



## South Texas Researcher

April 2017

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



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

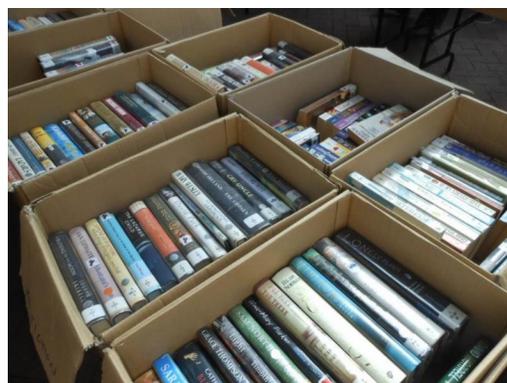
The Library Guides are subject bibliographies with a current twist-databases, websites, event schedule, blogs, as well as books. The department now has the following guides on the library's website under *Resources*:

- 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
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I



## Friends of Texana Book Sale

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy will be offering for sale a huge selection of both Texana and Genealogy books at great prices! Come early for the best selection.



**Saturday, 1 April, 2017, 10:00-2:00 p.m.**

### Central Library - Gallery

600 Soledad Street

Call 210.207.2500 for more information.

## The Mysterious Charles Kama

Join us as local musician and researcher Hank Harrison tells about the interesting life of Charles Kama Valera, singer, songwriter, successful businessman, multi-instrumentalist, bandleader, recording artist and star of radio, TV and stage in San Antonio for over 40 years



**Saturday, April 15, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

### Central Library Auditorium

600 Soledad Street

Call 210.207.2500 for more information.

## Hunting Down Your House History

Interested in the history of your home? When was it built? Who lived there before you? Join us and learn about the research sources and techniques available for answering these questions and more.



**Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 2:00 p.m.**

### Igo Branch Library

13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy 78249

Call 210.207.9080 for more information.



Tartan for Me!: Suggested Tartans for Scottish, Irish, Scotch-Irish, Irish and North American Surnames with Lists of Clans, Family and District Tartans  
GENEALOGY 929.6094 SMITH

De Porfirio Díaz A Zapata: Memoria Náhuatl de Milpa Alta  
TEXANA 897.45 JIMENEZ BIOGRAFIA

Explore Texas: A Nature Travel Guide  
TEXANA 917.6404 PARKER

Texas Ranger: The Epic Life of Frank Hamer, the Man Who Killed Bonnie and Clyde  
TEXANA 363.2092 HAMER BIOGRAPHY

No Hope for Heaven, No Fear of Hell  
TEXANA 976.4253 KEARNEY

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## Community Partners



### 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.

**Date:** April 1, 2017

**Speaker:** Ed Mata

**Topic:** "Saltillo and beyond the Unguided Tour"

Ed Mata, LBGHS' president, will speak on his recent trip to Saltillo, Mexico to attend the Bi-national History Conference, that was took place in Ramos Arizpe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico on March 10-11, 2017.

#### **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:

[Dennis Moreno](#) 210.647.5607

[Yolanda Patiño](#) 210.434.3530





## Canary Islands Descendants Association

The Canary Islands Descendants Association's monthly meetings are open to the public. Association membership is not required to attend. There is a guest speaker at each meeting that shares information about historical events, facts or other related information on Texas, San Antonio or the Canary Islands.

### Event Details:

- Every third Saturday between January 21, 2017 and November 18, 2017
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Free

### Venue:

- San Fernando Hall
- 231 West Commerce Street
- San Antonio, TX 78205
- 210-538-0905

### EVENT PRESENTED BY:

- Canary Islands Descendants Association
- [cida.satx@gmail.com](mailto:cida.satx@gmail.com)
- <http://www.cida-sa.org>



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### 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,



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**5th Annual San Antonio Book Festival**  
[San Antonio Central Library](#)  
8 April 2017

2017 marks the 5th anniversary of the San Antonio Book Festival, a free and family-friendly festival that will feature over 100 local, regional and national authors.

