



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



Finding Newspapers Online

Certified Genealogist Cari Taplin will introduce the many different websites available for researching digitized newspapers, including both FREE and subscription based sites. Ms. Taplin will also discuss the different ways newspapers can enhance your genealogy research and expand your family history.



Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library Auditorium

600 Soledad Street
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.

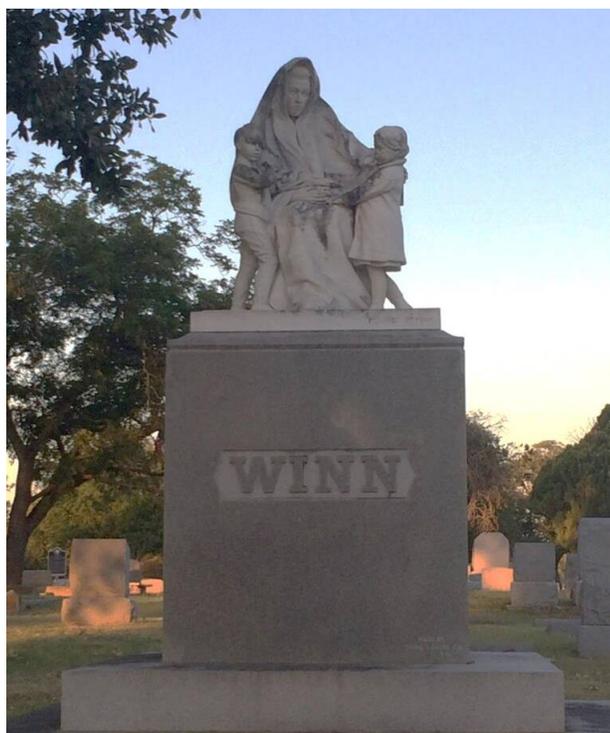
Eastside Historic Cemetery Tour

Take a walk on the "other side" and learn about the famous (and infamous) people buried in SA's East Side Historic Cemetery District. Visit the gravesites of the founding members of our city. Dress for the weather and walking.

Saturday, 28 October, 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Meet and park at Paso Hondo and N. Pine St.

600 Soledad Street
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.



New Publications

The Provincial Deputation in Mexico: Harbinger of Provincial Autonomy Independence and Federalism
TEXANA 328.72 BENSON

Zachry Holdings, Inc: The First 90 Years
TEXANA 338.7624 RODENGEN

The Crime Buff's Guide to Outlaw Texas
TEXANA 364.10976 FRANCELL

Texas Turtles & Crocdilians: A Field Guide
TEXANA 597.92097 HIBBITTS

The Crown Jewel: The Story of the First 50 Years of the University of Texas Health Science
Center in San Antonio
TEXANA 610.71176 SANSOM

Bartlett Cocke, General Contractors: The First 50 years, 1959 to 2009
TEXANA 720.9764 COCKE

Karagoz: "In Other Words"
TEXANA 808.81 KARAGOZ

Oral Memories of Sichan Siv: An Interview
TEXANA 959.6042 SIV

The Treasure Album of Pancho Villa
TEXANA 972.081 RASCOE

Texas Civil War Museum: Fort Worth, Texas
TEXANA 973.74 TEXAS

Why the Raven Calls the Canyon: Off the Grid in Big Bend Country
TEXANA 976.493 KLEPPER

El Paso Prenuptial Investigations From the Catholic Archives of Texas, 1707-1853
TEXANA 976.496 EL PASO

The Blanco River
TEXANA 976.4886 FERGUSON



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: October 7, 2017
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

Please visit <http://www.losbexarenos.org/meetings.htm> for meeting information.

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.



Brewing Up Texas
[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)
October 21, 2017 - October 28, 2018

From 1840 to the modern craft beer industry, follow the story of beer, brewers and breweries and how they left their mark on Texas culture.



