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Historic Texas maps help save themselves

Save Texas History reaches milestone, raises more than \$300,000

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AUSTIN — Save Texas History hit a milestone this week, earning more than \$300,000 to preserve historic Texas maps with the online sales of historic map reproductions.

"The sale of historic map reproductions from the Land Office Archives funds the conservation of priceless original maps and documents at no cost to Texas taxpayers," Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush said. "All Texans should be proud of this efficient program. The \$300,000 in sales ensures that future generations will be able to enjoy and study the originals, which are safely stored and available to view at the Land Office in Austin."

Purchasing a map from www.savetexashistory.org is as easy as buying a book on Amazon.com.

"Save Texas History offers beautiful reproduction maps to homes, offices and schools all over Texas," Bush said. "You can help by buying a map as a gift or to decorate your home or office via our online store at www.savetexashistory.org."

Historic map reproductions are available for between \$20-\$40, and can be delivered directly to your home within days.

A perennial top-seller is an 1849 map showing the full size of Texas when it stretched all the way to present-day Wyoming. Another favorite is an 1882 map that shows Texas as it is today, with a few additional counties.

These and hundreds of other great maps can be found at www.savetexashistory.org. Click the "search entire catalogue" button to go to see the archive of more than 45,000 city, county and state maps. Once on the archive page, select the "Bestselling Maps" search filter in red to see a set of more than 200 attractive maps specifically selected to be great gifts.

The Digital Preservation Project of the Save Texas History Program has been recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for its monumental effort to digitally preserve these historical treasures. No money is appropriated from the Legislature for map and document conservation, and 100 percent of the money raised from the sale of map reproductions goes toward conservation of the historic records housed at the General Land Office.

To search for maps, place orders, or make a monetary donation to the Save Texas History Program, visit <http://www.savetexashistory.org> or call the Land Office toll-free at 1-800-998-4GLO.

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