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Researching Texas Governors at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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What this session covers

- Governors' records.
- Governors' records at TSLAC.
- Access to records.
- Other collections with governors' records.
- Other institutions with governors' records.
- Why not all governors?





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Texas State Library and Archives Commission

- Mission:
 - Provide Texans access to needed information
 - Preserve the archival record of Texas
 - Enhance the service capacity of public, academic, and school libraries
 - Assist public agencies in the maintenance of their records
 - Meet the reading needs of Texans with disabilities
- Service Areas:
 - Reference and Information Center
 - Texas State Archives
 - Sam Houston Center (Liberty, TX)

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Governors' records





The Office of the Governor

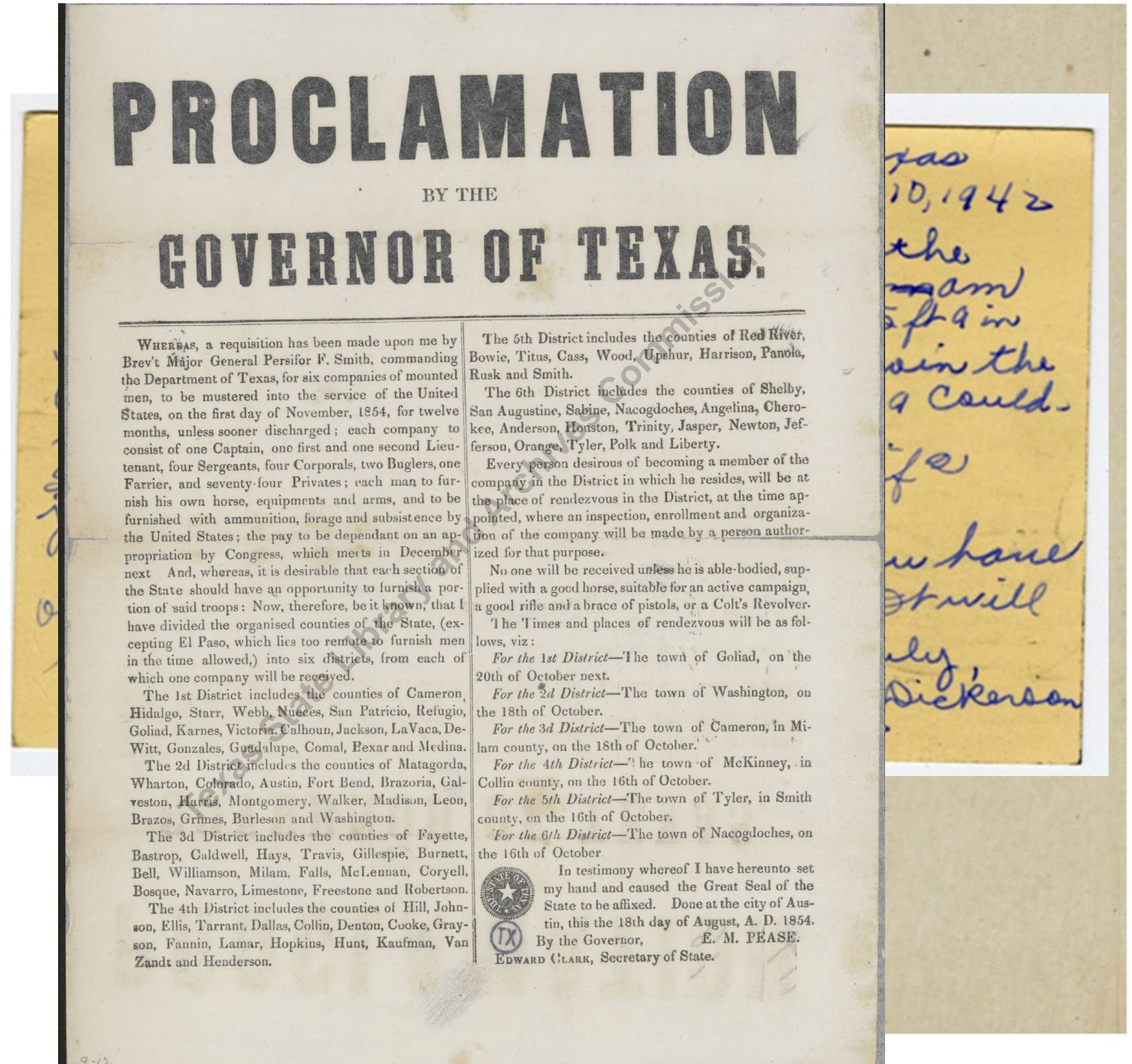
- The governor is the chief executive officer of the state
- Duties and responsibilities of the governor include:
 - serving as commander-in-chief of the state's military forces
 - convening special sessions of the legislature for specific purposes
 - delivering to the legislature at the beginning of each regular session a report on the condition of the state, an accounting of all public money under the governor's control, a recommended biennial budget, an estimate of the amounts of money required to be raised by taxation, and any recommendations he deems necessary
 - signing or vetoing bills passed by the legislature
 - executing the laws of the state



