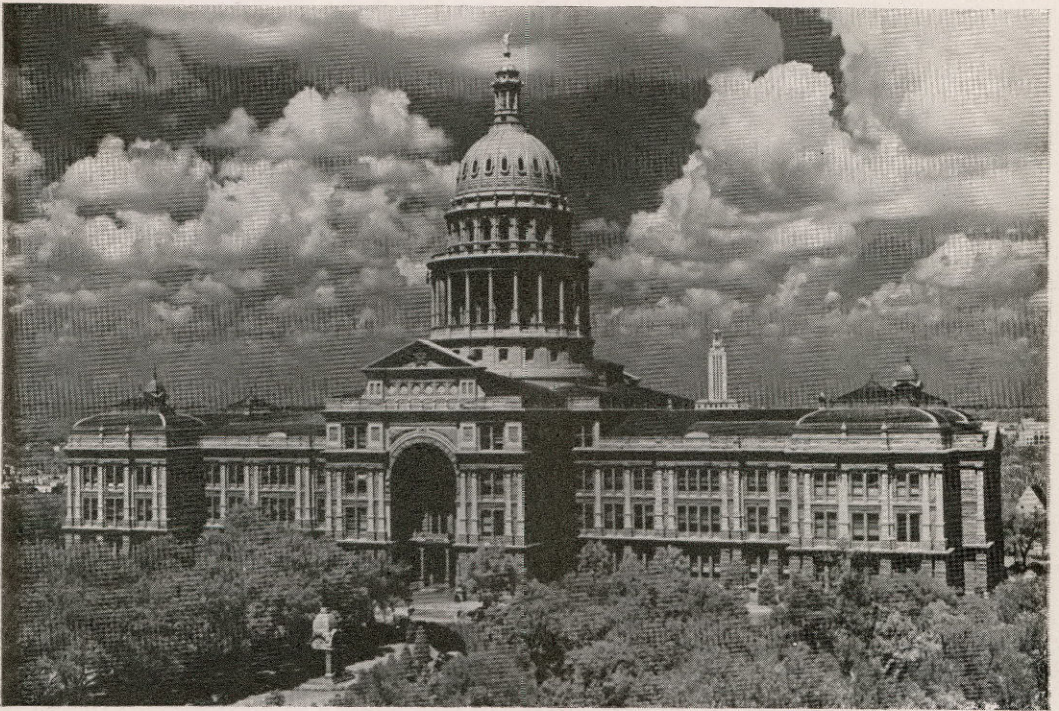


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—From Texas statutes.

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## Texas State Library

Most departments of the Texas state government deal with persons interested in some special type of service, but a few are designed to serve all residents of the State.

One of these is the Texas State Library which, through its several divisions, is in a position to reach all sorts of people, from children who want books for entertainment to officials who require technical information concerning legislation.

The Texas State Library is governed by the Texas Library and Historical Commission, which is composed of six members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The present members of the Commission are John P. Morgan, Chairman; Guy B. Harrison, Jr., Walter E. Long, Miss Laura Aline Hobby; L. W. Kemp; and Dr. Edmund Heinsohn.

The State Librarian, Witt B. Harwell, is the administrative head of the Library, but the work of the Library is handled through six divisions; and it is with five of these divisions that most of your contacts will be made.

The six divisions are Archives, Loan and General Reference, Extension, Legislative Reference, Records, and Processing. Of these, the first five deal directly with the public, the Processing Division handles the ordering of books and their cataloging, making the work of the other divisions possible.

The State Library, though it has much in common with the sort of public library with which most of us are familiar, also has certain specialized functions that can supplement your public library or

bring direct service to you by mail. In articles to follow you will learn how your State Library, through its five public service divisions, can serve you.

The State Library is located in the State Capitol in Austin, and so most of your contacts with it will be made by mail, either directly or through your own public library.

If you have a city or county library available to you you may never have occasion to use the facilities of the State Library as your own library will be able to handle most of your needs. In some instances, however, you may need some reference book or technical information that your library has no reason to maintain. In such cases your librarian can borrow this for you on an inter-library loan.

In any event, if you do have a local library you will deal with the State Library through your local library, insofar as the borrowing of books is concerned.

However, if you reside in an area without a public library you may deal with the State Library direct. No formality is required—just address the Texas State Library, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, and your letter or card will be referred to the proper division.

### LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DIVISION

While this Division is little known outside the capitol, it provides some of the most important services of the State Library.

The primary duty of this Division is to the members of the Legislature in connection with the

heavy responsibilities imposed on them in writing the laws of the State, but its facilities are also available to all State and local officials and to the general public.

