

James A. Wilson

Ph.D., University of Arizona

Angelo State University, 1965-1970

Texas State University, 1970-2001; semi-retired, 2001-2007; fully retired 2007, professor emeritus

Acting department chair, 1982-1983; chair, 1988-1995

Subject emphasis regarding advanced undergraduate courses, graduate seminars, and thesis direction -- American West, Southwest, and Texas. I pioneered the course in Tejano history.

Served one term on the Executive Council of the Texas State Historical Association.

Published several journal articles on southwestern cattle ranching, politics, and territorial penology. Authored a small book on the Texas ranching frontier, a bibliography dealing with Tejano history, and, in collaboration with wife, Jane Spraggins Wilson, a pictorial history of a West Texas oil town. Contributed several entries to AMERICAN NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY and THE NEW HANDBOOK OF TEXAS.

"West Texas Influence on the Early Cattle Industry of Arizona," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, 71 (July 1967)

"Cattlemen, Packers, and the Government: Retreating Individualism on the Texas Range," *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, 74 (April 1971)

"Frontier in the Shadows: Prisons in the Far Southwest, 1850-1917," *Arizona and the West*, 22 (Winter 1980)

*Hide and Horn in Texas: The Spread of Cattle Ranching, 1836-1900* (American Press, 1983)

*Texon: Legacy of an Oil Town* (Arcadia Publishers, 2011)