

1988-1989 Plano Chapter yearbook

TXSSAR Archives

Using the TXSSAR Archives

Who can use the TXSSAR Archives?
The collection is available to everyone.

What restrictions are on the TXSSAR Archives?
All materials in the TXSSAR Archives are available, within the boundaries of current privacy laws. These laws prohibit certain types of information from being made public, including medical information, grades, Social Security numbers, and some financial records. Items must be used within the Rare Book Room. Photocopies and scans may be made, depending on the condition of the items and on copyright. A small fee is charged for this service.

When can the TXSSAR Archives be used?
The TXSSAR Archives is available whenever the Rare Book Room is open (see back of this brochure). Walk-in visitors are always welcome, but researchers doing in-depth searching are advised to call ahead to make sure that there will be adequate time to retrieve materials and to avoid conflicts with previously scheduled classes, tours, etc. that are being held in the Rare Book Room. Unprocessed materials can be viewed, but there may be a delay in locating specific materials within the boxes.

Where is the TXSSAR Archives?
The TXSSAR Archives is in the Rare Book Room of the UNT Libraries. More information is on the back of this brochure.

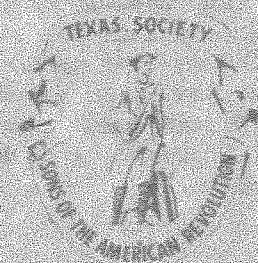
How do I access the TXSSAR Archives?
Request items from the staff of the Rare Book Room. As the collection is processed, records will be placed in the online catalog of the UNT Libraries

Location and Hours

The Rare Book Room is located in Room 437, on the 4th floor of Willis Library, on the University of North Texas Denton campus.

It is open to the public for research Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Special arrangements can be made to open the Rare Book Room at other times. Please contact the staff of the Rare Book Room for details. Visitors are welcome to view exhibits.

For more information please call (940)565-2769 or e-mail mdurio@library.unt.edu or ehoyensk@library.unt.edu

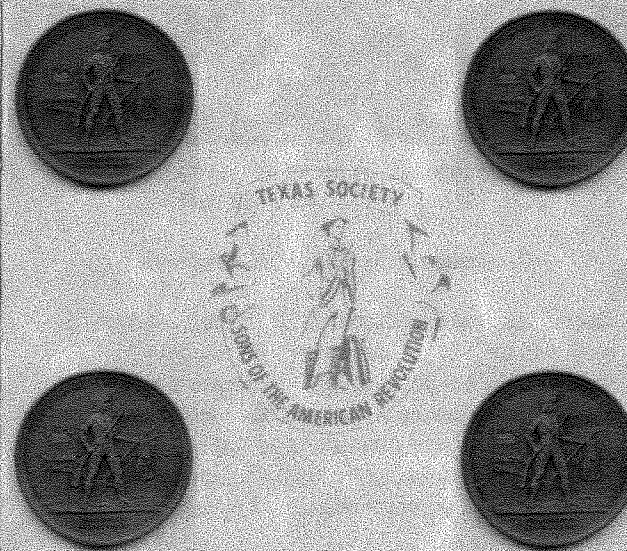


The TXSSAR Archives is composed of materials donated by:
TXSSAR State Organization
TXSSAR Local Chapters
and by members of TXSSAR and their families.

To make a donation to the TXSSAR Archives or the Rare Book & Texana Collections, of materials or of funds to purchase other items please contact:
The Rare Book & Texana Collections
University of North Texas Libraries
PO Box 305190
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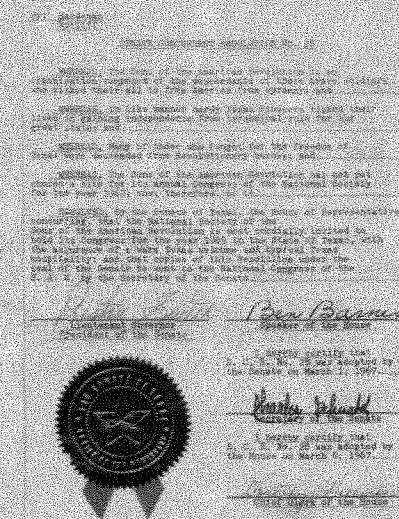
THE TXSSAR ARCHIVES