An extensive collection of pamphlet materials is maintained and classified. This collection, representing the most recent information available, is of special value in the use of the reports and studies of legislative councils and interim committees of other states.

Here also you will find the statutes and laws of the United States and of all the states, some of them going back for a hundred years. The Division prepares digests and compilations of the State laws on many subjects.

This Division receives the printed bills of Congress and of the Texas Legislature. During legislative sessions, a card index by subject is maintained and a history of each bill is prepared. Both are kept up to date by daily additions.

Congressional hearings, the Congressional Record, the Code of Federal Regulations are extremely valuable reference tools, and, while these are not available for lending, the Legislative Reference staff can often obtain information from them that might help you with your inquiries.

Do you know the name of the congressman from your district in 1909? This division can tell you. Would you like to know the history of the law creating your District Court, or the author of the law regulating the hunting law in your county? Try this Division.

Or perhaps you are interested in the secret ballot law passed in 1949 or the new citrus commission law. Here is where you can find copies of these laws and their legislative histories.

If you want a list of the persons who have served as poet laureate of Texas, Legislative Reference can supply it.

But do not think that this Division can help you with legal problems that require the services of an attorney. The State cannot maintain free legal services for individuals, and the State Library is not a law library in the usual sense. Its law holdings are confined to statutes and laws and does not include court reports.

The service is highly specialized and can supplement the usual services of a public library.

### DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS

The Documents Librarian distributes to libraries the various printed reports of all the State departments. Not all departments print their reports but when these are printed, copies are furnished to the State Library for distribution to Texas libraries and for exchange with libraries outside the State.

Valuable information is contained in these reports and if your county or city wishes, it can receive these reports without cost.

Shipments of these documents are made three or four times a year. Each shipment is accompanied by a check list showing the documents included in it. If your library does not want all documents, it can receive the check list only and can then select the documents it does want.

This service is not available to individuals in furnishing copies to keep, but such documents can be lent to individuals for a limited time from the State Library. Individuals, of course, can use the check lists, sent to their libraries, for reference, to know what publi-

cations have been issued by different departments of the State government. For instance, in recent months the following publications have been furnished to the Texas State Library for distribution to public libraries:

*Industrial Arts in Texas Schools*—Texas Education Agency.

*Texas Game and Fish*—Game and Fish Commission.

*Enjoy Texas State Parks*—State Parks Board.

*Tornado Precautions*—Texas Civil Defense & Disaster Relief.

These are samples of some of the valuable publications from State agencies that could be of value to you through your library.

Or, if you are in an area without local library service you may borrow these publications direct from the State Library.

### SERVICE FOR THE BLIND

For many years the State Library has been the depository of reading matter for the blind. Until 1934 the books were those printed in Braille or other kinds of raised type that could be read by touch. To read in this method it was necessary to learn a difficult art and so the number of borrowers was limited, and persons who became blind late in life were not always able to enjoy the books.

But now that the Talking Books are available in quantity, and the machines with which to listen to the records are furnished without cost, the number of borrowers has grown enormously, until now the State Library has the names of over 1400 blind borrowers on its list.

Talking Books are one of the most dramatic developments in service to the blind, and they bring

to these persons the great world of books, for either entertainment or study. Imagine the pleasure and satisfaction of being able to listen to a well-trained voice reading to you the type of book that holds your interest and attention.

In many households members of the family literally do not have time to read aloud to their blind relatives, and these Talking Books can take their place in this respect.

The special machines on which the records must be used are furnished by the State Commission for the Blind, and, since these are on deposit and not for sale, no cost except that of transportation from Austin is involved. If you know of a person in your community whose vision is so impaired that he can no longer read print, he can write to the Commission for the Blind and find out the details of how he can obtain one of these machines.

Once a borrower has obtained such a machine, his name is sent to the State Library and he becomes a borrower of Talking Books.

Talking Books are records and are sent to the State Library from the Library of Congress without cost. These records of books are packed in reinforced containers, and the Government carries them through the mails without cost.

The selection of books is excellent and includes the Bible, many of the classics, best sellers, and popular reading such as mysteries and westerns. Some of the very latest books can be found recorded, and the *Reader's Digest* and *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine* are released almost as soon as the monthly issues in print are placed on newsstands.

By means of a unique system of charging these books the bor-

rower is given a special service. Once he has indicated the type of reading in which he is interested, Talking Books are sent him, and as soon as he returns one book, another is mailed. This method keeps the flow of books moving without the need of correspondence.

This is a joint operation of your Federal and State governments, and it is a service of which we can be proud.

