

LJHA Scan Day
May 8, 2021, 9 am-1 pm
Alden B. Dow Office
101 South Parking Place

Got History? Join us for Digital Scan Day! Do you have photos of City of Lake Jackson's people, places, or events, in family photo albums? Do you have Letters, memoirs, posters or artwork? Or do you have souvenirs or other artifacts related to the history of Lake Jackson?

History isn't found documented only in libraries and museums. It is found in homes where family mementos are preserved and photos are cherished. Do you have photos of City events like marching in a July 4th parade, a store grand opening, performing at Festival of Lights, first day of school, road construction, or even furniture used decades ago in your family's living room? Help capture these vitally important parts of our community's heritage and preserve it for future generations.

Everyone is invited to bring in pictures and information about businesses, residents and events of the Lake Jackson's past.

We are looking for anything historical that tells about the area families, businesses or events. Examples are photographs of people, buildings and things; documents (land, marriage, etc.); or letters about life here or history like the wars.

Bring as much information on the items as you can. Save time by preparing an inventory, a list of items with descriptions or notes before the event. Try to answer these questions for each item brought to Scan Day: Who? What? When? Where?

Here are some sample questions for photographs to give you an idea of what we need:

Who? Who is in the photograph? Who is the subject? Include full names (avoid things names like "Mom" or "Grandpa")

What? What is going on in the photograph? What is the context? Why was the photograph taken?

When? Try to date the photograph. Even an estimate, like "between 1955-1962" or "late 1940s", is better than nothing

Where? Where was the photograph taken? Where was the photograph published?

Items generally discouraged include: newspapers or newspaper clippings, copyrighted materials (unless permission is obtained from the copyright holder), and anything that contains private information. As a general rule of thumb, do not bring anything to Scan Day that you would not be comfortable having do want displayed shown online.

Our current scanners limit the size to 11-inches by 17-inches. Nothing larger, please.

Bring your own USB flash drive to save your scanned memories. Scanned files can be large. The flash drive capacity should be 4 gigabytes or larger.