



CIUDAD JUÁREZ, CHIHUAHUA

El Archivo Histórico de la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe The Historic Archive of the Cathedral of Senora Guadalupe

The Archivo de la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe is located in the administrative offices underneath the Cathedral on the west side of the Plaza de Armas in downtown Ciudad Juarez.

Mailing Address: From U.S.: P.O. Box 1145, El Paso, TX 79947

From Mexico: Apdo. 53. Ciudad Juárez, 32000 Chihuahua

Phone: (011-52) 656-615-5562

The main foci are the Libro Bautismos (Book of Baptisms), Libro Confirmaciones (Book of Confirmations), Libro de Defunciones (Book of Deaths) and a collection known as Oficios Varios (various documents) that cover the period from about 1750 to the present. Inquiries should be directed to either the Archbishop or Martha I. Arroyo de Orozco.

Open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

El Archivo Histórico de Ciudad Juárez The Historic Archive of Ciudad Juárez

Ignacio Ramirez #325 in Parque Borunda

Phone: (011-52) 656-616-3767 ext. 17

www.juarez.gob.mx

The Historic Archive of Ciudad Juarez (AHCJ) houses over 5,600 books that contain the minutes of the Juarez City Council meetings from 1726 to 1970 as well as other documents relating to the city government. Don Felipe Talavera Garcia is the custodian of the AHCJ.

Open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Centro del Imagen: Camino Real del Museo Histórico la ex Aduana Fronteriza de Ciudad Juárez

The Center for the Study of Images: Camino Real

Corner of Av. 16 de Septiembre and Av. Juarez in downtown Ciudad Juarez

Phone: (011-52) 656-612-4707

The Centro del Imagen Camino Real contains about 1,100 digitized photos and negatives of Ciudad Juarez and the border region (Fondo Sepulveda: 1,000); Chihuahua between 1920 and 1925 (Fondo Flores: 50); and the Aduana (custom house) itself at the beginning of the 20th century (Fondo Bauche: 50). This collection is available for consultation only. The original owners have retained the rights for copying and reproduction.

Open by appointment only.

Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (UACJ) Colecciones Especiales Special Collections of the Autonomous University of Ciudad Juarez

Housed in the university Main Library, in the Institute of Social and Administrative Sciences (ICSA) Campus

Av. Heroico Colegio Militar 3775, Ciudad Juárez, 32310 Chihuahua

Phone: (011-52) 656-688-3870

www.uacj.mx/bibliotecas

The Main Library is located just south of the Bridge of the Americas and to the east of the Megabandera (The Giant Flag). There are twelve collections (fondos) five of which are thematic and seven based on private libraries that the university inherited. Fondo Universitario, Fondo Jurídico, Fondo Chihuahua, Fondo Antiguo y Raro and Fondo General fall into the first category, while Fondo Fuentes Mares, Fondo J. L. Orozco, Fondo R. Melgar, Fondo Guillermo Rousset, Fondo Rubén Lau, Fondo Enrique Semo and Fondo Federico Ferro Gay were donated by their namesakes or their relatives. We also have the Fondo Pictográfico where we show an important collection of post cards related with Mexico, from the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century. The range of materials is extensive and includes manuscripts of Fuentes Mares and Enrique Semo, and books, pamphlets and documents important to the history of Chihuahua.

Inquiries should be directed to Fabián Iguarán, figuaran@uacj.mx the archivist.

Open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MESILLA VALLEY

Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces

1280 Med Park Dr.

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

Phone: (575) 523-7577

www.dioceseflascruces.org

The archives collection of the diocese of Las Cruces is dedicated to the history of the Catholic Church in Southern New Mexico, particularly focusing on the years since its inception as a separate diocese in 1982. A limited amount of genealogical records are held there, although most are retained by individual parishes, especially those more recent than 1940. All other records pertain directly to parish history and diocesan office collections. Some are restricted.

Open Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Archival research by

appointment only.

Doña Ana County Historical Society

P.O. Box 16045

Las Cruces, NM 88004

Phone: (575) 526-9774

www.DonaAnaCountyHistSoc.org

The mission of the Doña Ana County Historical Society is to encourage and promote a greater appreciation and knowledge of the historical and cultural heritage of southern New Mexico.

