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Archivists of the Houston Area

HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

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ACCESS

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Research By Appt. Only:

Finding Aids:

Paper Database Other _____ **Web-based:** EAD HTML Database

Comments on Access:

The HCA is in development and is not currently open for research. CALL AHEAD before attempting any visit. Certain record groups may be closed due to confidentiality.

COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Harris County Archives is to document the history of the government and the citizens of Harris County as revealed through the county records and donated materials.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

Records of the Assessor and Collector of Taxes (1895-1997) including Block Books, Poll Tax and Voter Registration Lists, Building and Land Assessment Cards, Tax Microfilm, Assessor's Abstracts; Auditor's Records (1846-1983) including Voucher Registers, Bond Registers, School Financial Records, Flood Control, Navigation District; Treasurer's Records; JP Records, (1846 - 1966) including Civil and Criminal Dockets, Inquest Records; Medical Examiner's Inquests and Views (1957 - 1996), Case Logs, Clipping Files; Welfare Case Files (most stripped) (1921 - 1981) including WPA Applications (1936 - 1938); scrapbooks (1943 - 2000) of various departments and officials.

Weaknesses:

Few historic photographs; many of the records are unprocessed and difficult to access; limited personal records of elected officials.

Additional Comments:

The HCA does NOT have the records of the County Clerk, the District Clerk, or the District Attorney.