



State Library and Archives

Open for Researchers on Second Saturdays

Public service areas—the Texas State Archives and Reference Reading Room—are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, except when public services are closed for all research when we host events. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos Street in Austin.

Resources and services available include:

- Archival government records dating back to the 18th century
- Microfilm and original newspapers
- Books
- Journals
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Historical maps
- Public computers with free access to TexShare databases, Ancestry Library Edition, and Newspaper Archive Texas
- Genealogical collections
- County records and histories
- City directories
- U.S. and Texas government publications
- Digital microform reader/printers
- Self-serve book scanners
- Knowledgeable and dedicated staff



- We are a FamilySearch affiliate library.

Please note: Researchers using original documents in the State Archives for the first time will be required to register. Texas residents with valid photo identification and proof of current address may register for Interlibrary Loan services and remote access to the TexShare Databases.

On Second Saturdays, all archival materials will be removed from the reading room at 3:45 p.m.

For information about regular public service hours and to learn more about the Commission's collections and agency operations, please visit www.tsl.texas.gov.

Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent to ref@tsl.texas.gov.

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