

Dominick J. Cirincione Photograph Collection

Great American Cattle Drive of 1995

History

The Great American Cattle Drive of 1995 was organized to re-enact and commemorate the great cattle drives of the 1870 and 1880s. The starting point was in the Fort Worth Stock Yards, the destination was Miles City Montana. The drive passed through six states. Because the open range of the 19th century West had long since disappeared, the herd traveled along a route patched together from public highways, open public lands, and land generously opened by ranchers along the way. The principal organizer of the drive was Walter Secrest, a Montana rancher. Bud McCasland of Azle, Texas was the foreman. McCasland employed 24 cowboys to drive 300 head of cattle from Fort Worth to Montana. The drive left Fort Worth March 5th and arrived in Miles City September 1.

Provenance

The photographs were created by Mr. Nicolas Cirincione. The books and other supporting documents were gathered by J'Nell Pate and Mr. Cirincione. This collection was donated to the Tarrant County College District Archives by Nicolas Cirincione and J'Nell Pate in 2013. Mr. Cirincione stipulated that the photographs be treated as public domain, and be made freely available to researchers. The supporting articles and book are copyrighted material, their use subject of copyright law. This collection is available to researchers by appointment. Please contact the [TCCD Archives](#).

Scope and Description

The photographs and supporting books, articles, and memorabilia in this collection comprise a record of the 1995 cattle drive from Texas to Montana. Two volumes of photographs record the drives journey from its start in the Fort Worth Texas Stock Yards to its arrival in Miles City, Montana. Supporting documents include several books on the history of the American West; books on Cowboy life and culture; one volume of documentation consisting of photographs, newspaper articles, interviews, and related materials recording the drives progress through five states; and a video documentary film about the drive.

Box 1

Texas Longhorn Cattle Drive of 1995, Vol. I. Photographs by Dominick J. Cirincione. A photographic narrative of the drives start in Fort Worth and first few days along the trail.

Box 2

Texas Longhorn Cattle Drive of 1995, Vol. II. Photographs by Dominick J. Cirincione. Records the drives terminus in Miles City, Montana.

Box 3

Books

The Log of a Cowboy: A Narrative of the Old Trail Days Adams, Andy (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1964)

West Texas Cattle Kingdom O'Neal, Bill (Charleston: Arcadia Press, 2013)

The Cowboys Forbs, William H. (New York: Time-Life Books, 1973)

The Texans Nevin, David (New York: Time-Life Books, 1975)

The Great Drive of '95 Ley, Dorthy M. (Miles City, Montana: Dorthy M. Lay, 1996?)

Texas State Travel Guide (Austin: Texas Department of Transportation, 2012)

Box 4

The Great American Drive Billings, Montana: Big Sky Video Productions. VHS tape.
Documentary film on the Great American Cattle Drive. The 1993 date on the box is a misprint.

Box 5

Supporting documents

Folder

1. *Texas Longhorn Cattle Drive of 1995, Vol. 1 & 2* negatives
2. *The Chisholm Trail* Austin: Texas Historical Commission, 2007. Pamphlet. A brief history of the Chisholm trail
3. *The Official Travel Map* Texas Department of Transportation, 2012

Box 5

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