

# 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 Classes*

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov)**

## Computer Classes at Central Library

**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.

**4 September – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30**

### *“Family Search”*

This program is designed to help you navigate [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) the website of the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons). It will look at the organization of the site—databases, videos, research guides, and more—and how to get the most out of using it.

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[genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov)***

# Computer Classes at Branch Libraries

**9 August – Thursday – 2:00 – 3:30 -- at CODY**

## ***“Beginning Genealogy Using the Internet”***

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**15 September – Saturday – 2:00 – 3:30 -- at GREAT NORTHWEST**

## ***“Hispanic Genealogy”***

Learn the basic research principles and techniques for conducting Hispanic genealogical research. How to begin, where to go, and what you can expect to find along the way will be discussed. Class will offer clues and strategies to help as you climb your "arbol de familia".



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](http://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.

#### **Meeting of August 4, 2012**

**Date:** August 4, 2012

**Speaker:** Dan Arellano

**Topic:** The Battle of Medina

Mr Dan Arellano will discuss the events leading up to Battle of Medina and the events after the battle. He will also speak about his efforts to incorporate this important event into mainstream Texas history at the school level as well as to the general public.

Dan Arellano is an Author/Historian and President of the Battle of Medina Society. He has researched the Battle of Medina for many years in an effort to locate the exact location of the conflict. In this endeavor, he has organized and conduct several archaeological expeditions in the battle area. Dan is the author of book Tejano Roots.

#### **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	<a href="mailto:dennis.moreno@sbcglobal.net">dennis.moreno@sbcglobal.net</a>
Yolanda Patino	210-434-3530	<a href="mailto:patinogil@sbcglobal.net">patinogil@sbcglobal.net</a>

## *New Genealogy Titles*

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**History of Gordon County, Georgia.** Pitts, Lulie. [975.8 Gordon]

**History of Harrison County [MS].** Lang, John. [976.2 Harrison]

**Record of the Services of Illinois Soldiers in the Black-Hawk War, 1831-2, and the Mexican War.** Elliott, Isaac. [977.3, Record]

**History of Wetzel County (WV).** McEldowney, John. [975.4 Wetzel]

**Abstracts of Wills of Cayuga County [NY] 1799-1842.** Barber, G. A. [974.7 Cayuga]

**Abstracts of the Wills of Kings County [NY] [1782-1844].** Van Buren, Dewitt. [974.7 Kings]

**Abstracts of Wills in Oneida County, 1798-1848 (NY0429).** Barber, G. A. [974.7 Oneida]

**Chariot of the Sun: My Experiences in the Indian Territory.** Allen, Catherine W. [976.6 Allen]

**Baptisms in Tamaulipas, Cruillas: 1800-1821, San Fernando de las Presas:1810-24.** Jones, Irma Graza Cantu. [972.12 Garza Cantu]

**Burials in Tamaulipas, San Fernando 1768-1795, Cruillas 1767-1868.** Jones, Irma Graza Cantu. [972.12 Garza Cantu]

**Marriages: Cruillas, Tamaulipas, 1822-1897.** Jones, Irma Graza Cantu. [972.12 Garza Cantu]

**Williamsburg Presbyterian Church Cemetery.** Reid, Mary R. [975.7 Williamsburg]

**Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery and Obituaries.** Moore, Barbara. [975.7 Georgetown]

**History of Scioto County, Together with a Pioneer Record of Southern Ohio (2 Vols.).** Evans, Nelson. [977.3 Scioto]

**Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland, from 1613 to 1674.** Riker, David M. [974.7 Genealogical]

## *New Texana Titles*

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- The Land and its People, 1876-1981, Deaf Smith County, Texas.** [976.4835 Land]
- Longview, Texas, Centennial [1870-1970].** [976.4189 Longview]
- Buffalo Soldiers and Officers of the Ninth Cavalry, 1867-1898.** Kenner. [355.00899 Kenner]
- History of Miami and Roberts County, 1887-1987.** [976.4818 History]
- High Yellow Rose and other Texas Plays.** Houston, Sterling. [812.6 Houston]
- Hunt, Texas, the Early Years: 1857-1959.** [976.4884 Hunt]
- Texas Gardener's Resource.** Groom, Dale and Dan Gill. [635.0976 Groom]
- The Governor's Hounds: The Texas State Police, 1870-1873.** Crouch, Barry A. and Donaly E. Brice. [363.20976 Crouch]
- Eckhardt: There Once was a Congressman from Texas.** [328.73092 Eckhardt]
- P. L. Buquor, Indian Fighter, Texas Ranger, Mayor of San Antonio.** Bishar, Sylvia Villarreal. [976.4351 Buquor]
- Photographs from the Border.** Sarker, Mary A. [779.99764 Aultman]
- Tales and Trails of Bailey County [1918-1988].** [976.4844 Tales]
- I Remember Callahan, History of Callahan County, Texas.** [976.4726 Callahan]
- A Cry Unheard: the Story of Indian Attacks in and Around Parker County, Texas, 1858-1872.** Marshall, Doyle. 976.4 Marshall]
- I'll be here in the Morning: the Song Writing Legacy of Townes Van Zandt.** Atkinson, Brain T. [782.42164 Van Zandt]
- Fairview Cemetery, Brown County [Tx].** [976.4548 Fairview]
- In the Life and Lives of Brown County People: Easttown Memorial Park, Early, Texas.** [976.4548 In]
- They called it the War Effort: Oral Histories from W. W. II Orange, Texas.** Fairchild, Louis. [976.4147 Fairchild]
- Texas, My Texas: Musings of the Rambling Boy.** Taylor, Lonn. [976.4 Taylor]
- The Passage of Power.** Caro, Robert A. [973.923 Johnson]
- War along the Border: The Mexican Revolution and Tejano Communities.** [972.0816 War]

