

South Texas Researcher

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Introduction

Note: the *South Texas Researcher* is also now available on the San Antonio Public Library's web site (www.sanantonio.gov/library/) under "News & Events" then "News & Newsletters." Backfiles will soon be added.

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!

News and Calendar of Events

Texana/Genealogy Class Schedule San Antonio Public Library

All classes are on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**Programs are free and held at the San Antonio Central Library,
600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas, 78205.**

E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

**To register (so we have enough handouts) or for information please
call the Texana/Genealogy Department at (210) 207-2500 (ask for
Texana) or E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov**

Saturday, 4 April 2009; 2:00-3:30 p. m.

Organizing Your Research

City Archivist, Amanda DeFlorio, will be a special guest speaker. She will be presenting techniques to make your research more effective and easier to use.

Saturday, 2 May 2009; 2:00-3:30 p. m.

Researching Female Ancestors

Staff member Deborah Countess will discuss how to find those illusive female ancestors.

Transcribers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help transcribe recorded oral histories.

Please contact Frank Faulkner at frank.faulkner@sanantonio.gov for more information.

Texana/Genealogy Department Internet Classes

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Tuesday, 7 April; 2:00-3:30 p. m.

Footnote.com

The Footnote.com collections feature documents, most never before available before on the Internet, relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, US Presidents, historical newspapers, naturalization documents, and many more.

Tuesday, 5 May; 2:00-3:30 p. m.

HeritageQuest Online - HeritageQuest Online contains:

- **U.S. Federal Census records** from 1790 through 1930. (No index for 1830, 1840, 1850, nor 1880 census.)
- More than **25,000 fully searchable family and local history books**. Selected **Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files**, again fully searchable with high-quality scanned images of the original applications available online.
- Signatures of and personal identification data about depositors in 29 branch offices of the **Freedman's Savings and Trust Company**, 1865-74.
- **PERSI** (the PERiodical Source Index - a comprehensive subject index covering more than 6,500 genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French since 1800).

Odell Miller, President of *Palatines to America* has released the following news:

The Palatine to America Library has been closed. Our collection is being relocated to the Columbus Metropolitan Library in Columbus, Ohio. It is anticipated the Palatine Collection will be available for use sometime in the first quarter of 2009.

Los Bexareños Genealogy 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.

Meeting Date: April 4, 2009

Speaker: Felix Almaráz, Jr

Topic: Muslim Heritage Contributions to Spanish Legacy

Dr. Felix Almaráz, Jr., Ph.D, is a Professor of History at the University of Texas at San Antonio. A scholar whose teachings include the Spanish Borderlands, Spanish Colonial Texas, Imperial Spain, Modern Spain, history of South Texas, Modern Texas history, and the cultural origins of San Antonio. Books published by Dr. Almaraz include *Knight Without Armor: Carlos Eduardo Castaneda, 1896-1958* and *Tragic Cavalier: Governor Manuel Salcedo of Texas, 1808-1813*

Help for the beginning genealogist.

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. Currently we are offering assistance by appointment only and on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm at the following location:

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society
911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213

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

Witte Museum

**3801 Broadway
San Antonio, Texas 78209**

(210) 357-1900

Genome: The Secret of How Life Works
7 February through 25 May 2009

*Wild Wild West:
True Stories and the Arena*
20 December through 23 August 1009

Breathing Places: History of San Antonio Parks
31 January through August 2009

McNay Art Museum

**6000 North New Braunfels
San Antonio, Texas 78209**

(210) 824-5368

*American Concepts and Global Visions/Selections from the AT&T Collection:
Contemporary Paintings, Sculpture and Masterworks of Photography*

11 February through 17 May 2009

San Antonio Museum of Art

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

*Imagenes de Mexico:
Select Photographs from the Permanent Collection*

27 February 2008 – August 2009

Marcia Gygli King: Botanical Paintings

29 January 2009- 12 April 2009

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society has two new publications available; (a full list may be seen on the society web site)

Cemeteries of Bexar County, Texas, Volume 6

Abstractions from the gravestones of the International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery (augmented with interment records), Voges Cemetery, Vogel Cemetery, Barney Williams Cemetery, Espada Cemetery, St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Old German Lutheran Cemetery (augmented by interment records), Panteon de Guadalupe (augmented by interment records, obituaries and Texas death records), San Pedro Cemetery, and Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Convent Cemetery. Full name index. Women are indexed by both maiden names and married names, if known. Soft cover. **\$20**

San Antonio, Texas, Sexton Burial Records 1879-1891

Provides the names, burial date, age, birth place, marital status, race, and gender of the 4,162 persons buried by the San Antonio city sexton between 1879 and 1891. Most, but not all, of the records also provide the grave locations. Those buried are listed in alphabetical order. **\$18**

Shipping cost is \$4.00 for the first book and \$2.00 for each additional book. Books may be picked up at SAGHS Library, 911 Melissa Drive

For more information, call 210/342-5242, email saghs@sbcglobal.net or visit www.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2.