For information from the State Commission for the Blind write to Mr. Lon Alsup, the Director, in Austin. For the borrowing of the Talking Books write to Miss Adele Mitchell or to Miss Emma Harrell, Texas State Library, Austin.

#### EXTENSION DIVISION

When the State Library was made a separate department of the State government in 1909, some of the functions imposed on the Texas Library and Historical Commission and on the State Librarian were the duties of working with library associations, of conducting library institutes, and of helping "such persons as contemplate the establishment of public libraries, in regard to such matters as the maintenance of public libraries, selection of books, cataloging and library management . . ." and to ascertain the condition of all public libraries in Texas.

The Director of Extension is in charge of these duties and his help can be of great value to you in your library responsibilities.

Is your community entirely without library services? Do some of you feel the need for starting a library to serve your whole county? Is your county capable of supporting a library unaided, or would it be better to make contracts with neighboring counties or with city public libraries? The

County Library Law allows such contracts, and you can obtain help in these problems from the Director.

Do you have club or town libraries which need strengthening? Is the time ripe for them to have county support? Ask about procedures for becoming a tax supported library on a city, county, or regional basis. Numerous club libraries have followed this pattern of wider financing. In some cases the Director makes trips to the area and consults with groups.

There are many legal problems connected with the creation and management of a county library. In some instances you will find that a ruling of the Attorney General of Texas has dealt with these problems. This information is available to you from the Extension Division of the State Library.

Do you need a librarian? Dozens of libraries are facing this problem, and there are not enough librarians, with training and experience to go around. The Director keeps a file of possible candidates, and often succeeds in getting librarians and positions together. Let him have a chance to help you with your placement needs.

County librarians must hold a certificate from the State Board of Library Examiners, of which the State Librarian is ex-officio chairman. You can obtain information on qualifications for the different types of certificates for county librarians, by writing to the State Librarian or to the Director of Extension. Forms to be used for applications will be sent you.

The Extension Division receives annual reports from all public libraries in the State, and compiles statistics from this material. The

Director of Extension will be glad to answer library questions on book stock, circulation, hours, salaries, etc.

Are you hoping to build or remodel quarters for your library? Do you need to see some building plans, or get suggestions of similar buildings you can go to see? This division will try to put you in touch with books, pictures or with individuals in other towns who may help you.

The Extension Division also circulates material on library equipment such as bookmobiles used in many county library systems. A file of pictures and descriptive matter about the book trucks and other heavy equipment Texas libraries are using is available for loan.

## RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division of the State Library is charged with the responsibility of examining, receiving, filing, and indexing of all State records upon request from the various State agencies.

When a State department requests the destruction or transfer of its records it becomes the duty of the Records Division to examine and classify these records. It is necessary that the examination be made to avoid duplication and to determine whether the record is of permanent nature either financially, legally, or historically. If upon examination it is found that the records meet none of the above classifications, a request for destruction is approved by the State Auditor and the State Librarian.

It is necessary that the employees of the Records Division acquaint themselves with the contents of each record and its relationship to records filed by other State agencies. By so doing, The

Records Division is in a position to furnish information to any agency and the general public upon request.

When the Records Division is fully organized it will be in position to render an efficient service. By centralizing the State's records into one central filing system it will avoid the possibility of misplacing or complete loss of valuable documents and will provide a constant check of same. Upon request for the delivery of a record that is filed with the Records Division a receipt will be required in triplicate and the agency making the request will be charged with the responsibility of returning the document. This will make it possible for the Records Division to have complete control of all permanent records placed in its custody at all times.

## TEXAS ARCHIVES DIVISION

This part of the Texas State Library contains the most interesting material in the Library. For instance, in the Archives Division you will find some of the most unusual historical documents in the country. You will find the famous letter written by Travis from the Alamo, in which these immortal words are written: "*I shall never surrender or retreat . . . I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country. Victory or Death.*"

You will find the handsome treaties between the Republic of Texas and various foreign countries, the most striking being, as one would expect from the greatest power in the world at that time, the three made with Great Britain, and signed by Queen Victoria. These are each bound in

red velvet, with red and silver cords binding the pages of the document ending in the large beeswax seal that carries an imprint of the young queen (for she was young then) surrounded by the ladies of her court. The seal is enclosed in a round case called a skippet, of a silver metal embossed with the great seal of Great Britain, showing the lion and the unicorn.

There is a treaty with France; one with the Netherlands; there are treaties of friendship with Indian tribes; there are correspondence files of the early governors; there are the original muster rolls of the soldiers of the Republic of Texas, the Rangers, the Confederate forces from Texas, and the Texas units in the Spanish-American War .

