PRESENTATION OUTLINE

• Portal to Texas History
• Redesigning with Genealogists
• Content Overview
• Demonstration
Digital gateway to cultural heritage collections from every corner of Texas . . . .

- Museums & Archives
- Public Libraries
- Historical Societies
- Genealogical Societies
- Universities
- Government Entities
- Private Collections
PUBLIC LIBRARY PARTNERS

- Alvord
- Austin
- Boyce Ditto
- Dallas
- Deaf Smith County
- Denton
- Euless
- Ferris
- Hitchcock
- Laredo
- Lena Armstrong
- Killeen City System
- Marshall
- Moore Memorial
- Palestine
- Richardson
DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Miss Mozelle Craddock

DATE-NUT TORTE—12 SERVINGS

3-4 cup flour
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
3 eggs
3-4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 1/2 packages of chopped dates.

Beat eggs well, add sugar and continue beating until mixture is light. Add sifted flour and baking powder, fold in nuts and dates and bake in slow oven for about 35 minutes.
MATERIAL TYPES & GROWTH

- Maps
- Photographs
- Books
- Diaries
- Letters
- Postcards
- Yearbooks
- City directories
- Newspapers

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IOGENE PROJECT: 2008-2009

GOAL: Redesign the Portal to match how users want to interact with its content

/Users: Genealogists in North Texas

- Increasing interest in genealogical research
  - 73% (2005, USA)
- Increasing number of seniors
  - 2011 – 2031: +10,000 per day
- Increasing use of Internet for genealogical research
  - 24% of all users; 36% of seniors (2004)
Research Process

Search or Browse Contents → Evaluate Results → Investigate Items

Investigate Items
- Images
  - Photographs
  - Maps
  - Postcards
- Texts
  - Books
  - Journals
  - Diaries
  - Letters
  - Postcards

Select Items

IOGENE Project
- Focus Groups
- Usability Testing
- Comment Log Analysis

Participants
- Members of Genealogical Societies
- Portal Users
Key Finding

**Genealogists**
- **Name**: primarily surname but also full name
- **Location**: county, city, town, township, community
- **Time Period**: range of dates

**Digital Library**
- **Title**
- **Author / Creator**
- **Subject**

We needed to rethink our digital library direction to enable discovery of content in a manner familiar to genealogists.
FINDINGS

• Name Search
  – Fielded name search
  – Soundex search

• Item Record
  – Location information
  – Format

• Citation
  – Format
  – Save/download

• Item Navigation
  – Multi-page items
    • Navigate to sections
  – Describe pages without numbers
  – Navigate among hits

• Search Results
  – Serial publications
  – Ready access to hits
  – Limits
    • First name
    • Date range
We'd Like your opinion!

The Portal to Texas History has a whole new look and new ways for you to Explore and Search! Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think.

Brief Survey...

About the Portal

The Portal is a gateway to Texas history materials. You may discover anything from an ancestor's picture to a rare historical map.

Read More...

Resources4 Educators

We offer teaching materials that connect your students with primary source historical documents to dramatically enrich their learning.

See all resources...

Recent Additions

The Portal continues to grow as new partners contribute digital versions of their collections. See some of our latest materials here.

Recent Additions...

Search within the Portal to Texas History

Everything | Books | Maps | Photos | Newspapers

| fulltext | Submit |

Featured Collection

Legacies: a History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas

Legacies is a biannual publication devoted to the rich history of Dallas and North Central Texas as a way to examine the many historical legacies—social, ethnic, cultural, political—which have shaped the modern city of Dallas and the region around it. Currently, Legacies is a joint publication of Dallas Heritage Village, the Dallas Historical Society, the Old Red Museum, and the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza.

More Collections...

Featured Partner

Collin County Genealogical Society

The Collin County Genealogical Society provides access to the Collin Chronicles, its quarterly newsletter. The issues run from 1981 to 2004, and provide transcripts of historical materials, local cemetery information and general research resources.

More Partners...
Earl Steele Delivering the Mail

Date: unknown
Creator: unknown
Description: Earl Steele delivers the mail in Irving in his horse-drawn two-wheeled vehicle, c. 1910.
Holding Partner: Irving Archives

Biography of Private Alfonso Steele (Deceased) Last Survivor of the Battle of San Jacinto, Together with Mr. Steele's Account of the Campaign and Fight, and the Official Report of General Sam Houston, With Complete Roster of the Commands Composing the Little Army.

