

## Historic Preservation Resources

**Texana/Genealogy Department**  
**San Antonio Public Library**  
E-mail: [genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov)



**Access Newspaper Archives**

San Antonio Newspaper database (library use only)

**Bexar County Tax List**

Includes address and property owner information (microfilm)

**Bracey's Block Maps**

North half of San Antonio, Texas, 1962: showing property owners, dimensions, lot numbers, block numbers, new city block numbers, street number of each block / abstracted from official records of City Tax Office as of 1961

**Builder's Exchange Service Bulletins: 1920-2009**

state reports of issued building permits (Must know the date of when the structure was built.)

**City Directories: (1877-1970 microfilm) (1960-2009 hard copies)**

includes name, address, occupation of local population living within the city. Includes statistical residential information and as a business directory, shop location, migration pattern of locals.

**Cole Directories: (1960-2009, incomplete hardcopies)**

The "Blue Book" is the original criss-cross reference directory, individuals & businesses arranged by street name & house number, includes phone number.

**Historic Resource Data Cards**

San Antonio Historic Survey 1972 Community Renewal Program. Information relative to the physical condition & historical & cultural significance of 800 entries.

**King William Association Archives** includes finding aid

**Monte Vista:** The Gilded Age of an Historic District bound newspaper supplement; bound copies of the Monte Vista Index Card Summaries from Professor Donald Everett's research files; a Monte Vista Property Index

**Portal to Texas History**

San Antonio Urban Renewal Project - digital scrapbook of Laredito neighborhood: <http://texashistory.unt.edu/>

**San Antonio Newspaper Vertical Files** (newspaper clippings)

**San Antonio Newspapers, various** (microfilm 1851- 2010)

**San Antonio House Index:** Texana Department index of the Sunday Real Estate sections of the **San Antonio Express** (1905-1928) and the **San Antonio Light** (1905-1929)

**San Antonio Development Agency Index** (actual records housed at the San Antonio Record's Facility)

**San Antonio Telephone Directories** 1912, 1929, 1932-1996 microfiche; hard copies 1963– present

**Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps** – Fire insurance maps of urbanized areas. These maps describe building outlines, boundaries, shapes and sizes of doors and windows, street and sidewalk widths, and property numbers. Colors and standard symbols used to describe buildings. San Antonio city limits  
On-line data base and hard copies of some (must know volume number)

**Water Board Applications** 1876-1900

Includes address and property owner information or residences with running water

## Books

Burkholder, Mary  
*The King William Area; a History and Guide to the Houses*  
Texana 976.4351 Burkholder

Everett, Donald E.  
*Monte Vista The Gilded Age of an Historic District, 1890-1930*  
Texana 976.4351 Everett

Everett, Donald  
*Monte Vista Historical District*  
Texana 976.4351 Everett

Green, Betsy J.  
*Discovering the History or Your House and Your Neighborhood*  
Genealogy 728.37 Green

Hauck, Maurcia DeLean  
*If These Walls Could Talk*  
Genealogy 728.37 Houck

Light, Sally  
*House Histories*  
Genealogy 728.028 Light

Various Neighborhood Plans: urban policy, community development & land use of city areas