

## ABOUT ARCHIVISTS OF THE HOUSTON AREA!

Archivists of the Houston Area (AHA!) was founded in 1998 by four local archivists to facilitate interaction among area archivists and repositories. AHA! exists to increase contact and communication among archivists and those working with records, to provide opportunities for professional development, and to promote archival repositories and activities in the greater Houston, Texas area. It fulfills its mission by:

- Conducting quarterly meetings with programs on archival topics
- Planning and promoting Archives Month
- Providing professional development classes
- Maintaining a website (with links to local repositories)
- Hosting a yahoo listserv

Its members include professional archivists, records managers, museum curators, researchers, historians, and volunteers representing Houston's major university research libraries, medical libraries, public history libraries, religious archives, museums and more. Anyone interested in the preservation and accessibility of historical records is welcome to join AHA!. Membership applications and information about membership dues are available on the AHA! website.

[houstonarchivists.org](http://houstonarchivists.org)

## ABOUT ARCHIVES

Archives preserve, protect, and provide access to records of enduring value that document individuals, organizations, and governments.

*What are archives?* Archives are records created or received by a person, family, or organization and maintained because they contain information of continuing value. Archivists are trained to determine if a record has continuing value—be it informational, legal, evidential, or artifactual. Archival records occur in a variety of formats including paper, bound volumes, photographs, film, audio and video recordings, and digital files.

*Access to archives* The collections are described in finding aids, databases and MARC records, which may be available online or in print, depending on the repository. Archivists assist patrons in finding the information they need.

Archives frequently contain fragile and valuable materials. Stacks are closed, and all records must be viewed in-house, under the supervision of the archivist. Collections may also be stored offsite. Therefore, it is wise to contact an archives prior to a visit to determine their research hours and policies.

*Donations to archives* Materials are often received into archives through donations by the public. If you or someone you know has materials believed to be historically valuable, contact a local archives. The archivist will assist you in assessing your records and discussing a possible donation. Donations to archives are considered to be permanent; archives rarely accept loans of materials. According to rulings of the Internal Revenue Service, archives are unable to place a monetary value on collections.



Post graduate assembly and annual clinic of negro physicians in Texas, c 1940. Courtesy of Prairie View A&M University, Special Collections/Archives.

**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY AT THE GREGORY SCHOOL, HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
1300 Victor Street, Freedmen's Town, Houston, TX 77019  
832/393-1440 <http://www.thegregoryschool.org>  
Monday-Thursday, 10am-6pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm  
The collection documents the experience of African American residents, businesses, institutions and neighborhoods throughout Houston and the surrounding region.

**BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ARCHIVES**  
713/798-4501 [www.bcm.edu](http://www.bcm.edu)  
Currently a closed archive. Please call for further information.  
Materials relate to Baylor College of Medicine history.

**TRUMAN G. BLOCKER HISTORY OF MEDICINE COLLECTIONS, MOODY MEDICAL LIBRARY**  
301 University Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77555-1035  
409/772-2397 [www.utmb.edu/iutmb/](http://www.utmb.edu/iutmb/)  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm  
These collections, the largest in the history of the health sciences in the southern United States, provide a view of the development of health care from the Renaissance to the 20th century.

**BRAZORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
100 East Cedar Street, Angleton, TX 77515  
979/864-1208 [www.bchm.org](http://www.bchm.org)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-3pm  
As the Historical Resource Center for Brazoria County, the primary focus is information relating to the events, people, and places in Brazoria County.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON**  
1700 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002  
713/652-8282 [www.archgh.org/archives](http://www.archgh.org/archives)  
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, by appointment only  
The Archdiocesan Archives contains records relating to the history and mission of the Catholic Church in southeast Texas, including official records of the Archdiocese and the individuals and organizations active in it.

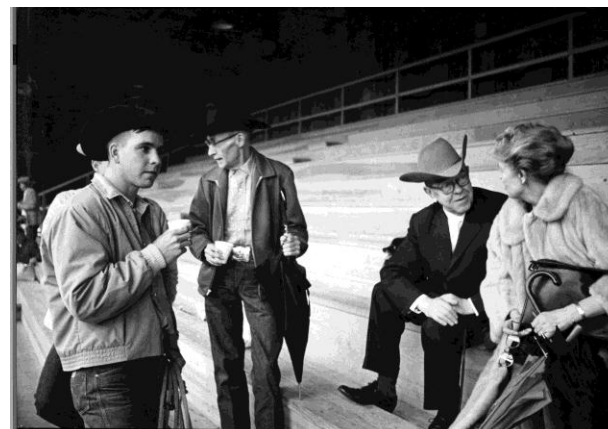
**CLAYTON LIBRARY CENTER FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
1500 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004  
832/393-2600 [www.houstonlibrary.com/clayton](http://www.houstonlibrary.com/clayton)  
Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-6pm, Wednesday, 10am-8pm, Friday and Saturday, 10am-5pm  
Family history research resources include census and military records, ship passenger lists, published and unpublished family histories, maps and more.

