



Application for Rescuing Texas History 2026

The Rescuing Texas History mini-grant series offers up to \$1000 worth of digitization services to successful candidates. Please fill out the following questions along with the corresponding appendix form.

1) Name of your institution or family collection: **The Private Collection of the Mangum Family**

Address:

**Willis Library
123 Main St.
Denton, TX 76203**

Phone: **940-565-3023**

E-mail: **Jacob.mangum@unt.edu**

2) Name and contact information for the person responsible for this project in your institution:

Name: **Jake Mangum**

Phone: **940-565-3023**

Email: **Jacob.mangum@unt.edu**

3) Please explain the cultural and historical significance of the collection you propose for digitization (100-250 words).

The “Texans in WWII” collection consists of military service books organized by county, published by military organizations in the immediate post-war period. These books document military service in WWII including dates of service, awards, theaters of operations, etc., including photos of each individual in military uniform. While WWII itself has been heavily documented, military records of individuals are very scarce due to the National Archives fire of 1973 resulting in the destruction 80% of all U.S. Army (and Air Force) records from WWI and WWII.

As an additional consideration, these record focus on the military service of citizens from small rural communities which historically have suffered from a lack of historical documentation and educational resources.

As an example of the benefit that this collection can provide, a part of this collection was used for documentation in the City of Austin’s “To Serve” exhibit. This exhibit documents the military background of WWII veterans buried in the City of Austin’s cemeteries and shares that information in the form of educational programs across the community.

4) From what time period(s) do the materials date?

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While undated, research through newspaper archives show that these books were advertised and published in the immediate postwar period of 1945-1947.

5) What is the condition of the materials?

Most service books are in average to poor condition for being close to 80 years old. Most have retained their spines and binding (although fragile) but some books that are in immediate need for digitization have failed binding and/or missing back covers. All are complete.

6) In addition to this form, please complete the corresponding appendix based on the types of materials you propose for this grant.

- **Appendix A** - newspapers
- **Appendix B** - archival collections consisting of *any* of the following: print photographs or film negatives, handwritten or print materials, ledgers under 16" long, books, serials (yearbooks will not be accepted for this project)

Requirements for participation:

If you are selected for participation in the grant, you must be willing to:

- Complete the partnership agreement
- Obtain permissions and copyright clearances if needed for your materials
- Carefully follow the instructions provided on the "Rescuing Texas History 2026" website <https://library.unt.edu/digital-projects-unit/partners/call-submissions-portal-texas-history/>
- Communicate your needs and concerns to us
- Deliver or ship your physical materials to UNT by the agreed upon date

Applications can be mailed or e-mailed to:

UNT Libraries

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