

**Optimizing the User Experience  
in a Rapid Development Framework**

**PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY:  
BASELINE SURVEY RESULTS**

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## Introduction

The University of North Texas Libraries received a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in December 2007 for a two-year project<sup>1</sup>, the IOGENE project, to identify the user interface requirements of genealogists interacting with the Libraries' Portal to Texas History. The Portal provides users with a digital gateway to collections in Texas libraries, museums, archives, and historical societies, as well as to private collections. It contains primary source materials, including maps, books, manuscripts, diaries, photographs, and letters. The IOGENE project involves genealogists in the design process beginning with the initial assessment of their requirements and continuing through usability testing of the redesigned Portal interface.

From September 26, 2008 - June 16, 2009, an online survey questionnaire captured both demographic data from Portal visitors as well as their opinions regarding the utility of the Portal and their satisfaction with it. The objective of this data collection effort was twofold: to characterize Portal users and to establish baseline measurements for user satisfaction. The survey will be repeated following each of two planned releases of the redesigned Portal, one in the summer of 2009 and the second in the fall of 2009. Comparison of future survey results to the baseline results reported in this paper will be one gauge of the success of the IOGENE project.

## Methodology

### Questions of Interest

Four questions informed the content of the survey questionnaire and framed the analysis of results.

#### Question 1

How do users rate their satisfaction with the Portal to Texas History?

#### Question 2

Are users' demographic characteristics (i.e., gender, age, years of Web experience, and Web connection) associated with their roles as either genealogists or non-genealogists (i.e., lifelong learners, teachers, students, historians, and other roles)?

#### Question 3

Are users' satisfaction ratings associated with their roles as either genealogists or non-genealogists?

#### Question 4

Are users' satisfaction ratings related to the frequency with which they visit the Portal?

## Survey Questionnaire

A review of online user satisfaction survey instruments freely available on the Web was conducted prior to development of the questionnaire. Many of the questionnaires included a core of common questions

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<sup>1</sup> Since being funded, a more descriptive project name was created: IOGENE - Interface Optimization for Genealogists. <http://iogene.unt.edu>

and this core informed the creation of the questionnaire used in this study. Prior to publishing the survey online, members of the project staff reviewed the questionnaire both for clarity and face validity.

The questionnaire consisted of the 12 questions in Appendix A. Eleven questions were multiple-choice questions that required answers. One question was an optional, text-entry question that asked respondents: "What were you looking for this visit?" At the end of the questionnaire respondents could optionally include any comments they wished. Incomplete surveys could not be submitted.

The questionnaire measured two concepts: demographic characteristics and user satisfaction. Demographic characteristics included age, gender, role, Web experience, Web connection, and Portal use. Satisfaction was measured by success of information discovery, usefulness of information, ease of use, overall satisfaction, and likelihood of returning to the site.

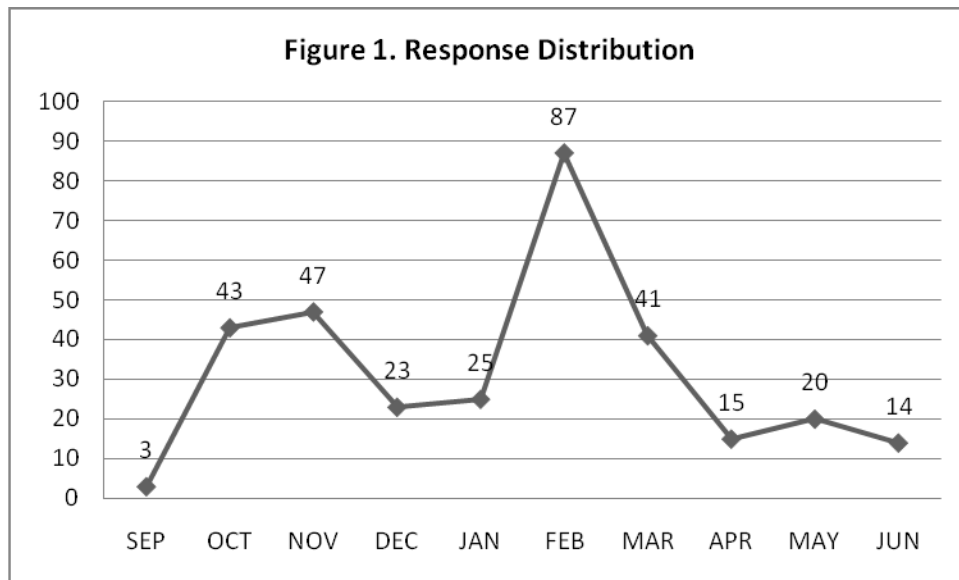
## Data Collection

The online questionnaire was accessible via a link in the navigation bar of all pages on the Portal to Texas History website from September 26, 2008 - June 16, 2009. Any visitor to the Portal during this time was free to voluntarily complete and submit a survey. Additionally, the following efforts were made to recruit respondents from the Portal user community, the Texas digital library community, and the genealogical community.

- October 22, 2008: Item in the Portal newsletter, *Beyond the Bytes*
- October 29, 2008: Email request to advisory board members to promote participation from members of their societies and organizations
- October 30, 2008: Post to the Texas Heritage Digitization Initiative mailing list
- November 5, 2008: Post to the TXGenWeb Project coordinators mailing list
- February 4, 2009: Posts to Texas history and genealogy mailing lists
  - History and Culture of Texas
  - WestTex Roots
  - Tex OilGen List
  - North Texas Mailing List
  - Texas\_Heritage Yahoo! Group
  - Texas\_History Yahoo! Group
  - Texas -List-Serv
  - EastTex TXETGS
- February 18, 2009: Posts to Texas history and genealogy mailing lists
  - TexasRoots
  - TX-Hill Country
  - TX-Memories
  - TX-Vintagephotos
  - TX-Mysteries

- TX-African American Families
- TX-History
- February 18, 2009: Post to Texas Education Agency, Social Studies listserv

In all, 343 questionnaires were submitted, of which 25 were discarded as spam. The remaining 318 questionnaires were analyzed for this report. Figure 1 shows the distribution of responses From September 2008 through June 2009.



## Respondents

Of the 318 survey respondents, 42% identified themselves as “Genealogists/Family History Researchers” and 21% as “Lifelong learners” (Table 1). Seventy-five percent ( $n=240$ ) of respondents were 50 years of age and older, with almost half (49%) reporting their ages as 60 years and older. There were more female ( $n=182$ ; 57%) than male ( $n=136$ ; 43%) respondents.

