



South Texas Researcher

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Texana / Genealogy



San Antonio Public Library Texana / Genealogy

Find Texana / Genealogy online by visiting 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



Genealogy Databases: Using HeritageQuest Online

Join us and see how to utilize the different features of this popular genealogy database that includes census records, city directories, Revolutionary War pension records and more.



Tuesday, 5 September 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Central Library, Texana Dept.
600 Soledad Street
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.

An Enchanted Evening With a Chili Queen

Join us as Isabel Sanchez strolls down memory lane sharing details of her great grandmother, one of the last Chili Queens. The evening will conclude with a presentation on the aromatic properties of the chili peppers used by the Queens in their recipes, followed by a savory sampling of the historic chili.



Tuesday, 26 September, 6-8 p.m.

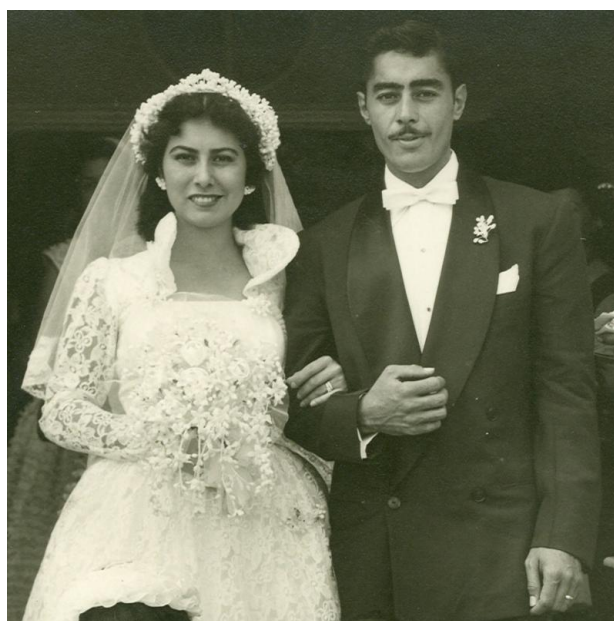
Latino Collection and Resource Center
600 Soledad Street
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.

Finding Your Hispanic Roots

Join us as we learn the basic research principles and techniques for conducting Hispanic genealogical research. Find out what databases, books and resources are available to help uncover your family history. Registration is required.

Saturday, 30 September, 2:00 -3:30 p.m.

Latino Collection and Resource Center
600 Soledad Street



New Publications

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Charles County
GENEALOGY 975.2 CHARLES V. 1-4

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Frederick County
GENEALOGY 975.2 FREDERICK V. 1-4

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Prince George
County
GENEALOGY 975.2 PRINCE GEORGE V. 1-4

Women in Civil War Texas: Diversity and Dissidence in the Trans-Mississippi
TEXANA 305.40976 WOMEN

The Barrio Gangs of San Antonio, 1915-2015
TEXANA 364.10608 TAPIA 2017

Amphibians and Reptiles of Texas
TEXANA 597.90976 DIXON

Borderwall as Architecture: A Manifesto for the U.S. - Mexico Boundary
TEXANA 972.1 RAEL 2017

Frontier Horsemen of the Confederacy: Major's Texas Cavalry Brigade
TEXANA 973.7464 MATTHEWS



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: September 2, 2017

Speaker: none

Topic: Sharing Our Family Histories

This will be an informal meeting where members and guest can share information and network. You are invited to bring your family histories and stories to share with each other.

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 Antonio Central Library**
- 600 Soledad Street
- San Antonio, TX 78205
- 210-538-0905

EVENT PRESENTED BY:

- Canary Islands Descendants Association
- cida.satx@gmail.com
- <http://www.cida-sa.org>



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



Texas in the First World War

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

Opened April 6, 2017

A century since the U.S. formally entered World War I, the events that unfolded continue to have a profound impact on modern international affairs and society.



A Photographic Journey Across the Camino Real

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

Through 24 September 2017

The UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures has placed 25 new images on display, documenting a trip along the Camino Real de los Tejas.