[Of Texas Rivers and Texas Art](#)

2 Sept. 2017 - 26 Nov. 2017

[2TheXtreme: Math Alive!](#)

30 Sept. 2017 - 7 Jan. 2018

[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

[Intercambios: Modernist Photography in Mexico from the Permanent Collection](#)

11 August - 31 December 2017

[Antinous, the Emperor's Beloved: Investigating a Roman Portrait](#)

1 Sept. - 26 November 2017

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

14 Dec. 2016 - Fall 2017





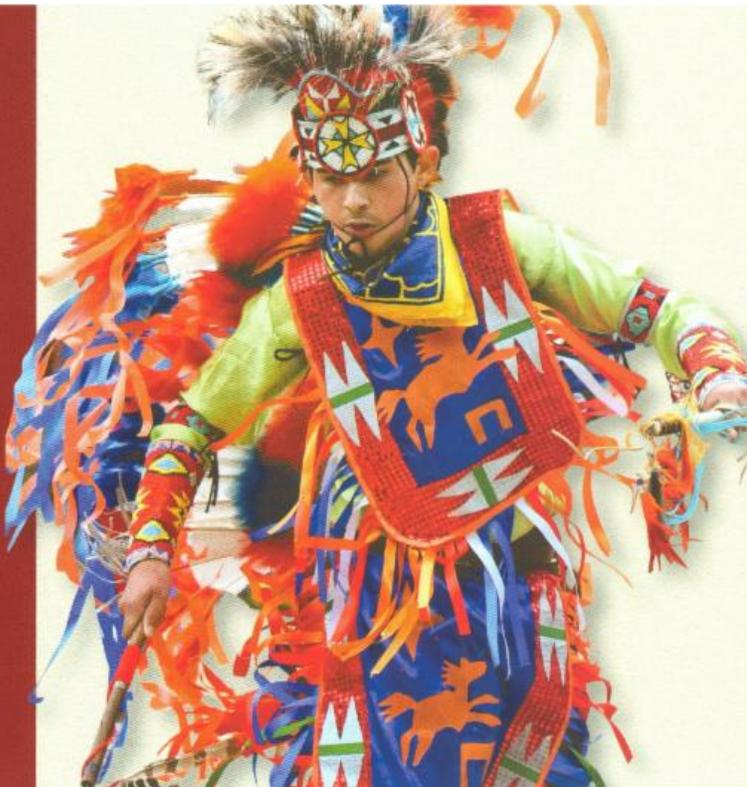
YANAGUANA
INDIAN ARTS
MARKET

**BRISCOE
MUSEUM**

October 7 & 8, 2017
10:00am – 4:00pm

Free Admission

Market Preview Party
October 6 | 6:00 – 8:00pm
see reverse for ticket information





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

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society Annual Seminar

2017 SAGHS Genealogy Seminar

The 2017 seminar will be held on Saturday, October 7 at Cross Roads Church (formerly known as John Calvin Presbyterian Church), 8102 Midcrown Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78239.

Speaker: Cari A. Taplin, CG

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members. \$50 members/\$55 non-members after 1 Oct. 2017.

Register online at www.txsaghs.org OR Download seminar brochure and registration form from the same site.

Topics:

From Deeds to Dirt: Case Study in Analyzing Research with Maps
Census Hurdles: How to Jump Over or Go Around
Using Timelines and Tables to Analyze Your Research
Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins



Bio:

Cari Taplin is related to Roy Rogers. Or at least that's what her family told her. As a result,

she has been working on finding her true heritage since the year 2000. She is a native of Wood County, Ohio but migrated to Wyoming, Colorado and now Pflugerville, Texas which is just outside Austin. Cari holds the Certified Genealogist® credential and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for several state, local, and national societies. She currently serves as the Education Chair for the Austin Genealogical Society, and on the boards of the Association for Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. As the owner of GenealogyPANTS, she provides speaking, research, and consultation services. Cari focuses on midwestern states, methodology and researching family legends. When she's not working on her genealogy, she is a wife and mother of two/too cute kids.

Register ONLINE: www.txsaghs.org

Sign in as a SAGHS member BEFORE you register to receive your SAGHS member discount.

