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## Ned Fritz collection housed at the DeGolyer Library, SMU



The DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University is an archival library which collects papers of noteworthy persons to preserve for posterity. The library is now home to the papers of our founder, Edward C. "Ned" Fritz, who passed away in late 2008. "Dr. Russell Martin, the director of the library, asked for Ned's papers because Ned was considered 'the father of conservation in Texas,'" said Genie Fritz, Ned's wife and current TLC board member.

Over a period of several years, Ned's papers were donated to the library, which has now archived them for public use. There is a wealth of material for students and researchers to look through that will show them the early struggles of environmentalists in Texas. The collection contains personal papers, newspaper clippings, reports and journals about Ned's environmental advocacy work as well as his legal papers. Highlights of the collection include a documents about the Nature Conservancy of Texas, the Texas Committee on Natural Resources (now called the Texas Conservation Alliance), the Forest Biodiversity and Clear-cutting Prohibition Act of 1989, and the Audubon Society. The bulk of the collection ranges from the 1970s to the 1990s.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the collection and its contents. One can visit the library to see the collection in full. We are honored to be among the organizations that Ned founded and are thrilled that the DeGolyer now houses this collection.

The library is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is located at 6404 Robert S. Hyer Lane, Dallas, TX 75205. For more information about the library itself, visit its website: <http://smu.edu/cul/degolyer/>