Winter 2007 Dreanna Belden, editor

THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORYSM Beyond the Bytes

Announcing the new Portal Search Interface ... faster, meaner, and leaner

The Portal to Texas History team proudly announces the new search interface for the Portal.

Faster, meaner, and leaner, the new search interface supports phrase searching, and allows you to build complex queries in the Advanced Search mode. Limit your searches to a specific collection, institution, language, format, or date.

You can also view search results two ways, either in a list or a grid format.

	About the Pertal Contact	Digital Projects	Help Comments	E.
Search Ad	vanced Search Help			
	Ad	Ivanced Searc	h	
Find resul	with all of the words		10 results 💌	Find
Pittin result	with the exact plarase			
	with at least one of the words without the words	-		
	without the words			
Institution	- all institutions -	*		
Collection	- all collections -			*
Language.	- any language - 💌			
Type:	- enytype - 💌			
	(year): 10:			

See page four for more details

Inside:

- In-depth view of the new Search Interface
- Gammel's Laws of Texas

 Mission accomplished with 33 volumes online
- The Ruth Scantlin Roach Salmon photograph collection
- Marfa Public Library, a new Portal partner

A new collection from The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston



Robert Joy painting Alfred C. Glassell

The Museum of Fine Arts, Jr., William Clayton, Libbie Rice Houston, partnered with us to provide Farish, William Stamps Farish, Lamar access to photos from the Robert Joy Fleming, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Collection.

Robert Joy, considered Houston's premiere portraitist, painted more than 350 portraits over a career that spanned more than forty years. Lawyers, politicians, and the socially elite of Houston were among those who sat for Joy. Photos in the collection, assembled over the course of his work, include those of Lillie Abercrombie, Robert E. Blaffer, Sarah Campbell Blaffer, Alfred C. Glassell Jr., William Clayton, Libbie Rice Farish, William Stamps Farish, Lamar Fleming, and Lyndon B. Johnson.

Hd ac

http://texashistory.unt.edu/ UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS "I can't tell you how delighted, thankful, and excited I am to find Gammel's Laws on-line! . . . I am in awe."

> - Renee J. La Perriere Laredo, Texas

Gammel's Laws of Texas ... Mission accomplished!

All thirty-three volumes of H.P.N. Gammel's Laws of Texas are now online at the Portal to Texas HistorySM. Since 2001, volumes 1—10 have been available online, and with the completion of this project, over 46,000 pages of text are fully searchable and freely accessible.

We hear from people who are using the collection regularly, from historians to city planners, and from attorneys to genealogists. Many people find this resource indispensable for their research.

Texas state librarian, C.W. Raines, introduced the 1898 set as "the essential connecting links of our legal and political history . . . Not a heterogeneous mass, but a related whole, this compilation is the ethical expression of the period covered, or more plainly speaking, the prevailing idea of right and wrong as applied to social compact."

Search in Gammel's for all you ever wanted to know about the laws concerning bawdy houses, variety shows, hackney carriages, orphan asylums, turnpikes, wild ducks, the labor of State prisoners, public health, and temporary insanity.

LAWS OF TEXAS

THE

1822-1897

H. P. N. GAMMEL

Focus on Books

Official Directory

TAX PAYERS OF

Dallas County, Teras

COMPILED AND PUBLISHED BY

3. T. Bolton, Toy Assessor,

DALLAS COUNTY. CTX 00036630 R Public Eibrary DEC 17 1913 Dallas, Texas.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Dallas Genealogical Society, the Portal has added several books focusing on Dallas County history from both the UNT collections and the Dallas Public Library. Among the books digitized from the Dallas Public Library are two that provide excellent information about the history of the county.

The 1896 Official Directory, Taxpayers of Dallas County, chronicles the names of taxpayers, along with information about their precinct and post office, the amount of acreage they own and its value, as well as the city value and personal value. Since most of the 1890s U.S. Census was lost, documents that provide detailed information about people during this decade are invaluable.

