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A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Rick Stopfer
Mayor

March 4, 2026

Welcome,

It is an honor and pleasure for me to welcome the Texas State Historical Association to Irving for your 2026 Annual Meeting.

I know attendees are excited to network, learn from one another, and share their passion for Texas history. Your commitment to the preservation of our state's history and promotion of its unique culture is admirable and we are grateful for your ongoing dedication.

We hope you take full advantage of everything Irving has to offer while in town for your meeting and in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Rick Stopfer
Mayor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



WELCOME

to the 130th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association

After 130 years, the Texas State Historical Association is the oldest learned association in Texas. In the 19th century, university-trained specialists began forming organizations to set standards in their fields including the American Medical Association (1847), National Education Association (1857), the American Bar Association (1878), and the American Historical Association (1884). Just a few years later, a group of university history professors and others who were interested in promoting the story of the Lone Star State gathered at the University of Texas to form the Association.

In his history of the TSHA, *At the Heart of Texas: One Hundred Years of the Texas State Historical Association, 1897-1997*, Director of Publications and new State Historian of Texas Rick McCaslin writes that the “father” of the new association was Professor George Garrison, who convened ten men in Austin in February 1897: Lester G. Bugbee, a former student; Robert L. Batts, from the University of Texas law faculty; John G. James, a past TAMU president; Martin M. Kenney of the Texas General Land Office; Robert E. McCleary, *Texas Magazine* editor; Eugene Digges, state librarian; writer William Corner; and Thomas Fitzhugh. But these people are not normally remembered as the TSHA founders. McCaslin explains that Garrison later enlisted several prominent Texas leaders to publicly support the new organization. These luminaries, McCaslin observes, became the names associated with the beginning of the TSHA and overshadowed the founding organizers.

The British theologian John Henry Newman wrote, “they are not necessarily the most useful in their generation, nor the most favored by God, who make the most noise in the world, and who seem to be principals in the great changes and events recorded in history.” As we study Texas history, we often run across the names of people who contributed to the past yet are forgotten in our textbooks. The names of men and women who acted courageously, contributed selflessly, or stood in the breach yet have not been remembered. One of our roles as historians and our purpose at the Annual Meeting is to celebrate the past, search out these forgotten names and events and to rescue these people and their contributions from being forgotten in the black hole of the past.

The Staff and Board of your TSHA remains firmly committed to preserving our cherished past, expanding our knowledge of the past, and encouraging the teaching of Texas history from elementary school to the universities. We could not do it without the encouragement and support of you and your interest in promoting the Lone Star past.

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts. Together, we bring the past forward to future generations.



Gene Preuss, Ph.D.
President, Board Member

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

DEAR MEETING ATTENDEES,

Welcome to the 130th Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association! It is sure to be an especially memorable gathering with 125 speakers and more than 30 panels of inspiring Texas History. We will celebrate our incoming President Wes Perry and acknowledge our outgoing President Gene Preuss, along with a special Old West-style Saloon Gaming Night and poker tournament with proceeds to directly support the Association. We ask you to share this with your family, friends, and colleagues to encourage their attendance. The TSHA Annual Meeting is known for gathering passionate historians and history lovers from across the state for three days of compelling presentations, award announcements, and exclusive banquets and events. I know that our meeting this year will not disappoint!

I'm pleased to report that over the past year, TSHA has fully reinvigorated its publishing arm with Texas State Historian, Dr. Richard B. McCaslin at the helm. TSHA Press is producing award-winning titles with a steady stream of new works in progress. Going forward, we will greatly increase reprinting of our out-of-date and rare publications. The *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* remains the leading Texas History scholarly journal and is strengthening in all capacities under the new leadership of Emily Laskowski. The *Texas Almanac* became the official State Book of Texas and secured an additional \$150,000 in legislative support. Brett Regan and Sofia Treviño revamped the new *Texas Almanac* to exceed expectations for the honored designation. The *Handbook of Texas* surpassed 28,000 entries and receives over 6.2 million annual pageviews. Our *Handbook of Texas Women* project will complete ten years of dedicated focus with over 500 new entries.

Our Education Department is now operating with a new energy under Director of Education Services Kimberly Peña and her staff. Junior Historians of Texas has grown to 26 chapters, and the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society has grown to more than a dozen, and we expect more than 70,000 students will participate in Texas History Day in Austin later this year. We are honored by H-E-B's major sponsorship of \$50,000 to support the event. To protect our past and invest in our future, the State Legislature committed \$1 million annually in grants to directly support the students, teachers, and judges who participate in our education programs. As a result, the museums, historical sites, and living history experiences across our state will soon be visited by far greater numbers of students engaged in our programs.

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As you may already know, the State Board of Education (SBOE) has approved a new format for teaching Texas history. Without our advocacy, and all of those concerned, this may not have occurred. It is called “3-5-1,” which implies abbreviated courses in the third and fifth grades, and then nearly a full year of Texas history in the eighth grade. For the first time in the history of any state, our state’s history will be tested along with the other subjects—an incredible victory for the future of Texas history.

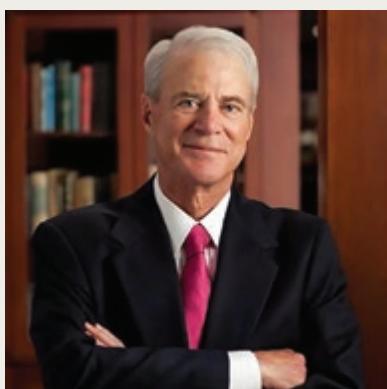
I hope that you’re planning to attend our Texas Revolution Rendezvous in San Antonio in April. It is a great way to start off the Fiesta celebration and dive into that exciting era of Texas history. You can register on the TSHA website or contact our Director of Corporate Events, Angel Baldree, for more information.

We also filled a critical position: Our new Membership Specialist, Solomon Weiner, has already accomplished a great deal in advancing our strategy and engagement. Membership rebounded from just over 2,200 to 4,700, through partnerships within the museum community, with a goal of 7,500 by year’s end. In addition, our Marketing Director, Raymond DeVono, has made huge strides in sharing our accomplishments and driving more traffic to our website and online store.

And importantly, we expanded the role of grants manager Shelby Scheurmann’, who has done exceptional work securing funding for our most important projects. We are entering the final phase of a three-year grant from the WoodNext Foundation totaling \$75,000 for the *Handbook of Texas*. As our new development coordinator she designed our recent Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year campaigns that directly support our mission. My profound appreciation to everyone who contributed and I’m proud that the J.P. and Mary Jon Bryan Foundation will match those donations.

Though there remains much work to be completed, TSHA is functioning as a team in the highest sense. We’re helping each other to succeed and are enjoying the process of demonstrating to the world what a unique history we share in our great State of Texas.

TSHA is on a strong trajectory. Financial stability has returned, with positive projections for 2025, a \$2.8 million endowment, a generous land donation from the Carroll Family valued at \$1.2 million, and a fourth consecutive clean audit. We’ve also renewed our office lease with UT Austin through 2040. With renewed staff capacity, growing partnerships, and legislative backing, we remain committed—together with UT Austin—to preserving and promoting Texas history for scholars, teachers, students, and citizens statewide.



J. P. Bryan

J. P. Bryan
Executive Director

A LETTER FROM THE TEXAS STATE HISTORIAN

The TSHA meets this year in Irving, in the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolis. No matter what interests you, you can find it in “DFW.” World-class museums focusing on art and history, thriving businesses, medicine and science, and, of course, entertainment and sports—all of it can be found here. We are here to celebrate and promote Texas history, and Irving is a fine place to do that.



