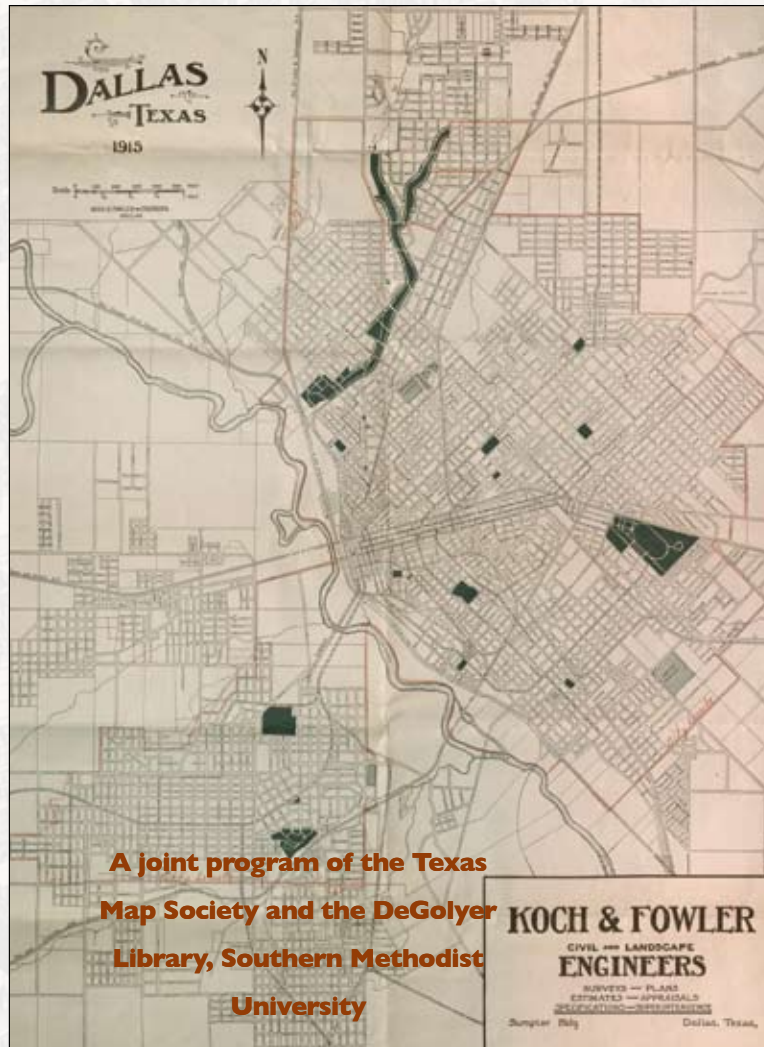


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Images

Detail from Michel-Étienne Turgot, Plan de Paris (Paris, 1739).
Stanley and Linda Marcus Collection, DeGolyer Library, SMU.

Koch & Fowler, Civil and Landscape Engineers, Dallas, Texas, 1915, photolithograph, 53 x 40 cm.
(Dallas: Koch & Fowler, 1915) UT Arlington Library, Special Collections

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Much has happened since the spring issue of *The Neatline*, but nothing more important (from the Texas Map Society's standpoint) than our meeting on May 17-18 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The meeting was a resounding success for those TMS members (and guests) who made their way to Oklahoma State University.

I won't cover the details of the meeting in this column (you can read them elsewhere in this issue), but I would be remiss if I didn't thank John Phillips, intrepid TMS member and head of Government Documents at the OSU Edmon Low Library, for his work in planning, organizing, and coordinating the logistics for the meeting. His wife Vicki, a partner in every sense of the word, also deserves our thanks for assisting John and even baking her delectable brownies for an afternoon break.

Their work and the support of OSU Library Dean Sheila Grant Johnson (both financially and support shown by her presence at the meeting) made the spring meeting special—special because we focused on Oklahoma and its rich cartographic history and also special because a number of Oklahomans attended who weren't TMS members and made engaging presentations. Thanks to all of you!

With the Oklahoma meeting in the past, now is the time for you to register for the fall 2013 meeting. The meeting will be held on September 27-28 in Dallas with most of the sessions focusing on the theme Urban Maps and Plans and held at the DeGolyer Library on the SMU campus. Russell Martin, the Director of SMU's DeGolyer Library, and Pam Anderson, Head of Public Services at the library, have been a huge help in planning and supporting the meeting.

