

# 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*

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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)**

### Traditional Classes at Central Library

**There is no non-computer class  
for the month of February**

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### Computer Classes at Central Library

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**FEBRUARY 5, 2013 – TUESDAY**  
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

#### **Ancestry Library Edition**

This collection of databases is available only within the Central Library  
and its branches. This class will look at how the site is organized and  
effective search techniques. It will be compared with HeritageQuest  
Online and Fold3 for content and easy of searching. How to print records  
will also be discussed.

**Registration is required.**

Call 207-2500 and ask for Genealogy; or email us at:  
[genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov)

# Texana/Genealogy Classes

## Classes at Branch Libraries

19 February – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30 – at **IGO**

*“Historic Maps”*

## Friends of Texana/Genealogy

### Meeting Notice

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

**10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Texana Room/ Sixth floor**

San Antonio Public Library

600 Soledad

Discussion items:

- a. Book Sale
- b. Future Meeting Programs
- c. Acquisitions – Microfilm from the National Archives
- d. Advanced Setting of Meetings



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



## **Friends of Texana Book Sale**

**The Friends of Texana/Genealogy will be offering a huge selection of both Texana and Genealogy books for sale at rock bottom prices! Get there early for the best selection!**

**Saturday, February 23, 10:00-2:00PM**

**Central Library Auditorium  
600 Soledad 78205  
210.207.2500 (ask for Texana)**

### **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 February Meeting:**

**Date:** February 2, 2013

**Speaker:** Ted Herrera

**Topic:** Traditions of Indigenous Tribes

Mr. Herrera will share some of the traditions of his and many other indigenous tribes that typically occur during February. He will talk about traditional medicinal plants and the effects climate changes and natural resource exploration.

Born in 1948, in the Coahuiltecan Sacred Land along the Rio Grande where the Peyote grows, to Maria Lara, a Tlaxcala, Chichimeca, Huichol Indian and Eduardo Herrera, a Tlaxcala and Coahuilteco Indian. Ted is married to Jo Ann Garcia and they have two children and six grandchildren.

Ted is one of 3 principle speakers of the Tlaxcalteca Nation and Affiliated Tribes of Texas. Retired in 1998 as the Kelly Air Force Base Program Manager for the Production Quality Program where he had oversight responsibilities for the writing policy and procedures that governed over 5000 Aircraft Journeymen in 54 job skills.

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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>

## *Online Newspapers*

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We often receive requests for newspapers we do not own. No library can subscribe to them all or have complete runs, even for those newspapers no longer published.

This is a very selective list. Some allow free access, some require a fee. Some are current titles and others are long gone.

If you find one of these sites particularly useful, or have another favorite, please let us know at [genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov).

<http://news.google.com/newspapers/>

(for an alphabetical list of papers and dates of each)

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

(United States, 1836-1922)

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/>

(Portal to Texas History)

<http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/onlinenewspapers.html> (free)

<http://theoldentimes.com>

(free; U. S., England, Ireland, Scotland, & Australia)

[www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm](http://www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm)

<http://www.cyndislist.com/newspaper.htm>

<http://www.listofnewspapers.com/>

**Wikipedia** has a list of online worldwide newspaper archives both free and pay.

Also consult [www.mysapl.org](http://www.mysapl.org), then go to “databases” and then to “**WorldCat**.” Libraries from around the world list the titles of book, magazine, newspaper, and other holdings on WorldCat. You can see the titles they own and often the dates of coverage. But, note that not all libraries list their complete holdings. *San Antonio Public Library does not have all its periodical (magazine and newspaper) holdings listed.*

## *Websites for Books*

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### **Available Online, Full Text, Free (or mostly free)**

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

The Online Books Page is a website that facilitates access to books that are freely readable over the Internet. It also aims to encourage the development of such online books, for the benefit and edification of all.

<http://www.hathitrust.org/>

The HathiTrust Digital Library brings together the immense collections of sixty major research institution partners and libraries in digital form to ensure that the cultural record is preserved and accessible long into the future.

<http://archive.org/>

The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Like a paper library, we provide free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

Project Gutenberg is the first and largest single collection of free electronic books offering over 40,000.

