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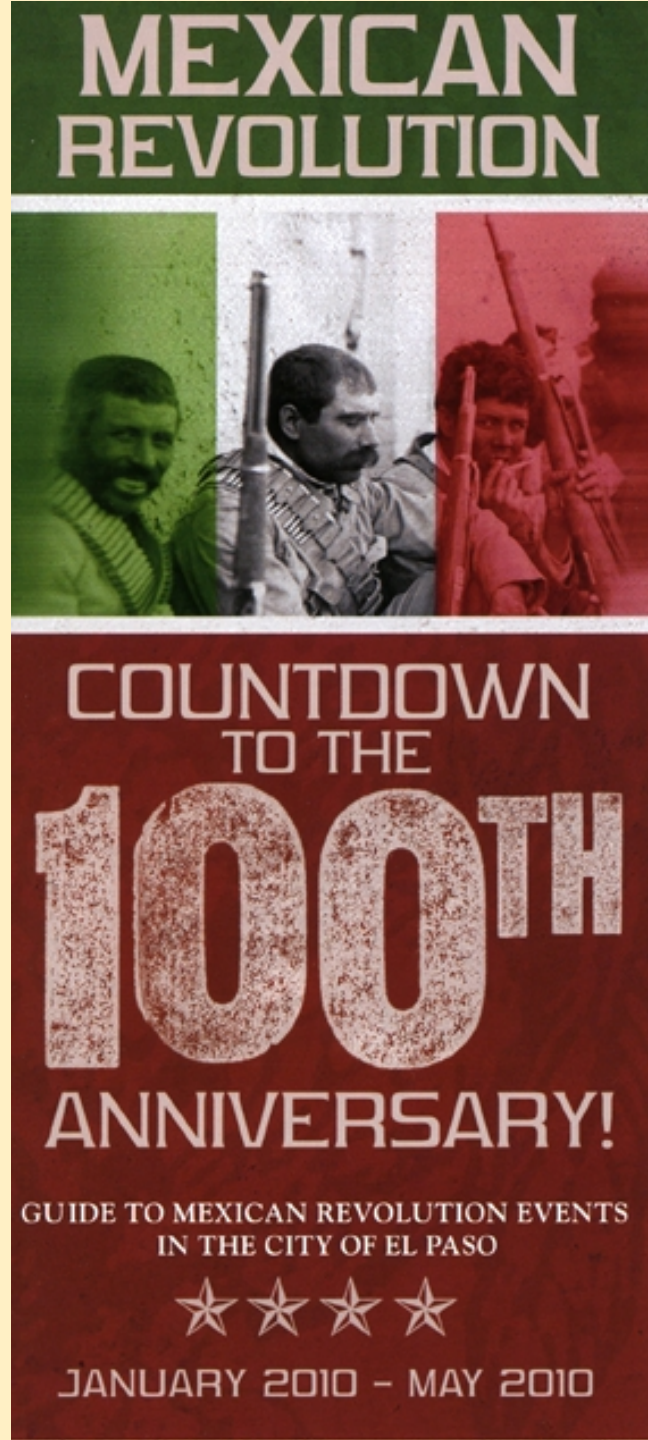


Texas State Historical Association
115th Annual Meeting
The Mexican Revolution in the Archives





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Centennial of the Mexican Revolution

- November 20, 1910
- Dates usually applied are 1910-1920
- Many activities planned in El Paso
- Exhibits, films, lectures

A lot happened in El Paso during the Mexican Revolution!

