

# 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 March**

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### Computer Classes at Central Library

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

**FEBRUARY 5, 2013 – TUESDAY**

2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

### Heritage Quest Online

This site is available free through the San Antonio Public Library's website. It provides United States census records, family and county histories, indexing for genealogical magazines, Revolutionary War pension records, Freedman's Bank records, and the U. S. serial set. Learn the best techniques for using this site.

**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

**9 March – Saturday – 2:00 – 3:30 – at PARMAN**

#### *“Beginning Genealogy”*

Interested in researching your family history? Learn how to begin unpuzzling your past in this introduction to genealogy. Get tips on where to start your research and the kind of genealogical goldmines you can unearth in courthouse records, church records, cemeteries, archives, and even your own San Antonio Public Library!

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

#### *“Census Substitutes”*

Sometimes federal census records are not available or an individual cannot be found in them for some reason. This discussion will focus on records that may be able to fill in these gaps. They include non-population schedules, states censuses, and various other records that will place an individual or family in a particular place and time



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

### **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:

**Date:** Mar 2, 2013

**Speaker:** Larry Kirkpatrick

**Topic:** The Three Battles of 1813

Mr. Kirkpatrick will discuss the political climate of that time period in Texas and the factors that led to each of the related battles. In addition, he will highlight the approximate location for each of the battles.

Larry is a long time member of Los Bexareños. As a member, he has been the driving force in the publication of the Society's numerous books. He has been very successful in recruiting members to extract, translate, and compile records into books for publication. These records are baptisms, marriages, burials, wills and census for localities in the Mexican borderlands and south Texas. Compilations that do not comprise books are used in articles for the Society's Register.

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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>

## *Journal Articles of Interest*

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- “A Glorious Failure: The State of Franklin and American Independence”  
*Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 70:4 (Winter 2011): 276-287
- “Desperate Enterprizes and Men of Broken Fortunes: Loyalty and Identity on the  
Tennessee Frontier, 1793-1794” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 70:4  
(Winter 2011): 288-299
- “Escaping Slavery: Discovering Indiana’s Underground Railroad Connections” *Hoosier  
Genealogist: Connections*, 52:1 (Spring/Summer 2012): 15-25
- “My Dearest Rachel Ann’ Managing Marriage during the Civil War: The Goodwin  
Family of Franklin County” *Hoosier Genealogist: Connections*, 52:1  
(Spring/Summer 2012): 32-36
- “Great German Migration, ‘From the Broad Meadows’ of Germany to Southern Indiana:  
The Breitwieser and Baitz Families of Dubois County, 1848-1944” *Hoosier  
Genealogist: Connections*, 52:1 (Spring/Summer 2012): 37-43
- “A Pioneer’s Stories: Mary (Cox) Beard of Randolph County, Indiana, Gives Details of  
Life on the Indiana Frontier in the First Decades after Statehood”  
*Hoosier Genealogist: Connections*, 52:1 (Spring/Summer 2012): 52-56
- “Deed Anatomy 101” *Ohio Genealogy News*, 43:2 (Summer 2012): 16-19
- “Understanding Evidence, Part 1: Direct v. Indirect Evidence” *Ohio Genealogy News*,  
43:2 (Summer 2012): 22-23
- “The Narrative of the Captive, George Avery, 1780-1782” *Vermont History*, 80:2  
(Summer/Fall 2012): 112-
- “A Fire by the Pond: The British Raid in Derby, Vermont, December 27, 1813” *Vermont  
History*, 80:2 (Summer/Fall 2012): 141-157
- “The General Court-Martial of Charles G. Chandler” [Civil War] *Vermont History*, 80:2  
(Summer/Fall 2012): 158-175
- “Kentucky Jewery during the Civil War” *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*,  
110: 2 (Spring 2012): 165-184
- Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 105: 2-3 (Summer/Fall 2012): entire issue  
dedicated to Civil War

## *San Antonio by Decade*

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The following is a selective list of books and articles with *contemporary descriptions* of San Antonio from the 1820s and 1830s. We will continue with more in a future issue.

