



## Resource Guide

# Texas History

### Electronic Databases

#### **America: History and Life**

Coverage: 1954 to current

Full Text: Some

Description: This product contains citations with abstracts and links to full text, when available, on all aspects of U.S. and Canadian history, culture and current affairs from prehistoric times to the present. It covers books, dissertations, and articles from 2100 journals published worldwide.

#### **Heritage Quest**

Coverage: 1790 to current

Full-Text: No

Description: A collection of research materials helpful in tracing family lineage and American culture. 25,000 family and local histories, and the complete US Federal Census from 1790-1930, the American Revolutionary War Pension Applications & Bounty Land Warrant Applications, and the complete Freedman's Bank Records. Database contains indexes and original page images of historical documents.

#### **Historical Abstracts**

Coverage: 1954 to current

Full Text: Some

Description: Covers world history since 1450 except for the U.S. and Canada. It contains a few linked articles, citations and abstracts from worldwide literature in 2100 journals, and also covers thousands of books and dissertations.

#### **netLibrary**

Coverage: 1888 to current

Full-Text: Yes

Description: From "Remember the Alamo" by Amelia E. Barr to "The Roots of Texas Music" by Lawrence Clayton and Joe W. Specht, netLibrary has about 176 items of interest to Texas historians. Page images of each book are presented, with tables of contents. Topics include Texas Rangers, Buffalo Soldiers, Hispanic-Americans, ranching heritage and famous Texans.

#### **Texas Digital Sanborn Maps**

Coverage: 1867 – 1970

Full-Text: Full image and text

Description: Digital Sanborn Maps contain detailed information on towns and cities in Texas during the later part of the 19th and 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Maps include information such as the outline of each building, the size, shape and construction materials, heights, and function of structures, location of windows and doors. The maps also give street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers.

### Internet Resources

#### **Daughters of the Republic of Texas**

Location: <http://www.drtd.org/>

Description: This site contains an illustrated chronology of the Battle of the Alamo, a link to the Daughters of The Republic of Texas (DRT) library catalog, a list of historical events hosted by DRT, and two Alamo bibliographies, one for adults and one focusing on children's resources.

#### **Institute of Texan Cultures**

Location: <http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu/>

Description: This site, sponsored by the University of Texas at San Antonio, contains information about the annual Texas Folklife Festival and other cultural events throughout the year. The "Education" link contains primary sources for Texas' cultural history.

## **Texas Beyond History**

Location: <http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/index.html/>

Description: Texas Beyond History is a public education service of the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory at The University of Texas at Austin. It provides results of archeological and historical research on the cultural heritage of Texas. Online exhibits range from LaSalle's flagship *La Belle* to early Native American village sites around the state. Teacher lesson plans and activities for kids are also available.

## **Texas Historical Commission**

Location: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/>

Description: The main purpose of this site is to highlight ongoing historical preservation efforts in the state of Texas. This site provides links to the Texas Historical Sites Atlas, the Commission's library catalog, information on travel to Texas' historic sites, and other links to cultural resource preservation

## **Texas State Library**

Location: <http://link.tsl.state.tx.us/general/index.html/>

Description: This official site of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission contains links to archives and manuscripts held in the Texas State Library, and resources about almost everything you wanted to know about Texas, from the map collection to the searchable Confederate Pension Applications Index.

## **Texas Studies Informational and Instructional Resources: Texas History and Social Studies**

Location: <http://riceinfo.rice.edu/armadillo/Texas/history.html/>

Description: This site, from Rice University, contains information on Texas historical organizations, museums, online books and bibliographies, local and oral history resources, Texas databases and government information sources.

## **Print Resources**

### **DICTIONARIES:**

**Texas Biographical Dictionary** (Ref CT 262 .T47 1996)

Description: Organized alphabetically, this two-volume resource profiles the lives of many famous Texans both past and present.