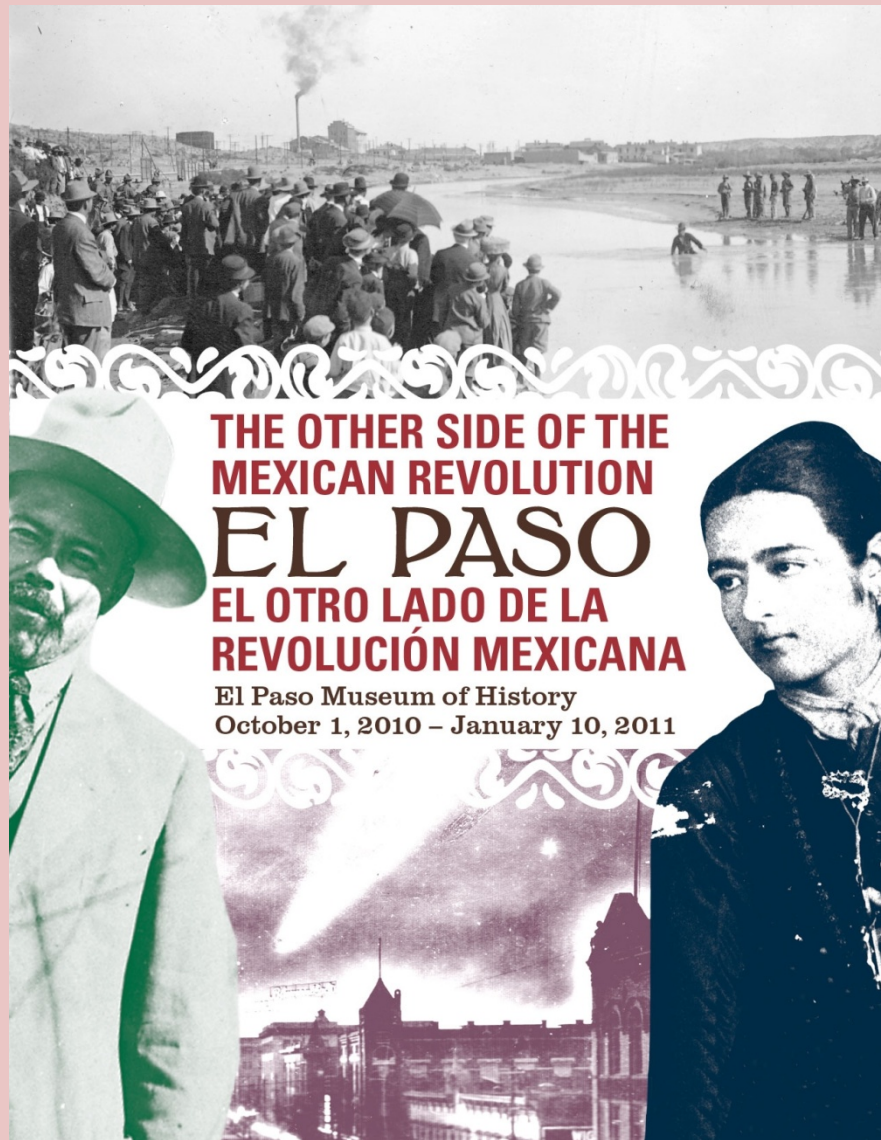




Francisco Madero and his wife came to El Paso in the spring of 1911 and had their portraits made at Fred Feldman's studio. The Battle of Juárez, which occurred in May of that year, was the first important battle of the Revolution.

The Revolution lasted much longer than anticipated and became a training ground for the U.S. Army during the years leading up to World War I. General John J. Pershing led a Punitive Expedition into Mexico after Mexican rebels under Pancho Villa raided Columbus, New Mexico in 1916.





The exhibit at the El Paso Museum of History utilized materials from several collections in the El Paso area, including

- El Paso Public Library
- El Paso County Historical Association
- University of Texas at El Paso Library
- Private individuals

Through two grants from the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission**, the three institutions embarked on a cooperative digitization project and the compilation of a sort of “union list” of holdings relating to the Mexican Revolution in El Paso. The digitization efforts would focus on three kinds of materials:

- Books and pamphlets published during the Mexican Revolution
- Special editions of El Paso newspapers published during the Battle of Juárez
- W. H. Horne photographic postcards