Services provided by website only.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

4100 Dripping Springs Road

Las Cruces, NM 88011-5067

Phone: (575) 522-4100

www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org

The Museum Library and Archives primarily provides resources for the development of exhibits, programs, and interpretation. Material that may be of interest to the public includes: over 4,000 books on local and agricultural history of New Mexico and the region; the Rare Books Collection, including state Brand Books; interviews generated by the Museum's Oral History Program; and archival materials related to the history of the museum or its supporting Foundation.

Archival research by appointment only.

New Mexico State University Library, Archives, and Special Collections Department

Rio Grande Historical Collections

New Mexico State University Library MSC 3475

P.O. Box 30006

Las Cruces, NM 88003-3006

Phone: (575) 646-3839

archives.nmsu.edu

The New Mexico State University Library, Archives and Special Collections Department serves several functions as a repository for non-current university and administrative records (Hobson-Huntsinger University Archives) and for research records of organizations, manuscripts and personal papers (Rio Grande Historical Collections), maps, books and other special collections documenting the cultural heritage and history of New Mexico, the Spanish Borderlands, and the Southwest.

Open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays

White Sands Missile Range Museum

Building 200 Headquarters Ave.

P.O. Box 400

White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002-0400

Phone: (575) 678-8824

www.wsmr-history.org

The archives are a project of the WSMR Museum, housed in a building on WSMR. They are not a federal archive, but rather a collection of publications, movies, videotapes and photos dealing with all aspects of WSMR, plus personal papers and photos donated to the museum.

Archival research by appointment or by using the museum website.



Guide to

Archives of El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, & Mesilla Valley

The members of the Border Regional Archives Group (BRAG) are dedicated to promoting the use of the archival resources of our area and assuring the preservation and accessibility of those historical documents. The collaborative group consists of a membership that includes public library systems, museums, universities, government repositories, historical societies, and a foundation. The area represented by the group encompasses a two-nation, three-state, metropolitan region.

The archival collections contain photographs and other materials of interest on an international scale including the Taft-Díaz presidential visit, the Mexican Revolution, the United States Cavalry in the El Paso area, early settlers, mission architecture, early 20th century medical technology, railroads in the U.S. and Mexico, architectural records, and many other subjects.

A web version of this brochure can be found at:
www.epcounty.com/history/border_archives.htm



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EL PASO, TEXAS

Border Heritage Center of the El Paso Public Library

501 North Oregon St.

El Paso, TX 79901

Phone: (915) 543-5440

www.elpasopubliclibrary.org

The purpose of the Border Heritage Center is to acquire, preserve, and provide access to materials that are of historical significance to the El Paso–Juárez Border Region.

The center’s collections are comprised of books, photographs, architectural drawings, postcards, vertical files, and archives. Popular collections include the Aultman Photograph Collection of early 20th century El Paso and the Mexican Revolution, the architectural drawings of Henry Trost (residences and buildings throughout TX, AZ, and NM), the El Paso City Directories and newspaper index (date back to 1885), and the postcard collection showcases the Southwest through it’s broad range in subject matter.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Borderlands Website of

El Paso Community College, Northwest Campus

www.epcc.edu/nwlibrary/border/index.htm

Borderlands on the Web is an annual El Paso Community College collaborative project between students, faculty and librarians. The articles are researched and written by students on local history of El Paso, New Mexico, and the Mexican Border. They are first published as an annual insert to the *El Paso Times*. Then the articles are indexed and have been placed online since 1990. Each article is linked to relevant Internet material and has photographs or drawings. Besides the subject index, Borderlands features two research guides. The emails received by the library staff show that Borderlands has a worldwide audience.