AT THE RARE BOOK & TEXANA COLLECTIONS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS LIBRARIES

In late December of 2003, an agreement was signed which made the Rare Book & Texana Collections of the University of North Texas Libraries the official repository of the archives of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution.

With this agreement, two very important things happened: The archives of the Society found a permanent home where they will be preserved, organized, and made available to researchers, scholars, and visitors; and the Rare Book & Texana Collections fulfilled an important part of its mission—to preserve and make available important historic and cultural materials for current and future generations.



Senate Concurrent resolution no.28, adopted by the Texas House of Representatives on March 6, 1967, inviting the Sons of the American Revolution to hold its 1969 Congress in Texas. TXSSAR Archives

Processing the TXSSAR Archive

As materials arrive, they are sequestered from the main collections, and examined for harmful materials or organisms that may have hitched a ride. After the initial examination, items are temporarily reboxed in acid-free archival boxes, and placed in a holding area in a temperature controlled vault to await sorting and organizing.

Processing materials involves a series of actions:

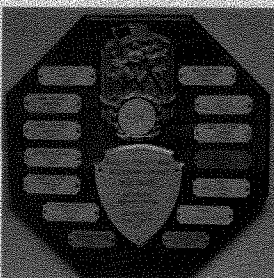
Each individual item is removed from the box and examined to see what it is—e.g., newsletter issues, photographs, proclamations, etc.

Paperclips, rubber bands, and other damaging materials are removed; any needed preservation and conservation actions are taken, including cleaning, repair, encapsulating, etc.

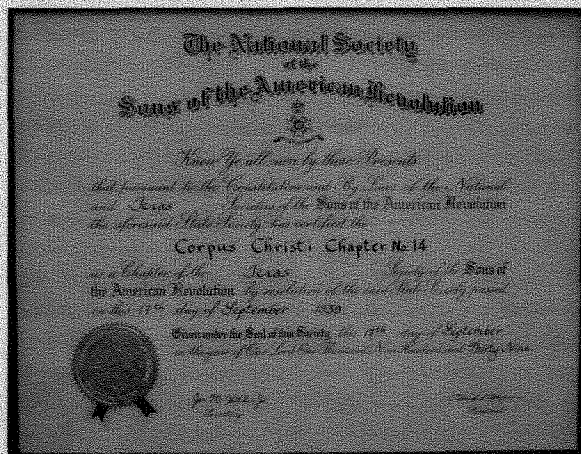
Items are placed in labeled acid-free folders or boxes with similar items already in the collection—newsletters are filed by chapter and date, materials relating to specific chapters are filed by chapter, etc.

Items are then cataloged, with records put in the UNT Libraries' online catalog and in OCLC, an international database of library holdings and materials, which allows researchers around the world to see what exists and where it is located.

Items are then placed in their permanent location within the climate controlled vault along with the other items that make up the Rare Book & Texana Collections of the University of North Texas Libraries, and are brought out on request to any visitor or researcher.



Plaque: Walter G. Sterling award for outstanding chapter.
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Original 1939 charter for the Corpus Christi Chapter #14.
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Contents of the TXSSAR Archives

Since the initial donations of TXSSAR material consisted of 7 large and 5 small boxes, over 15 additional boxes have arrived. Processing and organization continues. The collection includes microfilm reels of early membership applications, membership rosters, signed proclamations, meeting minutes, fliers, correspondence, clippings files, etc.

Significant materials in the collection include:

Issues of National publications and of newsletters from 8 chapters.

