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PRESS RELEASE

Save Texas History Program receives grant from the Texas Historical Foundation

Grant will be used for the program's digital media outreach efforts

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AUSTIN - Commissioner George P. Bush today accepted a grant from the Texas Historical Foundation on behalf of the Texas General Land Office's Save Texas History Program. The \$4,000 grant will be used to promote stories found within the GLO Archives on social media. Since Commissioner Bush took office in January 2015, the GLO has developed a successful social media program, amassing thousands of followers across various platforms. Articles about our archives and records collection are among our most popular posts.

"As Texans, we recognize our core values are deeply rooted in our storied history," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "The Save Texas History program is conserving many of our most cherished documents and maps by using social media as a key component of sharing our state's rich history with the world. By embracing social media platforms such as Medium and Twitter, the Save Texas History team is reaching new audiences and engaging future generations, ensuring that they can stay connected to our history and values. On behalf of all GLO team members, we are honored to receive this grant from the Texas Historical Foundation to continue this great effort to promote public access to our state's rich history and make all Texans proud."

The mission of the Texas Historical Foundation is to serve past, present and future Texans by supporting research and publication of Texas history, assisting in the preservation of historic and prehistoric artifacts and information, and raising and providing funding for these purposes.

"Millions of historic documents are held in the Texas General Land Office collection. Opening up that resource to the general public is the aim of the Save Texas History program, and the Texas Historical Foundation is proud to partner with GLO to help share that knowledge," said Bruce Elsom, THF president.

The Save Texas History program's blog on Medium.com features unique stories each Monday and Thursday, pulling information from the 45,000 maps and 36 million documents in our historical archives. You can read these stories at [Medium.com/Save-Texas-History](https://medium.com/Save-Texas-History).

About the Save Texas History Program

Created in 2004, the Save Texas History program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of the historic maps and documents housed in the GLO Archives. With the twin goals of preservation and education, the Save Texas History program seeks to conserve these documents for future generations, and educate Texans about the rich heritage found in these important records. To learn more about the Save Texas History program, visit SaveTexasHistory.org. Like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/SaveTXHistory and follow us on Twitter at [@savetxhistory](https://twitter.com/savetxhistory).

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