You can read about the upcoming presentations for the fall meeting elsewhere in this issue; I want to instead mention two special events that we have planned that essentially "book end" the conference. On Friday evening, September 27, we will have our opening reception at the private home and library of Dallas developer Harlan Crow. Crow's library will literally knock-your-socks-off! The library is in an impressive and beautiful two-story addition attached to Crow's Highland Park home, and holds one of the U.S.'s most impressive private collections.

TMS members will have the opportunity to see and hear about the library from Sam Fore, Crow's librarian, and Pam Anderson (yes, the same Pam Anderson who is helping plan the meeting). In order to attend this opening event, you will have to ride the bus that will leave from the Holiday Inn Dallas Central-Park Cities, the meeting hotel (even if you are not staying at the hotel). The bus will leave promptly at 6:30pm.

The other "book end" will be our Saturday, September 28, closing tour and reception at the George W. Bush Presidential Library, also on the campus of SMU. The Bush Library opened in April of this year to widespread acclaim for its architecture, exhibits, and archival collections focusing on the Bush presidency. Regardless of your politics, a presidential library is an important institution that helps document the critical decisions that a president makes and the impact of these decisions.

Following a tour of the Bush Library, the TMS closing reception will be at the library in the newly opened Café 43 restaurant. This is another event you won't want to miss. In short, there will be much to do and much to experience in Dallas. So register today for the fall meeting. I hope to see you in Dallas.

—Gerald D. Saxon, TMS President 2013-2014

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to offer a special thank you to those members who contribute material regularly for submission to *The Neatline*. The same names seem to pop up in each issue (you can see them listed in the Credit Box at the bottom of the second page of each edition). But this newsletter belongs to all of the members of the Texas Map Society. And once again, I urge each of you to take part and write something for a future edition. There were no submissions this time for the *Spotlight on TMS Members*. I think that is an important feature to learn more about each other at the TMS. And it is an easy way to contribute, with a short article on yourself or on another deserving member. *My Favorite Map* is another feature that is a natural for a first time author to write. Please join us and contribute to a future edition.

Be aware that while the printed paper version of *The Neatline* is restricted to only 8 pages for each edition, the online version has no such restrictions. So by checking the electronic version, you may find some articles in longer, unedited versions, and more photographs to go along with the articles. So check out the web version, even if you have a paper copy.

And remember that even more information on the Texas Map Society can be found at our website at: www.TexasMapSociety.org.

- David Finrock

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A **Neatline** is the outermost drawn line surrounding a map. It defines the height and width of the map and usually constrains the cartographic images.

The Texas Map Society will be meeting earlier this Fall

By Ben Huseman



Maps (left to right): *Dallas City Street and Transportation Map* [front], published by Dallas Chamber of Commerce, 1942; Rand McNally & Co., Dallas, Texas (Chicago, Rand McNally & Co., ca. 1975); *Homes in Texas!* [broadside], 56 x22cm (St. Louis: Woodward & Tiernan Printers, ca. 1882). DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University

The Texas Map Society’s Fall Meeting this year will be held on Saturday, September 28, at the DeGolyer Library at SMU in Dallas. Three excellent speakers will present on topics related to the overall theme of “Urban Maps and Plans”: Dr. Ron Tyler, former Director of the Amon Carter Museum and the Texas State Historical Association, will talk on “Texas Bird’s-eye Views, 1871-1912”; Dr. Kathryn Holliday, UT Arlington architectural history professor, will

present “DFW Piece by Piece: Using Maps to See the City Grow”; and Dr. Paula Lupkin, UNT art history professor, will speak on “Mining Data and Maps: Exploring the Great Southwest and the Geospatial Humanities.” As usual, there will be much more than fine scholarly talks to stimulate and entertain those who attend. On Friday, September 27, there will be a tour of and a reception at the fabulous private Harlan Crow Library in Dallas, one of the most impressive private

2013 Fall Meeting *continued*

libraries in the country. This will undoubtedly include a stroll through Mr. Crow's "Garden of Evil" -- filled with statues of fallen dictators -- an experience not to be missed! Following the map presentations on Saturday, Dr. Alan Lowe, Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library, will speak on the planning and building of that institution. TMS attendees will then tour the impressive library after Dr. Lowe's presentation.

A reception follows at the Bush Library's Café 43. Charge for all the Saturday events is \$100, but only \$50 for students with I.D. The Crow Library bus tour (registrants must ride a tour bus to the library) and reception are extra at \$45 per person. For more information see the Texas Map Society website at <http://www.texasmapsociety.org/events.html>. To register online, click on "register" and follow the directions.



