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180. Rice University

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Overview:

Woodson’s collections include the institutional records of Rice University created or used in the course of institutional business; special collections of rare books, personal as well as institutional papers, photographs, audio, video, and artifacts materials with the following main areas of interests: Rice University personalities; history of science and humanities; U.S. Southern history and Civil War; British history and drama; Houston and Texas entrepreneurs, business, performing arts, religion, and political activities.

Noteworthy collections:

See descriptions of business-related collections http://library.rice.edu/collections/WRC/manuscripts/texas-related/entrepreneurship-business-texas

  Business records of the PanEnergy Corp., relating in particular to the records of the Panhandle Eastern Corp. and Texas Eastern Corp. from the 1920s to the 1990s. Part 1 includes records of the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., 1927-1997.
Midland, TX

181. Permian Basin Petroleum Museum

1500 West Interstate 20
Midland, TX 79701

Phone: (432) 683-4403
Website: http://www.petroleummuseum.org/Archives/Archives.html
Hours: M-F 9:30–11:30 am and 1:30–5 pm; appt. recommended

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Overview:
The library holds a wide range of published books, from biographies to technical handbooks. In addition to a large collection of manuscripts or unpublished materials, the Archives Center houses over 500 one-hour sound recordings with typed transcripts, motion picture film dating from 1926, maps, and over 250,000 photographic prints pertinent to the Permian Basin petroleum industry. There are also 160 canned aerial films of the entire Permian Basin, taken between 1943 and 1946. The center also houses many photographs including the personal photo albums of President George W. Bush, generously donated by the First Lady’s mother, native Midlander, Jenna Welch. Please see the Reference Library page for a more detailed listing of the Library & Archives Center’s holdings.

San Antonio, TX

182. University of Texas at San Antonio

UTSA Archives
HemisFair Park Campus
851 Durango Blvd.,
San Antonio, TX 78205

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Overview:
Special Collections consists primarily of subject collections emphasizing the history and development of the Texas-Mexico Border region, in particular, the people, history, art, life, and literature of San Antonio and South Texas. Special Collections acquires books and other materials documenting San Antonio small presses, San Antonio history, and San Antonio authors. Other collecting areas include Texana, Civil War (West of the Mississippi), Western and Southwestern Americana, Indians of the U.S. West, and Mexican history.

Noteworthy collections:
  Company had its beginnings in a small restaurant in New Braunfels, TX, where Willie Gebhardt added a secret ingredient to his dishes. Mr. Gebhardt moved to San Antonio in 1890 and registered Eagle Brand Chili Powder in 1896. In 1911, the company, then called Gebhardt Chili Powder Co., received a meat license, which allowed the company to expand its product line to include items such as tamales and chili. In 1959, the company became an independent division of the Beatrice Food Co. of Chicago. By 1984, the renamed Gebhardt Mexican Foods Co. had grown to five times its size before the merger. In the 1980s, Texas accounted for about 60 percent of Gebhardt’s sales, where its Eagle Brand Chili Powder was the dominant brand; at the same time, business in California, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington State was increasing. In 1986, Beatrice Foods was acquired by Kohlburg, Kravis and Roberts and it became part of the Beatrice/Hunt-Wesson division. Conagra Inc., a food production company headquartered in Omaha, NE, bought Beatrice/Hunt Wesson in 1990. As of 1997, Gebhardt Mexican Foods was part of Hunt Foods, a division within Conagra Inc.
  Correspondence, financial material, and other records relating to the business and personal activities of bookseller and publisher
David Bowen. The bulk of the papers concern Corona Publishing Co., the small press founded by Bowen in San Antonio, TX, and documents the challenges facing small publishers in the 1980s and 1990s. Bowen’s involvement with HemisFair ‘68 is prominent in the collection.

  Henry Patrick Drought was born in 1858 in County Clare, Ireland. He eventually settled in San Antonio, TX, to take the Bar examination and establish a law practice. Drought became the attorney for Francis Smith, Caldwell and Co., the San Antonio branch of an investment firm that acted “as a financial liaison between Texas farmers and ranchers seeking money to expand their land and agriculture operations, and British and Scottish financiers who had money to lend and were looking for greater returns on their investments than European markets could offer.” Drought purchased the company with Francis Smith, and after Smith’s retirement, the company came to be known as H. P. Drought and Co. Under his guidance, the company became one of the most successful investment firms in San Antonio. Prior to his death, Drought’s son, Henry Patrick Drought, Jr., became a partner.

- **San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Records (1931–2008). 67 lin. ft.**
  The oldest organization of its type in the U.S., having been originally chartered by five local businessmen from Bexar County as the Mexican Chamber of Commerce on May 31, 1929. Its purpose was to encourage and promote trade and cultural relations between San Antonio and Mexico, to disseminate data and information relevant to the San Antonio business community, and to provide technical assistance to the business community in the form of seminars, workshops, and trade shows. In 1987, the Mexican Chamber was renamed the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In the early 1990s, the Hispanic Chamber was recognized as a critical component in negotiating the many compromises which made NAFTA possible. In recent years, the chamber’s role has broadened to include advocacy on behalf of small, minority-, and woman-owned businesses.