Do you know that as early as 1835 newspapers were published in Texas? You will find files of such papers for the periods 1835 through 1899 in the Archives Di-

vision. Newspapers for later years are in the Main Library. Copies of the very early Texas newspapers are as valuable as they are rare.

Do you want to know the terms of the agreement under which Texas became one of the United States? Would you like to have information from the U. S. Census of 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 as to age, residence, etc. of persons living in Texas in those years? Would you like to know whether your grandfather served in an early legislature of the State, or possible in one of the five Congresses of the Republic of Texas?

The answers can be found in this Archives Division and you would be fortunate in having the assistance of Mrs. Virginia Taylor, Archivist of the State Library, who knows Texas history as you know the names of your family.

This is your library—know it and use it!

## The State Library Study

*Howard Blomquist  
Project Director  
Texas Research League\**

A little over a year ago, the Texas Library and Historical Com-

\*The Texas Research League was organized in June 1952 for the purpose of undertaking objective research into the services, programs and problems of Texas government. It is a citizen-supported, non-profit, non-political research organization composed of a group of firms and individuals interested in the cause of better government. Studies are made only at the request of governmental units themselves. The league has three completed major studies:

- A survey of the 23 State Institutions administered by the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools.
- A management study of The University of Texas system, requested by the University's Board of Regents.
- A survey of Texas public school financing, including an evaluation of the operation and results to date of the State's school aid program, commonly referred to as the Gilmer-Aikin program.

mission requested the Texas Research League to make a study of the State Library with special emphasis on its services to public libraries throughout the State. The League was asked to keep in mind that the Commission seeks to improve the library services now being rendered to the people of Texas.

A brief, preliminary survey was made in March, 1955 but it was not until October that the Research League was in a position to assign staff members full-time to the Library study.

The research has been under-



way continuously since that time. In December, Mr. Roger McDonough, State Librarian in New Jersey was employed as a consultant. Mr. McDonough, a past-president of the National Association of State Libraries, is currently chairman of the Finance Committee of the American Library Association. In addition to his professional affiliations, he is an active member of several organizations which share a community of interest with State Libraries. These include: the National Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments, Society of American Archivists, and the American Society for Public Administration. He is the author of several articles on state library services, the latest entitled *Government Interests in Libraries* is the lead article in the forthcoming April issue of *Library Trends*.

Early in the study, the research staff concluded that since public libraries are a governmental service which is strictly voluntary it is extremely important to know what the public thinks of these services. It was decided that a state-wide opinion poll, if properly conducted, could effectively measure both public attitudes toward library service and the extent to which the public uses the existing services.

The well-known opinion research firm of Belden and Associates of Dallas has been engaged to conduct the public attitude survey. This organization will interview a cross-section of the adult Texas population in both small and large communities in all parts of the state. The results which will become a part of the Research League's report, will be tabulated by several categories including age, sex, education, size of community, geographical location, etc.

One part of the League's study will concentrate on the relationship of the State Library to public libraries in the state. In January, questionnaires were sent to head librarians throughout Texas for the purpose of measuring the extent and nature of contacts these libraries have had with the State Library. The research staff would like to thank the many librarians who cooperated so well on this phase of the project. The staff understands that librarians in Texas have received so many questionnaires in recent months from both state and national organizations that many are likely suffering from a new malady called "questionnaire-itis." We are pleased to find, however, that our own returns apparently came in before the "epidemic" became wide-spread.



Have you ever rightly considered what the mere ability to read means? That it is the key which admits us to the whole world of thought and fancy and imagination? to the company of saint and sage, of the wisest and wittiest at their wisest and wittiest momen? That it enables us to see with the keenest eyes, hear with the finest ears, and listen to the sweetest voices of all time?—J. R. Lowell.



## *Our Public Libraries —*

### **Nicholas P. Sims Library, Waxahachie**

*Mrs. J. R. Hood, Librarian*

One of the greatest assets to any community is a well equipped public library. Waxahachie, a town of 11,196 inhabitants, is indebted to Nicholas P. Sims, an early settler of Ellis County, who died in 1902, leaving his estate to erect and endow a library for the citizens of Ellis County.

The library was formally opened April 26, 1905, with 4,557 volumes. It is located in the beautiful Getzendaner Park. The first floor is equipped for the library, the second floor has an auditorium, and two club rooms. The entrance hall is magnificent white polished mar-

ble, and a marble dado continues around the walls and up the marble stairway. The floor is white marble tile. The reading room and children's room are portiered with polished marble columns of white Carrara marble, and the ceiling is paneled with rich carving all finished in off white. The walls are grey green.