Role	#	%
Genealogist/Family History Researcher	133	42
Lifelong Learner	67	21
Teacher	29	9
Historian	28	9
Student	19	6
Other	42	13
Total	318	100%

Table 1. Role of Respondents

Most respondents ( $n=233$ ; 73%) have been using the Web for seven or more years and 82% have a “high speed” connection to the Web. Almost half (48%) of the respondents completed the survey on their first visit to the Portal, while 35% indicated they visited either “daily”, “weekly”, or “monthly” (Table 2).

Visits	#	%
First visit	151	47
Rarely visit	56	18
Monthly	53	17
Weekly	36	11
Daily	22	7
Total	318	100%

Table 2. Frequency of Portal Visits

## Data Analysis

Response data was analyzed with SPSS Version 15. Descriptive statistics, including frequencies and percentages, were computed and are included in Appendix B for the eleven multiple-choice questions. Appendix B also includes the roles users reported for the value of “Other” in question 10 and the responses to the two questions containing optional text content (question 4 and “Additional comments”).<sup>2</sup>

### Question 1

- How do users rate their satisfaction with the Portal to Texas History?

Satisfaction with the Portal was measured by five questions (5-9). Responses to question 5 were analyzed to exclude those who were only browsing. Responses for questions 6, 7, 8, and 9 were summed and averaged to create an index score for user satisfaction. Median scores were computed.

### Question 2 & 3

- Are users’ demographic characteristics (i.e., gender, age, years of Web experience, and Web connection) associated with their roles as either genealogists or non-genealogists (i.e., lifelong learners, teachers, students, historians, and other roles)?
- Are users’ satisfaction ratings associated with their roles as either genealogists or non-genealogists?

Responses to question 10 grouped respondents into one of two role categories: genealogists or non-genealogists. Non-genealogists included all responses except “genealogist/family history researcher”. This enabled distinction of genealogists from other survey respondents.

Pearson’s chi square determined significant associations between respondents’ roles (i.e., genealogists and non-genealogists) and (a) their demographic characteristics and (b) their satisfaction with the Portal. Standardized residuals were used to identify the major contribution of variable responses to any

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<sup>2</sup> This optional content was utilized in other aspects of the project and is not analyzed in this report.

significant associations found. An absolute standard residual value of 2.0 or greater for a response count in the contingency tables indicated a major contribution. Respondents who indicated they were “only browsing” for question 5 were excluded in the analysis.

#### **Question 4**

- Are users’ satisfaction ratings related to the frequency with which they visit the Portal?

Spearman correlation coefficients ( $r_2$ ) measured the relationship between respondents’ experience with the Portal and their satisfaction with the Portal. Respondents who indicated they were “only browsing” for question 5 were excluded in the analysis.

## **Findings**

### **User Satisfaction**

#### **Question 1**

How do users rate their satisfaction with the Portal to Texas History?

In terms of overall satisfaction with the Portal, 87% of respondents indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied. This degree of satisfaction is reflected in respondents’ ratings of the usefulness of the information they discovered, of how easy the Portal is to use, and of how likely they are to return (Table 3).

<b>Response</b>	<b>Indicator</b>
79%	Information discovered useful or extremely useful
84%	Easy or very easy to use
87%	Satisfied or very satisfied overall
88%	Extremely likely or fairly likely to return

Table 3. Indicators of User Satisfaction

Both the median and mode for the user satisfaction index score were 3.25. The range of possible scores was 1.00 to 4.00, with 4.00 being the highest possible score (Table 4). In general, respondents found the information they discovered useful, found it easy to interact with the Portal, were satisfied overall, and are likely to return.

Index Score	#	%	Cumulative Percent
1.00	4	1.3	1.3
1.25	3	.9	2.2
1.50	3	.9	3.1
1.75	6	1.9	5.0
2.00	9	2.8	7.9
2.25	13	4.1	11.9
2.50	15	4.7	16.7
2.75	32	10.1	26.7
3.00	48	15.1	41.8
3.25	53	16.7	58.5
3.50	41	12.9	71.4
3.75	41	12.9	84.3
4.00	50	15.7	100.0
Total	318	100.0	

Table 4. User Satisfaction as Measured by Index Score

Of respondents looking for something specific ( $n=237$ ), 46% found it easily and an additional 25% found it after looking for a while (Table 5). The remaining 29% were unsuccessful in finding what they were looking for.

Q5. Did you find what you were looking for?	(n=237)	
	#	%
Yes - Easily	110	46
No - I couldn't find it	68	29
Yes - After looking for a while	59	25
Total	237	100%

Table 5. Frequency of Portal Visits

## Demographic Characteristics and Roles

### Question 2

Are users' demographic characteristics (i.e., gender, age, years of Web experience, and Web connection) associated with their roles as either genealogists or non-genealogists (i.e., lifelong learners, teachers, students, historians, and other roles)?

Comparing genealogists as a group to all other respondents, as separate group, no significant associations distinguish genealogists in regard to how long they have used the Web, their connection to the Web, or the frequency with which they access the Portal. However, respondents' roles (i.e., genealogists or non-genealogists) were significantly associated with both gender and age. In particular,



genealogists included fewer males than would be expected by chance as well as fewer individuals between 18 and 29 years of age (Tables 6 and 7).

<b>Gender</b>		<b>Genealogists</b>	<b>Other Roles</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Female	Count	91	91	182	57.2%
	Expected Count	76.1	105.9	182.0	
	Std. Residual	1.7	-1.4		
Male	Count	42	94	136	42.8%
	Expected Count	56.9	79.1	136.0	
	Std. Residual	-2.0	1.7		
	Total Count	133	185	318	
	% of Total	41.8%	58.2%		100.0%

Table 6. Frequencies & Standardized Residuals for Roles by Gender  
 $(\chi^2 (1, N=318) = 11.692, p<.001; \text{Critical } \chi^2 = 10.828)$

<b>Age</b>		<b>Genealogists</b>	<b>Other Roles</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
18-19	Count	1	18	19	6.0%
	Expected Count	7.9	11.1		
	Std. Residual	-2.5	2.1		
20-29	Count	1	15	16	5.0%
	Expected Count	6.7	9.3		
	Std. Residual	-2.2	1.9		
30-39	Count	5	15	20	6.3%
	Expected Count	8.4	11.6		
	Std. Residual	-1.2	1.0		
40-49	Count	6	17	23	7.2%
	Expected Count	9.6	13.4		
	Std. Residual	-1.2	1.0		
50-59	Count	38	45	83	26.1%
	Expected Count	34.7	48.3		
	Std. Residual	.6	-.5		
60-69	Count	56	50	106	33.3%
	Expected Count	44.3	61.7		
	Std. Residual	1.8	-1.5		
70 plus	Count	26	25	51	16.0%
	Expected Count	21.3	29.7		
	Std. Residual	1.0	-.9		
	Total Count	133	185	318	
	% of Total	41.8%	58.2%		100.0%

Table 7. Frequencies & Standardized Residuals for Roles by Age  
 $(\chi^2 (6, N=318) = 30.997, p<.001; \text{Critical } \chi^2 = 22.458)$

## User Satisfaction and Roles

### Question 3

Are users' satisfaction ratings associated with their roles as either genealogists or non-genealogists?

