

Collin County Genealogical Society
Digital Projects Committee
September 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Accomplishments

The Digital Projects committee met throughout the year via zoom. The following list highlights some of our efforts to make Collin County history and genealogy freely available to the public online.

- **Passed one-half-million uses of CCGS materials on the Portal to Texas History in January 2025!**
- Received UNT's "Rescuing Texas History Mini Grant" to digitize four Plano City Directories at no cost to CCGS. UNT uploaded the images to the Portal to Texas History in January 2025.
- Monitored progress of Collin County Historical Commission (CCHC) grant to digitize 20 McKinney City Directories provided by the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Library in McKinney. As of June 1, 2025, UNT was still in the process of digitizing the city directories.
- Worked with Texas State Library and Archives Commission and UNT to digitize two additional McKinney City Directories (1902 and 1922) at no cost to CCGS. UNT now has the directories.
- Worked with the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) Libraries Special Collections to make the McKinney and Milam Family Papers available online. About 950 images, including letters, land surveys, and legal and financial documents, from 1766 – 1902, were uploaded March 2025. https://mavmatrix.uta.edu/specialcollections_mckinneymilamfamily/
- Member Tracy Hancock, a descendant of Collin McKinney's brother, Daniel, participated in and helped plan Collin McKinney Day in Anna, Texas on April 12. UTA also attended to publicize the McKinney and Milam Family Papers digitization project.
- Worked with FamilySearch volunteers at the Dallas Public Library to make additional books about Collin McKinney publically available on FamilySearch Books. <https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/books/>
- Started project to transcribe oral histories from "Collin County – The Way It Was: As Told by the Pioneers Who Lived Its History," a 1976 Bicentennial project. The transcripts will be published in future issues of *Collin Chronicles* and also placed online on the McKinney Public Library's website. <https://www.mckinneytexas.org/1490/Oral-Histories>
- Met with Ana Krahmer and other UNT staff for a tour of UNT's Digital Projects Unit.
- Presented program at January 2025 CCGS meeting.

In Progress

- Monitor UNT's progress in digitizing 20 McKinney City Directories.
- Apply for 2025 UNT "Rescuing Texas History Mini-Grant" to complete digitization of all known surviving Collin County City Directories from 1878 to 1999. (Application due August 7)
 - 1878, 1884, 1948, 1956 Supplement, 1971 Supplement of McKinney City Directories
 - 1980 and 1981 Plano City Directories
 - 1944 and 1947 Plano Telephone books
- Continue transcribing Bicentennial oral histories.
- Work with UNT and Plano Public Library to digitize 1925, 1926 *McKinney Weekly Democrat-Gazette* at no cost to CCGS. Currently, there are no Collin County newspapers for these two years on the Portal to Texas History.
- Continue researching possible projects, including digitizing magazines, church histories, newsletters, and oral histories.

Thanks to all the committee members!

George Bull, Tracy Hancock, LuAnne Jones, Beverly Lenoir, and Frances Long.

Submitted by
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Digital Project Team Members at UNT (not present, George Bull)