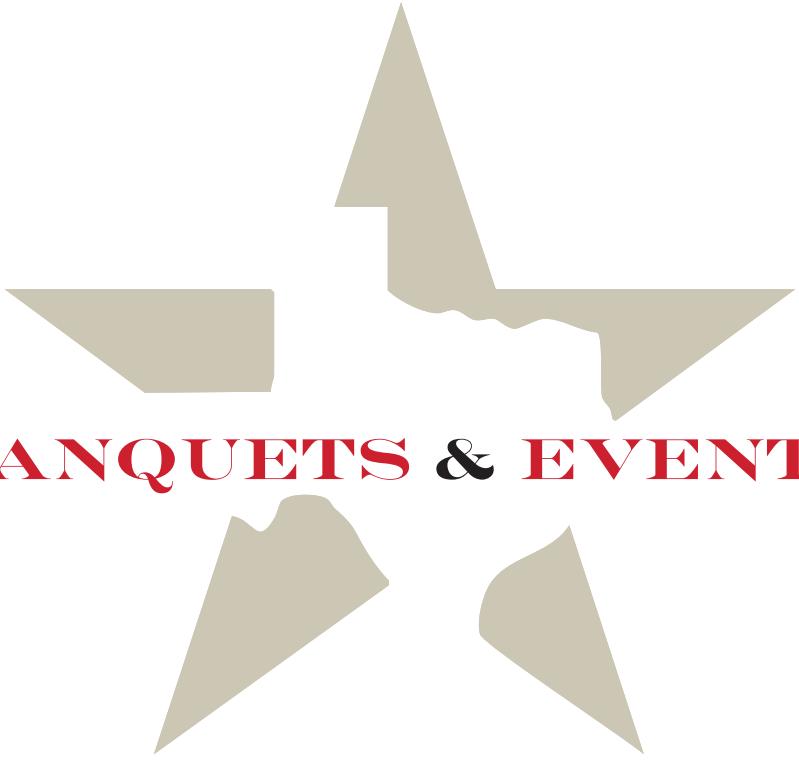
The TSHA has again enjoyed a successful year. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- TSHA education efforts have expanded with the addition of new chapters of the Junior Historians and Webb Society. Texas History Day increased again in 2025. Almost 1,200 students came to Austin after competing in districts all over Texas. Many advanced to the national finals in Washington, DC, where some won even more awards. Watch for more initiatives thanks to new funding from the Texas legislature.
- The *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* has increased in size by almost 50 percent during the past year. Every edition includes four main selections, and the Southwest Collection offers more information on Texas history than ever before.
- TSHA Press published seven books this year, with four of these new titles making their annual meeting debut here in Irving. James Brasher, *11 Days on the Colorado*, won the Summerfield G. Roberts Award from the Sons of the Republic of Texas.
- The *Texas Almanac* was declared to be the State Book of Texas by the legislature in a well-deserved recognition of its status. The 2026-2027 edition appeared in November 2025. Rewritten and re-designed, it lives up to the lofty new title bestowed upon it.
- The *Handbook of Texas* has again added more than a hundred new articles since we last met. At the same time, thanks to our readers, dozens of corrections have been made to existing entries, increasing the value of this growing online resource.
- TSHA revenues and endowments have increased thanks to strong contributions, grants, events, memberships, investments, and sales. We once more came through our audit with flying colors, and we will continue our strong financial growth in the coming year.
- New faces have joined the TSHA staff, enhancing our great team. Our new Director of Education Services is Kimberly Peña, while Solomon Weiner now serves as Membership Specialist. If you see them at the meeting, tell them hello!

We will continue to expand our role within a broad network of Texas organizations, fostering public awareness, collaboration, and communication. I want to thank my co-workers, our many members at all levels, and the volunteers who fill our committees and boards. Your dedication to moving the TSHA into a brighter future inspires me. Texas is growing, and understanding and appreciating our diverse and unique history are the keys to incorporating new Texans into the fabric of the Lone Star State. With your support, the TSHA will lead this effort. Thank you for attending this year's annual meeting, joining us in fostering the teaching, understanding, and appreciation of the rich history of Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RBM: McCaslin'.

Richard B. McCaslin, Ph.D.
Director of Publications
Texas State Historian



BANQUETS & EVENTS

TSHA Board Meeting

Irving Archives and Museum

Wednesday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.

TSHA Board Members Only

Board Member & VIP Reception

Irving Westin Archives and Museum

Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries

RSVP Required

Women in Texas History Luncheon

Trinity Ballroom

Thursday, March 5, 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Dr. Betty Edwards

Afternoon Cocktail Social

Live Oak Ballroom

Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.

TSHA President Elect's Dinner

Trinity Ballroom

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by PBX

Book Lovers' and Texana Collectors' Breakfast

Trinity Ballroom

Friday, March 6, 7:30 a.m.

Fellows and Awards Luncheon

Trinity Ballroom

Friday, March 6, 12:00 p.m.

TSHA Membership Business Meeting

Irving Lecture Hall

Friday, March 6, 1:45 p.m.

TSHA Members Only

Afternoon Cocktail Social

Live Oak Ballroom

Friday, March 6, 4:00 p.m.

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TSHA's 130th Anniversary Celebration

Trinity Ballroom

Friday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

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and L'Auberge Casino Resort*

The Stones are Speaking Documentary Screening

Irving Lecture Hall

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.



2026 TSHA AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Texas State Historical Association (TSHA) has announced the winners of its annual awards program for 2026. This year's awards recognize outstanding contributions to the field of Texas history, and the TSHA is proud to honor the following recipients:

Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship in Texas History

Vincent A. Lazaro

Segregation Without Statute: Mexican American Educational Access in Early-Twentieth-Century San Antonio

Larry McNeill Research Fellowship in Texas Legal History

Jody Edward Ginn

The Legal History Surrounding the Sherman Race Riot/Lynching of George Hughes

John H. Jenkins Research Fellowship in Texas History

Caroline Wood Newhall

In Revenge for Stealing Freedom: Enslaved People's Warfare in North America

Cecilia Steinfeldt Fellowship for Research in the Arts and Material Culture

Joshua Yudkin

Seeds of Service

Lawrence T. Jones III Research Fellowship in Civil War Texas History

Vincent A. Lazaro

The Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Birth of Public Education in Texas: State Formation and the Foundations of San Antonio's First High School

Catarino and Evangelina Hernández Research Fellowship in Latino History

Eliza Kravitz

What the Lens Conceals: Bracero Ambitions and Controversy in Post-Revolutionary Mexico

Randolph B. "Mike" Campbell Award

1st Place: Paul M. Lucko, *Capital Punishment in Texas*

2nd Place: Frank Jackson, *The Alamo (1960)*

H. Bailey Carroll Award for Best Article in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly

David Huenlich

The German Lives of Black Texans: Language and Interethnic Relations

Ron Tyler Award for Best Illustrated Book on Texas History and Culture

James Harkins, Mark Lambert, Dr. Brian Stauffer, Patrick Walsh

Texas Takes Shape: A History in Maps From the General Land Office
(University of Texas Press)

Kate Brocks Bates Award for Historical Research

Jim Burnet

Saltgrass Prairie Saga: A German American Family in Texas
(Texas A&M University Press)

Liz Carpenter Award for Best Book on the History of Women

Mary Ellen Curtin

She Changed the Nation: Barbara Jordan's Life and Legacy in Black Politics (University of Pennsylvania Press)

Gail and Chuck Swanlund Award for Best Texas History Anthology

Bruce A. Glasrud and Harold J. Weiss, Jr.

Tracking the Texas Ranger Historians (University of North Texas Press)

Coral Horton Tullis Memorial Prize for Best Book on Texas History

Sarah K. M. Rodríguez

One National Family: Texas, Mexico and the Making of the Modern United States, 1820–1867 (Johns Hopkins University Press)

Al Lowman Memorial Prize

Jeff Roche

The Conservative Frontier: Texas and the Origins of the New Right
(University of Texas Press)

Lynna Kay Shuffield Memorial Award in Texas Jewish History

Jilllian Glantz

Remember My Soul

Barbara Rosenthal

Grit & Grace: How Jewish Women Built a Better Texas

Kay Bailey Hutchison Award for Women's Achievements in Texas History

Linda Sioux Henley

Mary Jon and J. P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award

K-12 Level, Nichole Ritchie

College Level, Deborah M. Liles, PhD

John W. Crain Texas History Education Award

Adalberto Guerrero, El Paso ISD

2026 TSHA Fellowship Inductions

Mary Margaret McAllen, PhD
Anne J. Bailey, PhD



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Local Arrangements Committee
Auction Committee
2026 Program Committee
Resolutions Committee

Awards Committees

A1 Lowman Award Committee
Gail and Charles Swanson Award Committee
Coral Horton Tullis Award Committee
Fellowship Awards Committee
H. Bailey Carroll Award Committee
Hernandez Research Fellowship Committee
Kate Broocks Bates Award Committee
Liz Carpenter Award Committee
Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Awards Committee
Ron Tyler Award Committee
Larry McNeill Research Fellowship Committee
Kay Bailey Hutchison Award Committee

