

South Texas Researcher

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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

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**

Traditional Classes at Central Library

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

3 November – Saturday – 1:00-3:00 Special Presentation

“Research at the National Archives at Fort Worth and Native American Research”

D. Aaron Holt of the Ft. Worth branch of the National Archives and Records
Administration will present a two-part discussion. During the first part he will
discuss the holdings and general research at the Fort Worth Branch. Secondly, he
will discuss specifics of researching Native American family history.

There are no classes scheduled for the month of December.

Texana/Genealogy Classes

Computer Classes at Central Library

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6 November – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30

“USGenWeb/Cyndislist”

USGenWeb features a website for almost every county in the United States to participate in helping family historians. Several examples will be viewed to show the variety of material available. Cyndislist links thousands of genealogical websites into hundreds of topics. As a general reference for genealogy on the Internet, this should be the first place to go. Participants will tour the site to see its organization and content.

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Texana/Genealogy Classes

Classes at Branch Libraries

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

“Creating Family Websites”

One of the best ways to share genealogical information with relatives is through a family website. These used to be do-it-yourself affairs, but most genealogy programs will generate webpages for you. Also, there are many commercial sites that you can subscribe to that will make it easy to create your own website.

18 December – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30 -- at IGO

“Sharing Research”



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

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 November 3, 2012

Date: November 3, 2012

Speaker: George Farias

Topic: The Proposed Establishment of a Hispanic Genealogy and History Research Center of the Americas and the Role of the Col. Ernest A. Montemayor Collection

George Farias has a BBA Accounting Degree and an MBA Degree in Financial Management both from St. Mary's University. He is a past president of Los Bexareños Genealogical Society, a founding board member of the National Society of Spanish Pioneers and Patriots of America, A Friend of the Society of Descendants of Peter Francisco, a past member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and former vice president of the San Antonio Library/Texana-Genealogy Friends of the Library group.

He is the original owner of Borderlands Book Store, Inc., a mail order business specializing in books on Hispanic genealogy and history available on the World Wide Web. The website is www.borderlandsbooks.com and contact can also be made by telephone number 210-401-4915.

He is married to Mary Helen Lozano, originally of Monterrey, Mexico, and has six children and seven grandchildren.

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

South Texas Historical Association

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59th Annual Fall Meeting
Saturday, November 3, 2012
Corpus Christi, Texas

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Drive
Michael & Karen O'Connor Building
OCNR135

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8:30 A.M. Registration
9:00 A.M. Welcome by President Homero Vera
9:30 A.M. Speaker – Jason DuBose
10:00 A.M. Speaker – Amanda Marquez, The Evolution of a Radio Station
10:30 A.M. STHA Business Meeting
11:00 A.M. Tour of Special Collections
12:00 A.M. Dutch Lunch at Water Street Oyster Bar on Water Street
Afternoon free to visit shops on Water Street and visit historic places

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DUES: \$15.00 Individual; \$20.00 Husband and Wife. Members receive a copy of *The Journal of South Texas* (at Spring and Fall meetings.) Dues are accepted at the Spring or Fall meeting or send dues to:
South Texas Historical Association

STHA webpage: <http://archives.tamuk.edu/STHA.html>

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Newly Added Civil War Series

CONFEDERATE CENTENNIAL STUDIES

These twenty-eight volumes are shelved in the Genealogy Collection as "Genealogy, 973.713 Confederate", then by volume number (listed below after the title).

- Anderson, John Q. **A TEXAS SURGEON IN THE C.S.A.** #6
[The abridged letters (1862-1865) of Dr. Edward W. Cade, whose service as a brigade surgeon was in the Trans-Mississippi department.]
- Coulter, E. Merton. **LOST GENERATION; THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JAMES BARROW, C.S.A.** #1 [brief life of a young officer from Georgia who was killed at the little-known battle of Olustee, Fla]
- Davis, Charles S. **COLIN J. MCRAE: Confederate Financial Agent.** #17
[McRae helped establish the Selma, Alabama munitions works and represented the CSA in Europe.]
- Girard, Charles. **A VISIT TO THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA IN 1863. Memoir Addressed to His Majesty Napoleon III.** #21
- Hanna, A. J. and Hanna, Kathryn Abbey. **CONFEDERATE EXILES IN VENEZUELA.** #15
- Harris, William C. **LEROY POPE WALKER.** #20 [Confederate Secretary of War]
- Graves. **A CONFEDERATE MARINE: A SKETCH OF LT. HENRY LEA GRAVES, with Excerpts from the Graves Family Correspondence.** #24
- Hesseltine, William B. **LINCOLN'S PLAN OF RECONSTRUCTION.** #13
- Hoole, William Stanley. **ALABAMA TORIES.** #16 [First Alabama Cavalry, U.S.A.]
- Hoole, William Stanley. **LAWLEY [London Times] COVERS THE CONFEDERACY.** #26
- Hoole, Wm. Stanley. **VIZETELLY COVERS THE CONFEDERACY** #4
- Hunnicut, John L. **RECONSTRUCTION IN WEST ALABAMA.** #11
[The Memoirs of John L. Hunnicutt]
- Jones, Mary Sharpe and Mallard, Mary Jones. **YANKEES A'COMING.** #12

