South Texas Researcher

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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. Backfiles will soon be added.

Please remember that the purpose of this newsletter is to keep librarians, historians, archivists, genealogists, archæologists, 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

Class Schedule
San Antonio Public Library

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

Traditional Classes at Central Library

There are no classes scheduled for the month of December.

JANUARY 12, 2013 - SATURDAY
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Keys to Unlocking Your Past

Patrons will be introduced to the methodology, research, and organizational practices surrounding family history research. We will discuss how to get started and where to look for information as well as introduce a few genealogy websites to participants.
1. Beginning your genealogy research
2. Organizing Your Research
3. Databases – Fold3 and Familysearch.org

Registration is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided.

Call 207-2500 and ask for Genealogy; or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov
Computer Classes at Central Library
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

There are no classes scheduled for the month of December.

JANUARY 8, 2013 - TUESDAY
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Beginning Genealogy:
the Internet as a Source for Genealogical Research

This workshop will cover the basics of searching the Internet for family history materials and online databases, how to evaluate websites, where to find downloadable forms, and other important information.

Registration is required. Call 207-2500 and ask for Genealogy; or email us at: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov
**Classes at Branch Libraries**

15 December – Saturday – 2:00 – 3:30 -- at GREAT NORTHWEST

“Creating Family Websites”

One of the best ways to share genealogical information with relatives is through a family website. These used to be do-it-yourself affairs, but most genealogy programs will generate webpages for you. Also, there are many commercial sites that you can subscribe to that will make it easy to create your own website.

18 December – Tuesday – 2:00 – 3:30 -- at IGO

“Sharing Research”

Join Friends of Texana/Genealogy on Facebook.
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.

Meeting of December 1, 2012

Date: December 1, 2012

Speaker: Hector Cardenas

Topic: The San Antonio Fire Museum Society

Mr. Cardenas retired after 34 years of service as a firefighter/paramedic from the San Antonio Fire Dept. He was a founding member of the San Antonio Fire Museum Society (17 years) serving as photo and records archivist for them.

Great grandfather, Francisco Cardenas, came to San Antonio from Monclova in 1884. He was a prominent merchant and pawnbroker at 104 So. Laredo. In 1919 his son’s turned it into Cardenas Bicycle shop. It existed until Urban Renewal.

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
From the Journals


“Anglo-Dutch Revolutions” Special issue of Early American Studies, 10:2 (Spring 2012)

“Analysis of the Marriage Registers of St. Anthony’s Chapel and What It Reveals About the Composition of the 19th Century Italian Immigrant Community of New Orleans.” New Orleans Genesis, 50” 198 (April 2012): 129-150

“Missouri Germans and the Cause of Union and Freedom” Missouri Historical Review, 106:3 (April 2012): 115-136


“Navigating Immigration and Naturalization Service Subject, Policy and Correspondence Files: Board of Special Inquiry Appeal Files” Avotaynu, 28:1 (Spring 2012): 11-14

“U. S. Bureau of Investigation Files Yeald Genealogical Gems” Avotaynu, 28:1 (Spring 2012): 15-17

From the Journals (cont.)


Maryland and the War of 1812. *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 107:1 (Spring 2012): entire issue


“Alabama Children Confront the Civil War” *Alabama Heritage*, # 100 (Spring 2011): 44-51


“The World War I Diary of Oliver Terry White” *AGS Magazine*, 44 (Spring/Summer 2012): 54-60


“‘The Largest Prison in the World’ Rebel Camp Lawton” *North & South*, 14:3 (September 2012): 50-61

“‘A Dark and Bloody Ground’ American Indian Responses to Expansion during the American Revolution” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 70:4 (Winter 2011): 258-275
The Importance of Primary Sources

The following comments are the result of an article that appeared in August 2012 issue of *The Local Historian* (vol. 42, no. 3, pages 216-222). Dr. John A. Hargreaves’ article is entitled “Luddism: image and reality 1812-2012” and is a discussion of the use of primary sources. He notes that the first illustration below is found in a number of sources, including [http://www.learnhistory.org.uk/cpp/luddites.htm](http://www.learnhistory.org.uk/cpp/luddites.htm) and Wikipedia. This illustration (left) is said to be Luddites of Yorkshire destroying a factory machine in a riot in 1812, believing it to be taking the place of home weavers.