The records

Types of records

- Appointments
- Correspondence
- Subject files
- Requests
- Legislation
- Proclamations





The records

What the records show

- Concerns of citizens and elected officials
- Major events
- Inner-workings of the office of the governor

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2001 Office Schedule for Governor Rick Perry

Dress for the day: Suit & Tie

Note: [REDACTED] with GPD will be posted outside the residence beginning at 6am; [REDACTED] will do the afternoon/evening shift.

[REDACTED] AM	Driven to Capitol Driver: [REDACTED] Manifest: Governor Perry	
10:00 AM	PHONE TIME	GO
10:15 AM	Briefing – Barry McBee, John Opperman, Kathy Walt & Robert Howden Topic: Higher Ed Fly-around	GO
11:00 AM	All Staff Meeting	Auditorium – Capitol Extension E1.004
12:00 PM	Lunch (Madison to pick up lunch.)	GO
1:00 PM	PHONE TIME	GO
1:30 PM	Barry McBee, Dealey Herndon & Bill Jones	GO
2:30 PM	PHONE TIME	GO
3:00 PM	Henry Cuellar – Private Swearing – In	GO
3:30 PM	PHONE TIME	GO
PM	Driven home. Driver: [REDACTED] Manifest: Governor Perry	

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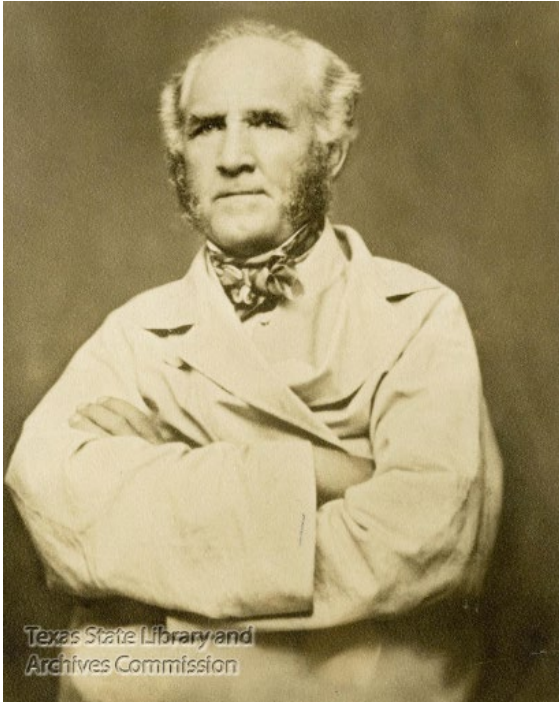
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Texas governors

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Governors' records at TSLAC





The governors

- Official records of J. Pinckney Henderson (1846-1847) through Allan Shivers (1949-1957)
 - Governor Price Daniel records at Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (Liberty, TX)
- Mark White (1983-1987)
- George W. Bush (1995-2000)
 - Records at George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum (Dallas)
- Rick Perry (2000-2015)