El Paso Public Library

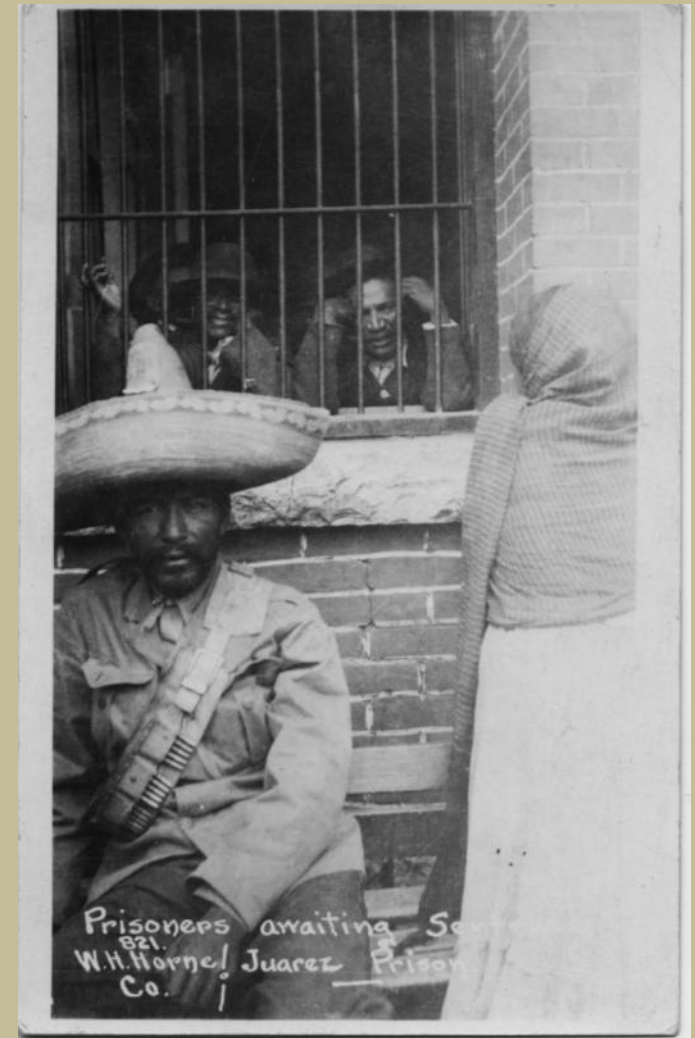
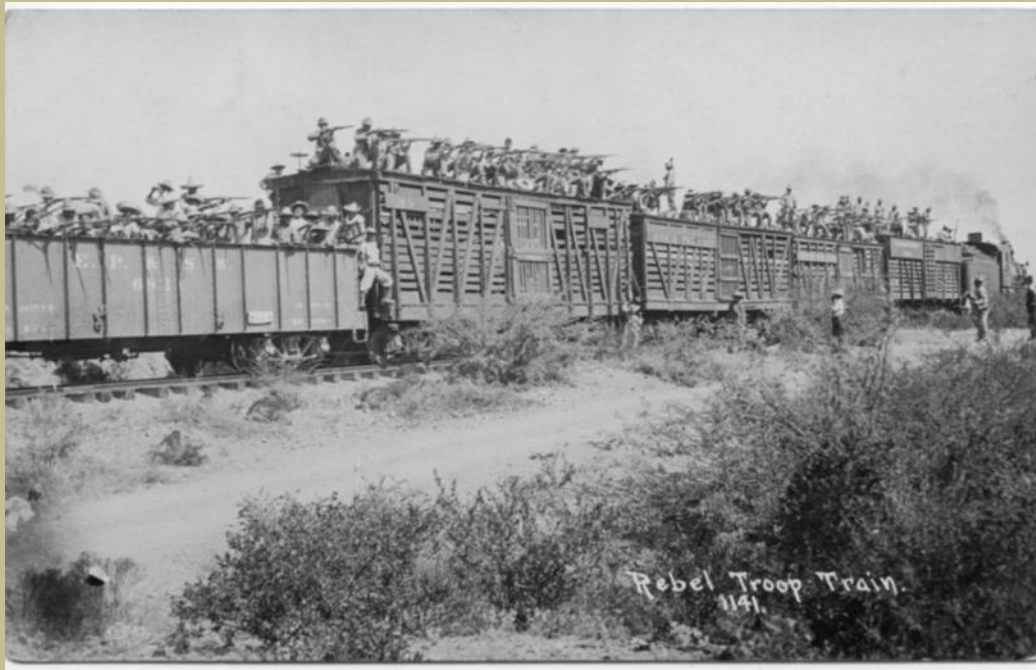


- Oldest public library in Texas (founded in 1895)
- Their Border Heritage Center includes many original photographs from the Mexican Revolution.