Date: [c. 1925]
Creator: Steele, Alfonso
Description: This book is separated into three basic sections starting with an autobiographical sketch about Alfonso Steele, the last survivor of the Battle of San Jacinto. Next, an article by the
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9 page hits in text for Steele

Sequence: 3

...Worthily Proud of "Souvenirs and Medals" of 1836 ALFONSO STEELE Last Survivor of the Battle of San

Sequence: 11

...9FIVE GENERATIONS OF HEROES Hampton Steele and Great Grandson, Walter A. West
Worthily Proud of “Souvenirs and Medals” of 1836

ALFONSO STEELE
Last Survivor of the Battle of San Jacinto

Genealogical Materials

The Portal to Texas History emphasizes access to historical sources. With materials such as digital reproductions of city directories, historical society journals, genealogical society quarterlies, newspapers, maps, letters, documents, artifacts, and more, family history researchers can search for specific information about ancestors or explore collections that provide historical background and depth with facts about everyday life in the past. This guide suggests search strategies useful for genealogists and family historians and includes a brief list of materials contained in the Portal for getting started with your research.

Finding Information
Getting Started
Name Searches
Explore by Locations
Date Searches

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Explore by Locations
Date Searches
Portal Visitors

Number

Oct-08 21547 5387
Jun-09 21775 5444
Oct-09 33799 8450

Visits/Month
Avg Visits/Week

55% Increase
HISTORICAL COMMISSIONS & SOCIETIES

- Anderson County Historical Commission
- Bosque County Historical Commission
- Clay County Historical Society
- Dallas Historical Society
- Oklahoma Historical Society
- Texas Historical Foundation
- Val Verde County Historical Commission
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

- Anderson County Genealogical Society
- Collin County Genealogical Society
- East Texas Genealogical Association
- Hutchinson County Genealogical Society
- Texas State Genealogical Society
TEXAS ENCYCLOPEDIAS & LAWS

• Encyclopedia of Texas
• Biographical Encyclopedia of Texas
• Gammel’s Laws of Texas
COLLEGE YEARBOOKS

- *The Bronco*, Simmons College
- *Prickly Pear*, Abilene Christian University
- *The Lasso*, Howard Payne College
- *The Totem*, McMurry University
- *The Chromascope*, Austin College
- *The Trail*, Daniel Baker College
DIRECTORIES

• City Directories
  – Austin
  – Fort Worth
  – Mineral Wells
  – Palestine
  – Waco
• Farmers, Stockmen and Dairymen's Directory for Fort Worth and Tarrant County
• Joint Directory of the Christian Churches of Austin, Texas
• Peoples Home Telephone Company Directory - Denton
• Retail Merchants' Association's Denton City Directory
EARLY TEXAS NEWSPAPERS

- Centinela (Brownsville, in Spanish), 1849, 4 pages
- Galveston News, 1848-1861, 112 pages
- Galvestonian, 1839, 4 pages
- Matagorda Bulletin, 1827-39, 128 pages
- Redlander (San Augustine), 1841-1846, 140 pages
- Southwestern American (Austin), 1849-53, 488 pages
- Telegraph & Texas Register (Houston), 1835-1845, 2,137 pages
- The Texas Gazette (San Felipe de Austin), 1829-30, 60 pages
- Texas National Register (Washington), 1844-46, 88 pages
- Texas Presbyterian (Victoria), 1846-48, 38 pages
- Texas Republican (Brazoria), 1834-36, 127 pages
## TEXAS DIGITAL NEWSPAPER PROGRAM

### Online Now
- Ferris Wheel
- Tulia Herald

### Future Releases
- Brenham Weekly Banner
- Brownsville Daily Herald
- Fort Worth Gazette
- Greenville Morning Herald
- Houston Daily Post
- Jefferson Jimplecute
- Jewish Herald
- Palestine Daily Herald
- San Angelo Press
- San Saba News
- Shiner Gazette
- Waco Evening News
- Waco Daily Examiner
THANK YOU!
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