The title of the Charter, constitution and bylaws, officers and member of Sterling Price Camp, United Confederate Veterans, Camp No. 31: organized, October 13th, 1889, in the city of Dallas, Texas, pretty much says it all. This book also provides a roster of members with their rank and unit affiliations.





With the Adopt a Book *Digitally!* program we are getting closer to our goal of digitizing **1,000 books** about Texas history in the next three years.

The Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation will be providing funds towards digitizing nearly 250 books, and the Texas State Genealogical Society is also donating \$1,000 towards the project.

Selected books will include city and county histories, city directories, biographies of notable Texans, and other Texana titles.

On our website you can view a list of books available for adoption, see which books are in the works. and browse а complete list of all the books available on the Portal to Texas History. Learn more on our "About" page or at:

http://texashistory.unt.edu/young/educators/books/adoptabook.shtml

New from the UNT Archives: the Ruth Scantlin Roach Salmon (1896-1986) Collection



Advertising the 101 Ranch Wild West Show, 1918

Ruth Salmon, world champion rodeo performer, had a 24-year career that began in 1914 and ended in 1938, when she retired from the rodeo and started a ranching business in Nocona, Texas, with her husband, Fred Salmon. She is an inductee in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and traveled the

world with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show and The 101 Real Wild West Show. Bronc riding was her favorite event, although she performed and won championship titles in other areas (as Ruth Roach). During her career she won the titles of World's Champion All Around Cowgirl, World's Champion Trick Rider, and World's Champion Girl Bronc Rider. Seventythree photographs are a sample from the collection of papers and photographs that she donated to the University of North Texas Archives in 1985.

Other notable equestrians featured in the collection include: Bob

Calen, Byron Glasco, Donna Card, Ed McArty, Nowata "Slim" Richardson. Mabel Hamilton. Grace Runyon, Peggy Long, Slim Riley, Florence Hughes, Bonnie Gray, Rose Smith, Kitty Canutt, Ruby Roberts, Mabel Strickland, Mamie Stroud, Lucyle Roberts, Floyd Stillings, Dick Shel-Everett Bowton, and man.



Fox Hastings, Bea Kirnan, Ruth Roach, Lorena Trickey, and Prairie Rose Henderson, c. 1920

The lowdown on the new Portal search interface:

The PORTAL to TEXAS HISTORY SM Hosted by the University of North Texas Libraries							
Search Brows	e About the Portal Contact	Digital Projects Help Comments					
Bui with sea	the advanced rch interface with all of the words	dvanced Search Drop-down box allows you to choose how many results to view: 10, 20, 30, 50, or 100.					
Find resu	Its with the exact phrase with at least one of the words without the words	Hint: you don't even need to enter a search term. Select a limiter to view all of the materials from a specific institution or collection, a language or					
Institution:	– all institutions –	💌 👗 format type.					
Collection:	- all collections -						
Language: Type: Dates:	 − any language – ✓ − any type – ✓ (year): to: Primary Source Materials Only 	Limit search results to a specific institution, collection, language, original format type (photograph, book, text, newspaper), or date range.					

View your search results in a list or grid:

