



## South Texas Researcher

September 2015

### Texana / Genealogy



#### **San Antonio Public Library Texana / Genealogy**

Find Texana / Genealogy online by visiting [mysapl.org/texana](http://mysapl.org/texana). Here you will find the *On this day in San Antonio* blog, past issues of *South Texas Researcher*, information about upcoming classes and guides to help you in your genealogy research.

Texana / Genealogy Department is located on the sixth floor of the Central Library, 600 Soledad 78205. The department is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays:

Tuesday	12:00pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	12:00pm - 8:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm



#### **Library Guides from Texana / Genealogy**

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
- HeritageQuest Online
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- Jewish Genealogy
- King James Bible
- La Meri
- Local History
- Texas History

## Events & Classes

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### Using American Ancestors

Learn how to use the library database American Ancestors hosted by the New England Historic Genealogical Society and see how it can help you in doing family history research.

Registration is required.

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 2 p.m.**

#### Central Library

600 Soledad

Call 210.207.2500 to register or if you need more information. (Ask for Texana)



### American Ancestors

New England Historic Genealogical Society - Founded 1845



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### Introducing Family Tree Maker

The Igo Genealogy Club welcomes T. Scott Atkinson, from the Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group of the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society. He will be demonstrating the Family Tree Maker software, which will help you organize your genealogical research into lovely charts and reports.

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 2 p.m.**

#### Igo Library

13330 Kyle Seale Parkway, 78249

Call 210.207.9080 for more information.



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### Exploring HeritageQuest

The HeritageQuest database has recently been expanded and is now available to use from

home! Join Generations," the genealogy club at the new Encino branch library to learn how to utilize the new interface and the useful features of this powerful database

**Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 3 p.m.**

**Parman Library at Stone Oak**

20735 Wilderness Oak

Call 210.207.2703 for more information.



**Gallista: Joe Lopez**

Join us as artist Joe Lopez describes life in "El Barrio Escondido," a "hidden" neighborhood on the edge of Alamo Heights on the verge of being forgotten. Inspiration from growing up in this environment materializes in the colorful depictions of his works, featured in museums throughout Texas and on the cover of the CD "*Taquachito Night*".



Come and hear his captivating story where adversary is met with triumph...[www.gallistagallery.com](http://www.gallistagallery.com)

**Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Central Library Auditorium**

600 Soledad Street

Call 210.207.2500 for more information.

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## New Publications

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Brewers of North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas  
(GENEALOGY 929.2 BREWER)

Pulaski County, Virginia, Deaths, 1853-1870  
(GENEALOGY 975.5 PULASKI)

Baxter County, Arkansas Marriage Records, 1887-1893  
(GENEALOGY 976.2 BAXTER)

Tennessee Divorces, 1797-1858  
(GENEALOGY 976.8 BAMMAN)

Index to Wilson County, Tennessee Wills and Administrations, 1802 to 1861  
(GENEALOGY 976.8 WILSON)

Monroe County, Kentucky, Marriages, 1799-1842  
(GENEALOGY 976.9 MONROE)

Calhoun County, Arkansas Marriage Records, 1851-1879  
(GENEALOGY 976.7 CALHOUN)

LBJ and Grassroots Federalism: Congressman Bob Poage, Race and Change in Texas  
(TEXANA 320.60978 DUKE)

Texas State Parks and the CCC: The Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps  
(TEXANA 333.8 BRANDIMARTE)

Pesos and Dollars: Entrepreneurs in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands, 1880-1940  
(TEXANA 338.04097 DEWEY)

Chasing Thugs, Nazis and Reds: Texas Ranger Norman K. Dixon  
(TEXANA 363.20976 DIXON)

Footprints in Aggieland: Remembrances of a Veteran Fundraiser  
(TEXANA 378.76424 WALKER BIOGRAPHY)

Bad Company and Burnt Powder: Justice and Injustice in the Old Southwest  
(TEXANA 976.03 ALEXANDER)

The Storm of the Century  
(TEXANA 976.4139 ROKER)

The Hogeye Clovis Cache  
(TEXANA 976.432 WATERS)

Chili Queen: Mi Historia by Guadalupe Perez  
(TEXANA FICTION MARTINELLA)

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## Community Partners

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### Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Meetings are normally held at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library Auditorium. Visitors are 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 September Meeting

**Date:** September 5, 2015

**Speaker:** Joe Perez

**Topic:** General Galvez and Spain's Assistance in the American Revolution

Joe Perez is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and is married with two adult children. Joe has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years and the past four years as a Homeland Security Coordinator for the Postal Inspection Service. Mr. Perez has been a member of the Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez for over 20 years and currently serves as the Governor of San Antonio Chapter.