Free Online Genealogy Webinars

Sponsored by the Georgia Genealogical Society

8pm EST, 4th Wednesday of the month

Register at www.gagensociety.org

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"

The McArdle Notebooks

Throughout his life, Henry (Harry) McArdle was devoted to the arts. By 1868 he followed his artistic calling by teaching drawing and painting at Baylor University in Independence, Texas. McArdle became a student of Texas history and made a point of doing in-depth historical research before he painted major Texas events or important individuals.

View the online exhibit here:

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



From the Archives

Our Confederate Dead (continued from September issue)

They seem inevitable, and oftentimes can not be prevented or avoided by human skill or wisdom, and can only be settled in blood, between nations as well as individuals.

It is not my purpose to recite in detail the causes which culminated in the war between the states. The estrangements and antagonism between the people of the north and the people of the south, were of such long standing and had become so great, widespread, bitter and hostile, that the war between the two sections was unavoidable; and we may now say a providential necessity, in order to destroy sectionalism, and harmoniously unite our whole people under one flag and one common government, constituted of equal states of sovereign rights within their own governmental sphere.

In explanation of my being honored to deliver an address on this interesting occasion, a work more personal to myself as to secession and the Confederate war, I trust may not be out of place. In my application for a pardon to President Andrew Johnson, in order to be relieved of the threatened penalties of being a "Confederate rebel" and to be restored to the rights of an American citizen I truthfully said, "A disruption of the Union being inevitable with no rejoicing or reckless frenzy, but with a sad and heavy heart, believing it to be a solemn and conscientious duty, which I owed to Texas, the state of my adoption, I deliberately voted for secession and sincerely and openly espoused the cause of the south, and earnestly labored with all my humble ability for its success." My sincerity in that regard was evidenced upon battle fields and by other conspicuous services rendered up to the downfall of the Confederacy, of which through a kind Providence, a few old Confederate soldiers survive as living witnesses. Although born in a northern state, where I resided until the years of early manhood, believing that I was right in casting my lot with the southern people in their earnest struggle for independence which they believed a necessity, in order to preserve liberty for themselves and uphold and transmit to their posterity the true principles of a Republican or Democratic government, won by the sacrifices and blood of the fathers of the American revolution, I have no excuses or apologies to make.

At the final surrender of the Confederate forces, I determined to remain in old San Antonio, my chosen home and face the consequences of defeat with my subsided compatriots, for which I have no cause of complaint. I would not seek personal safety in flight, or endure the hardships and perils of a penniless wanderer in foreign lands. As to those who acted otherwise, I have no reflections to make. It was a trying ordeal, that made the stoutest and most loyal heart ponder and doubt, as to the course of duty and wisdom, when threatened with prison cells and punishment for high treason.

Since the lowering clouds of war, blind passions and groundless prejudices have been swept away by the clearing and gentle zephyrs of peace and the sunlight rays of reconciliation, and reason, candor, verity, indulgent-hearing, considerate thought, and impartial judgement, have been enthroned on the hearts of the people, both north and south, it is seen, and must be admitted, by all fair-minded men, that the war between the states was actuated, inspired and prosecuted by the belligerents, who viewed from different standpoints, by the like lofty motives and ennobling objects, the preservation of individual, political and religious liberty, and the maintenance and perpetuation of free popular government.

The people of northern states were firm in the belief that the preservation of the principles upon which the American Republic was founded, depended upon upholding indissolubly the union of the states, as founded by the fathers of the Constitution. Their shibboleth was "Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable!" Their controlling sentiment was voiced by Levi P. Morton, styled "the great war governor of Indiana," when he declared in November 1860, before actual hostilities began: "If the issue now before us in disunion or war, I am for war. Grant the right of secession and the Union is dissolved."

