

## Archivists of Central Texas Proxy Researcher List

This list has been compiled for your convenience and is updated semi-annually (last update April 2022). Inclusion on the list is voluntary and *does not imply endorsement by the Archivists of Central Texas*. Potential clients should contact researchers directly.

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### **Gina Watts**

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With experience in special collections research, inventorying materials, and synthesizing data, I provide consulting for information organization and archives projects, as well as proxy research services to repositories located in Austin. Besides libraries, I have worked with several nonprofits as well as individuals to help them prepare materials for appraisal and create public-facing reports. I would love to help your project come to life.

### **Josh Jenkins**

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Professional Genealogical Research Services, including Family Trees, Civil War, Revolutionary War, DNA Consultation and Customized Projects, Native American determination, Land, Census, Immigration and more. Hundreds of satisfied clients. Minimum fee \$55/hr., minimum 5 hours at \$350.

### **Roseann Hogan**

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### **John Taylor, Taylor Research Group LLC**

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Research in federal, state, local records. Perform broad, due diligence research or collect specific documentation (military records, corporate documents, city directories, regulatory records, government records, environmental issues, historical matters, etc.). Fee varies by project. Please contact us for a free estimate.

### **Patti Woolery-Price, MLIS**

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Services include complete pedigree search, specific record searches, lineage preparation, historical markers, county history publications, and scholarly endeavors. Specialize in 19th and 20th century Texas history. \$25, 2 hour minimum.

**Jennifer Hecker**

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MLIS, librarian, archivist, researcher, and consultant with over a decade of experience processing collections of literary, personal, and organizational papers at the Harry Ransom Center, the University of Texas Libraries, the Austin City Limits archive project at KLRU-TV, and the Austin History Center. Expertise and interest in 20th-Century American history and culture, including social and political movements, underground organizations, independent publishing, material and popular culture, post-1880s New York and Chicago architectural history, human migration and immigration, World's Fairs and Expos, and Central Texas cultural history.

**Ann Gaines Rodriguez**

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Writer and picture researcher, former librarian and staff member at CAH. Besides doing research in CAH's printed collections, will also handle requests requiring research in special collections, including manuscripts, newspapers, microfilm and photographs. Specializes in finding images for use in books, documentaries, and museum exhibits. Will handle picture orders, permissions. Also has experience working on historical atlases and family histories. Own research interests include the history of exploration and mapmaking, Native Americans, photography, art history, Texas history and women's studies. Makes trips to all libraries/special collections/museums in the Austin/San Antonio corridor and to Houston/Galveston. Can bill by the hour or the project.

**Cynthia M. Kennedy**

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Texas State Archives, Texas General Land Office, UT Center American History. Texas Counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Wilson. Member, Association of Professional Genealogists. \$30 per hour.

**Susan Burneson**

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Archive and online research for family and community historians, authors, lawyers (including serving as an expert witness), and others. More than 25 years of experience. Can provide high-quality digital images. Member, Association of Professional Genealogists, Austin Genealogical Society, and Texas Oral History Association. \$40/hour, plus related expenses. Free initial telephone consultation.

**Frankie Davis**

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Follow the link to see services. Includes all of Texas. Minimum fee \$100.

**James E. Williams**

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Research in Milam County, the Texas State Library, and the Center for American History in Austin. Research includes newspapers, military records, deeds, tax rolls, vital records, court records, etc. \$15 per hour plus copies and postage.

**Helen L. Howell Graves**

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BFA, Studio Art/Art History; MA Museum Science (Former Employee Texas Historical Commission and Briscoe Center Employee). Texas History, Political History, Material Culture Research in Texas State Library, Austin libraries, Archives and Museums. \$40 per hour (2 Hour Minimum) plus expenses: flash drive, parking, travel or other.

**Phillip L. Fry**

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Ph.D. English Literature (UT, 1974). Dissertation: AN ANNOTATED CALENDAR OF LETTERS FROM E.M. FORSTER TO J. R. ACKERLEY IN THE HRC, 1974. Co-author of TEXAS COUNTRY SINGERS (2008) and co-editor of AUSTIN'S WALLER CREEK (2014). Contributor and editor, HANDBOOK OF TEXAS. Interest in British and American authors.

**Elon Lang**

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PhD in English from Wash. Univ. in St. Louis. Former part-time project archivist at Ransom Center on early books and manuscripts. Experience researching paleography and codicology; reading Middle English, French, Latin, and Hebrew. Lecturer in UT-Austin Humanities programs specializing in archival research methods and dramatic literature. Strong familiarity with HRC holdings: especially early books and manuscripts, performing arts collections (including Shakespeare), and 20th-century history, literature, drama, poetry, and film.

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Highest client-rated genealogy firm in the world, and recommended research partner of MyHeritage.com. We have onsite researchers around the globe. Specialize in: genetic genealogy, brick walls, etc.

**Freda Hamric**

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Twenty years experience performing Proxy Research at the University of Texas at Austin Harry Ransom Center, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, the Texas Alamo Museum-San Antonio and other Texas libraries and museums. In depth research and analysis within collections and archives including specific needs. Digital images used. Clients have included professors in USA, UK, Europe and Canada; graduate students; biographers; authors; individuals and editors. Areas include newspapers, manuscripts, letters/correspondence, historical documents, and property/land title searches. Concentrations in American History and modern literature. Available to travel. Bachelor degree in English. Hourly or project fee.

**Lynn Cowles, PhD**

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Research plan development; document and archive discovery; reproduction; cataloguing; 19th-century Texas history; 20th-century Texas literature; manuscripts; correspondence; cartography; court records; visual culture; and land, census, and immigration documents. Minimum \$20/hr, free initial email consultation.

**Ronald Livingston**

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All areas of USA genealogical and historical research. (Texas, especially southeast TX colonial and early statehood, a specialty.) \$15/hr. using online sources and my extensive personal data collection, plus copy and postage expenses; \$16/hr. for library and courthouse research, plus expenses. Free initial e-mail consultation(s).

**Diane Tofte Kropp**

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FREE consultations on ALL USA Research; Access to Historical newspapers all USA email for area of interest search; create family charts to organize data. \$5/hr.

**Diana Claitor**

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Researcher/editor/writer with 30 years experience researching documents and images in Texas archives such as the Briscoe Center for American History and various University of Texas archives as well as archives in Houston, Washington D.C., Louisiana and Ireland. Client list includes biographers, publishers, online database companies, and documentary and feature filmmakers and videographers. Specializing in Texas history/culture, but experience doing research on a wide range of contemporary topics. Will travel.

**Elizabeth Hansen**

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Researcher and media producer with more than 10 years of experience conducting proxy research at Austin-area archives including the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, Harry Ransom Center, LBJ Presidential Library and Museum, and Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Holds an MA in media studies from the University of Texas at Austin. Specializes in audiovisual research. Current managing director of the Texas Archive of the Moving Image.

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Proxy Researcher at the Harry Ransom Center and the Dolph Briscoe Center both at The University of Texas at Austin. Archival research conducted in manuscript, film, television and photography collections. B.S. in Radio-TV-Film with a Double Concentration in English Literature from UT/Austin. Postgraduate studies in Architecture. Conducted film research for both the Texas Commission on the Arts, to establish an Independent Film Library, and for WNET/New York PBS documentaries and specials and serving as Series Associate Producer of "Television" (a history of television) negotiating for copyright clip clearance as well as participating in contract review. Also researched and developed oral history projects for public radio.