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Countless Facets of Texas: The General Land Office Map Collection

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The Museum Services Program provides support, resources, and training to museums in Texas.

- Consultations
- Webinars and workshops
- Resources

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On our webpage:

- Webinars
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- Connect and Learn

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Upcoming Free Museum Services Webinars

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Putting it on Paper: Incorporating MOUs into Your Community Engagement Plans

- Thursday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. CT

Inclusive Museum Leadership

- Thursday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. CT

Exploring Social Justice on a Limited Budget

- Thursday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. CT

Moving from Theory to Practice: Doing the Work of DEAI

- Thursday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. CT

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Upcoming Free Webinars from Other Orgs

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- *New Approaches to Environmental Monitoring*, April 20, 12:00 p.m. CT, CCC
- *Leading with Purposeful Engagement*, April 21, 12:00 p.m. CT, POLARIS
- *Putting Shared Leadership into Practice*, April 21, 1:00 pm. CT, Candid
- *Using Streaming Content to Expand Audiences and Income*, April 21, 2:00 p.m. CT, TCA
- *Live/Streamed Program Accessibility*, April 22, 1:00 p.m. CT, Museum Learning Hub
- *CEO Roundtable on Equity and Inclusion Efforts: How Did I Get Convinced?*, April 22, 2:00 p.m. CT, CCLI
- *Project Management in Museums: Herding Cats and Other Skills*, April 22, 7:00 p.m. CT, National EMP Network
- *Overcoming Organizational Fears of Failure*, April 28, 9:00 a.m. CT, ICSC
- *Facilitating Successful Youth Programs in a Virtual World*, April 28, 11:00 a.m. CT, NEMA
- *Accessibility in Digital Collections*, April 29, 1:00 p.m. CT, Museum Learning Hub
- *NEH Virtual Grants Workshop: Museums*, April 29 ,1:00 p.m. CT, NEH

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Countless Facets of Texas: The General Land Office Map Collection

Brandice Nelson
Curator of the Map Collection – Archives & Records
Texas General Land Office
George P. Bush, Commissioner

GLO Fast Facts

- Established December 1836 by the Republic of Texas, opened in 1837 under John P. Borden.
- Responsible for:
  - Overseeing the distribution of public lands
  - Registering Spanish and Mexican titles
  - Issuing new patents
  - Maintain records of lands granted
- The functions of the GLO have evolved over time to include:
  - State veterans' care homes, cemeteries and the Veterans Land Board
  - beach and coastal care including oil spill and disaster response
  - managing the state's Permanent School Fund, currently valued at over $29 Billion.
  - managing state-owned land and mineral interests

"Texas is big and Texans are proud of it. Prideful boasts can be made about the countless facets of our greatness without the slightest sacrifice of honesty." – GLO Commissioner James Earl Rudder

The Archives & Records Program

Responsible for the care and collection of over 45,000 maps and 35 million documents relating to Texas land and history.

Two important goals of Archives & Records:
- Accessibility
- Preservation & Conservation

The GLO Archives balances these two goals by:

- Archiving collection materials and housing them in protective conditions
- Digitizing historical documents and making them available online, which successfully:
  - Increases accessibility while simultaneously…
  - Promoting conservation by reducing wear on the documents
- Conducting outreach to promote education, knowledge of the collection, and fundraising for conservation of our collection

Map Collections and Historical Treasures

Oceani occidentalis seu Terre Noue Tabula Christophorus Columbus [The Admiral's Map]

