

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

There are no classes scheduled for the month of December.

JANUARY 12, 2013 - SATURDAY

10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Keys to Unlocking Your Past

Patrons will be introduced to the methodology, research, and organizational practices surrounding family history research. We will discuss how to get started and where to look for information as well as introduce a few genealogy websites to participants.

1. Beginning your genealogy research
2. Organizing Your Research
3. Databases – Fold3 and Familysearch.org

Registration is encouraged.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Call 207-2500 and ask for Genealogy; or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Texana/Genealogy Classes

Computer 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

There are no classes scheduled for the month of December.

JANUARY 8, 2013 – TUESDAY

2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Beginning Genealogy: the Internet as a Source for Genealogical Research

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.

Registration is required. Call 207-2500 and ask for Genealogy; or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

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.**

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 December 1, 2012

Date: December 1, 2012

Speaker: Hector Cardenas

Topic: The San Antonio Fire Museum Society

Mr. Cardenas retired after 34 years of service as a firefighter/paramedic from the San Antonio Fire Dept. He was a founding member of the San Antonio Fire Museum Society (17 years) serving as photo and records archivist for them.

Great grandfather, Francisco Cardenas, came to San Antonio from Monclova in 1884. He was a prominent merchant and pawnbroker at 104 So. Laredo. In 1919 his son's turned it into Cardenas Bicycle shop. It existed until Urban Renewal.

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

From the Journals

- “Southern History in Periodicals, 2011: A Selected Bibliography” *The Journal of Southern History*, 78:2 (May 2012):361-414
- “Anglo-Dutch Revolutions” *Special issue of Early American Studies*, 10:2 (Spring 2012)
- “Analysis of the Marriage Registers of St. Anthony’s Chapel and What It Reveals About the Composition of the 19th Century Italian Immigrant Community of New Orleans.” *New Orleans Genesis*, 50” 198 (April 2012): 129-150
- “Missouri Germans and the Cause of Union and Freedom” *Missouri Historical Review*, 106:3 (April 2012): 115-136
- “We the Baptist Church at Bethel Now in Session”: Levi Joseph Jenkins, the Bethel Baptist Church, and Religion in Tuckaleechee Cove and Cades Cove. *Journal of East Tennessee*, 83 (2011): 25-39
- “Above All Things, Be Kind”: The Journals of Emma Bell Miles, 1908-1918. *Journal of East Tennessee*, 83 (2011): 40-55
- “Fashioning Moccasins: Detroit, the Manufacturing Frontier, and the Empire of Consumption, 1701-1835. *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd series, 69:2 (April 2012): 265-304
- “The Handsome Tokens of a Funeral: Glove-Giving and the Large Funeral in Eighteenth-Century New England” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd series, 69:2 (April 2012): 305-346
- “Reformers and Role Models: Women Educators in the Early Nineteenth-Century Upper South” *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 106:4 (Winter 2011): 419-447
- “The Chauffer and the Candy Maker: The Killing of George Murphy in Baltimore, 1913” *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 106:4 (Winter 2011): 473-511
- “Navigating Immigration and Naturalization Service Subject, Policy and Correspondence Files: Board of Special Inquiry Appeal Files” *Avotaynu*, 28:1 (Spring 2012): 11-14
- “U. S. Bureau of Investigation Files Yeald Genealogical Gems” *Avotaynu*, 28:1 (Spring 2012): 15-17
- “Landsmanshaftn Research...” [in three parts] *Avotaynu*, 28:1 (Spring 2012): 41-55

From the Journals (cont.)

‘ “Rough, Saucy Set of Hands to Manage”: Slave Resistance in Arkansas.’ *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 71:1 (Spring 2012): 1-21

“The Homecircle: Kinship and Community in the Third Arkansas Infantry, Texas Brigade, 1861-1865.” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 71:1 (Spring 2012): 22-43

Maryland and the War of 1812. *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 107:1 (Spring 2012): entire issue

‘ “The Black People Did the Work”: African American Life in Arrow Rock, Missouri, 1850-1960’ *Missouri Historical Review*, 106:4 (July 2012): 223-240

“Sculptor to a Confederate Family: Frank Teich & the Scotts” *AGS Quarterly*, 36:1 (Win./Spg. 2012)): 5-11

“Alabama Children Confront the Civil War” *Alabama Heritage*, # 100 (Spring 2011): 44-51

“Journey to the Past: The Lost Isleno Villages” *New Orleans Genesis*, 50: 199 (July 2012): 201-243 [refers to Canary Islanders in Louisiana]

