



A Guide to the Fiesta San Antonio Collection, 1897-2007

Collection Summary

Creator(s): Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library

Title(s): Fiesta San Antonio Collection

Date(s) (Inclusive): 1897-2007

Abstract: The Fiesta San Antonio collection gathers material from various sources, all related to the annual San Antonio, Texas, celebration. Included are invitations, programs, clippings, other printed material, and artifacts.

Identification: DRT 3

Extent(s): 7.5 linear feet (2 document boxes, 3 oversize boxes)

Language(s): Materials are in English.

Repository: [DRT Collection](#)

Collection Details

Historical Note

Fiesta San Antonio had its origins in an 1891 celebration staged to commemorate the events of the Texas Revolution, particularly the Battle of San Jacinto. The first event consisted of a parade and flower battle, which became the annual Battle of Flowers parade.

A number of organizations formed over time to manage portions of the event, including the Battle of Flowers Association, which oversees the parade; the Order of the Alamo, which selects and stages the coronation of Fiesta royalty; and the Texas Cavaliers, which selects a Fiesta King and stages the River Parade. Numerous other organizations such as the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, San Antonio Conservation Society, and the League of United Latin American Citizens also participate.

The Fiesta San Jacinto Association was formed 1913 to coordinate the various activities. Dissension within that organization led to a reorganization in 1959, when the Fiesta San Antonio Commission became the new umbrella entity.

Scope and Content Note

The Fiesta San Antonio Collection is an artificial collection created by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library to gather together original material associated with the annual San Antonio, Texas, event. The collection consists primarily of printed ephemera and artifacts associated with specific Fiesta San Antonio events, including invitations, programs, tickets, newspapers, and clippings.

The collection is arranged by document type. The most extensive items are invitations and programs. Invitations include oversize items issued by the Fiesta San Jacinto Association and, later, the Fiesta San Antonio Commission. These are illustrated and usually include an essay on the Battle of the Alamo or the history of Fiesta. Other invitations are associated with some of the organizations that sponsor Fiesta events, including the Battle of Flowers Association, Order of the Alamo, and Texas Cavaliers.

Programs include small brochures containing a list of events and souvenir programs for the entire celebration. Items associated with the various organizations are also found here and include a number of programs and souvenir programs for the coronation of Fiesta royalty, organized by the Order of the Alamo.

Artifacts produced by the participating organizations and as general mementoes include badges, medals, ribbons, and fans.

Collection Restrictions

Access Restrictions

No restrictions. The collection is open for research.

Usage Restrictions

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

Materials were donated by various individuals and gathered by staff at the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library. This is an artificial collection.

Processing Information

Processed by Warren Stricker, 1997 April.

Finding aid edited and encoded by Caitlin Donnelly, 2010 November.

Updated to EAD3 by Rebeka Delgado, 2021 March.

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Other Resources

Related Material

Several collections within the DRT Collection and other repositories document the history of Fiesta and various events held in conjunction with it, including:

Battle of Flowers Association (San Antonio, Tex.) Records, 1895-, Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas.

Ralph H. Durkee Fiesta San Jacinto Papers, 1925-1952, Doc 7830, DRT Collection.

[Reynolds Andricks Fiesta Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1935-1977, Col 7674](#), DRT Collection.

Order of the Alamo (San Antonio, Tex.) Records, 1909-1990, Col 6096, DRT Collection.

[Fiesta San Antonio Commission Records, 1898, 1926-2005, MS 30](#), University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries Special Collections.

Subject Terms

Index Terms :

- **Organizations :**

- Battle of Flowers Association (San Antonio, Tex.)
- Order of the Alamo (San Antonio, Tex.)
- Texas Cavaliers (San Antonio, Tex.)

- **Subjects :**

- Fairs and fiestas--Texas--San Antonio.
- Fiesta San Antonio (San Antonio, Tex.)

- **Locations :**

Places

- San Antonio (Tex.)--Social life and customs.

- **Genres/Formats :**

- Document Types*

- Badges.
- Invitations.
- Medals.
- Newspapers.
- Printed ephemera.
- Souvenir programs.

