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## **TEXAS AUTHOR JAMES L. HALEY UNCOVERS ARCHIVE WAR COLLECTION TREASURES ON OCT. 12**

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**AUSTIN** – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission celebrates Texas Archives Month with a talk and book-signing by **James L. Haley** on October 12. Haley, the lively and entertaining author of *Sam Houston*, will present, “**Little Known Facts about the Archives War: Why Did Angelina Really Fire That Cannon?**” Haley paints the Archive War as one of the most defining moments of Houston's second presidential term and will describe information he uncovered in TSLAC's Andrew Jackson Houston Collection. This free talk will be held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin.

Space is limited; advance RSVPs are requested and may be made by e-mailing [rsvp@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:rsvp@tsl.state.tx.us) or calling (512) 463-5460. Copies of Haley's books and refreshments will be made available by the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, the event co-sponsor.

When Haley's biography, *Sam Houston: A Life*, was published in 2002, it won the Western Writers of America's Spur Award, the Texas State Historical Association's Tullis Prize, and seven other awards. According to Haley, it could not have happened without the skill, active interest and help from the professionals at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

"Much of the genesis of the book was when TSLAC opened the Andrew Jackson Houston Collection of over 4,000 Houston documents, many of which had never been mined for use in a Houston biography," says Haley. "The archival staff helped me find references and came up with gold just when I needed it."

"We are excited to hear about the treasures Mr. Haley discovered in our Houston Collection," says Peggy Rudd, TSLAC Director and Librarian. "His book showcases the grand history of the Republic of Texas, as well as the archival resources available to authors and historians at the Texas State Archives."

Now a resident of Austin, Haley grew up near Fort Worth, graduating summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in Political Science. His works of history include *Passionate Nation: The Epic History of Texas* (2006) and *Sam Houston: A Life* (2002), *The Buffalo War* (1976), and *Apaches* (1981). He is also the author of four novels and served as guest curator at the Visitors Center of the Texas State Capitol.

Upcoming TSLAC special events include: **Genealogy After Dark** in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> annual lock-in of the Genealogy Division of the Waco-McLennan County Library system, 6:30 p.m., on Oct. 21 and Texas identity author, **Glen Sample Ely**, 5:30 p.m., on Nov. 3.

For more information, visit our website at [www.tsl.state.tx.us/news/calendar.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/news/calendar.html) or contact Stacey Million at (512) 463-5514, [stacey.million@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:stacey.million@tsl.state.tx.us).

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