“Some Venezuelan Marriages in the Cathedral Records at Mayaguez, P. R. (1780-1893)” *New Orleans Genesis*, 50: 199 (July 2012): 255-272

“The World War I Diary of Oliver Terry White” *AGS Magazine*, 44 (Spring/Summer 2012)” 54-60

“The Dorr Rebellion and the Social Contract of Political Equality” *Rhode Island History*, 70:2 (Summer/Fall 2012): 47-73

“Jay Cooke: The Man Who Financed the [Civil] War” *North & South*, 14:3 (September 2012): 20-27

“‘The Largest Prison in the World’ Rebel Camp Lawton” *North & South*, 14:3 (September 2012): 50-61

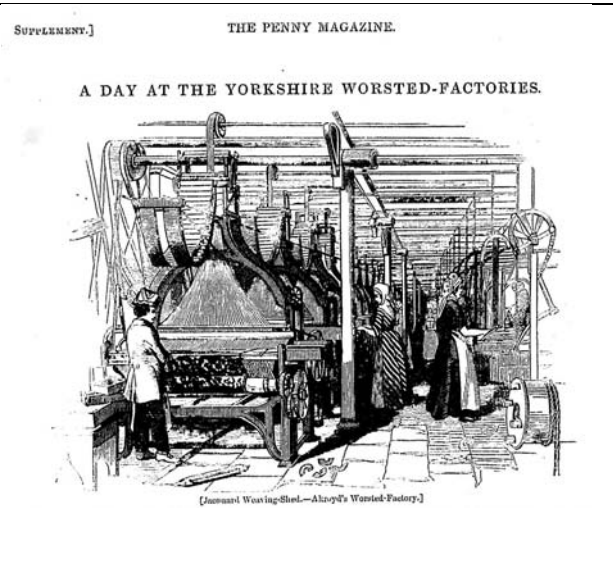
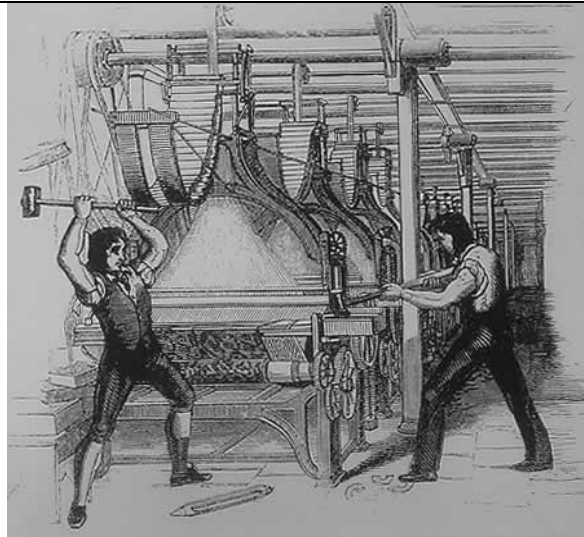
“‘A Dark and Bloody Ground’ American Indian Responses to Expansion during the American Revolution” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 70:4 (Winter 2011): 258-275

The Importance of Primary Sources

The following comments are the result of an article that appeared in August 2012 issue of *The Local Historian* (vol. 42, no. 3, pages 216-222). Dr. John A. Hargreaves' article is entitled "Luddism: image and reality 1812-2012" and is a discussion of the use of primary sources. He notes that the first illustration below is found in a number of sources, including <http://www.learnhistory.org.uk/cpp/luddites.htm> and Wikipedia. This illustration (left) is said to be Luddites of Yorkshire destroying a factory machine in a riot in 1812, believing it to be taking the place of home weavers.

However, this image is a fake that has made its way onto the world stage. Dr. Hargreaves' article notes that the machine in the illustration is a Joseph-Marie Jacquard loom of 1790. It was not introduced into England until the 1820s. Therefore, the illustration cannot truly be of an English riot in 1812. He goes on to locate the original illustration (right) in *Penny Magazine*, January 1844, which was at some later date altered.

This is but one example of trusting secondary sources, including online ones, for historical inquiry without verifying their content from original sources.



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

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 2013

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

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The Ku Klux Klan in the Rio Grande Valley

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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

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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.

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

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 Thursday of the month to discuss topics about the War. We meet at Grady's BBQ on Nakoma at Highway 281. 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 Richard Brewer at 210-490-8827 or by email rbrewer@sbcglobal.net.

Websites

Library Guides from Texana/Genealogy

<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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