

# The NEATLINE

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Spring 2014



## TEXAS MAPS

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For meeting details, please see pages 3 - 4.

#### Front cover image

E. F. Lee, Map of Texas, *Containing the Latest Grants & Discoveries*, map on paper with linen backing, 32 x 22 cm., in David B. Edward, *The History of Texas; or, The Emigrant's, Farmer's, and Politician's Guide to the Character, Climate, Soil and Productions of that Country* (Cincinnati: J. A. James & Co., 1836). The Texas Collection, Baylor University Libraries, Waco, Texas

#### Screened image

William Hooker, *Map of the state of Coahuila and Texas*, map on paper, 27 x 34 cm., in Mary Austin Holley, *Texas: Observations, Historical, Geographical and Descriptive* (Baltimore: Armstrong & Plaskitt, 1833). The Texas Collection, Baylor University Libraries, Waco, Texas

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the spring 2014 issue of *The Neatline* goes to press, a number of TMS members and yours truly are busy planning programs and activities for the 2014 year. Both the spring and fall meetings are looking to be special indeed.

On April 4-5, 2014, the TMS will be meeting for the first time at Baylor University in Waco, a meeting hosted by the University Library's Texas Collection and John Wilson, its director. The Texas Collection has an impressive map collection and map room, and I am sure our members will be impressed by its depth and breadth. Also, the meeting and its speakers will be focusing on Texas Maps, a favorite topic of TMS members as shown on the interest statements you complete with your renewals (and, yes, we do read those statements and try to target programs accordingly). For more information about the spring meeting, see Ben Huseman's article elsewhere in this issue.

On October 16-17, 2014, the TMS and the Rocky Mountain Map Society will be meeting in conjunction with the Ninth Biennial Virginia Garrett Lectures at UT Arlington. The topic for the meeting will be "The Price of Manifest Destiny: Wars in the American Southwest, 1819-1865," and the line-up of speakers is impressive. For more information about the meeting, take a look at the "save the date" flyer on the society's website at <http://www.texasmapsociety.org/events.html>.

Following the fall meeting and for the first time in the DFW area, the TMS and Rocky Mountain Map Society will be sponsoring the popular Map Fair of the West at the beautiful Museum of Biblical Art in North Dallas on October 18-19. There will be map dealers from across the country and around the world displaying and selling their maps and other cartographic items. In addition, we are planning educational break-out sessions for attendees while the fair is going on—sessions that will focus on topics such as map conservation and preservation, map collecting, and other topics of interest to map aficionados. This fair has been a big success in Denver, and, in the interest of reciprocity, the TMS will be the primary host for it in Dallas. Dianne Powell, Shirley Applewhite, Ben Huseman, Myron West, and others have been busy planning the fair.

Be sure you mark your calendars now for the spring and fall meetings...and the map fair!

I also want to encourage you to complete and return the membership survey that is in this issue. Dave Murph and the Membership Committee have worked hard to develop the survey based on past surveys and are eager to analyze its results to improve programming, boost participation and volunteerism, and grow the membership of our organization.

Finally, I want to announce that this will be the last issue of *The Neatline* that will be printed and mailed to the physical addresses of our members. The TMS board voted last fall to move the newsletter to an electronic format only. This means that when the fall issue is completed, we will send an email to all members of the society with email addresses (and this includes over 95% of our members), pointing them to the website where the electronic issue will be accessible. For those few who don't have access to email, we will print off and mail a copy of the electronic version to their homes.

2014 is looking to be a landmark year for our organization.

—Gerald D. Saxon, TMS President 2013-2014

## FROM THE EDITOR

As our President Gerald Saxon pointed out in his column, the TMS Board of Directors decided to save money by publishing only digital versions of *The Neatline* from now on. So you will no longer be receiving the glossy 8 page printed edition. Almost all of our members now have access to email and to the web. And the digital version of the newsletter can provide workable links that just aren't possible in a printed version. It also has no restrictions on length, so that makes my job of editing the newsletter much easier.

