot of the cemetery's location on a map. The selected cemetery will be bordered in blue, like this:



Details for Comal Cemetery  
Cemetery — Atlas Number 7091000105

[Print all detailed data](#) [Report an error with this data](#)

**Record Data** **Map**

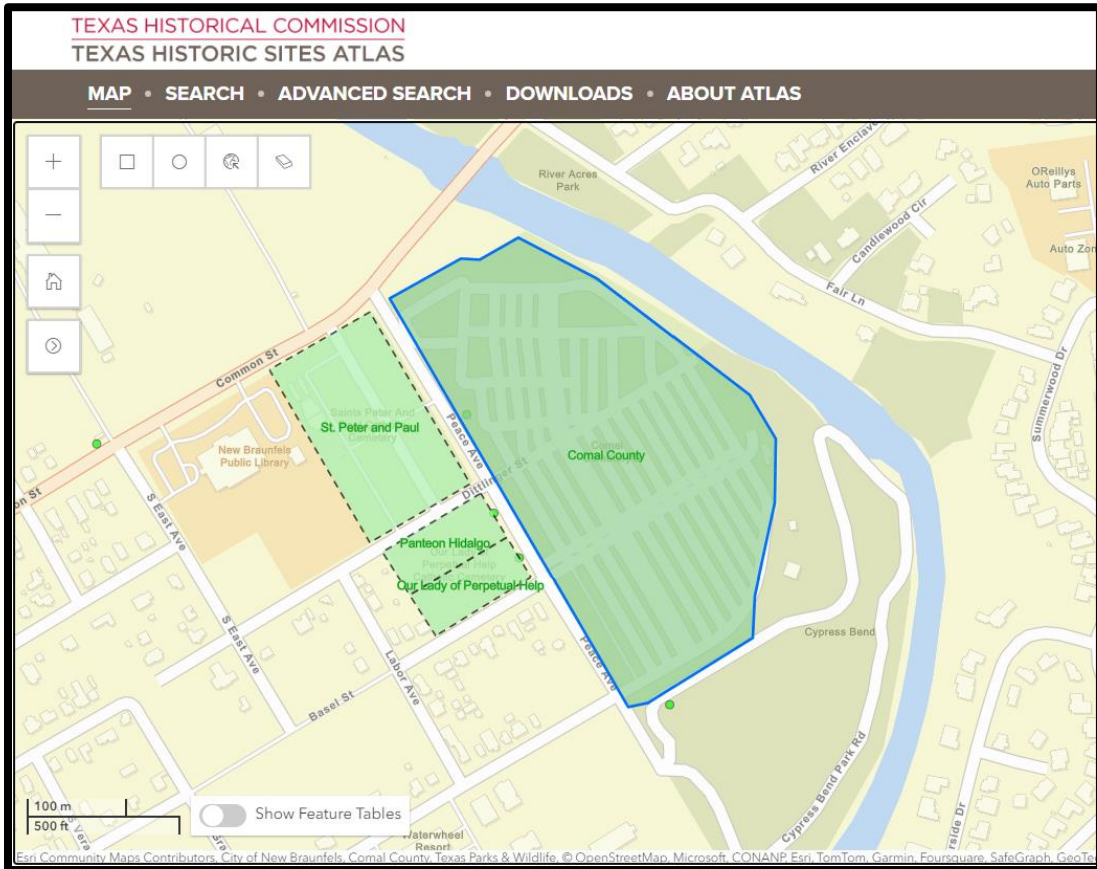
### Location Map

**View this record in full map (opens in new tab/window)**

**Click here for a full-size, interactive map.**

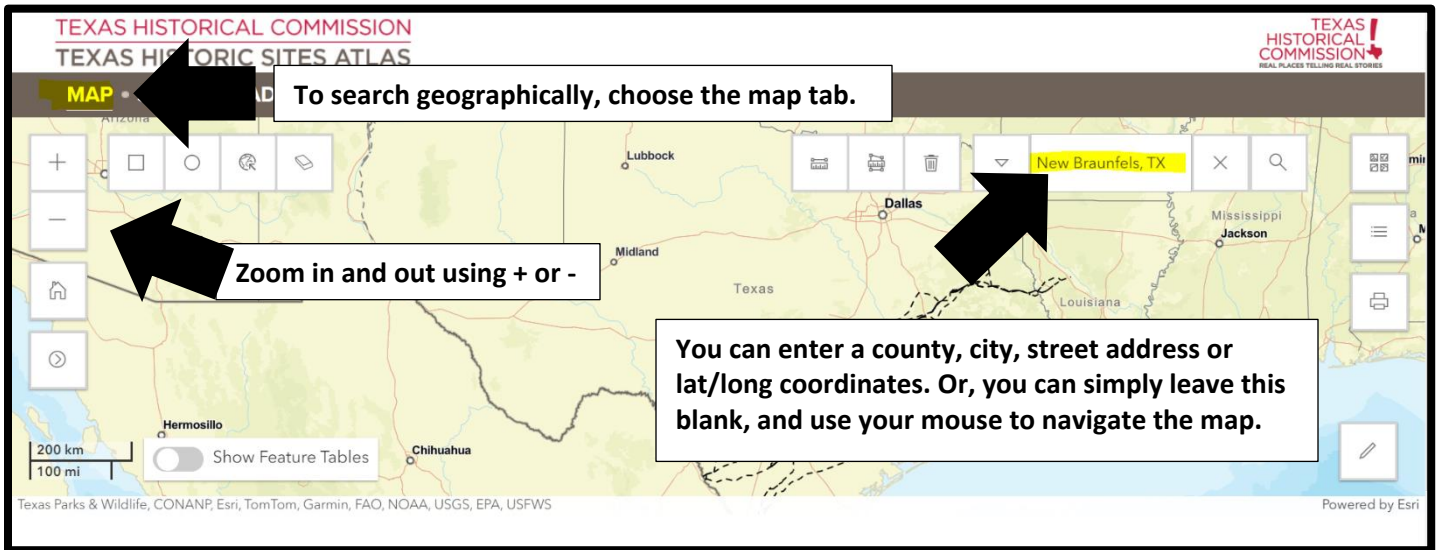
**The selected cemetery is bordered by a blue line.**

To access a full-size, interactive map, click “View this record in a full map.” You’ll then see all area cemeteries, represented as green polygons. It will look like this:

