These are a few of the women who led us and helped us to know where we have come from and where we are going, the women who’ve helped us to grow.

...making us strong....

...sharing a vision, sharing a dream...

...touching our thoughts, touching our lives...

...like a deep-flowing stream...

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Standing Before Us

These are the women who nurtured our spirits, the ones on whom we could depend. These are the women who gave us their courage, our mentors, our sisters, our friends.

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Henrietta King, Rancher, 1832-1925

Jovita Idar was born in 1885 into a Laredo family of journalists. She and her sister, Rosita, started the weekly El Progreso in 1914, and Jovita became its first female editor and reporter. Jovita Adar (second from right) and other employees of El Progresso, Laredo 1914.

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When Richard King died in 1885, Henrietta, age 53, took the helm of the ranch. For the rest of her life, she wore widow's black. As before, she made arrangements for health care and education of the children in need.

While the frontier changed, Henrietta maintained the grand Victorian lifestyle. During the Civil War, she hosted a Confederate Luncheon for her children and their mother in the midst of the disaster. She became the first woman in Texas to have a horse ranch. She eventually moved her ranch to the Praire in that era was dangerous and disputed territory. On one occasion Henrietta looked up from her horse ride and cursed at the inevitable band of outlaws. She watched them with a steady gaze and calmly directed her horse to a spot behind the bandits. They dispersed. Henrietta, United States of America.

After Richard died, Henrietta King became sole owner of the largest ranch in North America, presiding over 108,920 acres and developing a new breed of cattle that could withstand Texas heat. Henrietta eventually moved to Laredo, Texas. She lived a life of simplicity and virtue, always wearing a plain white dress and a broad-brimmed hat. She spent her days reading, writing, and riding her horse, and spent her nights in quiet prayer. She was a model of selflessness and devotion to family, friends, and God. Henrietta King, honoraitee of the Women's Museum.

I never intended to become a run of the mill person. —Barbara Jordan, U.S. Congresswoman

The Texas frontier dared it's women to adhere to society’s rules and then threw in their way every conceivable obstacle. —Shirley S. McKinney

Generations of Texas women have shaped history with distinction and determination. —Andrea Perry, Texas First Lady

Gratitude goes deeper and last longer than merely being thankful. —Cindy Wogan

When you change perspectives, you understand that to miss one half of our state's history is to deny future generations their heritage. —Cathy Bonner, founder of the Women's Museum

Katherine Anne Porter was Texas's first novelist to win the Pulitzer Prize. Texas inspired the setting of much of her finest fiction, yet she maintained an uneasy relationship with her home state. She moved to New York City in 1900 and wrote for magazines such as Atlantic Monthly and Harper's. She married a Norwegian immigrant father had built wooden gymnastics equipment. She smacked the ball so hard in sandlot baseball games that neighbor boys named her "The Babe" after Babe Ruth—an appellation she much preferred over her given name, Mildred. Babe led his Golden Cyclones to a national basketball, swimming. As the school's basketball star, she attracted the attention of a recruiter for a company team in Dallas. Babe led his Golden Cyclones to a national basketball, swimming. As the school's basketball star, she attracted the attention of a recruiter for a company team in Dallas. She was a master of both worlds, a writer and an athlete, living life at a pace that few could keep up with. She was a woman ahead of her time, defying expectations and breaking barriers. Babe Ruth—an appellation she much preferred over her given name, Mildred. The only battle Babe ever lost was to cancer. Following a colostomy, she defied medical opinion by winning the Babe Ruth World Series Championship with the Baltimore Orioles. She was a true icon, a legend in her own time. Babe Ruth—an appellation she much preferred over her given name, Mildred.

"I knew exactly what I wanted to be when I grew up," said Katherine Anne Porter. She was a woman of few words, yet her voice echoed through the halls of literature. In the eyes of many, she was a genius. She was a writer who captured the essence of the South, painting vivid pictures of life in the rural South and the struggles of the working class. Katherine Anne Porter was a true Texas treasure, her stories and novels leaving a lasting impact on the literary world. Katherine Anne Porter was a true Texas treasure, her stories and novels leaving a lasting impact on the literary world.
Angelina, Translator for Explore, born 16__, active 1712-1721
Angelina's life flickers briefly through the shadows of history.

—André Pénicaut, accompanying St. Denis, 1712

In person she is tall . . . a beautiful figure . . . with the energies of masculine vigor yet moving with a grace

Annie Webb Blanton, Teacher and Politician, 1827-1904
Annie Webb Blanton was the first woman to win election to the Texas legislature. She is remembered as a warm, caring teacher who inspired her students by example.

Later the governor [Alarcón] proceeded to distribute clothing to all of the family of those baptized, among Espinosa of the Ramón expedition, 1716

named a river for her. The Angelina River still flows through East Texas today.

The United States was not born in Harmony, much less unanimity, but with fall, exciting play of free thought and free speech.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

There’s just something about Texas women. We can do anything.

—Patsy Mink, Physicist

I have a real soft spot in my heart for librarians. They are the quiet custodians of our most valuable treasure.

—Ann Richards, Texas Governor

Firmly we shall stand!

—Anthem of Delta Kappa Gamma honor society

We can do anything.

—Lady Bird Johnson, First lady

Audubon Society.

Assigned to a second space mission in 2003, Kalpana exclaimed, “Doing it again is like

begin a brilliant career. Kalpana earned a master’s degree in aeronautical engineering from

acceptable from 2,962 applicants. Within three years she flew as a mission specialist on Space

intentional. She had been educated in the Women’s College of the university of Texas at Austin.

In 2002 Dallas neurologist Suzanne Ahn shocked a convention of the Asian American

category of the American Medical Women’s Organization, co-founded National Doctors for

It was cotton-picking time down in Texas. You see the continents go by, the thunderstorms shimmering in the

to Delta Kappa Gamma

Onward! ‘tis our sisters need us, Faith we pledge forever!

—in Greatness of our heritage, we must be able to disagree without rancor or hatred or ugly distractions.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower
These old things have not lost their usefulness. Our memories use them. They feed our lives with love.

—Sherry Gillespie, technology management consultant

process along the way is crucial."

praise."

Sandwich every bit of criticism between two thick layers of disciplines and hence have many perspectives."

—Mary Kay Ash, entrepreneur

Most people live and die with their music still unplayed."

—Katherine Anne Porter, author

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Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you.
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—Sherry Craven, university instructor

I developed a trait that has steadied me in good stead all my life; just plain, male-headed persistence.

—Kend Meeus, bootmaker

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