

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
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

There will be no classes in July

Computer Class in August

7 August – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30

“Beginning Genealogy Using 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.

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News and Calendar of Events

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/>

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. 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

Some National Archives Records Moving

Records Heading West to St. Louis

The following post is by guest bloggers Rebecca Warlow, *Description and Digitization Supervisor*, and Ann Cummings, *Supervisory Archivist for Textual Records*.

At the DC-Area Researchers Forum in November we announced that some records would be moving from the National Archives at College Park to the National Archives at St. Louis in 2012. The time has come for the move to St. Louis to begin.

The records listed below are being transferred to St. Louis and will be unavailable for research while they are being transferred:

Records being transferred to St. Louis

Records	Current Location	Cubic Feet
1 Army General Courts Martial Case File 1918-1938 (RG 153 Entry 15-B)	College Park	3,615
2 20th Century Military "Burial Case Files" 1915-1939 (RG 92 NM-81 Entry 1942) <i>*Proposed for digitization</i>	College Park	2,730
3 20th Century Military Apps. For Headstones 1925-1963 (RG 92 A1 Entry 2110-C) <i>*Currently being digitized</i>	College Park	288
3A Department of Memorial Affairs; Applications for Headstones and Markers, 1965-1985 (RG 15 A1 Entry 52) <i>*Proposed for digitization</i>	College Park	466
3B Interim Control Forms (RG 92 A1 Entry 2110-B) <i>*Currently being digitized</i>	College Park	113
3C Office of the Chief of Support Services – Memorial Division; Cemetery Branch; Application for Headstones and Markers, 1964-1970 (RG 92 A1 Entry 1942A) <i>*Proposed for digitization</i>	College Park	226
4 Deceased and War Casualty Seaman's Records, 1937-1950 (RG 26 A1 Entry 426)	DC	145
5 Old USMC Enlisted OMPFs "Service Records of Enlisted Men," 1867-1904 (RG 127 A1 Entry 76-A) <i>*Proposed for digitization</i>	DC	158
6 Panama Canal Railroad Company Official Personnel Files, 1896-1920 (RG 185 A1 Entry 162)	College Park	16
7 American Citizen Official Personnel Folders, 1904-1920 (RG 185 A1 Entry 176)	College Park	640
8 Panama Canal Official Personnel Folders, 1903-1920 (RG 185 A1 Entry 163)	College Park	8
9 German Civilian Personnel Files, European Command (RG 531 UD Entry 999)	College Park	26
10 Officer Orders & Officer Personnel Jackets, South Pacific Force (RG 313 UD Entry 1062)	College Park	2
11 Merchant Vessel Personnel Division; Card Records of Licenses Issued to Merchant Marine Officers, 1910-1946	DC	60
12 201 Chaplain Files, 1917-1950 (RG 247 NM-3 Entries 484-B; 484-C; 484-D; 484-E; 484- F; 484-G)	College Park	1,106

The schedule for closing the records to prepare for transfer to St. Louis:

Series Title	Closure Date at College Park or Washington DC	Estimated Date Available for Researchers at St. Louis
Burial Case Files (College Park)	June 22, 2012 (Files A-J)	October 1, 2012
Burial Case Files (College Park)	July 6, 2012 (Files K-Z)	October 1, 2012
Burial Case Files (College Park)201 Chaplain Files (College Park)	July 20, 2012	October 1, 2012 (Burial Files)
201 Chaplain Files (College Park)General Courts Martial Case Files (College Park)	August 3, 2012	October 1, 2012 (201 Chaplain Files)December 1, 2012 (General Courts Martial Case Files)
General Courts Martial Case Files (College Park)	August 17, 2012	December 1, 2012
General Courts Martial Case Files (College Park)	August 31, 2012	December 1, 2012
General Courts Martial Case Files (College Park)20 th Century Military Applications for Headstones, 1925-1963 (College Park)Department of Memorial Affairs; Applications for Headstones and Markers, 1965-1985 (College Park)	September 14, 2012	December 1, 2012 (General Courts Martial Case Files)December 15, 2012 (20 th Century Military Applications for Headstones, 1925-1963)December 15, 2012 (Department of Memorial Affairs; Applications for Headstones and Markers, 1965-1985)
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American Citizen Official Personnel Folders, 1904-1920 (College Park)Panama Canal Official Personnel Folders, 1903-1920 (College Park)Panama Canal Railroad Company Official Personnel Files, 1896-1904 (College Park)Old USMC Enlisted OMPFs "Service Records of Enlisted men, 1867-1904" (Washington, DC)Deceased and War Casualty Seaman's Records, 1937-1950 (Washington, DC)Merchant Vessel Personnel Division: Card Records of Licenses Issued to Merchant Marine Officers, 1910-1946 (Washington, DC)	October 12, 2012	January 1, 2013

