

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, archæologists, 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 May - June 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

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



Join Friends of Texana/Genealogy on **facebook.**

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/>

News and Calendar of Events

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 June 2, 2012

Date: June 2, 2012

Speaker: Dr. Amy M. Porter

Topic: Women and their Wills in Late Spanish Colonial Bexar

Dr. Porter will explain how the wills can be used as a window into the lives of women during the colonial period. While diaries and letters from the period are few, there are numerous wills, and the wills have rich information about women's material lives, inheritance patterns, family relationships, spiritual lives, and economic pursuits. Amy Porter studied Spanish Borderlands history and women's history at Southern Methodist University (SMU). She earned a PhD in 2004 and wrote for her dissertation "Women's Lives through Women's wills in the Spanish and Mexican Borderlands, 1750-1846. Currently, Dr. Porter is an Assistant Professor of History at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Prior to this post, she was an Assistant Professor at Georgia Southwestern State University.

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

Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collection

The year 2012 is a year of anniversaries – Charles Dickens’ 200th birthday and the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the War of 1812 – to name but two. The State of Michigan is almost as old, celebrating its 175th year of statehood in 2012.

To aid researchers look into Michigan’s past the Texana/Genealogy department has a forty volume set called the “Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections.” In reality it was produced with three titles.

Volumes 1-9 (1876-1886) – Pioneer Collections

Volumes 10-38 (1886-1912) – Historical Collections

Volumes 39-40 (1915-1929) – Michigan Historical Collections

Overall the collection covers the period from about 1650 to 1850. Included in the contents are primary source documents, including letters, deeds, petitions, land grants, proclamations, speeches, and more. Personal remembrances and biographical sketches make up a sizable proportion. There are historical sketches of local communities. Materials on Native Americans are well represented. Also in the collection are documents from the end of the Revolutionary War to the end of the War of 1812 from the Canadian Archives in Ottawa.

Indexing in such a large collection is always important. In this case there are several indices. Each volume has its own index. There are cumulative indices for volumes 1-15 and 16-30. At the end of volume 39 is another cumulative index; this time for volumes 1-39. Finally, there is a separate subject volume in the Collections of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society.

If you have an interest in early Michigan, be it for family history or as part of our nation’s history, you should consult this set.

Michigan Territory

Another important source for early Michigan information is *The Territorial Papers of the United States*. Volumes 10, 11, and 12 include records from Michigan Territory from 1805 through 1837 selected from various federal departments, such as Office of Indian Affairs, Departments of War and State, Treasury, Post Office, General Land Office, and others. Along with these are petitions and memorials to the territorial government from citizens and organizations, reports, tax rolls, voting lists, local militia records, and more.

As Michigan was once part of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio (volumes 2 and 3) and the Territory of Indiana (volumes 7 and 8) earlier references will be found in those volumes as well.

Each volume has its own index of names and subjects.

West Texas Historical Association Year Book

Volume 87 (October 2011) -- Table of Contents

“He Stole My Courthouse:” S. B. Hale and the Hansford County Seat Fight of the 1920s

Garrison Life at Fort Chadbourne, 1852-1861

Tracking Ancient Beasts: The Saga of the Glen Rose Dinosaur Footprints

Gentle Persuasion Gone Awry: An Analysis of the Spanish Attempts to Convert the Indians of Spanish Texas

The Early African American Community in Amarillo

Lubbock and West Texas Unsung Musical Hero: The Legendary Stardust Cowboy

Simpson Everett “Jack” Stillwell: Teamster, Hunter, Frontier Scout, Cowboy, Lawman, and Judge

Uncontested Ground: The Northwestern Frontier of Texas, 1846-1855

Home-Brewed: Organized Crime in West Texas in the 1950s

Mayor Jim Reese of Odessa and the Republican Party in the Permian Basin

Rabid Advocates from Fair Play in Football: H. J. Lutchter Stark and L. Theo Belmont’s Vision Becomes the Southwest Conference

*This volume and previous ones may be viewed in the
Texana/Genealogy department of the San Antonio Public Library*

News and Calendar of Events

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

San Antonio Museum of Art

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

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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Angelina College Genealogy Conference - Lufkin, Angelina County, Texas.

July 19, 20, & 21, 2012 (Thursday - Saturday)

Come to beautiful East Texas for our 16th year! We invite you come and meet with old fiends and also to make new ones as you hone your skills at genealogical research!

With registration now in full swing, we invite those interested to visit us at <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html>

There will be two optional all-day sessions on Thursday, July 19, followed on Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21, with a wide range of topics, presented by a cadre of nine well-known speakers.

This year's Conference will also include the opportunity to bring your problem to a professional genealogist. Members of the Lone Star Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists, will be on hand to give you suggestions. More about this later when their schedule is complete.

Meals and a three-ring-binder syllabus is included in the registration fee. Vendors of books and services will be on hand.

Early registration ensures a syllabus packet will be ready for you upon arrival.

For questions concerning lodging, classes, etc., please contact Trevia Wooster Beverly at treviabeverly@comcast.net.

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/rlpolksdirector00unkngoog>

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 [1905]

http://openlibrary.org/books/OL24652565M/A_Directory_of_the_principal_apartment_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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August 2012 by 15 July
September 2012 by 15 August