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UNT Library guides. These guides should be able to get you started.

Your class's LibGuide is **HIST 5100: Seminar in U.S. History: The New South (Turner)** <http://guides.library.unt.edu/hist5100> was prepared by librarians Morgan Gieringer and Doug Campbell.

The other LibGuide is the **History Portal: Government Information Connection** <http://guides.library.unt.edu/gichistoryportal> was prepared by the Government Documents Department.

Web and archival resources for this semester's project:

- Portal to Texas History (UNT): <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TR/browse/>
- UNT Libraries' Digital Collection: <http://digital.library.unt.edu/explore/>
- Texas Register (UNT) home: <http://texinfo.library.unt.edu/texasregister/>
- Texas Register archived copies (UNT): <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TR/>
- Using the Texas Register Collection (UNT): <http://texashistory.unt.edu/help/guide/texas-register/>
- Current Copies of the Texas Register (State of Texas Secretary of State): <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>
- Texas Laws and Resolutions Archive (UNT) <http://www.library.unt.edu/collections/government-documents/texas-laws-and-resolutions>
- Texas Archival Resources Online TARO (University of Texas <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/>)
- University of North Texas Oral History Collection <http://www.library.unt.edu/ohp/>
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) <http://www.archives.gov/research/start/online-tools.html>
NARA doesn't have the scanned Census records, only microfilm.
- HeritageQuest <http://www.heritagequestonline.com/hgoweb/library/do/index>
- Ancestry.com <http://www.ancestry.com/>
- National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections <http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/>
- Internet Archive https://archive.org/details/us_census
- Latter Day Saints family search:
<https://familysearch.org/>
<http://mormon.org/values/family-history>
http://www.ancestorhunt.com/mormon_church_records.htm

Books in the UNT Libraries Online Catalog: <http://iii.library.unt.edu/>

Kyle G. Wilkinson, ed. *The Texas Left: The Radical Roots of Lone Star Liberalism* WILLIS LIBRARY-2nd FLOOR HN79.T43 R38 2010 (checked out; due February 28)

U.S. Bureau of the Census. *Religious Bodies* 1916, call number C 3.3:142

<http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b2993350~S12> Remote Storage

U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Religious Bodies* 1926, call number BR525 .A3 1926, Vols. 1 & 2

<http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b2042938~S12> Remote Storage

The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature, Willis Library, 3rd floor, call number Z6201 .A55 1995, volumes 1 and 2.

Sample online catalog searches for UNT Libraries' books

(once you find the call number, use it to find others on the same topic):

- *Lesbian and Gay and Texas* (28 results)
- *LGBT and Texas* (10 results)
- *Thurber and Texas* (16 results)
- "*African American*" and *women and New South* (57 results)
- *Lynching and Texas* (27 results)
- *Lynching and South* (43 results)
- *Klan and Texas* (39 results)

Available at the UNT Libraries (<http://www.library.unt.edu/> click "Databases")

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Search Complete• America: History and Life• American Memory: the 19th Century in Print• Archives USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handbook of Texas Online• JSTOR• ProQuest Congressional• ProQuest Research Library• ProQuest Dissertations & Theses
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Historical Statistics:

- **The Serial Set. ProQuest Congressional** (used to be Lexis Nexis) is the easiest way to search them and view the full texts online. If you need the original paper volumes, we have most of them but there is a trick to searching for them. Everyone in our department should know how to search the catalog for the serial set. Please ask for assistance at the Government Documents Service Desk (940-565-2870).

- ***The Historical Census books*** located in the Government Documents reference collection include: Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970. This includes general historical statistics of the United States. Located in Government Documents, 3rd Floor of Willis Library. Call number C3.134/2:H62/789-970/pt.1-22. Ask for assistance at the Government Documents Service Desk.
- ***Historical statistics of the United States***: earliest times to the present. It is a privately published 5-volume set located behind the Third Floor Service Desk and contains data up to about 2006. Here is the link to the catalog record, but remember to ask at the 3rd floor Service Desk. <http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b2950717~S12>
- The older ***Statistical Abstract of the United States*** is located in Government Documents, 3rd Floor of Willis Library. Call number C3.134. Ask for assistance at the Government Documents Service Desk.
- **CIS annual: CIS index to Publications of the United States Congress**. Here is the link for the catalog record: <http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b3783935~S12> but remember to ask at the Service Desk. It is also available on ProQuest Congressional.
- **CQ Press Electronic Library** <http://www.library.unt.edu> Click on *Databases*, click on “C” Contents: Databases, online reference books, CQ Researcher Plus Archive, and CQ Weekly. Dates of Coverage: 1929 - present (varies by source). Subjects: Government Information, Journalism, Multidisciplinary, Political Science, Public Administration. This gateway provides access to the **CQ Researcher**, a source for basic information on a variety of topics, and the **CQ Weekly**, which provides up-to-date information on the U.S. Congress and its activities. Also includes access to electronic versions of key reference titles and the CQ Voting and Elections Database.