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

MARCH 4

| TIME | NAME | ROOM NAME |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | Exhibitor Move-in | Live Oak Ballroom |
| 10:00 AM | Consortium Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 3:00 PM | TSHA Board Meeting | Irving Archives and Museum |
| 5:00 PM | TSHA Board Member and VIP Reception | Irving Archives and Museum |

MARCH 5

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| 8:00 AM | Membership Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 9:00 AM | New Perspectives on German Texas. | Trinity 1-3 |
| 9:00 AM | Crossroads at a Crossroads: Revising a College Textbook in Fraught Times | Trinity 6-8 |
| 9:00 AM | Key Moments in WWII and the Texans Who Were There | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 9:00 AM | Texas in the American Revolution | Chinaberry |
| 9:00 AM | Development Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 10:30 AM | Re-Evaluating Texas Unionists | Trinity 1-3 |
| 10:30 AM | Evolving Research on Washington County Freedom Colonies | Trinity 6-8 |
| 10:30 AM | East Texas Oil History From Spindletop to Kilgore | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Current and Future State of Water in Texas | Chinaberry |
| 12:00 PM | Women in Texas History Luncheon | Trinity 5 |
| 2:00 PM | TSHA Founder's Series Roundtable – Honoring the Legacy of Robert "Bob" S. Weddle | Trinity 1-3 |
| 2:00 PM | From Spindletop to Shale: The Arc of Innovation in Texas Oil | Trinity 6-8 |
| 2:00 PM | Memoir and Memory in the Texas Jewish Community | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 2:00 PM | 1st Women of Texas | Chinaberry |
| 3:30 AM | Handbook of Texas Advisory Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 3:30 AM | Afternoon Social | Live Oak Ballroom |
| 4:30 PM | Almanac Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 5:00 PM | Graduate Student Mixer | |
| 6:00 PM | President Elect's Dinner Honoring Wes Perry | Trinity 5 |

MARCH 6

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| 7:30 AM | Book Lovers' and Texana Collectors' Breakfast | Trinity 5 |
| 8:00 AM | Publications Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 9:00 AM | The Wild Country: Mesteñas and Fighting Bulls in Mexico and Texas | Trinity 1-3 |
| 9:00 AM | Tales from the Texas Centennial | Trinity 6-8 |
| 9:00 AM | Beneath Our Boots: Archeologists on the Subject of Texas History | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 9:00 AM | Women in Texas Aviation | Chinaberry |
| 10:30 AM | The Lives and Forgotten Times of Governors Coke, Throckmorton and Roberts | Trinity 1-3 |
| 10:30 AM | Texans in Civil War Indian Territory | Trinity 6-8 |
| 10:30 AM | Northern Mexico and Texas Borderlands | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Traditions of Texas Trail Drivers and Beyond | Chinaberry |
| 12:00 PM | Fellows and Awards Luncheon | Trinity 5 |
| 1:45 AM | Membership Business Meeting | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 3:00 PM | Texas Forever: Law from the Villa de San Felipe Courthouse through Texas's 1876 Constitution. | Trinity 1-3 |
| 3:00 PM | We Are Off to the Races! Horseracing History in Texas | Trinity 6-8 |
| 3:00 PM | Methodologies for Mapping Houston's Old Chinatown | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 3:00 PM | Catholic Priests on the Texas Frontier | Chinaberry |
| 3:30 PM | Archives Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 4:00 PM | Afternoon Social | Live Oak Ballroom |
| 4:00 PM | Handbook of Texas Workshop | Live Oak Ballroom |
| 6:30 PM | President's Dinner Honoring Dr. Gene Preuss | Trinity 5 |

MARCH 7

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| 8:00 AM | SHQ Editorial Board Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 9:00 AM | A Border in Crisis: The 1916 Deployment of the National Guard to the Border and the Lessons Learned | Trinity 1-3 |
| 9:00 AM | Screw You, I'm not From Texas | Trinity 6-8 |
| 9:00 AM | The Medal of Honor in Texas: Service, Commitment, and Legacy | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 9:00 AM | 20th Century Texas Politics | Chinaberry |
| 9:00 AM | Education Committee Meeting | Sunnyside |
| 10:00 AM | Webb Society Meeting and Caldwell Awards | Sunnyside |
| 10:30 AM | Changes and Challenges: Making and Remaking Dallas | Trinity 1-3 |
| 10:30 AM | The Life and Times of Jenkins Garrett | Trinity 6-8 |
| 10:30 AM | The Stones are Speaking Documentary Screening | Irving Lecture Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Texas History Resources at SMU: Old and New | Chinaberry |
| 11:00 AM | Junior Historian Meeting | Sunnyside |

Banquet Meeting Space

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2026

ANNUAL MEETING

SESSIONS

Thursday, March 5, 2026

8:00am, Membership Committee Meeting..... Sunnyside

9:00am, Session 1..... Trinity 1-3
New Perspectives on German Texas

Sponsored by: Dr. Betty Edwards

Chair: Walter Kamphoefner, Texas A&M University

Presenters:

- Walter Kamphoefner, Texas A&M University, *The Multilingual Heritage of German Texas*
- Jim Kearney, University of Texas, Retired, *A Life Portrait by Heinrich Struve*
- Daniel Gelo and Christopher Wickham, University of Texas San Antonio, Retired, *The German Texas Frontier in 1853: Ferdinand Lindheimer Accounts for the Present and Projects a Future*

9:00am, Session 2..... Trinity 1-6

Crossroads at a Crossroads: Revising a College Textbook in Fraught Times

Sponsored by: Jesús F. de la Teja

Chair: Jesús F. de la Teja, Texas State University, Emeritus

Moderator: Kendra DeHart, Sul Ross University

Panelists:

- Ron Tyler, Amon Carter Museum, Retired
- Nancy Beck Young, University of Houston
- Jesús F. de la Teja, Texas State University, Emeritus

9:00am, Session 3..... Irving Lecture Hall

Key Moments in WWII and the Texans Who Were There

Sponsored by: Kent Hance

Chair: Stephen Cure, Texas Historical Commission

Presenters:

- Kelly Francis-Love, Texas Historical Commission, *Harlon Block: A South Texan Immortalized*
- Paige Gulley, Texas Christian University, *The Worst Atrocity Stories You May Have Read Are True: A Texas Woman in Germany, 1945*
- Lynn DeHart, Independent Scholar, *The Best Worst Seat in History: Albert "Pappy" DeHart and the Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki*

9:00am, Session 4..... Chinaberry
Texas in the American Revolution

Sponsored by: Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Chair: Carolina Castillo Crimm, Professor Emeritus, Sam Houston State University

Presenters:

- Scott McMahon, Texas Historical Commission, *La Bahía and Liberty*
- John Espinosa, Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez, *Spain, Texas, and the American Revolution*

9:00am, Development Committee Meeting..... Sunnyside

10:30am, Session 5..... Trinity 1-3
Re-Evaluating Texas Unionists

Sponsored by: TexasHistory.com

Chair: Carl H. Moneyhon, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Presenters:

- Jerry D. Thompson, Texas A&M International University
- Richard B. McCaslin, Texas State Historical Association

10:30am, Session 6..... Trinity 1-3

Evolving Research on Washington County Freedom Colonies

Chair: Nataerah Austin, Texas Freedom Colonies Project

Presenters:

- Tina B. Henderson, Texas Ten Historical Explorers, *Washington County Freedom Colonies*
- Robert R. Rubb, Auburn University, *The Camptown Freedom Colony*
- Charles Swenson, Texas Ten Historical Explorers, *Cemeteries as a Tool for Understanding Freedom Colonies*

Thursday, March 5

10:30am, Session 7 Irving Lecture Hall

East Texas Oil History from Spindletop to Kilgore

Sponsored by: JP Bryan

Chair: Lily Norman, Spindletop Boomtown Museum

Presenters:

- Belinda George, Spindletop Boomtown Museum, *Preserving the Boom: The Living Legacy of Lamar University's Spindletop Boomtown Museum and Kilgore College's East Texas Oil Museum*
- Hope Meredith, Spindletop Boomtown Museum, *Spindletop: 125 Years of Oil and the Boom*
- Olivia Moore, Kilgore College, *The Discovery of the East Texas Oil Field*

10:30am, Session 8 Chinaberry

Current and Future State of Water in Texas

Sponsored by: JP Bryan

Chair: Giovanni Piccinni, Texas Water Resources Institute

Presenters:

- Giovanni Piccinni, Texas Water Resources Institute, *Texas Water Resources Institute: Addressing Water Needs for Texas and the Nation*
- Allen Berthold, Texas Water Resources Institute, *Securing Texas Water Future: Exploring Alternative Water Sources Through State Planning*
- Lucas Gregory, Texas Water Resources Institute, *Texas Water Today: Current Status of Texas's Water Resources and Management*

12:00pm, Women in Texas History Luncheon Trinity Ballroom

Sponsored by: Dr. Betty Edwards

Special Guest Presenter: Sharon Sandle, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society

- Presentation of the Lynna Kay Shuffield Award, the Liz Carpenter Award, and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Award. Advance ticket purchase is required. Please see the registration desk for information.