OAK CLIFF

A PARTIAL VIEW OF THE CITY OF OAK CLIFF FROM THE NEW COURT HOUSE, DALLAS.

290 Choice Lots for Sale at Tyler Station.

OAK CLIFF is almost as well known as Dallas. It is a charming suburb of that City. Its fine location, its rapid growth, its accessibility and its railroad facilities make it one of the most remarkable additions to any Western or Southwestern city.

The Sixty-three acres purchased by Mr. Bryan for a Northern Syndicate, is the most desirable residence part of the Cliff. It is at Tyler Avenue Station on the Oak Cliff railroad. It reaches from the railroad northward to Seventh Street, as shown by the within map. From nearly every part of it the City of Dallas, two miles away, can be seen. Some of the streets have already been macadamized and contracts have been let for improving the others. Shade trees were planted in March. Concrete and gravel walks will be laid at once. Mr. Bryan is determined to make this the most attractive part of Oak Cliff. A new station is being built and contracts given for the erection of five or six new houses.

Lots are now offered at a very low price on easy terms. Those desiring a home should examine them at once.

Investors cannot fail to make large profits by purchasing at present prices. When a few residences have been erected and the streets properly improved the prices will be advanced.

WATER AND ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Pure spring water will be supplied by the Oak Cliff Water Company; and electric light will be furnished to all residences not later than September of this year.

RESTRICTED.

This addition is carefully restricted, no business buildings will be permitted except on the small lots near the Station and all houses must be set back the proper distance from the street line.

Oak Cliff contains a strictly moral people, intoxicating liquors cannot be found anywhere within her limit. In keeping with this general policy, no sort of questionable resorts are tolerated.

The beautiful Oak Cliff park is near this property. New school houses will soon be erected.

Already Oak Cliff contains five churches and others are in course of erection. All denominations hold services either in these churches or in the school houses.

For further information inquire of or address the agent,

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Oak Cliff: A partial View of the City of Oak Cliff from the New Court House by George J. Bryan, 38x28cm (Dallas: Dallas Lith. Co., ca. 1890) DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University

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FALL MEETING PROGRAM

Presentations at the DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Early Registration and Gathering for Bus Tour to Harlan Crow Library, Dallas

Participants must gather at Holiday Inn Dallas Central-Park Cities, and ride the bus. No cars allowed at this private library. Bus leaves at 6:30 p.m. sharp!

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tour and Reception, Harlan Crow Library

Friday's opening reception will be at the phenomenal Harlan Crow Library in Highland Park. This is a private library, part of the home of Harlan Crow, prominent Dallas businessman and developer. The library concentrates on American history and the history of exploration and discoveries, and includes manuscripts, rare books, maps, portraits, photographs, statues, and other treasures. The library's holdings now consist of 5,000 books and 3,500 manuscripts. Texas Map Society members are fortunate that Mr. Crow is opening his impressive library for the opening reception. This is an opportunity to see a world-class private library you will not want to miss!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Program

Presentations at the DeGolyer Library
Southern Methodist University

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Dr. Gerald Saxon, TMS President

Dr. Russell Martin, Director, DeGolyer Library

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Texas Bird's-Eye Views, 1871-1912

Dr. Ron Tyler

Retired Director of both the Amon Carter Museum and the Texas State Historical Association

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45-11:45 a.m.

DFW Piece by Piece:

Using Maps to See the City Grow

Dr. Kathryn Holliday

Associate Professor and Director, David Dillon Center for Texas Architecture, UT Arlington

12:00-1:15 p.m.

Lunch at Hughes-Trigg Student Center
Southern Methodist University

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Mining Data and Making Maps: Exploring the Great Southwest and the Geospatial Humanities

Dr. Paula Lupkin

Department of Art Education and Art History
University of North Texas

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Planning and Building the George W. Bush Presidential Library

Dr. Alan Lowe

Director, George W. Bush Presidential Library

3:15 p.m.