What makes my job harder is that so few members of the society contribute articles, map images or photos to each edition. In particular, I received only a single photograph taken at the Fall 2013 TMS meeting at SMU. So even if you don't feel that you are much of a writer, perhaps you could act as a photographer for the TMS. A handful of photographs of each meeting would be very helpful in producing a newsletter we can all be proud of.

There are lots of opportunities for each member of the TMS to contribute to improving the society. Be sure to take the survey included in this issue, and then step forward to help with one of the many volunteer opportunities available.

Always remember that all of the archived editions of *The Neatline*, and much more information on the Texas Map Society can always be found at our website at:

[www.TexasMapSociety.org](http://www.TexasMapSociety.org)

- David Finrock

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A **Neatline** is the outermost drawn line surrounding a map. It defines the height and width of the map and usually constrains the cartographic images.



# Spring Along the Brazos!

By Ben Huseman

The Texas Map Society's Spring Meeting will be held this year on **Friday, April 4**, and **Saturday, April 5**, at Baylor University in the fine city of Waco. For those of you who have not updated your maps lately, that's the Waco (Hueco) Indian village located along the Brazos River. The theme of this spring's meeting is "Texas Maps" and should appeal to all. Festivities begin at 3:00 pm on Friday at The Texas Collection, located at the Carroll Library Building on

1429 South 5th Street on the Baylor Campus. We will divide into two groups for tours of The Texas Collection and its map collection as well as the scanning facilities of the Riley Digitization Center, located just a short walk away in the university's central library. At about 4:00 pm the groups will exchange places so everyone will get both tours. A dinner at The Texas Collection will follow from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

The Saturday meeting will be held in the beautiful Armstrong Browning Library, located at 710 Speight Avenue on the Baylor Campus. Late Registration and Breakfast begins there in the Cox Reception Hall at 8:15 am. We will move into the lecture hall by 9:00 am for opening remarks by TMS President **Gerald Saxon** and our Baylor host **John Wilson**, Director of The Texas Collection. The presentations begin with "Lasting Imprint: Indigenous Toponyms along the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands" by **Robert Caldwell**, a Ph.D. history candidate at The University of Texas at Arlington. In a geographically-related talk, **Jim Tiller**, Professor of Geography at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville will explain some maps dealing with the east Texas border and some of the fascinating stories behind them. Afterwards, – and depending upon the weather –, we will have lunch at either the Cox Reception Hall or in the Garden of the Armstrong Browning Library.

In the afternoon, **Walt Wilson**, retired U.S. Navy Captain and former Assistant Director for the Texas Department of



Detail from Rand, McNally and Company, *Map of the Houston & Texas Central Railway*, map on paper, 51 x 51 cm. (Chicago: Rand, McNally and Company, 1880). UT Arlington Libraries Special Collections

Information Resources, will give a presentation on Texas coastal maps used by both Federals and Confederates during the Civil War. **Kenna Lang Archer**, Instructor in the History Department at San Angelo State University, will address local as well as statewide interests with her presentation about mapwork along the Brazos River. Finally, lawyer, former TMS President, historical sleuth, and self-described "serious road map collector" **Jeff Dunn** will survey early Texas road maps

and guidebooks.

Registration is \$70 and includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, and refreshments as well as Friday tours and dinner, but you must indicate which of the latter you plan to attend on the registration brochure or by registering for these online at

<http://www.texasmapsociety.org/events.html>. Register and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible, because a group of rooms are available until March 14 at the Courtyard Waco (Marriott) located at 101 Washington Avenue, Waco, Phone: 1-254-752-8686, Fax: 1-254-752-1011, Toll-Free: 1-800-321-2211. See "<http://cwp.marriott.com/wcocy/txmap>" <http://cwp.marriott.com/wcocy/txmap>.

We hope to see you all there!

