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COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

The Galveston and Texas History Center's mission is to document the history of Galveston from its founding through the present day and the history of Texas from the Spanish period to the end of the Civil War.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

The Center's focus is 19th and early 20th century Galveston. Papers include those of Gail Borden, Jr. (1818-97), David G. Burnet (1788-1870), George W. Grover (1824-1901), James Morgan (1809-81), Rosenberg Family (1837-1925), James Sylvester (1836-83), and John Grant Tod (1830-76). Nation's most comprehensive archives relating to the 1900 Storm. Modern papers include those of Dr. Margaret Henson. Approximately 80,000 photographs, city views, hurricanes, Seawall, grade raising, street scenes, portraits of Galveston and early Texas residents. Architectural archive of approximately 50,000 drawings (featured architects include Nicholas J. Clayton and others). Records of H. Kempner, Imperial Sugar Company, and other business interests. Church records, including Trinity Episcopal Church and Grace Episcopal Church. Records of W. K. Hebert Company, an African American funeral home (1919-68). Several thousand maps, including earliest known survey of Galveston Bay (1721), bird's-eye maps of Galveston (1871 and 1885), maps of the destruction created by the 1885 fire and 1900 Storm. Newspaper collection (including early Galveston and Republic of Texas). Sheet music collection. Oral history collection (approximately 165 tapes).

Weaknesses: Mid-late 20th century Galveston, perhaps because these materials are still in private hands.