Leave DeGolyer Library and walk or ride

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tour the George W. Bush Presidential Library

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Reception at Café 43, Bush Presidential Library

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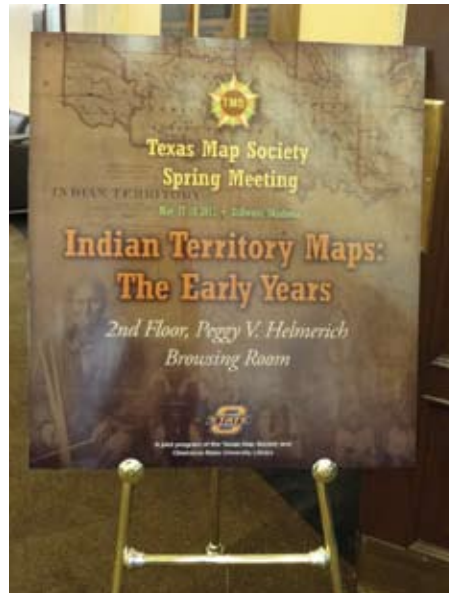
Indian Territory Maps: The Early Years

By John B. Phillips

The 2013 Spring Meeting of the *Texas Map Society, Indian Territory Maps: The Early Years* was held outside of the borders of Texas; only the third time that has occurred. The Edmon Low Library at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK hosted this event that took place on May 16 and 17. Over 60 TMS members, Oklahoma map collectors and those interested in the history of this period were in attendance during the two day event.

Friday, May 16

Early attendees had an option of a field trip by bus to Enid, OK to visit the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center. A presentation was given by their resident archivist, **Aaron Preston**. "The Opening of the Cherokee Outlet: The Largest Land Run in History" gave an overview of the settlement of the western portion of Oklahoma. The scope and depth of this topic showed that a second meeting could be held at a future date to explore more thoroughly the settlement in Indian Territory and the Territory of Oklahoma until the state was established in 1907. Thirty-three registrants toured the museum as well as several historic buildings that have been moved onto the grounds of the center. After a building by building search,

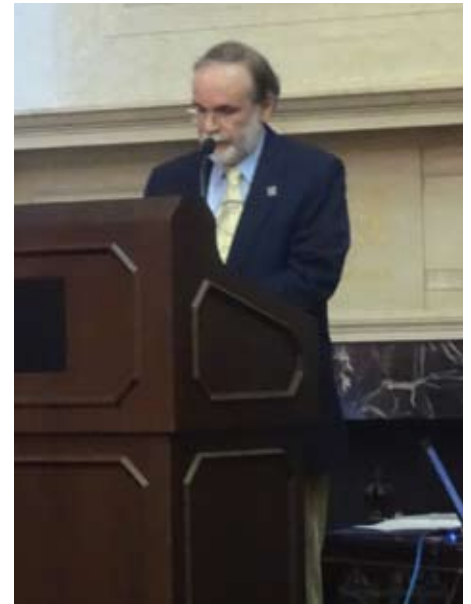


Library display board for the TMS meeting.

all attendees were accounted for before the bus returned back to Stillwater in time to give them the chance to freshen up for the opening reception. Maybe the lure of cookies and snacks helped speed along the boarding process. Or it could have been the thrill of a second ride in BOB, the Big Orange Bus that is used for events around the state. For those that do not know, the school colors are orange and black.

Opening Reception

The evening reception was held in the Peggy V. Helmerich Browsing Room in the Edmon Low Library. After indulging in a variety of appetizers, wine and other beverages, **Gerald Saxon**, TMS President presented his opening remarks where he thanked the library and the staff of the Government Documents Department



Gerald Saxon, TMS President, presenting his opening remarks.



Inside the Big Orange Bus on the road to Enid.

for hosting the two day event. He then introduced the evening speaker and coordinator of the event, **John B. Phillips**. After acknowledging that **Marty Davis** was allowed across the Red River because he had his passport, John presented "Oklahoma Maps: Paper to Digital" This was a short overview of the efforts made by the library to digitize the maps within the historical collections located throughout the building and make them freely available to the public. After a short Q&A, attendees looked at the 50+ original maps on display as well as visited the Map Room where students gave demonstrations of the digitization process and the methods of map repair. A good time was had by all and everyone departed at 9:00 pm.

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Erin Pearson discussing the work that she does to scan the maps at OSU.

Saturday, May 17

Sheila Grant Johnson, Dean of Libraries and **Andy Lester**, Chairman of the Board of Regents for the University welcomed the attendees to Oklahoma and OSU and gave some opening remarks. The Dean was a map librarian in the early days of her career and the Chair of the Regents is a collector of Oklahoma and European maps. Gerald Saxon again presented some remarks to the larger group that was in attendance.