Children's authors, activities, and book sales and signing will take place in the Southwest School of Art McNutt Garden and Copper Kitchen where the Magik Theatre will also perform. Young Adult writers will be in the Coates Chapel at the Southwest School of Art and "Geektown" along Augusta and Giraud Streets will host activities

and book sales and signing, the Fiction Contest award ceremony, a poetry slam, and more. Book sales and signing for adult and cookbook authors will be along Augusta Street. A variety of exhibitors will be in the Festival Marketplace in the parking lot of the Southwest School of Art, along with food truck vendors.

There will also be a free writing workshop for teens, facilitated by the Barrio Writers, in the Teen Library at Central.

These are just a few highlights from what is sure to be an amazing and inspiring event. More information is available at the Book Festival's website: [saplf.org/festival](http://saplf.org/festival).



**Branch Location** Central Library

**Address** 600 Soledad  
San Antonio, TX 78205

**Phone** (210) 207-2500

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**The Upshaws of County Line**  
[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)  
11 March - 30 April 2017

The UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures will open a new exhibit following descendants of emancipated slaves through 25 years of life in County Line, an East Texas Freedom Colony.



Following emancipation, communities of former slaves began to spring up across the South. Guss, Felix and Jim Upshaw founded the Freedom Colony known as County Line, where they and other newly freed peoples carved out new lives and raised families amidst an ever-evolving society.

Photographer Richard Orton of Nacogdoches, Texas, documented descendants of County Line's original pioneers, still living in the town these many generations later. The exhibit

includes 30 images, conveying the contemporary experience of life in a freedom colony. The exhibit is made possible through a partnership with Stephen F. Austin State University's School of Art Galleries.

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**1000 Parks and a Line in the Sky**  
[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)  
21 October 2016 - 16 April 2017



"1000 Parks and a Line in the Sky: Broadway, Avenue of the Future," is a design vision by Antonio Petrov, UTSA assistant professor of architecture, and the "think/do-tank" he has established in the College of Architecture, Construction and Planning. The exhibit features a 50-foot-long model of Broadway, a street that has the potential to become San Antonio's great urban avenue.

Recent developments on Broadway, such as the Museum Reach and the Pearl, and renewed interest in the street's future have generated much discussion about what becoming an "urban" city actually means. In its present state, however, nearly fifty percent of Broadway's urban landscape is flanked by parking space while nearly all spaces along the corridor are tied to businesses, leaving almost no public space for people to gather as citizens without being consumers.

Petrov has conducted extensive research on Broadway and proposes a linear park system, comprised of unused interstitial spaces found along the street, and a skyride that connects the airport to Travis Park. Many residents and visitors to San Antonio remember experiencing the city from the sky between the 1960s and 1990s on the Brackenridge Park skyride. Inspired by this local history, he explores possible future directions for urban development, public parks, and alternative transportation systems using the Broadway corridor as a model.

The interactive installation focuses on public input, while associated public events, roundtable discussions, photo collection events, and educational programming will bridge the past and future of Broadway to help the community imagine its new identity. Visitors are also able to experience a nostalgic moment by taking a seat in a gondola from the original Brackenridge skyride.

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**Texans One and All**  
[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)



Texans One and All examines the stories and customs of more than 20 of the original cultural groups who settled in Texas. It is the people that make Texas the great state that it is. Guests will:

- Learn Wendish wedding customs
- Read the story of the Lebanese pack peddler
- Learn to write Chinese numbers
- Hear the stories of Japanese American intern camp detainees
- See the Czech polka

- Hear the blowing of the Jewish shofar
- Read the stories of black Texans including baseball player Frank Robinson and Pearl Harbor hero Doris Miller
- See how early Swedish Texans lived
- Walk through today's Tejano story
- Learn what Danish Texan sculpted Mount Rushmore

And much more! The exhibit will change as the museum updates content and specific areas of the exhibit floor.

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## 13th Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar

The Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Texas announces the 13th Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Guest Speaker - Dr. Michael Lacopo

Kronkosky Place, 17 Old San Antonio Road, Boerne, TX 78006

Back By Popular Demand!