Finding Aids

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Governor, Texas	Culberson's term	Records of Charles Allen Culberson	1891-1899	GOV I.20
Governor, Texas	Daniel's term	Governor Price Daniel appointment files [Restricted] (at Sam Houston Center)	1947, 1957-1963	GOV VI.02
Governor, Texas	Daniel's term	Governor Price Daniel campaign files (at Sam Houston Center)	1950, 1956-1962, bulk 1956-1962	GOV VI.04
Governor, Texas	Daniel's term	Governor Price Daniel records [Restricted in part] (at Sam Houston Center)	1937-1964, undated, bulk 1957-1963	GOV VI.01
Governor, Texas	Davis's term	Governor Edmund Jackson Davis records	1869-1874	GOV I.13
Governor, Texas	Ferguson's (James) term	Records of James Edward Ferguson	1915-1918, 1920	GOV II.02
Governor, Texas	Ferguson's (Miriam) term	Records of Miriam Amanda Ferguson	1912-1935 (bulk 1924-1927, 1933-1935)	GOV II.05
Governor, Texas	Hamilton's term	Governor Andrew Jackson Hamilton records	1865-1866	GOV I.10
Governor, Texas	Henderson's term	Records of James Pinckney Henderson	1846-1847	GOV I.01
Governor, Texas	Hobby's term	Records of William Pettus Hobby	1915-1920 (bulk 1917-1920)	GOV II.03
Governor, Texas	Hogg's term	Records of James Stephen Hogg	1889-1894, undated	GOV I.19
Governor, Texas	Houston's term	Governor Sam Houston records	1824-1862, bulk 1859-1861	GOV I.06
Governor, Texas	Hubbard's term	Records of Richard Bennett Hubbard	1870-1878 (bulk 1877-1878)	GOV I.15
Governor, Texas	Ireland's term	Records of John Ireland	1879-1887 (bulk 1883-1887)	GOV I.17
Governor, Texas	Jester's term	Records of Beauford H. Jester	1946-1949	GOV II.12
Governor, Texas	Lanham's term	Records of Samuel W. T. Lanham	1901-1907	GOV I.22
Governor, Texas	Lubbock's term	Governor Francis Richard Lubbock records	1861-1904, undated, bulk 1861-1863	GOV I.08



Access to records



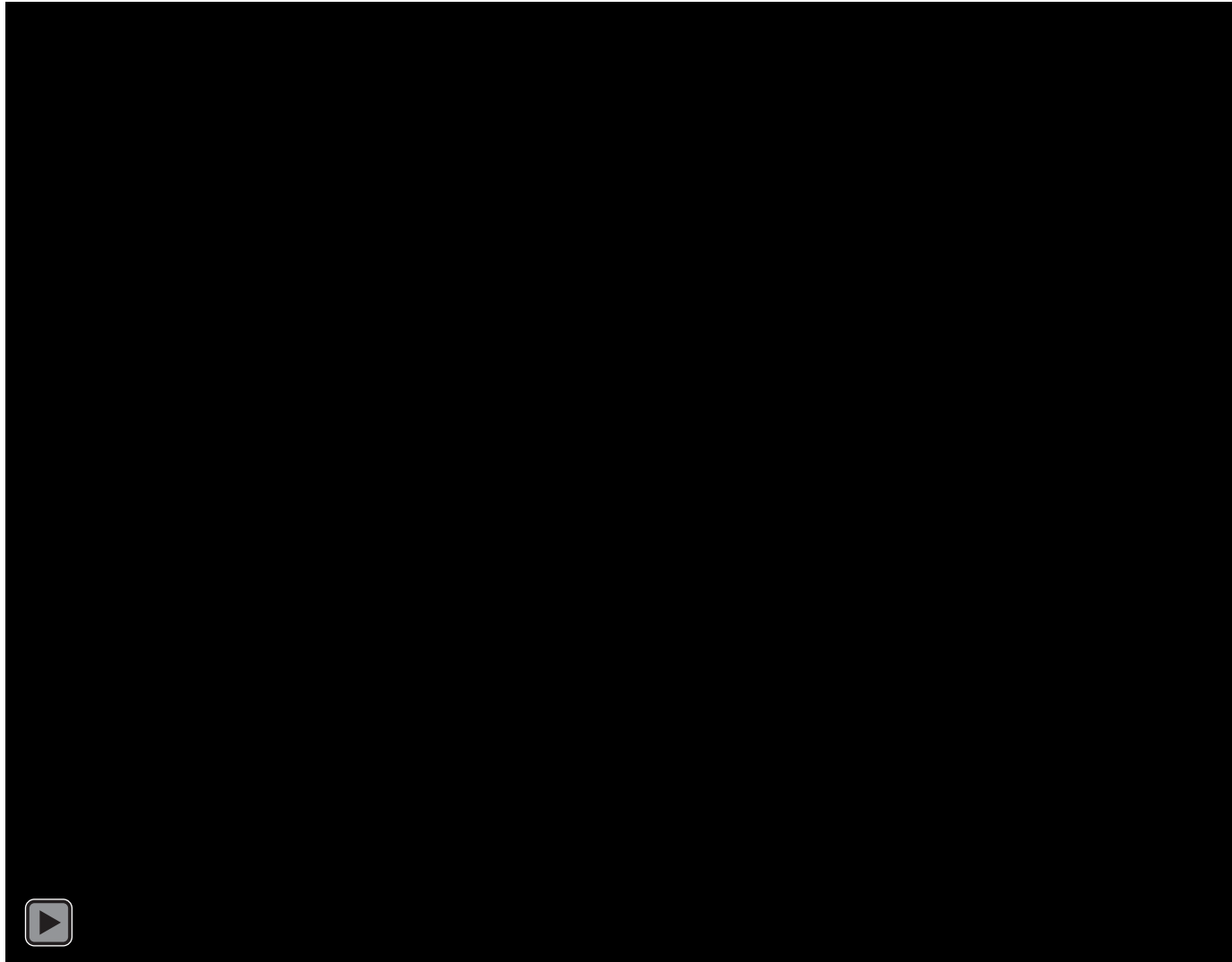
Christmas Greetings.
from
The Mansion
Governor and Mrs.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission
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Access: Texas Digital Archive (TDA)