His father and mother were founding members of the organization, he and his wife are longtime members and his daughter is now a third-generation Dama de Gálvez and currently serves as the Secretary.

Mr. Perez has learned much by being a member of the Granaderos and now enjoys giving presentations to educate the public about Spain's contributions to the American Revolution.

**Note:** 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 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There is no charge to use the Library and one need not be a member of the Society.

#### Help for the beginning genealogists:

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:

<a href="#">Dennis Moreno</a>	210.647.5607
<a href="#">Yolanda Patiño</a>	210.434.3530



#### Southwest Vaqueros Third Tuesday Meetings

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

**SOUTHWEST  
VAQUEROS**

**Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm**

Papa Dante's Italian Restaurant  
8607 FM 1976  
Converse, TX 78109

Call 210.418.4087 or email [jtolleson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtolleson@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



### **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. Cost is \$5.00 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 210.342.5242 or click on the "Ask Us" button on the website for reservations.

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 San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library is located at 911 Melissa Drive, off Blanco Rd, outside Loop 410 and is open Monday 10am - 4pm, Wednesday 10 am -9pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sunday 1 - 5pm. 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.txsaghs.org](http://www.txsaghs.org)



### **Los Tejanos**

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#) presents an exhibit on the Tejano experience. A thematic approach to 500 years of history, the exhibit draws upon major themes in Tejano life: migration, making a living, struggles for inclusion, and cultural traditions.



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### **Our Part of Victory**

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

September 2, 2015 - December 7, 2016

September 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Along with a massive civilian effort on the home front, some 750,000 Texans served during the war. This pivotal point in history shaped the direction of future global development, and brought great changes to Texas. "Our Part of Victory" explores the role of Texans during World War II, and sheds light on the impact it had on the Lone Star State.

Texas was a major supplier of war materials, including aircraft and ships. Some Texans, such

as Audie Murphy and Dory Miller were lauded for heroism, while others simply carried on the fight. Hundreds of pilots from allied nations trained in Texas. On the home front, thousands of Texas women worked in factories, while Boy Scouts and other youth organizations organized scrap drives for vital war materials. Through artifacts, images, anecdotes, and audio and video clips, Our Part of Victory will chronicle lesser known Texas involvements and contributions to World War II.

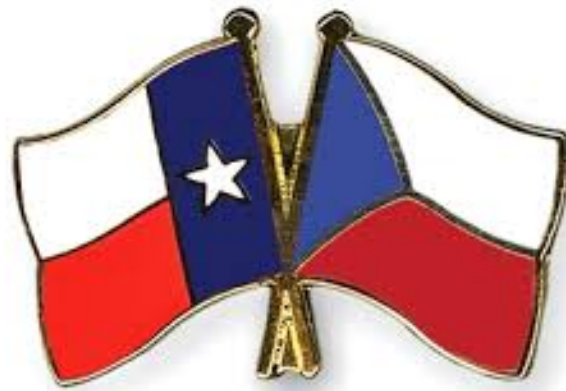


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### **Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition**

Also at [The Institute of Texan Cultures](#):  
June 4, 2015 - September 18, 2015

Immigrants from around the world have settled in the Lone Star state, each contributing to its unique and dynamic culture. Now the sights and sounds of Czech culture, found throughout Texas on any given day, have inspired an educational exhibition, "Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition." Through engaging narrative text, colorful photography, objects, and films, the exhibition highlights the vibrancy of Texas Czech culture in the 21st century. Presented by PolkaWorks





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**Discover the Ice Age**  
23 May - 7 September 2015

**Bodies Revealed**  
opens October 3

**Richard Duardo: Maestro of Pop**  
1 July - 6 September 2015

**Recycled, Repurposed, Reborn**  
10 June - 6 September 2015

**Lesley Dill: Performance as Art**  
10 June - 6 September 2015

**Merida's Mexico**  
3 June - 6 September 2015

**Raíces Americanas: Recent Acquisitions of Pre-Columbian Art**  
now on view

**Miguel Covarrubias: Culture and Caricature**  
18 July - 18 October 2015

**28 Chinese**  
5 September 2015 - 3 January 2016

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## RIDERS ON THE ORPHAN TRAINS

A Conference and Sharing Session  
at TCHCC's Bill and Betty Melnar Library, La Grange, Texas  
Located next to the Fayette County Fairgrounds  
SATURDAY, October 31, 2015 9 am to 7:30 pm  
Free registration/RSVP encouraged

Open to anyone who would like to share their stories of friends or relatives who were riders on the orphan train, as well as descendants, historians and genealogists.