Claudia Ramirez and Danny Gonzalez

The El Paso Public Library has a large collection of original photographic postcards, especially those by photographer and postcard entrepreneur W.H. Horne.



During the Mexican Revolution, there was a military buildup along the U.S.-Mexico border, with National Guard troops and regular Army camped out along the border....



...and eventually invading Mexico in Pershing's
Punitive Expedition.



U.S. Troops crossing a river,
Somewhere in Mexico

Otis Aultman photographs



The UTEP Library has cooperated with the El Paso Public Library to help preserve these photographs in the past.

Aultman photographs are now available at the El Paso Public Library's website and at the Portal to Texas History

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Mexican Revolution Refugees

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Description: Photograph of **Mexican** Refugees waiting for a train. This large group of refugees is waiting for a train somewhere on the outskirts of Ciudad Juárez. This picture was snapped on the same day and at the same location as the photograph titled: **Mexican Revolution** (LIE, EPP, A1594, which is also posted on this website. This photograph however is from a different angle; none the less most of the photograph detail is still the same. For example, the man on the horse is seen in both of the photographs however not all of the same people are visible in both photographs. Note the three bales of hay at the far left of this photo can also be seen in the other photo in exactly the same position. Lastly, the three large wooden barrels in the center of this photograph are in exactly the same position as in the aforementioned photograph.

Creator: **Aultman, Otis A.**

Location: **Mexico - Chihuahua - Ciudad Juárez**

Creation Date: 1910/1920

Partner(s): El Paso Public Library
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Border Heritage Center - Otis A Aultman Photo Collection

We are currently in the process of making available online, photographs from the Otis A. Aultman Collection at the El Paso Public Library - Main (Downtown) Library.

This is an ongoing project. Descriptions of the photographs will be made available in the near future. To see the photographs click on any of the links at the right to view a page.



Otis A. Aultman 1874-1943

Otis A. Aultman, photographer, was born on August 27, 1874, in Holden, Missouri. His family moved to Trinidad, Colorado, in 1880. As a young man he learned photography from his older brother, Oliver, many of whose photographs of the Trinidad area are now in the collections of the Colorado State Historical Society. Aultman married and had two children, but the marriage ended in permanent separation in 1908, after which he moved to El Paso. There he first worked for Scott Photo Company, was later in partnership with Robert Dorman, and eventually owned his own studio.

By 1911 El Paso was a gathering place for many of the main personalities of the Mexican Revolution (Francisco Madero, Francisco (Pancho) Villa, Pascual Orozco) and after the shooting began, many American newsmen also flocked to El Paso to cover the event. Aultman was a man in the right place at the right time. He photographed the battle of Casas Grandes, the first battle of Juárez in May 1911, and the Orozco rebellion in 1912. He was a favorite of Pancho Villa, who called Aultman "Banty Rooster" because he was only 5'4" tall. Aultman worked for the International News Service and Pathé News and experimented with cinematography. In 1916 he was one of the first photographers to arrive at Columbus, New Mexico, after the famous raid on that town by the Villistas.

During the early years of the revolution Aultman's studio on San Francisco Street was a gathering place for both local and out-of-town reporters and photographers, as well as soldiers of fortune. A group called the Adventurer's Club, of which Aultman was a founding member, was formed during this period and continued to meet sporadically for many years, reportedly whenever two or more members were in town.

See the Photographs on the following pages:

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Other resources at the El Paso Public Library

- El Paso Newspapers card file index: Includes seven drawers of citations for articles about the Mexican Revolution and the Punitive Expedition
- El Paso City Council Minutes
- Hoard collection: Roy Hoard was the manager of the Ferrocarril México Noroeste, a railroad in Mexico during the Revolution
- Viva Chihuahua!* An unpublished memoir by T. G. Mackenzie covering the period 1911-1929 in northern Mexico



El Paso County Historical Society's Burges House

The El Paso County Historical Society's Research Center has many original materials relating to the Mexican Revolution, too.