No significant associations were found between respondents' roles and (a) respondents' success in finding what they were looking for, (b) their opinion regarding how easy to use the Portal is, or (c) their overall satisfaction with the Portal. In contrast, respondents' ratings for two indicators of satisfaction were significantly associated with their roles (i.e., genealogists or non-genealogists): the usefulness of the information they discovered (Table 8) and their likelihood of returning to the Portal (Table 9). However, none of the standardized residuals meets the hurdle rate (i.e., an absolute value of 2.0) for designation as a major contributor to the significant finding. Rather, several smaller differences between actual and expected counts contribute to the findings.

<b>Q6. How useful is the information you found?</b>		<b>Genealogists</b>	<b>Other Roles</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Not Useful	Count	10	21	31	9.7%
	Expected Count	13.0	18.0		
	Std. Residual	-.8	.7		
Of Little use	Count	20	16	36	11.3%
	Expected Count	15.1	20.9		
	Std. Residual	1.3	-1.1		
Useful	Count	73	82	155	48.7%
	Expected Count	64.8	90.2		
	Std. Residual	1.0	-.9		
Extremely Useful	Count	30	66	96	30.2%
	Expected Count	40.2	55.8		
	Std. Residual	-1.6	1.4		
	Total Count	133	185	318	
	% of Total	41.8%	58.2%		100.0%

Table 8. Frequencies & Standardized Residuals for Roles by Usefulness of Information Found  
( $\chi^2$  (3,  $N=318$ ) = 10.138,  $p<.025$ ; Critical  $\chi^2$  = 9.348)

The standard residuals in Table 8 suggest that more genealogists than expected (20 compared to 15) rated the information they found "of little use" and fewer genealogists than expected (30 compared to 40) rated the information they found as "extremely useful". Conversely, among non-genealogists, more than would be expected rated the information they found "extremely useful" (66 compared to 55) and fewer than expected rated the information they found as "of little use" (16 compared to 20). Taken as a whole, these residuals suggest that genealogists, as a group, may find the Portal's information slightly less useful in meeting their information needs than expected, while non-genealogists may find the Portal's information slightly more useful than expected. However, all these count differences are quite small (between 5 and 11) and it is important to point out that 77% of genealogists ( $n=103$ ) and 80% of non-genealogists ( $n=148$ ) rated the information they found as either "useful" or "extremely useful".

<b>Q9. How likely are you to return to the Portal?</b>		<b>Genealogists</b>	<b>Other Roles</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>
Extremely Unlikely	Count	3	12	15	4.7%
	Expected Count	6.3	8.7	15.0	
	Std. Residual	-1.3	1.1		
Fairly Unlikely	Count	5	19	24	7.5%
	Expected Count	10.0	14.0	24.0	
	Std. Residual	-1.6	1.3		
Fairly Likely	Count	52	56	108	34.0%
	Expected Count	45.2	62.8	108.0	
	Std. Residual	1.0	-.9		
Extremely Likely	Count	73	98	171	53.8%
	Expected Count	71.5	99.5	171.0	
	Std. Residual	.2	-.1		
	Total Count	133	185	318	
	% of Total	41.8%	58.2%		100.0%

Table 9. Frequencies & Standardized Residuals for Roles by Likelihood of Returning to the Portal  
 $(\chi^2 (3, N=318) = 9.110, p<.05; \text{Critical } \chi^2 = 7.815)$

Respondents overall (87%, n=279) indicated they were either extremely likely” or “fairly likely” to return to the Portal. And, once again, no individual standardized residuals in Table 9 are major contributors to the overall significance of the association between roles and the likelihood that respondents would return to the Portal. The residuals indicate that fewer genealogists than expected were “extremely unlikely” or “fairly unlikely” to return, which suggests they are more likely than expected to return to further investigate the Portal’s contents. Conversely, more non-genealogists than would be expected indicated they were either “extremely unlikely” or “fairly unlikely” to return to the Portal, which might indicate a lesser degree of interest in further investigating the Portal’s contents than would be expected.

## Portal Experience and User Satisfaction

### Question 4

Are users’ satisfaction ratings related to the frequency with which they visit the Portal?

Spearman correlation coefficients ( $r_s$ ) measured the relationship between respondents’ experience with the Portal and their satisfaction with the Portal. Three of the five indicators of satisfaction had a significant positive relationship to respondents’ experience Table 10. Higher numbers of visits to the Portal were significantly related to higher ratings of (a) success in finding what respondents were looking for, (b) the usefulness of the information found, and (c) the likelihood of returning to the Portal.

Indicator of Satisfaction	#	$r_2$
Q5. Did you find what you were looking for?	237	.194*
Q6. How useful is the information you found?	318	.194**
Q9. How likely are you to return to the Portal?	318	.202**

\* $p < .01$ . \*\* $p \leq .001$ .

Table 10. Correlations between User Satisfaction and Respondents' Experience with the Portal

## Closing

### Summary

Overall, respondents were quite satisfied with the Portal; 87% of respondents indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied overall with the Portal. This degree of satisfaction is reflected in respondents' ratings of the usefulness of the information they discovered, of how easy the Portal is to use, and of how likely they are to return. There are no striking indicators that genealogists or non-genealogists are more or less satisfied with the Portal in terms of the indicators measured. There is a slight indication that genealogists may find the Portal's content of less use in their research than would be expected, yet there is also an indication that genealogists are more likely to return to the Portal to investigate its contents.

The finding that genealogists included fewer males than would be expected by chance as well as fewer individuals between 18 and 29 years of age is consistent with the findings of other studies, which generally characterize genealogists as an older, mostly female group. It is interesting to note that genealogists and non-genealogists do not differ substantially in the number of years they have been using the Web: 77% of genealogists and 70% of non-genealogists have been using the Web for seven years or more. Likewise, 82% of both groups have high speed connections and about 14% have dial-up or satellite connections to the Web.

It is not surprising that higher numbers of visits to the Portal were significantly related to higher ratings of (a) success in finding what respondents were looking for, (b) the usefulness of the information found, and (c) the likelihood of returning to the Portal. Users appear to return to the Portal because they are successful in meeting their information needs and quite satisfied with the Portal.