The National Orphan Train Museum is interested in documenting your family stories, which are an important part of our history. To schedule a video interview, please contact Alison Moore at orphantrain99@yahoo.com.



Photo Courtesy of the National Orphan Train Complex

### SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 9:00-11:00 am Scheduled video interviews with Alison Moore
- 11:00-12:15 pm Opening Session, Multimedia presentation by Alison Moore
- 12:15 pm Lunch provided - Vegetable and Chicken Noodle Soup and Sandwich + kolač, Coffee, Tea, Crackers \$10 (RSVP/pay at the door)  
OR Brown Bag it.
- 1:00-5:00 pm Presentation by Elaine Smith regarding the RESEARCH OF THE descendants of Lawrence Bartosh from Weimar  
Afternoon presentations, Q&A, story sharing and research tips
- 5:00 pm Dinner on your own (visit many of the area restaurants)
- 6:30-7:30 pm Optional sessions/sharing and additional video interviewing

**PLEASE BRING PHOTOS, RECORDS, ANY SURVIVING MEMENTOS OF NEW YORK  
FOUNDLING HOME CORRESPONDENCE.**

RSVP for the conference by contacting Alison Moore at orphantrain99@yahoo.com

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TCHCC at info@czechTEXAS.org or 888-785-4500 (www.czechTEXAS.org)

RSVP for lunch \$10 by contacting TCHCC (may pay at the door)

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## German-Texan Heritage Society Conference September 3-5, 2015 - Austin, Texas

Join us for the Sept. 3-5, 2015 German Texan Heritage Society Conference in Austin, TX. We have an exciting schedule of speakers, discussion groups, demonstrations, walking and riding

tours.

Registration and Conference details at GTHS website: [www.GermanTexans.org](http://www.GermanTexans.org).

Questions?

e-mail: [info@germantexans.org](mailto:info@germantexans.org), or call (512) 467-4569; toll free: (855) 892-6691.

We will kick-off the Conference with early registration on Thurs. 5 to 7pm at the historic German Free School (GTHS headquarters), 507 E. 10th St. In addition, we are inviting any GFS descendant of the Trustees, Teachers, or Students to attend this social event. There will be special displays related to the historic German Free School (1857-1876).

A special night at the Austin Saengerrunde (dinner, dancing, socializing) is available as a separate event for GTHS Conference attendees on Friday evening (\$25/person). Conference attendees will receive welcome bags, and tickets for drawing of over 35 door prizes. Hope to see you in Austin!

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## SNAC - Social Networks and Archival Content

### *Addressing a Longstanding Research Challenge*

The Social Networks and Archival Context (SNAC) Project is addressing a longstanding research challenge: discovering, locating, and using distributed historical records. Scholars use these records as primary evidence for understanding the lives and work of historical persons and the events in which they participated.

SNAC focuses mostly on the lives of historical persons, not on the general public. It may not help find the farmers, craftsmen, merchants, housewives, and other "common folk" in our family trees. However, if your ancestor was a person of some fame, SNAC could provide a lot of information about his or her life and work.

The records being collected and catalogued are held in archives and manuscript libraries, large and small, around the world. Scholars previously needed to search scores of different archives one by one, following clues, hunches, and leads to find the records relevant to their topic. Furthermore, descriptive practices may differ from one archive or library to another. The research is time consuming and inefficient: clues and leads may be easily overlooked and important resources undiscovered. SNAC hopes to make the process more efficient, reducing the time required for scholars to find the information they seek.

The two-year pilot phase of the Cooperative is generously funded by a \$1 million grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the University of Virginia. Other partners are also contributing information and expertise, including the National Archives and Records Administration, the University of Virginia, and the California Digital Library, as well as a cross-

section of U.S. archives, libraries, and museums.

SNAC is in its formative stages today. There is not a lot of material available yet. However, the collection promises to grow and grow so it may become a valuable addition to a genealogist's toolkit.

<http://socialarchive.iath.virginia.edu/>

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## Back Up Your Genealogy Files!

It is the first of the month. It's time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups! Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule. The first day of the month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first day of every month, if not more often. Of course, you might want to back up more than your genealogy files. Family photographs, your checkbook register, all sorts of word processing documents, email messages, and much more need to be backed up regularly. Why not do that on the first day of each month?



