

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 April - May 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, JUNE 5, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30PM

Heritage Quest

This site is available free through the San Antonio Public Library's website. It provides U. S. census records, family and county histories, indexing for genealogical magazines,

Revolutionary War pension records, Freedman's Bank records, and the U. S. serial set. Learn the best techniques for using this site.

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012, 2:00 – 3:30PM

ACCESS NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Access NewspaperARCHIVE contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages, dating as far back as the 1700s. It is the world's largest archive of online newspapers your gateway to searching and reading historical newspapers online.

Class is FREE but seating is limited. Therefore, registration is required.
To register, please call 207-2500 (ask for Genealogy) or email us at:
genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Traditional Classes

May -- Class at Igo

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2012, 2:00 - 3:30

Preserving Your Family Treasures

Do you have a quilt, family Bible, photographs, or other objects that have been passed on in your family for years? Would you like to know how to protect them for future generations? This workshop is designed to provide the best, simple methods to help preserve such objects.

Class is FREE and open to the public and will be held at the Igo Branch Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy. Registration for handouts is required. Please register at 207-2500 (ask for Genealogy) or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov.

Finding Your Roots: Part 3

Saturday, 30 June 2012

10:30 – 12:00 *Access Newspaper Archives*

Lunch on your own

1:30 – 3:00 *Ancestry, Library Edition*

3:15 – 4:45 *Fold 3* (formerly Footnote.com)

Class is FREE and open to the public and will be held in the Central Library auditorium on the first floor. Registration for handouts is required. Please register at 207-2500 (ask for Genealogy) or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

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
La Meri	Texas History
	The Wild West

New Blog about German Texans

This blog was originally the idea of Dr. Scott Baird, Professor Emeritus of Applied Linguistics at San Antonio's Trinity University. A number of years ago Scott became interested in gravemarkers and, more importantly, what they said about the community that created them. Eventually, he began investigating cemeteries of German communities in the Texas Hill Country. Finally, in April 2011, at the annual meeting of the American Culture Association, Scott presented a paper entitled "The Lateiners at Rest: Gravemarkers of the Lionized Texas German Intellectuals." (<http://www.scottbairdphd.com/>) At the same time he announced the creation of this blog in the near future. It is now available for those interested in this group of German Texans.

So far we have highlighted Ottomar von Behr, Edward Degener, Ernst Kapp, and currently the German Convention of 1854 held in San Antonio.

Please visit the site below and add your comments.

The Lateiner blog has several purposes:

1. Present the history of the Texas Lateiners (German Freethinkers)
2. Present biographical sketches of known Lateiners
3. Try to identify a number of unknown Lateiners

<http://texaslateiners.blogspot.com/>

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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.

Meeting of May 5, 2012

Date: May 5, 2012

Speaker: Mr. Juan F. Blackaller Granada

Topic: **Los Censos Paliografiados de Monclova y La Región que datan del Siglo XIX**

Summary: Mr. Juan Blackaller is the Cronista, Annalist or Historian for the City of Monclova, Coahuila, in addition to being the Director of the Archivo Municipal de Monclova. This Is a very old and historical stopping point on the Camino Real and therefore very important to the historian or genealogist. He has been our speaker previously, and we have always maintained close and amiable relations with his organization.

Mr. Blackaller will be speaking in Spanish and regrettably our budget will not allow for a translator or the necessary transmitters. We appreciate our speaker's visit particularly since he is receiving no compensation for this courtesy. The public is invited to attend.

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

Selected Journal Articles of Interest

“Room Enough for All Brave Men” Walter L. Bragg Reports the Battle of Woodsonville” *Military History of the West*, 41 (2011): 1-12

“Troublesome Hellions’ & ‘Belligerent Viragos’: Enlisted Wives, Laundresses, and the Politics of Gender on Nineteenth-Century Army Posts” *Military History of the West*, 41 (2011):13-30

“I Know No Other Country’: Tejanos and the American Wars of the Twentieth Century, 1917-1972” *Military History of the West*, 41 (2011): 31-59

“Czechs in Early Maryland and Old Baltimore” *Maryland Genealogical Society Journal*, 52:2 (2011): 293-307

“Iowa Stamp Scrip: Economic Experimentation in Iowa Communities during the Great Depression” *The Annals of Iowa*, Third Series, 71:1 (Winter 1012): 1-38

“From the Journal of William Shirley Day: His Journey from the United Kingdom to Texas in 1881” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 115:2 (Oct. 2011): 173-190