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One of the oldest settlements in Texas, Waco is still – despite increasing development and population growth – “bear country.” Like much of Texas, it was once likely included in the vast Bexar Land District, although this should be verified\* by checking old maps. \*In the case of the word “verified” here, we are somewhat confused by the Spanish rule of whether to pronounce the “v” with a hard “b” or soft (fricative) “v” sound, but we believe that, in this case, the former is correct. Thus, we anticipate that, at the conclusion of this upcoming meeting, everything will have been “verified.”



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## FRIDAY, APRIL 4

### 3:00-5:30 pm

#### Early Registration and Tours

The Texas Collection (Carroll Library Building)  
1429 S. 5th St. / One Bear Place #97142  
Waco, TX 76798-7142

#### Directions

<http://www.baylor.edu/lib/texas/index.php?id=38774>

Tours (*in 2 groups*) of The Texas Collection and its map collection and of the scanning facilities at the Riley Digitization Center in the university's central library. At 4:00 pm the groups will exchange places so everyone will get both tours.

### 5:30-7:30 pm

#### Dinner

The Texas Collection

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

### Program

All Saturday presentations will be at the Armstrong Browning Library  
710 Speight Avenue / One Bear Place #97152  
Waco, Texas 76798-7152 (*enter at rear of building*)

#### Directions

<http://www.browninglibrary.org/index.php?id=45913>

### 8:15-9:00 am

#### Registration and Full Breakfast

Cox Reception Hall, Armstrong Browning Library

### 9:00-9:30 am

#### Opening Remarks

Lecture Hall, Armstrong Browning Library

**Gerald Saxon**, TMS President

**John Wilson**, Director, The Texas Collection

### 9:30-10:30 am

*Lasting Imprint: Indigenous Toponyms along the Louisiana-Texas Borderlands*

**Robert Caldwell**

PhD Student

History Department, University of Texas at Arlington

### 10:30-10:45 am

#### Break

Cox Reception Hall, Armstrong Browning Library

### 10:45-11:45 am

#### *Roadkill and Refugees:*

*The Search for the Elusive Corner*

**Jim Tiller**

Professor of Geography

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

### 12:00-1:15 pm

#### Lunch

Cox Reception Hall or Garden

Armstrong Browning Library

### 1:15-2:15 pm

#### *Running the Texas Blockade:*

*Navigating Dangerous Waters*

**Walt Wilson**

Retired U.S. Navy Captain and former Assistant Director for the Texas Department of Information Resources

### 2:15-3:15 pm

*To Highlight the Hills, to Corral the Creeks:*

*Mapwork along the Brazos River*

**Kenna Lang Archer**

Instructor

History Department, San Angelo State University

### 3:15-3:30 pm

#### Break

Cox Reception Hall, Armstrong Browning Library

### 3:30-4:30 pm

*A Survey of Early Texas Road Maps and Guidebooks*

**Jeff Dunn**

Attorney at Law and Road Map Collector, Dallas

### 4:30-4:45 pm

#### Final Remarks



# 2013 Fall Meeting of the Texas Map Society

## Urban Maps and Plans

By Russell Martin

The Texas Map Society held its fall meeting in “Big D” on September 27-28, devoted to the theme of “*Urban Maps and Plans.*” The weekend began with a reception and tour Friday night at the Harlan Crow Library, one of the most extensive private collections in the country. Members had the opportunity to tour the gardens, enjoy the portrait gallery, and gaze upon the bookcases in the library itself, filled with rare books, maps, prints, and manuscripts. Librarian Sam Fore guided members through some of the highlights and Mr. Crow himself graciously greeted and welcomed everyone.

On Saturday morning, after a light breakfast, the meeting officially got underway at the DeGolyer Library on the SMU campus. **Ron Tyler**, former director of the Amon Carter Museum and the Texas State Historical Association, gave a lavishly illustrated talk on “*Texas Bird’s-Eye Views, 1871-1912.*” (A bird’s-eye view of Denison, Texas, was on display at the DeGolyer, as well as several other early maps and plans of Texas



Koch & Fowler, Civil and Landscape Engineers, Dallas, Texas, 1915, photolithograph, 53 x 40 cm. (Dallas: Koch & Fowler, 1915) UT Arlington Library, Special Collections.



