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**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

William Eugene Hollon was born on May 28, 1913, in Commerce, Texas. He earned a B.A. in English from East Texas State Teachers College (1934), an M.A. in Education and History from the University of Texas (1937), and a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Texas (1942). Hollon taught in secondary schools in Texas from 1934 to 1945. During World War II, he was also an instructor in the Navy Pre-Flight School at Kerrville, Texas. In 1945, Hollon joined the Department of History at the University of Oklahoma, where he taught until 1966. For the last sixteen years of that time, he served as the Curator of History at the University's Stovall Museum of Science and History. Hollon joined the department of History at the University of Toledo in 1966, and retired from that post in 1977. In addition to his more traditional teaching activities, Hollon served as a Fulbright lecturer in Peru in 1958, and at the University of Madrid, Spain for the 1966-67 academic year. Dr. Hollon was a visiting professor of history at the University of New Mexico in the summer of 1960, and at the University of Montana in the summer of 1964. He also worked as a Peace Corps instructor in El Salvador and Puerto Rico in 1963 and 1964.

Dr. Hollon wrote several major books, scholarly articles, and shorter articles for encyclopedias in addition to a number of book reviews. His publications include outlines of U.S. history, a history of pre-flight training in the American military, and biographies of the western explorers Zebulon Pike and Randolph Marcy. Among his other works are books on the American Southwest, such as *The Southwest: Old and New*, *The Great American Desert*, *Western America*, *The Texas Journals and Notes of William Bollaert* and *Frontier Violence*.

Dr. Hollon received fellowships from the American Philosophical Society, the Rockefeller Foundation, the American Research Institute, the Newberry Library, and the Huntington Library. He was a founder and past president of the Western Historical Association, and a member of the Great Plains Historical Association, the Southwestern Historical Association, and the Arizona Historical Association. He also belonged to the Ohio Academy of History and the Organization of American Historians. In 1968, he was named a Regents Professor by the Ohio Board of Regents.

While at the University of Toledo, Dr. Hollon helped establish the doctoral program in History, and served as the foundation for the department's reputation in western history. Dr. Hollon died May 19, 2002 in Gilmer Texas.

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**Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of the papers of W. Eugene Hollon, a leading scholar on the history of the American West. The collection should prove especially useful for the study of the history of the West from Spanish colonization up to the present, as well as historiography and Dr. Hollon's career.

The collection is arranged by topic into three series: Series I- Personal and Professional Correspondence; Series II- Manuscripts and Research Materials; and Series III- Photographs. The collection occupies 24 linear feet.

Series I is arranged chronologically and alphabetically by correspondent, reader, or organization. Noted correspondence includes letters from Carl Coke Rister, Paul Angle, Ray Billington, and Alfred Knopf. The series dates from 1945-1993. A book of letters from former students and colleagues presented to Dr. Hollon at his retirement from UT is filed within the series.

Series II documents Hollon's major research and publishing interests during his career. Manuscripts and proofs of several of Hollon's books form a large part of the series, including *The Southwest: Old and New*, *The Great American Desert*, *Western America*, *The Texas Journals and Notes of William Bollaert* and *Frontier Violence*. The series also includes miscellaneous items such as Hollon's vitae.

Series III contains photographs associated with Hollon's research. Researchers should note that the photographs may be governed by copyrights from the original sources.

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**Series List**

**S1 Personal and Professional Correspondence**

1945-1993

Chronologically and alphabetically

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**S2 Manuscripts and Research Materials**

Manuscripts and proofs of several of Hollon's books form a large part of the series, including *The Southwest: Old and New*, *The Great American Desert*, *Western America*, *The Texas Journals and Notes of William Bollaert* and *Frontier Violence*.

**S3 Photographs**

Photographs associated with Hollon's research.