The first of the Saturday speakers was well known to the TMS members. **Dr. Stephen Hoffenberg** presented “Cartography of the Indian Country”. His discussion of the movement of the Native Americans across the United States until they were poised to move into the Indian Territory was shown in a number of maps. Some, like the Hood map, were on display outside of the lecture area. His talk was followed by **Dr. Mary Jane Warde** and her presentation “Indian and Indian Territory Maps: The Early Years”. Dr. Warde was asked to present what was occurring within Indian Territory before any of the tribes were settled within its borders. Her talk was an eye opener to many native Oklahomans as it covered many items that were never part of the Oklahoma history courses we had in junior high school. The majority of her maps were from the OSU collection and

the audience viewed them in closer detail during the lunch break.

The buffet lunch speaker was Marty Davis, former TMS President. His talk, presented in that always exuberant style, “How to Get to Texas Through I.T.” was an overview of many of the maps within his personal collection.

The first of the two afternoon sessions was a husband and wife team from Kansas. **Margaret and Gary Kraisinger**, authors of two books on the history of the various cattle trails, discussed “Cattle Trails through Indian Territory, 1846-1897”. After their visit to OSU in search of maps for their research, I added them to a potential group of speakers in case this joint meeting was held. Their overview of the various trails originating in Texas as well as their table of exhibits was very well received. The last speaker of the day was **Dr. Bill Corbett**. His talk “Opening the Wilderness: Military Roadbuilders in Indian Territory, 1825-1860” was based on some of his earlier research combined with maps from the OSU collection. He traced the development of roads across the eastern part of Indian Territory. These primitive roads connected forts that had been established by the War Dept. in the early 1800’s. Using personal photographs, he showed some of the existing remains of the roads.

Because the Cartographic Corner was new to those within Oklahoma, only one map was displayed. The extra time that was gained was used to make up



Lunch was a great time to mingle with friends.

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for the time lost throughout the earlier presentations. Closing remarks were made and the meeting ended about 5:00 pm.

The meeting was a success and gave people from Oklahoma, who do not have an organized map society, a chance to interact with those from Texas who are long time map enthusiasts. The door is open for Oklahomans to join with the Texas Map Society and create a larger more robust organization.



Marty Davis showing off his Oklahoma passport.

All photos courtesy of John Phillips



Meeting attendees during the presentations on Saturday.



Viewing maps during one of the breaks.

MY FAVORITE MAP by Walter E. Wilson

A Map of Mexico and the Republic of Texas. 1838



Although numerous maps between 1835 to 1845 depict Texas as an independent nation, only a handful are titled “Republic of Texas.” This Niles & Pease example, “A Map of Mexico and the Republic of Texas. 1838” is one of them. Its vivid colors and the unusual Texas boundary west of the Rio Grande are its most eye-catching features. This attractive 14 x 16” map was folded into my 1844 edition of the *History of South America and Mexico* by John M. Niles. The map illustrates an “. . . account of the Texian Revolution & War,” by L.T. Pease.

I’ve included a photo of my map, but other views are available on line at:

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<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph2487/small/>

<http://www.raremaps.com/maps/medium/30258.jpg>

My Favorite Map *continued*

Continuing a series begun in 1825, it was Niles' 1837 edition that first added the "Texian" account and associated map. The 1837 map is quite different from the 1838 edition and is titled simply, "Mexico & Texas." The Yana & Marty Davis Map Collection at the Museum of the Big Bend on the Sul Ross University campus has a fine example of the 1837 map. If Alpine, Texas isn't in your immediate travel plans, you can view this version on the Museum's website at <http://ww2.sulross.edu/museum/mapcollection/index.html>.

My later version of the map was also included in the 1838, 1839, and 1843 editions. It truncates the northern border at the Red River, but adds 16 Texas cities including Houston, which is accurately depicted as the national capital (April 1837 -- October 1839).

The first "Texian" edition of the book and the associated map are quite scarce as are the four later editions with the 1838 map. However, all have recently been available from both book and map dealers.

Other "fun facts" related to this article.

1. The only other contemporary maps that I've discovered with "Republic of Texas" in the title (in any language) are these three:
"Central America II including the Republic of Texas, Canada and the Northern States of Mexico" by SDUK, 1842,
"Mexico & Guatemala with The Republic of Texas" by W.H. Lizars, c1840,
"Map of the River Sabine from Logan's Ferry to 32nd Degree of North Latitude Showing the Boundary between the United States and the Republic of Texas" by U.S. Congress, Message from the President [John Tyler], 1842.

