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## Researching Fannin County History

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This document has been prepared by the Fannin County Historical Commission to help those interested in researching Fannin County history and Fannin County genealogy.

### Online Resources

- \* Fannin County Historical Commission website: <https://www.fannincountyhistory.org>
- \* Fannin County Museum of History website: <https://www.fannincountymuseum.org/>  
and its photo and archives database: <http://fannin.pastperfectonline.com/>
- \* Honey Grove Preservation League website: <https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/home.html>
- \* SavoyTexas.org
- \* Fannin County GenWeb: <http://txfannin.org/index.php>. The GenWeb site contains information on all cemeteries and interments in Fannin County, as well as information and photographs of schools and towns, transcribed books, and much more.
- \* Fannin County Historical Group Facebook page
- \* Texas A&M University Commerce Northeast Texas Digital Collections  
Bonham-Family County History Collection:  
<http://dmc.tamuc.edu/cdm/search/collection/bonham>  
Bertha Voyer Memorial Library & Hall-Voyer Foundation Collection  
<http://dmc.tamuc.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/honeygrove>
- \* Census records and many other things are available at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) (a free site) and [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) (a pay site)

### Museums, Libraries and Research Organizations

Fannin County Historical Commission. In addition to its website, the Fannin County Historical Commission contains hard copy files of newspaper clippings and other documents, and oral histories.

Bonham Public Library. 305 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Bonham. Hours at <http://www.bonhamlibrary.net>

Honey Grove Library. 500 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Honey Grove. Phone. 903-378-2206

Leonard Museum. Call the Leonard Chamber of Commerce for hours.

Sam Rayburn Library and Museum. 800 West Sam Rayburn Drive, Bonham. Phone: 903-583-2455

Sam Rayburn House. Phone: 903-583-5558

## Historic Newspapers

Honey Grove: Historic newspapers for Honey Grove are available online at the Portal to Texas History. <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/HGNEWS/>

Bonham, Ladonia, Savoy, Honey Grove: The Bonham Daily Favorite, the Bonham Herald and other historic Fannin County newspapers are in the process of being added to the Portal to Texas History. See the Fannin County Area Newspaper Collection. <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/FCANC/>

Additional Fannin County newspapers and books are at the Portal to Texas History under the Partner Fannin County Historical Commission: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/FCHC/browse/>

Whitewright Public Library. Phone: 903-364-2955. The Library has microfilm of the Whitewright newspaper. Although Whitewright is in Grayson County, the Whitewright newspaper contains articles on Fannin County.

The Google Newspaper Archive contains copies of The Favorite and The Bonham Daily Favorite. This is a free site, but is not searchable. See <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Newspapers.com is a pay site that contains copies of the Bonham Daily Favorite and the Whitewright Sun.

## Books about Fannin County History

*Fannin County Folks and Facts*. Available online at the Fannin County GenWeb site.

<https://txfannin.org/booksonline.php>

Also available at the Portal to Texas History: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht1151234/>

*A History of Fannin County*. By Floy Crandall Hodge. Available through the Historical Commission's website:

<https://www.fannincountyhistory.org/a-history-of-fannin-county.html>

*History of Fannin County, Texas*. By W. A. Carter. 1885.

[http://txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Hist&pg\\_id=1](http://txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Hist&pg_id=1)

*Yesterday Revisited. A Pictorial History of Fannin County, Texas*.

*Lake Fannin Saved*. By Gregory Hall. 2017. Available from Amazon.com. A copy is also at the Fannin County Historical Commission

*Biographical Souvenir of the State of Texas*. Available online at the Fannin County GenWeb site.

<https://txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Souv> Also at the Portal to Texas History:

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph1151235/>

A Pictorial History of Fannin County. Available for purchase at Amazon.com or at the Fannin County Museum of History.

#### **For Bonham:**

*Bonham: The Era Has Gone, But Memories Linger On*. Available online at the Fannin County GenWeb site.

[http://txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Gone&pg\\_id=1](http://txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Gone&pg_id=1)

*Pictorial Souvenir Album of the City of Bonham, Texas*. January 1902

<https://www.fannincountyhistory.org/pictorial-souvenir.html>

*Bonham 52 Years Ago*. By Judge W. A. Evans.

Bonham, Town of Bailey English. Available to purchase at Amazon.com or at the Fannin County Museum of History.

#### **For Dodd City:**

*A Brief History of Dodd City, Texas*. [http://www.txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Dodd&pg\\_id=1](http://www.txfannin.org/booksonline.php?book=Dodd&pg_id=1)

#### **For the Honey Grove Area:**

*John Black's Pictorial History of Honey Grove Texas, 1880-1925*. Copies available at the Honey Grove Library and the Fannin County Museum of History

*One Hundred Years. Honey Grove Centennial History 1873-1973*. Copies available at the Honey Grove Library and the Fannin County Museum of History

*Historic Homes, Buildings & Locations of Honey Grove, Texas*.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/97263918@N04/sets/72157649792647469/>

Larry Dobbs history books. His work is on the communities north of Honey Grove. His books, which contain many photographs, include: *Families of the New Salem Cemetery, Selfs, Texas; Will Morgan Plantation & Honey Grove, the Early Years; Joe Goss Plantation and King Cotton at Honey Grove, Texas; Families of the Shiloh Cemetery (for the communities of Shiloh, Greens Chapel and Selfs); The Photographic Works & Collection of John Elmer Tyler; A History of Bois d'Arc Springs and the Greens Chapel Community* are at the Honey Grove Library and are available from Mr. Dobbs. Some are also available online from the What's New page of the Fannin County Museum of History website.

*Allens Chapel Scrapbook.*

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/97263918@N04/sets/72157645114995212/>

*Our Town, Windom, Texas*

<https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/windom-our-town.html>

### **For Ladonia**

See the Historical Commission website at <https://www.fannincountyhistory.org/ladonia-page.html>

### **For Leonard**

*The History of Leonard.* Copies available at the Fannin County Museum of History and in Leonard.

### **For Mulberry**

*The Gathered Words of Mulberry, Texas*, by Gregory Hall. Available from Amazon.com. A copy is also at the Fannin County Historical Commission

### **School Yearbooks**

Many Fannin County school yearbooks are online. See

<https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/education.html>

### **Directories**

Directories for Honey Grove are at <https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/directories.html>

Telephone books for Honey Grove and Ladonia are also there.

Other directories can accessed at <https://www.fannincountyhistory.org/directories.html> or from the Fannin County Museum of History's Photo Database. <http://fannin.pastperfectonline.com/archive>

### **Maps**

A good source for Sanborn maps is <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/sanborn/>

Sanborn maps are available for Bonham, Honey Grove and Leonard.

Some Honey Grove maps are at <https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/maps.html>

Fannin County maps are also available at the Fannin County GenWeb site: <http://txfannin.org/maps.php>