## *News and Calendar of Events*

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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**

*Radcliffe Bailey: Memory as Medicine*

*4 June 2012 to 2 September 2012*

*A Century of Collage*

*16 May 2012 to 2 September 2012*

### **San Antonio Museum of Art**

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

*Sublime Light: A Survey of American Photographs from the Permanent  
Collection*

*2 June to 19 August 2012*

*Rostros de Maria: The Virgin as Archetype and Inspiration*

*18 August 2012 to 20 February 2013*



## **Old Spanish Trail (OST)**

The Leon Creekway Linear Park is progressing northward. During this next funding cycle the trail will cross the OST on Old Fredericksburg Road at the Northwest corner of 1604 & IH-10 and proceed north along the OST at The Rim shopping center. There is a **Public Hearing Monday, August 6, 2012 in the Auditorium of the Central Library, 600 Soledad** to receive comments on naming the creekways THE HOWARD PEAK GREENWAY TRAILS. Mayor Peak and his Linear Creeks Park Advisory Board have created an amazing recreational asset to the city with the Tax Funding passed by voters in 2000, 2005 and 2010. If you will be unable to speak on this issue Monday, please open the attached notification letter, to express your opinion. It must be mailed by this Friday to be considered.

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If you didn't attend the FREE **Historic Homeowner Fair at Jefferson High School** last summer, your chance to learn all you will ever need to know to restore, repair, renovate your historic home or building. **Saturday, August 25, 2012, 9:30am to 3pm, 723 Donaldson Ave.** *(Note that Texana/Genealogy will be present as well.)*

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Please join us **Monday, August 13, 2012, 6 to 8pm in the Mexican American Unity Council Community Room, 2300 W. Commerce** to be sure our OST corridor cultural sites are included on the cities' Westside Cultural Landmarks priority list. Fredericksburg Road and Flores Street make up the eastern boundary of the Westside Cultural Survey. St. Ann's Church, Liz Davies Park, First Public Branch Library at Woodlawn Ave., Pig Stands #17, Nel-Stone Radiator Shop, Hannibal Pianta workshop, Beacon Hotel, Garcia's or M.K. Davis family restaurants, Green in old Bakery, Quincy's Deli, historic Walsh and Hernandez homes, San Pedro Creek, and more cultural sites are along the OST roadway which is a cultural landmark in its own right.

**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
<b>Finding Genealogy Records</b>	
Prior to the Civil War.....	1:00—2:00
<b>Break</b>	
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](mailto:patsy2931@suddenlink.net)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## *News and Calendar of Events*

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### **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.

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### **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 [ruslanerok@aol.com](mailto:ruslanerok@aol.com).

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

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### **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](mailto:alamocamp@yahoo.com), 210-491-0676 for additional information and eligibility requirements

[WWW.ALAMOCITYGUARDS.COM](http://WWW.ALAMOCITYGUARDS.COM)

## Websites

<http://slavevoyages.org>

This website from Emory University also includes lesson plans and resource links.

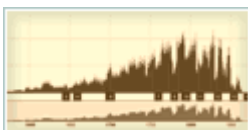
### **The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database has information on almost 35,000 slaving voyages**

**that forcibly embarked over 10 million Africans for transport to the Americas between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries. It offers researchers, students and the general public a chance to rediscover the reality of one of the largest forced movements of peoples in world history.**



#### **Search the Voyages Database**

Look for particular voyages in this database of documented slaving expeditions. Create listings, tables, charts, and maps using information from the database.



#### **Examine Estimates of the Slave Trade**

Slaves on documented voyages represent four-fifths of the number who were actually transported. Use the interactive estimates page to analyze the full volume and multiple routes of the slave trade.



#### **Explore African names on African-Origins**

This new website presents personal details of over 90,000 Africans liberated from slave ships during the 19th century.

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