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# **The Portal to Texas History:**

## **Harnessing Technology to Enable Collaboration with Small Museums and Libraries**

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- Portal – Definition for this project

An entry point, or gateway, on the Web that directs researchers to important materials from many institutions on the topic of Texas History.



- Background Overview
- Standards Development to Support Collaboration
- Project Workflows to Support Quality Control
- Tools to Support Workflows



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## 1. Vision for Portal:

- Offer students and historians interested in Texas history a portal to the rich collections held in Texas libraries, archives, and historical museums.
- Provide access to a significant collection of digital copies of major artifacts, manuscripts, photographs, maps, letters, and other primary source materials about Texas history in collaboration with many institutions.



## 2. Objectives for Phase 1 of the Project:

- Form partnerships with libraries, museums, and other organizations to provide access to Texas history materials.
- Create technical specifications, systems, and standards for the project.
- Provide funding for technology development and for creation of the support services.
- Develop training modules and portable scanning units for use by project participants.



### 3. Project timeline:

- February 2002 – development of vision
- March – August 2002 – discussions with potential collaborators and development of project objectives (Phase 1)
- July 2002 – application for grant funding
- August 2002 – notification of receipt of funding



### 3. Project timeline (cont.)

– Sept. 2002 – Sept. 2003 –

- Develop technical structure to support the Portal services (new functionality development continues)

– Sept. 2003 - present

- Develop new collaborations
- Develop applications and workflows to support collaborative work



#### 4. Collaboration building:

- Visit museums, libraries, and historical sites.
- Contacts with association/organization directors and members.
- Contacts with K-12 teachers/librarians and college faculty.





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Where Texas Students Find Texas History

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|  Architecture            |  Agriculture              |  Arts and Crafts        |  Business, Economics and Finance |
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## Research Portal

Enter search terms:

Search

Full-text  Title  Author  Subject

### Limit this search to:

Primary Source Materials Only

Format:

Collection:

Institution:

Document Type:

Dates: Between  AND



## 5. Range of Portal Services Offered to collaborating institutions

### – Full services:

- Collaborative grant writing.
- Digitization of collections (lab or traveling unit).
- Full storage and provision of access to digital files.
- Metadata collection – discovery and preservation.
- Implementation of strategies for long-term preservation of digital masters.



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– Minimal Services:

- Collection of discovery metadata for access to files on other servers.



## Standards Development to Support Collaboration :

- Metadata standards for discovery and preservation of digital collections.
- Digitization guidelines for all types of materials



## Developed Metadata Element Set to Support Digital Resource Management

- Descriptive
- Preservation/Administrative
- Standards based (Qualified Dublin Core, PREMIS)
- Controlled vocabularies

<http://www.library.unt.edu/digitalprojects/documentation/metadata.htm>



- Project Guidelines for Digitization:
  - Scanning (text, photos, maps, posters, letters, etc.)
  - Images – sizes, file types.

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