The Woodrow Wilson THF papers, a collection that includes correspondence from the early 1900s, has been acquired by the University of Texas at Austin. The papers were donated by the late John H. Kellas, a former president of the THF, and will be housed in the University’s new Center for American History.

Foundation board members Clark Wernecke, Ph.D., second from right, and Eric Griffin, third from left, were on hand for the presentation of a grant to representatives of The Wittliff Collections in January. THF funds will assist with production of a book that highlights major writers, musicians, and photographers who have been inspired by Texas rivers and waterways. Williamson County Museum will use THF assistance for activities associated with Chisholm Trail Days, a free event highlighting the life of the cowboys on the famous cattle trail. Foundation Director Clark Wernecke, Ph.D., center, made the check presentation.

Foundation board members Ele Jordan, center, and Bill Sibley, right, received the first grant from THF's newly established William Jack Sibley Endowment. The award will assist with travel, video, voiceover, and scripting for "The Living Coast," a full-length concert inspired by the Texas Gulf coast.

THF representatives Ele Jordan, third from left, board member, and Gene Krane, executive director, second from left, toured the historic Millett Opera House in downtown Austin, then presented a grant check to members of the nonprofit established to restore the 1878 building. The Foundation gift will help repaint the structure and repair historic architectural elements.

An article entitled "Never the Same," in the latest issue of THF’s award-winning Texas HERITAGE magazine, highlights the impact that World War II and the building of Camp Swift, an Army training center erected near Bastrop, had on the small town. Construction projects within the facility included 2,750 buildings, a regional hospital, a post office, and a telephone exchange. At its peak, construction and operations provided 18,000 jobs.

To learn more, become a THF member and receive a subscription to the quarterly publication.

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