### Future Work

The same questionnaire will be used to collect user data at two future points, each following a major new release of the Portal to Texas History. The next survey period is planned for July - September 2009 and the final period is planned for October - November 2009. The plan is to measure user satisfaction with the redesigned Portal at those points and to compare the results to the baseline results in this report.

## Appendix A    Survey Questionnaire

1. How long have you been using the Web?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-3 years
- 4-6 years
- 7 years or more

2. How are you connected to the Web?

- Dialup or satellite
- High speed
- Don't know

3. How often do you visit our website?

- First Visit
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Rarely

4. What were you looking for this visit?

5. Did you find what you were looking for?

- Yes – Easily
- Yes – After looking for a while
- No – I couldn't find it
- I was only browsing

6. How useful is the information you found?

- Extremely Useful
- Useful
- Of Little Use
- Not Useful

7. How easy is it to use the Portal?

- Very Easy
- Easy
- Difficult
- Very Difficult

8. Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the Portal

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

9. How likely are you to return to the Portal?

- Extremely Likely
- Fairly Likely
- Fairly Unlikely
- Extremely Unlikely

10. What best describes you?

- Teacher
- Student
- Genealogist/Family History Researcher
- Historian
- Lifelong Learner
- Other

11. What is your age?

- 18-19 years
- 20-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60-69 years
- 70+

12. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

13. Additional comments

## Appendix B Response Data

### 1. How long have you been using the Web?

Years	Frequency	Percent
Less than 1 year	32	10.1
1-3 years	16	5.0
4-6 years	37	11.6
7 years or more	233	73.3
Total	318	100.0

### 2. How are you connected to the Web?

Connection	Frequency	Percent
Dialup or satellite	45	14.2
High speed	262	82.4
Don't know	11	3.5
Total	318	100.0

### 3. How often do you visit our website?

Visits	Frequency	Percent
First visit	151	47.5
Rarely	56	17.6
Monthly	53	16.7
Weekly	36	11.3
Daily	22	6.9
Total	318	100.0

### 4. What were you looking for this visit?

[NOTE: text is as input by respondents; no corrections were made]

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
To gain more conversational intelligence on the history of Gonzales and Goliad, prior to our visit to the "Come & Take It" Festival on 3-5 Oct 2008. I am a descendant of Alamo defenders Tom Jackson & 'Wash' Cottle; also of the "Old Eighteen" and "Immortal Thirty-two".
seeing what is available for family research
I am an elementary art teacher in Killeen, Texas, and I was searching for photographs of Killeen during the "early years."
Account of the Battle of San Jacinto
WW 2 vets misc

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
native american pics
marriages,births and death in 1850- 1960 in East Texas...Collin,Rains,Upshur,Woods counties. Evans,Reeves surnames
Genealogical issues from a society
irish
History of the old railroad station.
I was searching for errors in the use of "1" (one) verses "I" (capital eye.) I found your web pages because I searched for [i836 "fall of the alamo"] Can you fix your web pages and search results that have "...Texas in i821..." and "San Felipe in i833"?
Just browsing
information regrading my conciousness
Just browsing. We are an old Texas family. I wanted to see if there were references to my family.
More news about The Portal and the new things you have there.
Newsletter subscription
Bogel family of Presidio County, Saucedo Ranch
a specific book but otherstuff was intersting
Read the first issue of the new Borger magaaine and think it is really great. Keep it going. Mom wanted to check out the 7 cemeteries and see about the book Cleo authored. Thank you Cleo for a wonderful job. [personal data removed]
texas and familly history
old photos
Just Looking
survey
general history of texas and railroads of the past and history in the surrounding area along with pictures,,cabins,horses and mule teams,,loggers,riverboats,early setterlers of the area thanks great web site enjoyed mark wduffee@neto.com
Photography, historical, Denton, TX circa 1963-1981
Civil War, Mexican War, Republic of Texas
General research
newspaper
I have never visited this site
Wasn't even aware this web site existed
I was trying to find an old photo of my home. otis brown built the home and it was originally on pioneer and was moved to hastings street.
Information about pauper care in Texas.
Variety of historical information to fill archival research requests
People.
Bird's Fort Treaty
Access to images from Fort Worth Library.
the options available on your site
An eBook called "Texas Navy"
I enjoy it all. I always hope for a family or regional tidbit.
pictures of towns



<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
Taking survey.
Genealogical data/documents
Henderson County Texas history
Valley View, Cooke, TX information
Info on San Augustine County. Specifically on the old Union School which was used as a Methodist Church.
Genealogical information
Gammel's Laws of Texas
Just filling out this survey.
Genealogy information
Genealogy
history of retreat of mexican army after san jacinto
sale of the alamo to the state of texas
Checking it out.
Historical information on Texas Counties
Texas History
I'm in Social Studies UIL and I was looking for some information
INFO ON GKEN RIO
Information on Ft. Wolters, Mineral Wells.
Photos of relatives
I recently had visitors from Irving and I just wanted to learn a little about the town...
pictures from the 1960's-70's of collin county texas in particular from Princeton.
ancestors and stories of the time
deaf smith county jail
american indian slave owners
Genealogical information, Denton and Rusk counties.
Checking on 1909 Iron Mountain Route, Home Seeker rates complements of Railway. Wante to find out if it was original.
Marfa hiatory
The Law of April 6 ,183o
Texas Republic Legal Documents
Genealogy history
my explorer de vaca
Cyrus Scofield
Information about Southern Pacific TN&O locomotive 745 and the crash at Paisano Pass July 8th 1921.
the Texas revolution
zavala
Salado
More historical information about Clarendon, Texas
Texas history related to 1800s
McMurry Totems
Photo's of Denton County, the Gibbons and Sparks family