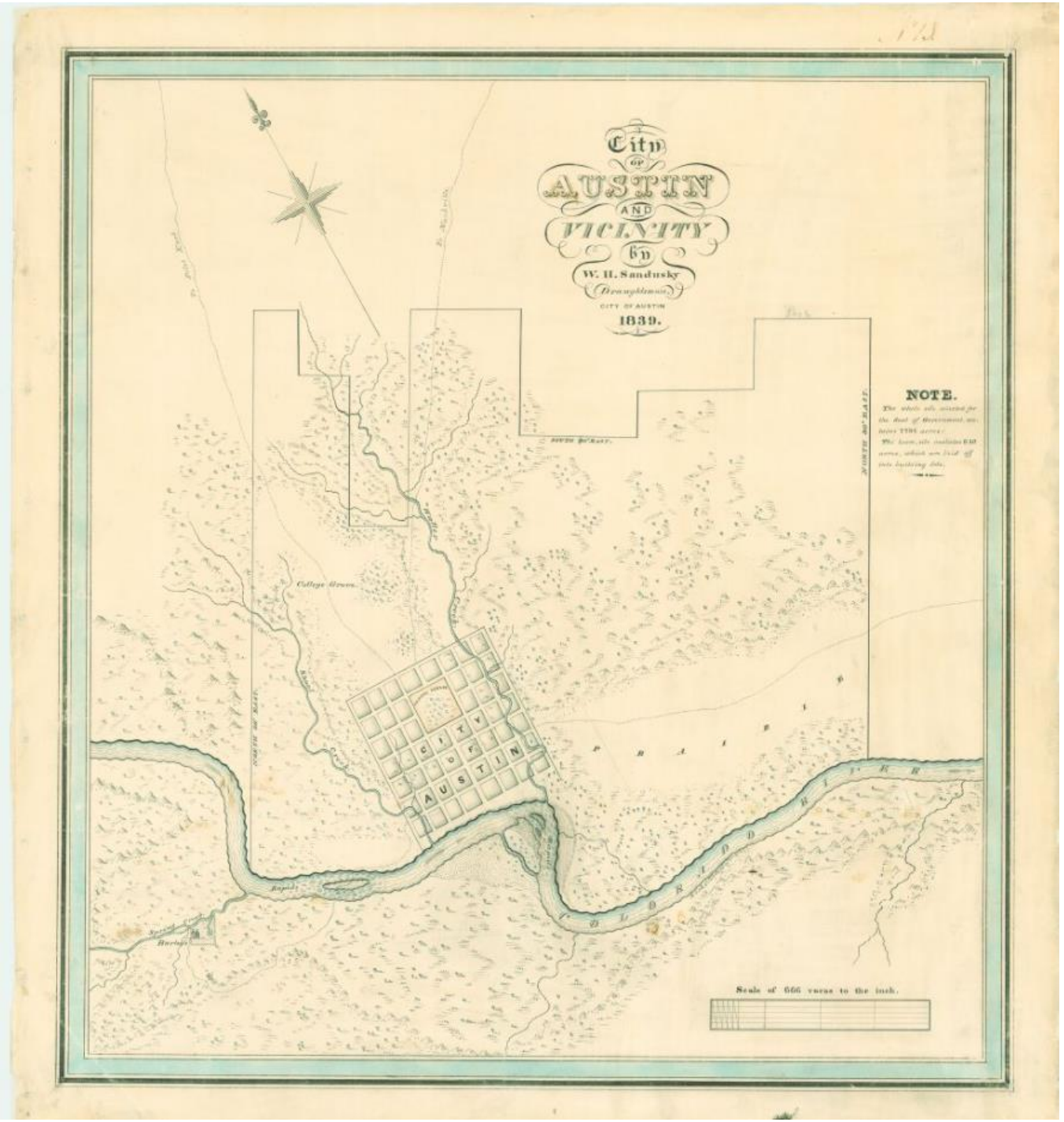
Map #95835
Lorenz Fries
Strasbourg, 1535

