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PRESS RELEASE

Give the Gift of Texas History

Texas General Land Office offers unique gifts that help Save Texas History

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AUSTIN — Commissioner George P. Bush is spreading the word that historic map reproductions from the Texas General Land Office make fantastic gifts for friends and family members that are proud of their Texas heritage and want to support the conservation of Texas history for future generations. With more than 45,000 maps to choose from, there is a map perfect for any person who takes pride in our great state. Historic map reproductions are priced from \$20-\$40.

“Since taking office, I have reminded people across the state that Texas is not just a place on a map. It’s an idea in the hearts of our people based on a unique history that sets Texans apart,” said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. “Having said this, the State of Texas maintains many historic maps -- thousands of maps in fact, many of which are housed in the Archives and Records of the General Land Office.”

Most maps sold at <http://www.savetexashistory.org> cost as little as \$20, and range up to \$40. The selection is vast including maps of every county, major city, and hundreds of maps of the entire state and Republic. Online and phone orders must be placed before 5 p.m. Dec. 21 to be delivered by Christmas Day. Orders can also be placed by calling 1-800-998-4GLO (4456).

"Purchasing a map reproduction, you are giving an affordable and thoughtful gift, with 100% of the money going towards archival preservation of original maps and documents housed in the General Land Office Archives," said Mark Lambert, Deputy Director of Archives and Records. "Historic maps posted on the Texas General Land Office website make quick, easy gifts for anyone who loves the Lone Star State and its colorful past."

The Save Texas History Program is a unique program that brings together private and public efforts to preserve the 36 million maps and documents at the Texas General Land Office. Each year the General Land Office spends approximately \$100,000 on map and document conservation and these funds are raised through map and document duplication fees, donations and grants.

“A map reproduction from the Texas General Land Office isn’t just a uniquely Texan gift, but also financially supports historic preservation of original documents, archives and

maps,” said Commissioner Bush. “Maps are a great gift for friends, family and folks that love Texas and its history.”

To search for maps, place orders, or make a donation to the Save Texas History Program, visit www.savetexashistory.org or call the Land Office toll-free at 1-800-998-4GLO.

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