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Texas Furniture, Volume One: The Cabinetmakers And Their Work, 1840-1880, Revised Edition (Focus On American History)



Synopsis

The art of furniture making flourished in Texas during the mid-nineteenth century. To document this rich heritage of locally made furniture, Miss Ima Hogg, the well-known philanthropist and collector of American decorative arts, enlisted Lonn Taylor and David B. Warren to research early Texas Furniture and its makers. They spent more than a decade working with museums and private collectors throughout the state to examine and photograph representative examples. They also combed census records, newspapers, and archives for information about cabinetmakers. These efforts resulted in the 1975 publication of *Texas Furniture*, which quickly became the authoritative reference on this subject. Now updated with an expanded Index of Texas Cabinetmakers that includes information that has come to light since the original publication and corrects errors, *Texas Furniture* presents a catalog of more than two hundred pieces of furniture, each superbly photographed and accompanied by detailed descriptions of the piece's maker, date, materials, measurements, history, and owner, as well as an analysis by the authors. The book also includes chapters on the material culture of nineteenth-century Texas and on the tools and techniques of nineteenth-century Texas cabinetmakers, with a special emphasis on the German immigrant cabinetmakers of the Hill Country and Central Texas. The index of Texas cabinetmakers contains biographical information on approximately nine hundred men who made furniture in Texas, and appendices list information on the state's largest cabinet shops taken from the United States census records.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a "must have" for any collector of Texas made furniture. I had a copy of the original publication, but wanted this new one so that I might share it as needed, as the first edition is now quite valuable. Lonn Taylor has done an excellent job, and I look forward to receiving Volume II when it is published this fall!

This is the second volume of Texas furniture. I like it much better than the first as it has beautiful color pictures. If you are interested in 19th C Texas, this is for you.

A well written, well researched epic book on the history of Texas furniture. A truly fascinating and rewarding study. Congratulations to Lonn Taylor

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