Connected Map of Austin's Colony

Map #1943
Stephen F. Austin, James F. Perry
Austin's Colony, 1837

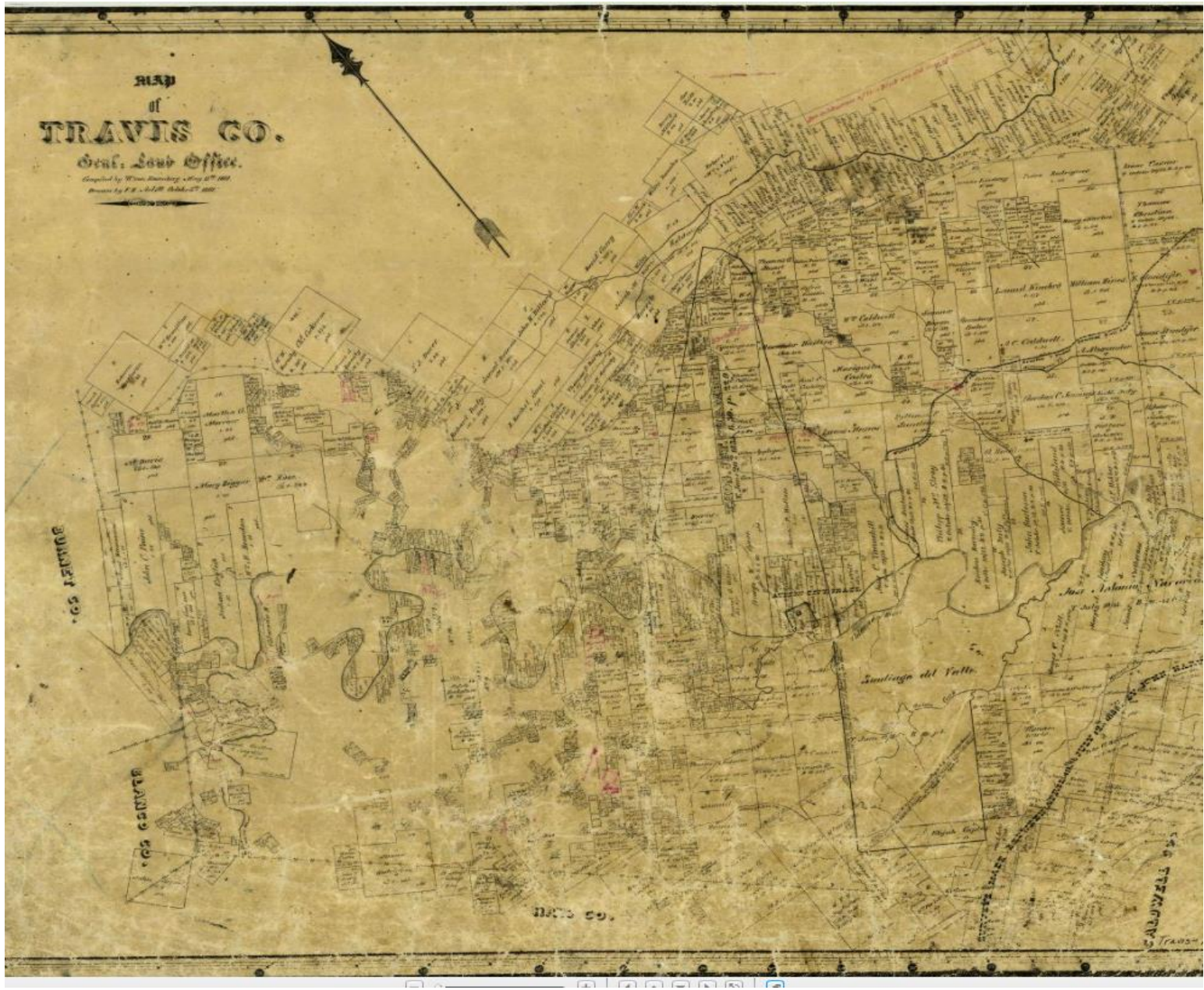
City of Austin and Vicinity

Map #3149
W.H. Sandusky
Austin, 1839



Map of Travis County

Map #4087
William von Rosenberg
Austin, 1861



Map of the State of Texas

Map #2133
Charles Pressler, A.B. Langermann
Austin, 1879

Digital Map Collections

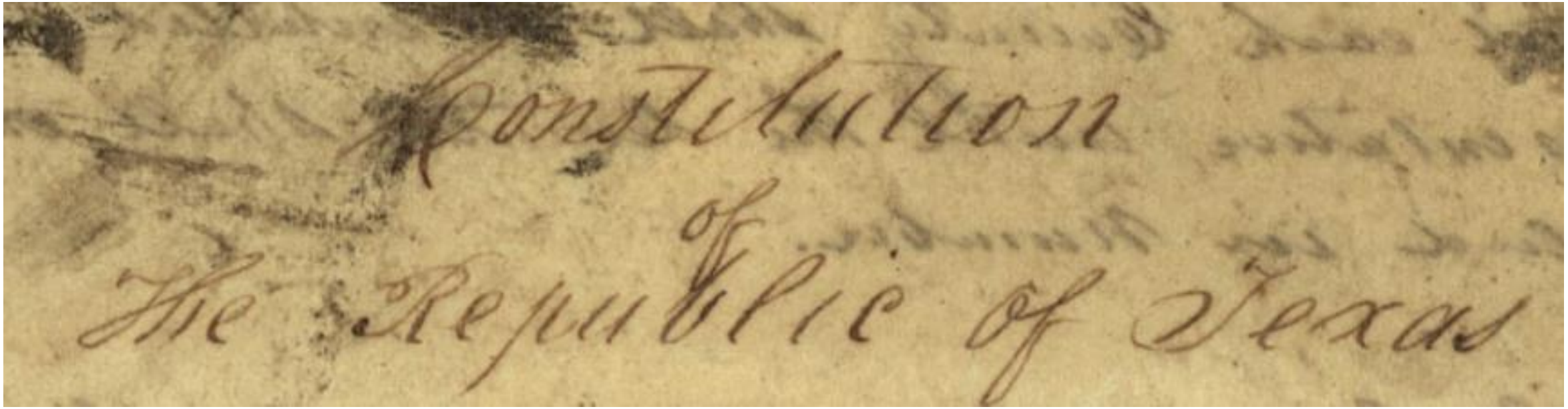
- The Frank & Carol Holcomb Digital Map Collection
- The Nancy & Jim Tiller Map Collection
- The Rees-Jones Digital Map Collection
- Texas State Library & Archives

The Spanish Collection

- The most important collection on the colonization of Texas prior to the Texas Revolution
- Over 20,000 documents, including land titles, empresario contracts, decrees, correspondence, and other land records generated by Spanish and Mexican colonization programs between 1720-1836.
- Principally concerned with land distribution, but also contains important records on topics as diverse Spanish missions, conflicts over Anglo immigration into Texas, and slavery.

Other collections include:

