

South Texas Researcher

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Introduction

Note: the *South Texas Researcher* is also now available at <http://www.mysapl.org/texana.aspx> on the San Antonio Public Library's web site. Backfiles will soon be added.

Please remember that the purpose of this newsletter is to keep librarians, historians, archivists, genealogists, archaeologists, and those in other allied fields informed of what is going on that may be helpful in these fields so they may pass this information on to other interested parties in their locations.

South Texas is being broadly defined as beginning in Val Verde County in the west; moving east to Austin (Travis County); and then southeast through Caldwell, Lavaca, Jackson, and Calhoun counties to the Gulf of Mexico.



I am willing to include important events or acquisitions from other areas, in some instances, if they may be of particular usefulness to those in our area. News from our neighboring Mexican states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, and Coahuila would also be welcome.

If you have items you or your organization would like others to know about, please e-mail the address at the end of this newsletter.

Feel free to forward this communication to anyone who might be interested.

Thank you!

Texana/Genealogy January – February 2012
Class Schedule
San Antonio Public Library

Programs are free and held at the San Antonio Central Library,
600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas, 78205.

E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

To register (so we have enough handouts) or for information please
call the Texana/Genealogy Department at (210) 207-2500 (ask for
Texana) or E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Computer Classes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

[Beginning Genealogy on the Internet](#)

This workshop will cover the basics of searching the Internet for family history materials and online databases, how to evaluate websites, where to find downloadable forms, and other important information. It includes handout of helpful websites for doing genealogical research online

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30PM

[Fold3 Database](#)

The Fold3 database collections feature documents, most never before available before on the Internet, relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, United States Presidents, historical newspapers, naturalization documents, Native American records, and many more. There is also the ability to post your own comments and documents.

Texana/Genealogy Classes

Traditional Classes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

Finding Your Roots:

An Introduction to Climbing Your Family Tree

- 10:00-11:15 How to Get Started
- 11:30-12:45 Census Records: the Foundation
- 12:45-2:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:00-3:15 Religious and Vital Records
- 3:30-4:45 Military Records: an Introduction

The topics in this all-day program are designed to give the beginner the tools needed to start researching family history. This class would be of value to anyone involved in historical research and interested in using primary sources.

The classes are free, but please call or email so we will have enough handouts.

Note that on Saturday, 24 March 2012, we will present a second series of topics.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012, 1:30 – 2:30PM

Stories of the Underground:

Photos, Narratives & History Quilts

In honor of African American Heritage Month, the Texana/Genealogy Department presents a lecture by Jerelyne Williams, local author, researcher, educator, community activist, and President of the African American Genealogical and Historical Society of San Antonio.

Mrs. Williams will display personal scrapbook collections of photographs and narratives from her tours with an Underground Railroad study group in Columbus, Ohio. The focus is on parts of Ohio, Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass in Maryland and Washington, D.C. and the Underground Railroad settlements in Canada. Additionally, she will also talk about the local African American Genealogy Group, as well as curate an African American display in the Texana Department.

Joining Mrs. Williams will be Nina Fennell, History quilter, genealogist, community activist, CASA child advocate, and Treasurer of the African American Genealogical and Historical Society of San Antonio. Ms. Fennell will display her genealogical quilts, showcasing not only her artistry and skill but also her family history, all beautifully laid out on fabric. Her genealogical quilts add a unique dimension to the ancestral story.

