



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 22, 2024

TITLE:

Receive information on Bastrop Public Library's digitization award.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Bastrop Public Library has been selected for the 2024 Rescuing Texas History program through the University of North Texas (UNT). The library was awarded in kind services valued at \$682.10 to digitize and preserve of the "Bastrop County Cemetery Records" prepared by Audrey Morgan Rother, the Bastrop County Historical Commission (1983-1993; 6 volumes), "Bastrop Historical Buildings" prepared by the Bastrop County Historical Commission (1976; 1 volume), and "A survey of Texas Historical markers in Bastrop County" prepared by the Bastrop County Historical Commission (1975; 1 volume).

These documents will be digitally preserved, run through optical character recognition to enable full-text search where applicable, and made available for public viewing on the Portal to Texas History. The selected documents are all original works created by researchers in the Bastrop community. This award ensures these historic documents are freely available for current and future researchers.

Documents were delivered to UNT on October 11th and digitization will follow.