Patricia Worthington, EPOCHS Curator

Extra! Extra!

6th Extra EL PASO HERALD

SOLDIERS STRIP OFF THEIR UNIFORMS

FIGHT OVER

MEXICO ABANDONS ALL BORDER TOWNS IN NORTH

Not a Mexican Custom House Between Eagle Pass and Nogales—Federals Leave the Towns Unprotected and Close Them as Ports of Entry—Naco and Agua Prieta Troops go to Relief of Cananea.

There is not a Mexican custom house in operation on the border between Eagle Pass, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona. Along this entire border line, it is impossible to enter goods for export from the United States into Mexico. This condition, was brought about today by the fact of Juarez being the battle of the insurgents and the abandonment of Naco, Agua Prieta and Nogales by the federals.

The cause of the abandonment is not certain, unless the federal government intends to leave the country to the insurgents and take its troops south to protect towns it considers of more importance than the border ports. The abandonment may be a part of the federal government's program to comply with its agreement with the United States not to permit any more fighting on the border. By leaving the towns to the insurgents to ensure compliance with the agreement.

HUNDREDS KILLED AND WOUNDED

BLOOD IN STREETS

BEDECKED AUTOMOBILE SENT OUT AFTER MADERO TO BRING HIM TO JUAREZ

The federal soldiers after surrendering to the insurgents, stripped off their uniforms and threw them away. The blood flowing down from the curbs to the city proper and municipal offices, by which point the prisoners were marched, is full of uniforms and aside by the men after the surrender. The prisoners are in their own clothes.

They did this to show the insurgents that they had renounced their allegiance to the federal government. Gen. Navarro and his officers are the only prisoners wearing uniforms.

An automobile journeyed in the Mexican police line and Madero's camp to take him temporarily into Juarez.

It is declared by many witnesses that about 9:30 this morning Gen. Navarro, followed by about 75 officers and men, made a hurried exit down the National Highway tracks. This happened in many of the windows on duty, that the day had been hot, and they have accounted for the retreat which followed shortly after.

Gen. Navarro later returned after encountering a large band of insurgents south of Juarez, annihilating his forces at the gateway.

Col. Garibaldi and Band Madero are guarding the general. Navarro and his whole staff are prisoners to the insurgents' camp at the curbs.

He said he did not know how many were wounded.

The escape of three days' battle has left the veteran Navarro, who lost the battle of Juarez and is now a prisoner. He looks tired and much older, as if the strain had added years to his already ripe age. The old general was half sitting and half sitting on a pile of bedding in the commander's office. In the barracks where a Madero man received, he stood at attention with his hand to his forehead as though he were weary the soldier and the commander. Col. Garibaldi says he does not know what the old general's fate will be. Gen. Navarro did not seem worried about his future, what he seemed to want was sleep and rest.

He wore a gray fringed cotton shirt, of the style and held the hat in his hand. He was wearing the same striped pants that he wore in the campaign in Chihuahua.

REBEL CAPTURED

WEST OF NOGALES

Insulin Held Up in Train Searching for Insulin.

Rebel forces captured a train west of Nogales, Arizona, today, and are searching for insulin. The train was carrying a large quantity of insulin, which is a valuable drug for the treatment of diabetes. The rebels are believed to be using the insulin for their own purposes.

FEDERALS KILLED IN A REBEL AMBUSH

Federal forces were ambushed by rebels in a narrow canyon near Nogales, Arizona, today. The rebels killed several federal soldiers and wounded many others. The federal forces were on their way to a military installation when they were ambushed.

8th Extra EL PASO HERALD

OROZCO GOES SOUTH; SAYS HE HAD MEN TO SPARE

MADERO MAKES STATEMENT

"Viva Madero" Cry the People As Triumphal Procession Passes

General Francisco Madero, president of the United States, today made a statement in which he said that he had men to spare. He said that he had a large number of men who were willing to fight for him, and that he was confident of his victory. He also said that he was confident of the support of the people of Mexico.

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SIDE LIGHTS ON JUAREZ

From San Antonio, Texas.

