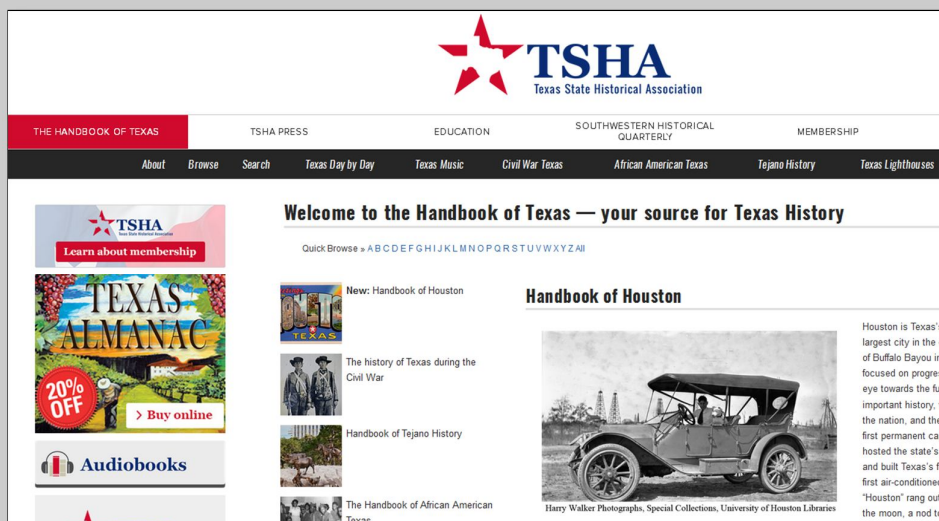


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Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)

Brief History

The original Handbook was the brainchild of TSHA President Walter Prescott Webb of The University of Texas history department. It was published as a two-volume set in 1952, with a supplemental volume published in 1976. In 1996, the New Handbook of Texas was published, expanding the encyclopedia to six volumes and over 23,000 articles. In February 15th, 1999 the Handbook of Texas Online

went live with the complete text of the print edition, all corrections incorporated into the handbook's second printing, and about 400 articles not included in the print edition due to space limitations. The handbook continues to be updated online, and contains over 25,000 articles. The online version includes entries on general topics, such as "Texas since World War II", biographies such as notable Texans Samuel Houston and W. D. Twichell, ranches such as the Matador, and geographical entries such as "Waco, Texas". Many Texas scholars and professors, such as Robert A. Calvert and Art Martinez de Vara, have contributed to the Handbook.

Scope and Coverage

In Handbook of Texas, the articles are arranged under four categories, like,

- **Who:** All biographies on Texas Political figures: Governors, Republic of Texas Congressmen, and State Legislators.
- **What:** Under this heading the hand book have makes thematic classification and includes followings:
 - Agriculture
 - Archeology
 - Architecture
 - Business
 - Education
 - Exploration
 - Health and Medicine
 - Journalism
 - Law, etc.
- **When:** Under this heading there are groups of entries by time periods in Texas history, from Prehistory through the Texas Revolution up through modern times.
- **Where:** All Texas communities and Texas counties alphabetically and connect to the Texas Town Database and the *Texas Almanac* for a regional map, the latest population figures, and additional sources.

To give general overview on Texas history and to provide detailed information from specific point of view the articles are arranged further under following headings. Under these headings one can easily browse these articles separately. These are:

Handbook of Houston
Handbook of Texas Music
Handbook of Civil War Texas
Handbook of African American Texas
Handbook of Tejano History

➤ Handbook of Houston

Houston is Texas's biggest city and the fourth largest city in the country. The Handbook of Houston is curating new entries and seeking contributors to be involved in the project. The new entries represent Houston's diverse culture and will highlight topics such as historic events and landmarks, businesses and organizations, and biographies on community activists and leaders, to name a few. Contributors need not be professional historians.

➤ Handbook of Texas Music

Handbook of Texas Music deals with the past of Texas music, its embrace of the present and the future is immutable. The expansion of this handbook to TSHA's well-traveled and indispensable website represents a huge step forward for Texas music scholarship, with almost 900 entries along with hundreds of images and audio samples. It includes the overall history of the music, biographies of persons involved with this music. Now anyone with a computer and Internet access anywhere in the world can learn about Texas music immediately. Whenever tragedy strikes and a legend passes, the HTM can quickly add a history of their life and contributions.

