



# Introduction to the Texas State Archives Part 1

Archives and Information Services

Research Webinar Series

July 23, 2021



# What this session covers



- What's in the State Archives
- How to access archival materials
- Q&A



# Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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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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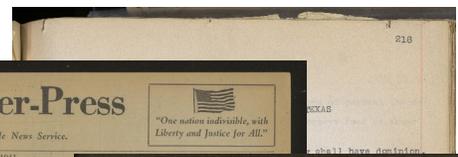
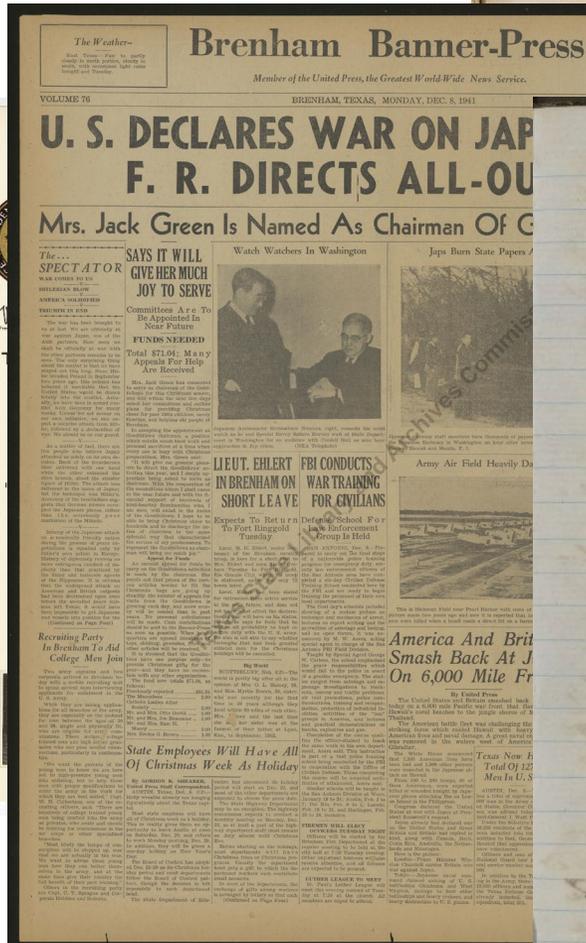
# What's in the State Archives?





# What's in the State Archives

- Government records (Pre Republic of Texas to the modern era).
- Court records.
- Newspapers.
- Manuscript collections.



November 28th 1864,  
I have frequently regretted not having kept a diary since I left home last spring. Not so much from any special interest in the many important events that have transpired, or any advantage I might realize from noting them down as they passed, and thereby more indelibly fixing them on my memory, but because I would have thus left a record of passing events, and what had taken place, more immediately in connection with myself, that at some future day my dear wife would find pleasure in looking over. This thought determines me for the future to write down, as far as practicable, with the close of each day, whatever

SANTA ANA DINNER AND BALL  
A PUBLIC DINNER AND BALL will be given at the Tavern of Thomas H. Brown, on Saturday the 21st inst., in honor of the triumph of the cause of the Constitution and its distinguished advocate, General Santa Ana; to which you are respectfully invited.  
Capt. Wiley Martin,  
Capt. James Archer,  
W. H. Wadsworth,  
W. J. Bennett,  
Irene Lathrop,  
J. W. Warrall,  
J. W. Arnsby.

of said County, and the County Seats, worth were voted for as such County Seats,



# What's in the State Archives



- Prints and Photographs collections.
- Maps.
- Audiovisual materials.
- Artifacts.



# Tips for the Archives



- Organization
- Citations
- Consider the role of government



Marines returned  
on ship board from  
a Hospital, to be  
charged with any  
clothing received at  
the Hospital.

From an hospital or Ship sick Quarters, the Captain of  
the vessel is to take care that there be charged against  
his name the value of any clothing he may have been  
supplied with at the hospital, which the hospital  
Surgeon is to set off upon the ticket of discharge from  
the hospital.

Now their  
Subsistence  
must be charged.

The rations issued to the Marines must be charged  
by the Purser to the Subsistence of the Marine Corps  
in order that the Subsistence of the Navy may have

# How to access archival materials



They are to be  
paid by the Purser  
of the Vessel.



# Finding Aids and Online Search Tools

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**Notice:** A temporary issue within the TDA has temporarily affected access to some items. Please see the [New and Updated page](#) for additional information.

**August 26th, 2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. See the [Featured section](#) below for some related collections/items.**

**Collections**

Texas Governors' Records

Manuscript Collections

Prints and Photographs Collections

Texas Legislature

- Finding aids.
- Online indexes.
- Texas Digital Archive.