Scrapbooks/Yearbooks for: Plano (15 volumes); Dallas (6); Denton (3) Chapters; State (6); North Texas Brigade (1).

Photos of TXSSAR chapters & events (1985-1998)

Original Charters for Corpus Christi (#14) and Uvalde (#53) Chapters.

17 retired plaques and one trophy.

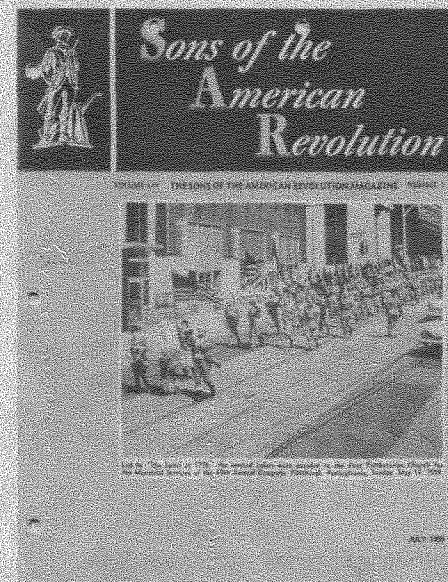
The earliest bound volume of original applications by the first members of TXSSAR.

Specimens of the Good Citizenship award from 1929 and 1931.

Expanding and enhancing the TXSSAR Archives

As the collection is processed, more complete lists will be made of the contents and of the "gaps" that are discovered. Our primary goal is to organize the TXSSAR Archives in order to document the history of the Society in Texas; its activities, projects, and accomplishments. We hope that members and chapters will be able to fill the gaps by providing missing newsletters, sending in scrapbooks, and by providing any type of materials or artifacts to help make the TXSSAR Archives a truly complete record of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution. Additionally, other materials relating to the American Revolution can be added to the collection.

The collection contains many *individual* issues of chapter, state, and national newsletters, but no complete run of any title. Most, if not all, of these newsletters are not recorded anywhere, and no copies are preserved in libraries or archives to be available to future researchers. We will be actively seeking missing issues, and will gratefully accept donations for the TXSSAR Archives.



SAR magazine, v.LIV, n.1 (July 1959)
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Beyond the TXSSAR Archives Other resources of the UNT Libraries

The University Libraries house over 5.5 million cataloged items, in a variety of formats. In addition to supporting the research programs of a major university, the Libraries also house a number of important historical, social, artistic, and regional collections, all of which are accessible to the public.

Some of the special collections include:

The Rare Book & Texana Collections, with strong holdings in many areas, including: Texas history, Travel & Exploration, the 18th Century, Literature, the history of the book and printing, women's studies, Central & South America, fashion, children's and juvenile materials, artists' books, World's Fairs, and miniature books. Specific authors and personalities collected include: Anson Jones, Larry McMurtry, Willa Cather, Carl Hertzog, Mary Webb, Victoria Poyser Lisi, Warren Norwood, William Blake, and others.

The University Archives houses the records of the University as well as transcripts of the Oral History Collection, which specializes in African-American history, entrepreneurial history, the Holocaust, the New Deal, Texas politics, and World War II. The Archives also houses personal papers of dozens of prominent individuals from north central Texas, including Alvin M. Owsley, Sarah T. Hughes, Fred H. Minor, and Enid Justin, as well as the records of a number of current and former businesses in the Metroplex, including Morrison Milling Company, the Fort Worth Stockyards Company, and the Duke & Ayres Company.

The Microforms Department contains collections that include U.S. and Texas Population Censuses, the Sabin Collection of Early American Imprints, American Periodical Series, and English Literary Periodical Series.

The Music Library contains over 160,000 volumes of musical scores, books about music, periodicals, and microforms; and over 250,000 sound recordings in various formats ranging from Edison cylinders to digital tape recordings.

The Government Documents Department is a designated Federal Depository Library, housing over 1 million items published by the United States government.