2:00pm, Session 9 Trinity 13

TSHA Founder's Series Roundtable - Honoring the Legacy of Robert "Bob" S. Weddle

Sponsored by: William V. Scott

Chair: Richard B. McCaslin, Texas State Historical Association

Panelists:

- Carol A. Liscomb, Independent Historian
- Bradley Folsom, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

2:00pm, Session 10 Trinity 6-8

From Spindletop to Shale: The Arc of Innovation in Texas Oil

Sponsored by: JP Bryan

Chair: Brandon Seale, *A New History of Old Texas*

Presenters:

- Jason Theriot, Independent Historian, *Horizontal Breakthrough in the Austin Chalk*
- Jeff Spencer, Petroleum History Institute, *Oilfield Innovation in the 1920s and 1930s*
- Paul Spellman, Wharton County Junior College, Retired, *Remembering Spindletop at 125*

2:00pm, Session 11 Irving Lecture Hall

Memoir and Memory in the Texas Jewish Community

Chair: Melissa Cohen-Nickels, Joan and Stanford Alexander South Texas Jewish Archives

Presenters:

- Laurie K. Bricker, Public Historian, *My Grandmother's Ring: A Memoir*
- Kenneth Taylor, Holocaust Museum Houston, *Personalizing History: The Value of Memoirs and Oral Histories in Holocaust Research and Education*

2:00pm, Session 12 Chinaberry

First Women of Texas: Trailblazing Pioneers

Chair: Ann Arnold, Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture

Presenters:

- Barry Macha, Midwestern State University, *Charlye Ola Farris*
- Erika Arredondo-Haskins, University of Incarnate Word, *Like Mother, Like Daughter: Exploring the Lives and Educational Legacies of the Yturri-Edmunds Women in Early Texas History*
- Kendall Ferguson, Juanita Craft House, *Juanita Craft: An Unsung Voting and Civil Rights Activist*

3:30pm, Handbook of Texas Advisory Committee Meeting Sunnyside

3:30pm, Afternoon Social Live Oak Ballroom

4:00pm, Handbook of Texas Workshop Live Oak Ballroom

4:30pm, Almanac Committee Meeting Sunnyside

6:00pm, President-Elect's Dinner Honoring Wes Perry Ballroom

Sponsored by: Hon. Ken Wise

Special Musical Guest: John Lomax III

Advance ticket purchase is required. Please see registration desk for information.

Friday, March 6, 2026

7:30am, Book Lovers' and Texana Collectors' Breakfast Trinity Ballroom

Special Guest Presenter: Julie DeWees Sparks, *Under Texas Skies*
Advance ticket purchase is required. Please see registration desk for information.

8:00am, Publications Committee Meeting Sunnyside

9:00am, Session 13 Trinity 1-3 The Wild Country: Mesteñas and Fighting Bulls in Mexico and Texas

Chair: Jesús F. de la Teja, Texas State University, Emeritus
Presenters:

- José Roberto Campos Cordero, University of Texas, *Breaking Free: The Origins of the Borderlands' Wild Horses and Cows*
- Matthew Butler, University of Texas, *From Veracruz to El Paso: Tom Lea's Search for Mexico's Brave Bulls*

9:00am, Session 14 Trinity 6-8 Tales from the Texas Centennial

Sponsored by: Steve and Allyson Cook
Chair: Mark Lambert, Texas General Land Office

Presenters:

- Jason Theriot, Independent Historian, *Texas Declaration of Independence (Rediscovered twice!)*
- Sarah Reveley, Independent Historian and Genealogical Researcher, *Monuments of the 1936 Texas Centennial*
- Clay Jones, Stephen F. Austin State University, *Texas Centennial Cartography: Analyzing History, Identity, and Place*

9:00am, Session 15 Irving Lecture Hall Beneath Our Boots: Archeologists on the Subject of Texas History

Sponsored by: Gail Swanlund
Chair: Bradford M. Jones, Texas Historical Commission
Presenters:

- Bradford M. Jones, Texas Historical Commission, *Neither Lost, Nor Forgotten: Excavating the Final Resting Place of the Texas Ranger James Coryell*
- Tamra Walter, Texas Tech University, *The Beginning of the End: The History and Archeology of Mission San Lorenzo*
- Sarah Chesney, University of Texas, *Not "Handmaiden" But Partner: Archeology's Role in Interpretation at San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site*
- Tiffany Osburn, Texas Historical Commission, *Spitting Distance: Mapping the Forgotten Features of Camp Verde, Home of the "Camel Corps" Experiment*

9:00am, Session 16 Chinaberry Women in Texas Aviation

Chair: Col. Kathleen Cosand, USAF (ret)
Presenters:

- Barbara Ganson, Florida Atlantic University, *Elizabeth "Bessie" Coleman and Edith Foltz Stearns: Two Texas Women Aviators from the Interwar Period*

- Robert Tidwell, Texas Tech University, *Edith Whatley McKenna: Multitalented Aviator*
- Rachel McClain, National WASP WWII Museum, *WASP: A Wartime Experiment*

10:30am, Session 17 Trinity 1-3 The Lives and Forgotten Times of Governors Coke, Throckmorton, and Roberts

Sponsored by: Charles and Gail Swanlund
Chair: Hon. Ken Wise, Independent Scholar
Presenters:

- John A. Adams Jr., Independent Scholar, *Governor Oran Roberts: The Old Alcalde*
- Rosser Coke Newton, Sr., Independent Scholar, *Governor Richard Coke: Texan*
- Kenneth Howell, Blinn College, *Governor James Webb Throckmorton: The Trials and Tribulations of a Reconstruction Governor*

10:30am, Session 18 Trinity 1-3 Texans in Civil War Indian Territory

Chair: Christopher B. Bean
Presenters:

- Charles Grear, Central Texas College, *Texans Fighting Alongside Confederate Indians, 5th Texas Cavalry Brigade*
- W. Dale Weeks, *Between Fire and Blood: North Texans and the Making of Confederate Indian Policy*
- David Vickers, San Patricio County Historical Commission, *The Texas Road: From the Osage Trace to Hwy 69*

10:30am, Session 19 Irving Lecture Hall Northern Mexico and Texas Borderlands

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Chair: John Klingemann, Sul Ross State University
Presenters:

- Miguel Hernandez, University of Texas El Paso, *Sowing Seeds of Scientific Knowledge: Rómulo Escobar and the Agricultural Frontier in Northern Mexico*
- Adam Hogan, Texas Tech University, *The Gods of Big Bend National Park*
- Brandon Seale, *New History of Old Texas, Articulating the Republic of the Rio Grande*

10:30am, Session 20 Chinaberry Traditions of Texas Trail Drivers and Beyond

Sponsored by: Hon. Ken Wise
Chair: Sylvia Mahoney, West Texas Historical Association
Presenters:

- Mary Margaret Dougherty Campbell, Live Oak County Historical Commission, *The West Brothers from Sweet Home: Trail Drivers, Cattlemen*
- William V. Scott, Texas Tech University, *Amanda Burks: The Queen of the Old Trail Drivers*
- Leland Turner, West Texas Historical Association, *A Different Trail Driving Story: Australia's Tradition*

Friday, March 6

12:00pm, TSHA Fellows and Awards Luncheon Irving Lecture Hall

1:45pm, TSHA Membership Business Meeting Irving Lecture Hall
Must be a current TSHA member to attend.

3:00pm, Session 21 Trinity 1-3
Texas Forever: Law from the Villa de San Felipe Courthouse through Texas's 1876 Constitution

Sponsored by: Texas Supreme Court Historical Society
Chair: Jasmine S. Wynton, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society

Presenters:

- Bryan McAuley, San Felipe de Austin Historic Site, *Law in the Villa de San Felipe de Austin*
- William J. Chriss, Snapka Law Firm, *The Constitution of 1876: Its Enduring 150-Year Legacy*.

