**Alamo Bibliography**

Selected Bibliography of Currently Available Items about The Alamo
Prepared by the DRT Library Collections Staff

**Classics** - These volumes have been an essential part of Alamo historiography for many decades.

- **Castañeda, Carlos E., ed.**
  Compiles translations of published accounts by five Mexican participants in the Texas Revolution: Antonio López de Santa Anna, Ramón Martínez Caro, Vicente Filisola, José Urrea, and José María Tornel.

- **Habig, Marion A.**
  An introduction to the Spanish mission system and an in-depth history of the five missions of San Antonio.

- **Lord, Walter**
  Written for a general audience, this is a well-researched narrative of the events leading to the Battle of the Alamo

- **Williams, Amelia.**
  Originally published in 1931, The Alamo Defenders is the culmination of almost a decade's worth of Alamo research, and is the foundation for many of the works that have followed.

**Current Scholarship** - These are more recent works from the past 20-30 years. They reflect some of the most current trends in the study of the Texas Revolution and the Battle of the Alamo.

- **Barr, Alwyn**
  Barr describes the Texan and Mexican armies and explores the impact of this campaign on the military strategies of 1836.

- **Brands, H. W.**
  Brands’ history draws on contemporary accounts, diaries, and letters to animate a diverse cast of characters who participated in the Texas Revolution.

- **Collins, Phil**
  This volume provides an overview of the Collins Collection of Texana and Alamo artifacts and documents. These items have now been gifted to the Alamo.

- **Crisp, James E.**
  This first-person account of historical detective work illuminates the methods of the serious historian who searches for the more complex truths behind the glorious myths.
Davis, William C.
Davis explores the lives of Crockett, Bowie and Travis and what brought them to Texas.

Davis, William C.
In Lone Star Rising, Davis deftly combines the latest scholarship on the military battles of the revolution, including research in seldom used Mexican archives, with an absorbing examination of the politics on all sides.

Edmondson, J. R.

Groneman, Bill
Provides short biographical accounts of members of the Alamo garrison, including the women and children sheltered there. The second part includes quotations from letters and personal diaries left by the defenders.

Hardin, Stephen L.
Hardin provides a careful analysis of the military aspects of the Texas Revolution. Excellent illustrations of the Alamo and the progression of the Mexican attack.

Kilgore, Dan and James E. Crisp.
James E. Crisp, a professional historian and a participant in the debates over the De la Peña diary, reconsiders the heated disputation surrounding How Did Davy Die? and poses the intriguing follow-up question, “...And Why Do We Care So Much?”

Lindley, Thomas Ricks

Nelson, George
A detailed visual history of the Alamo from its founding to the modern era. Artists' renderings and conceptions and photographs illustrate the changes to the Alamo and its surroundings over time.

Nofi, Albert A.
A narrative of the Texas Revolution, focusing on the Battle of the Alamo. Includes brief biographies of notable figures, lists, and short sections on political events, military matters, and legends.

Ragsdale, Crystal Sasse
A brief history of the Alamo followed by biographical narratives of the wives and children of Alamo defenders who survived the battle.

Roberts, Randy and James S. Olson.
This volume examines the development of the mythology surrounding the battle of the Alamo.
Winders, Richard Bruce
The historian and curator at the Alamo examines events that led to this epic struggle and concludes that in-fighting among the revolutionary leadership doomed the Alamo garrison.

Primary Source Readers - These are volumes that are primarily contemporary accounts taken from manuscript evidence.

Almonte, Juan N
Contemporary account regarding the tensions that led up to the Texas Revolution as well as Mexico's 1836 campaign.

Chariton, Wallace O.
Provides in chronological order letters, documents and other first-hand accounts dated from Dec. 9, 1835 through March 17, 1836. Some are edited while others are presented literally. Temporarily out of print.

Filisola, Don Vicente
Wallace Woolsey translates the memoirs of Vicente Filisola, 2nd in command of the Mexican troops in Texas. Volume I, the Spanish colonial period through 1833; Volume II, 1834 through May 1836.

Groneman, Bill
Contemporary correspondence (letters, diaries, memoirs) and newspaper accounts are printed in chronological order. The last chapter places some participants in the 1836 Battle for the Alamo in the mission complex according to eyewitness accounts.

Jenkins, John, ed.
Volumes 3 and 4 deal specifically with the Alamo. Not readily available for purchase but accessible at the Alamo Research Center. Useful for primary source material.

Matovina, Timothy M.
A compilation of accounts of the Battle of the Alamo by Tejanos, native Texans of Mexican descent. Taken from unpublished documents and published sources.

Peña, José Enrique de la
This account of the Texas Revolution by an officer of the Mexican Army details many of the events of the military campaign.

Segúnín, Juan N.
The edited memoirs and selected correspondence of an important figure in Texas history that includes his eyewitness accounts of events during the Texas Revolution.

Hansen, Todd
Provides a range of contemporary source material as well as commentary and historical essays.

Huffines, Alan C.
Original Texian and Mexican accounts describe the events preceding and during the battle in this thirteen-day chronology annotated and analyzed by Huffines.

Zaboly, Gary S.
A variety of experiences and perspectives are documented in both prominent and obscure newspapers.