

Research Resources: Exhibit Panels, Digital Interactive, and Workshop Exercise

Early Roads

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Historic Highways

- THC website
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways>
 - Several pages dedicated to their Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program, including pages dedicated to Bankhead Highway, Meridian Highway, related topics, and resources for



researching roads. Provided general information about the history and historical context of the Texas Highway Department and Bankhead and Meridian highways.

- The Development of Highways in Texas: A Historic Context of the Bankhead Highways and Other Historic Named Highways
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/Section%20I.%20Statewide%20Historic%20Context.pdf>
 - Comprehensive report prepared for THC and TxDOT as part of the Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program. Detailed, chronological history of the evolution of Texas roadways and historic named highways. Provided information on the Good Roads movement, the development of the Texas Highway Department, the economic importance of Bankhead and Meridian highways, and the development of tourism along both routes.

- The Development of Highways in Texas: A Historic Context of the Bankhead Highways and Other Historic Named Highways – Evolution of Named Highways (aka “Bankhead Highway Report” on THC website)
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/Bankhead-history.pdf>
 - Comprehensive report prepared for THC and TxDOT as part of the Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program. This section focuses on the history and evolution of Bankhead Highway specifically, starting with early Spanish roads and trails (1680-1880). Provided information on the Good Roads movement, how Bankhead was marketed as the “Broadway of America” to tourists, and the development of tourist resources along the highway.

- THC Bankhead Highway Brochure
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/publications/bankhead-highway-brochure.pdf>
 - Brief introduction to historic Texas highways in general and Bankhead Highway in particular. Includes a map of the historic route and photos, both historic and contemporary, of Bankhead and its historic architecture.

- The Meridian Highway in Texas
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/Report%20Final.pdf>
 - Comprehensive report prepared for THC that focuses on the detailed history of the Meridian Highway in Texas, including its historic context. Provided information on the Good Roads movement, the economic impact of the route connecting Canada to Mexico, and how Meridian was marketed to tourists as the “Main Street of North America.”

- Citizens of Mineral Wells..., photo, courtesy of Boyce Ditto Public Library
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph16289/>

- I chose this image because it shows the poor road conditions of the time and illustrates how roads were maintained before a centralized state department, i.e. by private citizens taking matters into their own hands
- Hans Andersen changing a tire, photo, courtesy of Danish Heritage Preservation Society
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph223761/?q=%22Hans%20Andersen%22>
 - The story behind this photo perfectly illustrates how poor road conditions affected travelers and their vehicles. Having to change at least one tire a day is more than a minor inconvenience.
- Map Showing Proposed System of State Highways, courtesy of the Texas State Library and Archives
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/apps/arc/maps/maplookup.php?mapnum=06254>
 - This map was created by the Texas Highway Department the year the department was created, illustrating the importance of creating a state highway system. The map also shows the route of each of the named highways, providing some orientation for visitors.
- Broadway Street in Van Horn, photo, courtesy Clark Hotel Museum
<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph14005/?q=%22Broadway%20Street%22>
 - Bankhead Highway was marketed as the “Broadway of America,” and towns would build tourist amenities along its route. I wanted a photo showing a city street named “Broadway” that overlapped with Bankhead with tourist amenities clearly visible to illustrate that point.
- Meridian Highway, flyer, courtesy Harvey County Historical Museum and Archives, copied from THC’s Meridian Highway Report
<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/Report%20Final.pdf>
 - I used this flier because it illustrates how Meridian Highway was marketed as the “Main Street of North America,” Meridian’s route through the U.S., and the resources along that route.

Farm to Market Road System

“Texas Travel,” *Texas Heritage*, Vol 1, 2019. This issue had a good article on the history of the farm-to-market road system with images showcasing the files in TxDOT’s collection.

“The Development of Highways in Texas: A Historic Context of the Bankhead Highway and Other Historic Named Highways.” A good overview of development of roads in Texas, with particular emphasis on highways. The notes section of each chapter is especially well annotated and very helpful. Chapter I.6. POSTWAR ROAD EXPANSION: 1945–1956 was helpful for researching the farm-to-market system.

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/Statewide%20Historic%20Context.pdf>

Miles and Miles of Texas: 100 Years of the Texas Highway Department by Carol Dawson and Roger Allen Polson. A comprehensive history of TxDOT since its founding. Excellent resource for pictures. Chapter 6 details the history of the farm-to-market system.

For quick stats and facts about the farm-to-market system:

<https://www.dot.state.tx.us/tpp/hwy/fmfacts.htm>.