C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department of The University of Texas at El Paso Library

Wiggins and Rim Road, University of Texas at El Paso campus;

University of Texas at El Paso Library

El Paso, TX 79968-0582

Phone: (915) 747-5697

libraryweb.utep.edu/special/special.cfm

The C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department is located on the sixth floor of the University of Texas at El Paso Library. Its mission is to acquire, preserve, and make available rare book, manuscript, photograph, and oral history collections with a focus on El Paso and the border region. Holdings include more than 550 manuscript collections and 70 photograph collections; the oral history collection contains almost 1,000 interviews. Several thematic book collections are available, including the Southwest and Border Studies Collection, the S. L. A. Marshall Military History Collection, and the Carl Hertzog Collection on printing and book design. Open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

El Paso County Historical Society

603 West Yandell Drive

El Paso, TX 79902

Phone: (915) 533-3603

www.elpasohistory.com

The El Paso County Historical Society’s Jane Burges Perrenot Historical Research Center offers researchers the following historical and archival resources of El Paso: City Directories dating back to the late 1880’s, the society’s quarterly journal PASSWORD (since 1956), photographs and postcards of the El Paso area, Mexican Revolution, and international subjects, documents, maps, publications, yearbooks, scrapbooks, news clippings, architectural drawings, etc. The society will help researchers with online and in-house research, please visit the society’s website for more information and searchable databases. Open Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Other times by appointment.

El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center

715 N. Oregon

El Paso, TX 79902

Phone: (915) 351-0048



www.elpasoholocaustmuseum.org

The El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center was established to educate the public about the Nazi Holocaust and to honor those who perished as well as those who survived. The museum houses exhibits that trace the rise of the Third Reich, the mass deportations of millions of German and European citizens to ghettos and concentration camps, their valiant resistance efforts and the liberation of the camps by Allied Forces in the closing days of World War II.

As part of the Study Center, the public is invited to search through hundreds of Holocaust-related books, some of which were written by El Paso Holocaust survivors. Also available are videotaped testimonies of Holocaust survivors who made El Paso their home. The material must be viewed on the premises.

Hours are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 – 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission is free.

El Paso County Records Management and Archives

800 East Overland Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 330

El Paso, TX 79901

Phone: (915) 546-8110

www.epcounty.com/clerk/recordsmgmt.htm

The mission of the El Paso County Records Management and Archives is to provide secure and permanent storage for the official records of El Paso County, Texas, and to preserve records of historical significance that document the history of El Paso County. Access to records and archives is by appointment only, please call to schedule an appointment.

El Paso Medical Heritage Foundation Museum

1301 Montana Ave.

El Paso, TX 79902

Phone: (915) 533-0940

This museum, founded in 1966, has a collection of 19th and 20th century written records and artifacts pertaining to the medical history of El Paso. Letters, photographs, medical books, journals, instruments, and medical equipment are displayed in three period theme rooms. There is an early 20th century Postcard Collection, a complete set of Stereoscopic Anatomical cards, and a collection of prescription labels from many former local pharmacies. Open by appointment only, November through April. Please call to schedule an appointment or tour.

El Paso Museum of History

501 N. Santa Fe St.

El Paso, Texas 79901

Phone: (915) 351-3588

www.elpasotexas.gov/history

The Museum highlights the heritage of the Southwest from American Indians and Spanish explorers to stagecoach travelers and cavalry soldiers. The Museum maintains a small collection of original photographs and other materials that support its research and exhibit activities. Topics include prominent El Paso people and buildings, horse cavalry at Ft. Bliss during the 20th century, the Mexican Revolution, photograph albums and scrapbooks from the 1890’s, and material on the W.R. Brown and Crockett families.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday Noon – 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays and City Holidays.

El Paso Scottish Rite Library

301 W. Missouri

El Paso, Texas 79901

Phone: (915) 533-4409

www.elpasoscottishrite.org

The El Paso Scottish Rite Library, Archives and Museum is dedicated to exhibiting, caring for and the study of Masonic books. Prints and antiquities that reflect the history and experience of Freemasons in the American Culture and around the world are proudly displayed. The Library houses about 3,000 books. The archives hold several manuscript collections and the official records and papers of The Scottish Rite and Masonry. In the museum; artifacts available for viewing are Masonic documents, jewelry, ceramics, and glassware. Museum Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Heritage House of the University of Texas at El Paso

Kerby Lane & Randolph Drive (inside UTEP campus)

Mailing address: c/o Alumni Office, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX 79968

Phone: (915) 747-5700 or (915) 747-5592

Heritage House makes available to researchers a variety of past University and student publications; historic videotapes; files on past faculty and outstanding alumni; course catalogs; commencement programs; memorabilia such as athletic uniforms; pep squad costumes; commemorative jewelry; and a limited archive of photographs. Open Wednesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and other hours by appointment.