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MARY BROWN BOLDLY DAMAGED IN FIGHT

Old Cherry, Revolver, Shotgun, Revolver, Shotgun.

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Extra editions published during the Battle of Juarez, May, 1911

Other resources at the El Paso County Historical Society:

Otis Aultman scrapbook

Pioneers' Association scrapbook and collection

Photo album of Dr. H.E. Stevenson's of
The Battle of Juarez (1911)

Numerous photographs of the Revolution

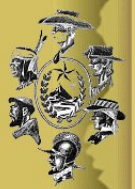
Much more information is available on their website

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013-1998-011A	 Lori McVey and friend Walte rSeifert -scanning photos of Mexican Revolution as she researches photographers for PhD at UT Austin.
013-1998-011B	 Lori McVey and friend Walter-doing research on Mexican Revolutiona era photographers.
029-2002-003	 Young couple sitting on the steps of the Juarez Library building before it was destroyed during the Mexican Revolution.
034-1983-040	 "General Francisco Madero, Leader of the Mexican Revolution with Gen. Blanco. negative in folder 045-98-004"

Done

University of Texas at El Paso Library



- Within sight of the Mexican border
- Special Collections Department was established in 1960s

Photo by Samuel Sisneros

The UTEP Library holds many books and pamphlets relating to the Mexican Revolution

Gómez Peña, C. *Proceso de muerte del Sr. Gral. Felipe Angeles* / C. Gómez Peña y Benjamín Herrera Vargas. [s.l. : s.n., 1920?] 62 p.

Special Collections Rare-L: F1234.A56 G6

Illán, Rafael. *El triunfo de la revolución o el grito de un pueblo*. El Paso, Tex., "Imprenta Mexicana", 1911. 38 p.

Special Collections Rare-L: F1234 .I44 1911

López, Saraim V. *El problema de la tierra* / tesis sustentada por Saraim V. López, México: [s.n.], 1912. 17 p. (Thesis for law degree at UNAM)

Special Collections Southwest: HD323 .L67 1912

Madero y sus detractores; por varios Maderistas. [El Paso, Texas, Imp. De El Correo del Bravo, 1917] 202 p.

Special Collections Rare-L: F1234.M32 A6 1917

Martínez, Paulino. *Causas de la revolución en México: y como efectuar la paz* / por Paulino Martínez. Morelos: Tip. de Gobierno, 1915. 32 p.

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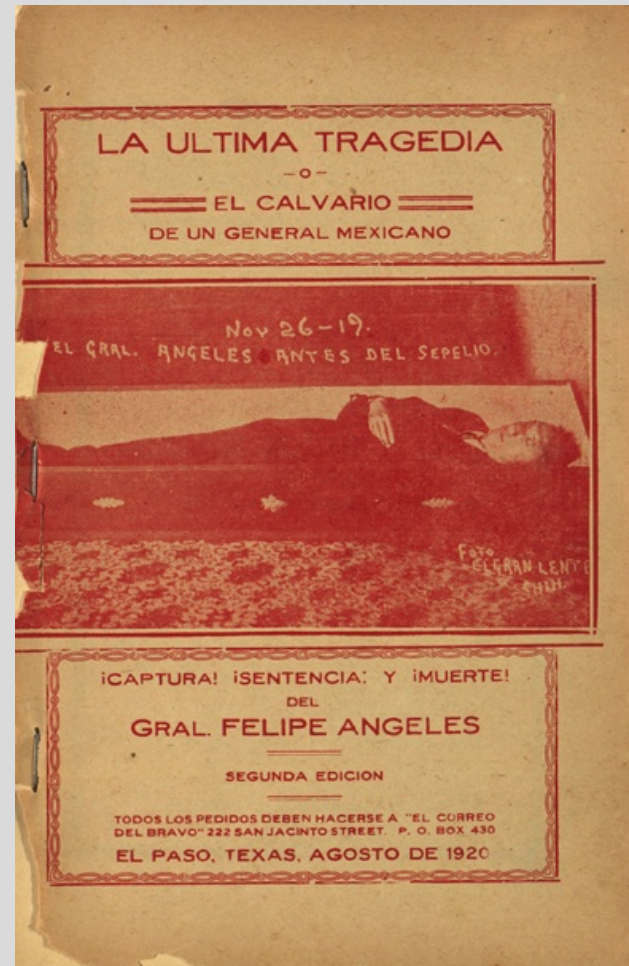
Martínez, Rafael. *Madero: su vida y su obra, apuntes para un capítulo de la historia nacional contemporánea* / Rafael Martínez (Rip-Rip), Eduardo Guerra. Monterrey, N.L.: [s.n.], 1914. 62, [2]p., 1 leaf of plates.