Newly Added Civil War Series (cont.)

- Jones, Wilbur Devereux. **THE CONFEDERATE RAMS AT BIRKENHEAD:
A Chapter in Anglo-American Relations.** #19
- Jordan, Weymouth T. **REBELS IN THE MAKING.** #7
[Planters' Conventions and Southern Propaganda: A study of the ante-bellum Southern planters and their remarkable influence upon the ideas and actions of the South.]
- Keene, Jesse L. **THE PEACE CONVENTION OF 1861.** #18
[The 1861 convention assembled, upon the invitation of the state of Virginia, to work out the differences between the North and the South. Instead it pointed out how intacable those differences were and impelled the nation toward war.]
- Mann, A. Dudley, edited by John Preston Moore. **"MY EVER DEAREST FRIEND."
The Letters of A. Dudley Mann to Jefferson Davis, 1869-1889.** #14.
- Monaghan, Jay. **SWAMP FOX OF THE CONFEDERACY.** #2
- Montgomery, Horace. **HOWELL COBB'S CONFEDERATE CAREER.** #10
- Nichols, James L. **CONFEDERATE ENGINEERS.** #5
- Pecquet Du Bellet, Paul. **THE DIPLOMACY OF THE CONFEDERATE CABINET
OF RICHMOND AND ITS AGENTS ABROAD.** #23
- Scheibert, Justus. **SEVEN MONTHS IN THE REBEL STATES DURING THE NORTH
AMERICAN WAR. 1863** #9
[A Prussian army engineer sent to study the American war, Scheibert penned a sometimes revealing narrative of his 1863 observations with Confederate forces]
- Silver, J. W. **CONFEDERATE MORALE AND CHURCH PROPAGANDA.** #3
- Summersell, Charles G. **THE CRUISE OF C.S.S. SUMTER.** #27
- Walker, Georgiana Gholson. **THE PRIVATE JOURNAL OF GEORGIANA GHOLSON
WALKER 1862-1865, WITH SELECTIONS FROM THE POST-WAR YEARS,
1865-1876.** #25
- White, William W. **THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN.** #22
[Examines the activities of the veterans and shows the extent to which their actions influenced the course of Southern and national life]
- Yates, Richard E. **THE CONFEDERACY AND ZEB VANCE.** #8
- Hoole, Martha Dubose. **WILLIAM STANLEY HOOLE.** #2

Back from the Bindery

*The following titles and years have recently been bound and are available for viewing
in the Texana and Genealogy collections*

Ancestry, Logan County, WV – 2009-2010
Annals of Iowa - 2010
Ansearchin' News – 2009
Arkansas Family Historian – 2010
Autauga Ancestry (AL) – 2007-2009
Chisholm Trail [Williamson Co., TX] – 2006-2010
Chronicles of Oklahoma – 2009-2012
Civil War History – 2010
Deep South Genealogical Quarterly – 2009-2010
Des Moines Gen. Quarterly – 2009-2011
Detroit Society for Genealogical Research – 2009-2010
Fayette Connection [Ohio] – 2008-2010
Gateway to the Past [Belmont, Ohio] – 2007-2009
Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey – 2007-2010
Genie – 2009-2010
Georgia Historical Quarterly – 2010
Giles County Historical Society Bulletin [Tenn.] – 2009-2011
Green County Quarterly [Okla.] – 2007-2011
Heart of Texas Records – 2009-2010
Illiana Genealogist – 1965-1974, 1978-1996
Internet Genealogy – 2008-2010
Itawamba Settlers [Miss.] – 2010
Izard County Historian [Ark.] – 2007-2011
Journal: German-Texan Heritage Society – 2008-2009
Journal of South Texas – 2010-2011
Journal of Southern History – 2010-2011
Journal of the Civil War Era – 2011
Journal of the Early Republic – 2011
Journal of the Southwest – 2010-2011
Louisiana History – 2010-2011
Maine Genealogist – 2010
Maryland Genealogical Society Journal – 2010

Back from the Bindery (cont.)