Commentator: Sharon Sandle, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society

3:00pm, Session 22 Trinity 6-8
We Are Off to the Races! Horseracing History in Texas

Chair: Donald S. Frazier, Texas Center at Schreiner University

Presenters:

- Preston Lewis, Author, *Betting on Horses: Racing as an Economic Development Tool in Frontier West Texas*
- Anne J. Bailey, Author, *Texas Turf: Horse Racing in 19th Century Texas*
- Jason Sullivan, Arlington Historical Society, *Arlington Downs: Big-Time Horse Racing in a Small Town*

3:00pm, Session 23 Irving Lecture Hall
Methodologies for Mapping Houston's Old Chinatown

Chair: Dr. Melody Yunzi Li, University of Houston
Presenters:

- Deavion Wallace, Stephen F. Austin State University, *Memory is Only One Click Away: Using Short-From Digital Storytelling to Preserve Houston's Old Chinatown*
- Daniel Killian, University of Houston, *Piecing Together Houston's Old Chinatown on Paper, Pictures, and on Tape*
- Shouyue Zhang, University of Melbourne, *From Taiwan to Texas: The Taiwanese Diaspora and Politics in Post-WWII Texas*

3:00pm, Session 24 Chinaberry
Catholic Priests on the Texas Frontier

Chair: Carlos Varela, Texas General Land Office

Presenters:

- Jesús F. de la Teja, Texas State University, *Emeritus, A Young Priest on the Texas Frontier: Father Pedro Fuentes in San Antonio, 1771–1790*
- Colton De Los Santos, University of Texas, *Father Anthony Ganilh: The Mysterious Priest and Novelist of the Republic of Texas*

3:30pm, Archives Committee Meeting Sunnyside

4:00pm, Afternoon Social Live Oak Ballroom

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8:00am, Southwestern Historical Quarterly Advisory Committee Meeting..... Sunnyside

9:00am, Session 25 Trinity 1-3
A Border in Crisis: The 1916 Deployment of the National Guard to the Border and the Lessons Learned

Chair: Lloyd M. Uglow, Nelson University

Presenters:

- Jeff Hunt, Texas Military Forces Museum, *Texas Could Whip Mexico If She Had To*
- Adriana Schroeder, Illinois National Guard, *Illinois National Guard on the Border, 1916*
- Stephen S. Cure, Texas Historical Commission, *There is More to Logistics Than Beans and Bullets: The Positive Effects of "The Great Call-Up" on U.S. Military Readiness*

9:00am, Session 26 Trinity 6-8
"Screw You! I'm Not From Texas": Texas Identities Through Film, Photography and Music

Chair: Margaret Hoogstra, *Authentic Texas*

Presenters:

- Henry Horenstein, Author, *Miles and Miles of Texas*
- Michael Thomas, Director, *Dust: An Accidental Time Capsule*
- Randy Mallory, Author, *The Fifty-Year Texas Road Trip: On Assignment from Earth to Uncertain*

9:00am, Session 27..... Irving Lecture Hall
The Medal of Honor in Texas: Service, Commitment, and Legacy

Chair: Kali Schick, The National Medal of Honor Museum

Presenters:

- Kali Schick, The National Medal of Honor Museum
- Greg Waters, The National Medal of Honor Museum
- Alexandra Rhue, The National Medal of Honor Museum

9:00am, Session 28 Chinaberry
20th Century Texas Politics

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Chair: Kendra DeHart, Sul Ross University

Presenters:

- Kenneth Heineman, San Angelo State University, *I Get Enough Anyway Just Sipping: John Nance Garner's Guide to Bourbon and the Political Arts*
- Dolph Briscoe IV, Texas A&M University at San Antonio, *The Majority is Still Right of Center: Texas Politics in the Watergate Era*
- Jerry Patterson, Retired Marine/Recovering Texas Politician, *Are We Better Off Now Than We Were Then?*

9:00am, Education Committee Meeting..... Sunnyside

10:00am, Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Meeting and Caldwell Awards Presentation Sunnyside

10:30am, Session 29..... Trinity 1-3
Changes and Challenges: Making and Remaking Dallas

Chair: Sarah Crain, Preservation Dallas

Presenters:

- Stephen Fagin, Sixth Floor Museum, *Dallas's Fraught Response to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*
- David Preziosi, Texas Historical Foundation, *Braniff Airways*
- Evelyn Montgomery, City of Dallas Landmark Commission, *Shaping a Growing City: Dallas's Adventures with Planning*

10:30am, Session 30..... Irving Lecture Hall
The Stones are Speaking - Documentary Screening

Writer/Director Olive Tally will show a 56-minute version of her documentary, *The Stones Are Speaking*, about the groundbreaking Gault Archaeological Site and the man who saved it for history, Austin archaeologist Mike Collins.

10:30am, Session 31..... Chinaberry
Texas History Resources at SMU: Old and New

Sponsored by: JP Bryan

Chair: Russell Martin, DeGolyer Library

Presenters:

- Cynthia Franco, DeGolyer Library, Manuscript and Archival Resources
- Anne E. Peterson, DeGolyer Library, Photographic Resources
- Benjamin Jenkins, DeGolyer Library, The SMU Archives
- Christina Wood, DeGolyer Library, Texas Manuscripts in the Rees-Jones Library of the American West
- Russell Martin, DeGolyer Library, Printed Sources

10:30am, Session 32 Trinity 6-8
The Life and Times of Jenkins Garrett

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Chair: Stephen L. Hardin

Panelists:

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11:00am, Junior Historian Meeting Sunnyside





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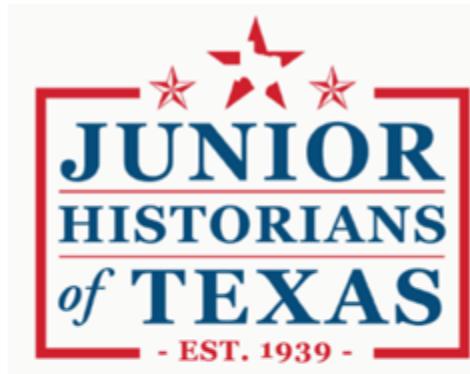
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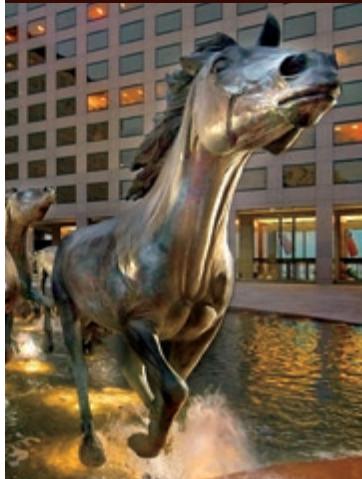
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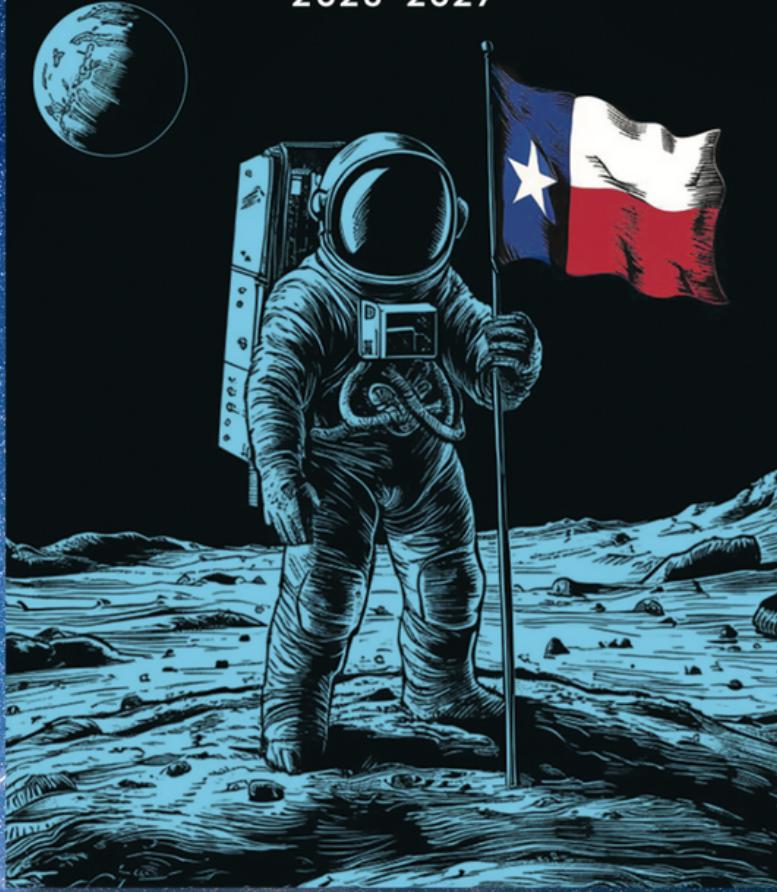
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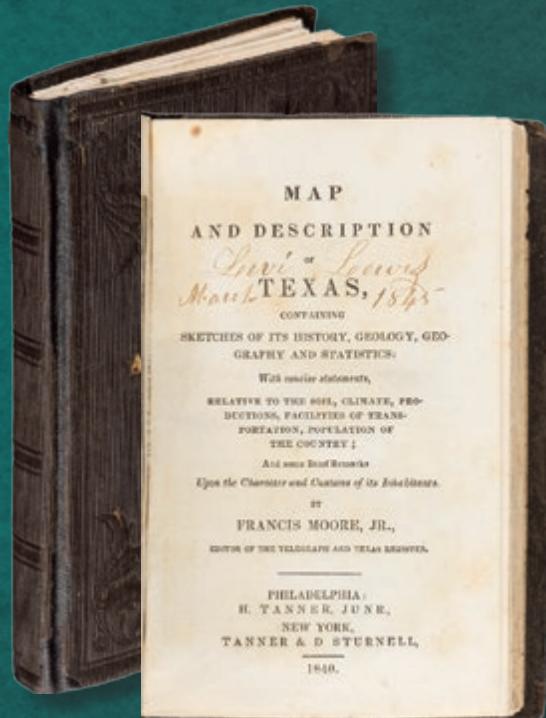