# Finding Aids and Online Search Tools

The screenshot shows the Texas Digital Archive website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'NEW AND UPDATED', 'NEED HELP?', 'MORE ABOUT...', 'MAIN COLLECTIONS', and 'CONTACT US | VISIT US'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'EXPLORE THE TEXAS DIGITAL ARCHIVE' and a search button labeled 'ARCHIVE Q'. The main content area is titled 'Frequently Asked Questions' and includes a section for 'Still need help?' with contact information for the Reference Desk: [ref@tsl.texas.gov](mailto:ref@tsl.texas.gov) and 512-463-5455. There are also links for 'Help Topics' and 'Case Files'.

- Not finding something?
  - Tips
  - FAQ's
  - Email us!
- More to come in part 2!

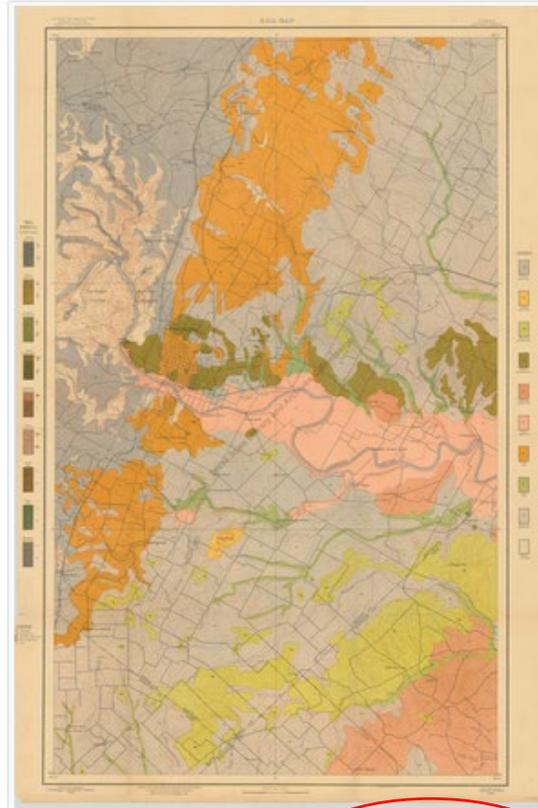


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## Soil Map, Texas, Austin Sheet

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<b>Publisher:</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Soils, Field Operations, 1904. Soils surveyed by A.W. Mangum and Herbert L. Belden, 1904.
<b>Cartographer:</b>	-- None Listed --
<b>Scale:</b>	1 inch = 1 mile
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# Appointments

## Before You Visit

**\*Please note:** On-site visitor services are currently limited. Research appointments are for use of archival materials only. Library materials are not available for on-site use. See our [services page](#) for more information, updated regularly.

Introduction	<b>Introduction</b> <p>This information is intended for researchers planning to visit the Texas State Library and Archives Commission at 1201 Brazos Street in Austin. Visitor information for the <a href="#">Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center</a> is on the Center's <a href="#">Before You Visit</a> page.</p> <p>Before you visit, please review the <a href="#">Guidelines for Patrons</a> using our public service areas. If you or your group would like to request a guided tour, please complete our <a href="#">tour request form</a>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Back to Top</a></p>
Appointments	<b>Appointments</b> <p>Appointments are for use of archival materials only. Library materials are not available for on-site use. See <a href="#">FAQs</a> for more information about archival vs. library materials.</p> <p>To help your research plans go as smoothly as possible, please review the information below and direct any questions to the Reference Desk (<a href="mailto:ref@tsl.texas.gov">ref@tsl.texas.gov</a> or 512-463-5455).</p> <p><b>Policies and Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To promote public health and safety, we remind the public that anyone who is not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 is safest by continuing to wear a facial covering. If you do not have one, we can provide one.</li><li>• Please maintain six feet of social distance between yourself and all staff members and other researchers.</li></ul> <p>Advance appointments for use of archival materials are encouraged. Same day appointments may be possible in some instances. (See <a href="#">FAQs</a>: "Can I make a same-day (walk-in) appointment?")</p> <p>The benefits of planning an appointment in advance include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Materials that require staff review or transportation from off-site storage will be available.</li><li>• Your requested materials will be waiting at a table for you, and you can get right to work.</li><li>• Less time spent on completing required forms.</li><li>• Space reserved for you and any colleagues in the Archives Reading Room.</li></ul> <p><b>Appointment Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hours are Monday–Thursday 8:30–11:30 a.m. and 1:30–4:30 p.m. We will close 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. to prepare for afternoon appointments.</li><li>• The reading room will continue to be closed on Fridays through August 2021.</li><li>• We can provide photocopies, although same day service is not available. See <a href="#">Reproductions</a> for more information.</li><li>• Patron lounge with vending machines is available.</li><li>• Lockers are available. Due to limited space, bring only what you need. (See <a href="#">Reading Room Policies</a>)</li></ul>
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Making an appointment can be helpful when:

- Not online
- Tight deadline
- Unable to narrow materials down
- Large amount of materials
- No finding aid

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/visit.html>



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