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3	1	A-C 1954-55
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4	4	A-L 1960
4	5	M-Z 1960
5	1	A-L 1961
5	2	M-Z 1961
5	3	A-J 1962
5	4	M-Z 1962
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6	5	A-Q 1964
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7	1	A-J 1965
7	2	K-Z 1965
7	3	A-J 1966
7	4	K-R 1966
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8	1	A-F 1966-69
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9	3	A-G 1969
9	4	H-R 1969
9	5	S-Z 1969
10	1	A-G 1970
10	2	H-Q 1970
10	3	R-Z 1970
10	4	A-H 1971
10	5	I-Q 1971
10	6	R-Z 1971
11	1	A-G 1972
11	2	H-N 1972
11	3	O-Z 1972
11	4	A-D 1973
11	5	E-N 1973
11	6	O-Z 1973
12	1-3	MISC. 1974
12	4-6	MISC. 1974-75
13	1-3	MISC. 1975-76
13	4-6	MISC. 1976
14	1-4	MISC. 1977
14	5	Retirement Letters 1978
43	1	A-F 1978
43	2	G-Q 1978
43	3	R-Z 1978
43	4	A-E 1979
43	5	F-L 1979
43	6	M-Z 1979
43	7	A-E 1980
43	8	F-L 1980
43	9	M-S 1980
43	10	T-Z 1980
43	11	A-F 1981
43	12	G-Q 1981
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44	1	A-G 1983
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44	15	T-Z 1987
44	16	A-G 1988
44	17	H-Q 1988
44	18	R-Z 1988
45	1	A-G 1989
45	2	H-O 1989
45	3	P-Z 1989
45	4	A-H 1990
45	5	I-Q 1990
45	6	R-Z 1990
45	7	A-G 1991
45	8	H-O 1991
45	9	P-Z 1991
45	10	Unidentified December 1992
45	11	Unidentified December 1993
45	12	December 1992

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**Manuscripts and Research Materials**

**A. Manuscripts**

15	1	<i>The Great American Desert</i> Title Page- Ch. 4 of Manuscript
15	2	Ch. 5- Ch. 9
15	3	Ch. 10- Bibliography
15	4	First Proofs
15	5	First Proofs, contd. <i>The Southwest, Old and New</i>
16	1	Ch. 1- Ch. 7 of Manuscript
16	2	Ch. 8- Ch. 13 of Manuscript
16	3	Ch. 14- Ch. 20 of Manuscript
17	1	Preface – Ch. 4 of typesetting copy
17	2	Ch. 5- Ch. 8 of typesetting copy
17	3	Ch. 9- Ch. 12 of typesetting copy
17	4	Ch. 13- Ch. 16 of typesetting copy
17	5	Ch. 17- Ch. 20 of typesetting copy
17	6	Bibliography and Index of typesetting copy
18	1	Title page- Ch. 5 of plate proofs
18	2	Ch. 6- Ch. 10 of plate proofs
18	3	Ch. 11- Ch. 15 of plate proofs
18	4	Ch. 20- index of plate proofs

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19	1	Misc. plate and galley proofs
19	2	Misc. plate and galley proofs
19	3	Misc. plate and galley proofs <i>The Texas Journals and Notes of William Bollaert</i>
20	1	Title page- p. 149 of manuscript
20	2	pp. 150-299 of manuscript
20	3	pp. 300-442 of manuscript
20	4	Miscellaneous manuscripts
20	5	Miscellaneous manuscripts
20	6	Miscellaneous manuscripts
20	7	Miscellaneous manuscripts <i>Frontier Violence</i>
21	1-2	Ch. 1- index of proofs
22	1	Ch.1- Ch. 8 of manuscript
22	2	Part of Ch. 9 of manuscript
22	3	Bibliography and notes of manuscript <i>Western America</i>
23	1	Introduction- Ch. 4 of manuscript
23	2	Ch. 5- Ch. 9 of manuscript
23	3	Ch. 10- Ch. 14 of manuscript
23	4	Ch. 15- Ch. 18 of manuscript
24	1	Ch. 19- Ch. 22 of manuscript
24	2	Ch. 23- Ch. 27 of manuscript
24	3	Ch. 28- Ch. 31 of manuscript
24	4	Ch. 32- Ch. 35 of manuscript
24	5	Ch. 5- Ch. 7, Ch. 9, Ch. 13 (partial)
24	6	Ch. 14, Ch. 15, Ch. 17-19 (partial)
25	1	Ch. 23-24, Ch. 26, Ch. 28-29, Ch. 31 (partial)
25	2	Misc. Illustrations for partial manuscript
25	3	Introduction- Ch. 35 of proofs
25	4	Ch. 1-13, Ch. 28-35 of proofs
		<b>B. Research Materials</b>
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26	4	Colorado
27	1	Idaho
27	2	Montana
27	3	Nevada
27	4-5	New Mexico
28	1	Oklahoma
28	2-3	Texas
28	4-6	Utah
28	7	Wyoming
29	1	The Southwest- Regional
29	2	Southwestern Cities
29	3-6	Deserts
29	7-8	Natural Resources