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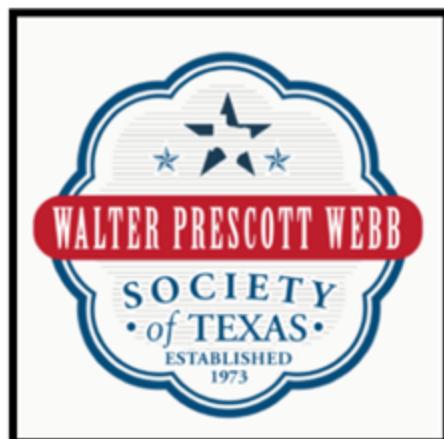
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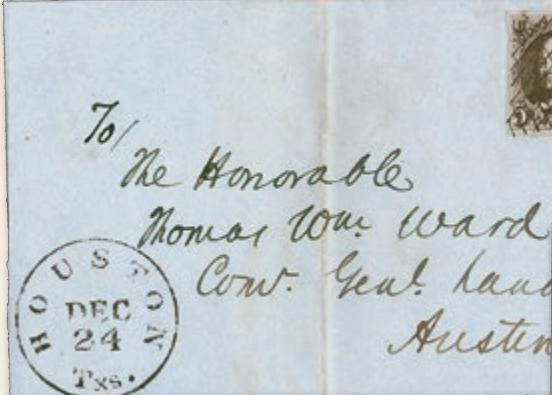


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IN MEMORIAM

JOHN WILLIAM “BILL” O’NEAL

wasn’t born on April 8, 1942. Rather, he galloped into existence in Corsicana, Texas, riding a bucking horse on that date! When he was a little boy, he spent treasured hours at the Ideal, Palace and Grand Theatres in Corsicana riding the range with Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. His parents, Mr. William Causby “Bud” and Mrs. Jessie Lucille O’Neal, taught him to love God, and Bill was a devoted Christian till he rode off into the sunset on November 3, 2025.

Bill started writing stories when he was just a young cowpoke, and when he grew up, he spent many delightful days writing about the American West. His four daughters, Lynn, Shellie, Berri and Causby, rode shotgun with him on his adventurous research trips, and Bill’s devotion to his girls knew no bounds. Ever interested in his daughters’ lives and dreams, he faithfully attended their ballgames, concerts, and play performances. He continued this tradition with his grandchildren.

Bill began his teaching career as a high school football coach in Anna, Waskom, and Lampasas, and always willing to wear multiple hats, he was also called upon to serve as principal and Spanish teacher! He began teaching at Panola College in 1970, and he spent four decades there giving lectures, often appearing in costume. On any given day, he could be seen strolling across campus as a Revolutionary War officer, a frontiersman, or a medieval lord.

Mr. O’Neal loved giving talks about history, and though he made appearances on TBS, The History Channel, The Learning Channel, CMT, and A & E, no engagement and no town was too small! He loved telling everyone about history, and his motto was, “You don’t know who you are till you know who you were!”

Bill was a lifelong Baptist, and he served as department coordinator and Sunday School teacher for decades at Central Baptist Church in Carthage, Texas.

Bill lassoed a number of awards during his time riding the range. He served two terms as State Historian of Texas (his wife Karon proudly bore the title “Chief of Staff” for that office, riding with him across Texas to passels of appearances); he received the A C Greene Literary Award in 2015; the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wild West History Association; *True West* Magazine’s Best Living Non-Fiction Writer for 2007; the NOLA Book of the Year for his book, *The Johnson County War*; and an Honorary Doctor of Letters from his beloved alma mater, East Texas A&M University. Bill was a prolific writer, authoring 59 books.



IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES NORMAN PARSONS,

known affectionately as “Chuck” to friends and family, was born on a farm near Laurens, Iowa, on July 23, 1940. He peacefully went to be in the loving arms of the Lord on Friday August 1, 2025.

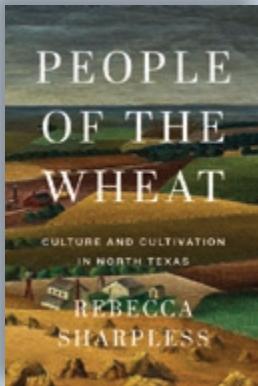
Chuck was the only son and second child of William Thomas and Vera Leona (Parker) Parsons. A sister, Wilma Leona, born June 29, 1937, was tragically killed in an automobile accident near Marathon, Iowa, on September 14, 1946.

A 1958 graduate of Fairmont High School, Chuck went on to attend the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in education and later pursued graduate studies. From 1965-1973 Chuck taught beginning French at Washington Junior High School in Racine, Wisconsin. In 1973, he began his career in school administration, securing his first principal position in Barrett, Minnesota. Over the next two decades, he held several leadership roles, including Principal, Athletic Director, and Director of Transportation for the Black Hawk Schools in South Wayne, Wisconsin. Chuck found great joy and purpose in both teaching and his work in school administration, where he touched countless lives with his passion and dedication.

After retiring from school administration, Chuck found great joy in researching and writing about Old West history and its fascinating personalities. He was known for his column, “The Answer Man” in *True West Magazine*. In addition, he served as editor of both the newsletter and quarterly journal of the National Association for Outlaw and Lawman History (NOLA), an organization devoted to the proliferation of accurate information and authentication of the history of outlaws and lawmen of the Old West.

Chuck was a proud and prolific award-winning author. His published works include *Captain John R. Hughes: Lone Star Ranger* (winner of the WWA Best Book Award); *The Sutton-Taylor Feud; John B. Armstrong: Texas Ranger, Pioneer Rancher; Captain L.H. McNelly, Texas Ranger; Bowen and Hardin; and Clay Allison: Portrait of a Shootist*. He is the co-author of *A Lawless Breed: John Wesley Hardin, Texas Reconstruction, Violence in the Wild West, The Notorious Luke Short: Sporting Man of the Wild West, and Texas Ranger N.O. Reynolds*.

Chuck contributed countless articles and book reviews to a wide array of historical publications. At the time of his passing, he was working on a manuscript entitled *Matt Woodlief: Texas Gambler-Gunfighter*. Over the years, Chuck was an active and devoted member of numerous organizations including the English Westerners Society, Caldwell County Historical Commission, Oklahombres, the Texas State Historical Association, and the Wild West History Association. Through his research, writing, and active participation in these organizations, he formed lasting friendships and leaves behind many cherished friends he met along the way.

