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Texas State Library and Archives Commission celebrates American Archives Month in October

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is joining with the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in celebrating October as American Archives Month. This year's poster theme for Texas is "Frontiers - A Statewide Celebration of the Historical Record."

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The Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board sponsor Texas Archives Month. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission funded posters that have been distributed to public libraries across the state.

The Texas State Archives currently has over 60,000 cubic feet of records of Texas history. Services provided by the Texas State Archives include guidelines for researchers, finding aids, records on microfilm, archival appraisals, online exhibits and answers to questions about preserving records to state agencies and legislators. More information about archival services can be found at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/>.

"The history of our state as a colony, province, republic and state is preserved, organized and maintained in the Texas State Archives," said Peggy D. Rudd, TSLAC director and state librarian. "These records that enduring value as reliable memories of the past and are irreplaceable. They are permanent historical assets to the people of Texas."

In the course of daily life, individuals, organizations, and governments create and keep information about their activities. These records and the place that they are kept are called "archives." Archival records take many forms including correspondence, diaries, financial and legal documents, photographs, video and sound recordings and electronic records.

TSLAC preserves and documents the heritage and culture of Texas by identifying, collecting, and making available for research the permanently valuable official records of Texas government, as well as other significant historical resources. Maintaining the official history of Texas government, TSLAC's archives include government records dating back to the 18th century, as well as newspapers, journals, books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, and other historical resources.

TSLAC also encourages individuals to visit their local public library, county historical collection or historical society group to learn more about the archived materials in their area. Along with preserving the documentary heritage of Texas history in the state archives, TSLAC encourages people to take steps to organize, preserve and protect their own personal papers and records.

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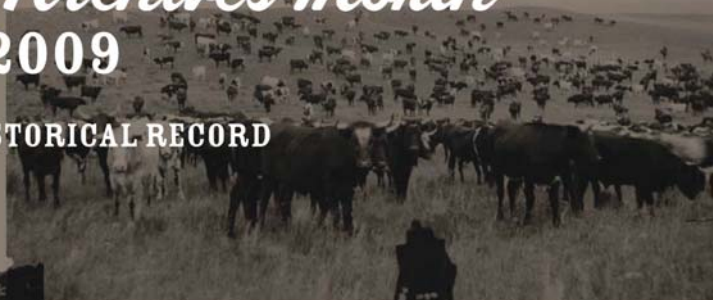


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