	S HISTORY **		Search Results				
d by the University o	of North Texas Libraries	Showing Records: 1 - 24	of 160 List	Grid So	rt Relevance 💌		
ch Browse Showing Reco	About the Pertai Contact Digital Projects Help Comments Search Results ords: 1 - 10 of 160 List Grid Sort Relevance V	•					
	[Letter from Borrego to Political Chief of Nacogdoches] Year: 1335 Creator: Borego Description: Relating to the abuses committed by the commissioner of the Empresario Zavala Vehlein and Burnett, and giving instruction on the subject > more info	[Letter from Borrego to Political Chief of Nacadechee] Year: 1035 Creator: Borego > more info	#197 Opinion de Don Lorenzo de Zavala Year: 1835 Creator: > more info	Declaracion Del Pueblo de Tojas Reunido en Convencion General Year: 1355 Creator: Texas, Provisional Government, 1835 > more info	Letter from Martin Perfe de Cos to Polítical Chief Nacogdoches] August 8th 1835 Year: 1835 Creator: de Cos, Martin Perfecto > more info		
	#137 Opinion de Don Lorenzo de Zavala Year: 1035 Creator: Description: This document is about the opinions of Lorenzo de Zavala on the political state of the Mexican United States, directed to the citizen assembly of Lynchberg, Texas. > more info	Cetter from J. Mariano Irala	V Providence V	Enrique Rueg March 21st,	J. Benito Camacho Febru		
	Declaracion Del Pueblo de Tejas Reunido en Convencion General Year: 1835 Creator: Texas, Provisional Government, 1835 Descrution: Zavala's translation of the Declaration of November 7, 1835, adopted by the Consulation > mora info	to Politial Chief of Nacogdoches] April 29th, 1835 Year: 1835 Creator, Irala, Mariano J. > more info	Political Chief] March 24th, 1835 Year: 1835 Creator: Alcalde > more info	1835 Year: 1835 Creator: Rueg, Enrique > more info	18th, 1835 Year: 1835 Creator: Camacho, J. Benito > more info		

http://texashistory.unt.edu/

What's in the Lab now?



Mother and child in Marfa, 1912

The Marfa Public Library has partnered with the Portal to digitize a large collection of local history materials. This rich and comprehensive local history collection includes many images focusing on Hispanic and Latino history, including family pictures, schools,

From the Marfa Public Library

and businesses.

Some of the photographs will be available online starting this Spring, and the project will continue through the end of the year. This is the first phase of this project.



Gents playing cards



Casa Piedra Post Office

Summerlee Foundation grants, "Rescuing Texas History . . ." — introducing this year's partners



1946 Class Photo, Kemah Historical Society

Last year we added over 4,400 images for the first phase of the Rescuing Texas History project. With this year's grant from the Summerlee Foundation of Dallas, we'll be adding collections from seventeen partners. Scanning has already started on the materials from Kemah Historical Society and the Val Verde Historical Commission. The project will end in November. This year's partners will include:

Anderson County Historical Commission Austin History Center, Austin Public Library **Bosque County Historical Commission** Childress County Heritage Museum Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History **Dallas Heritage Village** FBC Heritage Museum Unlimited First Christian Church, Port Arthur Heritage House Museum, Orange **Historic Rose Marine Theater** Kemah Historical Society Museum of the American Railroad Palestine Public Library Sanger Public Library Sulphur Springs Public Library **Texas Lutheran University** Val Verde Historical Commission

http://texashistory.unt.edu/

Upcoming: Materials from the Palestine Public Library and the Anderson County Historical Commission will arrive in March. UNT LIBRARIES' PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY™

The Portal to Texas History[™] Digital Projects Unit UNT Libraries P.O. Box 305190 Denton, TX 76203-5190

Phone: 940-891-6746 Fax: 940-565-2599 http://texashistory.unt.edu Mission Statement: The Portal to Texas History[™] offers students and lifelong learners a digital gateway to the rich collections held in Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, and private collections. The Portal team at the University of North Texas provides strong leadership by supporting collaborative efforts with its partners, while pursuing the goals of accessibility, best practices, and preservation of historical material.

Dr. E.D. Moten, Courthouse on the Square Museum, Denton



Hazel Silver Mines, Van Horn **Clark Hotel Museum**



Debris cleanup at the New London School Explosion, 1937, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library



Entrance to Killian Hall, 1926. Concordia University at Austin

Tips: Leave your comments for us

Did you know that says, "Comment Two comments from last that you can leave com- on this Entry." ments on items in the Portal?

description," in the up- formation

When you are in thoughts about

vou

month:

- "Julie Adams was a Holly-Click there to wood star. She was in "The provide us with your Creature from the Blue the Lagoon."

the record view in the item, or to provide us - "Governor Jester is the Portal, i.e., "View the with any additional in- man on the right, not the may one kicking Zachary Scott."