Maryland Historical Magazine – 2010
Miami Meanderings [Ohio] – 2009-2010
Military Images – 2007-2009
Michigan History - 2010
Minnesota History – 2010-2011
Missouri Historical Review – 2008-2010
National Genealogical Society Quarterly – 2009-2010
New Mexico Historical Review – 2010
New Orleans Genesis – 2009-2010
New York Genealogical & Biographical Record – 2010
New York History – 2011
North Carolina Historical Review – 2009-2010
Nuestra Raices – 2007-2009
Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly – 2008-2009
Ohio Valley History – 2011
Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine – 2007-2010
Pennsylvania History – 2009-2010
Pennsylvania Magazine of History & Biography – 2010
Pinckney District [SC Gen. Soc.] – 2010-2011
Pitt County [NC] Genealogical Quarterly – 2009-2010
Preservation - 2009-2010
Prologue [National Archives] – 2010-2011
Register of the Kentucky Historical Society – 2008-2010
Roots and Branches [Garfield County, OK] – 2006-2010
Southern Genealogist's Exchange – 2010-2011
Three Rivers Chronicle [SC] – 2007-2010
Timeline [Ohio] – 2008-2010
Tree Talk [Cherokee County, TX] – 2008-2010
Westward Into Nebraska – 2007-2010

Witte Museum

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

Mummies of the World: The Exhibition
29 September 2012 to 27 January 2013

Texas Performers Under the Big Top
1 September 2012 to 13 January 2013

Artists on the Texas Frontier
22 September 2013 to 27 May 2013

McNay Art Museum

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

Estampas de la Raza:
Contemporary Prints from the Romo Collection
25 September 2012 to 27 January 2012

San Antonio Museum of Art

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

Rostros de Maria: The Virgin as Archetype and Inspiration
18 August 2012 to 20 February 2013

Aphrodite and the Gods of Love
15 September 2012 to 15 February 2013

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Edited by Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta

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[Texana 976.44 Ongoing]

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The Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies

History through World War I

Comparative Freedom in the Borderlands: Fugitive Slaves in Texas and Mexico from the Age of Enlightenment through the U.S. Civil War

Contraband Trade in Matamoros and its Impact on the Northern Mexican Economy during the 1820s

Preparando los Festejos para la Inauguración del Ferrocarril a Monterrey

Adolf F. Dittman and Brownsville's First Motion Picture Theaters

History between the World Wars

The Ku Klux Klan in the Rio Grande Valley

Deadly Ambush in Willacy County (1926 Style)

Historias Sobre las Fajitas y Sobre su Salto del Bajo Bravo a la Fama

Memories of Fort Brown: A Look at the Economic and Social Relationship between Fort Brown and the Surrounding Community through Primary Accounts of the 1930s to 1944

Twentieth Century History since World War II

Patrones Cambiantes de Migración en las Ciudades Fronterizas de Tamaulipas: Las Experiencias de Matamoros y Reynosa

I Am a Mexican-American Raised in Mexico: A Case Study of Cross-Border Migration from 1900 to 2008

Vida Social de Matamoros en la Época del Algodón (1940-1960)

An Observation on the Changed Role of the Texas Rangers in the Rio Grande Valley

Contemporary History

Mexican Immigrant *Colonias* along the South Texas Border in the 1980s and 1990s

Economic Development and Planning in Reynosa since 1990

¿Pa' que le buscas tres pies al gato teniendo cuatro?: Teaching Local History on the South Texas-Mexico Border

Cucuys, a poem

News and Calendar of Events

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

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

Civil War

Civil War in Texas

Death

Family History

La Meri

Hispanic Genealogical Research

Jewish Genealogy

King James Bible

Local History

Special Collections

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/>

Websites

<http://www.elsfield.net/>

This is a wonderful little site on Elsfield, a small village to the north east of Oxford. On this site you'll find:

- Information about John Buchan, the writer and politician who lived in Elsfield in the 1920s and 1930s
- A substantial local history section written by local historian Mavis Curtis
- Information on Elsfield church, including the project to restore the Salviati mosaics
- *Photo galleries* showing aspects of life in Elsfield through the years

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/pdf/Census2000To2010DemographicChangeSummaryReport.pdf>

This document, a summary report(36 pages), by San Antonio's Department of Planning & Community Development is a good look at demographic changes in the City between 2000 and 2010. The full report (185 pages) is also available at the <http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/>.

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For the December 2012 by 15 November

January 2013 by 15 December

February 2013 by 15 January