**CURATORIAL DATA CENTER, NASA/JOHNSON SPACE CENTER**  
2101 NASA Parkway, Houston, TX 77058  
281/483-7432  
By appointment only  
The Data Center is a repository for Astromaterials Research and Exploration Science encompassing moon rocks, meteorites, comet dust, solar wind atoms, and space-exposed hardware.

**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF HOUSTON**  
6501 Almeda Road, Houston, TX 77021-2095  
713/747-3310 [www.houstonop.org](http://www.houstonop.org)  
By appointment only  
These archives contain records relating to the history and mission of this Dominican congregation in Houston.

**FRED PARKS LAW LIBRARY, SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW**  
1303 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002  
713/646-1720 [www.stcl.edu/library/SpecialColl.html](http://www.stcl.edu/library/SpecialColl.html)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, by appointment only  
Materials include archival records of the college, rare law books, and manuscript collections relating to the school or to the legal heritage of Houston.

**HARRIS COUNTY ARCHIVES**  
11525 Todd Street, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77055  
713/274-9683 [www.harriscountytexas.gov/archives](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/archives)  
By appointment only  
The County Archives documents the history of the government and the citizens of Harris County as revealed through the county records and donated materials.



René Magritte and Dominique de Menil visit the rodeo at Simonton, Texas, 1965. Photo by Adelaide de Menil. Courtesy of The Menil Collection Archives.

**HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**  
Harris County Civil Courthouse, Historical Document Room  
201 Caroline, Room 200, Houston, TX 77002  
713/755-9463 [www.hcdistrictclerk.com](http://www.hcdistrictclerk.com)  
Tuesday and Thursday, 12-4pm, and Wednesday, 9am-1pm  
This office preserves all court records for the 59 District Courts and 15 County Criminal Courts located in Harris County. Historic documents from 1837-1925 are available for public viewing onsite, with some also online.

**HELEN HALL LIBRARY, LOCAL HISTORY ROOM**  
100 West Walker, League City, TX 77573  
281/554-1105 [www.leaguecitylibrary.org](http://www.leaguecitylibrary.org)  
By appointment only  
Collections relate to the history of League City, North Galveston County and the surrounding Bay Area.

**THE HERITAGE SOCIETY**  
1100 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002  
713/655-1912 [www.heritagesociety.org/untitled3.html](http://www.heritagesociety.org/untitled3.html)  
By appointment only  
The research library has a small but select collection of resource material pertaining to the local heritage of Houston.

**HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON**  
5401 Caroline Street, Houston, TX 77004  
713/942-8000 x110 [www.hmh.org](http://www.hmh.org)  
Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm, by appointment only  
The museum collects, preserves, researches and exhibits materials relating to pre-World War II Jewish life in Europe, the rise of the Third Reich, the Holocaust and the post-World War II period.

**HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY ARCHIVES, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**  
229 C. N. Hilton Hotel and College, Houston, TX 77204  
713/743-5278 [www.hrm.uh.edu/RESOURCES/Library-and-Archives-/Hospitality-Industry-Archives/](http://www.hrm.uh.edu/RESOURCES/Library-and-Archives-/Hospitality-Industry-Archives/)

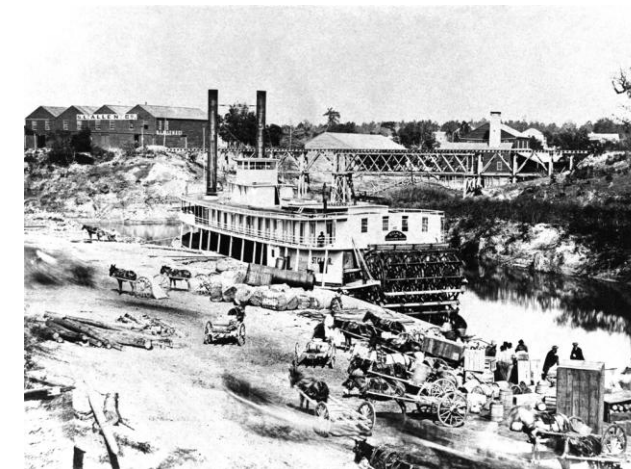
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm  
The Archives collects papers and other material related to the hotel and restaurant industry. The Archives is the official repository for the American Hotel & Lodging Association, Hilton Hotels, and the papers of Conrad N. Hilton.