The Camino Real was a route from Northern Mexico, through San Antonio and Central Texas, and heading northeast into Louisiana. The network of roads, often based on American Indian footpaths, connected Spanish missions and presidios. Traffic and expeditions along the trail guarded against any French claims to Spanish territories. The Camino Real was the main artery for land transit in the colonial era, moving people, cultures and commerce along the Spanish frontier.

Christopher Talbot, professor of photography at Stephen F. Austin State University, carried out the project in 2010, documenting a variety of parks, missions, forts, historic markers and privately owned lands along the trail. The show continues to travel the state with the support of El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association.



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San Antonio Museum of Art

[Wild Weather](#)
27 May 2017 - 4 Sept. 2017

[Whales: Giants of the Deep](#)
27 May 2017 - 4 Sept. 2017

[Rashaad Newsome: KNOT](#)
8 August - 5 January 2018

[Chuck Ramirez: All This and Heaven Too](#)
14 Sept. 2017 - 14 Jan. 2018

[Stage Frights: Madness, Monsters, Mayhem](#)
28 Sept - 31 Dec. 2017

[Behind the Screen: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas](#)
28 Sept. - 31 Dec. 2017

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

14 Dec. 2016 - Fall 2017

[Heaven and Hell: Salvation and Retribution in Pure Land Buddhism](#)

16 June 2016 - 10 September 2017

[Intercambios: Modernist Photography in Mexico from the Permanent Collection](#)
11 August - 31 December 2017



News

16th Annual

Family History Seminar



Bringing Memories to Life

Saturday, September 9, 2017

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

8801 Midcrown, Windcrest, Texas 78239



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Diana Cox	Beginning Your Research
David Smith	Photography Tip, Parts 1 & 2
Sylvia Reyna	Researching Your Hispanic Ancestors
Sherry Grabill	Find a Grave Research
Cynthia Kennedy	Investigating a Family Legend
Jim Keeth & Vickie Harris	Navigating the FamilySearch.org Website
Vickie Harris	Adding Memories to your Family Tree
Jim Keeth	Finding Help with Family Search Wiki
Jim Keeth	Using Newspapers in Researching Your Family
Shirley Cullim	US Genweb; helpful website
Kory England	Computer tips and Shortcuts in Researching
LeMar& Cindy Longhurst	Indexing (Laptops welcome)
Emily Townsley	Publishing Your Book - A Treasure Forever
June Draper & Patsy McClelland	Getting Youth Involved in Family History
Sherry Grabill	Zoning: Pre-indexing (laptops welcome)

For more information, contact:

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Dallas Genealogical Society 2017 Fall Seminar Dallas, TX

Fall Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor

Resource Goldmines: Societies, Religion, & Politics

September 30, 2017, 10: a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher and a frequent speaker at family history events across the globe. Passionate about family history, Joshua is the President and Executive Director of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (NYG&B).

- Session 1: Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies
- There are thousands of genealogical and historical societies across the United States, each containing records that are not available anywhere else! Learn how to

find historical societies, and get the most out of their records. Learn what records are unique to historical societies that can further your research.

- Session 2: Online Resources: Religious Archives and Organizations - Whether you are searching for a member of the Baptist, Quaker, or Methodist religion, innovations in digital collections have provided tremendous resources. Collections found at university, public, and private repositories will be examined.
- Session 3: Printed Legends and Missing Footnotes: Dissecting 19th and 20th Century Compiled Genealogies - Discover the methods used in the 19th and early 20th century to create a compiled genealogy, and how to ensure its information does not lead you down the wrong trail.
- Session 4: Untapped Resources: Your Ancestors' Political Affiliations - Political parties have shaped the history of America, and all political parties had members! Come discover how to find those party records; including voting, fundraising, and meeting records from the early 1800s to the late 1950s.

Program details and registration info: <http://dallasegenealogy.com/dgs/meetings-events/seminars/2017-fall-seminar-resources-religion-politics/>

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?