Magoffin Home State Historic Site

1120 Magoffin Avenue

El Paso, TX 79901

Phone: (915) 533-5147

www.thc.state.tx.us

The Magoffin Home State Historic Site is El Paso’s only house museum. The 19 room adobe is a prime example of Territorial-style architecture. Visitors to the home are engaged in the history of El Paso, Texas and the Southwest Borderlands. 19th and 20th century architecture, social and cultural history, and material culture are exhibited and interpreted. Documents and photographs are archived on site. Open Tuesday – Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Guided tours are given on the hour with the last one at 4:00 p.m. Please call for group tour information and reservations. Adults: \$3.00 Children 12 and under are free.

FORT BLISS, TEXAS

Requirements for entrance into Fort Bliss:

Valid Driver’s License

Current Vehicle Registration

Proof of Insurance

Fort Bliss Curatorial Facility

Directorate of Public Works–Environmental Division

Building 624, Pleasonton Road

Fort Bliss, TX 79916

Phone: (915) 568-6697

Preservation and management of cultural resources is a mission of the Fort Bliss Curatorial Facility. Operated by the Directorate of Public Works–Environmental Division, the curatorial facility is the repository for documents and artifacts generated by cultural resources activities conducted by Fort Bliss and other federal organizations. The facility, currently housed in an adaptively re-used 1935 historic stable building, comprises almost 5,500 square feet of climate controlled storage for artifacts and documents. Open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Access to facility is monitored and will require advance notice and Directorate of Public Works–Environmental Division approval.

Fort Bliss Museums and Study Center

Building 1735, Marshall Road, ATSC-GC-M

Fort Bliss, TX79916-3802

Phone: (915) 568-5412

The Fort Bliss Museum holds archival documents, photographs and a reference library directly related to the founding and history of the post (1840 – present), tenant units and military history in general. Open by appointment Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Archives access is by prior arrangement only.

Mickelsen Libraries at Fort Bliss (includes both the Fort Bliss Community Library & the Air Defense Artillery School Library)

Building 2E, Sheridan Road

Fort Bliss, TX 79916

Community Library Phone: (915) 568-6154

Community Library Web Address: www.blissmwr.com/Library

ADA School Library Phone: (915) 568-1902

ADA School Library Web Address: airdefense.bliss.army.mil/library

The ADA School Library primarily contains materials related to military battles and campaigns; however materials on Southwest history are also available. The Community Library contains many of the materials found in a typical city branch library. Both libraries are open to the public, but only personnel assigned to Fort Bliss may check out materials.

The ADA School Library is open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Community Library is open Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.

U.S. Army Museum of the Noncommissioned Officer

Bldg. 11331 SSG Simms Street

Fort Bliss, TX 79918-8002

Mailing address: ATSS-SM, USASMA Fort Bliss, TX 79918-8002

Phone: (915) 568-8646

Founded in 1975, the U.S. Army Museum of the Noncommissioned Officer portrays the history of the NCO and provides a place for historical research. Museum exhibits present a chronological development of the NCO from 1775 to the present. Exhibits emphasize the NCO’s evolution and his role as a small-unit combat leader, trainer, and bearer of the standards by including uniforms, equipment, weapons, and chevrons. Open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Historical Office & Learning Resources Center

11291 SGT E. Churchill Street

Fort Bliss, TX 79918-8002

Learning Resources Center Phone: (915) 568-8451

Historical Office Phone: (915) 568-9978

The U.S. Army Sergeant’s Major Academy Historical Office provides historical information and maintains archival material relating to the academy and the noncommissioned officer corps. It also provides historical reference services for the NCO Corps and the public. Please contact Dr. Robert H. Bouilly for further information. The Learning Resources Center contains a comprehensive collection with emphasis on U.S. and world military history, and the history of the U.S. Army noncommissioned officer corps. A special collection includes U.S. Army unit histories, older works of military history, and autographed books. Open 58 hours per week. Closed Saturdays, Federal and Training Holidays. Available to the general public for in-house use or through interlibrary loan.