On the other hand a large and controlling majority of the southern people conscientiously and firmly believed that their rights had been encroached upon, and the constitutional compact between the states virtually violated, that it was their right and duty, as sovereign states, to withdraw from the union and establish for themselves an independent government, that secession had become a necessity in order to preserve their liberties and the sacred principles of a free republican form of government and that they might, in truth and in fact, construct and enjoy and Confederate government of equal state, "Of, by and for the people," and thereby gain the blessings of unmolested

peace and prosperity for themselves and their posterity [sic].

"The accepted wager of battle was the Union, which for near four long years tremulously oscillated amid the contending armies of the northmen and the southmen, upon a thousand fields of bloody combat."

The mass of the southern people did not want war, but with the environments of human prejudices, errors and imperfection surrounding, it was irresistible, inevitable, the God of battles willed it!

While the institution of slavery was instrumental in creating the aggravating animosities and hostilities between the people of the north and the people of the south, and precipitated the war between the states, yet, to attribute that terrible war of stupendous magnitude, unequalled in the world's annals of warfare, in the number and severity of battles fought, in the consummate skill, bold and daring bravery and astounding heroism displayed in its conduct, and in the destruction of human life and property, mainly to a desire on the part of the north to deliberate the slaves of the south, held in mental bondage, and a determination on the part of the south to maintain the institution of slavery, is to belittle, dwarf, and make, comparatively, pusillanimous the real, basic, grand and sublime motives by which that great war was inspired and prosecuted.

Let impartial history, in vindication of the honor and glory of the American people, elevate the causes of that fratricidal war upon a higher and grander plain than the slavery question, viz: The promotion and preservation of individual, religious and political liberty, and the establishment, expansion and perpetuation of free, wise and enlightened civil popular government.

To the victors and vanquished are due alike, equal and immemorial honors. We have the proud consolation that in nobility of man hood has been lose in the conflict. Let the resting places of their dead, by the willing and friendly hands of a reconciled and united people, be strewn with the sweetest flowers and watered by noble woman's heartfelt tears.

To evidence the sincerity of the participants in the war between the states of both sides, I might all to mind the hardships and sufferings they endured and the losses by the missiles of death and the ravages of disease and exposure they sustained. But a few historic facts will suffice.

The number of troops furnished the Union army was 2,778,304, including from the southern states, 316,404, besides of negro troops, 93,441. The Confederate troops numbered about 600,000. The losses in the Union army by death were 349,944 and the losses in the Confederate army by death were 133,821. The losses on both sides aggregated 483,765.

The losses in several of the great battles of our civil war were greater than the total losses on both sides of the Boer War up to this time. For instance, in the battle of Gettysburg, the losses in the Union Army were in killed, 3,070, in wounded, 14,497: in missing, 5,434, aggregating 23,000. Losses in the Confederate army, in killed, 2,592, in wounded, 12,706, in captured and missing, 5,150, aggregating 20,448. Losses on both sides: 43,449.

In a number of the other great battles of that war the losses on both sides were from 20,000 to 35,000. In view of these appalling facts, who dare question the magnitude of our civil war, or the sincerity with which it was fought? Or doubt the honest convictions of the Confederate soldiers and of the people of the southern states in the justness of their "lost cause?"

I would not lift the veil disclosing the "agonizing view of rivulet and river crimsoned by brothers' blood, the valley and plain; the hill side mountain dotted by the rude graves of a nation's sons." "Let it hang motionless and sacred from human touch." Nor would I utter one word to harrow up the feeling of the most sensitive, that might tend to rekindle the dead fires of animosity, extinguished in the "lost cause."

I forbear words of eulogy or contrast, as to the vanquished or victorious heroes already deeply engraved upon the hearts of our people. Some over-zealous admirers of the soldiers who wore the blue or the gray might wish invidious distinctions drawn between them; but that I will not do to mar the harmony of this occasion, or cast a doubt of an

earnest and heartfelt reconciliation between the people of all sections of our country, as to the animosities and differences which existed before, or were engendered by the war between the American states. This silent monument and others erected throughout the country in memory of the dead speak higher and more lasting eulogies than human tongue can utter.

To be continued...

San Antonio Light
29 April 1900



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