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HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES

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ACCESS

Hours: Tuesdays 1 – 4, all other times by appointment

Research By Appt. Only: yes

Finding Aids:

Yes - Paper Yes - Database Other _____ **Web-based:** no EAD yes HTML no Database

Comments on Access:

Some records may be restricted. Part of the collection is stored off-site.

COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

Harris County Archives documents the history of the government and people of Harris County as revealed through county records and donated materials.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

Records of the Assessor and Collector of Taxes (1895-1997) including Block Books, Poll Tax and Voter Registration lists, Microfilm, Maps, Building and Land Assessment Cards; Auditor's Records (1846 - 1983) including Voucher Registers, Bond Registers, School Financial Records, Flood Control, Navigation District, Annual Reports, Fee Officer Reports; Treasurer's Records; JP Records (1846 - 1966) including Civil and Criminal Dockets and Case Files, Forcible Detainers, and Inquest Records; Welfare Case Files (most stripped) (1921 - 1981) including WPA Applications (1936 - 1938); Medical Examiner's (1957 - 2004) Inquests and Views, Administrative Logs, Clipping Files, Offense Reports, Autopsy Photographs, Autopsy Case Files (1957 - 1979); scrapbooks of E. A. "Squatty" Lyons, Jamie Bray, Glenn A. Perry, Bob Eckels, Dr. Joseph A. Jachimczyk, Jim Fonteno, and Mike Driscoll (1943 - 2002); Juvenile Records (1914 - 1989) including Administrative Records, Case Files, and Children's Home Records; County Attorney Records; Board of Trustees of Bayland Orphan Home Records (1867 - 1948); Commissioner Jim Fonteno's Audio/Visual records; Community Development; Harris County Hospital District media files (1938 - 1998); Precinct 3 Subject Files (1979 - 2003); County Judge Records (1956 - 2007); Harris County Public Library Records; Harris

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County Historical Commission, William G. Sharman Collection, Roy Campbell Digital Collection, Amerman Collection, Carol Vance Scrapbook Collection, Right of Way Deed Records.

Weaknesses:

Small photograph collection; relatively few 19th century county records have survived.

Additional Comments:

The Harris County Archives does not have the records of the County Clerk, the District Clerk, or the District Attorney.