

The following entries are divided into two groups, Public Documents, and Miscellaneous Publications. In both groups the material is covered through the year 1845, the date of the admission of Texas into the Union as a state. The treatment is not intended to be exhaustive. No attempt has been made in either group to include the numerous interesting broadsides and four page folders issued during the period.

The location, GRAND LODGE, after an entry, stands for the library of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco, Texas, and is not used unless very few copies of a title are known. In such cases, and many others, the University of Texas has photostats of the pamphlets if not the originals. Copies in the Bancroft library, now at the University of California, are designated simply UCAL. The location, tws., indicates the Streeter collection, and is only used for items not located elsewhere.

1. Public Documents.

These are subdivided under the headings: Coahuila and Texas (Mexican State); Texas (tentative Mexican state, not recognized by Mexican government, never in operation); Provisional Government (Republic of Texas); and Republic. At the end under State, we give early editions of the Constitution.

Because of the inadequacy of our former treatment of the Mexican state of Coahuila and Texas, we include here the state constitutions, and compilations of laws, but not in general the separate publications of individual laws, nor with one exception, small groups of laws.

For the republic, and the transitional period which preceded it, we give the constitutions, journals of legislative bodies, session laws, and a few of the more considerable laws published separately, messages of the presidents, reports of heads of departments, etc. We omit the large body of reports of congressional committees which will be covered later in Mr. Streeter's bibliography. As noted above, official broadsides and four page folders are in general omitted.

The documents of Coahuila and Texas are arranged chronologically.

In the case of the other governments the arrangement is first alphabetical, under the body, department, or official responsible. Exceptions are entries under Constitution, and under Laws, Statutes, etc.

Some bibliographical difficulties have been presented by the reproductions of early Texas documents included in the Gammel Book Company's edition of the "Laws of Texas, 1822-1897," compiled by H. P. N. Gammel, with an introduction by C. W. Raines, *Austin*, 1898. These reproductions, which are often found separately, are said to be an "exact reprint of the originals or copies, verbatim et literatim." The various documents are prefixed with title pages giving what appear to be the places and dates of printing of original editions. This is in fact a correct impression in some cases. In others, however, the documents are evidently reprinted from newspapers, or taken from MSS., and we have been unable to locate contemporary editions. As the Gammel editions are often found separately, they frequently appear in library catalogues as if they represented rare issues, but on examination are readily distinguished as modern printing.

2. Miscellaneous Publications.

These include works relating to Texas not elsewhere more properly entered under individual or corporate author, or title, *i.e.* works published anonymously, or by state organizations, together with a few other corporate entries. The arrangement is alphabetical by title or by corporate author.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.

As an introduction to the official documents, the following proclamation of Stephen F. Austin, the first leader to obtain special recognition from the federal and state Mexican governments, is of interest: