

Texas General Land Office Archives and Records Research Room Registration, Policies and Guidelines 1700 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701-1495 1-800-998-4GLO (4456) or 512-463-5277

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Welcome to the Texas General Land Office Archives and Records. General Land Office staff are responsible for safeguarding and preserving for posterity the rare and unique material in this collection. Please help preserve the valuable historic resources of the Texas General Land Office for future generations by providing a quiet, library-style environment for researchers and abiding by the following rules:

- 1. Patrons are to sign the office register (Chapter 2004, Government Code), and check in with staff each day upon arrival. Patrons should provide photographic identification upon registration and check in.
- 2. Registration is required for any visitors conducting research, or attending a tour (for large groups, at least one point of contact is required to register the group by completing this form).
- 3. This area is under video surveillance to aid in the prosecution of any crimes committed in this facility.
- 4. Upon check-in with staff, briefcases, notebooks, purses, bags, backpacks, and other personal property will be stored in secured lockers before any research can begin. Laptop computers are permissible.
- 5. Upon checkout with staff, materials used by researchers will be inspected before leaving the research area. This includes any notes taken by patrons, to ensure that no archival material is accidentally or purposely placed with the patron's belongings. Lockers will be checked, and keys returned to staff.
- 6. No food, drinks, chewing gum or tobacco products are allowed in the research areas or near the collections.
- 7. Cell phone use is prohibited in Research area, as is loud talking or disruptive behavior.
- 8. Only pencils may be used. Pencils are available from staff, and on every table.
- 9. Notes may only be taken on yellow paper provided by research staff. After sheets are filled out, additional sheets of paper will be provided to you. Notes are subject to inspection.
- 10. Only loose-leaf sheets of your own reference material are permitted in the Research Room. These sheets will be inspected and stamped to indicate materials have been brought in from the outside.
- 11. Please treat the materials with care and follow these guidelines:
 - a. Do not write on, lean on, bend, fold, trace or place anything on top of archival materials;
 - b. Do not put archival materials on the floor or in your lap;
 - c. Examine all archival material on research tables only;
 - d. Do not change the order of documents within the files;
 - e. Do not remove documents from mylar sleeves;
 - f. If you see anything in the files that appears to be missing or out of place, please notify staff;
 - g. If viewing oversize archival materials (Ex. Maps), allow GLO staff to move/transfer/adjust;
 - h. If viewing oversize materials (Ex. Maps), please use the drafting table surface when available;
- 12. Only five files may be accessed at a time. Remaining files will be kept on a cart provided by research staff.
- 13. Photography of documents is permissible only without a flash. Notify staff ahead of time if you wish to photograph documents.
- 14. For the long-term safety of archival material, items that are too fragile may be withheld from research and/or photocopying. In instances like this, digital copies, or copies will be available for research.
- 15. Tours must be scheduled in advance and will be localized to the Research Room dependent upon staff availability or at staff discretion.

By signing this document you acknowledge that you have read and understand the rules and will comply with this policy. Repeated failure to follow these guidelines could result in restriction of access to GLO archival material in the Research Room. Copies of archival material will be made available at patron expense. Additionally, the GLO has extensive archival material available for research online.

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