Texas Topics:

- **Portal to Texas History** (UNT Libraries Digital Projects) <http://texashistory.unt.edu/>
- **Handbook of Texas Online** (Texas State Historical Association) <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online>
- **Gammel’s The Laws of Texas** (online via UNT Libraries’ Government Information Connection). <http://texinfo.library.unt.edu/lawsoftexas/> See below for how to search.
- **History Portal** (Government Information Connection) <http://guides.library.unt.edu/gichistoryportal> This site has UNT Libraries’ online catalog books on the following topics: the Depression in Texas, Civil Rights in Texas, Confederate Veterans in Texas, the 1974 Governor's race in Texas, and Gay Rights in Texas.
- **Texas almanac and state industrial guide** (scattered holdings from 1904 through 1953. Some are on Reserve. Some are in the circulating collection. Some are in Remote Storage). Here is the UNT Libraries’ catalog link: <http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b1837772~S12> Ask at the Documents Service Desk, 3rd floor.

The United States Congressional Serial Set (aka "The Serial Set")

This is a critical resource for the study of all aspects of American history including international relations, explorations, commerce and industrial development, genealogy, and political, social, cultural, military, ethnic history. This set contains over 14,000 volumes covering the history of the US.

- ProQuest Congressional is the easiest way to search the **Serial Set** and view the full text online.
- ProQuest Congressional has everything you would need in the original paper volumes.
- If you need the original paper volumes, we have most of them but searching for them is tricky.
- Need help with the Serial Set? See "How to use the United States Congressional Serial Set" on the History Portal page: URL: <http://guides.library.unt.edu/gichistoryportal>
- The Government Documents Service Desk can help (940-565-2870).

Sample Texas Topics:

The Depression in Texas

- I searched the online catalog for these key words: Texas and depression and economic conditions. I found online dissertations, historical monographs, and oral history interviews in the UNT Archives.
<http://iii.library.unt.edu/search/X?SEARCH=Texas+and+depression+and+economic+conditions&SORT=D&m=&searchscope=12>
- **JSTOR** is a UNT Library-subscribed database that provides full text access to archived backfiles of journal articles. Go to www.library.unt.edu and click on *Databases*.
- **America: History and Life** is a UNT Library-subscribed database of abstracts of journal articles and book titles. Some citations are in full text.
Go to www.library.unt.edu and click on *Databases*.

Civil Rights in Texas

- This link will take you to a search that I did in the online catalog, combining the following key words: City of Dallas and civil rights. I found 24 items, including oral histories, but some were off-target.
<http://iii.library.unt.edu/search~S12/?searchtype=X&searcharg=Dallas+and+civil+rights&searchscope=12&SORT=DZ&extended=0&SUBMIT=Search&searchlimits=&searchorigarg=Xcity+of+Dallas+and+civil+rights%26SORT%3DDZ>

Confederate Veterans in Texas

- Results from an online catalog search using the above key words (11 results):
<http://iii.library.unt.edu/search~S12/?searchtype=X&searcharg=confederate+vet+erans+and+Texas&searchscope=12&SORT=DZ&extended=0&searchlimits=&searchorigarg=XDallas+and+civil+rights%26SORT%3DDZ>

The Governor's Race in Texas 1978

- **Handbook of Texas Online:** URL is <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook>
- Older copies of the **Handbook of Texas** are in Government Documents Reference. The online catalog link is <http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b1267093~S12> Some other copies are in Remote Storage. Here is the online catalog link:
<http://iii.library.unt.edu/record=b1345174~S12> It's best to ask at the Government Documents Service for these and other materials.
- Turnout and Voter Registration Figures (1970-current)
www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/historical/70-92.shtml
- The Twilight of the Texas Democrats: The 1978 Governor's Race
http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc4435/m1/1/high_res_d/dissertation.pdf

Gay Rights in Texas

- Online catalog search results (20):
<http://iii.library.unt.edu/search/X?SEARCH=qay+rights+and+Texas&SORT=D&m=&searchscope=12>

