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**Research By Appt. Only:**

### Finding Aids:

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

### Comments on Access:

### COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

### GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

#### Strengths:

Broad and deep, earliest period onward, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> best in state – 40,000 books (1700s onward) Houston, southeast Texas, early rural and modern urban Texas cities, generally social sciences, history, but all subjects included, plus 25,000 Texas state government publications, plus bibliography, plus many specialty collections (see below).

#### Weaknesses:

Access tools, current periodicals, less on Western Texas.

#### Additional Comments:

**Some Special Collections:** Bexar Archives, Nacogdoches Archives, Blake Papers, Streeter Collection, Texas census 1603 to 1910, Niles Register (1811-1838), Republic, Confederate, and U.S. state laws (Gammels onward), Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations (Texas & Louisiana), Texas cities directories 1880s to 1950s (150 locales), Texas telephone books about 275 locales 1970s onward, City of Houston codes and minutes 1840s to 1970s etc. to date, Texas Convict Records (1849-1970), Conf. Mil. Trans-Miss. Mss,

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Freedman's Bureau Collection, Scrapbooks (about 200 items 1800s – 1900s), U.S. Atty Gen Law & Order Letters Rec'd (1871-1884), Maps (about 3,000 dated 1600s onward), Land Use maps (Zingery, Bracey, Sanborn, FEMA, etc), Newspapers (200 Texas cities 1830s onward), Local ethnic newspapers (1920s onward), Houston Performing Arts Collection (50 boxes, 60 bound volumes), Sheet Music (300 works), Texas County Tax Rolls to early 1900s, Texas Death Index 1903 – onward, Local Hazardous Waste and EIS documents, Texas Legislative bill history 1973 – 1986, Houston-Texas-Biographical Vertical Files (20 cabinets of hard copy and 2 cabinets of microfiche), Gulf Coast Golden Crescent land records, Harris County/Houston aerial photography (1935 onward), Miscellaneous Print Collection (300 items), local school & college yearbooks, theses and dissertation collection, Houston school annual reports 1880s- 1910s, modern Harris County, Hospital District, Metro annual reports, technical bayou and flood reports mid-1900s onward, Houston's Griffenhagen Report, Carl Hertzog Collection and other fine press works.

Many **published papers** including Cortes' Letters, several versions of Cabeza de Vaca's Relation, Sahagun's Historia General ... de Nueva Espana, Pichardo's Treatise on the Limits of Louisiana and Texas, Obras de D. Lucas Alaman, and Documentos relativos a la independencia de norteamerica, Stephen Austin, Papers of Roberson's Colony, Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar, Papers of the Texas Revolution, Official Correspondence of the Texan Revolution, Texas Diplomatic Correspondence, Texas Indian Papers, Texas Treasury Papers, Diary of James K. Polk, Early Western Travels, Intimate Papers of Colonel House, and other early works and modern works.