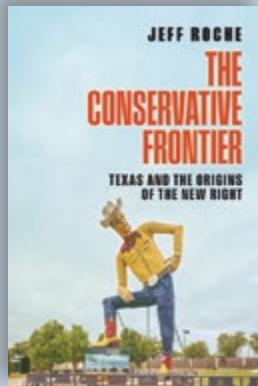


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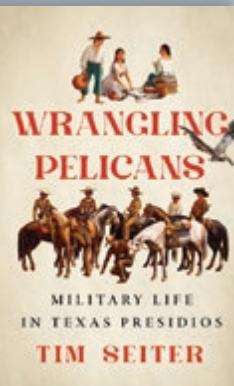


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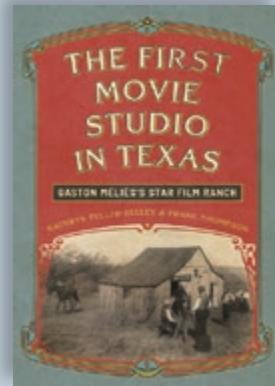


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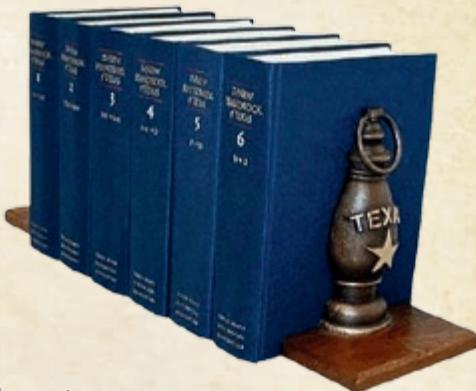
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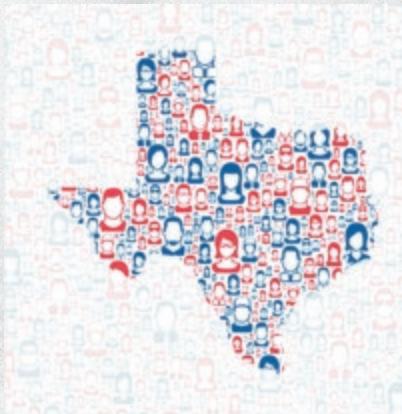
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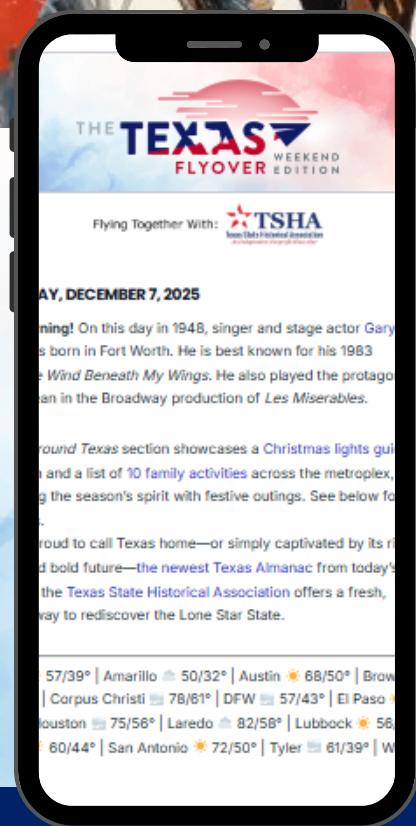
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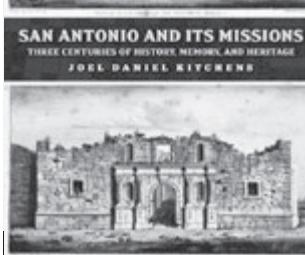
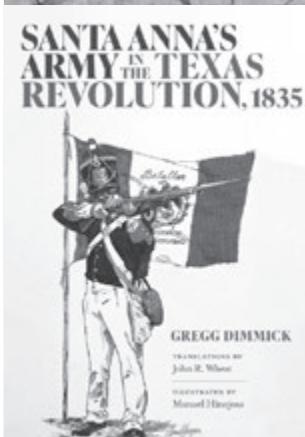
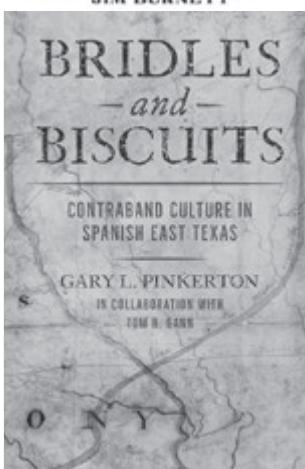
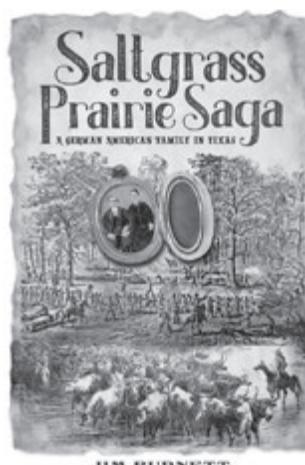
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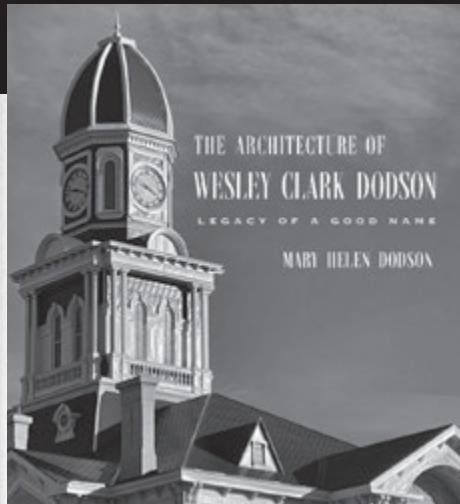
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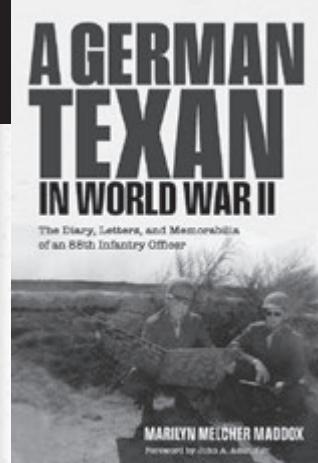
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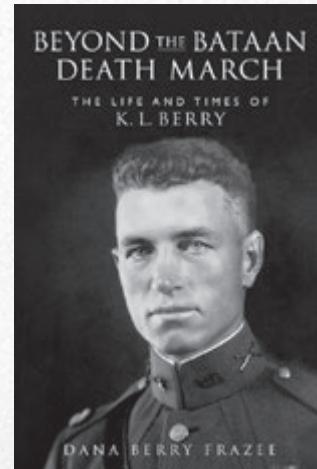
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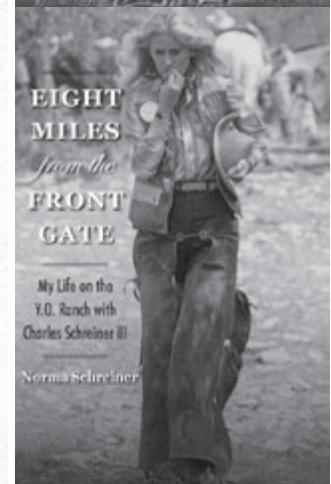
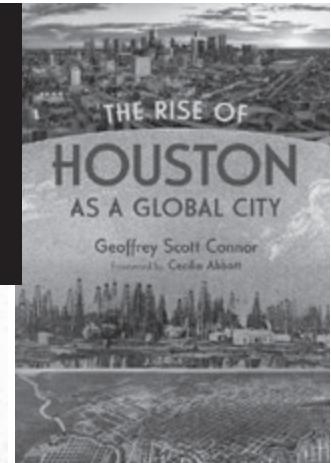
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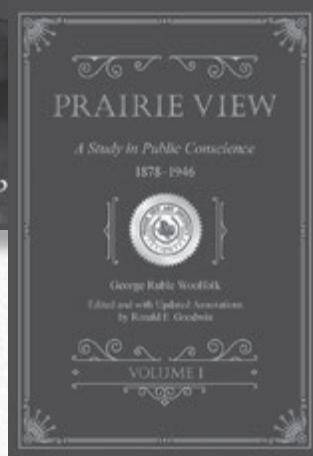
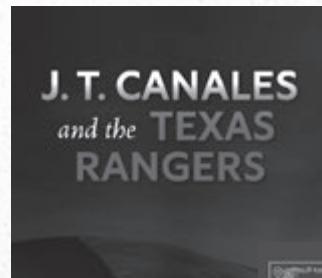
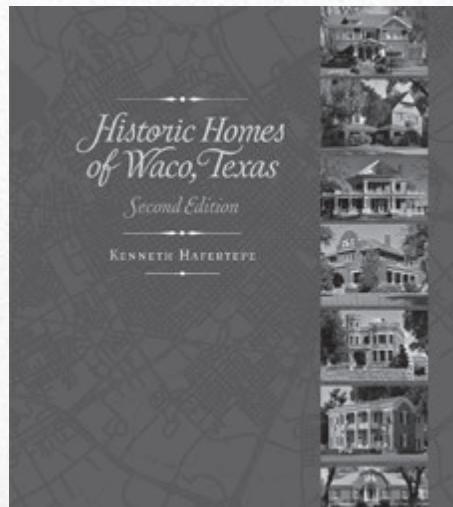
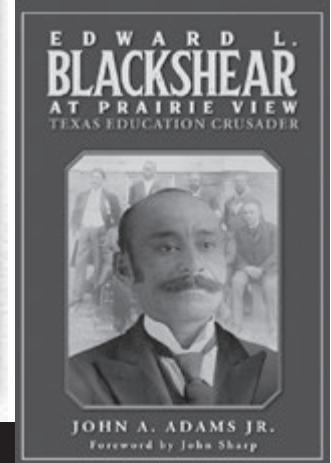