TMS members gather to enjoy the reception and tour of the Harlan Crow library. Photo courtesy of Pamalla Anderson

towns.) **Kathryn Holliday**, professor of architectural history at UT-Arlington, spoke on “*DFW Piece by Piece: Using Maps to See the City Grow,*” a fascinating exploration of the intersection between historical maps and current GIS capabilities. **Paula Lupkin**, professor of art history at the University of North Texas, gave a stimulating presentation on “*Mining Data and Maps: Exploring the Great Southwest and the Geospatial Humanities,*” an outgrowth of her current research project on the manifold influence of the city of St. Louis on the economic life and physical development of Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas after the Civil War.

After the morning sessions and a convivial break for lunch, **Alan Lowe**, the director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library at SMU, gave a talk on the nature and function of the Bush Library in particular and the Presidential

libraries in general. Following Mr. Lowe’s presentation, TMS members braved a Texas “gully-washer” and toured the Bush Library itself, on the eastern edge of campus, with a reception in Café 43 to cap off the weekend.

The Map Society extends special thanks to member **Pamalla Anderson**, head of public services at the DeGolyer Library, for facilitating all of the local arrangements. Members should also note that the 1891 Murphy & Bolanz wall map of Dallas, which measures over 11 x 10 feet and is the only known copy, was not able to be installed in time for the meeting in September. However, it is on display now in the Texana Room at the DeGolyer and, given its size and the difficulty of folding it, will no doubt be on display for an extended period. Those who missed seeing it in September are encouraged to visit Dallas and SMU again!



## United States and Texas



The large folio map titled *United States and Texas* is plate number 39 of 46 from W. & A.K. Johnston's *National Atlas of Historical, Commercial and Political Geography of 1843*. With dimensions of about 20 x 24 inches, this British map clearly pictures and describes many fascinating details. In addition to an inset map of the Niagara River, it depicts the evolving boundaries of the American West. Most noticeable