In 1933 the city supplemented the endowment with a five cent tax on the one hundred dollar valuation. In 1951 an additional tax was raised, making ten cents on the one hundred dollar valuation. In 1953 the building was redecor-

ated, new lights, floor coverings, and blinds were added. Much new furniture was purchased.

Our Fiftieth Anniversary was observed with Open House and a program at the library April 26, 1955, with the library trustees acting as hosts. Friends sent lovely arrangements of golden flowers. The City Federation of Women's Clubs arranged the beautiful tea table. On the charging desk was the three tier birthday cake, and on either side were golden candle-labras holding candles. The principal speaker for the program was the Rev. W. Harrison Baker.

The trustees, appointed by the District Judge are W. C. Bynum,

President, Messrs. Wayne Rockett, Charles Whiteside, Clarence Lander, Sam Sawyer, Irwin Cornwell, and Mrs. H. N. Peters. The staff: Mrs. J. R. Hood, librarian, Mrs. G. H. Levey, assistant librarian, and Myrtolene Watson, half time assistant. Five members of the Junior Service League gives us two hours of service each week.

The usefulness of the library is shown in its circulation figures. Fifty thousand volumes circulated last year, 21,987 of these were juvenile. There are 6,434 borrowers. There are 18,730 volumes in the library, besides the 75 current periodicals. 534 books were given to the library as memorials last year.



Circulation Desk and Adult Reading Room



Children's Room

Service with adults is the usual reference work, readers, advisory, program planning with clubs and other organizations.

Special attention is given to the children. A Picture Book Story Hour for the pre-school child is held each week, October through May. The Vacation Story Hour for older boys and girls is held in

the park, June through August, with an average of fifty children in attendance. Work is done with the Girl and Boy Scouts, the librarian being counselor for merit badges in reading and book binding.

Waxahachie is indeed proud of the Nicholas P. Sims Library, for it is a very busy place.

## *Libraries Over the State*

Miss Thelma Andrews has been appointed by City Manager, Austin F. Hancock as head of the Abilene Carnegie Public Library. Miss Andrews has been librarian for Hardin Simmons University

for 31 years. She will be head administrator for the library, a position created following a recommendation made by Mrs. Gretchen K. Schenk, who recently completed a survey of the Abilene Library system.

Thomas J. Gibson, III, Associate Professor of Law and Associate Law Librarian at The University of Texas, has been appointed Assistant Dean of the University's Law School. Mr. Gibson was Texas State Librarian from 1952-1954.

Mrs. John B. Page was elected president of the Bryan Friends of the Library at their second annual meeting. Appearing on the program was Ray M. Fry, Coordinator of Young Adult Work at the Dallas Public Library. Mr. Fry discussed the possibilities of a division of the library to work with teen-agers.

Cuero is seeking bids for the construction of a public building to house the library, the Chamber of Commerce offices, and a welfare office. The building will be constructed adjacent to the City Hall. The building is to cost \$16,000.

Miss Dorothy Kittel, head of the Community Living Division of the Dallas Public Library, is currently teaching a course in book selection. This course is the third in a series of extension courses offered in Dallas by The University of Texas Graduate School of Library Science in cooperation with Southern Methodist University.

Miss Julia Losinski, a graduate of Columbia University, has been appointed librarian of the Oak Cliff Branch Library.

Miss Mina Bromberg and Mrs. Essie B. Joseph have given \$10,000 to the Dallas Public Library, a memorial to their brother, Louis N. Bromberg. \$9,000 of the gift will be used to develop the library's collection of classical literature.

Margaret Akeroyd has resigned as Assistant Librarian and Head Cataloguer at the El Paso Public Library. Miss Akeroyd is now head of the Catalog Department at the Technical Library at White Sands Proving Ground, New Mexico.

Miss Akeroyd was replaced by Eveline Hinckley. Miss Hinckley was born in England but was granted American citizenship last year. Her professional training was at the University of London School of Librarianship. She held a number of positions in public and special libraries in England. Since coming to the United States, she has held positions in Pocatello, Idaho; Pemberton, Oregon; Cleveland, Ohio; and most recently was senior cataloguer at the University of Indiana Library.

The Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth, has recently purchased a player piano. This piano has electrical attachments for playing the music rolls. The piano is modified Louis XVI in style and is made of shaded French walnut. The library has about 150 rolls of classical and semi-classical music and is asking for donations of music rolls.

