### ABBREVIATIONS

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<tr>
<td>HCAC</td>
<td>Houston City Archive Collection</td>
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<td>HCCR</td>
<td>Harris County Court Records</td>
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<td>HMRC</td>
<td>Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Houston Public Library</td>
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<td>HPOA</td>
<td>Houston Police Officers Association</td>
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<td>PFHPD</td>
<td>Personnel Files, Houston Police Department</td>
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<td>TMPA</td>
<td>Texas Municipal Police Association</td>
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<td>TRHPL</td>
<td>Texas Room, Houston Public Library</td>
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<td>TSAFF</td>
<td>Texas State Association of Fire Fighters</td>
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This study has substantially utilized and depended upon oral history techniques to supplement written records. Oral history was indispensable in dealing with particular areas of the study, since in numerous instances the written evidence was either insufficient or non-existent. One such area involved the formation of the Houston Police Officers Association and the campaign of its members to obtain the passage of a state civil service bill in 1947. The minutes of the organization's first meetings were lost, and except for brief newspaper articles describing the chartering of the Association, information regarding the motives of its founders, its methods of organization, and its lobbying campaign was unavailable. Nevertheless, the existing evidence indicated that the creation of the Association and its support of the state civil service law brought about profound changes in the quality of municipal law enforcement and in the occupational status of Houston police officers.

Access to Houston Police Department records was granted following an interview with Deputy Chief Harry Caldwell and a subsequent security clearance. This access placed me in a favorable position to establish rapport with members of the department who had been intimately involved in relevant events. In the course of my research, the quest for the traditional
modes of documentation became inseparably linked with the oral sources, for one frequently led me back to the other. Suggestions or information secured from interviews often directed me to the records, where unanswered questions turned me again to the oral sources. Thus, the search for written records expanded into the field of oral history, and both became integral parts of the study. One technique of investigation supplemented and enriched the other.

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