

“MUST HAVE” BOOKS ON WACO HISTORY

- Barnes, Lavonia J. *Early Homes of Waco and the People Who Lived in Them*. Waco: Texian Press, 1970. This book presents old Waco houses that were built from the late 1840s to the late 1890s and a synopsis of some of the families that lived in them. There is also a section on houses that no longer exist.
- Conger, Roger N. *A Pictorial History of Waco*. Waco: Texian Press, 1964. This work showcases the photography of Fred Gildersleeve in capturing the visual history of Waco to the middle of the 20th century.
- . *Highlights of Waco History*. Waco: Hill Printing and Stationery Co, 1945. This is one of the earliest works offering a concise history of Waco.
- . *Waco: A Basic History*. Waco: Texian Press, 1984. This small, illustrated publication, by one of Waco's most famous historians, serves as a stimulus for an appreciation and enjoyment of the city's history.
- Curry, William H. *A History of Early Waco with Allusions to Six Shooter Junction*. Waco: Texian Press, 1968. This work features short stories, not in any particular order, of many Waco events, buildings, organizations, and people, including photographs, some not found anywhere else.
- Davis, Robert E. and Walker, Barbara, eds. *A Pictorial History of Waco Volume II – Photographs from the Collection of James F. Jasek*. Waco: Texian Press, 2000. This publication is a continuation of Conger's book on a pictorial history of Waco, using photographs from the middle 1930s to the end of the 20th century.
- Kelley, Dayton, ed. *The Handbook of Waco and McLennan County, Texas*. Waco: Texian Press, 1972. While it needs to be updated and expanded, this important publication contains information in encyclopedic form on the history of Waco from obscure sources.
- Poage, William R. *McLennan County - Before 1980*. Waco: Texian Press, 1981. The author relates a good general history of Waco and surrounding area.
- Wallace, Patricia W. *A Spirit So Rare: A History of the Women of Waco*. Austin: Nortex Press, 1984. This work presents biographical sketches of two dozen of Waco's prominent women throughout its history.
- . *Waco: A Sesquicentennial History*. Virginia Beach: The Donning Co., 1999. Published as a commemoration of Waco's sesquicentennial year, this book features many before now unpublished photographs documenting the history of Waco.
- . *Waco: Texas Crossroads*. Woodland Hills: Windsor Publications, Inc., 1983. This pictorial work, the first of Wallace's histories, chronicles Waco as a place where many "roads" have crossed. The last chapter features histories of selected local businesses.