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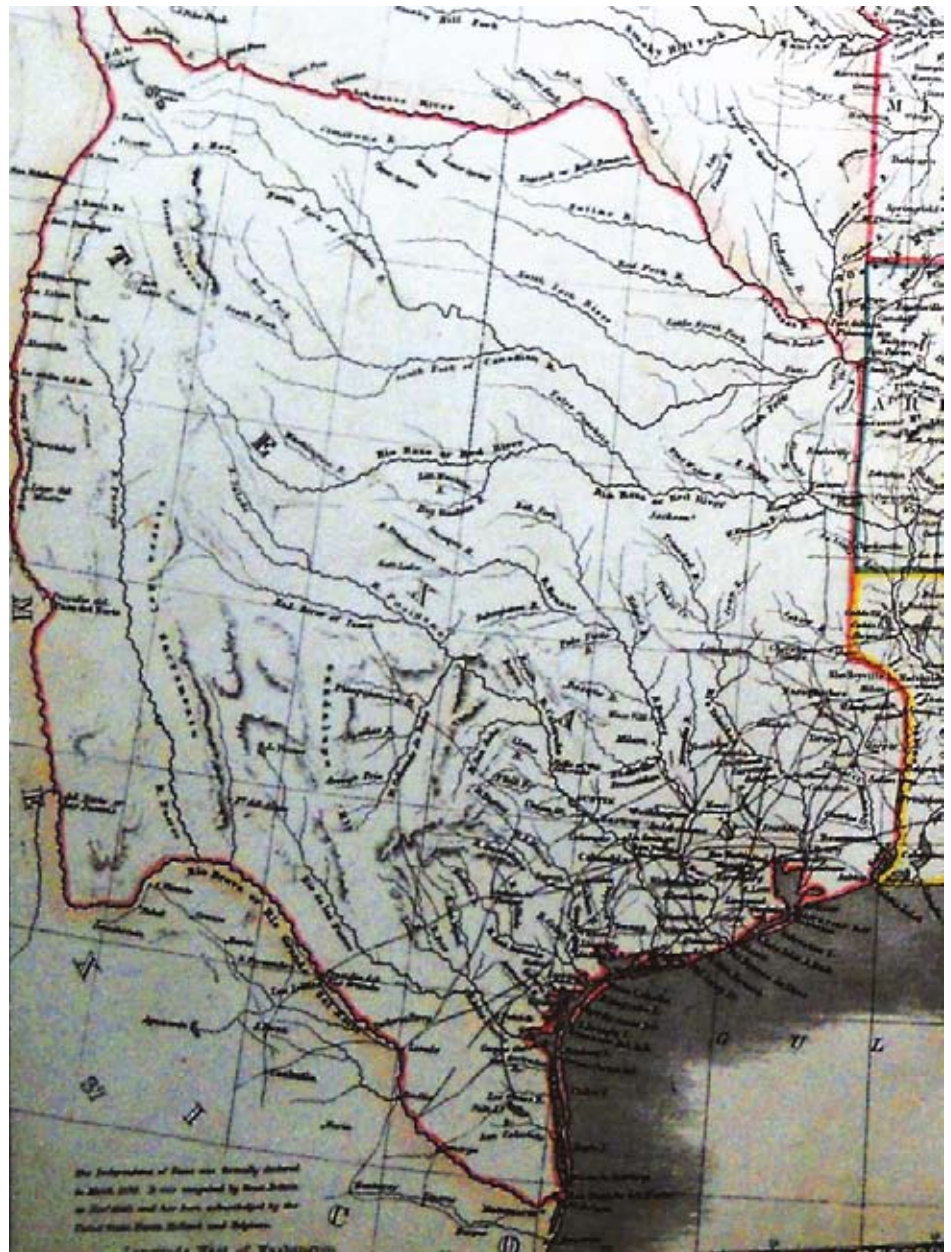


## My Favorite Map *continued*

are the large territories of Iowa and Wisconsin that extend all the way to the Canadian border. In addition to interesting annotations like those showing Native American villages, it has this informative notation: “The Independence of Texas was formally declared in March 1836. It was recognized by Great Britain in Novr. 1840; and has been acknowledged by the United States, France, Holland and Belgium.”

For the Texas map enthusiast, it is the inclusion of “Texas” in the title and the extra-large Republic that attracts the eye and provokes a smile. A.K. Johnston’s map includes all of modern Oklahoma between the Red and the Arkansas Rivers within the borders of Texas. Although it lacks the larger “stovepipe” that stretches up to Wyoming in the far west and improperly subtracts a portion of northeast Texas, this is the largest geographic outline of Texas published between 1835 and 1850. On close examination, it was Johnston’s colorists who absorbed Oklahoma into Texas. The engraved image actually outlines the smaller, but still-oversized, Texas panhandle. This top hat-shape includes the Oklahoma panhandle, but “only” extends from the Rio Grande to the modern eastern boundary of the Texas panhandle and north to the Arkansas River.

Curiously, the map of *North America* from the same atlas outlines Texas as A.K. Johnston apparently had intended, giving it a shape similar to the familiar Arrowsmith, Flemming, and Mitchell maps of Texas. However, the super-sized Texas on Johnston’s map of the *United States and Texas* is not an anomaly. Later editions of the map published through 1849 uniformly follow this same outline. There is a lithographed example of



the map in the University of Texas at Arlington’s collection that readers can

access via the Portal to Texas History website at

["http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph190556/"](http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph190556/)

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If you would like to submit an article about your own favorite map for a future issue of *The Neatline*, contact the editor David Finfrook at [editorTMS@aol.com](mailto:editorTMS@aol.com).