Dr. Michael Lacopo was born and raised in northern Indiana. He started doing genealogical research as a hobby in 1980 to verify family stories he had always heard. In 1991 Michael completed his doctorate in veterinary medicine. In 2013, he retired from his medical career to pursue genealogical research as a full-time profession. Michael has contributed to numerous periodicals and is a popular and respected speaker both nationally and internationally. His interests and strengths include Mennonite and European research. You can follow Michael's research adventures at his blog at [Roots4U.blogspot.com](http://Roots4U.blogspot.com).

After an exciting and successful seminar in 2016, the seminar participants voted to have Dr. Lacopo return in 2017, and he graciously accepted. We are looking forward to another day of engaging presentations. Breakfast, snacks, and lunch are included in the registration fee, and door prizes will be handed out during the day. We will have an Open House Meet and Greet the night before the seminar at The Family History Place that is free for all seminar registrants.

Topics:

1. Incorporating Social History into your Research
2. Using Tax Records for genealogical Problem Solving
3. I've had my DNA Tested...Now What?
4. Using Internet Indexes and Search Engines: Navigating the Pitfalls of the Digital Age to find your Ancestors

Registration is now open

For more information, and to sign-up now, visit <http://gskctx.org/cpage.php?pt=66>

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## Austin Genealogical Society Annual Seminar

AGS 2017 Seminar features master genealogist Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, in two workshops and one day-long seminar.

One of the top genealogists in the U.S., Thomas W. Jones is known for his personal genealogy and writing, his masterful texts (considered genealogy requirements), and his teaching abilities. Join Thomas and Austin genealogists for two days of learning to jumpstart solutions to your genealogical mysteries.

**April 28** - Friday afternoon - Workshops: 1:00 - 2:15 p.m., "Census, Census-Substitute, and Name-List Strategies: Analysis, Interpretation, and Correlation." and 2:45-4:00 p.m., "Correlating Sources, Information, and Evidence to Solve Genealogical Problems." (Workshop registration is available to members only until March 15.)

**April 29** - Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thomas will cover four significant topics: "Using Autosomal DNA to Solve a Family Mystery," "Creating a Family History of Lasting Value," "Finding 'Unfindable' Ancestors," and "Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your Ancestor's European Origin"

Registration includes gift bag for first 100 to register, light breakfast & beverages, and DOOR PRIZES. Optional box lunch can be ordered with registration (no later than April 22.)

Check the AGS website for more information and to register:

<http://www.austintxgensoc.org/seminar/>



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San Antonio Museum of Art

**[Above and Beyond  
Presented by Boeing](#)**

18 February - 7 May 2017

**[Sur Papier: Works on Paper  
by Renoir, Chagall and Other  
French Moderns](#)**

25 January - 21 May 2017

**[Julian Onderdonk and the  
Texas Landscape](#)**

20 January 2016 - 23 April  
2017

**[Texas Art of Early Days to  
Now: The Witte Collection](#)**

6 Oct 2016 - 29 May 2017

**[Broadway: 100 Years of  
Musical Theater](#)**

18 January - 18 June 2017

**[The Magic of Clay and Fire:  
Japanese Contemporary  
Ceramics](#)**

14 Dec. 2016 - Fall 2017

**[Rudolf Staffel: Gathering  
Light](#)**

6 Oct. 2016 - 29 May 2017

**[LP to MP3: The Original Cast  
Recording](#)**

18 January - 18 June 2017

**[Of Country and Culture](#)**

24 Feb. - 14 May 2017

**[Leigh Anne Lester: A Variety  
of Forms Recovering from  
Transubstantiated Clarity](#)**

4 August 2016 - 30 June 2017

**[Carlos Merida: Selections  
from the Permanent  
Collection](#)**

8 July 2016 - August 2017

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## News



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### Texas, Bexar County, San Antonio Cemetery Records, 1893-2007

Miscellaneous cemetery records from the city of San Antonio, Texas are available on

FamilySearch. Records from the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Old City Cemetery, and San Jose Burial Park are included. Original records are in the custody of the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.

They are available to view here: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1828544>

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## Matagorda County School Texas, Matagorda County, School Census Records, 1923-1946

School census records for Matagorda County, Texas have also been added to FamilySearch. Records are arranged by year, race ("colored" and "white") and then alphabetically by surname. Additional images will be published to this collection as they become available.

