

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

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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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Introduction to Genealogy Databases

You've heard of *Ancestry*, but what about *Access NewspaperArchive*, *Fold3* (formerly *Footnote*), *HeritageQuest Online*, & *American Ancestors*? Join us for an introduction to these exciting Genealogy databases that SAPL makes available to you - for FREE!"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

10:00 – 11:30 P.M.

APPLYING TO LINEAGE AND HERITAGE SOCIETIES

Presenter: Trish Champion

Location: Central Library auditorium

Interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas? Sons of the American Revolution? This program will discuss things to expect in the application process for these and other lineage societies, and how to obtain the genealogical documentation you need in order to successfully become a member.

Trish Champion is a professional genealogist, licensed private investigator, and the principal researcher for the heir research firm, Champion & Champion. She has conducted genealogical investigation for over sixteen years and regularly lectures on the subject.

News and Calendar of Events



SOUTHWEST VAQUEROS

Southwest Vaqueros is a Corral (Chapter) of [Westerners International](#)

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. 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. 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 chase 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.

AUGUST 2013 MEETING: TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2013 6:30 P.M.

GUEST DANIELSGUEST SPEAKER: H.A. "DAN" DANIELS

SUBJECT: MARSHAL BUCK BERGFELD – LEGENDARY SEGUIN CITY MARSHAL

THANKS TO C.F. ECKHARDT WE HAVE A MEETING AND A SPEAKER

The speaker for August is H. A. 'Dan' Daniels. He owns the PalaceTheater in Seguin and is a patron of the arts. His wife Janis is a photographer as is he. Some years ago Dan wrote a screenplay based on the life or the legend because the life is the stuff of legend of Seguin's famous city marshal Buck Bergfeld. He asked me (CFE) to read and critique the screenplay. There were a couple of minor errors in it but it would make a fascinating movie. When Dan's father Windy Daniels, who had contacts in the movie business brought stars to Seguin in the 40's & early 50's the person they all wanted to meet was Buck Bergfeld.

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Written by CharlietheRoper edited by JLT the default Sheriff



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 August 3, 2013

Date: August 3, 2013

Speaker: No speaker

Topic: General Meeting to Discuss and Publicize the 30th Anniversary Luncheon Scheduled for 25 August 2013

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



News Release for the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina August 17th & 18th 2013

The public is invited to attend the two day ceremony commemorating the 200th anniversary of the bloodiest battle in Texas history! The Battle of Medina occurred on August 18, 1813 between the Royal Spanish Army and the Republican Army of the North when between 800 and 1,300 men died in this all but forgotten battle which historians have named the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition. Since August 18th is on Sunday this year, we will hold an all day seminar at the Church of Christ located at 1003 North Main Street in Pleasanton, Texas beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2013, courtesy of Norman Porter, Atascosa County Historical Committee Chairman. We will have several speakers you will want to hear, including Robert Thonhoff, award winning author; Frank de la Teja, Ph.D. the former State Historian from Texas State University; Caroline Castillo Crimm, Ph.D., Sam Houston State University History Department; Brad Folsum, Ph.D. North Texas University History Department; Francis X. Galan, Ph.D. UTSA History Department; William McWhorter, Program Coordinator Military Sites Program for the Texas Historical Commission; Jose Barragan, with the Texas General Land Office, Stephen Cure, Director of Educational Services for the Texas State Historical Association; Dan Arellano, historian and author; Doc L'Herisson historian from Louisiana along with Anthony Delgado, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Los Bexarenos; Larry Kirkpatrick, historian and speaker; Al McGraw formerly with the Texas Department of Transportation; District Judge Bob Perkins and others. Then at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, August 17, 2013, we will gather under the large Oak trees on Old Applewhite Road where we have held a memorial ceremony for the past 12 years. Signs will be on Highway 281, where you turn west to get to the site of the ceremony.

Again at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning, August 18, 2013 we will gather again under the large Oak trees on Old Applewhite Road to hold a second memorial ceremony on the actual 200th Anniversary of the battle which included Texas at the time of the War of 1812, as well as the other countries in this hemisphere that were at war during this turbulent period in our history. Everyone interested in history is invited to attend.

The Battle of Medina was between approximately 1,800 men in the Royal Spanish Army and approximately 1,400 men in the Republican Army of the North, which included Spaniards, Tejanos, Native Americans, and men from the USA. In fact we have identified 5 men who fought in the American Revolution who were involved in some way in the Gutierrez-Magee Expedition, with only one Patriot of the American Revolution, Peter Sides having been proven to have fought in the American Revolution and also fought and died in the Battle of Medina. Direct descendants of Peter Sides are eligible for membership in the DAR, the SAR, the DRT and the SRT, and descendants directly related to any of the 3,200 men who fought in this battle are eligible for membership in the DRT and the SRT. Over the past 12 years the SAR, DAR, SRT, DRT, Mayflower Society, the Daughter of the War of 1812 have dedicated markers to the men who fought and died in this battle, and they will rededicate their markers at both the Saturday evening ceremony and the Sunday memorial ceremony. This year we will dedicate a marker from the General Society of the War of 1812, on this 200th anniversary of this war, with the National President General Lawrence Casey in attendance to dedicate the marker.

Signs will be placed on U.S. Highway 281 where you turn to the west on to the Old Pleasanton Road. Signs will also be where Bruce Road branches off of Old Pleasanton Road. Signs will also be where Old Applewhite Road branches off Bruce Road. Contact Tom Green at TBGreen3@gmail.com or 713-340-1965 if you need additional directions.

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

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**

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

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

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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Did someone send you a word processing document in a file format your word processor doesn't understand? Or a digital image that you cannot open? You received a file format via eMail which you cannot open on your smartphone or tablet? Perhaps you dragged out a CD-ROM disk from the storage box, only to find it has files on it stored in a format your new computer doesn't understand? Usually that means searching for a program that will read the other file, purchasing the program, installing it, and hoping it will convert the old file. Maybe it will, maybe it won't. Now there is a better way and it is in the cloud. It is also available free of charge to everyone: Windows users, Macintosh users, Linux, Android, and Apple iPhone and iPad users.

PERSI moves to [findmypast.com](#)

Findmypast.com, an international leader in online family history, today announced a partnership with the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) Genealogy Center to revolutionize the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI), the world's largest and most widely used subject index for genealogy and local history literature. As part of the partnership, findmypast.com is enhancing PERSI, most notably by linking thousands of individual genealogical periodicals and resources to the index, allowing the original content to be accessed and connected digitally for the first time in the history of PERSI.

During the past 30 years, the ACPL Genealogy Center has created more than 2.5 million searchable records in PERSI, indexing every article from more than 8,000 different periodicals, including magazines, newsletters and journals, according to location, topic, surname, ethnicity and methodology. In the coming months, findmypast.com will launch the most complete version of PERSI online. Once launched, findmypast.com will work in tandem with the Genealogy Center to provide frequent updates to the collection as new entries are added.

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