The Rosenberg Library Association of Galveston has announced the re-election of the entire seven member board of directors of the Association and the election of a new member, Ballinger Mills, to the Board of Trustees. Mills succeeds Edward J. Fox who resigned last September. The trustees laid tentative plans for improvements for the library in the coming year. The installation of an elevator, of additional book stacks, and the purchase of a new book-mobile for the county were among the improvements discussed.

The Waller County Library in Hempstead has moved into new quarters in the Waller County Court House. Mrs. Alma Howell, librarian, has announced that the library's hours will be from 8:30 until 4:30 Tuesday through Saturday.

A new Spanish library, the first in Laredo, is being organized by the Club Hispano, with Mrs. Ed Villarreal, organizer and

immediate past president of the club, as librarian. The new library was started by a gift of several volumes of Mexican literature to the Club by Dr. Antonio Leal.

**MIDLAND** District II of the Texas Library Association held its annual conference in Midland on January 21. Walter Montani, Formerly with the Music division of the New York Public Library; Mrs. Clarise Hollingsworth, former librarian; and Velma Barrett, Ector County Librarian appeared in panel discussion entitled "What the Public Expects of the Library."

**ROBSTOWN** The Nueces County Library exhibit (see photo) was, according to a

county official, one of the most attractive and instructive exhibits at the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show, which was held in Robstown, January 19-21. The exhibit consisted of a large road map of Nueces County so constructed that the 66 bookmobile stops were clearly marked with pinpoints of light. One the other side of the maps were neatly printed lists of subject interests with multicolored streamers running from each subject to books in that category.

Mrs. Eddy Sainthorpe has resigned as librarian of the Three Rivers branch of the Live Oak County library system. Mrs. Sainthorpe has been succeeded by Mrs. Rawlinson.



Nueces County Library Exhibit

There is a great deal of difference between the eager man who wants to read a book, and the tired man who wants a book to read.—G. K. Chesterton.

## Points of Interest in Austin

*Since the Texas Library Association is holding its 1956 annual conference in Austin in April, your editor thought it appropriate to include in this issue information about Austin of interest to visitors.*

The Capitol City spreads over a sequence of low hills and wide terraces along the Colorado River. The city's background of hills is so tinged in the evening with a faintly purplish mist that O. Henry called Austin the "City of a Violet Crown."

Austin has the unique distinction of being the only city in the world lighted by "artificial moonlight." Twenty-seven towers reaching 165 feet above the streets shed a soft, blue radiance over the city.

**CAPITOL** The Capitol Building was erected in 1888, at a cost of 3,000,000 acres of public land, on an elevation near the center of the city in a square of almost 26 acres. The Capitol area has been enclosed by the original iron fence since 1890. The fence, originally black with gold stars, has a row of five-pointed stars within the design and at the top.

**GOVERNOR'S MANSION** The Governor's Mansion, located at Eleventh and Colorado Streets, has been the home of the State's Governors since 1855. Visiting hours are between 10:00 and 12:00 o'clock Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**STATE CEMETERY** The Texas State Cemetery at Eleventh and Colorado Streets is the burial place of many distinguished Texans: Stephen F. Austin, whose tomb occupies the highest knoll in the Cemetery; General Albert Sidney Johnston; "Big Foot" Wallace; Johanna Troutman, who made the first "Lone Star" flag; and over 2,000 others.

**FRENCH EMBASSY** The former French Embassy, 817 East Eighth Street, was built in 1841 of hand-sawn lumber which was brought by ox carts from Bastrop, Texas where it was cut from the "Lost Pine Forest." The interior of this house is not open to the public.

**TREATY OAK** The mammoth live-oak, known as "The Treaty Oak," is one of Austin's most famous landmarks and has been called, by the Hall of Fame of Forestry in Washington, the most perfect specimen of a tree in North America. This tree, whose limbs span 127 feet and shade more than a quarter of an acre, has been estimated as 500 or 600 years old.

**MOUNT BONNELL** Mount Bonnell, northeast of the city out Thirty - Fifth Street, is a 775-foot promontory overlooking the City of Austin, the Colorado River and the surrounding hills and valleys.

**ZILKER PARK** Zilker Park, at Austin's southwestern city limits at the west end of Barton

Springs Road, is the recreation center for the city. Zilker, the largest unit of Austin's park system, has swimming and wading pools, two athletic fields, a skeet field, a polo field, riding stables, a dance pavilion, 45 picnic sites, and a large amphitheatre.