They are available to view here: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1390096>

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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?

### How Many Backup Copies of Important Files Do You Need?

Here's the old data center 3-2-1 rule-of-thumb for backing up:

- 3 copies of anything you care about - Two isn't enough if it's important.
- 2 different formats - Example: Dropbox plus DVDs or Hard Drive plus Memory Stick or CD plus Crash Plan, or more
- 1 off-site backup - If the house burns down, how will you get your memories back?



## From the Archives

### Trying to Find Where Alamo Heroes Buried

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Commissioner Lambert Would Erect a Suitable Memorial on Spot

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REPORTS NOT ACCURATE

## **Public Ceremony Held, But History is Silent as to Location of Grave**

Commissioner Ray Lambert has undertaken the task of finding out where rest the bones of Travis, Bowie, Crockett and the brave men who perished with them in the fall of the Alamo. If he is successful in located the spot it is his purpose to erect there a suitable memorial which he believes would be a shrine to all Texans. History is silent on the burial place of the heroes of the Alamo and the traditions which have been handed down are conflicting.

"The least that San Antonio, and Texas for that matter, could do," said Mr. Lambert, "Is to erect a memorial over the place where the bones and ashes of these men are buried. I have often wondered by some such step was not taken and in discussing it with Mayor Brown the other day he suggested that we endeavor to find the grave and mark it in some suitable manner.

### **Bodies Were Burned**

When in Austin recently Mayor Brown consulted authorities on Texas history but could find nothing that would show definitely where these bones were buried. This much we know: after the fortress fell on March 6, 1836, the bodies of the victims were gathered up and burned in two pyres in front of the Alamo. That is as far as recorded history goes. It is known, however, that following the Battle of San Jacinto, after most of the Texans had returned to their homes, the bones and ashes were gathered up and buried with appropriate ceremonies. Nothing of which we have learned, however, discloses the exact location of that grave.

Some thirty years ago Colonel Seguin, then a man past 80 years of age, wrote a letter in which he stated that he, with others, had gathered up the bones of the Alamo heroes and that they were buried at the foot of the altar in San Fernando Cathedral. Dignitaries of the Catholic Church have declared that they have no records showing that the bones of the Alamo heroes were buried in the cathedral.

Not long ago, a copy of a paper was discovered, known as the Texas Telegraph, which was published here in 1837. In this was an account of the funeral ceremonies held over the bones and ashes of the Alamo heroes . It tells with great particularity how these ashes were gathered up, placed in a coffin and taken to the San Fernando Cathedral. Here there was a religious service and it was followed by a procession. The article details the line of march together with the names of the military, religious and civil dignitaries who took part in that procession. It is stated that on the lid of the coffin were engraved the names of Crockett, Bowie, Travis and, I think several of the others who lost their lives in the storming of the Alamo.

### **Public Ceremony Held**

Somewhere on what is now the Alamo Plaza Park, a general public ceremony was held. Colonel Seguin and others were among the speakers and there was a large crowd present. The article closes with the statement that following the ceremony the 'remains were buried,' leaving out the very important feature as to just where this occurred. Now, it has been suggested that when Colonel Seguin wrote that the bones were buried in an urn at the foot of the altar in the San Fernando Cathedral he may have remembered only that first religious ceremony. True, the funeral procession may have returned to the Cathedral but there is a tradition that they were taken to the cemetery then located on East Commerce Street.

Now, it has occurred to us that among the old people living in or about San Antonio there must be many who either attended that ceremony or whose parents have told them about it. It is possible there are several here who know where that grave is and if that article in the Texas Telegraph is correct it could be identified by the coffin with the names of the illustrious ones on that lid. I will appreciate it if anyone having this

information will communicate with me. That grave should be marked with an appropriate memorial for it will be a shrine as long as the heroic history of Texas is read."

***San Antonio Express***  
***Sunday, March 25, 1917***



The South Texas Researcher is a publication of the San Antonio Public Library Texana/Genealogy department. For more information, or to submit program information for an upcoming issue, email [genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov) by the deadline provided:

- May 2017 by April 15
- June 2017 by May 15
- July 2017 by June 15

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