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moa/>

Making of America (MOA) is a digital library of primary sources in American social history primarily from the antebellum period through reconstruction. The collection is particularly strong in the subject areas of education, psychology, American history, sociology, religion, and science and technology. The book collection currently contains approximately 10,000 books with 19th century imprints. Also, ten journals with imprints primarily between 1850 – 1877 are included.

<http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/m/moa/>

Cornell is a partner with the University of Michigan in the Making of America (MOA) project and provides access to **267** monograph volumes and over **100,000** journal articles with 19th century imprints.

## ***Websites for Books (cont.)***

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<http://books.google.com/>

If the book is out of copyright, or the publisher has given permission, you'll be able to see a preview of the book, and in some cases the entire text. If it's in the public domain, you're free to download a PDF copy.

<http://www.blackmask.com/>

“Pulps, noir, and news of same” and more.

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/>

The Portal is a gateway to Texas history materials. From prehistory to the present day, you can explore unique collections from Texas libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, genealogical societies, and private family collections. The Portal continues to grow. It offers teaching materials that connect your students with primary source historical documents to dramatically enrich their learning. Currently (January 2013) there are a total of 256,966 unique items, comprising 3.1 million files-books, newspapers, photographs, and more.

<http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/books>

ProQuest's Genealogy & Local History Collection of 28,000+ family and local history books, every word searchable. Every page of each book is presented and can be easily downloaded or copied. Few genealogical collections in the country have this many titles.

**If you know of other sites that provide full text access to out of print books, especially ones of interest to genealogists and historians, please let us know so we can pass them along to others.**

**Genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov**



### **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

### **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](mailto: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.rootsworld.com/~txsaghs2](http://www.rootsworld.com/~txsaghs2)

## *News and Calendar of Events*

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### **Witte Museum**

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

*Dinosaurs Unearthed: Bigger, Better, Feathered*  
23 February 2012 to 2 September 2013

*Artists on the Texas Frontier*  
22 September 2012 to 27 May 2013

*Threads of South America: 2,000 Years of Textiles*  
13 October 2012 to 31 March 2013

### **McNay Art Museum**

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

*Fiesta, Fête, Festival*  
16 January 2013 to 9 June 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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### **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 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)

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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 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](mailto:rbrewer@sbcglobal.net).

## Websites

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### [Scottish Property Records Online](#)

From tenements to palaces - these records offer a fascinating snapshot of Scotland during the Edwardian era and are a major new genealogy resource

Over 2 million names of Scots included in the property records for 1905 are being released online for the first time via ScotlandsPeople, the official government family history website. The new records, known as the Valuation Rolls and comprising over 2.4 million indexed names and over 74,000 digital images, cover every kind of building, structure or property in Scotland which were assessed as having a rateable value.

The Rolls also reveal much about the changing social fabric of Scotland at this time – such as the growth in women owning property and running businesses, the rise in sports and recreation clubs, the development of music halls and theatres, and the expansion of railway hotels. As the Rolls include details about rents and the value of property, they will also help researchers to learn more about the cost of living during this period.

Fully-searchable by name and address, the records list the names of owners, tenants and occupiers of each property - so genealogists, historians and other researchers can now discover fresh insights into their ancestors' lives through viewing these new records. As the 1905 Rolls appear between census years, they will be invaluable for genealogists who are trying to fill in gaps about their ancestors.

People from all social classes are included in the 1905 Valuation Rolls - from well-known land and property owners, to the tenants of Scotland's tenements. Some of the famous Scots whose property situation appears in the records are A. J. Balfour, Keir Hardie, Sir Hugh Munro, Lady Gordon Cathcart, Lord Armitstead, and Donald Stewart (head gamekeeper to Queen Victoria).

### [Finding French Coats of Arms](#)

Anne Morddel has written an interesting article (in English) about coats of arms in France. She tells how to check the validity of French coats of arms, using a number of resources available in the Cabinet des Titres that has been microfilmed and can be viewed at the Richelieu building at Bibliothèque nationale de France in Paris.

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