Introduction to the Portal to Texas History

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Portal to Texas History

• 2004
• 320+ collaborative partners
• About 732K visible digital objects
• 7.54 million files
• 10K added each month
• 120K added last year
• 550K+ uses per month

Portrait of Susan Doggett Morgan
Courtesy of Portal Partner, Tarrant County College NE, Heritage Room
The Portal is a digital gateway to historical and cultural heritage collections throughout the state of Texas.

- 161,077 photographs
- 323,276 newspaper issues
- 3,476 books
- 82,916 maps
- 10,420 legislative docs
- and much more
From every corner of Texas…

Historical Societies
Historical Commissions
Libraries
Museums
Archives
Universities
Newspaper Publishers
Private Collections
Government Agencies
Corporations
Examples of resources in the Portal

• Photographs
• Maps
• Newspapers
• Family letters
• Gammel’s laws of Texas and other state docs
• Yearbooks, serials, genealogy publications
• Course curriculum

1856 and 1857 Parker County maps Courtesy of Portal Partner General Land Office
## Partnership Models

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4 types with varying levels of commitment on resources and staffing
Rescuing Texas History

Statistics for Rescuing Texas History, 2014

49,803 Total Uses / 7,033 Total Items (45,729 files) / 7,019 Visible / 14 Hidden

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Types of Partners
Museum Collections: Weslaco Museum

Weslaco Annual Fashion Show
Dorothy Carlisk. Her dress is made out of 1000 acalpha leaves. The purse is overlaid with ground alfalfa. The jerkin is made of rows of the scarlet bracts of the poinsetta plant.

Weslaco Annual Fashion Show
Miss Toothacker is wearing a dress that copies the coronation robe of Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, fiance of King Edward VIII of great Britain. The robe was made of diamond shaped turnips. The train was of beets & carrots.
Historical Groups Collections: Texas Historical Commission

Statistics for THC Historic Resources Survey Collection

- 10,300 Total Uses / 25,219 Total Items (25,225 files) / 25,219 Visible / 0 Hidden

Usage by Month/Year

Year | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total
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2016 | 4,000 | 3,139 | 2,635 | 519 | | | | | | | | | 10,300

Libraries

UNT
Public Library Collections: Boyce Ditto Public Library

Statistics for Boyce Ditto Public Library

- Total Uses: 257,193
- Total Items: 1,539
- Visible Items: 1,271
- Hidden Items: 268

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Organization Collections: Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Fort Worth
Private Collection of Mary Newton Maxwell

Statistics for Private Collection of Mary Newton Maxwell

- Total Uses: 2,777
- Total Items: 168 (1,842 files)
- Visible: 168
- Hidden: 0

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Texas Southern University
Awarded a Rescuing Texas History 2013 mini-grant for 247 items
State Office Collections: Texas General Land Office

Latest Additions

- GLO Historic County Maps
  - 926 items

- Humanities Texas Grant
  - 13 items

- Lorenzo de Zavala Online: Empresario, Statesman and Texas Revolutionary
  - 13 items

- O. Henry Project
  - 11 items

Statistics for GLO Historic County Maps

- Total Uses: 223,702
- Total Items: 926
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Gammel’s Law

- Early colonization laws
- Proceedings from constitutional conventions
- All laws and resolutions passed from every congressional and legislative session from statehood to 1897
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