San Antonio's Eastside Cemeteries

Name	Date Established	Size (acres)	Burials w/ markers	Earliest Marker
City Cemetery # 1	24 Jan. 1853	10.5	3,800	1848
City Cemetery # 2	1884	3.2	400	1859
City Cemetery # 3	1889	4.1	1,350	1870
City Cemetery # 4	1892	10.5*	900	1885
City Cemetery # 5	ante 6 Nov. 1877	0.48	92	1860
City Cemetery # 6	1903	5.47	700	1874
City Cemetery # 7 Dignowity	ca. 1871	2.1	400	1871
Knights of Pythias	13 May 1889	2.8	450	1888
Temple Beth-El		2.3	1,250	1856
Agudas Achim	1885;1928	2	800	1886
Alamo Masonic Lodge	28 Nov. 1853	7.3	750	1854
Herman Sons	1895	4.2	1,250	1881
St. Mary's Catholic	1884	7.2	1,250	1870
Emmanuel German Lutheran	1892			
St. John's Lutheran	10 Dec. 1894			
St. Joseph's Catholic	5 May 1862; 21 Aug. 1875	2.3	1,000	1865
St. Joseph's Society Catholic	1889	3	1,000	1878
San Antonio Lodge # 1	1894	0.35	49	1890
Confederate	1885		700	1868
San Antonio National	15 Nov. 1867	3.7	3,000	1849
Old German Lutheran	1866	2.4	1,272	1860
Independent Order of Odd Fellows	1855	6.4	900	1847
St. Michael's Polish Catholic	1877	0.69	300	1856
St. Peter Claver Catholic	1899	1	126	1900
St. Elmo Lodge # 25 K. of P.	1894	1	120	1899
United Brothers of Friendship	1895	1.5	400	1898
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows	1889	0.92	640	1890
Harmonia Lodge # 1 Herman Sons	6 Nov. 1877	0.25	82	1871
Dullnig family	ante 1877	0.06	32	1865
Beacon Light Masonic Lodge # 50	1902	0.5	77	1904
Anchor Masonic Lodge	1882	2.7	600	1860

West Texas Historical Association Year Book

Volume 36 (October 2010) has arrived. Here is a listing of articles included.

Tejanos in Northwest Texas: Rural Folks or Urbanites?

John Ringo in Texas: Much Hoo Doo About Nothing

“Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Lose, Sometimes It Rains:” Major League
Baseball Comes to Abilene, Texas

Dallas Scarborough: Abilene Attorney and Civil Leader

Six-Man Football Comes to Texas: The Fisher County Six-Man Football League of
1936

Mayor Ernest Angelo, Jr., of Midland and the 96-0 Reagan Sweep of Texas, May 1,
1976

F. Vandervoort: The Judge Who Wasn't a Judge

Ardor in the Courts! Sex and Law in Frontier Texas

West Texas in 1853: An Account of a Wagon Train Expedition Seeking Gold in the
Guadalupe Mountains

M. L. Crimmins and Ewen Cameron

[also book reviews and association affairs]

The Journal of South Texas

Articles in Volume 24, Number 2 (Fall 2011)

Place-Names in Nuevo Santander: Jose de Escandon, Indians, and the Power of
Names

An Example for the Rest of Texas in the Way of Celebrations: Laredo's Border
Olympics and the City's Move towards Modernization

Viva el Rey Alonzo! The Legend of Who Discovered and Named Corpus Christi
Bay

Land Grab or Legal Title Transfer? Reviewing the Evidence for Land Title Fraud in
19th Century South Texas

Burials at San Antonio City Cemeteries Now Available

You may now search burials at San Antonio City Cemeteries by going to the San Antonio Public Library website (www.mysapl.org). Click on “Resources.” In the Search Box type in “Cemeteries.” Click on “Cemeteries” and a list of Cemeteries 1 through 6 and Knights of Pythias will appear on the left side of the screen. You will have to search each cemetery individually and scroll down. The names are in alphabetical order.

Please note that these were created from cards in the no longer active cemetery office of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department. They do not include everyone buried in the cemeteries. Also note that names have been entered as they appear on the original cards and may be spelled incorrectly. Therefore, try multiple spellings.

If you feel you have found an error, please contact us, and provide documentation of the correct information, and we will add it to our files. Eventually, we will update the online listings. Also, we have been given additional cemetery cards to enter into the database.

If you have any questions, please contact us at genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Other Library Guides from Texana/Genealogy

The Texana/Genealogy department now has a presence on the San Antonio Public Library’s website, www.mysapl.org. Go to the website, click on “Services,” and scroll down to Texana/Genealogy. There you will find our blog, back issues of the *South Texas Researcher* (directly at <http://www.mysapl.org/texana.aspx>), our upcoming classes, and some of our “guides.”

The **Library Guides** are subject bibliographies with a current twist—databases, websites, event schedule, blogs, as well as books. The department now has the following guides on the library’s website under “Resources.”