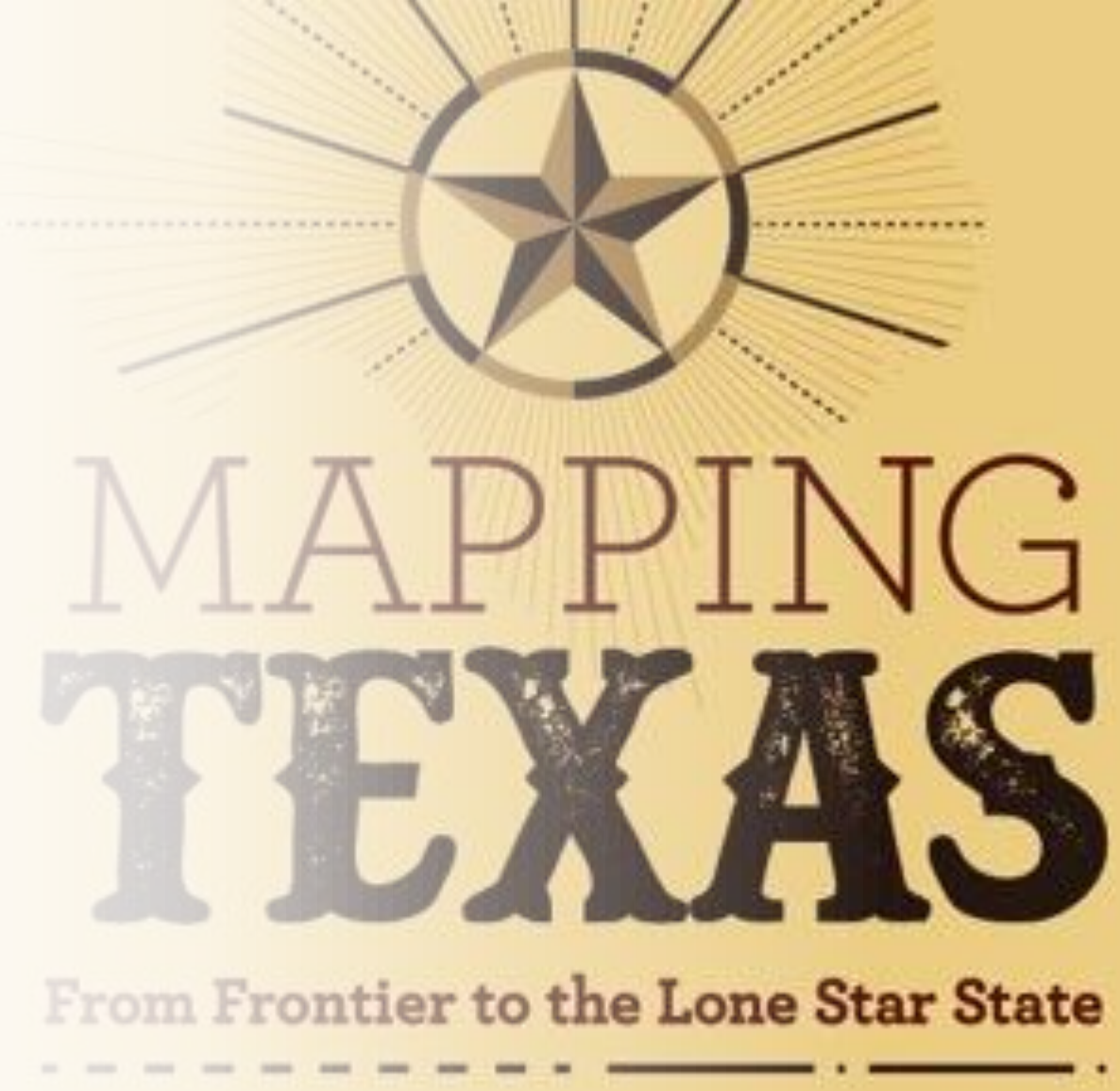
- Empresario colony records
- Texas Revolution correspondence
- Commissioner's reports
- Duplicate grant certificates
- Eleemosynary grant records
- Superconducting Super Collider Land Transactions Collection



GLO Exhibits

Mapping Texas

- The Witte Museum (San Antonio), 2016
- The Houston Museum of Natural Science (Houston), 2017
- The George H.W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum (College Station), 2018



Connecting Texas

- The Witte Museum (San Antonio)
- Spring-Fall 2018

Other GLO exhibits hosted by:

- The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum (Austin)
- Brazoria County Historical Museum (Angleton)

Planning an Exhibit

LOCATION?

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE?

AUDIENCE?

CONTENT?

CONTROVERSY?

Planning an Exhibit

- Site visits
- Framing
- Transportation
- Documentation
- Promotional events

Planning an Exhibit: Results

Further interpretation: The Save Texas History Program

- In-depth blog posts
- Lesson plans
- Weekly resource digest
- Public speaking engagements
- Texas Hidden History

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