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
Just looking
I was looking for history on the hurricane of 1900 and information about the orphanage
genealogy info
followed link to photo of ancestor from Google search
Any And All New Info, Such As History, Pictures, Person's Of Fort Wolters Tx
Information on Dr Howard Williams book on Orange County, Gateway to Texas
Exploration of the Red River Capt Marcy
genealogical data
Ft. Wolters Stagefield info
sports center 1955
Photograph of William "Billy" Dixon
Flanagan Home, 703 S. Magnolia St., Palestine
Texas history related to genealogical searches
I would like to know if the State of Texas can legally succeed from the United States to become the Republic of Texas once again since there was not a majority vote on the Texas-American Annexation Treaty of 1848. So Texas was Annexed as a territory instead of a state. How legal was this and is it a loop hole for Texas to succeed from the United States. Thanks for your help. To me this is very interesting. Kat, a native Texan
family/house/general Orange photos
vintage protectograph check writing machine
lost covered bridges
Just checking what you had.
historic fort worth photos
info about the coranado expedition
History of Consolidated aircraft. Particulary on George Newman.
the MARKS living Dallas county,Dallas Tex. 1915
I trained an then instructed at Ft. Wolters in 1966 and 1967-68. Great to see these pictures, brings back lots of memorys.
Gen. McArthur's visit to Austin in 1951.
Fort Worth history c. 1960s. Especially Alice Carlson Elementary School.
Following up on something I had found earlier. I am interested in Grayson and Bosque Co information
Memories of FT Wolters where I learned to fly helicopters in 1966
Photos of the growth of Austin and San Antonio, including changes in the rivers.
Scanning for info on my great-grandparents John Enser and Mary Kate McCabe Enser
all types of subjects, working as a member of the Harris County Historical Commisison (Texas Historical Commssion) and as a professional genealogist and speaker/writer.
Pictures of Anderson County
old photos
just browsing
Something pertaining to Bandera County.
Gathering info to give a talk to Smith County Historical Society about how to do genealogy research.
Just browsing
Texas Reports

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
ranch history in Tom Green County
i have to work out a presentation about the sorry of the alamo and the citydeveloping of san antonio. and on german sources there are hardly any information (im a student from Germany and do this presentation for my graduation)
criminal court procedures of the 19th century in Texas
Collin County research
Demonstrating to a university class for future teachers, using as an example the soil survey map of Smith County
Testing the link for use in an NEH summer workshop for K-12 teachers.
I grew up in San Antonio, did my B.A. and M.A. at the Univesity of Noth Texas (then North Texaas State), was student of A. Ray Stephens, and have maintained an interest in Texas and Western History. I don't really use the website, but keep a watch on the H-Texas forum which has prove useful in the past. [personal data removed]
I'm not sure when I found it earlier, but you have my email address, so I must have visited it. Having forgotten about the Portals site, I visited just to see what you were about.
Researching oil companies/refineries ca. 1920. Found in family album, large amount of shares of stock for cumberland Oil/refg which was acquired by Quaker 777, both located in Wichita, KS ca. 1920. I'm also researching Texas [live Houston] & Oklahoma early oil/refineries for same companies as there may have been branch's in areas other than Wichita KS area
Genealogy information.
I have been doing genealogy for the last 25 years, and north Texas plays a major part in my research. I would love to see more on this web site.
FAMILY NAMES-GALLATIN, CLAYDON, JONES, FIELDS, WISEMAN, O' BESSA, BEST, ALLPHIN, PETTIT, PHILLIPS, HAYNES, PARKER, ROUSSEAU, SIMPSON,
Updates to Portal of Texas
LOOKING FOR GENEALOGY FOR my family in tx.
Family
Records for the Republic of Texas for families here at that time.
Information about Thomas J. Powell -- mayor of Fort Worth 1900 - 1906
Genealogy information about various family members, especially my brother Terry DuBose once I discovered the Hardin Simmons year books.
Genealogy info on several surnames in the Dallas and East Texas area and some info from the Austin area during Civil War era
Genealogical information about my ancestors.
Deason Family History
researching for ancestors---genealogy; Texas history
working on history book of Grand Prairie
genealogical info available in specific counties
Genealogy info
Genealogy
Genealogy on the Belrose Family.
jose greco dancing
information on rock formations in texas. (i have not found it)

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
Checking the email.
I was stationed Camp Wolters 1957--1959...also took some studies from Nr Texas State on post; Would like to find out where 864th is now
Methodist Church in Sanger
More oil field photos from the 1930s. Found only one from Orange,Tx. Looking for some photos he made for Humble Oil and Ref. Co.
Civil War in Texas information for a map activity for my students.
Resources for Texas History, pictures, primary sources, ideas for lesson plans
participate in a survey
genealogy names
Document based work for my classes especially my advanced classes. I love this website!! Thanks...
help in teaching texas history
I just clicked on my e mail asking me to take this survey. (Texas Memories) Portals to Texas history.
Connected to Texas Hill Country emails and received an email from them
family history information on Meek, Gray, Titus, Childs and Land families of East Texas and Lamar County
browsing
General information
Material for teaching 7th grade TX History, particular in an interactive way.
Collin County Chronicles
genealogical background - historical pictures
pictures of the schools as i knew it from 1966 to 1970 when i was there , i was in valley ,hackberry, live oak, terrace and hilltop
Simply to learn more -- learned of your site through Texas H-net
Wasn't looking or searching. Excepted invite to take survey.
Texas and the Civil War
Texas primary source activities, student centered lessons and activities.
Santa Fe Expedition and Texas claims to any of New Mexico after the Battle of gaining independence from Mexico.
Lesson plans
Information on the Chapman, Heath, Kirkham and Grace families.
Info about Hardin Simmons University in 1918-1919
photos of Austin Municipal Airport
genealogical and historical info on my ancestors and where they lived.
Genealogy
the answer to my test
info
family records
Photographs and historical accounts on Orange, TX
Just checking out what is here. I teach Texas History and always looking for out of the textbook ways to present my lessons. I do not have time today to fully explore your site, but I will be back because it looks like you have a LOT to offer that would be useful in my classroom.
Palestine, Texas

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
A company named Christian & Crooker that was involved in a lawsuit against my g-g-grandmother in 1888. I found it very easily with the search process, Thank you very much.
Information and pictures of William A. A. Wallace aka Bigfoot Wallace.
lessons
Looking for history for my classes
Texas City disaster historical content
Genealogy Record
The perimeters of the 1st Peters' Colony west boundaries.
1973 Hardin Simmons University Yearbook
Photo of Pease Elementary School in Austin
picture of old First Presbyterian Church building on South Elm
Printouts of "The Tulia Herald"
Old homes in Hitchcock, found 3
Texas History and geneaology
Photograph [s] of Seaplanes on Lake Worth
family history
ANY HISTORY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY
Just read what came up on my e-mail.
World War I Military Records recording Co. 359 Infantry
Tarrant county history
Information on one of the former owner's of the Jim Hotel in Fort Worth Texas. Her name was Mable Everhart or Mable Foster. I'm conducting some genealogy research on her family. She was my fraternal grandmother. I did not know her.
Info on Irving; Picture of grandfather
pics of galveston and houston.
Some facts about TX history. I really like it and will reccomend it to friends!
Actores kids.
Information on Van Horn, Texas, the Van Horn, Mitchell, Hill, Taylor, families. The Smokehouse Restaurant.
Old maps of texas
Pershing Expedition
family history from lavaca county
Surname records for Genealogy Research
Trying to find out the type of soils found in extreme southwestern Webb county adjacent to the Webb-Zapata county line.
Texas Historical Documents and Information to learn more about Texas history
Old homes in Hitchcock, TX still standing to compile a book of photos so future generations will know what this town looked like
History photos of harrison county and marshall tx
Texas City Explosion
My Ballantyne ancestors accompanied Lyman Wight to Bandera, Texas.
The only thing i research here is my great grandfather General William Simpson. You guys don't have the option on your survey for mobile internet. I only access the internet through my cell phone