### **ENCYCLOPEDIAS:**

**The Encyclopedia of Texas** (2 vols.) (Ref F 384 .E52 1999)

Description: Organized by topics, this resource provides such information as biographies of Texas Governors and other influential Texans, a brief pre-historical and historical narrative of the state, city profiles, and a directory of state services.

**Encyclopedia of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution** (Ref F390 .H33 1999)

Description: A guide to the people, places, battles, politics, and documents of the Texas Revolution of 1835-36, and its most famous battle, the Alamo, covering the period from the settlements of Texas through the forming of the Republic, using both American and Mexican resources.

### **OTHER PRINT:**

**The Handbook of Texas** (3 vols.) (Ref F 384 .H3 v. 1-3)

Description: Organized alphabetically, this reference work includes information covering a wide range of Texas topics. This work is especially helpful in locating information concerning lesser known Texans of distinction.

**The New Handbook of Texas** (6 vols.) (Ref F 384 .N48 1996)

Description: In addition to the material covered in the original edition, this expanded revision of The Handbook of Texas includes coverage of persons and topics after 1952.

**Texas Almanac** (most recent copy at Reference Desk) (Ref AY 311 .D3 T5)

Description: Covers such topics as education, religion, crime and politics. Numerous lists and tables are included as well as the full text of the Texas Constitution. Also included are profiles of all 254 Texas counties.

**The Texas Almanac, 1857-1873 : a Compendium of Texas History** (Ref AY 311 .W3 D3)

Description: Selections from the first 16 editions of the Texas almanac

**Chronology of Texas History** (Ref F 384 .W5 1982)

Description: This chronology begins with the pueblo-building people moving into the Canadian River Valley in the year 900 and ends with the year 1920. Also contains a large index.

**Documents of Texas History** (Ref F 386 .W3 v.1)

Description: This source book includes such documents as William Travis' last appeal for aid at the Alamo, the Constitution of the Republic of Texas, the Treaty of Annexation with the United States, and many others.

**Papers of the Texas Revolution, 1835-1836** (10 vols.) (Ref F 390 .J53)

Description: This multi-volume set includes letters, orders and other various correspondences written during the Texas Revolution. The last volume contains an extensive index.

**The 1840 Census of the Republic of Texas** (Ref F 390 .W59)

Description: The first census of the new Republic of Texas provides a great insight into those living in this frontier land. Included in each entry are the number of persons in the household as well as the number of acres owned. The number of slaves and livestock are also profiled.

**Texas Women of Distinction** (Ref F 385 .M19)

Description: This biographical history profiles women who have made a significant contribution to the history of Texas. The work is organized in such a way that one must use the table of contents or the index to locate the desired entry. Published in 1962.

**Historical Atlas of Texas** (Ref Atlas F 386 .S86 1989)

Description: Many historical lists and maps including Federal Military Posts before the Civil War, Indian Reservations in the 1850's, WWI and WWII Military Installations, the Butterfield Overland Mail Route, Cattle Trails, Major Oil and Gas discoveries, and more.

**For More Information**

For more information and/or assistance in researching topics related to the history of Texas you may contact the following librarians at the Bell Library:

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The Special Collections & Archives of the Mary and Jeff Bell Library at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has, as its primary focus, to locate, acquire, preserve, and make available to researchers materials that document the development of Corpus Christi and its South Texas environs. The department includes items dealing with history, urban and ethnic studies, literature, folklore, art, photography, government, anthropology, sociology, the sciences, and other disciplines. Special Collections & Archives has a growing body of papers of individuals, organizations, and institutions that reflects the growth of the Corpus Christi metropolitan area; it also contains approximately 15,000 books, periodicals, and other printed primary and secondary items dealing with Texas, Mexico, South Texas and Corpus Christi. In addition, the unit has an active oral history program to supplement the written and visual materials. Special Collections & Archives works closely with faculty and students to provide local research topics to enrich the classroom experience. The unit plays a particularly active role in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi history program. Students not only receive specialized assistance with research projects, but instruction on research methods, use of primary documents, and the study of public, urban, Mexican American, Texas, and local history as well as archival management and oral history technique.