The extended titles of two other maps mention the General Land Office of the Republic:

"Map of Texas Compiled from Surveys on Record in the General Land Office of the Republic in the Year 1839" by J.H. Colton, 1839,
"Karte von Texas entworfen nach den Vermessungen, welche in den Acten der General-Land-Office der Republic von Richard S. Hunt & Jesse F. Randel" by Georg A. Scherpf, 1841.

2. The 1837 edition of *History of South America and Mexico* by John M. Niles is still being printed and is also accessible online via Google books.
3. As this goes to print, a complete copy of the 1837 edition with maps ("Texas and Mexico" and "South America") is available from Donald A. Heald Rare Books for \$3,500.
4. John Milton Niles was an anti-slavery Senator from Connecticut (1835-1839, 1843-1849) who finally cast the deciding vote to admit Texas into the Union.
5. Co-author Lorrain Thompson Pease of Connecticut was the father of Elisha Marshal Pease. Elisha's wife Lucadia was the niece of author John M. Niles. Elisha was the 5th and 13th Governor of Texas and a veteran of the Texas War of Independence. Elisha was the most likely source of his father's information on Texas. Surveyor Jacob de Córdova named the Pease River in West Texas in honor of Governor Pease. (see: *Inventing Texas: Early Historians of the Lone Star State*, by Laura Lyons McLemore for more on Pease and Niles.)

If you would like to submit an article about your own favorite map for a future issue of *The Neatline*, contact the editor David Finrock at editorTMS@aol.com.

Texas Maps of the US Army Corps of Engineers

By Dave Murph

One of the valuable map collections in Texas---maps that were almost thrown away---may also be one of the least known. This is largely because its owner is not a university or private collector but rather the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps of Engineers has a storied history whose roots go back to the Revolutionary War. The foundation of today's Corps was laid by President Thomas Jefferson in 1802 when he was authorized to "organize and establish a Corps of Engineers" to be headquartered at West Point.

By the 1830s, a separate Army Corps of Topographical Engineers was created. During the Civil War, the Corps---with its mapping, combined with building bridges and forts---contributed mightily to the Union victory. In the following decades, among other responsibilities, the Corps focused increasingly on flood control. The creation of maps became a major part of this work.

The Corps' first Texas office was established in Galveston in 1880 to oversee river and harbor improvements. The Fort Worth district, created in 1950, grew out of the Galveston district as Congress began authorizing Texas flood control projects. The need for increased water resources and flood control, as well as a plan for channelization of the Trinity River, caused North Texas leaders to push for a local Corps district. Amon Carter and John W. Carpenter were major players in this effort.

With the creation of this new office, many of the maps stored in Galveston---topographical with aerial photographs, field data and technical support information---were moved to Fort Worth. A number of these maps, especially the older ones, had been developed by other agencies, including The State of Texas Reclamation Department and the United States Geological Survey. After moving several times around Fort Worth, in 1967 the district office settled into its current downtown address, the Fritz K. Lanham Federal Building.

Since that time many additional maps have been added to the collection. They pertain primarily to Texas and, because



US Army Corps of Engineers map of the Trinity River in Tarrant County, Texas, 1915.



US Army Corps of Engineers map of the Trinity River in Tarrant County, Texas, 1915.

of the Corps of Engineers concentration on flood control, focus heavily on Texas rivers and lakes. Some are more than a century old. Researchers interested in the Trinity and Brazos rivers will find special help here.

However, the fact that these maps still exist is a story unto itself. Several years ago, because of the growing need for more storage space at the Fort Worth office and a concern about the relevance of these maps, a push was begun to get rid of many of them, especially ones that had not been used in years.

Enter Mike Danella. An engineer in the Corps' Water Resources Branch, Mike had long taken an interest in these maps and volunteered to work with others, on his own time, to organize and find an acceptable way to store them. And that is exactly what happened. Recognizing the importance of these maps in supporting river basin studies and providing important historical data, Mike, with several colleagues from the Corps's Water Resources Branch, began the arduous task of identifying and organizing hundreds of these maps.

Today, filling numerous filing cabinets, many of them are likely to be the only surviving maps of their kinds. Early ones trace major Texas rivers in detail, with valuable historical and topographical information.

From technical data related to the creation of many Texas lakes to early twentieth century images of Texas rivers and the land adjacent to them, these maps tell important Texas stories and provide invaluable information for any number of historical pursuits.

And, to think, they all might have been thrown away!

Map photos courtesy of Mike Danella



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