Additional Studies in Rio Grande Valley History

Edited by Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, and Antonio Zavaleta

Volume 8: UTB/TSC Regional History Series

The following is a listing of the articles appearing in the above journal. Anyone interested in “The Valley” hopefully will find something of interest. The item has been catalogued and added to the collection at *Texana 976.44 Additional*.

Border Birding, a poem

Early History

The Curse (La Maldicion), a folktale

River Boundaries of Texas: The Louisiana-Texas Borderland and Lower Rio Grande Valley in Comparative Perspective, 1700-1850

Testamentos de Reynosa 1770-1820

La Guerra de 1847 y la inevitabilidad ‘retorica’ de la derrota

Nineteenth Century Biography

The Dead Man’s Bride, a folktale

Emmanuel Domemeh in the Rio Grande Valley, 1851-1853

Don Juan Jose de Solis, Albert Champion, the Border Cattle Raids, and the Birth of the Cattle Kingdom

Two Shots in the Dark: The Murder of Michael Schodts

The Life and Times of Robert Kane: Miner, Soldier, Fireman, Barber, and Family Man

Twentieth Century Biography

The Ghost Car, a folktale

Jose Esparza: A Worthy Son of a Worthy Father

The R. B. Creager and Carlos G. Watson Papers Come to the Hunter Room

Henry Gordon: A Life Devoted to Law Enforcement in Brownsville

An Interview with Antonio M. Ramirez

Rolando Hinojosa – Tejano Writer

A Brief Look at the Political Career of Ygnacio ‘Nacho’ Garza

Social History

The Lady and her Daughter in White, a folktale
Living in Brownsville's Resaca
Personajes e Instituciones en la Salud Publica de Matamoros
Reptile Stories and Myths along the Lower Rio Grande (Rio Bravo)
Morality and Gender in the 1920s and 1930s
Short Stories and Sound Bites from the UTB Hunter Room's Brownsville Chamber of
Commerce Files
Sand, Sun, Set, and Match: The Story of Beach Volleyball on South Padre Island
A History of the Texas Tropical Trail Heritage Tourism Program in the Rio Grande
Valley

Institutional History

The Medic, a folktale
The Protestant Presence in Cameron County, Texas: 1850-1870: An Examination of the
Census Data
Benedictine Education and Monasticism in the Rio Grande Valley
How Reconstruction Changed the Meaning of Red and Blue in Brownsville
El Gobierno Municipal de la Heroica Matamoros
The Brownsville Historical Association's First Sixty Years

Family History

Los Dos Ninos, a folktale
Remembering the Tandys
"Tell Them Who You Are" Honoring Pioneer Families of El Rio Bravo del Norte

Hurricane Season, a poem

War of 1812 and Mexican-American War

The following items related to these wars of the early American period are available in the Texana/Genealogy Department of the San Antonio Public Library. These items are on microfilm or microfiche. Many other items are available in book format.

WAR OF 1812

Periodicals (contemporary)

Military Monitor and American Register (NY): Aug. 1812-Apr. 1814
Niles National Register (D.C.): 1811-1849
Lancaster Journal (Lancaster, PA) : 1796-1836
Lexington Gazette (KY) : 1793-1844
Pittsburgh Gazette (PA) : 1786-1834

Microfilm Collections

American State Papers

Battle of Tippecanoe – Muster Rolls & Payroll of Militia & Regular Army, Nov. 1811 (T1085)

Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served From 1784-1811 (M905)

Discharge certificates and miscellaneous records relating to the discharge of soldiers from the Regular Army, 1792-1815 (M1856)

Draper Manuscript Collection

Early American Orderly Books

General Orders and Circulars... War Department and Army Headquarters, 1809-1860 (M1094)

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War of 1812 (M602)

Index to records relating to War of 1812 prisoners of war (M1747)

Miscellaneous Lists and Papers Regarding Impressed Seamen, 1796-1814 (M1839)