➤ Handbook of Civil War Texas

In sum, the Civil War exacted a huge price, primarily in terms of lives lost and ruined in the Confederate Army and in the privations of those left at home. *The Handbook of Civil War Texas*. This site has more than 800 entries relating to the war in the Lone Star State, many of which appeared in earlier versions of the *Handbook*, but more than 325 of which are new. For example, for the first time there are entries on all units from Texas in the Confederate Army, and there are hundreds of new biographies of Texans who held the rank of major or higher. Many of the new entries are enriched with illustrations provided by the Lawrence T. Jones III Texas Photographs Collection at Southern Methodist University.

➤ Handbook of African American Texas

While African Americans have been subjected to slavery, segregation, and discrimination during this long history, they have made significant contributions to the growth and development of Texas and have been part of the landscape of Texas for as long as Europeans and their descendants. Living and working with other ethnic groups, they have helped create a unique Texas culture and have influenced Texas policies and social standards. The *Handbook of African American Texas* is created to capture that history and includes many more entries on African American personalities, institutions, organizations, events, and places. This online handbook has more than 850 entries on African Americans in Texas. This *Handbook* is initiated to capture, to create greater awareness, and to increase research on the roles and contributions that Afro-Texans (individuals, groups, and organizations) have made to their neighborhoods, cities, state, and often the nation and beyond. Many of the new entries are enriched with illustrations.

➤ Handbook of Tejano History

During the Spanish colonial era, the term *Tejano* was primarily applied to Spanish settlers of the region now known as the state of Texas. The story of Texas is

incomplete without celebrating its Tejano influence. Handbook of Tejano History, which contains more than 1,200 entries, including 300 new entries, detailing the critical influence of Tejanos on the Lone Star State, the inspiring stories of prominent Tejano figures and the histories of iconic symbols and traditions. The content of this hand book is divided into Mexican Americans, Spanish Texas, and Mexican Texas.

Kind of Information


The handbook includes articles with good length and gives description in details on given topic. It also includes color images where needed. Within the text, there are hyperlinked words connected to other articles. At the end of the article, there is a bibliography. Most of the articles include sell also references and is connected with related articles. At the end the articles include citation style.

The article on “Tejano Monument” includes depth description on its architectures, creation history with color images. One of those is:



After the article, it includes bibliography. After every article, the most popular articles, the recent added articles are linked.

Special Features

- The hand book provides print friendly version of the articles.
- For all articles, there is an option-  , which make possible for users to report to the administrator whenever they notice wrong information in the articles or the case of omiting important one.
- The hand book is linked with “The Texas Almanac”.



- The website includes audio books at the left pane of the home page. One have to click on following portion:



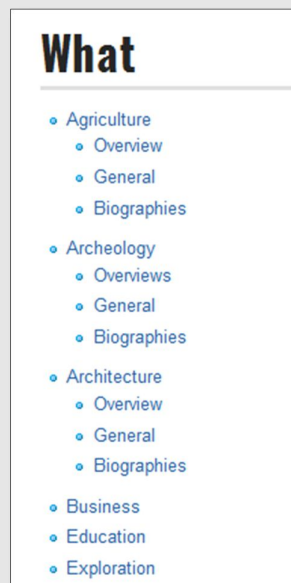
- Along with the hand book the Texas State Historical Association provides TSHA Press where many books and journals can be browsed. The TSHA also includes educational program for students, teachers, and other adults. These programs encourage active learning through hands-on activities, research, and engagement. It also have linked with its own published journal “The Southwestern Historical Quarterly” which brings the latest and most authoritative research in Texas history to a wide audience of history lovers and scholars. The association is also linked with Texas History Resource Centre.

Arrangement Pattern

Articles in Handbook of Texas Online can be browsed by subject categories and historical time periods as well as alphabetically.

All the titles are arranged alphabetically. The articles are also arranged subject wise. Primarily they are divided into “Who”, “What”, “When”, “Where”. Under these four divisions, the sub division is arranged alphabetically. All sub divisions are further sub divided into “Over view”, “General”, “Biographies” and then the articles are arranged alphabetically.

As for example, under “What” category there are following divisions:



Remarks

The hand book provides miscellaneous information regarding the Texas history, cultures, architectures and many more. The handbook itself is a good resource on Texas. Moreover the Texas State Historical Association, the originator and chief sponsor of the *New Handbook of Texas* also provides many other things which are mentioned before.

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