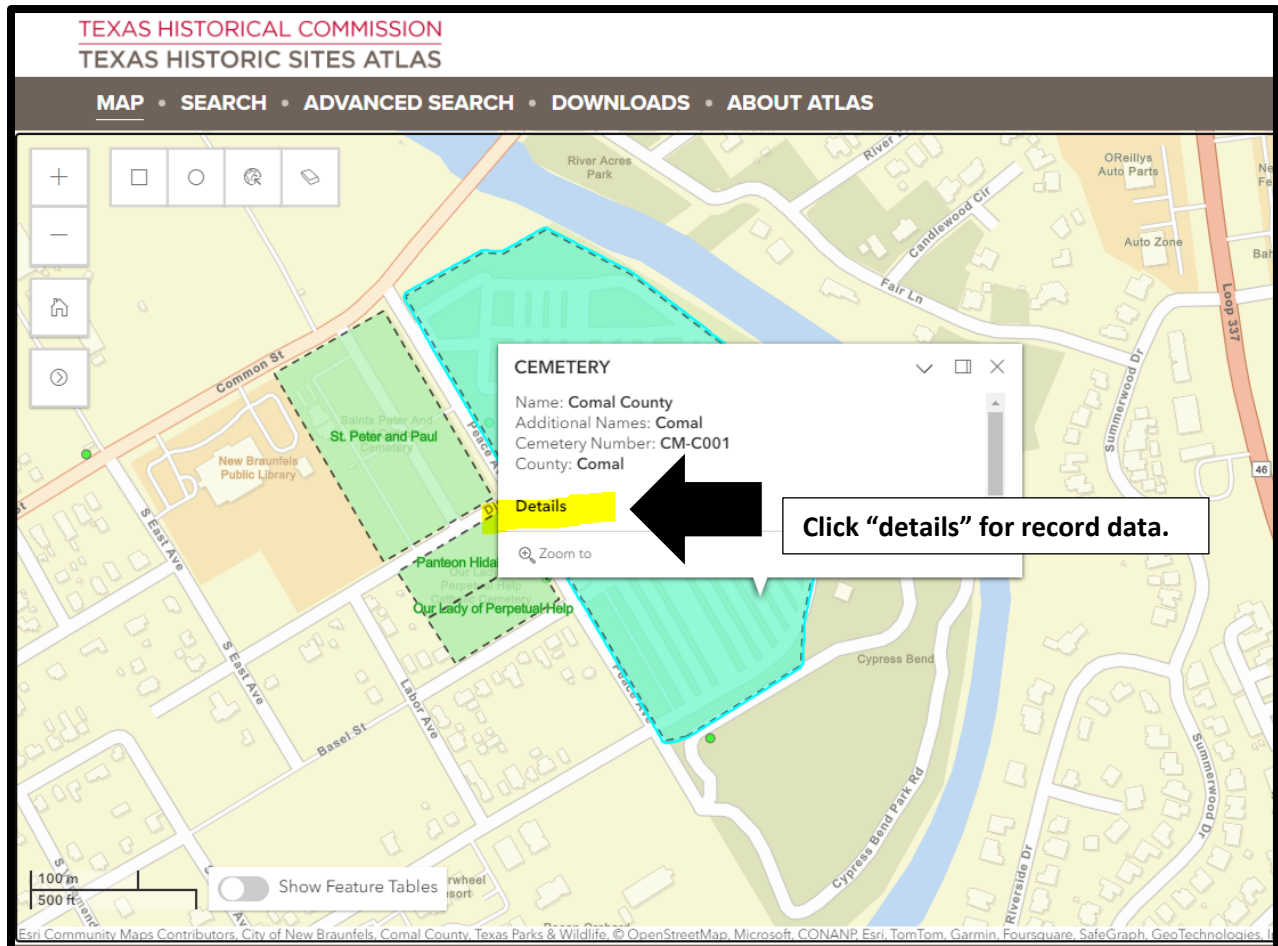


## How-to: USE THE MAP TO LOCATE CEMETERIES

In some instances, you might want to start your search using the map, instead of the data records. To do this, go back to the home page and select “Map,” from the top menu bar. You can enter a specific location in the search box, or you can simply double-click on the map to zoom into a location. See:



To see the record data for any feature, select it with your mouse. From the pop-up, choose “Details.”



## How to: Search for a Cemetery by Name

Searching for a cemetery by name can be problematic because many cemeteries have many “alternative names,” and all of those names may or may not be part of the Atlas record. Therefore, it is possible that the Atlas contains a record for a particular cemetery, but you might not find it if searching by name (use the map for a geographic search instead).

The best way to search for a cemetery name is to use the keyword search from the main page of the Atlas, because it will look at primary names and alternate names. Enter the name or part of the name (do not use “cemetery”), then the county name, and then choose “cemeteries.” When you hit “Submit,” you’ll get a list of cemeteries with that name, or that include that word/phrase as part of the name—both primary names and alternate names. It will look like this:

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### Search


KEYWORD OR PHRASE:

SCOPE OF SEARCH:  
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FILTERS:  
 Historical Marker  
     Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL)  
 National Register Property  
     National Historic Landmark  
 State Antiquities Landmark (*Architectural Only*)  
 Cemetery  
     Historic Texas Cemetery  
 Courthouse  
 Museum  
 Surveyed Resources  
 Main Street

**2 Search Results (1 - 2)**

 **Koch Cemetery — Comal County**  
Historic Texas Cemetery  
Karl Koch Cemetery, Koch-Bremer-Krause Cemetery

 **Krause Cemetery — Comal County**  
Cemetery