Pennsylvania During the Civil War. *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 135:4 (Oct. 2011): entire issue

“The African American Experience in Antebellum Cabell County, Virginia/West Virginia, 1810-1865. *Ohio Valley History*, 11:3 (Fall 2011): 3-23

“The Uplift of Humanity’: Booker T. Washington in Context” *Alabama Heritage*, Spring 2011: 10-19

“Alabama Children Confront the Civil War” *Alabama Heritage*, Spring 2011: 44-51

“The Nation’s Guest’: The Marquis de Lafayette’s Tour of Alabama” *Alabama Heritage*, Fall 2011: 8-17

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Witte Museum

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

Darwin: How One Man's Theory Turned the World on its Head
18 February 2012 to 3 September 2012

Designing for Royalty: Staging the Coronation
19 April 2012 to 26 August 2012

McNay Art Museum

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

Baroque to Bauhaus: Designs from the Tobin Collection
18 January 2011 to 10 June 2012

Andy Warhol: Fame and Misfortune
1 February 2011 to 20 May 2012

San Antonio Museum of Art

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

*San Antonio Collects: Theodore Gentilz and Mission Life of San Antonio and
Northern Mexico*
2 March 2012 to 20 May 2012

The Chinese Art of Cricket Keeping: The Ernest K.H. Lee Collection
3 December 2011 to 15 June 2012

*Imágenes del Pueblo: Spanish Popular Graphics from the Permanent
Collection*
28 January 2012 to 28 June 2012

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An Old Spanish Trail Roadshow is coming up:

The Transportation Museum Model "T" Show, Saturday and Sunday, **May 5 & 6**, 2012.

Saturday, April 28, 2012, 10am -1pm, Kendall County Sesquicentennial Celebration at Historic County Courthouse in **Boerne**, free entrance.

Ford Model "T" Show, Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6, 2012, 10am- 5pm, **Texas Transportation Museum**, 11731 Wetmore Road, San Antonio. Adults & Children - FREE! 6th annual FREE Ford Model T show co-hosted by the "T Fords of Texas," San Antonio's Ford Model T club, with around 40 Model Ts of all types. Thanks to Red McCombs Automotive Group admission to the entire museum & T Show will be free, including parking and train rides. This year people are also coming from all over the state to run their spectacular outdoor live Garden-scale steam powered locomotives.

<http://www.txtransportationmuseum.org/event-model-t-show.php> 210-490-3554.

Saturday, May 5, 2012 – Best of **BoerneFest** Trail Blaze 2012, 5-10pm, Main Plaza & Cibolo Creek, free entrance.

One of our most effective partners in saving the rural ambiance of the 1920's and 30's Old Spanish Trail corridor thru' the increasingly residentially popular Texas hill country is the **Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance**. A visit to the White Ranch is an awesome experience. The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance requests the honor of your presence in celebrating its 8th anniversary with a party & steak dinner hosted by the San Geronimo Valley Alliance to be held at the White Ranch in Helotes, Texas on Saturday, May 19th from 4 to 10pm. (dinner served at 7pm). Steak Dinner and Open Bar featuring fine wines and beer courtesy of Blue Star Brewery. Vegetarian option prepared by Chef Dianne. Silent Auction and Raffle. \$150.00/ticket for non-members - \$125.00/ticket for members (each ticket admits 2 guests). Tickets may be purchased

<http://www.shop.aquiferalliance.com/category.sc?categoryId=13> or by mailing payment to: Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, PO Box 15618, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Event sponsorships have made it possible for all proceeds to benefit GEAA. For additional information contact Annalisa at annalisa@aquiferalliance.org or 210-320-1457.

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

Websites

[R. L. Polk Directory of Directories - 1916.](http://archive.org/details/rpolksdirector00unkngoog)

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For a listing of city directories published by R. L. Polk in 1916 visit this site.

[A Directory of the Principal Apartment Houses of New York City](http://openlibrary.org/books/OL24652565M/A_Directory_of_the_principal_apartm_ent_houses_of_New_York_City) [1905]

http://openlibrary.org/books/OL24652565M/A_Directory_of_the_principal_apartm_ent_houses_of_New_York_City

“This directory, compiled by The World, is for the convenience of the recipients, residents of these apartments.” This is a listing of residents by apartment building names, includes building telephone number and address. Apartment numbers are not given.



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For the June 2012 by 15 May
July 2012 by 15 August
August 2012 by 15 September