

New Exhibit: Texas Law & Order...And The Compilers Behind It

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It's easy to take for granted the work of compiling the law. Once the session is over and the governor signs the bills, everything is done, right? Far from it. Preparing volumes that update the law requires time and careful consideration. In this display we took a look at some of the important resources for studying Texas legislative history and the people who laid the foundations for the structure of our laws.

Drawing from our "Who Is..." blog series, the exhibit profiles the lives and work of [George W. Paschal](#), [John Sayles](#), [H.P.N. Gammel](#), and [Joseph W. Vernon](#), all of whose contributions we see reflected in our contemporary Texas legislative publications. Learn who hung up the laws to dry after the Capitol fire, who represented the Cherokee Nation in several important cases, who helped establish the law department at Baylor University, and who never resided in Texas but has his name on our law publications today. (And if you can't make it in person, click on the collages below to learn more about Texas' law compilers.)