Inventory

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Detailed Description of the Collection

▼ **Title:** Fiesta San Antonio Collections, 1897-2007

Title: Proclamations, 1940 and 1941

Box 1

Title: Invitations, 1904-1995

Box 1

Title: San Antonio Spring Carnival and Battle of Flowers, 1904

Box 1

Title: Fiesta San Jacinto, oversize invitations (with illustration and artist), 1935-1960

Title: 1935 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 2 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1936 (*William Barret Travis* by H. D. Pohl; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1937 (*David Crockett* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 4 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1938 (*James Bowie* by Frederick W. Becker; 4 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1939 (*James Bonham* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 5 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1940 (*Dr. Amos Pollard* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1941 (*Mrs. Susan Dickerson* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1946 (*Jacob C. Darst* by Warren Hunter; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1947 (*Tapley Holland* by Warren Hunter; 4 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1948 (*John W. Smith* by Warren Hunter; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1949 (*Major Robert Evans* by James Frazer; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 1

Title: 1950 (*Micajah Autry* by John Francis Lewis; 7 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1951 (*Gregorio Esparza* by Cecil Lang Casebier; 6 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1952 (*Green B. Jameson* by James L. Frazer; 5 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1953 (*William Barret Travis* by Ruth Conerly Zachrisson; 5 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1954 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 6 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1955 (*The Alamo* by Herbert Barnard; 8 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1956 (The Alamo, photograph; 6 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1957 (The Alamo, photograph; 2 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1958 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 2 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1959 (*The Alamo* by Herbert Barnard)

Box Oversize 2

Title: 1960 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 3 copies)

Box Oversize 2

Title: Fiesta San Jacinto, 1955

Box 1

Title: Fiesta San Antonio Commission, *The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt, 3 copies, 1960

Box Oversize 2

Title: Fiesta San Antonio Commission, 1961

Box 1

Title: Pilgrimage to the Alamo, 1942-1995 and undated

Box 1

Title: Battle of Flowers Association events, 1980

Box 1

Title: Order of the Alamo events, 1967

Box 1

Title: Queen of Soul, 1979

Box 1

Title: San Antonio Conservation Society events, 1979

Box 1

Title: Texas Cavaliers events, 1959-1964

Box 1

Title: Programs, 1927-2007

Box 1

Title: General schedules, 1941 and 1961

Box 1

Title: Fiesta programs, 1940-2007

Box 1

Title: Fiesta souvenir programs, 1952-1984

Box 1

Title: Battle of Flowers Association Parade, 1941, 2001, and 2007

Box 1

Title: Battle of Flowers Association Fete, 1937 and 1948

Box 1

Title: Battle of Flowers Association Pageant, 1955

Box 1

Title: Corny-ation, 1956 and 1957

Box 1

Title: Order of the Alamo Coronation, 1928-1977

Box 1

Title: Order of the Alamo souvenir programs, 1927-1996

Box 1

Title: Texas Cavaliers River Pageant, 1950 and 1963

Box 1

Title: Texas Cavaliers Tournament of the Roses, 1928 and 1929

Box 1

Title: Dance cards, 1914

Box 1

Title: Tickets

Box 1

Title: Newspapers and clippings, 1897-1985

Box Oversize 3

Title: *San Antonio Express Magazine* , 1948 April 25

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Title: North San Antonio *Times* , 1978 April 20 and 1985 April 25

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Title: North San Antonio *Times* /Northwest *Times* , 1976 April 22 and 1977 April 21

Box Oversize 3

Title: Clippings, 1897-1978

Box Oversize 3

Title: Miscellaneous printed material

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Title: Artifacts, 1941-2007

Title: Battle of Flowers Association

Title: Buttons, 2006-2007

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Title: Fans, 2006-2007

Box Oversize 3

Title: Necklaces, 2005-2007

Box 2

Title: Fiesta San Jacinto Association

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Title: Officer's badges, 1941, 1946, and 1948

Box 2

Title: Order of the Alamo

Box 2

Title: Medals, circa 2000-2007

Box 2

Title: Ribbons

Box Oversize 3

Title: Texas Cavaliers

Title: King Antonio medals, 1963-2006

Box 2

Title: Souvenir badges and medals

Box 2

Title: Alamo, 2002-2007

Box 2

Title: Fiesta San Jacinto, 1958

Box 2

Title: Gloria L. Ray, 2001

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