

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 May - July 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, 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.

**Friends of Texana/Genealogy
Meeting**

11 May 2013

10:00-11:30

Central Library Auditorium

Business Meeting

Speaker: Larry Kirkpatrick

Topic: "The First Texas Revolution"

He will discuss the three battles of Bexar in the year 1813: the Battle of Rosillo, the Battle of Alazan, and the Battle of the Medina. There will be a brief history of the battles as well as notes on where the battle sites actually were. New material uncovered by Art Burnett on Gen. Wilkinson, James Biddle Wilkinson and Jose Toledo will be mentioned.

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

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!"

Texana/Genealogy Classes

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".

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!

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.

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 May 4, 2013

Date: May 4, 2013

Speaker: Judge Bob Perkins

Topic: Jose Menchaca and Correcting the Spelling of the Road Named in His Honor

Judge Bob Perkins was born in Laredo, Texas and was raised in Mirando City, Sinton, Carrizo Springs, and Eagle Pass, Texas. He learned Spanish before English and was the first bilingual, bicultural judge elected in Travis County. He graduated high school in Eagle Pass and then came to the University of Texas. He got his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government in 1970 and graduated from U.T. Law School and became a lawyer in 1973. He was elected Justice of the Peace of Precinct 4 in Travis County in 1974, then was appointed and elected Judge of County Court at Law No. 2 in 1980. He became a District Judge of the 331st District Court of Travis County, where he served from 1982 to the end of 2010. He was last opposed in local races in 1980. He has heard many high profile cases and was elected by his colleagues as the first Presiding Criminal Judge of Travis County. As such, he presided over the 13 criminal courts of the county.

Presently, he resides in Austin with his wife, Cyndy. He is the father of three children, Javier, Allen, and Ana, and is now a grandfather of Oliver and Ava Perkins. Though retired he still serves as a Senior District Judge, where he fills in for judges who are temporarily absent.

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

Selected Journal Articles

These articles appear in periodicals in the Texana/Genealogy collection.

“Texas and the Master Civil Rights Narrative: A Case Study of Black Females in Houston”
Southwestern Historical Quarterly, 116:2 (October 2012): 125-137

“Seth Eastman’s Drawing of Corpus Christi: A Military Man’s Representation of the South Texas Frontier Steeplement, circa 1849” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, 116:2 (October 2012): 169-181

“The Gonzales to San Felipe Road in Texas, 1827-1828” *The Journal of South Texas*, 25:2 (Fall 2012): 4-19

“Making ‘South Texas’: Race, Religion, and the Definition of a Region, 1877-1920”
The Journal of South Texas, 25:2 (Fall 2012): 20-31

“Inegrating Texas A&I” *The Journal of South Texas*, 25:2 (Fall 2012): 32-47

Black, Mexican American, and Anglo Migration to Urban South Texas, 1930-1950”
The Journal of South Texas, 25:2 (Fall 2012): 48-71

“J. D. B. De Bow’s South Carolina: the Antebellum Origins of the New South Creed”
South Carolina Historical Magazine, 113:1 (January 2012): 4-23

“‘Though He Had a White Face, He Was a Negro in Heart’: Examining the White Men Convicted of Supporting the 1822 Denmark Vesey Slave Insurrection Conspiracy”
South Carolina Historical Magazine, 113:1 (January 2012): 50-67

“Making Their Way in the New South: Jewish Peddlers and Merchants in the South Carolina Up Counrty” *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 113:2 (April 2012): 100-124

“Maroon and Slave Communities in South Carolina Before 1865” *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 113:2 (April 2012): 125-145

“‘While Pen, Ink & Paper Can Be Had’: Reading and Writing in a Time of Revolution”
Early American Studies, 10:3 (Fall 2012): 439-466

“Bible, King, and Common Law: Genealogical Literacies and Family History Practices in British America” *Early American Studies*, 10:3 (Fall 2012): 467-502

“Tending the Army: Women and the British General Hospital in North America, 1754-1763” *Early American Studies*, 10:3 (Fall 2012): 566-599

“‘Mr. Madison’s War’ or the Dynamic of Early American Nationalism?” *Early American Studies*, 10:3 (Fall 2012): 630-670

Selected Journal Articles (cont.)

“Men of Color in the R. I. [Rhode Island] Regimental Book for 1781” *Rhode Island Roots*, 38:4 (December 2012): 206-219

“A Brief Introduction to the Southern Claims Commission” *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, 38: 3 (August 2012): 225-240

“ ‘The Busiest Man in Town’: John Hermann Kampmann and the Urbanization of San Antonio, 1848-1885” *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, 115: 4 (April 2012): 329-363

“Frank Reaugh and the Tradition of Impressionist Landscape Painting” *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review*, 82 (2010): 1-13

“Georgia O’Keeffe in the Texas Panhandle” *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review*, 82 (2010): 15-28

“Life on the T Anchor Ranch” *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review*, 82 (2010): 29-42

“Bob “Pappy” Watson: Panhandle Broadcasting Pioneer” *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review*, 82 (2010): 43-56

“Our Lady of El Pueblito: a Marian Devotion on the Northern Frontier” *Catholic Southwest*, 23 (2012): 3-21

“San Augustin Church and Laredo under Six Dioceses” *Catholic Southwest*, 23 (2012): 22-35

“Friar Simon del Hierro’s Diary of the Preliminary Colonization of Nuevo Santander, 1749: An Annotated Translation” *Catholic Southwest*, 23 (2012): 36-55

“The Archdiocese of San Antonio and Archbishop Lucey: Preparing for Vatican II” *Catholic Southwest*, 23 (2012): 62-68

“A New Beginning in a New Land: Church of the Nativity of Mary, Plantersville, Texas” *Catholic Southwest*, 23 (2012): 69-79

“St. Stephen Church, New Orleans, Louisiana Baptism Register II & III (A-Z) [January 1861-September 1882]” *New Orleans Genesis*, 50 (October 2012): 312-345

“Records of Old Mobile Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Section 10-Baptisms of Blacks - 1842-1846 (A-Z)” *New Orleans Genesis*, 50 (October 2012): 346-355

“The Medical Dimension in Cornwallis’s Army, 1780-1781” *North Carolina Historical Review*, 89: 4 (October 2012): 367-398

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

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**

*PASIÓN POPULAR: Spanish and Latin American Folk Art from the Cecere
Collection*
6 April 2013 – 18 August 2013

The Jameel Prize: Art Inspired by the Islamic Tradition
24 May 2013 – 11 August 2013

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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

Civil War

Civil War in Texas

Death

Family History

La Meri

World War I (NEW)

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. 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

New Training Videos for FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch is rolling out new product videos in conjunction with the launch of the new FamilySearch website. These videos are less than 3 minutes long and show how a new user can have success using each of the new features of the site. The videos are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. Look for these videos on the Learning Center of familysearch.org.



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For the June 2013 by 15 May
July 2013 by 15 August
August 2013 by 15 September