

South Texas Researcher

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Introduction

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.



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 April - June 2013

Computer Class Schedule at the San Antonio Central Library

Programs are free and held at the San Antonio Central Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. One hour free parking.
E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Registration is required for computer classes. To register or for information please call the Texana/Genealogy Department at (210) 207-2500 (ask for Texana) or E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30PM

ACCESS NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

AccessNewspaperARCHIVE contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages, dating as far back as the 1700s. It is the world's largest archive of online newspapers, your gateway to searching and reading historical newspapers online.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30PM

GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

The development of genealogy software has made it much easier to keep track of genealogical information. The class covers a variety of free and retail software and their features. You will learn about basic functions and reports generated by these programs to see which one is right for you.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013, 2:00 – 3:30PM

AMERICAN ANCESTORS

Although this database is maintained by The New England Historic Genealogical Society, it has recently expanded its coverage to include states outside New England. It provides online access to such resources as Massachusetts vital records through 1910 and New York Probate Records, 1787-1835. If you have family in New England and the Middle Atlantic areas, you'll want to see what this website has to offer

Classes at Branch Libraries

Classes are FREE and open to the public. For information call 207-2500 (ask for Genealogy) or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov.

At **Parman** Branch

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013, 2:00 - 3:30

ORGANIZING YOUR RESEARCH

In researching your family's past you will accumulate a lot of material. This program is designed to help you decide what your ultimate goal is, what you need to do to meet that goal, how to effectively organize the data. Also, how to manage correspondence files and how to plan a research trip are discussed.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2013, 2:00 - 3:30

GENEALOGY DATABASES

You've heard of *Ancestry*, but what about *Access NewspaperArchive*, *HeritageQuest Online*, & *American Ancestors*? Join us for an introduction to these exciting Genealogy databases that SAPL makes available to you - for FREE!"

At **Cody** Branch

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013, 2:30 - 4:00

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Interested in researching your family history? Learn how to begin researching your family's 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!

Texana/Genealogy Classes

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013, 2:30 – 4:00

USING THE FEDERAL CENSUS

The United States census reports began in 1790 and are available through 1940. See how they have changed over time, what information is included, and how to read and interpret them. Also, see what special schedules were taken (agricultural, mortality, military, etc.) and how they can further your research.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013, 2:30 – 4:00

RESEARCHING VITAL RECORDS

Vital records are generally defined as birth, marriage, divorce, and death records. We will first learn how to locate these records, then how to read and interpret them. When unable to locate these official records, we will look at alternative sources, i.e. church records, cemetery readings, deeds, probate records, newspapers, and more.

At Igo Branch

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013, 2:00 - 3:30

HISPANIC GENEALOGY

Learn the basic research principles and techniques for conducting Hispanic genealogical research. How to begin, where to go, and what you can expect to find along the way will be discussed. Class will offer clues and strategies to help as you climb your "arbol de familia".

Note: Texana/Genealogy will be closed on April 13, 2013 due to the Texas Book Festival-San Antonio Edition at the Central Library.

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 April 6, 2013

Date: April 6, 2013

Speaker: Dr. Joseph Lippert

Topic: **The Clash of Cultures in South Texas Missions, 1550–1794**

Summary: The author is a retired teacher and college instructor who acquired his Ph.D. and his affection for Southwestern history at Northern Arizona University. He presently volunteers as a Park Ranger at the San Antonio Missions NHP and lives near San Antonio.

He will be speaking on a article he wrote on The Clash of Cultures In SouthTexas Missions 1550-1794. This article was published in Native People's Magazine last year in February.

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

Note: The Library/Research Center will be closed on April 20, 2013 due to the Oyster Bake event at St. Mary's University.

San Antonio by Decade

1830-1839 (Continued from March 2013)

Green, Rena Maverick, ed. *MEMOIRS OF MARY A. MAVERICK*
[B-Maverick, Mary]

___ *SAMUEL MAVERICK, TEXAN: 1803-1870.*
[B-MAVERICK]

Holley, Mary Austin. *TEXAS*. [976.4 Holley]

Jenkins, John H., ed. *THE PAPERS OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION*. [1835-1836] [976.4 Jenkins]

Linn, John J., *REMINISCENCES OF FIFTY YEARS IN TEXAS [1836-1838]* [B-Linn]

Maverick, Mary A. "How They Saw San Antonio a Half Century Ago." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS ANNUAL REVIEW*. 15 March 1890, pages 3-4. [1838-1842]

Morrell, Z. N., *FLOWERS AND FRUITS FROM THE WILDERNESS*. [1839]
[976.4 Morrell]

Muir, Andrew Forest, ed. *TEXAS IN 1837* [976.4 Texas]

Newell, C[hester]. *HISTORY OF REVOLUTION IN TEXAS* [976.4 Newell]

Núñez, Felix. "Fall of the Alamo." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 30 June 1889, page 3

Parker, A. A., *TRIP TO THE WEST AND TEXAS*. [1834-1835] [976.4 Parker]

Pease, L. T. "A Geographical and Historical View of Texas" In John M. Niles', *HISTORY OF SOUTH AMERICA AND MEXICO*, pages 288-297. [980 Niles]

Perry, Carmen, ed. and trans. *WITH SANTA ANNA IN TEXAS: A PERSONAL NARRATIVE OF THE REVOLUTION BY DE LA PEÑA*. [976.40309 Peña]

J[osé] M[aria]. Rodriguez, *MEMOIRS OF EARLY TEXAS*. [1835-1860].
[B-Rodriguez]

___ "Stirring Events are Remembered by Texas Jurist." *SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS*, 8 Sept 1912, page 35. [1835-1842]

Sanchez-Navarro, Carlos. *LA GUERRA DE TEJAS: MEMORIAS DE UN SOLDADO*. [1835, 1836]. [976.4 Sanchez-Navarro]

Seguin, Juan N. *PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF JOHN N. SEGUIN FROM THE YEAR 1834 TO THE RETREAT OF GENERAL WOLL FROM THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN 1842*. [1834-1842] [B-Seguin]

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

Wanderlust: From German to Texan
2 February 2013 to 9 June 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*
6 April 2013 – 18 August 2013

News and Calendar of Events

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

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 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.

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

Websites

[London's Westminster Parish Records Online](#)

Leading UK family history website findmypast.co.uk has published online for the very first time parish records held by the City of Westminster Archives Centre. The Westminster Collection at findmypast.co.uk comprises fully searchable transcripts and scanned images of the parish registers, some of which are over 400 years old.



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