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AWARD-WINNING FILM PRESERVATION PROGRAM IS TRAVELING TO WACO

WACO, TEXAS (November 1, 2018) – Celebrating its tenth year of preserving Texas film and video with the Texas Film Round-Up, the Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI) is bringing the award-winning program to Waco. Area residents are invited to drop off their films and videotapes for the FREE digitization program at the Waco - McLennan County Library, Central Library, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, November 9th and 10th. Residents are welcome to drop off their film and videotapes in advance at the following libraries:

- South Waco Library, Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- East Waco Library, Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- West Waco Library, Thursday, Nov. 8th, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Through a partnership with the Texas Film Commission, the Texas Film Round-Up provides free digitization for Texas films and videotapes, including home movies, industrial films, educational films, advertisements, local television, and other audio-visual materials to preserve Texas media heritage. To qualify for free digitization, the films and videos must be Texas related, and participants must be willing to donate a digital copy of their materials to the project. TAMI will digitize these materials in Austin and return them by mail to the owners at no cost, along with a digital copy.

The first Texas Film Round-Up was held in Austin in 2009. Since its launch, TFRU has hosted more than 30 Round-Ups, trekking more than 16,000 miles across the Lone Star State, and collecting more than 40TB of digital video. The Archive's ever-expanding, curated collection is available to view free-of-charge at www.texasarchive.org.

“For the past decade, we have toured the state inviting and encouraging Texas citizens to save and contribute their own stories. We are thrilled to travel to Waco and see what unique stories can be discovered,” said TAMI’s Executive Director, Dr. Caroline Frick. “The archive is creating a new Lone Star history of the 20th and 21st centuries. It shows us who Texas was and will be.”

The Texas Film Round-Up is open to the public. Free parking is available on site, including spaces for drivers with disabilities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to learn about how to preserve their films and view highlights from Texas films across the decades. The event is presented in partnership with the Waco - McLennan County Library and the Office of the Governor’s Texas Film Commission.

The Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI) is an independent non-profit organization founded in 2002 to discover, preserve, make accessible, and serve community interest in Texas’ moving image heritage. By partnering with institutions and individuals across the state, TAMI

digitizes and provides web access to thousands of moving images that offer insight into Texas history and culture. To learn more about TAMI, visit www.texasarchive.org.

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