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Organization

In 2014 there were 277.4 full-time equivalent employees in the Office of the Governor. Nineteen divisions outside of the Executive Office assist the governor in carrying out his functions: (Click on an office to go to that Finding Aid)

- [Appointments](#);
- [Budget, Policy, and Planning](#);
- [Constituent Communication](#);
- [Economic Development and Tourism Division](#);
- [Executive Office Records](#);
- [First Lady Anita Perry](#);
- General Counsel
 - [Execution Files](#);
 - [Executive Clemency Files](#);
 - [General Correspondence](#);
 - [Legal Opinions and Advice Records](#);
 - [Legislation and Appropriations Requests](#) (no electronic records);
 - [Litigation Files](#);
 - [Public Information Request files](#);
 - [Plans and Planning Records and Other Material](#);
- [Governor's Mansion](#);
- [Legislative Affairs Office](#);
- Press Office
 - [Press Office Files for First Lady Anita Perry](#);
 - [Press Office media files](#);
 - [Press Office records](#);
- [Scheduling and Advance](#);
- [Texas Film Commission](#);
- [Governor's Commission for Women](#);
- [Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities](#);
- [Governor's Office of Financial Accountability](#);
- [Texas Music Office](#);



Governor Rick Perry 2014



Access: TSLAC website



On exhibit through May 15, 2023.

Portraits of Texas Governors



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Access to original records at TSLAC

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- Appointment
- Photocopies
- Digitization





Other collections with governors' records

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

cc _____

PROC NO. 83-16370

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

WHEREAS, STANLEY KEITH BURKS, EXECUTION NO. 599, was convicted of the Crime of Murder, a Capital Felony, Cause Number F-77-8463-LH, on April 15, 1978 in the 1st Judicial Criminal District Court of Dallas County, Texas and punishment was set as Death, and

WHEREAS, the District Judge of the 1st Judicial Criminal District Court, Dallas County, Texas, and the Criminal District Attorney of Dallas County, Texas have recommended commutation from Death to Life Imprisonment in the Texas Department of Corrections, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Pardons and Paroles of Texas subsequently recommended the Commutation of Sentence from Death to Life Imprisonment in the Texas Department of Corrections.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK WHITE, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of this State, and acting upon and because of the recommendation of the Board of Pardons and Paroles dated August 24, 1983, do hereby grant unto the said STANLEY KEITH BURKS

THE COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE FROM DEATH TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

and I hereby direct that a copy of this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be impressed hereon at Austin, this the 6th Day of September A. D. 1983