The swimming pool, Barton Springs, is 900 feet long and 150 feet across its greatest width. The pool is supplied by water from natural springs which have a maximum flow of 42 millions gallons and a minimum flow of 17 millions gallons a day.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS** The University of Texas, whose doors opened in 1883, occupies a 200-acre, tree-shaded campus between Twenty-First and Twenty-Fourth Streets along the east side of Guadalupe Street. Most of the buildings are in various adaptations of Spanish Renaissance architecture. In the center of the campus is the Administration Building and Main Library towering 307 feet over the campus. The tower is topped by a four-faced clock and carillon of 16 bells. The Observation Deck, open daily from 9:00 to 12:00 noon and from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., affords a fine view of the campus and the city.

**LIBRARIES** *Austin Public*—401 West Ninth Street. Open 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. Sunday.

*State*—Capitol Building, second floor, north wing. Open 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Saturday.

*University*: MAIN LIBRARY—Ad-

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*Daughters of Confederacy*—Southeast corner of Capitol grounds. Open Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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*Laguna Gloria*—Out Thirty-fifth Street to Lake Austin. Home of Texas Fine Arts. Open 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. except Monday.

*O'Henry*—409 East Fifth Street. Open daily 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., except Tuesday.

*Texas Memorial*—2400 San Jacinto Street. Open 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.



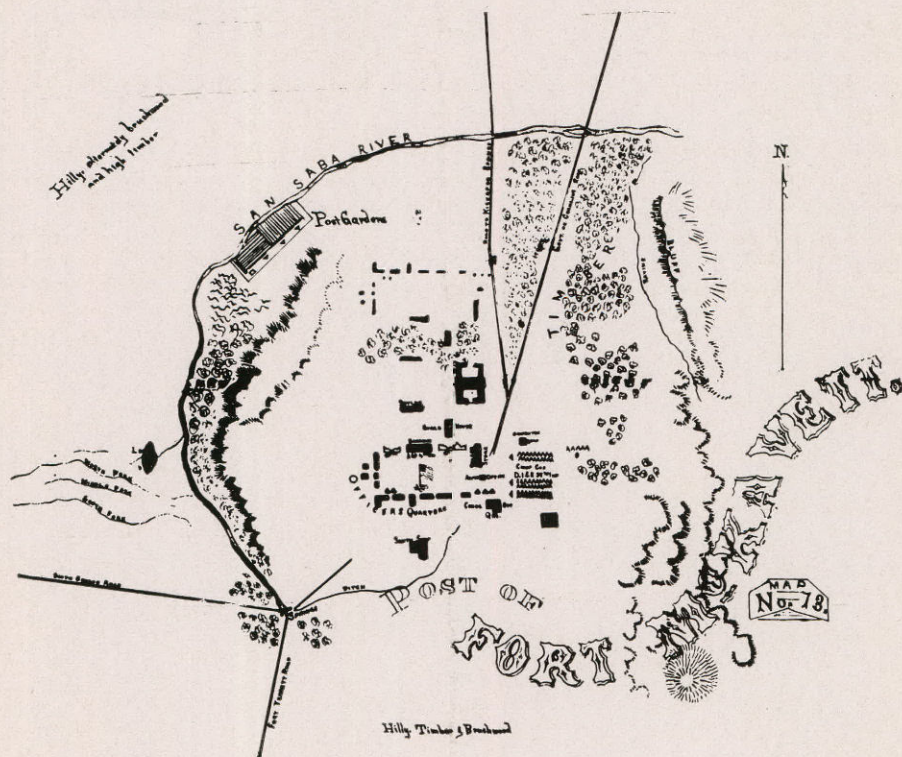
## Fort McKavett

During the heyday of its existence (1852 to 1883), Fort McKavett, Texas, was a classic, one of the most picturesque of the Government's Army Posts, surrounded as it was with all the glamour of the frontier and an atmosphere charged with romance and the excitement of the living. James Roosevelt, in "The Winning of the West," gave his version of the fort and its magic terrain, as follows:

"South and West of the fort

is a beautiful fertile valley through which the deep stream of the Llano river flows, densely wooded with grand old pecan trees. Along its banks are the largest turkey roosts in the world; endless number and variety of water fowl upon the river and game fish inhabiting the waters. . . . We were following the old Fort Terrett trail, the ruts cut so deep in the prairie

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Name of Post	In what state or territory	On what River or lake	On what Road or Trail	Among or near what Tribes	Near mines	Nearest Town	From what Depot Supplied
Fort McKavett	Texas	within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile San Saba River, on the north and east	Fifteen (15) miles from the San Antonio & El Paso Mail Route Road	Lipans and Comanches (unfriendly)		Fredericksburg	San Antonio, Texas

