

# THE PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY<sup>SM</sup>

## *Beyond the Bytes*

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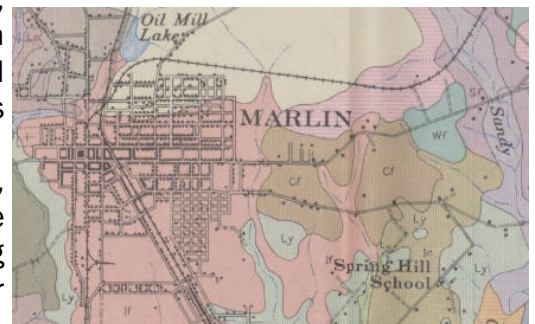
## The Historic Texas Soil Surveys

The Texas Soil Surveys demonstrate early scientific thought regarding soil classification and use. Each survey consists of a book, plus one or more soil maps. The maps show many cultural features on the Texas landscape such as businesses, churches, schools, mills, gins, and ferries. The collection encompasses all Texas county and reconnaissance soil surveys completed prior to 1950.

Published from 1901-1948, these surveys are now online at the Portal to Texas History<sup>SM</sup>, providing detailed information covering over 100 Texas counties.



Detail of Red River County Soil map, 1923.



Detail of Falls County Soil map, 1936.

## The Ferris Wheel Newspaper, 1896-1897



The Digital Projects Unit team proudly presents the first newspaper on the Portal, the *Ferris Wheel* from 1896-7. The newspaper features national, state, and local news as well as many, many advertisements. Anyone for some Lippman's Great Remedy? It's "superior to all sasparillas." Sample headlines from the December 12, 1896, issue include:

"A Stabbing Affray; Killed in a Wreck; Jury Disagreed; Anti-Saloon League in Session; Christianity in India; Heavy Earthquake (Mexico); and Cistern Water Poisoned From a Newly-Painted Roof.

And some issues are always with us. A "Costly Campaign" notes the high costs of the latest presidential campaign — 1896 style.

The Portal team extends a big thank you to the Ferris Public Library and the Northeast Texas Library System for funding this pilot project.

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## Texas History Trading Cards Texans that kids need to know!

The Portal to Texas History<sup>SM</sup> now offers Texas History Trading Cards! They are free, so anyone can just download and print a set.

In fourth and seventh grade Texas history, students have a set of famous (and not so famous!) Texans about whom they need to know.

The fourth grade set includes Cabeza de Vaca, Martin de Leon, Henry Cisneros, Cleto Rodriguez, Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin, Miriam "Ma" Ferguson, Audie Murphy, John Tower, Gail Borden Jr., Lorenzo de Zavala, Joseph Glidden, Patillo Higgins, Christopher Columbus, Coronado,

Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, Barbara Jordan, Anson Jones, and LaSalle.

The seventh grade set includes Juan N. Sequin, William Barrett Travis, Henry B. Gonzalez, Roy Bedichek, Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin, Walter R. Cunningham, Michael DeBakey, C.M. "Dad" Joiner, Phil Gramm, Lorenzo de Zavala, Samuel T. Rayburn, George C. Childress, James Fannin, Santa Anna, Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, Barbara Jordan, Anson Jones, James Hogg, Cynthia Ann Parker, James Farmer, Hector P. Garcia, Oveta Culp Hobby, and Lyndon B. Johnson.



**Barbara Jordan**  
(1934 — 1996)

birthplace: Houston

- First African-American U.S. Congresswoman from the South, elected 1972
- Served in the Texas Senate 1966-1972
- Earned national recognition during the Watergate hearings, 1974
- Time Magazine's Woman of the Year in 1975

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*"Awesome! Thanks! I'll pass this on to the other teachers at my school."*

*-Jenny, Texas history teacher, and MySpace friend*

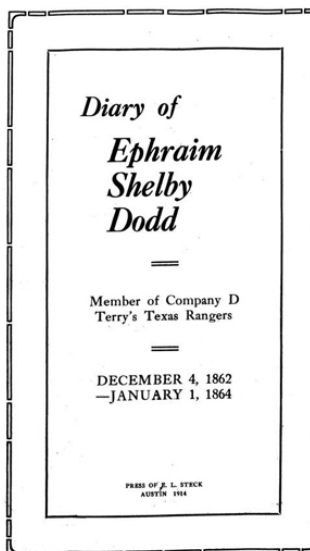
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## Focus on Books

In January of 1864, Union soldiers captured, tried, and executed Ephraim Shelby Dodd as a Confederate spy.

The evidence? The diary in his pocket.

Dodd served with Terry's Texas Rangers. A fellow soldier, L..B. Giles wrote, "It was during this winter that one of the saddest events in all our career happened: the hanging of E. S. Dodd by the enemy.



He was a member of Company D. He was of good family and well educated. For many years he kept a diary, setting down the happenings of the day. He was taken prisoner with this diary in his pocket. On that evidence alone he was condemned and executed as a spy."

Was Ephraim Shelby Dodd a spy, or just another casualty of the war? Read the book and make up your own mind.

## Extra! Extra! Announcing the UNT Libraries' Digital Collections

### Rare Book and Texana Collections

The UNT Libraries proudly announce the arrival of the UNT Libraries Digital Collections, a home for the wonderful digital resources from throughout the Libraries.