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30	1	Flora and Fauna
30	2	U.S. Department of Agriculture
30	3-7	Water
31	1	Indian Tribes
31	2	Anderson, Dobie, Goldwater, Hayden, Kerr
31	3	Randolph B. Marcy
31	4	Zebulon Pike Letters
32	-	Zebulon Pike (index cards)
33-34	-	Randolph B. Marcy and family (index cards)
35	-	Bibliography/ notes for <i>The Great American Desert</i> (index cards)
36	1-4	Research Materials on violence
37	1-4	Research Materials on violence
38	1-3	Misc. photographs and maps
		<b>C. Miscellaneous Materials</b>
39	1-8	Misc. Box
40	1-6	Misc. Box
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41	9	Curricula vitae, clippings
41	10	Misc. Photographs
45	14	Newsclippings
45	15	Personal and Professional Info
		<b>D. Professional and Information Papers</b>
		-Articles
45	16	On land Use and the Environment
45	17	"History: a Discipline in Crisis" Oscar Handlin
45	18	"The Murder of the Southwest" Alvin Josephy
45	19	"Historical Relevance and the American West" Howard Lamar
45	20	"Oklahoma's Neurosurgical Heritage" Alvin Rix
		-Reviews
45	21	Book Reviews by W.E. Hollon
45	22	Of Hollon: Frontier Violence: Another Look
45	23	The Great American Desert
45	24	Of The great American West: Essays in Honor of W.E. Hollon
		- Misc. Materials
45	25	Zebulon Pike and the Blue Mountain (movie Script)
45	26	National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Seminar 1978
45	27	National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Seminar 1979
45	28	Western History Association: Papers and Correspondence
45	29	Correspondence from Walter Prescott Webb
45	30	Contact Info with University of Toledo
45	31	Lecture Notes: Walter Prescott Webb's Courses
45	32	Lecture Notes: Indian Affairs
45	33	Lecture Notes: History 424/524
45	34	Lecture Notes: History 435/535
45	35	Lecture Notes: History 436/536
45	36	Lecture Notes: The southwest

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		-Papers
45	39	“Land Use Management: An Appraisal”
45	40	“The Ox Bow Disaster and Other Assorted Incidents: Murphy’s Law and Oklahoma City, 1964”
45	41	“Some Recent Trends in the History Profession”
45	42	“Diary of a Confederate Soldier”
45	43	“Walter Prescott Webb’s Arid West: Four Decades Later”
45	44	“The Preflight Schools in World War II”
45	45	“Salty Water for a Thirsty Land”
45	46	“The Cowboy’s Paraphernalia”
45	47	“The Cult of the American Cowboy”
45	48	“The Mountain West: Has It Been Won...”
45	49	“The History Profession: Then and Now”
45	50	“The Movie Cowboy”
45	51	“Our Culture and Cowboy Mentality”
45	52	“Reflections on Three Years in an Academic Out”
45	53	“Professor Webb Visits Ozona, October 1939”
45	54	“Growing Up in Commerce”
45	55	“The Great American Desert Revisited”
45	56	Introduction to the Franz Essays
45	57	“The Great American West: Child of Federal Subsidy”
45	58	“Frontier”
45	59	“Walter Prescott Webb: The Classroom Teacher”
45	60	“Addendum”
45	61	“Frontier Violence” (paper)
		-Instructions for Book Reports and General
45	62	Writing Tips
		<b>E. Oversized Maps (Stored in Tube)</b>
		<b>S3</b>
		<b>Photographs (one box)</b>
42	1	#1- 40 for the Great American Desert
42	2	#1- 50
42	3	#51- 100
42	4	#101- 150
42	5	#151-173

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