

South Texas Researcher

Greetings!

Welcome to the new *South Texas Researcher*.

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. Back files will soon be added.

This newsletter is produced to keep librarians, historians, archivists, genealogists, archæologists, 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 us at genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov.



Please share this newsletter with others.



Texana/Genealogy Classes

The following classes are held at the Central Library.
600 Soledad Street

One hour free parking is available with a validated ticket.

E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Online Archives and You

Are you interested in learning what kind of archival resources are available online to assist you in doing historical research? This class will look at available local, regional and national sources and provide a list of web sites for further personal exploration.

This class will be at Connect at Central (new tech and training space on the first floor of the Central Library).

Saturday, October 12, 2013
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

History Fair Resources

A panel of librarians and archivists from libraries across the city will discuss local history resources available in their collections to help students doing History Fair project research.

Other researchers may wish to attend to see what records are held by various local institutions.

This program will be held in the Central Library Auditorium.

Tuesday, November 5, 2013
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Familysearch.org

This free genealogy database contains millions of digitized records for the United States and Mexico, as well as other countries from around the world. Join us and see how Familysearch can help you fill in the branches of your family tree.

This class will be at Connect at Central.

Saturday, November 9, 2013
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Countdown to Eternity: JFK's Last Brooks AFB Visit on Space Exploration

Rudy Purificato is an Air Force historian who was the last base historian at Brooks Air Force Base when it closed in 2002. He will discuss President Kennedy's visit to Brooks Air Force Base on November 21, 1963, mere hours before he was assassinated in Dallas the next day.

This program will be held in the Central Library Auditorium.

Saturday, October 26, 2013
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Historic Cemetery Tour **Everyone meet at 1917 East Commerce St.**

Walking into the Past: A tour of Eastside historic cemeteries

Maria Watson Pfeiffer, celebrated local historic research, will begin the tour in the City Cemetery #1 (main entrance is off of East Commerce St.) and continue through the northern part of the cemetery district including Alamo Masonic, Odd Fellows, Dignowity, St. John's Lutheran and Temple Beth El cemeteries.

Tour is free and open to the public. Dress in weather appropriate attire.

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy. * 210.207.9080
For more information, contact [Michelle Ricondo](#).

Tuesday, October 15, 2013
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

19th Century Photographs: Identification and Conservation

Local photo historian David Haynes will briefly discuss the history of photography, emphasizing the characteristics of major 19th century processes as an aid to dating your photos. Haynes will also mention some of the conditions that can cause deterioration along with some suggested actions private owners of small collections can take to minimize the effects of these problems. He encourages attendees to bring any photos that they would like to discuss to the session.

Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park * 210.207.9060

For more information, contact [Benjamin Longoria](#).

Saturday, October 19, 2013
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Discover your roots!

Texana / Genealogy staff will provide helpful tips to begin your genealogy family tree search.

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.



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.

Date: Oct 5, 2013

Speaker: L. Alan Duaine

Topic: His Father's Book, *With All Arms*

L. Alan Duaine, eldest son of Carl Duaine and a former Air Force fighter pilot and airline pilot, acted upon the oft-repeated suggestion of a second edition of his father's lifetime work, *With All Arms*, and stumbled into one of the more fulfilling adventures of an adventurous life. An aspiring writer himself, the younger Duaine found the next two years an exhilarating ride through the pages of the book. In the process of editing and revising for clarity, digging up new photographs and illustrations, and vastly expanding the index, Duaine at last came to fully appreciate the miracle that "old man Duaine" had achieved in the original. The son remains satisfied that this second edition, begun as filial duty, has, in fact, been one of the better privileges of his life. Duaine lives in Corpus Christi and Paris, France. He has three children and four grandchildren.

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:

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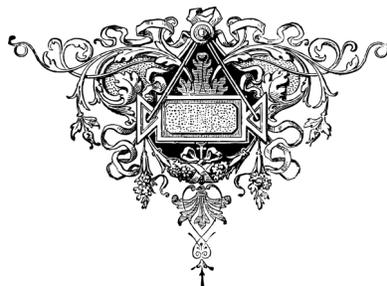
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The 201st Fighter Squadron Mexico Joins the Fight in World War II

SAN ANTONIO - In May 1942, Nazi submarines sank two Mexican oil tankers. This provocation prompted Mexican President Manuel Avila Camacho to pledge support to the Allied forces and enter the war against Germany and Japan. In meetings with United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt, they determined the war effort could best be served with fighter pilots. The result: Recruitment and mustering of personnel for the 201st Fighter Squadron that became known as the "Aztec Eagles."

The story of this small unit of Mexican pilots, largely untold and overlooked in the history books, will be on display at the **Institute of Texan Cultures, Aug. 3, 2013 - Jan. 12, 2014**. "The 201st Fighter Squadron: Mexico Joins the Fight in WWII" is curated by UTSA Art Specialist Arturo Infante Almeida and developed by researcher and English Doctoral candidate Mario Longoria.

"The exhibit features the courageous Mexican volunteers who trained and fought alongside American servicemen during World War II, and offers a rare glimpse at a moment in history that reflects the enduring tenacity of the generation that saved the world," the joint statement from Almeida and Longoria reads.

In July 1944, the 201st Fuerza Aerea Expedicionaria Mexicana (Mexican Expeditionary Air Force) arrived for training at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The unit trained on various aircraft including the P-40 Warhawk and P-47 Thunderbolt fighter planes. The unit shipped to the Philippines in April 1945, assigned to the 58th fighter Group of the 5th United States Army Air Force.