## From the Archives

### Secession Times in Texas (part two) - James P. Newcomb - 1863

#### WHO ARE GUILTY OF THE SIN OF THIS REBELLION

We must in the outset rid ourselves of that sophistry, which should now become obsolete even among politicians, that this rebellion grew out of real antagonistic interest and feeling between the two sections, for it did not; as well say the schemes of Aaron Burr were the result of sectional antipathy. This rebellion was the fruit of the labor of bad, ambitious men who have been at work since 1832. That they have used the curse of the nation, slavery, as a lever, exciting fanaticism North and South, is true; that State rights were advocated to weaken and ultimately destroy the Federal government, is also true; but that the negro, or conflict of State rights with the Federal authority, caused this rebellion, is false. Slavery would have worked its own redemption in time; state rights, was too fine a question to become dangerous simply in the hands of the people; commerce was daily binding us in closer union and putting beyond peradventure the possibility of the American people, brothers in blood, progeny of the same ancestors, heirs alike of Republican liberty, and the same in genius, to produce two antagonistic nationalities, simply by the influence of climate. In the lapse of time men are apt to forget the truth and become careless of a fact - with the conspirators of the South lies the sin of this rebellion, and it will stick to them like the shirt of Nessus, through all time - they cannot escape history. Therefore it would be false to assume that the people of the South, or even a respectable minority, planned this rebellion or wished it; they were deceived and dragged into it by an organization of traitors who have for years been laying their plans and undermining the integrity of the nation. And there may be a time in the history of a free and intelligent people, when they will let their

liberties slip from them without having resolutions enough to put forth an arm to prevent it

## THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SECESSION

To political corruption may be traced the main source of all our national troubles and misfortunes, and as that political corruption could only be potent for mischief by being in the ascendancy, we can safely point to the immaculate Democratic party as the main agent if not the author of this rebellion. Long prior to the rebellion no doubt, its old principles had been abandoned or lost under accumulated corruption, and its management fallen into the hands of unprincipled and designing men; and blind adherence to party leaders was substituted for the test of honesty and patriotism, - from being the exponent and guardian of the peoples' rights, it became the profligate and bankrupt of the nation. Had that party been at all pure, secession could never have happened, as it ruled the country through a series of years long enough to have made permanent forever the integrity of the Union; but instead of strengthening the general government; instead of adding pillars of strength to the Union, it dissipated the central power; it became entangled amidst the subtleties of States' Rights; it became radical instead of liberal, sectional instead of national - the champion of slaver - and finally the great level used by conspirators of the South to turn up the glaring face of Rebellion; and oh shades of Jefferson and Jackson, it still exists in the loyal States, the asylum of *copperheads*.

A running review of the history of democracy and secession in Texas, will apply generally to every Southern State. From its birth as a Republic, Texas was sternly democratic; her first political impulses were given under the guidance of such men as Houston and Rush, disciples of Jackson. The democratic party was omnipotent, and in later times became proportionably [sic] corrupt; fire-eaters of the Wigfall, Runnels and Marshall stripe obtained the control; Houston, Hamilton and other prominent men who saw through their treasonable designs, took opposite ground, and it is to be regretted at too late a period and with too little system. Still, many good men stuck to that party with a strange infatuation, until engulfed in treason.

In 1856, "Know Nothing" "Sam" partially aroused the people to a sense of the corruption and disloyalty of the Democracy, and despite the imperfections of that strange political crusade, so little virtue was left in the Democratic party that it came near upsetting its power. But "Sam" was silenced and driven from the political arena by the lying, villainous leaders of the Democracy, who held up their hands in holy horror against a secret, political organization in a free country, and called on the people in the name of liberty and Union to discountenance it, (these very men in 1860 organized and sustained the "Knights of the Golden Circle," a secret, armed society of traitors.) In the Gubernatorial contest of 1857, Ge. Houston, deservedly the most popular man in Texas, was brought out to oppose the nominee of the democratic convention, Dick Runnels, a fire-eater, and pliant tool of the conspirators. After a hot campaign, General Houston was shamefully beaten by 10,000 votes; this evinced the power of the democracy. In 1858, presuming upon their success in the election of Runnels, they attempted to nominate candidates for judicial position, and a vacancy occurring on the supreme bench of the State, they nominated Mr. Buckley, a man of notoriously bad character and disunion proclivities. The people became alarmed, and Buckley was defeated by a crushing majority by Judge Bell, a gentleman of splendid talents and outspoken Union sentiments.

[To Be Continued...](#)



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- November 2015 by October 15
- December 2015 by November 15

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