## BOOK REVIEW

### *Parole, Pardon, Pass and Amnesty Documents of the Civil War, An Illustrated History*

A New Book by John Martin Davis, Jr., and George B. Tremmel

One of our past presidents of the Texas Map Society recently announced a new book that he has co-authored. Marty Davis, of course, is well known to us in the Texas Map Society as an authority on maps of the southwest, and as an author on a variety of historical subjects (along with having a keen wit and sense of humor). His co-author George B. Tremmel is a retired information technology director who lives in Raleigh, NC, and who has collected and studied Confederate States paper money for over 40 years.

As the back-cover blurb notes, their new book “presents the little-studied story of the history and documents of the pardons, passes, paroles and promises of loyalty used by both the North and the South” during the Civil War era. Over time, these grew from a few simple lines of an oath, to several paragraphs, adding conditions and qualifications to the paroles and other papers. “This history provides insights into the politics, culture, and battlefield realities present during the conduct of the war.”

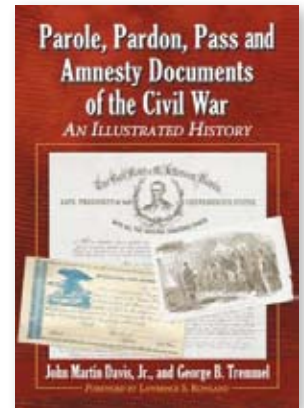
In the Introduction to the book, the authors note:

“The ‘Era of the Oath’ continued until the end of the century, but with declining conditions and restrictions. Remnants remain today in the honors rendered to the national flag. The Pledge of Allegiance is an offspring of oaths dating back to the Civil War.”

You can learn more about the book, or even order it at the following link:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/0786474416>

- David Finfrock



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## Catherine Delano-Smith Honored by RGS

Catherine Delano-Smith, editor of the journal *Imago Mundi*, is being honored by the Royal Geographical Society of London with the Fordham Prize for distinguished contributions to the field of cartography. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London.

Dr. Delano-Smith is the author of several important books, including *English Maps: A History*, with Roger J. P. Kain (British Library), and *Maps in Bibles, 1500 to 1600*, with Elizabeth M. Ingram, in addition to numerous articles and public presentations. She has also been a major contributor to the multivolume *History of Cartography*. Her current research involves the diagrams of the Temple in Jerusalem in the work of Nicholas of Lyra.

As editor of *Imago Mundi*, Dr. Delano-Smith has been a central figure in the maturing of the field, encouraging budding scholars and publishing, through articles and book reviews, the latest research in the history of cartography. She is also, with Tony Campbell, the organizer of a monthly lecture series at the Warburg Institute, entitled “Maps and Society,” now in its twenty-second year. She is a founder of the Harley Trust for international fellowships, and is one of the founding trustees for the recently organized International Society for the History of the Map. For the last several years, she has taught a course in the history of cartography at the University of London.

Dr. Delano-Smith received her undergraduate education at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, where she majored in geography, and earned her D.Phil. from Oxford.

She taught historical geography at the University of Durham and the University of Nottingham before taking early retirement and assuming the post of editor at *Imago Mundi*.

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## Texan wins the Ristow Prize

By Evelyn Edson

The Washington Map Society is pleased to announce that Justin T. Dellinger, a PhD. candidate at the University of Texas, Arlington, has been selected as the winner of the 2013 Ristow Prize in the history of cartography. His paper is entitled “La Balise: A Transimperial Focal Point” and centers on a port at the mouth of the Mississippi River in the 17th to 19th centuries. You may remember that he spoke to the Texas Map Society at the Fall 2012 meeting about “La Balise”. His paper will appear in a forthcoming issue of *The Portolan*.

Galia Halpern, a PhD. candidate at the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University, received Honorable Mention for her essay, “Fantasies of Plenitude: The Textual and Graphic Space of India in the Middle Ages.”

The 2014 competition for the Ristow Prize is now open for applicants. Full- or part-time undergraduate, graduate, or first-year postgraduate students attending any accredited college or university worldwide are eligible to submit papers. Visit the Washington Map Society website for details: <http://www.washmap.org>





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