<b>Q4. What were you looking for this visit?</b>
Just looking
History events around the year 1908
Houses on south sycamore street palestine texas
wanted to know if records on line
HISTORIC INFORMATION
Institute for Texan Cultures/ Texas cultural/ Families
nothing
INformation about early Texas. Census of 1820. Church records of marrariages, births, funerals.
My father CSM Roland R Petty
Info on Orphan's Friend Lodge, A.F. and A.M., Anderson, Grimes Co., Texas
8th Mounted Engineers around 1920
About texas history
soil survey map of travis and burnet counties, texas
old photos in general of place,town ,people
Marshall Texas Historical records.
Information and pictures of the Selz family of Pilot Point.
From a university of learning I am looking for unbiased/neutral scientific facts !
Information on the Byers High School, for 1930 to 1936. And the Bell/Watson/Dawson families of that era.
historical research on La Junta region.
I was hoping to find a list of the fallen at san jacinto battle. I am searching for Cromeans as one of the dead.
any thing ont he milicia family in Austin Texas
For my family's history in Bandera County. My Great-Great Grandfather and Great-Great Grandmother, John and Janet (Turnbull) Ballantyne and their family, including my Great Grandfather, James Ballantyne, were in the company of Lyman Wight, when they went to Texas, I believe after 1843.
railroad photos
history of austin, texas
just a few texas facts. texas is my true love.
Information on employees of LS Ranch in 1800's and early 1900's. A John Boon(e) was one and was a brother to my great grandfather Nathan Alexander Boon(e).
I did a Google for Hunt County Soils Maps and found your site. I've been surfing it now for 3 hours.
Name of my great grandfather, J H Doolen
I visited The Springs this winter and found this info at the Library
Family references

## 5. Did you find what you were looking for?

Discovery Success	Frequency	Percent
I was only browsing	81	25.5
No - I couldn't find it	68	21.4
Yes - After looking for a while	59	18.6
Yes - Easily	110	34.6
Total	318	100.0

## 6. How useful is the information you found?

Usefulness	Frequency	Percent
Not Useful	31	9.7
Of Little use	36	11.3
Useful	155	48.7
Extremely Useful	96	30.2
Total	318	100.0

## 7. How easy is it to use the Portal?

Ease of Use	Frequency	Percent
Very Difficult	12	3.8
Difficult	38	11.9
Easy	155	48.7
Very Easy	113	35.5
Total	318	100.0

## 8. Please indicate your overall satisfaction with the Portal:

Satisfaction	Frequency	Percent
Very Dissatisfied	11	3.5
Dissatisfied	29	9.1
Satisfied	173	54.4
Very Satisfied	105	33.0
Total	318	100.0

## 9. How likely are you to return to the Portal?

Likelihood of Returning	Frequency	Percent
Extremely Unlikely	15	4.7
Fairly Unlikely	24	7.5
Fairly Likely	108	34.0
Extremely Likely	171	53.8
Total	318	100.0

## 10. What best describes you?

Role	Frequency	Percent
Teacher	29	9.1
Student	19	6.0
Genealogist/Family History Researcher	133	41.8
Historian	28	8.8
Lifelong learner	67	21.1
Other	42	13.2
Total	318	100.0

#	Role Other [NOTE: text is as input by respondents; no corrections were made]
	(grand)parent
	all of the above
	amateur local historian(austin)
	Archivist
	Army Brat
	author
	bored person
	Born in Texas
	boy at the gatesville state school
	Coordinator
	descendant of Reissigs
	Developing personal genealogy
	environmental coordinator
	helicopter mechanic
	former Army pilot
	Former Student and Reader
	Genealogist, Historian, Museum Chair
	Great granddaughter to Gen. Simpson
7	Librarian
	librarian researcher



#	Role Other [NOTE: text is as input by respondents; no corrections were made]
	researcher
	Retired
	TXGenWeb county coordinator
	writer
	Ecologist, history buff.
	railroader
	Educator
	I am a member of the Bogel family, researching information in preparation for a big reunion at the S
	Retired teacher
	daughter

## 11. What is your age?

Age	Frequency	Percent
18-19	19	6.0
20-29	16	5.0
30-39	20	6.3
40-49	23	7.2
50-59	83	26.1
60-69	106	33.3
70+	51	16.0
Total	318	100.0

## 12. What is your gender?

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Female	182	57.2
Male	136	42.8
Total	318	100.0

## 13. Additional comments

[NOTE: text is as input by respondents; no corrections were made]

Additional Comments
It would be very helpful if there is a way to return to the results lists without using the browser's back button.
My heritage also links to the Stevens and Tait families of Bandera, TX circa 1860-1910.
Wonderful site...
How may I submit old photographs? Childress County and Collingsworth County, TX. [personal data removed]

<b>Additional Comments</b>
I cannot believe that you have no separate heading for Native American or pre-contact information/pictures
doing family genealogy
Thanks for the site makes out of town research easier.
Pictures need more clarification and history
Search in Google for this string of characters: 1836 "fall of the alamo" The results are about 10,900 hits. Now change the "one" to a "capital eye": i836 "fall of the alamo" - The results are exactly 3 hits, two of which are your pages.
Im just browsing a useful survey question for my incoming project development. I want to know the relationship of this survey for your portal
Very interesting.
I am trying to locate the audio tape made by Amos Graves Bogel, Jr. in the late 1990's while a guest at the Saucedo Ranch, Big Bend Ranch State Park. He grew up on the Ranch and recorded the history of the ranch, but the tapes are missing. I will get a copy to you when it surfaces. We also have many more photos of the Bogel family.
could you put up the counties in a pull down menu so people could go directly to a specific county. I don't live in the states and haven't a clue what part of Texas Bell Coryell mc lennan falls are, so a map with a large numbers of blocks on it isn't user friendly
As I understand it , a person might add to their history. I would like to write something of my mother and father. Mom is 91 and has been in Borger since 1934.
you need much more digitized materials for civil war research and events here along the Rio Grande River, Cameron County and Brownsville, Port Isabel
I have had problems navigating and downloading what I want.
I just linked to this survey from an email from our president of our Genealogy and Historical Society. I have done extensive research in Denton on the McCombs/Nowlin/Ferguson lines of our Tree.
I access the portal using my Z39.50 client.
I'm really glad there is a website like this! Very interesting!
Much information provided by the digitized materials tends to be anecdotal and, thus, of limited usefulness.
I suppose you could say I have a vested interest.
Add more stuff.
The information is really helpful, it was hard to get from one part to another easily.
Getting into the portal was not very intuitive.
What's the point of digitizing books, if the books are NOT available for download? That's just a continuation of the traditional university arrogance toward the community--and I say that as a retired professor of 30+ years experience.
I suggest placing a menu on your web site that links to items of interest
it's so neat that we have access too everyone's collection of photo history and it's neat too step back in time i have always had a vision too be able too step back in time and see the old stage coaches,riverboats,steam engines,,horse and mule teams loggin old barns,, mark
Thanks for including city directories
I use your site and the computer a lot. It has been most helpful.
Great Job. I am part of TXGenWeb and find many useful things for my county sites.

