Texas Prison Museum
Archival Research

Archival research is conducted on-site and only by appointment.

Due to the small number of staff, we cannot accommodate researchers who do not have an appointment.

To make an appointment, please call (936) 295-2155 on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Central Time. Ask for Kalli Dawson or email kalli.dowson1@gmail.com.

Research material available at the Texas Prison Museum includes the following:
• Prison Board Minutes 1913-1982
• Texas prison system annual reports
• Huntsville Item newspaper 1853-1942
• Inmate Echo newspaper 1933-1984
• Convict entry ledgers / Convict Conduct ledgers (prior to 1964)
• Prison Rodeo programs 1938-1986
• 30 Minutes Behind the Walls radio programs 1941-1944
• TDC Newsletters 1964-2000
• Museum library of reference books
• Museum files

Research fees:
• Fee of $25 for initial on site research, per topic
• Copy fee of 10 cents per page

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