

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 Classes 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

Special Event on 27 July

DNA Genealogy Research

When: Saturday, July 27, 2013, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Where: Central Library auditorium, 600 Soledad

Presenter: Jeremy Balkin, Family Tree DNA

Join us for this exciting presentation on applying genetics to the traditional practice of genealogy research. Learn what getting tested involves, how the science behind the testing works and how you can discover your ancestry more clearly through a simple cheek swab.

News and Calendar of Events



SOUTHWEST VAQUEROS

Southwest Vaqueros is a Corral (Chapter) of Westerners International

The Parent Organization was founded some seven decades ago by Leland Case and friends in Chicago. To learn more about our parent organization visit <http://www.westerners-international.org>.

Southwest Vaqueros was founded by Al Lowman and his friends when he was a researcher and writer for the Institute of Texan Cultures. Among his friends were John Woodhull and Charlie Schreiner III. Until recently we held our meetings at various restaurants in Northeast Bexar County. If you are curious about local, Texas, Western history and folklore we might have what interests you plus great fellowship. We attract all disciplines (and lack of discipline) in everything from archaeology, the arts, including music up through zoology. Some of us are academic and some are not, just buffs. Quite a few are writers, and everybody reads and loves books, including people like Al Lowman, who was obsessed with the printed word. His personal library and collection are now housed in the Cushing Library at the TAMU campus.

For the present we meet at 6:30 PM at Papa Dante's on the third Tuesday of every other month since March and May. Dr. Steve Tomka spoke on Recent Digs in Brackenridge Park in May. Speaker meetings are planned for July and September until our membership is revived with younger blood. No dues are due for now, so the only cost is transportation and your wonderful meal. Tolerance of the elderly is appreciated at this time until we can choose up some younger mavericks... If you don't have a computer, call our irksome Sheriff (president) and Scribe (Secretary) at **210-418-4087** and it is reported that he checks his voicemail. His e-mail address is jltolleson@sbcglobal.net.

PAPA DANTE'S IS LOCATED EAST OF I35 AND SOUTH OF 1604 WHERE TOEPPERWEIN ROAD INTERSECTS FM1976 BY THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRACKS IN CONVERSE.

On July 17th we hope to celebrate the life and legend of Al Lowman. In September, we hope to listen to Becky Crouch Patterson, Hondo and Schatzie's daughter, talk about her book: "The Ranch That Was Us." If a miracle occurs later in the Fall, we hope to get Lionel Sosa to speak on his recent book: "The Children of the Revolution."



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 July 6, 2013

Date: July 6, 2013

Speaker: Leslie Stitz Stapleton

Topic: Documents and Articles at the Alamo Library

Leslie Stitz Stapleton is the Library Director for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo. She will be doing a Power Point on some of the documents and articles that are available for research and the hours the Library is open to the public. Rusty Gomez of the Library staff will be on hand for questions as well.

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



Journal Articles of Interest

Take a break from the summer heat and come in to the Texana/Genealogy department on the sixth floor of the San Antonio Central Library.

Texana/Genealogy receives almost four-hundred (400) magazines and journals related to family history and Texas. Below you will find some examples of the types of information that may help you in your research or relaxation.

“African American Education in Nacogdoches County, 1890-1970” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 51: 1 (Spring 2013): 9-23

“The Stone Fort Rifles, 1887-1907” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 51: 1 (Spring 2013): 24-66

“Sherman, Texas, and the 1918 Pandemic Flu” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 51: 1 (Spring 2013): 67-85

“Rise and Fall of the Texas Tung Oil Industry” *East Texas Historical Journal*, 51: 1 (Spring 2013): 86-96

“Who Were the Whigs of Catahoula Parish, 1840?” *Louisiana History*, 53:3 (Summer 2012): 292-317

“Confederate Prisoners of War in Maryland: Records for Point Lookout Military Prison, 1863-1865” *Maryland Genealogical Society Journal*, 53:3 (2012): 399-418

“The Case of Leathana (Sayer) Ball of Montgomery County: What is in a Widow’s War of 1812 Pension File?” *Maryland Genealogical Society Journal*, 53:3 (2012): 435-454

“Chancery-Equity Records in Maryland Genealogical Research” *Maryland Genealogical Society Journal*, 53:3 (2012): 509-520

New Perspectives on Civil-War Era Kentucky. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 110: 3-4 (Summer/Autumn 2012): [entire issue devoted to the Civil War in Kentucky]

“ ‘Never Draw Unless You Mean to Shoot’ Theodore Roosevelt’s Frontier Diplomacy” *Journal of the Wild West History Association*, 5:6 (December 2012): 4-17

“Slavery and the War of 1812” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 71: 3 (Fall 2012): 184-205

Journal Articles of Interest (cont.)

“ ‘Sons of Freedom’ African Americans Fighting the War of 1812” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 71: 3 (Fall 2012): 206-227

“ ‘To Keep Bright the Bonds of Friendship’ The Making of a Cherokee-American Alliance during the Creek War” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 71: 3 (Fall 2012): 228-257

“The St. Louis Know-Nothings Riot of 1854” *Gateway* [Missouri History Museum], 32 (2012): 26-35

“Practical Abolition: The 77th Illinois Regiment in Kentucky” *Gateway* [Missouri History Museum], 32 (2012): 36-45

“The Whole Crowd of the Gang: Keeping the New Woman Down in Missouri” *Gateway* [Missouri History Museum], 32 (2012): 46-55

“General Richard Gentry: Fur Trader, Postmaster, Battleground Hero” *Gateway* [Missouri History Museum], 32 (2012): 68-77

“It Pays to Shop at Penney’s: A National Department Store on the Main Streets of Arkansas” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 71: 4 (Winter 2012): 347-380

“Preparing the Arkansas Wilderness for Settlement: Public Land Survey Administration, 1803-1836” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 71: 4 (Winter 2012): 381-406

“‘The Awful Scenes That Met My Eyes’: Union and Confederate Accounts of the Battle of St. Charles, June 17, 1862” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 71: 4 (Winter 2012): 407-423

“Looking Beyond Parties and Elections: The Making of United States Tariff Policy during the Early 1820s” *Journal of the Early Republic*, 33: 1 (Spring 2013): 87-108

“A Separate People: A History of the Oklahoma Amish” *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, 90: 4 (Winter 2012-13): 388-415

“‘I For One Am Ready to Do My Part’: The Initial Motivation That Inspired Men From Northern Illinois to Enlist in the U. S. Army, 1861-1862” *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 105:4 (Winter 2012): 313-332

“Mysteries of the Misbegotten: Bastardy Law and Family History” *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, 39:1 (February 2013): 5-34

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

Patriotism and Pageantry: Witte Honors the Military
18 April 2013 to 18 August 2013

Threads of South America: 2,000 Years of Textiles
13 October 2013 to 31 March 2014

McNay Art Museum

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

The America of Grant Wood and Thomas Hart Benton
29 May 2013 to 8 September 2013

Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera
5 June 2013 to 1 September 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

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
World War I (NEW)	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

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[Family Search.org](http://FamilySearch.org)

PAF to Be Discontinued



Personal Ancestral File will be discontinued.

FamilySearch will no longer offer PAF downloads or support after JULY 15, 2013.

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For the August 2013 by 15 July
September 2013 by 15 August
October 2013 by 15 September