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Texas State Library and Archives Commission celebrates October as American Archives Month

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is joining with the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in celebrating October as American Archives Month.

TSLAC has created posters and bookmarks to emphasize the importance of state, regional, and local historical collections. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission and the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas funded the promotional materials.

According to state archivist Christopher LaPlante, TSLAC currently has over 60,000 cubic feet of records of Texas history.

“I hope that the various efforts to promote Archives month will cause people to realize not only the importance of preserving our documentary heritage in archives, but also to begin thinking of taking steps to organize, preserve, and protect their personal papers and records,” said LaPlante. “This is especially important in light of the widespread loss and destruction of personal property by recent hurricanes and floods.”

TSLAC encourages individuals to visit their local public library, county historical collection or historical society group to learn more about the archived materials in their area.

In the course of daily life, individuals, organizations, and governments create and keep information about their activities. These records and the place that they are kept are called “archives.” Archival records take many forms including correspondence, diaries, financial and legal documents, photographs, video and sound recordings and electronic records.

TSLAC preserves and documents the heritage and culture of Texas by identifying, collecting, and making available for research the permanently valuable official records of Texas government, as well as other significant historical resources. Maintaining the official history of Texas government, TSLAC’s archives include government records dating back to the 18th century, as well as newspapers, journals, books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, and other historical resources.

“The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is home of the Texas State Archives, an irreplaceable, permanently valuable collection that tells the history of Texas as a colony, province, republic, and state,” said state librarian and director Peggy Rudd. “We have so much to be proud of!”

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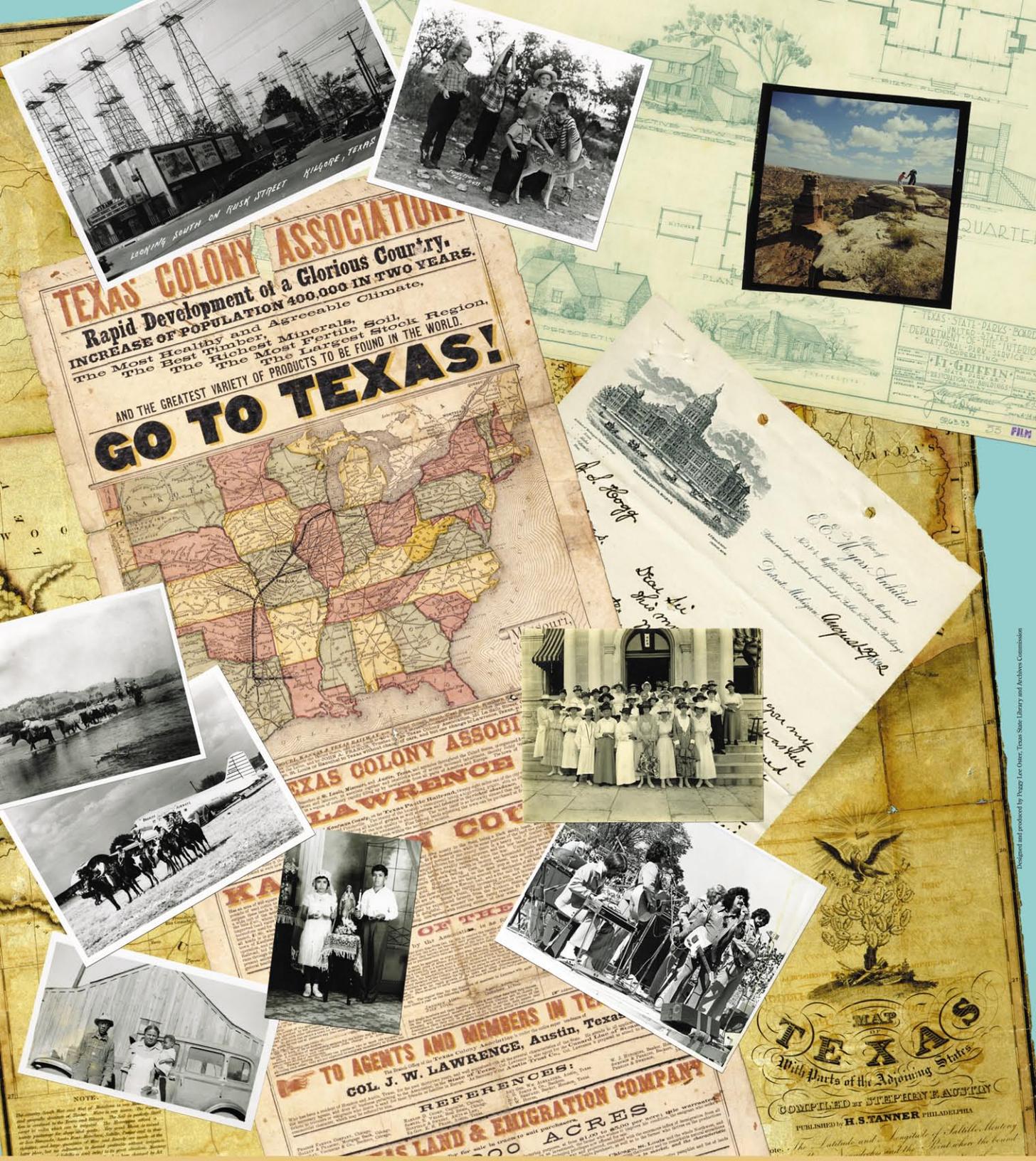
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Texas history is as vast and diverse as its landscape and weather, its people and politics. Visit your local archives and the Texas State Archives and discover the unique history of the people, culture and government of Texas, and your family history.

CELEBRATE ARCHIVES MONTH IN TEXAS OCTOBER 2008