Links

Sponsored by the Georgia Genealogical Society

8pm EST, 4th Wednesday of the month

Register at www.gagensociety.org

27 September 2017 - Melissa Barker - "It's Not All Online: Researching in Archives"

25 October 2017 - Amie Bowser Tennant - "Secrets and Clues Hidden in the 1790-1840 U.S. Censuses"

22 November 2017 - Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL - "Where There Is - or Isn't - a Will"

Under the Rebel Flag: Life In Texas During the Civil War

From 2011-2015, the United States commemorated the Sequiscentennial of the American Civil War. Texas was among those states voting to secede from the Union and join the Confederacy in 1861. From the embattled cotton port of Galveston to the besieged Indian frontier, from the Louisiana border to the Rio Grande, Texans would spend the next four bitter, desperate years learning the reality of war. View the online exhibit here:

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/exhibits/civilwar/index.html>



From the Archives

Our Confederate Dead

**Monument to Their Honor Unveiled in Travis Park
Governor Sayers, Judge Reagan and the Mayor Present**

**The Hon. Columbus Upson Delivers a Brilliant Address and Mrs. Houston is Presented
With a Testimonial**

The monument to the Confederate dead that has been erected under the auspices of the Barnard Bee chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy was unveiled yesterday in Travis park where several thousand people had assembled to witness the pleasant ceremony.

The rendezvous of the chapter and the leaders of the event were at the residence of the president, Mrs. A. W. Houston, on Travis square, and there, a little after four o'clock, the procession was organized. First came Carl Beck's band playing "Dixie," then Albert Sidney Johnson Camp, U. C. V., and the G. A. R. Following these came the Hon. J. H. Reagan and Mrs. Houston, Mayor Hicks and Mrs. Reagan, Governor Sayers, the Hon. Columbus Upson, the Barnard Bee chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy and the

Daughters of the Republic.

The procession marched to the south side of the park fronting the monument, where a platform had been erected for the accommodation of the officers, distinguished guests and the orator of the day.

Mayor Hicks opened the proceedings by saying, "We have met here upon this auspicious occasion for the unveiling of this monument to the Confederate dead that has been erected under the organization of the Barnard E. Bee chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. We welcome among us today a member of the Confederate cabinet and his last survivor and our hearts glow with love and veneration for him. We have also our honored governor and our distinguished citizen, who will now deliver the address, the Hon. Columbus Upson."

Mr. Upson, who was received with cheers, then arose and delivered the following address:

"I regret that mine infirmities prevent me from expressing my thoughts and feelings on this memorable occasion, unhampered by rigid manuscript lines. Otherwise in the discussion of the deeply interesting and heart touching subjects, upon which I am called to address you, I might look you, through you expressive eyes, and gather inspiration from your very souls. But my loss may be your gain in the brevity of cold and emotionless penned words.

On behalf of the president and members of the Barnard E. Bee chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, to the assembled witnesses of the eventful and interesting ceremony of the unveiling of the monument, erected through the efforts to the memory of the Confederate Dead, a hearty greeting is extended.

To the venerable and distinguished statesman, John H. Reagan, the last surviving member of the cabinet of the Confederate government, whose life, we pray, may be spared to write the history of the Confederate States; and so all of the Texas and Confederate veterans, who by their presence honor this occasion, a warm and hearty welcome is specially extended.

To His Excellency, Governor Sayers, who was baptized in the smoke of battle at Val Verde and bears the honorable scars of a Confederate soldier.

By their memorial monuments in honor of Confederate dead,
Around the noble women of the south a halo bright is shed,
Symbols of undying gratitude and woman's dauntless pride,
For gallant deeds of southern sons, who for their rights and country died.

On the 6th of October 1896, some thirty intrepid and leading representative surviving Confederate women of San Antonio organized the "Barnard E. Bee Chapter No. 8 of the Texas Daughters of the Confederacy" "to collect and preserve material for a truthful history of the war between the Confederate States and the United States; to honor the memory of those who fell in the service of the Confederate States, and to record the part taken by southern women as well in their untiring efforts after the war as in their patriotic devotion during the struggle." * * * " and to fulfill the duties of sacred charity to the survivors of the war." * * * *

Prominent among the most active and zealous charter members, besides the honored president, Mrs. A. W. Houston, presiding at this interesting ceremony, was the deeply lamented Mrs. Mary A. Maverick, a pioneer of the Texas republic with her husband, the distinguished and prison-scarred veteran in the cause of human liberty and a popular government, and a devoted Confederate, Col. Samuel A. Maverick.