<b>Additional Comments</b>
Would love to find more genealogical type information.
WONDERFUL site!!!
Even though I didn't find info on the old school, I did find some very useful info on my Horn and Stuckey families. I will be checking the site for more county info also as background info on my families. Thanks!
I have visited several times and found some good things to add to my genealogy. I do like the site and what I have found so far. I'm sure there is more but I have not gotten around to spending a lot of time searching. Search feature could be improved a little to find things easier, but it may be I'm not familiar enough with its use.
Thank you for this portal
I am currently e-mailing 2 of your librarians to relate my questions.
Looking forward to more information to be added, am finding new things all the time.
Thanks for the info.!!!
NO GOOD
I am extremely grateful to all of the people who put this site together. I was able to find old pictures of my father here - I never expected that when looking up Ft. Wolters! Thank you so much! - [personal data removed]
Great to find this. Since I am often looking for Texas related history and just this month, Nov. 2008, ran across your site it may indicate that you need some sites that give your link because I do a bucket load of looking and feel your site should have come up in a search before now. However, I'm not certain how old your site it. IT IS A GREAT SITE FOR HISTORY AND GENEALOGY. Hope all Texas teachers know about it.
I found some information I was looking for, but not the most significant information I was searching for. Please make it easier to print pages from books searched; my printer churned out three pages (two nearly blank) for each page I printed.
I have many photos from Collin County .1920's - 1950's if anyone is interested in viewing or copying.
I am looking for info on the Salcido and Melendez families.
Mighty fine site
A sub-filter or search within a search feature would be helpful. Also some system to know which resources have been previously viewed. Otherwise how wonderful to be able to read entire texts and the zoom feature is great.
I am an American, living in France for 40+ years. Many of my relatives were either born in or lived most of their lives in Texas. One cousin-by-marriage lived in Clarendon, Texas, perhaps born there.
why now days do website makers make crummy websites
I was happy to locate your site and the service it provides. The fact that the service was free made it even better. Thank you. [personal data removed]
Answer choices are inappropriate for first time user-- I don't have any idea how easy it may be to use your portal since I've not USED it, but only found a link to it from Google. Until I come in through the PORTAL, I'm ignorant of your service, which may be quite good. Quen sabe?
This link <a href="http://texashistory.unt.edu/search/?q=703+S.+Magnolia+&amp;t=dc.title">http://texashistory.unt.edu/search/?q=703+S.+Magnolia+&amp;t=dc.title</a> shows 4 photos of 703 S. Magnolia St., which is called the Flanagan house in only one of them. Therefore, if a search is done for "Flanagan House" only one photo comes up and that photo only shows the upper portion of the house. It is this sort of thing that makes the site a bit difficult to use. Also, I knew from past visits to the site that there was more than one picture of the house but when I typed in "703 Magnolia St.", no pictures were

Additional Comments
found. Finally, after numerous variations of the address, I left off "St." and 4 photos popped up. Another example of the site not being user friendly in my opinion.
I have printed my email address in hopes that others would find this of interest and do some research and share their information with me.
Thank you for all of the time, effort and funds devoted to this site. No monetary value can even be assigned to it as it is just too precious. Every small town on the planet should be so lucky. Additionally, as the years unfold, and as families become even further separated than they are now, it will become a bonding feature for many.....a bridge to the past in the form of photographs. Kindest regards, [personal data removed]
My son with Northrop=Gruman sent me this to view some pictures of aircraft and I haven't found them as yet
e-me please
Great work, thanks for taking the time to record the history of Ft. Wolters.
I was hoping that I would find photos of other buildings on Congress ave, and East and West 6th street. In particular, The old Capitol theater,Yank, and Ritz theaters. Also if you have other photos of Gen. McArthurs visit to Austin. I was there that day, and I am looking for photos of the right side of the podium in front of the capitol. I was hanging from the light fixture on the right side of the podium. Thanks for all of the time and effort you must have put into this website. I have lived in Austin since November, 1945.
Thank you.
This is an amazing site and I am so thrilled that someone took the time to put it together. We need more things like this as many of us can't get to the actual location where the info is.
Loved having you folks represented at the 2008 San Jacinto Symposium in Houston. Hope to see you again this year! - [personal data removed]
My father was in the oil business in Texas (and all over the world). He's now 94, so I look for items of interest for him.
Thank you for a wonderful resource. Sometimes I need to look up something, but often I just like to read!
You are providing a great service, especially for people in smaller towns or rural area who don't have access to big libraries. It takes a while to get used to Portal and figure out how to use it (slowing down to read the instructions would probably help!) Thank you for this great service.
First time I became aware of your website.I couldn't answer some of the questions because the only thing I found was the questionnaire.
please if you can help me in any way to find more information about the citydeveloping of sanantoni or the history of the alamo i would be very thankful for your help
On the whole it is a great service! I am dissappointed in the ocr quality even though I know that the software is not really good yet. Also, early submissions were not indexed while later ones are. I like having the hits instead of having to read the whole issue.
Just keep adding more!
I almost lived in the old NTSU library in 1965-1970 and the new one in 1975-1976. Both were wonderul! I have many fond memories!! [personal data removed]
Glad to know the website is there. I shall return when I have more time. I'm hoping there is a way to narrow searches by using either boolean terms or just the minus sign.

