

# Local History Resources

## National

[Digital Public Library of America](#) (online database of digitized materials from across the United States)

[National Archives Southwest Region in Fort Worth](#) (“Includes federal censuses of all states, 1790-1930 [and indexes for 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920]; military service records, pension and bounty land warrant applications; passenger arrivals; Dawes Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma.

Manuscripts, photos, maps received from federal district and bankruptcy courts and 85 federal agencies in four states.”)

## State

[Baylor University Texas Collection](#) (“The Texas Collection is one of Baylor University Libraries' Special Collections and collects materials on the history, heritage, and culture of Texas.”)

[Briscoe Center for American History at UT-Austin](#) (especially the Texas History and Southern History Collections)

[DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University](#) (“The DeGolyer Library is the principal repository at SMU for special collections in the humanities, the history of business, and the history of science and technology.”)

[The Portal to Texas History](#) (digitized collections from across the state)

[Texas General Land Office](#) (historic maps, surveys, and documents)

[Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#) (TSLAC)

[UT-Arlington Special Collections](#) (especially the Texas Labor Archives, Texas Political History Collection, Garrett Cartographic History Library and Historical Manuscripts Collection.)

[UT-Dallas Special Collections and Archives](#)

[William J. Hill Texas Artists and Artisans Archive](#)

## Regional

[Clayton Library for Genealogical Research](#) (Part of Houston Public Library system; includes census records, vital records, church and cemetery records, National Archives immigration and naturalization records, military records, and maps, especially for Harris and Galveston Counties.)

[Cushing Memorial Library and Archives at Texas A&M University](#) (See especially the Texas & Borderlands Collection; also, the University has records related to the county Agricultural Extension Program.)

[Dallas Public Library Genealogy Collection](#) (includes local, state, and national records)



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[East Texas Research Collection at Stephen F. Austin State University](#) (“Items include photographs, documents, maps, books and other archival materials associated with the East Texas geographical region from the Gulf of Mexico north to the Red River and east of the Trinity River to Western Louisiana.”)

[Fort Worth Public Library Genealogy, History and Archives](#) (“It has a large collection of family history data including federal census, books, periodicals and online databases. The unit collects primary and secondary materials on the history of Fort Worth, its institutions, organizations, and people.”)

[Galveston and Texas History Center](#) (“The Galveston and Texas History Center’s archives include manuscripts, photographs, books, maps, architectural drawings, and more focusing on Galveston from its 1839 incorporation to the present and early Texas from the Spanish colonial period through the Civil War.”)

[Galveston Immigration Database](#) (“The nation’s only computerized listing of immigrants to Galveston, Texas.”)

[Goliad Center for Texas History](#) (Special emphasis on the history of Goliad County and the Coastal Bend Region.)

[Gulf Coast Archive & Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender History](#) (“A large collection of artifacts and stories, from the 1950's to the present, focusing on the Texas Gulf Coast area.”)

[The History Center](#) at Diboll (Collections include material related to the natural and social history of the area, the East Texas lumber industry, and the records of regional families, organizations, businesses, and governments; covers Diboll, Angelina County, and East Texas.)

[Houston Metropolitan Research Center](#) (Archival records related to the history of Houston and, to a lesser extent, Harris County and Galveston.)

[Indianola Immigrant Database at Victoria Regional History Center](#) (Database of individuals who immigrated to the United States through the Port of Indianola)

[Prairie View A&M University Special Collections & Archives Department](#) (See especially collections related to Representative Wilhelmina Delco and the Prairie View Interscholastic League.)

[Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center](#) (Holds materials related to Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto and Tyler Counties; part of TSLAC)

[Sam Houston State University Special Collections and University Archives](#) (Especially strong on Texana, Walker County, Huntsville, and Texas criminal justice system history.)

[San Antonio Public Library Texana/Genealogy Collection](#)

[Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University](#) (“The Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library is a regional archives that collects, preserves and makes accessible materials about the Southwest region of the United States. The materials include manuscript collections, photographic collections, oral histories, books and newspapers.”)



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[Tarleton State University Archives and Special Collections](#) (“The Tarleton Libraries' Archives and Special Collections curate and preserve materials relating to the distinctive history of Tarleton State University, Erath County, and the Cross Timbers region of north central Texas.”)

[TCU Special Collections](#) (See especially the papers of Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, William Jackson Hammond, the Jarvis-Van Zandt Family, the Love Family, and Tom B. Saunders.)

[Texas A&M Corpus Christi Special Collections](#) (Texana and South Texas history)

[The Texas Medical Center Library McGovern Historical Center](#) (Collections related to the history of medicine in Texas, Harris County, Houston, and the Texas Medical Center.)

