

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, archaeologists, 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.



We are 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

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. Database –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

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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 January – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30 – at IGO

“Passengers Lists and Immigration”



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

News and Calendar of Events

Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

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:

For the January Meeting:

Date: Jan 18, 2013

Speaker: Master of Ceremonies

Occasion: The 2013 Annual Installation of Officers Dinner

**There will not be a regular meeting at the San Antonio Public Library this month.
During January the Society schedules the Annual Installation of Officers Dinner.**

Friday, January 18, 2013

Location: Fort Sam Houston Golf Club
1050 Harry Wurzbach Road

Social Hour: 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Cash Bar

Dinner: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Awards and Installation: 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Please mail in your reservations and menu selections promptly

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New in Genealogy -- Selected Titles

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]

Vital Records of Washington, Maine. [974.1 Washington]

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 [NY], 1798-1848. Barber, G. A. [974.7 Oneida]

Index to the Probate of Wills, Kings County, Jan. 1, 1850 to Dec. 31, 1890.

Barber, G. A. [974.7 Kings]

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

Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery and Obituaries [SC]. 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]

Bland County, Virginia, Will Book #1, 1861-1901, Bogle, Parke C. [975.5 Bland]

Montgomery County, Virginia, Will Book 1, 1786-1809 [975.5 Montgomery]

Montgomery County, Virginia, Deed Book 1, 1773-1789, Douthat, James L.

[975.5 Montgomery]

New Kent County, Virginia, Will Book 1, 1864-1887, Evans, June Banks

[975.5 New Kent]

New Kent County, Virginia, Will Book 2, 1880-1924, Evans, June Banks

[975.5 New Kent]

New in Genealogy (cont.)

Cemetery Inscriptions of Richland Parish, Louisiana (Vols. 1 & 2), Hodges, Claudia

[976.3 Richland]

Rhea County, Tennessee, Cemeteries (3 Vols.) [976.8 Rhea]

Rhea County, Tennessee, Colored Marriages 1866-1879, Broyles, Bettye J.

[976.8 Rhea]

Rhea County, Tennessee, Court Minutes Oct. 1866- April 1876 (2 vols.) [976.8 Rhea]

Rhea County, Tennessee, Court of Pleas and Quarter Session Minute Book B: 1810-1813. Broyles, Bettye J. [976.8 Rhea]

Rhea County, Tennessee, Land Entry Book-Surveyors Book No. 1-1824-1889, 1902-1929. Broyles, Bettye J. [976.8 Rhea]

Roane County, Tennessee, Minute Books 1801-1805, 1807-1809, 1816-1818. (3 Vols.)

[976.8 Roane]

Roane County, Tennessee, Court Minutes Book H, 1819-1821 [976.8 Roane]

Roane County, Tennessee, Trail Docket Book 1, 1810-1830 [976.8 Roane]

Roane County, Tennessee, Witness Docket Book 1, 1802-1815 [976.8 Roane]

Sullivan County, Tennessee, Deed Books 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 [976.8 Sullivan]

Family Maps of Randolph County, Alabama {976.1 Randolph}

Family Maps of Choctaw County, Mississippi [976.2 Choctaw]

Family Maps of Panola County, Mississippi [976.2 Panola]

Family Maps of Allen County, Indiana [977.2 Allen]

Family Maps of Elkhart County, Indiana [977.2 Elkhart]

Family Maps of Grant County, Indiana [977.2 Grant]

Family Maps of Hamilton County, Indiana [977.2 Hamilton]

Family Maps of Madison County, Indiana [977.2 Madison]

Family Maps of Marion County, Indiana [977.2 Marion]

Family Maps of Tippecanoe County, Indiana [977.2 Tippecanoe]

Family Maps of Jones County, Iowa [977.7 Jones]

The Archives of Michigan

As many of you know, this past year has seen the physical transfer of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection to the Archives of Michigan. I am pleased to announce that the collections transfer is now complete. The appropriate location changes have been made in the Archives' online catalog (answercat.org) and in OCLC.

Thousands of resources covering the full spectrum of genealogy research, including family histories, passenger list resources, military indexes, city directories, getting-started handbooks, and local history and genealogy resources for dozens of states and Canada can now be found at their new home here at the Archives. This is on top of the Archives' outstanding collection of Michigan manuscript source material, including such genealogically rich records as naturalizations, rural property inventories, state prison registers, county court case files, tax assessments, and Michigan vital records.

Other positive news includes our expanded hours. Effective 5 January 2013, the Archives of Michigan will be open from 10a-4pm on Saturdays; this is in addition to our M-F weekday hours of 1p-5p. These expanded hours illustrate our commitment to the genealogical community by maintaining open, public access to these important genealogical collections and resources.

The grand opening of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing. There will be a small ceremony at 10:30a with welcoming remarks. Tours of the Archives will also be available throughout the day and, of course, the collections will be open and accessible to researchers.

We encourage you and your patrons with Michigan roots (and beyond) to visit and explore all that this amazing collection has to offer. Thank you, and please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

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Report of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War

The *Report of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War*, published between 1863 and 1866, is a 5,000-page compilation of Congressional testimony, official reports, and other documents relating to the Civil War. Almost every major commander and many other individuals testified before the Committee.

The Union was not unified on what should be the outcome of the war. Politics were inserted into Lincoln's military policies. President Lincoln tried to balance Radical Republicans who sought a kind of total warfare against the South and slavery, and conservative Democrats who often fought to save the Union and slavery. The Committee was often seen as ill-informed civilians who became involved in strategic planning and command decision making to make the war's outcome fit its political aims.

The influence of the Committee's role is still debated, as it has been for over a century now. We have added the Broadfoot edition which includes an index volume to our Genealogy Collection (973.73 Report).

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

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

In addition to Beginner and Intermediate Genealogy classes, The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society is offering it's Sunday afternoon How to Find Out Who You Are classes. Classes are \$5.00 for members, \$10 for non-members Call 210/342-5242 for reservations or email saghs@sbcglobal.net. Classes are held in the library annex, behind the library.

With over 16,500 volumes, 600 + maps, a large vertical file collection and internet access to several great databases, the SAG&HS Library is one of the best private repositories of genealogical and historical material in South Texas.

The Library is located @ 911 Melissa Drive, off Blanco Rd, outside loop 410 and is open Monday 10-4, Wed. 10 am-9:00 pm, Sat. 10-4, Sunday 1-5. Members research free. Non-members may research for a \$5.00 donation per day. Tours of the library are free. For more information, visit www.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2

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

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

[Priceless Documents from Texas' early days survive a hurricane and a fire.](#)

After surviving a hurricane, a house fire and storage in a Tweety Bird gym bag, a treasure trove of hundreds of historic letters and documents from the turbulent years of the Texas Republic has made it back into state hands.

The next-to-last stop on the tortuous trail of The Texas Legation Papers from 1835 to 1845 was a unique five-year custody arrangement with TCU under which professors and graduate students got a firsthand look at history that had effectively been lost for more than 160 years.

<http://www.ch.ic.ac.uk/local/projects/gondhia/introduction.html>

This site is designed to provide readers with an understanding of the **chemistry of fireworks**

<http://www.wopc.co.uk/>

The World of Playing Cards. Information on the history of playing cards from the fourteenth century to present. There are lots of beautiful color illustrations.

<http://www.wwwk.co.uk/index.htm>

When We Were Kids. This is a collection of remembrances from the 1940s into the 1990s with thoughts of music, movies, popular cultures, and much more.

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Please submit information and articles to the above e-mail.
For the February 2013 by 15 January
March 2013 by 15 February
April 2012 by 15 March

