OPEN ACCESS TO OUR HERITAGE
The Gateway to Oklahoma History

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GATEWAY TO OKLAHOMA HISTORY

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HISTORY OF THE PARTNERSHIP

- OHS contributes items to The Portal to Texas History

- 2009, 2011, 2013: OHS receives Chronicling America grants from Library of Congress and NEH to digitize 100,000 newspaper pages in 2 years
  - UNT serves as technical coordinator

- OHS receives Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Grant: 5 million Oklahoma newspaper pages online
UNT HAD IN PLACE...

- **Established workflows:**
  - Newspaper digitization to preservation standards
  - Hosting content online in an open access format

- **Digital curation utilities**
  - To manage data over time

- **Content delivery system**
  - Can quickly scale
ADVANTAGES FOR UNT

- Expands our newspaper digitization operation
- Benefits our students and scholars
- Improves access to the collection
DEVELOPING THE GATEWAY

- Aubrey
  - UNT’s public-facing content delivery and metadata management system
  - Funded by a grant from IMLS
  - One large collection of content from the same servers
  - Gateway is an interface within Aubrey
DEVELOPING THE GATEWAY, CONTD.

- User Interfaces Unit at UNT Libraries worked with OHS to design the Gateway
- Similar look to the Portal to Texas History and UNT Digital Library with OHS branding; matches their website
- 2 month process from design to launch
  - Kickoff meeting at UNT in December 2011
  - UI created design mockups, OHS created icons and content descriptions
  - Communication with Basecamp (project management software)
WORKFLOW

- OHS digitizes content and delivers to UNT via hard drive
- At UNT:
  - Run OCR software for full-text searching
  - Generate: Raw XML, Text file, PDF file for each newspaper page
  - Create additional “super” metadata
- Data is ingested and uploaded
- Derivatives are delivered to Oklahoma on drives for long-term storage and also moved to the network at UNT
- Collection descriptions and icons created by OHS and UNT
### The Tulsa Star (Tulsa, Okla.), Vol. 1, No. 24, Ed. 1, Friday, April 11, 1913

| Creator (Editor): | Smitherman, Andrew Jackson  
| A. J. Smitherman, Editor & General Mgr. |
| Publisher Info: | Publisher Name: The Tulsa Star Printing and Publishing Co.  
| Publisher Info: 501 North Greenwood Street.  
| Place of Publication: Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Publisher Info: | Publisher Name: Andrew Jackson Smitherman  
| Publisher Info: A. J. Smitherman  
| Place of Publication: Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Original Creation Date: | April 11, 1913 |
| Coverage: | Place  
| United States - Oklahoma - Tulsa County - Tulsa  
| Era  
| New South, Populism, Progressivism, and the Great Depression, 1877-1939 |
| Description: | Weekly newspaper from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Coverage includes local, state, and national news, along with advertising. |
**ADDING CONTENT**

- Currently over 90,000 newspaper issues
  - 680,000 pages
- Full-text searching
- Collections: titles and subjects
- Date range: 1840s to 1920s
Statistics for The Gateway to Oklahoma History

**442,915 Total Uses / 67,173** in the last 29 days.

Usage by Month/Year

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