The unit flew combat missions from Porac and Clark Air Fields on the island of Luzon. Major General Charles L. Mullins, Commander, 25th Infantry Division praised the 201st for the support they provided his troops. The unit sustained five casualties during their overseas service. In recognition of their service, members were awarded many decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal, the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, and the Mexican government's Far East Service Medal of Valor. The squadron has the distinction of being Mexico's only veterans of a foreign war in the nation's history.

"ITC is pleased to be partnering in the creation of this exhibit, highlighting the contributions of our Mexican allies in World War II," said Bryan Howard, director of exhibits at the museum. "The 201st trained in Texas for a period before joining our forces in the Pacific, but it's a story few Americans have ever heard. One of the last members of the squadron passed away not long ago here in Texas, so in a way, the history of the 201st isn't just one of U.S. and Mexican cooperation during the war, it's now part of our collective Texan heritage too."

The Institute of Texan Cultures is located on the UTSA HemisFair Park Campus, 801 E. César E. Chávez Blvd., a short distance from the Alamo and the River Walk. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults (ages 12-64); \$7 for seniors (ages 65+); \$6 for children (ages 3-11); free with membership, UTSA or Alamo Colleges

identification. For more information, call 210-458-2300 or visit TexanCultures.com.

San Antonio by Decade, 1840-1849

(Continued from last issue)

McClintock, William A. "Journal of a Trip through Texas and Northern Mexico in 1846-1847." *SWHQ* 34 (1930): 36-37, 141-149.

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Moore, Francis, Jr. *MAP AND DESCRIPTION OF TEXAS*. [1840]. [917.64 Moore]

Roemer, Ferdinand. *TEXAS: WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO GERMAN IMMIGRATION*. [1846]. [976.4 Roemer]

Stapp, William. *THE PRISONERS OF PEROTE*. [1842] [976.4 Stapp]

Stiff, Edward. *THE TEXAS EMIGRANT*. [1840]. [976.4 Stiff]

TEXAS IN 1840, OR THE EMIGRANT'S GUIDE TO THE NEW REPUBLIC. [976.4 Texas]

Winkler, E.W., ed. "The Bexar and Dawson Prisoners." [1842] *QTSHA* 13 (April 1910): 294-297, 312-315, 320-322

Woll, Adrian. "Brigadier General Adrian Woll's Report of His Expedition into Texas in 1842." *SWHQ* 58 (April 1955): 523-552.

Journal Articles of Interest

Items of interest you might have missed -- available in Texana / Genealogy.

"Black Slavery Emancipation Research in the Northern States" *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 100: 4 (December 2012): 293-304

"Citizenship Matters: Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence Files at the U. S. National Archives" *Avotaynu*, 28:4 Winter, 2012): 3-7

"St. Stephen Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, Baptism Register 5" *New Orleans Genesis*, 51: 201 (January 2012): 16-28

"Records of Old Mobile Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception" [sections 11-12, Baptisms of Blacks, 1847-1855] *New Orleans Genesis*, 51: 201 (January 2012): 38-53

"Spotlight on Switzerland" *Germanic Genealogy Journal*, 15: 3 (Fall 2012): 5-17

"John and Jemima Henderson Board of Maryland and Virginia: Identifying Migrating Ancestors"

Maryland Genealogical Society Journal, 54 (2013): 7-26

"Research in Charles County" *Maryland Genealogical Society Journal*, 54 (2013): 87-104

"Fort Stephenson in the War of 1812" *Timeline*, 30:2 (April/May 2013): 24-37

"'I Was Raised Poor and Hard as Any Slave': African American Slavery in Piedmont North Carolina" *North Carolina Historical Review*, 90:1 (January 2013): 1-25

"Combating Contagion: Smallpox and the Protection of Public Health in North Carolina, 1750 to 1825" *North Carolina Historical Review*, 90:1 (January 2013): 26-48

"The U. S. Census of Agriculture: What Did My Farming Ancestors Grow?" *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 53:1 (2013): 13-16

"Guide to Digital Copies of Ohio County Histories" *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 53:1 (2013):23-38

"'The Great Negro State of the Country': Arkansas's Reconstruction and the Other Great Migration" *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, 72: 1 (Spring 2013): 1-41

Museum News

Witte Museum

3801 Broadway
San Antonio, Texas 78209
(210) 357-1900

The World Through Magic Lanterns

June 29, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Threads of South America: 2,000 Years of Textiles

October 13, 2013 - March 31, 2014

Patriotism and Pageantry: Fiesta Honors the Military

April 18, 2013 - January 6, 2014

McNay Art Museum

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

CUT! Costume and the Cinema
October 2, 2013 - January 19, 2014

San Antonio Museum of Art

200 West Jones Ave.
San Antonio, Texas 78215
(210) 978-8100

Danny Lyon: The Bikeriders
September 7, 2013 - December 1, 2013

Lethal Beauty: Samurai Weapons and Armor
September 28, 2013 - January 5, 2014

***TX★ 13: Spotlight on Texas Artists
in the Contemporary Collection***
September 5, 2013 - November 9, 2014

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 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 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 email to 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 6pm at Grady's Barbecue, 6510 San Pedro

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 or visit www.alamocityguards.com

Genealogy Roadshow on PBS Continues

Genealogy Roadshow, based on the hit Irish series of the same name, debuted at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, on PBS.

Genealogy Roadshow features participants who have unique claims and storylines: Two Nashville participants have documents they believe make them distant cousins of a famous 19th Century frontiersman and folk hero. A woman in Detroit wanted to learn more about deceased members of her Polish family and found common bonds she never knew existed. A Hispanic woman in Austin wanted to learn whether or not she had a connection to the "Daughters of the Republic of Texas." Over the course of the series, participants will be reunited with family members they never knew existed, and other story lines reveal surprising turns and dark secrets, including one participant's lineage that is traced back to a gruesome murder.

Genealogy Roadshow airs Mondays through October 14, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

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