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George P. Bush
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Texas General Land Office

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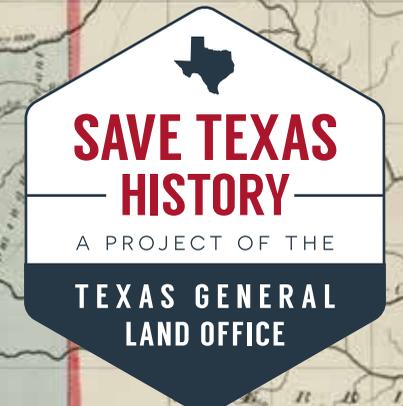


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PRESERVATION

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THE ARCHIVES

THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE ARCHIVES IS HOME TO 45,000 MAPS, SKETCHES AND DRAWINGS AND 36 MILLION DOCUMENTS THAT COVER ALMOST 400 YEARS OF TEXAS HISTORY.

The General Land Office was established by the Constitution of the Republic of Texas.

The Archives defined land ownership for the newly established Republic and all state land today.

The Archives serves as a home for the history of Texas land and is a premier resource for historical research.

IN THE VAULTS

- ▶ THE SPANISH COLLECTION
- ▶ GERMAN IMMIGRATION PAPERS
- ▶ ORIGINAL TEXAS LAND GRANTS
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- ▶ REPUBLIC OF TEXAS MILITARY RECORDS
- ▶ EARLY TEXAS RAILROAD RECORDS
- ▶ EARLY GALVESTON AND AUSTIN RECORDS
- ▶ ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC TEXAS MAP COLLECTIONS IN THE WORLD
- ▶ RECORDS ABOUT FUNDING THE 1888 STATE CAPITOL AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION WORK IS EXPENSIVE. REPAIRING A SINGLE ITEM CAN COST BETWEEN \$100 AND \$20,000.

OUR GOAL: Spend \$100,000 per year on document and map conservation.

PROFESSIONAL CONSERVATION.

Maps and documents are professionally conserved by private vendors.

IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS. High resolution scans are made available online.

IT CAN'T WAIT. Thousands of documents have already been conserved. Many more are still at risk.

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EDUCATION

SAVE TEXAS HISTORY OFFERS DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR FOURTH- AND SEVENTH-GRADE TEXAS HISTORY STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND ADULTS, USING PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIALS FROM THE ARCHIVES.

STUDENTS & EDUCATORS

- ◆ **Teacher Workshops**
Statewide workshops that introduce primary sources to educators using effective strategies for the classroom.
- ◆ **Texas History Lesson Plans**
TEKS-correlated lesson plans that incorporate primary source material and technology.
- ◆ **Texas Travels Essay Contest**
An annual essay contest for fourth- and seventh-grade Texas history students that highlights notable people and places in Texas history.

ADULT EDUCATION

- ◆ **Save Texas History Symposium**
A themed, yearly symposium for history enthusiasts of all ages.
- ◆ **Genealogypalooza**
A genealogy workshop that provides resources and lectures for all ages.

DIGITIZATION

SINCE 2000, THE ARCHIVES HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF DIGITIZING HISTORIC DOCUMENTS AND MAPS. MORE THAN 3 MILLION IMAGES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

DIGITAL TOOLS & RESOURCES

- ◆ **Land Grant Database**
Access full color PDF documents online.
- ◆ **Map Database**
Access over 45,000 maps in great detail.
- ◆ **GLO GISweb**
Use GIS for historical research.
- ◆ **This Week in Texas History**
A 60-second radio show that tells the stories that made Texas great!
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