Materials from the Rare Book and Texana Collections feature miniature books and World War I and World War II Posters. The Miniature Books Collection contains items as varied as prayer books dating from the mid-1600's to books published this year. It covers a wide variety of subjects in many

languages from countries throughout the world. The collection includes limited edition fine press works as well as modern mass-market publications. Our strengths include late 20th century Hungarian miniatures, 19th century children's Sunday school literature, and various publishers such as Some-such Press, REM Miniatures, Achille St. Onge, Darragh Hunter, and William Pickering.

The Rare Book & Texana Collections includes among its holdings a collection of

over 600 original World War I and World War II posters. The World War I posters include a number of French examples, while the World War II group consists primarily of American home front posters. War bonds, rationing, enlistment, security, and morale are all topics treated by these artworks. The collection includes posters by such famous artists as Normal Rockwell, Theodore Geisel (better known as Dr. Seuss), and Boris Artzybasheff.

<http://digital.library.unt.edu/browse/departement/rarebooks/>



Poster: 7th war loan, now, all together. 1945, artist C. C. Beall



Bezoek aan Kaap Kennedy, by Franco-Suisse, 3 3/8" high



*Phaëton. Tragedie mise en musique*, Jean Baptiste Lully, 1709

### Music Library

Online collections from the Music Library come from the Willis Conover Collection, the Virtual Music Rare Book Room, and the Jean-Baptiste Lully Collection.

Willis Conover (1920-1996) was a jazz producer and broadcaster on the Voice of America for over forty years, and online items from this

collection feature program lists for the Voice of America.

The Virtual Music Rare Book Room materials include French Opera scores, and other musical items.

The University of North Texas Music Library's Jean-Baptiste Lully Collection includes almost 30 rare 17th- and 18th-century scores of operas and

ballets by the 17th-century French composer Jean-Baptiste Lully and his sons. Many of the volumes are 1st editions printed by Christophe Ballard, who held the privilège for music printing under King Louis XIV. Several are 2nd editions, printed by Henri de Baussen or Jean-Baptiste Christophe Ballard.

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## Government Documents— focus on Newsmaps

The Government Documents focus on war related topics such as Digital Collections include the identifying enemy aircraft (WEFT—CyberCemetery, the Congressional wing, engine, fuselage, tail); identifying enemy uniforms; types of armored vehicles used by different nations; the making of a U.S. Blue-jacket; chemical warfare tips; common sense rules for abandoning ship; Tarawa—Battle for the Gilberts; Gliders: Weapons of War; and other interesting features.

During most of World War II, the U.S. government issued newsmaps weekly. These poster-sized newsmaps measure almost 3' by 4', and many were two-sided. One side of the Newsmaps featured maps of the war fronts, photographs, and news features. The back of the newsmaps

All of the newsmaps are easy to navigate — zoom in to see every detail, and just click and pull to maneuver around the image.

Newsmap. For the Armed Forces. 234th week of the war, 116th week of U.S. participation

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## What's in the Lab now?

### From the Weatherford College Library



Jim Wright and LBJ

Weatherford—Peach Capitol of Texas, and home of former Speaker of the House Jim Wright, and actress Mary Mar-

tin—comes alive for us through materials from the Weatherford College Library.

Their collections hold some fantastic photos donated by the famous offspring of the town.

The Jim Wright collection features images of former Speaker of the House with politicians such as Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Mark White, Martin Frost, and Richard Nixon. Photos donated by Mary Martin focus on her Broadway and movie career.



Ronald Reagan and Mary Martin



Mary Martin and her son, a very young Larry Hagman—before his J. R. days

### Summerlee Foundation grants, "Rescuing Texas History . . ." with the University of Texas-Pan American



Watermelon Feast at Sharyland during the Convention of the Texas Press Association at Mc Allen, 1921

*Upcoming: Materials from the Austin Public Library will include over 800 photographs taken by photojournalist Neal Douglass of the Austin American-Statesman from 1930-1969.*

Perhaps no one personifies Texas's Citrus industry better than John H. Shary. His interest in the Rio Grande valley began in 1912, and in the next few years he would entice farmers to the area by offering 40 acre lots for sale or lease. By 1924, there were over two million citrus trees in the Rio Grande valley. During his years in

Texas, Shary developed 50,000 acres in citrus, and 250,000 acres in cotton.

The images in this collection feature over 100 panoramic photographs of promotional excursions to the valley arranged by Shary for prospective investors and farmers in the 1920s. In addition, glass plate negatives

capture the rich variety of produce grown in the region.



John H. Shary

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**Mission Statement:** The Portal to Texas History<sup>SM</sup> 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.



Comanche Jack  
Clay County Historical Society



St. Nicholas Hotel, c. 1910. Boyce



Troop J, 14th Cavalry, Ft. McIntosh,  
c. 1900, Laredo Public Library



Elvis Presley at Ft. Hood, c. 1950s,  
Killeen City Library System

## Politicians on the Portal



John and Nellie Connally on  
the day of LBJ's presidential  
election.  
Austin History Center

Looking for photographs of 20th century Texas Governors or U.S. Presidents? You're likely to find them on the Portal to Texas History<sup>SM</sup>.

From Harry Truman's Whistle stop

campaign through three different Austin to Gov. Allan Shivers' family Christmas card, representation of national and Texas politicians is growing on the Portal. Of note, the wife of Gov. Allan Shivers was Marialice Shary Shivers — daughter of John H. Shary, featured on the previous page.

The Portal to Texas History<sup>SM</sup> makes connections between diverse collections possible. For example, photographs on the Portal of Lyndon B. Johnson come from

James and Ma Ferguson casting their votes in 1940. Austin History Center



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