

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD *Presents*

Dan Smith

“Preserving America’s Maritime Heritage”

November 10, 2018



The Historic American Merchant Marine Survey (HAMMS) was one of six projects created by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) to provide work for unemployed skilled or "white-collar" workers. These projects were intended to provide work which was both useful and appropriate to the skills and experience of workers who were not suited for more traditional work programs involving manual or outdoor labor. The specific goal of HAMMS was to undertake a national survey of watercraft significant in America's commercial maritime history. This was to be accomplished by making measured drawings of existing vessels, ship models, and builders' half models and by compiling written data about vessels. The HAMMS program was in existence from January 1, 1936 to October 15, 1937 and yielded drawing sets for over 400 vessels, large and small.

Dan Smith returns to the Billy W. Sills Archives Center to share the stories of the vessels and people involved in this project.

**Join us November 10, 2018, for a morning of learning,
fun, and fellowship.**

Join us for coffee and “nibbles”
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 10, 2018
10:00 to 12:00

NO ADMISSION FEE

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