### **1820-1829**

Barker, Eugene, ed. *THE AUSTIN PAPERS*. [1826-1836] [308 Austin]

Berlandier, Jean Louis. *JOURNEY TO MEXICO DURING THE YEARS 1826 TO 1834*. [1828] [917.2044 Berlandier]

*BEXAR ARCHIVES*, 1717-1836. (These have been partially indexed in Alan Benevides' *The Bexar Archives (1717-1836): A Name Guide*). [microfilm]

Clopper, J.C. "J.C. Clopper's Journal and Book of Memoranda for 1828." *QTSHA* 13 (July 1909): 60-76.

"Educational Efforts in San Fernando de Bexar" *QTSHA* 6 (July 1902): 52-63

Gulick, Charles Adams, Jr. and Katherine Elliotts, eds. *THE PAPERS OF MIRABEAU BUONAPARTE LAMAR*. [1821-1857] [308 Lamar]

Menchaca, Antonio. *MEMOIRS*. [1822-1836]. [B-Menchaca]

Smithwick, Noah. *THE EVOLUTION OF A STATE OR RECOLLECTIONS OF OLD TEXAS DAYS*. [Ca. 1827]. [976.4 Smithwick]

### **1830-1839**

Bernard, J.H. "Dr. J. H. Barnard's Journal: From December 1835, In John J. Linn's *REMINISCENCES OF FIFTY YEARS IN TEXAS*, 176-182. [B-Linn]

Barnes, Charles Merritt. "Builder's Spades Turn Up Soil Bakes by Alamo Funeral Pyres." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 26 March 1911, page 26. [1836]

Barnes, Charles Merritt. "Men Still Living Who Saw the Fall of the Alamo" *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 27 August 1911, page 9

Benedict, J.W. "Diary of a Campaign Against the Comanches." *SWHQ* 32 (April 1929): 304-307. [1839]

Binkley, William C., ed. *OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE TEXAN REVOLUTION, 1835-1836*. [976.4 Brinkley]

Bonnell, George. *TOPOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION OF TEXAS, TO WHICH IS ADDED AN ACCOUNT OF INDIAN TRIBES*. [917.64 Bonnell]

Bostick, Sion R. "Reminiscences of Sion R. Bostick." *QTSHA* 5 (October 1901): 88-91. [1835]

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Brown, John Duff. "Reminiscences of Jno. Duff Brown." *QTSHA* 12 (April 1909): 299-301. [ca. 1832-1835].

Buquor, Maride (Maria de) Jesus. "Witnessed Last Struggle of the Alamo Patriots." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 19 JULY 1907, page 3

Candelaria Castaron, Andrea, "Alamo Massacre." *SAN ANTONIO LIGHT*, 19 February 1899, page 6.

Castañeda, Carlos E., Trans. *THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE TEXAN REVOLUTION BY THE CHIEF MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS*. [976.403 Castañeda]

Chariton, Wallace O. *100 DAYS IN TEXAS*. [B-Chariton]

De La Teja, Jesus F., Ed. *A REVOLUTION REMEMBERED: THE MEMORIES AND SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE OF JUAN SEGUIN*. [1833-1860]. [976.4009 Seguin]

DeShields, James T., *TALL MEN WITH LONG RIFLES—THE GLAMOUROUS STORY OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION, AS TOLD BY CAPTAIN CREED TAYLOR*. [1835] [976.4 DeShields]

Díaz, Juan. "As a Boy, Juan Diaz, Venerable San Antonian Witnessed the Attack on the Alamo." *SAN ANTONIO LIGHT*, 1 September 1907, page 13

\_\_\_\_ "This Man Heard Shots Fired at Battle of Alamo." *SAN ANTONIO LIGHT*, 31 October 1909, Page 10.

Edward, David B., *THE HISTORY OF TEXAS; OR, THE EMIGRANT'S, FARMER'S, AND POLITICIAN'S GUIDE*. [976.4 Edward]

Ehrenberg, Herman, *WITH MILAM AND FANNIN*. [1835] [976.4 Ehrenberg]

Elfer, Maurice. *MADAM CANDELARIA: UNSUNG HEROINE OF THE ALAMO*. [B-Candelaria]

Esparza, Enrique. "Alamo's Fall, is told by Witness in a Land Suit." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 9 December 1908, page 20

\_\_\_\_ "Alamo's Only Survivor." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 12 May 1907, page 14; 9 May 1907, page 47.