Additional Comments
Be wonderful to have early Oil & Gas Journal's online as young folks today do not know of this great source of history. Also, in depth oil/gas/refinery historical museum would be wonderful for researchers, kinda like a large genealogy library [example: Clayton in Houston or LDS in Salt Lake City] If there were more hours in the day, I'd love to work on this project, but I realize it is we, the people, who have to make these museums happen thru volunteering. Wonder if our new president would have interest in this history? Thank you for your survey.
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME, BUT THE ABILITY TO READ THE DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS IS REALLY GREAT. I WILL BE BOOKMARKING. I AM PLAYING WITH THE FAMILY TREES, MORE OR LESS, GATHERING INFORMATION. I AM REALLY INTERESTED IN THE DAILY LIVES OF THE SETTLERS. I AM A FOURTH GENERATION TEXAS; A DECENDANT OF A SAN JACINTO VETERAN AND POSSIBLY HIS BROTHERS WERE SURVIVORS OF MAYBE THE MEIR EXP---I AM STILL CHECKING ON THAT.
The pictures need some sort of indexing.
I've been to your web site before, when you first set it up. And, it seems to be getting easier and easier to navigate..THANK YOU for all this. I hope you continue to add to the extractions and/or digitization of the material
This is a WONDERFUL web site! Thank you!
I have tried to download copies of the scanned images and can only seem to download them as Web Archives (which are only useable when you are on line, and then if the Portal went down or changed addresses, they might be lost). I would rather be able to download them as .pdf or .jpg files, which would be more permanent copies for my use. Also could then pass them on to others. This would be a nice ability to add to the next version.
THANK YOU!!!!!!
liked the ability to search by county, but for counties with a lot of data it seemed to take a lot of browsing to find what is there.
I am sure that if I spend enough time on the site I can find everything I know is there --
Thank you for this service. I would change only one thing so far. I would take the yearbooks out and make a separate search for this genre of information. I.e. yearbooks, city directories etc
I have found MUCH info about my ancestors who lived since 1836 in Texas. THANK YOU. I surely wish pictures and maps were included in your articles, but it's still be a great help with my family research.
I really love the site. I wish more people would put old african american pictures up in counties like Grimes, Harrison and Brazos, and of course identify them. I would also like to have the ability to download pictures.
It appears your collection is missing volumes 2-9 of the Collin County Chronicles, or am I just missing them in my search?
i m looking for my records that were finally sent to austin , i was entered there twice aug,12 ,1966 to feb 12 th 1969 re entered mar 1969 to mar 1970 then some how i got in the US army sent to fort ord calif .thank god i was out of texas. [personal data removed]
Thanks for what you are doing. As a long retired academic librarian with strong intereests in T history, I am most grateful. [personal data removed]I marked "difficult" but this was simply a quic, first look.
Love the site! Use it all the time. Couldn't pull up the Lesson Plan for the Civil War Tug-of-War...it said "oopps link not available." I pretty much know of all the lessons that are on here. My suggestion would be to keep updating it with NEW lessons.
More lessons!!! The ones on this site are great. The kids love them and so do !!!

Additional Comments
Genealogy has been my life long interest, I began researching in 1981...The internet has expanded my abilities to find the info I seek ....Thanks so much for this sight.
I don't understand the portals at all and can't pull up info even though I found the title of yearbooks for those years.
it would be nice to either be able to print the relevant info found or to save it as a pdf.
give better information
Concerning the cotton mill in Mckinney--my grandmother worked there during the early 1920's as did her siblings. They all died from T.B. from the lint they breathed there. This was definitely not a WWII project!!
I was so pleased to Find "My Dear Sue" Letters of Frontier Lawyer John J. Good in the book Legacies as they are my great - great grandparents. I have a copy of "Cannon Smoke" but had not seen these letters before. Just wish they were easier to print out. [personal data removed]
I will have to come back when I have a little more time, but this apperars to be a very useful web site. I will pass it on to my Texas History teaching friends.
very interesting
Can't wait to utilize the Portal for many other subjects.
William A. A. Wallace was my Great G G Grandfathers cousin. Their Grandfather was Josiah Wallace Oh Dear I hope I have that straight. My Grandmother, Almeda Katurah Wallace 1894-1973 called him "Grandpa Bigfoot". I believe she was 4 years old when she met him.Her Father was Henery Neal Wallace 1856-1937
More lessons. Especially the notebook ones. I love them and so do my students!
Thank YOU for all you do.
gayson county has a map on your site showing the original and third contract locations of the Peters' colony east perimeter. The west should be 1st contract and second contract should be in Collin county.
Great and Useful Tool . Wish all States had such.
I noticed some pictures were not in the correct catagory. One titled Blimp Base Dedication, but was actually a dedication of a confederate soldier in The Broadway Cemetery. I was there at that time.
I am an archaeologist, and am curious to know if you actually display photos of artifacts. I believe that one of the opening pages said that you did, among other things. If so, I was curious about how you document, and display them legally, as it is sometimes difficult to establish the original owners of objects (specifically native american artifacts).
Thank you.
If you have the notes that were used to produce Panel E, I would like to contact someone for more information.
Search feature could be improved on. I'm having problems finding anything on Alvin, TX.
Interesting website. I did find some pictures of people that my husband knew while living in Van Horn. Thank you... [personal data removed]
I am looking for family name adams and foley from lavaca texas early 1800-1900's
Why can we not download a digital copy of what we find? Some sort of cut and paste, or download feature would be very helpful. Thank you.
Every thing loks fine , but need more photos especially before what exists is torn down or remodeled to something or other
Keep up the good work guys. Great website. Real easy networking here. Am and have let the family and

<b>Additional Comments</b>
friends know about your website.
Thanks so much for your website. I find it extremely comforting to view some of the old homes and streets of Palestine. I drive down South Sycamore each time I visit the city.
Genealogical research
It would be great to be able to see more digitized documents- but that's a long, expensive process.
Looking for Rush Edwards, circa 1850
I'd like to get info about the *th Mounted Engineers. My grandfather was with them in Texas in 1920
Thanks for making this data available.
This is obviously a web portal of liberal and unbalanced posting of information.
Another book on the internet is "The Tyrian and Its Mormon Passengers," by Paul B. Pixton. The sailing ship Tyrian (sometimes spelled Tyrean or Tyrene) sailed from Liverpool, England, on September 21, 1841, with my ancestors John and Janet, and their family on board. My Great Grandfather James was 14 years old.
pleas keep up the great work and maybe nore history maps on texas rairoads
If there are records of ranch hands or foremen, I would like to know how to access them.
You might add a link to download the files, maps and books.
keep up the good work. it won't be long before there aren't any history books and this is the only way our great grand kids will have in knowing anything about their roots. [personal data removed]