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Texas General Land Office Hosts Alamo & San Antonio Tricentennial History Symposium

After launching the most extensive conservation effort in Alamo history, Texas General Land Office to feature educational Tricentennial Partner Event September 14-15

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AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush is highlighting the General Land Office's (GLO) 9th Annual Save Texas History Symposium, which will take place at the Menger Hotel and Alamo Hall on September 14-15. The event is titled, San Antonio & the Alamo: Connecting Texas for Three Centuries.

"Since 2015, we have been making history at the Texas General Land Office regarding the preservation of the Alamo and our mission to restore reverence to the historic 1836 battlefield," said Commissioner Bush. "Recently, we announced the most extensive conservation project in Alamo history. In September, as part of our educational mission, we have assembled a diverse set of experts for our 9th Annual Save Texas History Symposium to discuss the history of the Alamo over the last 300 years, as well as many other interesting aspects in San Antonio's fascinating story."

WHO:	Texas General Land Office Archives, The Alamo and Texas History Lovers
WHAT:	9th Annual Save Texas History Symposium: San Antonio & the Alamo: Connecting Texas for Three Centuries
WHEN & WHERE:	Friday, Sept. 14 at Alamo Hall, 1:00-9:00 p.m. Sat., Sept. 15 at Menger Hotel 8:00 am-5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 15 at Witte Museum, 7:00 p.m.

WHY:	Raise awareness of the history of San Antonio and the Alamo, and to support the Save Texas History program of the Texas General Land Office
COST:	$100; Space is limited to 225 Attendees
HOW:	Register at SaveTexasHistory.org

The Save Texas History Symposium features eighteen presentations over two days, with topics including San Antonio's Spanish-colonial military heritage, early San Antonio women who were involved in the wars of independence, San Antonio in an Independent Texas, health and medicine in 19th-century San Antonio, the African American experience in the city over time, the 1968 Hemisfair and US Commission on Civil Rights, and much more. Additionally, Alamo Trust CEO Doug McDonald will discuss not only how the Alamo is remembered today, but the ongoing efforts to ensure that future generations "Remember the Alamo."

Registration for this event includes a complimentary workshop that features speakers from important institutions across the city. Representatives from the Archives and Special Collections at Texas A&M University - San Antonio, the Institute of Texas Cultures, Fort Sam Houston Museum, the San Antonio Museum of Art, and several other statewide organizations will participate in the workshop. There will also be festivities at the Witte Museum to close out the second major map exhibit by the GLO, Connecting Texas: 300 Years of Trails, Rails, and Roads

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"This event brings together experts from diverse backgrounds and focuses on how San Antonio and the Alamo changed together over time," Commissioner Bush continued. "The Alamo and San Antonio, more than anywhere else in the state, have been connecting Texas and Texans for the last 300 years. I hope the people of San Antonio will join us in celebrating the tricentennial of the city, and the history of the Alamo this September."

All proceeds raised from this event will benefit the Save Texas History program of the Texas General Land Office. You can register online at SaveTexasHistory.org.

This is an official Tricentennial Partner Event.

About the Texas General Land Office's Save Texas History program
Created in 2004, the Save Texas History program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of the historic maps and documents housed in the GLO Archives, and serves as a resource for teaching and digitizing Texas history. If you would like to donate to the Save Texas History program to adopt a document or collection, assist with archival acquisitions, develop educational programs, or support digital projects, please visit SaveTexasHistory.org. Follow Save Texas History on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

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