\_\_\_\_ "Another Child of the Alamo." *SAN ANTONIO LIGHT*, 10 November 1901, page 9.

\_\_\_\_ "Esparza, the Boy of the Alamo, Remembers" in *RISE OF THE LONE STAR*. Ed. Howard R. Driggs [976.4 Driggs]

"Extracts from a Travellers Journal." *HOUSTON MORNING STAR*, 13 May 1839; Reprint, *HOUSTON TELEGRAPH AND TEXAS REGISTER*, 15 May 1839.

Filisola, Vicente. *MEMORIAS PARA LA HISTORIA DE LA GUERRA DE TEJAS*. [976.4 Filisola]

### **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  
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



## 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.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2](http://www.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2)

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### *News and Calendar of Events*

#### **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

*Luminous Impressions: The Operatic and Fantasy Prints of Henri Fantin-  
Latour*  
12 January 2013 to 7 April 2013

*PASIÓN POPULAR: Spanish and Latin American Folk Art from the Cecere  
Collection*  
April 6, 2013 – August 18, 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, 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, 6510 San Pedro Avenue at the intersection with Jackson-Keller Road. 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).

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From: Charlotte Kahl [www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com](http://www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com)  
OST100Kahl@aol.com

**Bihl Haus Arts** has two free public events this month. Fred Sings, Sunday, March 3, 2pm poolside jazz concert with Bett Butler, Carol Cisneros and Katchie Cartwright, organized by Beverly Prado for Woman's History Month SA. (*In case it rains, the concert will be moved to Centro Cultural Aztlan, 1800 Fredericksburg Road.*) and 'Hood poets Sheila Black, Barbara Griest-Devora, and Ignacio Magaloni read their selections for Poetry Month SA on Sunday, March 24, 2pm, 2803 Fredericksburg Road, inside the gates of Primrose Senior Apartments. [kellenkee@swbell.net](mailto:kellenkee@swbell.net)

**Clamp Light Studios and Gallery** will hold their monthly Second Friday evening Open House this month featuring new works of resident artists Mark Crutsinger, Wesley Harvey, Sarah T. Roberts, and new member, Erin Hensberger during Contemporary Art Month Friday March, 8, 2013, 6-9pm, 706 Fredericksburg Road.

Collaboration between Woodlawn Theater and **Deco Pizzeria**. Comedy set in 1881 saloon *Fistful of Meatballs*, Dinner Murder Mystery, 6pm, Saturday, March 9, 2013. 1815 Fredericksburg Road. <http://decopizza.com/>

**Volkssport Walk** Comfort, Texas Hill Country Volkssportverein Easter 10K Walk. Saturday, March 30, 2013. Register between 8am and noon and start at Comfort Community Park, 630 State Highway 27 at corner of Broadway and 5th Street. Information John and Tina Bohnert, (830)995-2421, [tinabohnert@gmail.com](mailto:tinabohnert@gmail.com) This AVA event qualified for the Blue Ribbon Award winning *Walk Texas OST* program and now is part of the 8-state *Walk United States OST* program.

## Websites

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“**Unknown No Longer: A Virginia Slave Name Database**” was launched by the Virginia Historical Society in the fall of 2011. The database contains information about slaves, including records kept by slave owners in Virginia. This database is the latest step by the VHS to increase access to its varied collections relating to Virginians of African descent.

The project certainly is not complete. The database presently contains more than 1,500 slave names and the society is constantly adding more names. It will take years to scour the millions of documents likely to contain the names of the enslaved.

“Unknown No Longer: A Virginia Slave Name Database” is available free of charge at <http://unknownnolonger.vahistorical.org>

The African American genealogy website, **OurBlackAncestry.com** (often abbreviated as OBA), is developing an online repository of records that name the names of people who were enslaved. This service will be provided FREE of charge and there is no limit to the number of pages/records that can be digitized, the more the better.

The web site managers only ask that donors sign an agreement that gives OBA the right to digitize the material and put it online. Documents will be sent to Utah to be digitized but safe passage and return will be assured. The site is especially interested in records of slaveholding families.

If people have records in their possession or know where records can be accessed in a courthouse, library or other institution please email [msmorgan@ourblackancestry.com](mailto:msmorgan@ourblackancestry.com) with "Slave Records" in the subject line.

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