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Fiesta San Antonio Collection, 1897-2007

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

Descriptive Summary

Title:	Fiesta San Antonio Collection
Dates:	1897-2007
Creator	Fiesta San Antonio originated with an 1891 celebration staged to commemorate events of the Texas Revolution. A parade, which became the annual Battle of Flowers parade, was joined in following years by other events, under several organizations. The overall celebration became Fiesta San Jacinto, under the Fiesta San Jacinto Association. The name was changed under a reorganization in 1959, placing the event under a new umbrella entity, the Fiesta San Antonio Commission.
Abstract:	
Content	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.
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Identification:	DRT 3
Extent:	7.5 linear feet (2 document boxes, 3 oversize boxes)
Language:	Materials are in English.
Repository:	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

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.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

No restrictions. The collection is open for research.

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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

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

Genres/Formats

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

Related Material

Several collections at the DRT Library 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-, Col 6848, Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, San Antonio, Texas.

Ralph H. Durkee Fiesta San Jacinto Papers, 1925-1952, Doc 7830, Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, San Antonio, Texas.

[Reynolds Andricks Fiesta Scrapbooks and Photographs, 1935-1977, Col 7674](#), Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, San Antonio, Texas.

Order of the Alamo (San Antonio, Tex.) Records, 1909-1990, Col 6096, Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, San Antonio, Texas.

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

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

Processed by Warren Stricker, 1997 April.

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

Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Fiesta San Antonio Collections, 1897-2007

Box

- 1 Proclamations, 1940 and 1941
Invitations, 1904-1995
San Antonio Spring Carnival and Battle of Flowers, 1904
Fiesta San Jacinto, oversize invitations (with illustration and artist),
1935-1960

Box

- Oversize 1935 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 2 copies)
1
1936 (*William Barret Travis* by H. D. Pohl; 3 copies)
1937 (*David Crockett* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 4 copies)
1938 (*James Bowie* by Frederick W. Becker; 4 copies)
1939 (*James Bonham* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 5 copies)
1940 (*Dr. Amos Pollard* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 3 copies)
1941 (*Mrs. Susan Dickerson* by Harry Anthony DeYoung; 3
copies)
1946 (*Jacob C. Darst* by Warren Hunter; 3 copies)

1947 (*Tapley Holland* by Warren Hunter; 4 copies)
1948 (*John W. Smith* by Warren Hunter; 3 copies)
1949 (*Major Robert Evans* by James Frazer; 3 copies)

Box

Oversize
2

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

1951 (*Gregorio Esparza* by Cecil Lang Casebier; 6 copies)
1952 (*Green B. Jameson* by James L. Frazer; 5 copies)
1953 (*William Barret Travis* by Ruth Conerly Zachrisson; 5 copies)
1954 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 6 copies)
1955 (*The Alamo* by Herbert Barnard; 8 copies)
1956 (*The Alamo*, photograph; 6 copies)
1957 (*The Alamo*, photograph; 2 copies)
1958 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 2 copies)
1959 (*The Alamo* by Herbert Barnard)
1960 (*The Alamo* by P. L. Hohnstedt; 3 copies)

Box

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Fiesta San Jacinto, 1955

Box

Oversize
2

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

Box

1

Fiesta San Antonio Commission, 1961
Pilgrimage to the Alamo, 1942-1995 and undated
Battle of Flowers Association events, 1980
Order of the Alamo events, 1967
Queen of Soul, 1979
San Antonio Conservation Society events, 1979
Texas Cavaliers events, 1959-1964
Programs, 1927-2007
General schedules, 1941 and 1961
Fiesta programs, 1940-2007
Fiesta souvenir programs, 1952-1984
Battle of Flowers Association Parade, 1941, 2001, and 2007
Battle of Flowers Association Fete, 1937 and 1948
Battle of Flowers Association Pageant, 1955
Corn-y-ation, 1956 and 1957
Order of the Alamo Coronation, 1928-1977
Order of the Alamo souvenir programs, 1927-1996

Texas Cavaliers River Pageant, 1950 and 1963
Texas Cavaliers Tournament of the Roses, 1928 and 1929
Dance cards, 1914
Tickets

Box

Oversize
3

Newspapers and clippings, 1897-1985

San Antonio Express Magazine, 1948 April 25
North San Antonio Times, 1978 April 20 and 1985 April 25
North San Antonio Times/Northwest Times, 1976 April 22 and 1977
April 21
Clippings, 1897-1978

Box

1

Miscellaneous printed material
Artifacts, 1941-2007
Battle of Flowers Association

Box

2

Buttons, 2006-2007

Box

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3

Fans, 2006-2007

Box

2

Necklaces, 2005-2007
Fiesta San Jacinto Association
Officer's badges, 1941, 1946, and 1948
Order of the Alamo
Medals, circa 2000-2007

Box

Oversize
3

Ribbons

Texas Cavaliers

Box

2

King Antonio medals, 1963-2006
Souvenir badges and medals
Alamo, 2002-2007
Fiesta San Jacinto, 1958
Gloria L. Ray, 2001