Special Collections Southwest: F1234.M24 M36 1914

Newspapers in El Paso were the main publishers of the period, so the medium is most often newsprint with high acid content.



Los de Abajo (*The Underdogs*) by Mariano Azuela is a classic novel of the Mexican Revolution, and was first serialized in an El Paso newspaper, *El Paso del Norte*.



The UTEP Library will digitize up to thirty books and pamphlets published during the Mexican Revolution.



Yvette Delgado, Imaging Specialist

Other resources at the UTEP Library

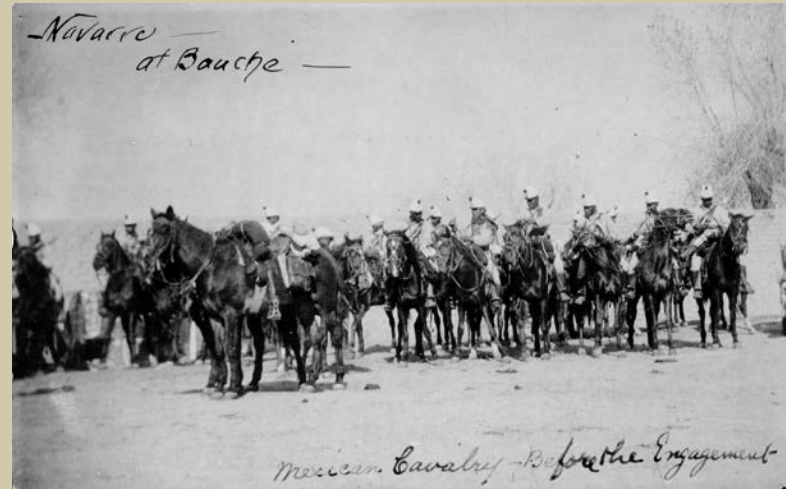
Photograph collections:

- Stout-Feldman Studio photographs
- Gertrude Fitzgerald photographs
- Franklin Lee Cleavenger photographs
- Mexican Revolution photograph collection
- Wayne Brendt photograph collection
- Leigh Osborn photographs