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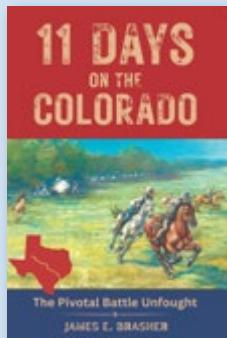


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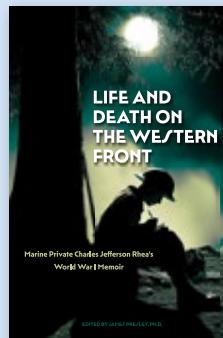
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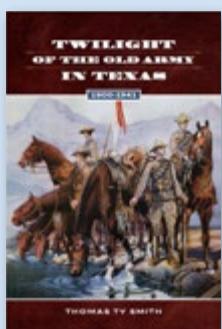
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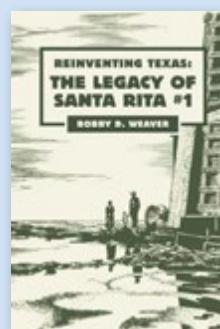
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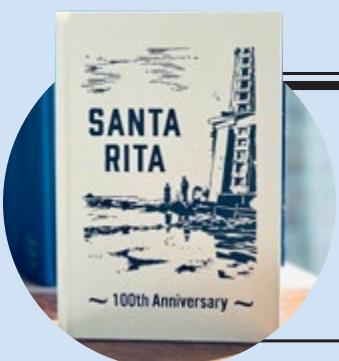
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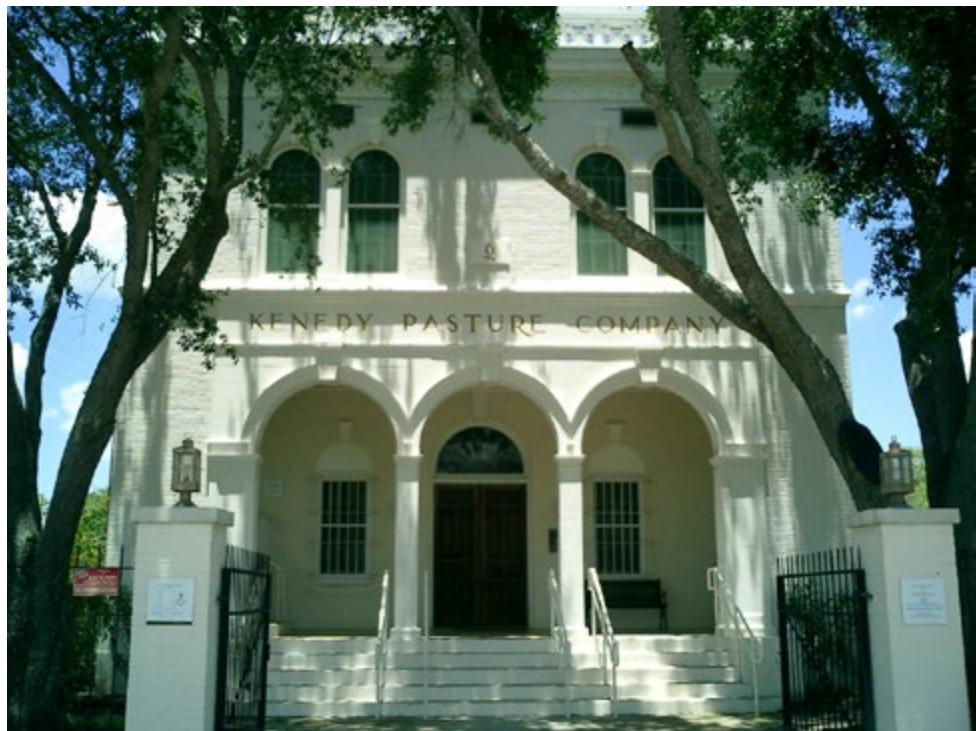
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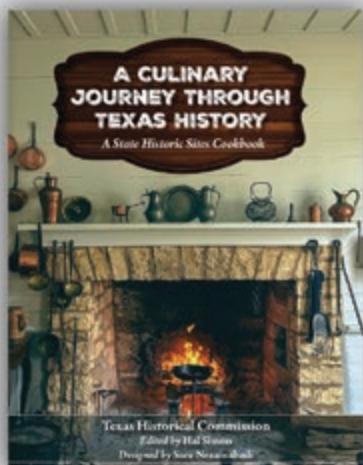
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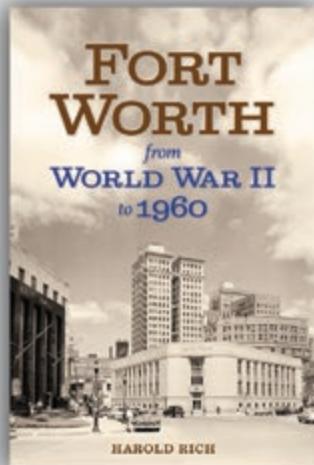
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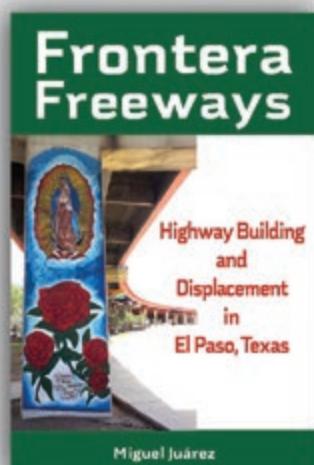
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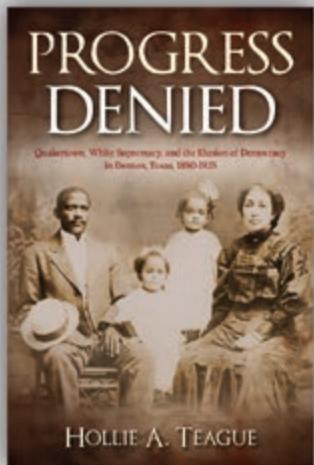
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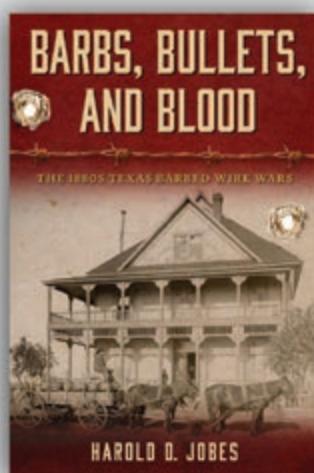
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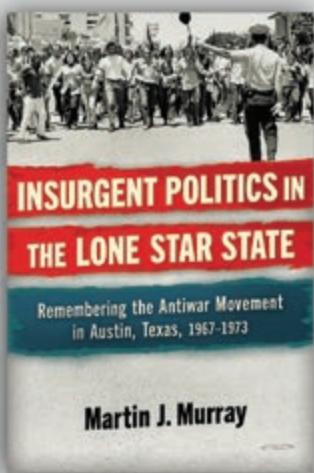
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