However, this image is a fake that has made its way onto the world stage. Dr. Hargreaves’ article notes that the machine in the illustration is a Joseph-Marie Jacquard loom of 1790. It was not introduced into England until the 1820s. Therefore, the illustration cannot truly be of an English riot in 1812. He goes on to locate the original illustration (right) in *Penny Magazine*, January 1844, which was at some later date altered.

This is but one example of trusting secondary sources, including online ones, for historical inquiry without verifying their content from original sources.
Library Guides from Texana/Genealogy

The Texana/Genealogy department now has a presence on the San Antonio Public Library’s website, [www.mysapl.org](http://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](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
- Civil War
- Civil War in Texas
- Death
- Family History
- La Meri

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News and Calendar of Events

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

*Mummies of the World: The Exhibition*
29 September 2012 to 27 January 2013

*Texas Performers Under the Big Top*
1 September 2012 to 13 January 2013

*Artists on the Texas Frontier*
22 September 2013 to 27 May 2013

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

*Estampas de la Raza: Contemporary Prints from the Romo Collection*
25 September 2012 to 27 January 2013

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

*Rostros de María: The Virgin as Archetype and Inspiration*
18 August 2012 to 20 February 2013

*Aphrodite and the Gods of Love*
15 September 2012 to 15 February 2013
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Edited by Milo Kearney, Anthony Knopp, Antonio Zavaleta
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[Texana 976.44 Ongoing]

Chupacabras, a poem
The Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies

History through World War I
Comparative Freedom in the Borderlands: Fugitive Slaves in Texas and Mexico from the Age of Enlightenment through the U.S. Civil War
Contraband Trade in Matamoros and its Impact on the Northern Mexican Economy during the 1820s
Preparando los Festejos para la Inauguración del Ferrocarril a Monterrey
Adolf F. Dittman and Brownsville’s First Motion Picture Theaters

History between the World Wars
The Ku Klux Klan in the Rio Grande Valley
Deadly Ambush in Willacy County (1926 Style)
Historias Sobre las Fajitas y Sobre su Salto del Bajo Bravo a la Fama
Memories of Fort Brown: A Look at the Economic and Social Relationship between Fort Brown and the Surrounding Community through Primary Accounts of the 1930s to 1944

Twentieth Century History since World War II
Patrones Cambiantes de Migración en las Ciudades Fronterizas de Tamaulipas: Las Experiencias de Matamoros y Reynosa
I Am a Mexican-American Raised in Mexico: A Case Study of Cross-Border Migration from 1900 to 2008
Vida Social de Matamoros en la Época del Algodón (1940-1960)
An Observation on the Changed Role of the Texas Rangers in the Rio Grande Valley

Contemporary History
Mexican Immigrant Colonias along the South Texas Border in the 1980s and 1990s
Economic Development and Planning in Reynosa since 1990
¿Pa’que le buscas tres pies al gato teniendo cuatro?: Teaching Local History on the South Texas-Mexico Border
Cucuys, a poem
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.

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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

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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 on Nakoma at Highway 281. 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.
Library Guides from Texana/Genealogy

http://www.elsfield.net/
This is a wonderful little site on Elsfield, a small village to the north east of Oxford. On this site you'll find:

- Information about John Buchan, the writer and politician who lived in Elsfield in the 1920s and 1930s
- A substantial local history section written by local historian Mavis Curtis
- Information on Elsfield church, including the project to restore the Salviati mosaics
- Photo galleries showing aspects of life in Elsfield through the years

This document, a summary report (36 pages), by San Antonio’s Department of Planning & Community Development is a good look at demographic changes in the City between 2000 and 2010. The full report (185 pages) is also available at the http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/.

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For the  January 2013 by 15 December
February 2013 by 15 January
March 2013 by 15 February