And other small collections



Gertrude Fitzgerald photographs



Leigh Osborn photographs

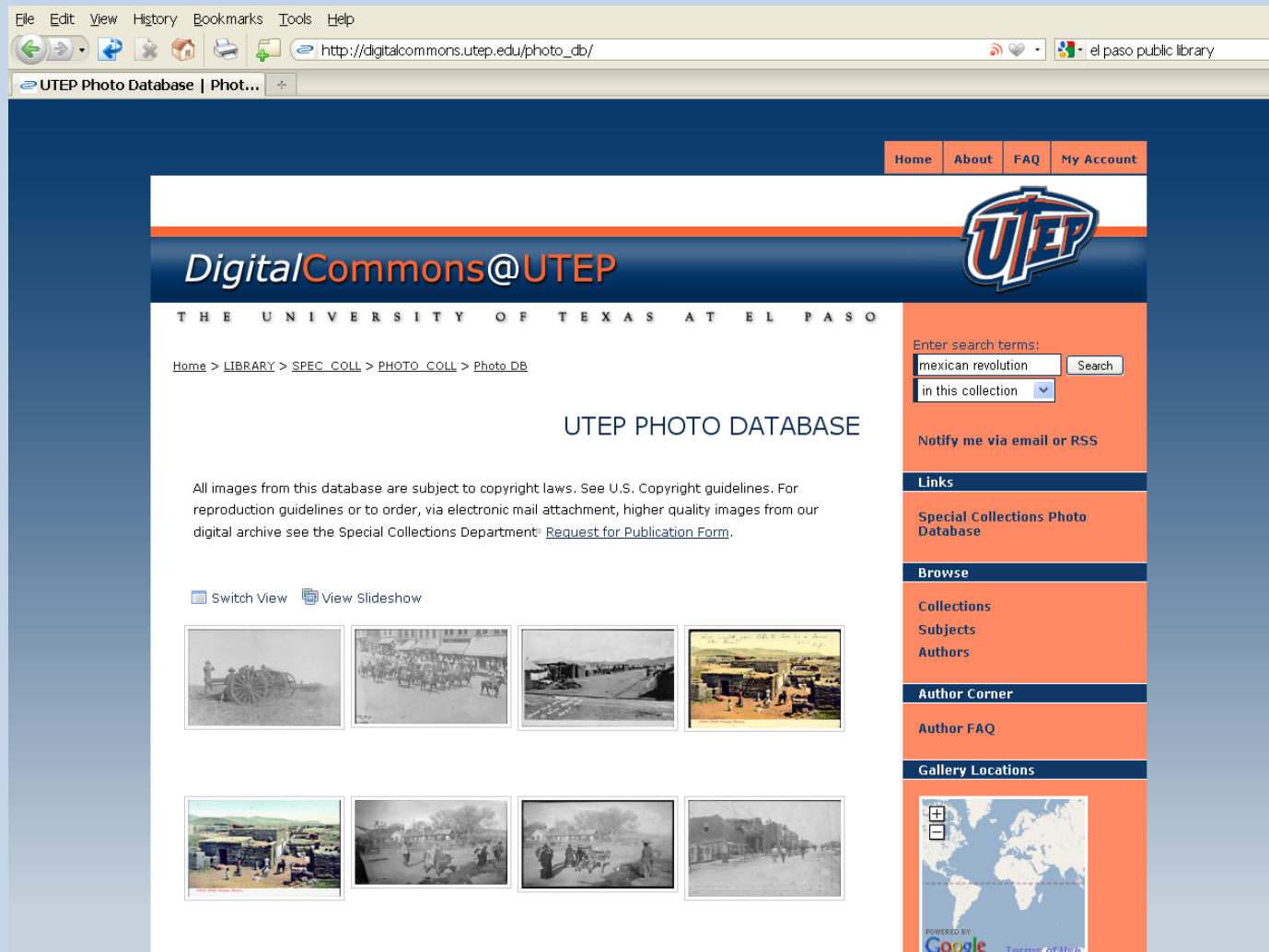


Mexican Revolution photograph collection



Wayne Brendt collection

Some of the photograph collections are accessible through the Library's website:



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Oral history interviews at the UTEP Library include first-person accounts of events in the Mexican Revolution

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Manuscript collections include information about events in El Paso and northern Mexico during the Mexican Revolution

- Kohlberg family papers
- Stephenson-Flores family papers
- John H. McNeely papers
 - Has records of railroads including El Ferrocarril México Noroeste, Chihuahua al Pacífico
 - El Hijo de El Ahuizote* and other Mexican journals
- General Francisco Castro papers
- Larry Lewis collection
- Horace B. Stevens business records
- And other collections

A word about El Paso newspapers...

- El Paso newspapers on microfilm are available at both the El Paso Public Library and the University of Texas at El Paso Library
- Scattered hard copies of Spanish-language newspapers published in El Paso are held by the EPPL and the UTEP Library
- More and more holdings are being digitized and made available online: Check out the Library of Congress' Chronicling America site for the El Paso Herald from 1910 to 1920. (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>)



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[El Paso herald. \(El Paso, Tex.\) 1901-1931, May 11, 1911, REGULAR EDITION, Image 1](#)



[El Paso herald. \(El Paso, Tex.\) 1901-1931, May 11, 1911, REGULAR EDITION, Image 2](#)



Other sources

Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez

- Has large collection of postcards, also online at <http://bivir.uacj.mx/postales/>

El Paso Museum of History

- Clara Goodman collection
- Featherstone scrapbook of National Guard photographs

Family holdings and smaller museums



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