“What’s The Difference Between Ranch-To-Market And Farm-To-Market Roads?” KUT Radio, May 2018. Origins of FM system and explanation of distinction between FM, RM and even UR (urban roads). <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/2018/05/04/283588/whats-the-difference-between-ranch-to-market-and-farm-to-market-roads/>

“Texas Primer: The Farm-to-Market Road,” by Paul Burka, in *Texas Monthly*, April 1983. Overview and stats about the FM system.

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/the-culture/texas-primer-the-farm-to-market-road/>

“Historic Road Infrastructure of Texas, 1866-1965.” Section E (pgs. 68-72) of this article provides an in-depth review of the criteria, funding, design, and impact of the farm to market system.

https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/TX_Statewide_Road%20Infrastructure%20MPS.pdf

The Portal to Texas History. This is a great resource for images as it compiles photographs (and other resources) from collections around the state. Can be searched by terms, decades, years, resource type, and collection. The captions on the images are immensely helpful from both an identification standpoint and also as inspiration for deeper stories.

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/>

Round Rock Digital Interactive

Chronological History, The Historic Round Rock Collection: An Ongoing History. Provides a detailed history of Round Rock with sections on pre-1800 to present day.

<https://www.roundrocktexas.gov/departments/planning-and-development-services/historic-preservation/historic-round-rock-collection/chronological-history/>

Wikipedia entry on Round Rock. A surprisingly helpful entry on the history of Round Rock, though it should be noted that Wikipedia is only ever a starting point in conducting research. It is useful in giving names and terms for deeper research but should never be your only reference point.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Round_Rock,_Texas

Texas General Land Office map store. A great way to look up old maps from Texas with the ability to zoom in for great detail. Was useful in researching how Round Rock grew over time and how the town shifted around the river crossing, railroad, and highways. Can search for maps by county, date, town.

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/history/archives/map-store/#search>



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Texas Beyond History. A website of archeological findings detailing the discovery of Leanne, human remains found while building FM1431 connecting Round Rock and Leander. <https://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/plateaus/prehistory/images/leannes.html>

Williamson County Historical Commission. Used to research the Double File Trail that ran though Round Rock. <https://wilcohistory.org/listing/historical-marker-round-rock/>

Roads and Overnight Lodging Exercise

“Historic-age Motels in Texas from the 1950s to the 1970s: An Annotated Guide to Selected Studies” by Ralph Edward Newlan and Laura Caffrey, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division, Historical Studies Branch <https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/survey/highway/TxDOT%20Motels%20in%20Texas%201950s%20to%201970s.pdf>

Road Related Property Types, in “The Development of Highways in Texas: A Historic Context of the Bankhead Highway and Other Historic Named Highways Table” <https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/highways/updated%20pictoral%20table%20property%20types.pdf>

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/researching-roads-and-roadside-architecture>

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/historic-texas-highways/sidebar-interests#Evolution%20of%20Overnight%20Accommodations>

General Reference

- <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/beyond-the-road.html>
- <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/compliance-toolkits/historic-resources.html>
- <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/archaeology-history.html>
- <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/env/toolkit/420-13-gui.pdf>

Additional Image/Artifact Resources

Texas Map Resources



[Dolph Briscoe Center for American History](#) (Austin)

Contact: Evan Hocker, Registrar
(512) 495-4535
e.hocker@austin.utexas.edu

[Library of Congress](#) (Washington, D.C.)

Contact: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-geogmap.html>

The Library of Congress offers free downloads of its maps. Use the above “Contact” link for more information.

[Perry Castañeda Library \(PCL\), The University of Texas](#) (Austin)

Contact: Katherine Strickland, Maps Coordinator
(512) 495-4274
strickland@austin.utexas.edu

[Portal to Texas History](#)

This website allows you to search for maps and gives the repository where the originals are housed. Search Republic, State of Texas, Texas counties, and Texas cities.

[Texas General Land Office](#) (Austin)

Contact: James Harkins, Map Curator for Archives and Records
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The GLO offers scans of its online maps for \$20 that can be ordered directly from the above website link.

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[University of Texas at Arlington Special Collections](#) (Arlington)

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Texas Postcard Collections

[University of Houston Libraries](#)

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[Jenkins Garrett Postcard Collection, the University of Texas at Arlington Special Collections](#)

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[Don Kelly Southeast Texas Postcard Collection](#) (Liberty)

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[Ringsbee Postcard Collection](#), Texas State Library and Archives Commission (Austin)

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The "[Texas Postcard Collection](#)" (Accession #1961/008) is housed at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin. This is the single best postcard collection at the Archives.

[Texas GenWeb](#) Postcard Project

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A subset of the [TexGenWeb](#) Project, this online collection contains more than 4,000 Texas postcards. The quality of the scanned images varies.

Texas Archeological Resources

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