Older Documents

- Most of our older documents are not easily found in the online catalog. **WorldCat** might be a good place to search if you don't find something in the UNT catalog. Please keep in mind that we actually have a lot of the older documents that are cataloged in **WorldCat**, but they won't show as available in our library. **WorldCat** is a UNT Libraries' subscription. The **Worldcat** URL is:
http://irservices.library.unt.edu/resource.cfm?ai_id=157
- If this is confusing. Ask at the Service Desk. We'll be happy to help you!
- Government Documents staff, 940-565-2870, include Betty Monterroso, Erica Kaufman, Bobby Griffith, Jenne Turner, Andrea Myrick-Langston, Jeffrey Levy. Thanks to Betty Monterroso, Erica Kaufman, and Bobby Griffith for the suggestions on this page; but feel free to ask anyone at the 3rd floor service desk.

ADDENDUM:

How to search the Serial Set on Proquest Congressional:

The *United States Congressional Serial Set* contains key publications of the United States Congress. The set also includes publications of the executive departments relating to important public issues. The Serial Set is a critical resource for the study of all aspects of American history including international relations, explorations, commerce and industrial development, genealogy, and political, social, cultural, military and ethnic history. There are over 14,000 volumes covering the history of the United States.

The Serial Set is now available full-text via the database [Proquest Congressional](#).

Sample topic:

Let's say our research topic is the tensions between black soldiers and white citizens in 1906 Brownsville, Texas. When a white bartender was killed and a police officer was wounded by gunshot, townspeople accused the members of the 25th Infantry Regiment of killing the officer.

We know through secondary sources that, based on an investigation done by Congress, President Theodore Roosevelt ordered the dishonorable discharge of 167 soldiers. This cost the soldiers' pensions and prevented them from serving in civil service jobs. We also know that a renewed investigation in the early 1970s exonerated the discharged black troops. The government later pardoned the soldiers and restored their records to show honorable discharges but did not provide retroactive compensation.

For the purposes of this example, our research question revolves around looking at the original 1906 investigation.

To start:

Open Proquest Congressional.

Click on *Advanced Search*.

Enter *Brownsville, Texas* into the search box. We don't know what the best term would be, so we are going to be as general as we can. Geographies are great starting points in historical research.

At *Limit To*, click *Deselect All* and then only select the *Serial Set 1789-1969*.

Change the drop-down for *All Available Dates* to *Date is Between*. Since we know the incident happened in 1906, we should enter Jan 1, 1906 and since it's always good to go at least another

year past the year we are interested in (congress can be slow), Dec 31, 1907 will be our closing date.

Click *Search*

Look at the results. You will notice that most may match your topic, but there are a few items that seem to be parts of a larger set (pts 3 and 4).

Vocabulary problem:

One of the issues you may run into when researching is not knowing the language of the time in which you are doing the research. Since this database is searching full text, you may need to experiment a little to get the language correct.

Brownsville Affray is what Congress called this incident, which you can see in the results. You can click on *Modify Search* and enter that term to see the full set of documents that were produced in Congress' investigation.

Proquest Congressional is a powerful database that indexes many other areas of Congress' work.

If you need help, please contact or visit the Government Documents department on the 3rd floor of Willis Library.

The next section deals with steps to find information in Gammell's The Laws of Texas, 1822 – 1897.

H.P.N. Gammel's The Laws of Texas, 1822-1897 has long been one of the most important primary resources for the study of Texas' complex history during the Nineteenth Century. The Laws consist of documents not only covering each congressional and legislative session but comprise other documents of significance, including the constitutions, select journals from the constitutional conventions, and early colonization laws.

Currently, access to The Laws of Texas is difficult, especially given the rarity and condition of The Laws and in view of the fact that early Texas documents are likely to be held in restricted circulation areas. These materials have been converted into digital form, loaded onto the UNT Libraries' Web servers, and made available to researchers throughout the world.

How to access and search Gammel's:




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6 items matching your criteria. 

[Gammel's The Laws Of Texas](#) [100%]

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[Grant Received in 2000](#) [99%]

Link to granting agency that supported digital projects at the UNT Libraries in 2000. Includes a description of the grant.

[Texas Statutes and Codes](#) [61%]

Sources of Texas statutory law at UNT and on the Internet

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Gammel's The Laws Of Texas

Direct access at: <http://texinfo.library.unt.edu/lawsoftexas/>

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