[Texas State University Archives](#) (See especially oral histories relating to San Marcos and surrounding communities.)

[Texas Woman’s University Library Woman’s Collection](#) (“The Woman’s Collection is the largest source of research materials on Southern and Southwestern women in the United States and in 1979 was designated by the Texas legislature as the state’s official collection on the history of women.”)

[University of Houston Special Collections](#) (See especially the Carey Shuart Women’s Research Collection, Hispanic Research Collection, Houston & Texas History Collection, Houston Hip Hop Research Collection, Houston History Archives, LGBT History Research Collection, and Energy and Sustainability Collections.)

[University of North Texas Special Collections](#) (Focus on North Texas; see especially the NBC 5/KXAS (WBAP) Television News Collection, from the “oldest television news station in Texas”; Latino/a Collections; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Archive; Oral History Collection; Texana Collection; and Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution Archives)

[UT-Rio Grande Valley Special Collections](#) (See especially the Lower Rio Grande Valley Collection; the Serials Collection, which includes South Texas and Northern Mexico newspapers and periodicals; the Chicano Collection, which documents the history of the Chicano movement; and oral history interviews.)

[UTEP Special Collections](#) (See especially manuscript collections on El Paso Borderlands history, Mexican-American/Chicano(a) History, Native American history, and Women’s history.)

[UTSA Libraries Special Collections](#) (“Research materials documenting the diverse histories and development of San Antonio and South Texas.”)

[W. R. Poage Legislative Library](#) (Large collection of political materials, especially for Texas Congressmen and state-level political and judicial figures; records frequently pertain to activities in Texas districts and interactions with Texas constituents.)

[Woodson Research Center Special Collections & Archives at Rice University](#) (“Subject strengths of manuscript collections include Houston families & history, Rice faculty members' papers, U.S. Civil War materials, British Maritime & Naval History, and more.”)



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## Local

Local Public Library Archives

Local History Centers and Societies

County Historical Commissions

Local genealogical organizations

Local college universities and archives

Local civic groups (e.g., Rotary)

## Image-Specific Resources

National

[Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Online Catalog](#)

[NARA Digital Photography Collections](#)

[National Park Service History Collection](#)

[David Rumsey Historical Map Collection](#)

State & Regional

[Cushing Memorial Library & Archives at Texas A&M University Flickr stream](#) (Cushing has many more photographs in its holdings, but this is a good introduction; click on “Albums” to browse by topic)

[Galveston and Texas History Center Photograph Collections](#)

[Houston Metropolitan Research Center Photographic Archive Database](#) (“The searchable records offer glimpses of day-to-day life in Houston and Texas from the 1860s to the 1980s, and cover subjects such as farming, industry, oil exploration, transportation, festivals, parades, natural disasters, and cultural, civic and sporting events.”)

[Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection at UT-Austin](#)

[Texas Department of Transportation \(TxDOT\) Photo Library](#) (Includes photographs related to transportation subjects, scenic landscapes, and images from TxDOT publications. Photo library is not available online, but you can visit in person to conduct research and request specific images via phone or email.)

[Texas Tech University Special Collections Photograph Collection](#) (Includes images related to the history of Lubbock; the cattle industry; and the Photo Collections of the Southwest Collection, which spans the state.)



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[Texas and the WPA Flickr Page](#) (TPWD; contains nearly 7,000 images related to Works Progress Administration sites across Texas digitized by TPWD; both text records and photographs; not only related to Texas State Parks)

[UT-Arlington Special Collections Photographs and Graphics](#) (See especially the photograph archives of the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*, collections of commercial photographers, graphics ranging from the Republic to early Statehood periods, and 20<sup>th</sup> century postcards.)

[University of Houston – Victoria Digital Collections](#) (See especially the Historic Photograph Collection; Ranching in the Coastal Bend, 1845-1929 Collection; and the Victoria *Advocate* Photograph Morgue.)

[University of North Texas Special Collections](#) (Focus on North Texas; see especially the Byrd Williams Family Photography Collection and the Photography and Visual Materials Collection.)

[UT-Rio Grande Valley Map Collection](#) (“Covers South Texas and Northern Mexico. To find maps in the online catalog, search title ‘Map Collection.’ You may also search by keyword or subject for the city, county, or region. There is no need to capitalize, but you do need to abbreviate Texas as “tex.” For example: edinburg tex maps.”)

[UTEP Image Collections](#) (See especially photographic collections focusing on the El Paso-Juárez area)

[UTSA Libraries Special Collections Photograph Collection](#) (“Photographs in our collections cover a broad range of topics, including: historic views of San Antonio, small towns in South and Central Texas, ethnic communities and culture, daily life, street scenes, family photographs, portraits, events, architecture, and UTSA history.”)



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