**HOUSTON GRAND OPERA ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER**  
510 Preston Street, Houston, TX 77002  
713/228-0238 [www.houstongrandopera.org/archives](http://www.houstongrandopera.org/archives)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm, by appointment only  
The Archives maintains a large collection of material related to the history of the Houston Grand Opera.

**HOUSTON METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER, HOUSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Julia Ideson Building, 500 McKinney St., Houston, TX 77002  
832/393-1662 [www2.houstonlibrary.org/hmrc](http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/hmrc)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am-6pm, Wednesday, 10am-8pm, and Saturday, 10am-5pm  
The HMRC includes archival materials and special collections documenting the history of Houston and the surrounding area. Collections include the Houston and Texas history book collection and periodicals, archival materials, photographs, architectural drawings, oral histories and maps.

**HOUSTON SYMPHONY ARCHIVES**  
1220 Augusta Drive, Suite 250, Houston, TX 77057  
832/531-6702 [www.houstonsymphonyarchives.org/](http://www.houstonsymphonyarchives.org/)  
By appointment only  
Collections reflect the musical and cultural development of Houston through departmental records, the governing board of the Houston Symphony Society and affiliated organizations and individuals. Materials date from the Symphony's founding in 1913.

**HOUSTON YACHT CLUB**  
3620 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571  
281/471-1255 [www.houstonyachtclub.com](http://www.houstonyachtclub.com)  
By appointment only  
Records document the history of the Club as well as boating events in Houston and yachting dating to the late 1800s.



The Civil War over, sternwheeler *St. Clair* awaits a load of cotton at the foot of Main Street. T. W. House Papers, MSS 0029-01. Courtesy of Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Houston Public Library.

**INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY LIBRARY, TEXAS COLLECTION**  
609 Crawford Street, Houston, TX 77002  
713/668-0423 [dlyons@incarnateword.org](mailto:dlyons@incarnateword.org)  
A collection of histories and novels relating to early Texas, some published as early as 1852 (although most date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century), subjects include accounts of Native Americans in Texas, biographies and memoirs of early leaders, and histories of various cities and counties.

**INCARNATE WORD CONVENT ARCHIVES**  
3400 Bradford Place, Houston, TX 77025-1398  
713/668-0423 x112 [dlyons@incarnateword.org](mailto:dlyons@incarnateword.org) or [incarnatewordsistershouston.org](http://incarnatewordsistershouston.org)  
By appointment only  
The Archives houses the records of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament of Houston, Texas, and documents the works of the Congregation from 1873 to the present.

**KINKAID SCHOOL ARCHIVES**  
Moran Upper School Library, The Kinkaid School  
201 Kinkaid School Drive, Houston, TX 77024  
713/243-6587 [fiona.deyoung@kinkaid.org](mailto:fiona.deyoung@kinkaid.org)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, by appointment only  
The Kinkaid School Archives serves to collect, preserve, and make available records that document the institutional memory of the school and its connections to the broader Houston community.

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES**  
211 Red Bird Lane, Box 10021, Beaumont, TX 77710  
409/880-7787 [library.lamar.edu/info/archives.htm](http://library.lamar.edu/info/archives.htm)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, or by appointment  
The archives contain the University's records as well as collections such as cookbooks dating to 1500 and material documenting the fine arts and the Big Thicket. Special Collections boasts the largest collection of images of fungi in the South.

**LUNAR AND PLANETARY INSTITUTE**  
3600 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, TX 77058  
281/486-2182 [www.lpi.usra.edu/](http://www.lpi.usra.edu/)  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm  
Affiliated with NASA, the Center for Information and Research Services (CIRS) organizes and maintains a collection of space-science-related materials in a variety of media, including books, journals, documents, maps, and images.



Students in front of the Ezekiel Cullen Building, University of Houston, c 1950.  
Courtesy of University of Houston Libraries, Special Collections.

**MCGOVERN HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER, THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARY**  
Archive: 8272 El Rio, Suite 190, Houston, TX 77054  
Rare Book Room: 1133 John Freeman Boulevard, Houston, TX 77030  
713/799-7145 or 713/799-7141 [the.library.tmc.edu/mcgovern/](http://the.library.tmc.edu/mcgovern/)  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, appointment recommended  
The Center documents healthcare in the greater Houston area, including the Texas Medical Center, and the history of medicine covering topics from gout to the effects of atomic bomb radiation.

