The Alexander M. Troup Collection is a collection of items compiled by Mr. Troup that document the history of Dallas, Texas. His process begins by identifying an area to document. Using archaeological methods, Mr. Troup excavates items for inclusion in the north Texas' historical record. After the excavation, the items are meticulously packed in boxes to ensure their preservation.

Opening up any box is an adventure. There are boxes within boxes. And within a few of these boxes within boxes, there are boxes filled with artifacts—shards of doll's faces, flatware from the 1800s, old bottles of cure all, old pipes, shards of glass in various colors, and shards of pottery. All these tidbits of history housed in one box within a box.

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