

MUSEUM ASSISTANCE

Staff members consult with history museums throughout the state on the preservation and interpretation of museum collections. Services include email and telephone consultations; dissemination of educational and reference materials; and workshops dealing with such topics as strategic planning for museums, collections management, exhibit development, fundraising, and general museum operations.

HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

Staff members maintain the Historic Sites Inventory which documents more than 100,000 historic and cultural resources in Texas. Access to this information is available through the Texas Historic Sites Atlas on the THC web site. Staff members also coordinate and provide technical assistance to ongoing survey efforts in local communities.

PUBLIC PROJECT (SECTION 106) AND FEDERAL TAX CREDIT REVIEWS

Projects utilizing federal funds or requiring federal approval or license are subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. To do so, federal agencies consult with the THC, along with local governments and other stakeholders, to determine if any properties in the project area are listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. If so, THC consults further, seeking to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects to those historic properties. Applicants for federal or state historic rehabilitation tax credits also begin by consulting with THC to determine if their property currently has federal or state historical designation, or if it is eligible for historical designation.

TEXAS HISTORIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS PROGRAM

In 2009, House Bill 2642 established the Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program, the goal of which is to identify, designate, interpret, and market historic roads and highways in Texas. The THC and the Texas Department of Transportation have entered into an agreement to administer this program. Projects include surveying historic highways such as the Bankhead and Meridian highways, identifying extant road-related buildings and sites along these highways, supplying road-related research materials, and providing maps and information that may be used by heritage tourists and armchair historians to recreate the experience of driving along these historic roadways, potentially increasing visitation to our Texas communities with a positive effect on local economies.

MILITARY SITES PROGRAM

The Military Sites Program documents, commemorates, preserves, and promotes historic sites where Texas military personnel served, both inside and outside the state. Projects include surveying sites in Texas associated with both military and home front activities. Popular heritage tourism brochures produced through this program include Texas in the Civil War and Texas in World War II, which are available for download on the agency's website. The agency's Texas in the Cold War initiative offers oral history training workshops to assist in documenting Texas Cold War veterans' stories and accomplishments.



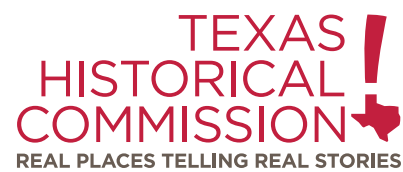
Oral histories enhance our understanding of the past by illuminating personal experience.

YOUTH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

Staff creates educational outreach opportunities for youth involvement in agency activities. Staff works with all agency divisions to improve, expand, and produce new and exciting programming opportunities, as well as develop new ways to use THC programs to inspire, educate, and inform Texas youth about the importance of the history and preservation of Texas' historic resources.

How to Reach Us

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