Garrison	Latitude and Longitude (Estimated)	In what Military District	REMARKS
Companies "A" and "F", 4th U. S. Cavalry, and "D", "E" and "I" 35th U. S. Infantry	Lat. 30° 45' N. Long. 101° 30' W.	Fifth Military District	Fifteen (15) miles from Coughlin's Ranch—nearest Mail Station—sixty-one (61) miles from Fort Mason, S.E.E.—nearest Post Office; one hundred and six (106) miles from Fredericksburg,—S.E., nearest town, with a population of about four thousand (4000). In the immediate vicinity, wood sufficient. Grazing good. Water good, and abundant. Thirty-six (36) miles from Fort Terrett, south, not occupied; the road little traveled; the country is thinly settled, and not only on the river. The soil in the vicinity of the Post is good, about ten (10) acres being under cultivation for the use of the Garrison. Total distance from San Antonio—Depot of supplies,—(176) one hundred and seventy-six miles, south east; roads good; country hilly. Fifty (50) miles from Fort Concho, which is the nearest Military Post. The Post is situated on a hill, about three thousand (3000) feet above the level of the sea, overlooking the country in every direction for miles. Its location is one of the most healthy and pleasant of any Post in Texas.

soil by heavy supply wagons that ten years had not healed the scars in the earth's surface. Blacktail and pronghorn deer abound all along through the unbroken natural terrain, the whole being a sports man's paradise without equal. . . ."

While many notable Army men were stationed at Fort McKavett at various times, it is perhaps best known to Texas lore because of a sixteen-year-old New York youth who sojourned there in the spring of 1876. Troubled with asthma the boy was advised to spend much time outdoors, and the Texas climate was recommended. His physician accompanied him to Fort McKavett, and he fished and hunted there for several months. Some time later he brought his ailing brother to the same spot, and the young lad recovered his health. The youth's name was Roosevelt, and a nearby town in Kimble county, Texas, was named after him. Years later one of his daughters came to Texas on a visit and attracted considerably more attention. Her name, before and after her marriage, was Anna Eleanor Roosevelt.

Fort McKavett was abandoned

as a Government Army Post in July, 1883, when the Government sold the dozen or more substantial stone buildings comprising the Fort, surrendering at the same time the scenic plot of land at the headwaters of the San Saba river which the Fort embraced. Tradition avers the property was bid in for the sum of \$50,000 by a New Yorker who sent his young son down to Texas to take charge of the property and collect royalties, if any, that might be forthcoming. Frontier society and the vast open spaces were alluring to the young scion from the East, and he freely adjusted himself to the new and interesting environment, perhaps without reckoning the eventual cost. Title to Fort McKavett and its substantial assets eventually changed hands; the young scion of Eastern caste lost the Fort and "all the fixtures" when he failed to fill a flush. This may appear to be a slight exaggeration of the actual situation, but it illustrates the tempo of the times at the historic old Fort during its romantic days.

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## Ideas for Library Exhibits in April

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|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | April Fools' Day  | 6  | Harry Houdini, 1874-1926  |
| 2 | Hans Christian Andersen, 1805-1875                          | 6  | United States declared war on Germany 1917                        |
| 2 | United States mint established 1792                         | 7  | El Greco (Domenico Theotocopuli) died 1614. Famous Spanish artist |
| 3 | Washington Irving, 1783-1859                                | 7  | William Wordsworth, 1770-1850                                     |
| 6 | Booker T. Washington, 1856-1915                             | 8  | Ponce de Leon, 1460-1521  |
| 6 | Lincoln Steffens, 1866-1936. American journalist and author | 9  | National Be Kind to Animals Week                                  |
|   |   | 10 | Joseph Pulitzer, 1847-1911.                                       |

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|       | American journalist and philanthropist  |    | News Letter, 1704. First permanent newspaper in America  |
| 11-14 | Texas Library Association holds its forty-third annual conference in Austin at the Driskill Hotel | 26 | John James Audubon, 1785-1851  |
| 13    | Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826   | 27 | Samuel Finley Breese Morse, 1791-1872. American portrait painter and inventor of the telegraph |
| 15    | National Garden Week  | 28 | James Monroe 1758-1831. Fifth President of the United States                                   |
| 18    | Paul Revere's ride, 1775  | 30 | Washington inaugurated first president of the United States, 1789                              |
| 23    | William Shakespeare, 1564-1616  | 30 | Boys and Girls Week  |
| 23    | First public showing of a motion picture, 1896  |    |  |
| 24    | First issue of the Boston   |    |  |