

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.

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

Visiting the Courthouse: Introduction to County Records

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014, 6:30 – 7:30PM

Where: Central Library, Texana/Genealogy (sixth floor)

Join us as we explore county courthouses and the genealogical information you can expect to find there. Learn how deeds, tax records, naturalization records, wills and probate information, and other records are indexed and how you can use them to unlock your family history.

Exploring Genealogy Databases

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014, 2 – 3:30PM

Where: Central Library - Connect Space (first floor)

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!

Registration is required for both classes.

Call 207-2500 and ask for Genealogy or email us at the above email address.

Free parking Tuesday evenings in all City owned garages and lots!

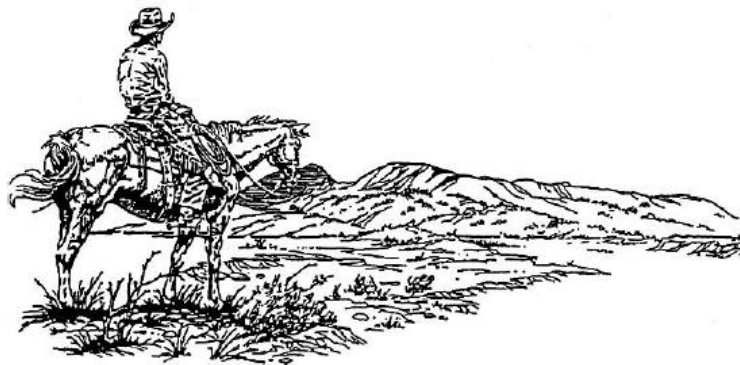


SOUTHWEST VAQUEROS

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.

For the June Meeting

Date: August 2, 2014

Speaker: Jesse O. Villareal, Sr.

Topic: His New Book, Tejano Patriots of the American Revolution, 1776-1783, Volume 2

Jesse O. Villarreal Sr. is an author, historian, genealogist and a member of our Society. He has won many awards for his book, Tejano Patriots of the American Revolution, 1776-1783.

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 and Calendar of Events

Witte Museum

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

*Fairytale Fiesta
through 24 August 2014*

*Julian Onderdonk in New York: The Lost Years, the Lost Paintings
through 9 September 2014*

McNay Art Museum

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

*Paul Strand: The Mexican Portfolio
4 June through 24 August 2014*

*Beauty Reigns: A Baroque Sensibility in Recent Painting
11 June through 17 August 2014*

*Matisse and Picasso: A Friendly Rivalry
18 June through 10 August 2014*

San Antonio Museum of Art

**200 West Jones Ave
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 978-8100**

*The Art Books of Henri Matisse
21 June 2014 through 7 September 2014*

*Matisse: Life in Color
14 June 2014 through 7 September 2014*

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

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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	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	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.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2014



August 27-30, 2014 - San Antonio, Texas
with local co-hosts

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
and the Texas State Genealogical Society

Gather with the nation's genealogists in historic San Antonio, Texas, for the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2014 Conference, Gone to Texas!

Join us August 27-30, 2014, as together we experience four days of genealogical learning, networking, and discovery, deep in the heart of Texas. Our local co-hosts for 2014 are the Texas State Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Together we will continue our tradition of providing exceptional educational opportunities for genealogists from across the nation and beyond.



Conveniently located in downtown San Antonio, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will host the conference's workshops, lectures, and exhibit hall.

200 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

REGISTRATION

Texas in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries – Some Basic Sources

Alessio Robles, Vito

Coahuila y Tejas en la Epoca Colonial

[Texana 976.4 Alessio]

Arricivita, Juan Domingo

Apostolic Chronicle of Juan Domingo Arricivita: The Franciscan Mission Frontier in the Eighteenth Century in Arizona, Texas, and the Californias

[Texana 266.2092 Arricivita]

Bancroft, Hubert

History of the North Mexican States and Texas

[Texana 976.4 Bancroft]

Bolton, Herbert E.

Texas in the Middle Eighteenth Century

[Texana 976.4 Bolton]

Buck, Samuel

Yanaguana's Successors: The Story of the Canary Islanders' Immigration into Texas in the Eighteenth Century [Texana 976.4 Buck]

Castaneda, Carlos

Our Catholic Heritage in Texas

[Texana 976.4 Castaneda]

Hughes, Anne E.

The Beginnings of Spanish Settlement in the El Paso District

[Texana 976.4 Hughes]

San Antonio in the Eighteenth Century

[Texana 976.41 San]

Gerald E. Poyo and Gilberto M. Hinojosa, eds.

Tejano Origins in Eighteenth-century San Antonio

[Texana 976.4351 Tejano]

Weber, David, ed.

New Spain's Far Northern Frontier: Essays on Spain in the American West, 1540-1821

[Genealogy 979 New Spain]

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

Ancestry is an excellent genealogy resource, but its member trees? Not so much.

Writing in *The Jersey Journal*, Daniel Klein describes his experiences with Ancestry.com's member-contributed family trees. He describes the problem caused by novice genealogists using information from a reasonably reputable source (The US Census) and applying it to the wrong person. Now other people have accepted this erroneous information as gospel and it perpetuates over and over.

FamilySearch adds more than 1.7 Indexed Records and Images to Canada, Croatia, Peru, Poland and the United States.

FamilySearch has added more than 1.7 million indexed records and images to collections from Canada, Croatia, Peru, Poland, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 1,160,179 indexed records from the United States, Hawaii, Honolulu Passenger Lists, 1900–1953, collection; the 50,858 indexed records from the Peru, Cusco, Civil Registration, 1889–1997, collection; and the 99,950 indexed records from United States, Panama Canal Zone, Employment Records and Sailing lists, 1905–1937, collection. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at FamilySearch.org.

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Please submit information and articles to the above e-mail.
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 October 2014 by 15 September
 November 2014 by 15 October