Cemeteries	Hispanic Genealogical Research
Civil War	Jewish Genealogy
Civil War in Texas	King James Bible
Death	Local History
Family History	Special Collections
	Texas History
	The Wild West

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Friends of Texana/Genealogy on **Facebook**.

So, you may keep up with the Friends of Texana/Genealogy and the department by becoming a “friend.” There is a video on the difference between primary and secondary sources, and pictures from our collection of illuminated manuscript pages, photographs of the 1921 flood, photographs from one of our lock-ins, and World War I posters. See you there.

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society still has room in it's *How to Find Out Who You Are* classes for December. The December 12th class (2:00pm) will be on Researching Tax & Land Records. \$2 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 210/342-5242 for reservations.

With over 17,000 volumes, 600 + maps, a large vertical file collection and internet access to several great databases, the SAG&HS Library is one of the best private repositories of genealogical and historical material in South Texas.

The Library is located @ 911 Melissa Drive, off Blanco Rd, outside loop 410 and is open **Monday** 10-4, **Wed.** 10 am-9:00 pm, **Sat.** 10-4, **Sunday** 1-5. Members research free. Non-members may research for a \$5.00 donation per day. Tours of the library are free. For more information, visit

www.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2 .

Centro Cultural Aztlan, 1800 Fredericksburg Road,

Virgen de Guadalupe Celebration and Exhibit of over 40 artists thru' Jan.

22. Hours: Monday - Friday 10-5. More information: 210-432-1896,
centroaztlan@sbcglobal.net

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Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Meetings are normally held at 9:30 a.m. every first Saturday of the month on the first floor, Main Auditorium, of the San Antonio Public Library, 600 Soledad Street, San Antonio, Texas. Visitors are always welcome to attend. Membership is not required. Speakers at the meetings are people with a passion for history, professional historians, genealogists, archaeologists and researchers.

There is no January meeting.

In lieu of a monthly meeting, Los Bexarenos will be holding an awards dinner and the installation of officers for 2012 at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach. The dinner will be held on January 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call (210) 522-9276.

Help for the beginning genealogist.

In November, 2009, the Society rented a building on the campus of Holy Rosary Parish to house our Library. The Parish is located at 159 Camino Santa Maria just north of Culebra Rd. The Library is manned by volunteers on Saturdays, except the 1st Saturday of the month. The hours are 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is no charge to use the Library and one need not be a member of the Society.

The Society assists individuals in getting started with genealogical research through beginner's workshops. Beginners also receive assistance from the more experienced members of the Society. Contact one of the following individuals by email or phone to schedule an appointment:

Dennis Moreno	210-647-5607	dennis.moreno@sbcglobal.net
Yolanda Patino	210-434-3530	patinogil@sbcglobal.net

Witte Museum

**3801 Broadway
San Antonio, Texas 78209
(210) 357-1900**

Opening the Witte Wardrobe: 85 Years of Collecting Textiles

20 August 2011 to 25 March 2012

Out of the Vault: 85 Years of Collecting at the Witte Museum

16 September 2011 to 29 April 2012

McNay Art Museum

**6000 North New Braunfels
San Antonio, Texas 78209
(210) 824-5368**

The Orient Expressed: Japan's Influence on Western Art, 1854-1918

5 October 2011 to 15 January 2012

San Antonio Museum of Art

**200 West Jones Ave
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 978-8100**

¡Feria! Folk Art from Regional Fairs in Latin America

8 April 2011 to 15 January 2012

5,000 Years of Chinese Jade

1 October 2011 to 19 February 2012

Animal Instinct: The Photographs of Daniel Lee

3 September 2011 to 19 February 2012

DO YOU HAVE A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR?



The period 2010-2015 is being observed as the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States.

Now is the time to join the Sons of Confederate Veterans and honor your ancestor and his heritage.

The San Antonio Civil War Roundtable

The San Antonio Civil War Roundtable (SACWRT) is a non-profit group that promotes the study of the American "Civil War". The Sesquicentennial of the War is being observed from 2010 to 2015. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Alamo Room at Luby's, 911 N. Main & I-35 to discuss topics about the War. The group gathers at 6 PM to eat and visit, with the speaker and discussion at 7:00 P.M.