“Krause” used in an alternate name for the cemetery

“Krause” used as the primary name for the cemetery

Another way to search by name is to use the advanced search. However, note that will only pull up cemeteries using the primary name, as it is entered in THC records. It will look like this (compare to the previous keyword search):

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' interface for the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Historic Sites Atlas. The search criteria are: Cemetery ID Number (empty), Cemetery Name 'Krause', and County 'Comal'. The search results show one entry: 'Krause Cemetery — Comal County'. A callout box with a black arrow points to the search results, stating 'Only searches for primary name'. The search filters include 'ANY', 'TEXAS HISTORIC CEMETERY', and 'NON-THC DESIGNATED CEMETERY'. The date designated is set to 'ANY' through 'ANY'. The results per page are set to 25.

If there is an error in the record data, you can report it to THC using the “report an error” function. See:

The screenshot shows the 'Details for Comal Cemetery' page. The cemetery name is 'Comal Cemetery' and the Atlas Number is '7091000105'. There are buttons for 'Print all detailed data' and 'Map'. A callout box with a black arrow points to a yellow button labeled 'Report an error with this data'. Below the buttons is a 'Data' table with the following information:

Data	
Cemetery ID Number	CM-C001
Cemetery Name	Comal Cemetery
Additional Names	Comaltown, Comal County
Directions	New Braunfels, 301 Peace Avenue.
Source	Comal County Genealogy Society; Parsons, Kim, Ref. to Texas Cemeteries, 1988; Rootsweb; TxDot; USGS; Connie Krause
City	New Braunfels

If you see numerous errors in the records of a particular county, please contact THC staff directly instead of using the error button. Contact Cemetery Preservation Program Coordinator Jenny McWilliams at [jenny.mcwilliams@thc.texas.gov](mailto:jenny.mcwilliams@thc.texas.gov) or 512-475-4506.