

Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives Mission Statement

In order to support the Museum of South Texas History's dedication to preserving and presenting the borderland heritage of South Texas and northeastern Mexico, the Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives' mission is to contribute to the preservation and transmission of culture by identifying, collecting, protecting, and making available distinctive archival materials of enduring historical value that document life in the borderland region.

Strengths of the collections include the citrus industry records, ranch histories, the Mexican-American War, the Plan de San Diego, newspaper photographs, and photo studio records and photographs. The Archives holds the largest collection of historical photographs within the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Access to Archival Materials

Archival holdings are open to all researchers, but only copies may leave Museum premises since it does not serve as a lending library. No charge is made for on-site research. The staff does not conduct research for patrons.

Staff must remain present during in-house research, and only staff may remove from boxes or publications shelves, or put same back on shelves.

Researchers wishing to examine archival materials must contact the Archivist at 956-383-6911 to make an appointment to visit the Margaret H. McAllen Memorial Archives (MHMMA) reading room.

Reading Room hours (07/09/2014):

Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 am – noon and 1:00 pm – 3 pm