

REFERENCE POLICY

The Petroleum Museum's Library & Archives Center

INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

The Petroleum Museum's Library & Archives Center identifies, collects, preserves and makes available historical records and objects documenting:

1. The history and social history of the petroleum industry in the Permian Basin including company histories, famous fields and wells, oil booms and busts, oil camps and towns (their inhabitants and daily lives), famous leaders in the industry (their history and personal papers), basic information on how the industry works, and the impact of the petroleum industry on the Permian Basin; and
2. The history of Midland and its citizens covering the growth and development of the city from its inception to the outstanding achievements of its citizens and the impact of their achievements on both Midland and the world.

The Archives Center will also collect manuscripts, documents, records, books, VHS, DVD and CD-Rom movies/presentations, oral histories (with preference given to tapes with transcripts), magazines and photographs relevant to the Museum's mission and scope of collections.

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- Small archival collections are given preference and larger collections (over 10 boxes) will require pre-approval by the Director of Archives and Collections with exceptionally large collections requiring approval from the Board of Trustees.
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The Petroleum Museum's Library & Archives Center is open for research Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with a break for lunch). Appointments are not necessary but highly recommended.

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