We are seeking to grow the group by recruiting new members and speakers. Please visit one of the meetings to see if this group might be of interest to you. For further information contact Russ Lane at 491-0676 or by email russlanerok@aol.com.

We look forward to having you attend our meetings and become an active member.

THE ALAMO CITY GUARDS CAMP #1325

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6 P.M. AT GRADY'S BARBECUE, 6510 SAN PEDRO AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH JACKSON-KELLER ROAD.

Visitors are always welcome. Come see if this may be an organization that interests you.

Contact Commander Russ Lane, alamocamp@yahoo.com, 210-491-0676 for additional information and eligibility requirements

WWW.ALAMOCITYGUARDS.COM

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**The Genealogical Society of Kendall County announces the
Eighth Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar
Saturday, February 4, 2012
Guest Speaker: Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD.**



Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seminar doors open at 8:15 a.m.

(Morning and afternoon snacks and lunch provided)

Place: The Boerne Convention and Community Center

820 Adler Rd., Boerne, TX

**Pre-Seminar Dinner with Colleen Fitzpatrick-
Friday, Feb. 3rd**

Time: 6:30 p.m. social; 7:00 p.m. dinner

Place: Kendall Halle at Ye Kendall Inn, 128 W. Blanco, Boerne, TX

**(Space Limited. Pre-registration required.
Seminar registrant and 1 guest.)**

For more information:

(1) Visit our website at

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc

(2) Contact Nancy McLarry, npm@gvtc.com or
Linda Stephens at lindamstephens@gvtc.com.

Mention "GSKC Seminar" in the subject line

***Books and Things* will again be at the Seminar with genealogy books and supplies.**

Dr. Fitzpatrick, author of *Forensic Genealogy*, has been recognized by the international press for her work with the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory and for exposing two well-known Holocaust frauds. Her article on her work on the Hand in the Snow project will appear in *Scientific American* in the fall 2011. Although Colleen works on high-level projects, her techniques are familiar to genealogists researching their own family histories. As Colleen explains, it's all a matter of imagination and how you look at the materials you have. If you come to her talk as a genealogist, you will leave as a forensic genealogist.

Her topics will be: **Forensic Genealogy-CSI Meets Roots Looking at Old Photographs
Database Detective 6 Degrees of Separation - How to Find Anyone**

Registration forms are available at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txgskc.

GSKC Seminar Registrar

Genealogical Society of Kendall County

PO Box 623

Boerne, TX 78006-0623

Address Service Requested

After Slavery

The After Slavery website is intended as an online resource for those who want to understand that momentous effort-and its defeat-as former slaves and their adversaries contested the meaning and scope of freedom after the American Civil War.

Aimed at historians and aspiring historians of slave emancipation and its aftermath, the site is a collaborative work-in-progress involving a team of four scholars based in the United States, Ireland and the United Kingdom, whose current research is focused on labor, race and citizenship in the post-emancipation Carolinas. The purpose of the site is to make available to a diverse online community of students and educators, professional historians and interested citizens, a range of high-quality materials for exploring and analyzing one of the most tumultuous and critically important periods in the history of the United States. If the study of the past has any value in helping us to understand the present, or in guiding us in trying to shape the future, then there can be few chapters in the American experience that speak to us more powerfully than the crucial years during which four million former slaves tried to make something out of freedom

1940 Census

On Sunday, April 1, 2012, the 1940 census will be released from the 72-year privacy mandate and will be made available online the next day. Find out everything you will need to know about researching the census, and make plans to join us here in the Texana/Genealogy Department to take a look at the information on Ancestry Library Edition!

SavingOurs.com

Saving Ours is a new grassroots group dedicated to preserving our archived records by ensuring they are digitized and made free to the public. The group started earlier this month and has recently published their new website. The website is SavingOurs.com. The group's main focus will be the hundreds of small town newspapers housed in local libraries. Small town newspapers contain invaluable genealogical and history data that will be lost unless preserved and indexed. Currently only a small percentage of these papers have been digitized and of these most are only available after purchasing a subscription. Saving Ours intends to work with local volunteers, companies and governments to digitize these documents and ensure that they are available free to the public.

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