**THE MENIL COLLECTION ARCHIVES**  
1515 Sul Ross Street, Houston, TX 77006  
713/525-9400 [www.menil.org/collection/archives.php](http://www.menil.org/collection/archives.php)  
Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-5pm, by appointment only  
The Menil Archives houses the records of the Menil Foundation and the Menil Collection, a film and media collection, and a number of special collections.

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON ARCHIVES**  
PO Box 6826, Houston, TX 77265-6826  
713/639-7733 [www.mfah.org/research/archives](http://www.mfah.org/research/archives)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm, by appointment only  
The MFAH Archives serves to chronicle the history of the MFAH as well as the artistic and cultural development of Houston and the larger art community through institutional records and manuscript collections of affiliated organizations and individuals.

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS/ARCHIVES**  
John B. Coleman Library, Room 505  
PO Box 519 — MS #1040, Prairie View, TX 77446-0519  
936/261-1516 [www.pvamu.edu/pages/3667.asp](http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/3667.asp)  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, special assistance by appointment  
Collections document the history of the University as well as African-Americans in the southwest and in the U.S. military.

**ROSENBERG LIBRARY, GALVESTON AND TEXAS HISTORY CENTER**  
2310 Sealy, Galveston, TX 77550  
409/763-8854 [www.rosenberg-library.org/](http://www.rosenberg-library.org/)  
Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-6pm  
The Center documents the history of Galveston, an island community instrumental in the development of Texas. The collection also documents early Texas from the Spanish era through the Civil War.

**ROTHKO CHAPEL ARCHIVES**  
1409 Sul Ross, Houston, TX 77006  
713/524-9839 [www.rothkochapel.org](http://www.rothkochapel.org)

**ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARCHIVES**  
2140 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77098-1496  
713/526-3276 or 713/665-3260 [www.saintanne.org](http://www.saintanne.org)  
By appointment only  
The Archives is the repository for all records and materials which pertain to the origin, history, spirit, and growth of St. Anne Catholic Church.

**ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIVES**  
4500 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77007-7332  
713/864-6348 x170 [www.sths.org/academics/library](http://www.sths.org/academics/library)  
Monday-Friday, by appointment only  
The Archives is the repository of the historical records relating to more than 100 years of the history of St. Thomas High School.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH ARCHIVES**  
6800 Buffalo Speedway at Holcombe, Houston, TX 77025  
713/663-6329 or 713/305-6677 [ecaldwell@svdp-edu.org](mailto:ecaldwell@svdp-edu.org)  
By appointment only  
The Archives contains photos, correspondence, contracts related to building projects and equipment specific to a church; photos of parish activities; church bulletins; newsletters; organization minutes and records of activities; artifacts and directories.

**SALEM ARCHIVES AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER OF ROSEHILL**  
22735 Lutheran Church Road, Tomball, TX 77377  
281/205-1406 [archives@salem4u.com](mailto:archives@salem4u.com)  
Tuesday and Thursday, by appointment only  
The Archives maintains the records and artifacts of Salem Lutheran Church of Rosehill, dating back to 1849.

**SAM HOUSTON REGIONAL LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER**  
650 FM1011 or PO Box 310, Liberty, TX 77575-0310  
936/336-8821 [www.tsl.state.tx.us/shc/index.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/shc/index.html)  
Tuesday-Friday, 8am-5pm, Saturday 9am-4pm  
The Sam Houston Center, a part of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, serves as the regional historical resource depository for Southeast Texas, defined as the 10 counties originally comprising the Atascosito District.

**SAN JACINTO MUSEUM OF HISTORY**  
One Monument Circle, La Porte, TX 77571-9585  
281/479-2421 [www.sanjacinto-museum.org](http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org)  
Friday and 2 Saturdays per month, 9am-4:30pm, by appointment only  
The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Library collects materials relating to Texas history and the Battle of San Jacinto and houses an extensive Spanish Manuscript Collection.

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, ROBERT J. TERRY LIBRARY**  
3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004  
713/313-7298 or 713/313-7149 [www.tsu.edu/about/library/special.asp](http://www.tsu.edu/about/library/special.asp)  
Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, by appointment  
The Collection includes the Heartman Rare Book Collection, the university archives and several manuscript collections, including the Barbara Jordan Archives.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LIBRARIES, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, M.D. Anderson Library Building  
114 University Libraries, U of H, Houston, TX 77204-2000  
713/743-9750 [info.lib.uh.edu/about/campus-libraries-collections/special-collections](http://info.lib.uh.edu/about/campus-libraries-collections/special-collections)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 12pm-4pm during fall and spring semesters  
UH Special Collections houses archival collections documenting the history of the University of Houston, city of Houston, and state of Texas, as well as Houston-related architects, writers and performing arts companies. Other significant collection areas include Rare Books, the Carey C. Shuart Women's Archive and Research Collection, Hispanic Collections and Houston Hip Hop.

