Who Is Using Online Special Collections?
The CUL Digital Collections Case Study

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• Outputs are relatively simple to quantify. Outcomes are more difficult to ascertain.

• Our main method: SMU’s Norwick Center for Digital Services sends surveys to users who license items found online, and to researchers who select items that are then added to CUL Digital Collections.

• Outcomes are documented in booklet of case studies, CUL Digital Collections: Making a Difference.

Left inset: Found through an online search, the DeGolyer Library’s carte de visite, [Major Richard William "Dick" Dowling, Confederate States of America Army], 1865, was used to help illustrate Lighthouses of Texas, published by Arcadia Publishing, January 2014.

“In the battle of Sabine Pass, Dick Dowling and a small force of about 50 Irish soldiers held the fort there, fending off some 5,000 Union sailors in gunboats. The fate of Texas in the Civil War was directly impacted by military events at Sabine Pass.” -- Steph McDougal, author and President, McDoux Preservation.