The association in its formation and labors has been aided and encouraged by a few surviving Confederate soldiers, conspicuous among them up to the last days of his life was that exemplary, true old southern gentleman and distinguished Confederate general, Hamilton P. Bee, who devoted his life to the cause of his loved south in the days of her unsuccessful struggle for independence, as well as to her welfare in the days of her

prosperity.

This chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy bears the ennobled and spotless name of Barnard E. Bee, the venerated brother of the lamented Hamilton P. Bee, who was a typical and idolized southern soldier, among the bravest of the brave of South Carolina's chivalrous sons, mortally wounded in the battle of Manassas, the first great battle in the war between the American States, where his deeds of heroism and unflinching courage were grand and glorious.

At a critical moment in that battle when the result was deeply overshadowed by grave and alarming uncertainty and his raw and undisciplined troops had been thrown into disorder and confusion, under a terrific fire of death dealing shot and shell, Gen. Barnard E. Bee, standing erect, apparently as cool and composed as on dress parade, amid the dead and dying lying thickly around him, a conspicuous target for the enemy's missiles of death, in plain view of both armies, to rally and reanimate his broken ranks, appealed to his troops in words of thrilling and soul-stirring encouragement, using the memorable expression, "there stands Jackson like a stone wall," which gave to Gen. Jackson the far-famed and immortalized name of "Stonewall Jackson," baptized amid the storm of battle in the sacred blood of his fellow countrymen and patriot soldiers of the southern Confederacy.

At this perilous crisis, the very turning point in the tide of battle overjoyed by the advancing sound of heavy firing on the left of the Confederate army, Gen. Bee, with the sagacity, impulse, tact and skill of a trained soldier, fully realizing the situation, thundered out, "Courage, boys! The Seminole (the sportive name by which Gen. Kirby Smith was familiarly call among the officers of the army) with fresh reinforcements has attacked and is driving the enemy before him!" In obedience to that thrilling command, which rang out loud and clear above the din of battle, his broken ranks, inspired by the spirit of certain victory, instantly sprang into line, and in solid Column, charged the Federal troops so suddenly and with such impetuosity and determination as to strike terror into their hearts, who panic stricken threw down their arms and ingloriously fled from the field of contest, which in connection with Gen. Smith's timely attack, resulted in a precipitate and wild retreat of the whole Federal army. Thus that great battle was won and a decisive victory gain on behalf of the Confederate army.

Gen. Bee died as a true soldier likes to die, on the field of battle, in the hour of victory, when fighting to vindicate or protect his rights, the honor and glory of his country! His noble soul took its flight, borne upon the cheering cries of victory, to the spirit home of the good and the brave.

The selection of a fitting place for the erection of a monument to the Confederate dead, caused no little solicitude among the members of the association, but was happily solved by choosing this beautiful park, bearing the revered name of one of the immortalized leaders of the fallen defenders of the Alamo, Col. Wm. Barrett [sic] Travis.

Standing beside this monumental shaft commemorative of the dead soldiers of the Confederacy overshadowed by the temple of Texas liberty, the hallowed Alamo, baptized in martyr's blood, I feel a compelling duty to pay a passing heartfelt tribute to the little band of immortal heroes, numbering less than 200, who gave their lives at the siege of the Alamo as a willing sacrifice on the altar of Texas independence.

With tear dampened eyes and aching hearts let us turn from that most horrifying scene, in which the little band of unterrified heroes poured out their life blood as a willing libation upon the altar of their country; and what words of highest praise for their noble deeds and with earnest prayers of blessing upon their departed spirits, contemplated with unbounded pride their grand and glorious resultant achievement; the independence and grandeur of the Republic of Texas.

Ever since the earth has been peopled by mankind, controversies, conflicts and wars, barbarous and civilized - have existed among men and always will, till Gabriel's last trump sounds the end of time.

To Be Continued...



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- October 2017 by September 15
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