

## HISTORY AND COLLECTIONS

### The Carnegie Library Building

The Terrell Heritage Museum occupies the historic Carnegie Library building, a landmark associated with the community's commitment to education, civic life, and public access to knowledge.

- **February 1903:** Andrew Carnegie's secretary, James Bertram, communicated a promised \$10,000 donation to Mrs. J. A. Degaugh, president of the Carnegie Club.
- **September 20, 1903:** The building's cornerstone was laid.
- **March 15, 1904:** The library opened to the public.
- **1973:** The Terrell Heritage Society established a museum upstairs as part of Terrell's centennial observance.
- **1986:** The public library moved to its current location, and the Carnegie building became fully dedicated to museum use.

Today, the building serves as both a historic resource and a home for the collections and stories that document Terrell's past.

### Museum Collections

The museum's collections help document Terrell's people, places, organizations, businesses, and community life.

#### **Photographs and Documents**

Historical images and archival materials that record the development of Terrell and the experiences of its residents.

#### **Artifacts and Material Culture**

Objects that help interpret local history, daily life, community institutions, and significant events.

#### **Oral Histories**

Recorded interviews that preserve personal experiences and community memories, complementing the museum's documentary and photographic collections.

#### **Genealogy and Research Resources**

Materials that may assist with family-history research and inquiries into Terrell's past.