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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 database: <http://fannin.pastperfectonline.com/>
- * Honey Grove Preservation League website: <https://www.honeygrovepreservation.org/home.html>
- * SavoyTexas.org
- * Fannin County GenWeb: <http://txfannin.org>. 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>
- * Honey Grove Library & Learning Collection
<http://dmc.tamuc.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/honeygrove>

- * Census records and many other things are available at familysearch.org (a free site) and 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. 5th Street, Bonham. Hours at <http://www.bonhamlibrary.net>

Honey Grove Library & Learning Center. 500 N. 6th 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: Available historic newspapers for Honey Grove are available online at the Portal to Texas History. <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/HGNEWS/>

Bonham: The Bonham Daily Favorite, the Bonham Herald and other historic Bonham newspapers are in the process of being added to the Portal to Texas History. Some have already been added. <http://bit.ly/2yWhKTp>

Whitewright Public Library. Phone: 903-364-2955. Contains 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://www.txfannin.org/bookonline/003/fannin-county-folks-facts> and at the Portal to Texas History <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph1151234/>

A History of Fannin County. By Floy Crandall Hodge. See <https://www.fannincountyhistory.org/a-history-of-fannin-county.ht>

History of Fannin County, Texas. By W. A. Carter. 1885. <https://www.txfannin.org/bookonline/004/history-fannin-county-texas>

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://www.txfannin.org/bookonline/001/biographical-souvenir-state-texas> and at the Portal to Texas History: <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph1151235/>

For Bonham:

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

<https://www.txfannin.org/bookonline/005/era-has-gone> and on Flickr:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/97263918@N04/sets/72157676506778297>

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.

For Dodd City:

A Brief History of Dodd City, Texas. <https://www.txfannin.org/bookonline/007/brief-history-dodd-city>

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 and Rebecca Shirley 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* <https://www.flickr.com/photos/97263918@N04/albums/72157706326682675>; *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, Part 1* <https://www.flickr.com/photos/97263918@N04/albums/72157689530835873> and Part 2 <https://www.flickr.com/photos/97263918@N04/albums/72157676359121817>. The books are at the Honey Grove Library.

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. Some Leonard newspapers are also available at the Portal to Texas History.

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 be accessed at <https://www.fannincountyhistory.org/directories.html>

Telephone and business directories are also online the Archives database of the Fannin County Museum of History. <https://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>

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