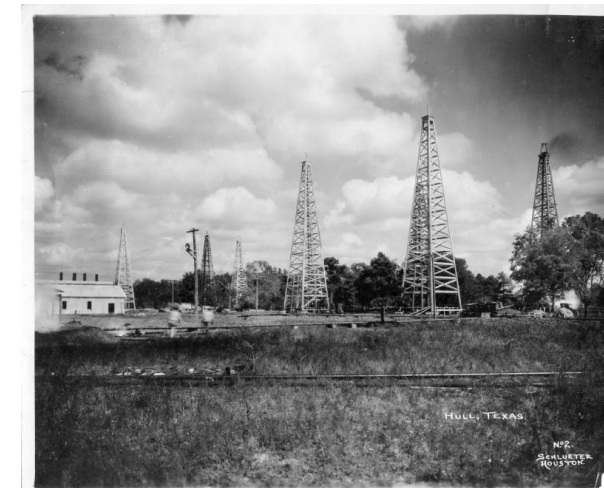
**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND JOHNSON SPACE CENTER HISTORY COLLECTION**  
Alfred R. Neumann Library; Bayou Building  
UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston, TX 77058  
281/283-3936 [www.uhcl.edu/library](http://www.uhcl.edu/library)  
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm  
In addition to University history, UHCL holds the Johnson Space Center History Collection covering the manned space flight programs of Apollo, ASTP, Skylab, Shuttle, and Space Station (Freedom). Center history and the JSC Oral History Collection are included.

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS ARCHIVES**  
Siena House, Archives, UST  
3800 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, TX 77006  
713/525-3895 [www.stthom.edu/academics/library/archives/](http://www.stthom.edu/academics/library/archives/)  
Monday-Friday, appointment recommended  
The Archives serves as the repository of the historical records of the University of St. Thomas, including manuscripts, photographs, scrapbooks, and publications, which document its origins, activities and achievements.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS M. D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER**  
Historical Resources Center, Research Medical Library  
Pickens Academic Tower, 1400 Pressler Street, 21st floor  
Unit 1499, PO Box 301402, Houston, Texas 77230-1402  
713/792-2285 [www3.mdanderson.org/library/hrc/index.html](http://www3.mdanderson.org/library/hrc/index.html)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, by appointment only  
The HRC encompasses the M. D. Anderson archives; special collections documenting cancer medicine, science and public policy; and rare books on the history of cancer.

**WOODSON RESEARCH CENTER, FONDREN LIBRARY, RICE UNIVERSITY**  
6100 Main Street, Houston, TX 77005  
Fondren Library MS-44, PO Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251  
713/348-2586 [woodson.rice.edu](http://woodson.rice.edu)  
Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm  
The Center's collections document such topics as: Texas/Houston families, arts and entrepreneurs; U.S. Civil War; and Rice University.

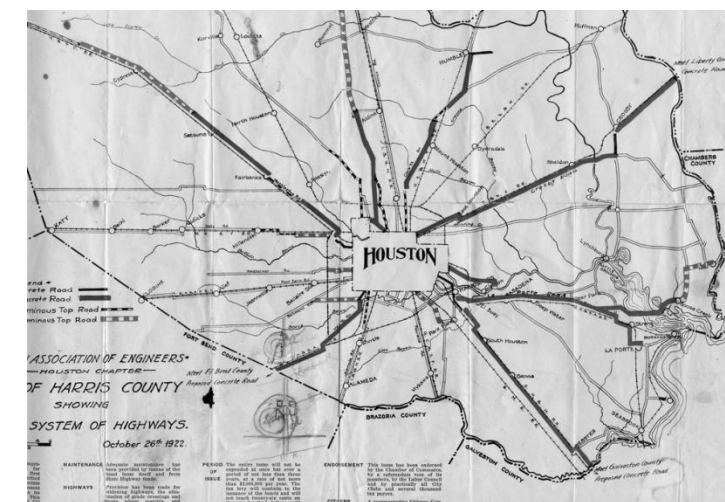
This brochure is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of repositories in the area. Please refer to repository websites for additional collection information.



Hull, Texas oil field, c 1929. Henry Steusoff Collection. Photo by Frank J. Schlueter.  
Courtesy of Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center,  
Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

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a guide  
to local repositories



Map of Harris County, 1922 (cropped). Houston maps. Courtesy of Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library, Rice University.

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