Muster rolls and payrolls of militia and regular army organizations in the Battle of Tippecanoe, Nov. 1811 (T1085)

Records relating to War of 1812 prisoners of war (M2019)

Registers of Applications for the Release of Impressed Seamen, 1793-1802 (M2025)

Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798-1914 (M233)

War of 1812 Military Bounty Land Warrants, 1815-1858 (M848)

“War of 1812 Papers” of the Dept. of State, 1789-1815 (M588)

MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR 1846-1848

Compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served during the Mexican War in organizations from the State of Tennessee (M638)

Compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served during the Mexican War in organizations from the State of Texas (M278)

Index to compiled service records of volunteer soldiers who served during the Mexican War (M616)

Index to Quartermaster Claims, 1839-1894 (M1999)

Orders of General Zachary Taylor to the Army of Occupation in the Mexican War, 1845-1847 (M29)

Registers of Enlistments in the United States Army, 1798-1914 (M233)

Contemporary Newspapers

Bee (New Orleans, LA) : 1827-1864

Gazette (Parkersburg, WV) : 1841-1857

Intelligencer and Weekly Advertiser (Lancaster, PA) : 1823-1877

National Era (D.C.) : 1847-1860

Register (Mobile, AL) : 1846-1865

Richmond Whig & Public Advertiser (Richmond, VA) : 1835-1861

Contemporary Texas Newspapers

American Flag (Brownsville) : 29 Sept. 1847-1 Oct. 1859

Telegraph & Texas Register (Houston) : 10 Oct. 1835-21 Jan. 1853

Texas Banner (Huntsville) : 21 Oct. 1847-24 Nov. 1849

Texas Democrat (Austin) : 21 Jan. 1846-18 Aug. 1849

Texian Advocate (Victoria) : 12 Nov. 1846

Weekly News (Galveston) : 19 April 1842-6 April 1867

From the Archives

P. L. Anderson Scrapbook, 1941

Biographical Sketch

Preston L. Anderson was a Bexar County legislator in the 1920s and 1930s and Commissioner of the San Antonio Fire and Police Departments from 1941-1947. He was born on November 20, 1889 in Greenville, Texas. In 1908 he came to San Antonio to work as a linotype operator for the San Antonio Light. He was recognized as one of the fastest typesetters in the state. In 1926, while working for the San Antonio Express, he was elected to the Texas State Legislature where he served with distinction until 1941 when he was elected San Antonio Fire and Police Commissioner on the Anti-Maverick ticket with Mayor C. K. Quin. During his wartime tenure the police department worked to shut down San Antonio's notorious red light district. For his efforts combating prostitution and venereal disease he won a commendation from the War Department and was named an honorary life member of the American Social Hygiene Association. In 1946 the Mexican government presented him with the Order of the Aztec Eagle recognizing his work in promoting greater cooperation between Mexican and United States police authorities. He lost a re-election bid in 1947 and retired from politics. Anderson died on Oct. 18, 1952 at the age of 63.

Collection History

This scrapbook came to the Texana/Genealogy in early 2004 from Mel Brown, a patron from Austin who was a friend of the Anderson family. Mr. Brown brought in the original scrapbook for us to photocopy and we returned the original to him. The scrapbook consists mainly of newspaper articles and campaign materials from his 1941 campaign for San Antonio police and fire commissioner. It also includes copies of certificates and awards he received and newspaper articles on his death in 1952.

Web Sites of Interest

San Antonio Remembers blog

<http://sanantonioremembers.blogspot.com/>

This blog is produced by the staff of the Texana/Geanealogy department of the San Antonio Public Library. The purpose is to get San Antonians to join us in remembering San Antonio and their past as part of that history. Please feel free to comment on our posts and share your memories of San Antonio. At present we have included a "This Day in San Antonio History," a slide show of photographs from our collection, and one of the World War One posters from our collection now on a national tour. The current post is related to the 2009 Big Read and efforts in the 1950s to burn books in our city.

Script Tutorials

<http://script.byu.edu/>

This site produced by Brigham Young University may be of use to genealogists, historians, and language students. It is a step by step approach to reading and writing older forms of English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Hispanic Genealogy blog

<http://hispanicgenealogy.blogspot.com>

This blog is an effort by Lynn Turner of BYU to keep individuals interested in Hispanic genealogy informed on the subject. It is especially good for keeping up to date on what records are being digitized and available to researchers, as well as conferences and meetings, and other useful information.

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