Mark White
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

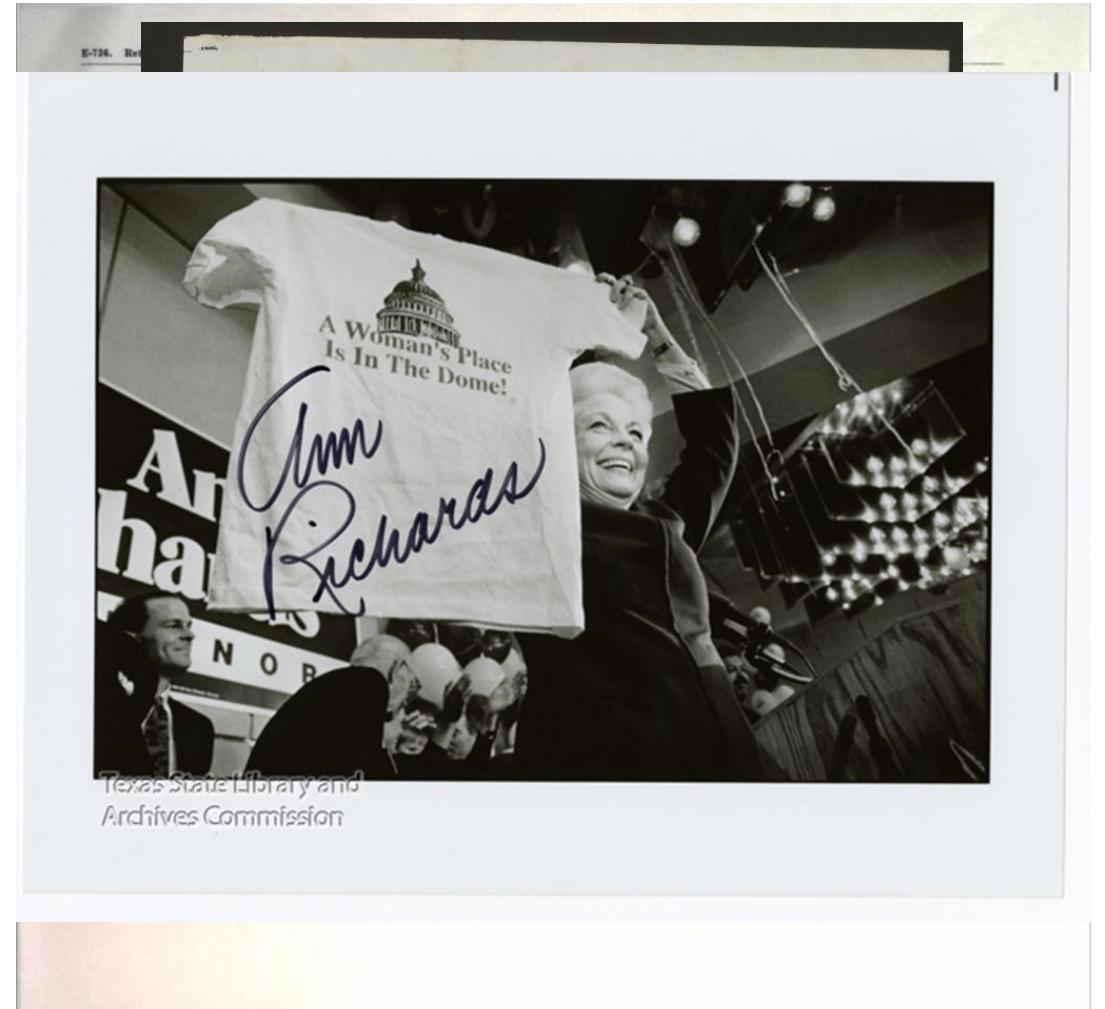
BY THE GOVERNOR:

Abner W. Fairbank
SECRETARY OF STATE



Other collections with governors' records

- Other state agency records
- Records of other governors
- Broadsides
- Prints and Photographs collections
- Manuscript collections
- Library collections





Other institutions with governors' records





Governors with records beyond TSLAC

- **William P. Clements** (January 16, 1979-January 18, 1983, and January 20, 1987-January 15, 1991)
 - Texas A & M University, Cushing Memorial Library
- **James V Allred** (January 15, 1935-January 17, 1939)
 - University of Houston
- **Ross S. Sterling** (January 20, 1931-January 17, 1933)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- **Miriam A. Ferguson** (January 20, 1925-January 17, 1927, and January 17, 1933-January 15, 1935)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- **Pat Morris Neff** (January 18, 1921-January 20, 1925)
 - The Texas Collection, Baylor University
- **James E. Ferguson** (January 19, 1915-August 25, 1917)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- **Oscar Branch Colquitt** (January 17, 1911-January 19, 1915)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- **James Stephen Hogg** (January 20, 1891-January 15, 1895)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin



Governors records not at TSLAC

- **Ann W. Richards** (January 15, 1991-January 17, 1995)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- **Dolph Briscoe** (January 16, 1973-January 16, 1979)
 - Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin
- **Preston Smith** (January 21, 1969-January 16, 1973)
 - Texas Tech University
- **John Connally** (January 15, 1963-January 21, 1969)
 - Lyndon B. Johnson Library



Why not all
governors?





Why not?

- February 1989: Attorney General Opinion JM-1013 affirmed gubernatorial records were public records as defined by law.
- 1997: Section 201 added to Texas Government Code Chapter 441, allowing a governor to designate a repository other than TSLAC, if it is in the state and meets a few other criteria.
- May 2002: Attorney General Opinion JC-0498 affirmed that even though the records were not in the physical custody of the state, they were still state records and still the ultimate responsibility of TSLAC.



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