Research Guide
Latinos and Baseball in Houston

Houston Baseball

Books
- Houston’s Sporting Life 1900-1950 by Mike Vance (*Book of photographs published in 2011. It does not have an index*).
- Houston Baseball: The Early Years, 1861-1961 by Mike Vance (*Published in 2014*).

Vertical Files (newspaper clippings)
- VF-H-Sports- baseball
- VF-H-Sports- - (general)
- VF-H-Sports- - 1980s
- VF-H-Sports- - Buffs (Buff Stadium was preceded by West Park)
- VF-H-Sports- - Colt 45s

Archival Collections
- MSS 0850 Opening Day Baseball Exhibit
- SC 1105 Houston Buffalos Baseball Scorecards
- SC 1108 Major League Baseball Memorabilia
- SC 1323 Remlig Baseball Memorabilia
- SC 1452 Dr. Sue Hepler /Monarch Baseball Photographs

Houston Parks

Visit the Texas Room to view vertical files and architectural files on individual parks throughout Houston

Latino Softball Tournaments

Vertical Files
- VF-H-Events-Mexican American

Archival Collections
- MSS 0352.021: Jerry Torres Notes on Magnolia Youth
  - Notes on Mexican-Americans from Magnolia: membership in championship teams and later accomplishments in life.
  - Biographical notes on Leandro (Leo) Torres, AJ Torres, Joe Reyna Sr, Gloria Reyna, Mary Reyna, Jerry Torres, Felix? Torres (built 1st/only skating rink in East End).
  - Notes on semi-pro baseball team from Magnolia.
  - List of Korean War vets.
• MSS 352, Box 8
  o Houston Post index for articles related to Mexican Americans (these are index cards with typed and handwritten notes. one card per article. this is time-consuming to go through, but you might find some gems).

MSS 282 Mexican American Family & Photograph Collections

There are 4 sub-collections within the above collection that contain baseball related photographs and documents. These 4 sub-collections are listed below. Everything is available online at the Portal to Texas History. To view the items from these collections see http://texashistory.unt.edu/search/?q=baseball&t=fulltext&fq=untl_institution%3AHMRC&fq=untl_collection%3AMAJP&fq=&fq=

MSS 282.010: Alex Holgin Collection

  • Alamo baseball Team, c. 1927-28

MSS 282.016: 2nd Ward Baseball Team and Rusk Settlement Collection

  • 2 photographs: Softball team; group portrait on porch of Rusk Settlement House
  • 1 newspaper clipping -- _Houston Press_, March 15, 1955, "Rusk School to Give Way for a Freeway"

MSS 282.056: Mrs. Tomasita Garcia Collection

  • 1 photo, Mex baseball team, 1934

MSS 282.074: Mr. And Mrs. Lupe Garcia Collection

  • Mex Baseball team, 1934
  • (List of names of the men on the pic)
  • Posters announcing upcoming baseball games, 1940s
  • Newspaper clippings on baseball
  • Obituary for Lupe Garcia, semi-pro baseball player, _Houston Post_, April 1976

MSS 0108 Felix Tijerina Family Papers

  • Box 6, Folder 9 Rusk Athletic Club, Tournament Program, 1967
  See http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/houpub/00012/hpub-00012.html

MSS 0067 Leopold Meyer Papers

Meyer was President of the Houston Amateur Baseball Federation in 1927, 1928, and 1929, when he drafted a new constitution and by-laws for the Federation. In 1929, he was also chairman of the Athletic Committee of the City of Houston's Recreation Department. See http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/houpub/00113/hpub-00113.html

I suggest searching for “baseball” on the Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO) site
See http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/search.php?start=0&query1=baseball&query3=Metropolitan
Rusk Settlement House

Archival Collections

MSS 282.011: Bertha Wolf-Rusk Settlement House Collection

- 89 photographs of Rusk Settlement

MSS 0104  Franklin I. Harbach Collection

In 1943, Franklin Harbach left the Henry Street Settlement in New York City to become director of the Houston Settlement Association and the many community programs emanating from Ripley House, Rusk Settlement and Caroline Greene Day Care Center. Under his leadership, the association greatly increased its services and involvement in the neighborhoods. Adult education programs, health centers, teen-age clubs, the Clayton Homes nursery school, and the Junior Forum community Center in Magnolia Park are a few of the many areas that expanded in the years from 1943 to 1978. This collection of Mr. Harbach's papers includes correspondence, reports and speeches concerning the activities of the association and the Ripley House Foundation and offers insight into the organization of a privately funded social agency. Also includes reports and Mr. Harbach's speeches.

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Vertical Files
- VF-H-Ethnic Groups-Mexican Americans – 1930s-1950s
- VF-H-Ethnic Groups-Nicaraguan
- VF-H-Ethnic Groups-Puerto Rican
- VF-H-Ethnic Groups-Salvadoran

Newspapers
(Houston Chronicle clippings on microfiche)

Clemente, Roberto  Baseball Player  10/67-11/30/76

NOTE: In 2012 Talento Bilingue de Houston hosted a play about him
http://www.talentobilingue.org/dc7-the-roberto-clemente-story

Books

Ethnicity in the Sunbelt by Arnoldo De Leon.
We also have De Leon’s research files. This includes an index(hard-copy only) to the Houston Chronicle articles that reference Mexican Americans (1910s-1970). A quick search of the first few pages and I found the following note: March 29, 1915 A Mexican baseball team has been formed in Harris County. (See Box 1 of MSS 0326 Arnoldo De Leon Collection).