The dates listed above are estimates. We don't anticipate closing the materials at the College Park or Washington DC facilities any earlier than the dates listed. If there is a significant change to this schedule we will post it in the consultation areas at College Park and Washington DC and here on NARAtions. You can also check the status of the records at St. Louis at the following website:

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis>

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

*Imagenes 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.

**Victoria County Genealogical Society
Fall Genealogy Seminar
October 20, 2012
Victoria College Student Center**

**Guest Speaker:
Martha Everman Jones, Ph.D.**

Agenda

Opening/Welcome	9:00
Using the Computer for Genealogical Research	9:15—10:15
Break	10:15—10:45
Writing Your Family History	10:45—11:45
Lunch	11:45—1:00
Finding Genealogy Records Prior to the Civil War1:00—2:00	
Break	
Tracing Immigrant Ancestors	2:30—3:30

Our topics were selected by the members of our society. They have been constructed to offer current sources for genealogical and family history records available online, in local and state repositories, and national genealogical archives and collections, and to present techniques and ideas for making ancestral research both successful and enjoyable.

A professional genealogist, Martha currently teaches genealogy classes at the Victoria College, researches family history, and is group leader for the Texas Tracers who travel to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah each year to pursue their ancestral heritage.



A graduate of the University of Texas, University of Houston-Victoria and Texas A&M University, Martha has presented genealogy lectures at the local, state and national levels, and published genealogy articles for state and national publications. She is a Past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society, member of numerous patriotic and genealogical organizations, and serves on the State Board of Texas Retired Teachers Association. She recently retired after nineteen years of writing the award-winning weekly *Victoria Advocate* genealogy column, "Relatively Speaking."

Featured Vendor: Carolyn Reeves Ericson
author of more than 55 books and operator of Ericson Books,
Nacogdoches Texas

Price: \$45.00
SAVE on early registration by October 6 \$35.00
Box lunch included
Seats are limited, so please register early!

Please mail the bottom portion of this form along with your check payable to VCGS to:
Victoria County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 413, Victoria, TX 77902-0413
Questions? Call Patsy at 362-575-0049 or email patsy2931@suddenlink.net

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ Note: We will use your email only to send any updates.

LOCATION: THE VICTORIA COLLEGE STUDENT CENTER, ROOM A, 2200 E. RED RIVER, VICTORIA, TEXAS
DIRECTIONS: USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COLLEGE CAMPUS ON RED RIVER STREET

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

[Civil War 150: National Portrait Gallery](http://npg.si.edu/exhibit/cw/npgcivilwar.html#)

<http://npg.si.edu/exhibit/cw/npgcivilwar.html#>

The Smithsonian Institution has selected Civil War related items from its more than 400,000 visual images for this website. Through portraiture and photographs this epic struggle will become more real. Along with the images are lectures, podcasts, lesson plans, blog postings, and more.

[Air Force Historical Research Agency](http://www.afhra.af.mil/)

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Since 1949 the Air Force Historical Research Agency has been collecting material on the Air Force and military aviation. Housed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, as part of Air University, this agency has compiled more than 70 million pages of information. Included here are aerial photographs, links to other useful institutions, and a 260-page guide to Air Force literature from 1943 to 1983. Note that some material is restricted to Air Force personnel.

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For the August 2012 by 15 July
September 2012 by 15 August
October 2012 by 15 September