Introduction

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.

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!
Traditional Classes in Texana Room

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014 6:30 – 7:30 P. M.

19th Century Photographs: Identification and Conservation

On Tuesday, 13 May, David Haynes local photography historian, will speak in the auditorium of the Central Library, 600 Soledad. The hour-long presentation will be in three parts: (1) a short look at 19th century South Texas photography, (2) a general description of 19th century photographic processes, and (3) a few pointers on the care and feeding of small private collections. A general discussion of problem images that participants would like to bring will follow the formal presentation.

- On Tuesdays, after 5:00 p.m. parking in the Library garage and meters is free.
Computer Class at Central
IN THE CONNECT SPACE

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 2:00 – 3:30 P. M

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

These classes will be in the Connect Space on the first floor

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy. (210) 207-9080
TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2014 2:00 - 3:30

Mining Newspapers:
Digging Out the Details of Our Ancestors’ Lives
During this program we will learn the importance of newspapers in researching the lives of our ancestors. We will look at how newspapers can help, how to find the right newspapers, and analyzing what we find. Also, we will review several online sources for newspapers. For those not available online we will discuss published abstracts and InterLibrary Loan.
Southwest Vaqueros is a Corral (Chapter) of Westerners International

Southwest Vaqueros was founded by Al Lowman and his friends when he was a researcher and writer for the Institute of Texan Cultures. Among his friends were John Woodhull and Charlie Schreiner III. His personal library and collection are now housed in the Cushing Library at the TAMU campus.

For the present we meet at 6:30 PM at Papa Dante's on the third Tuesday of every other month since March and May. No dues are due for now, so the only cost is transportation and your wonderful meal. Tolerance of the elderly is appreciated at this time until we can chase up some younger mavericks... If you don't have a computer, call our irksome Sheriff (president) and Scribe (Secretary) at 210-418-4087 and it is reported that he checks his voicemail. His e-mail address is jltolleson@sbcglobal.net.
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.

For the May Meeting

Date: May 3, 2014

Speaker: Rodolfo II (Rudy) Alvarez Ramirez

Topic: Doña Señora Francisca Alvarez - Angel of Goliad

Mr. Rodolfo II (Rudy) Alvarez Ramirez is a (4th) Direct Descendant of Dona Francisca Alvarez the Angel of Goliad and Lt. Col. Telesforo Alvarez a Mexican Officer in General Jose de Urrea’s 6th Co. of a Cavalry Regiment. He is a General Council Member of the Lipan Apache Indian Tribe of Texas. Born in Kingsville, Texas on February 23, 1945 to parents Jose Trevino Ramirez (El Lobo) and Rebecca Marroquin Alvarez (3rd Direct Descendant of Dona Francisca Alvarez the Angel of Goliad). Rodolfo is one of the founders and Vice-President of the Angel of Goliad Descendants Historical Preservation which was established 2004.

Rodolfo graduated from Palestine High School in 1964 and completed four years in the United States Department of Labor-Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in the trade of Carman. He attended the National Labor College George Meany Campus in Silver Spring, Maryland and holds, from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, a Basic Proficiency Certificate as a Texas Peace Officer.

He worked for the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads Co. for 39 years and retired in 2002. He belonged to the Brotherhood Railway Carmen of America and Transportation Communications Unions and was a union officer for 30 years, Shop Steward for the Carmen for 18 years, an Executive Union Board Member for the Missouri Pacific Joint Protective Board 320 for 14 years and 2nd Vice General Chairman for the same board for 4 years.

Currently, he is a member of the Somerset Baptist Church, Somerset, Tx; a General Council member of the Lipan Apache Indian Tribe of Texas; Texas Intertribal Native Agency, Kiowa Apache Ti-Phia Piah Gourd Society; an instructor for the AARP Driver Safety Program; a member of the Somerset Historical Society, and a ESL Instructor for Somerset Baptist Church.

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
News and Calendar of Events

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

*Threads of South America: 2,000 Years of Textiles*  
13 October 2013 to 31 March 2014

*The World Through Magic Lanterns*  
29 June 2013 to 30 June 2014

*Alien Worlds and Androids*  
22 February 2014 through 27 May 2014

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

*Robert Indiana: Beyond LOVE*  
5 February 2014 – 25 May 2014

*Robert Indiana: The Mother of Us All*  
5 February 2014 – 25 May 2014

*Robert Indiana: The Hartley Elegies*  
5 February 2014 – 25 May 2014

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

*Thomas Sully: Painted Performance*  
8 February 2014 – 11 May 2014

*TX★13: Spotlight on Texas Artists in the Contemporary Collection*  
5 September 2013 – 9 November 2014
Library Guides from Texana/Genealogy

The Texana/Genealogy department now has a presence on the San Antonio Public Library’s website, 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), 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
- World War I
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- Jewish Genealogy
- King James Bible
- Local History
- Special Collections
- Texas History
- The Wild West

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. Classes are $5.00 for members, $10 for non-members. Call 210/342-5242 for reservations or mailto:saghs@sbcglobal.net. Classes are held in the library annex, behind the library.

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 Library is located @ 911 Melissa Drive, off Blanco Rd, outside loop 410 and is open Monday 10-4, Wed. 10 am-9:00 pm, Sat. 10-4, Sunday 1-5. 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.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2
Victoria County Genealogical Society
And The Victoria College

Presents

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, FNGS
Former Supervisor of the Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library

12 July 2014
The Victoria College Student Center, Room A
(Main entrance to the college campus)
Register Early – Limited Seating
2200 East Red River
8:30 to 3:30
$45. Box lunch included

Topics:

Origins of Names
Southern Migrations (Especially coming to Texas)
Locating Documents Prior to 1850

Immigration Records for Family History Research

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Name:___________________________________________ e-mail:______________________________
Address:___________________________________________________________________________
City & Zip___________________________________________________________________________
Telephone__________________________________________________________

Mail to Victoria County Genealogical Society   P. O. Box 413    Victoria, Tx 77902

Questions? For information call Patsy Hand (361) 575-0049    Doris Obsta (361) 575-4303
Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference 2014

August 27-30, 2014 - San Antonio, Texas
with local co-hosts
San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
and the Texas State Genealogical Society

Gather with the nation's genealogists in historic San Antonio, Texas, for the Federation of Genealogical Societies 2014 Conference, Gone to Texas!

Join us August 27-30, 2014, as together we experience four days of genealogical learning, networking, and discovery, deep in the heart of Texas. Our local co-hosts for 2014 are the Texas State Genealogical Society and the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. Together we will continue our tradition of providing exceptional educational opportunities for genealogists from across the nation and beyond.

Conveniently located in downtown San Antonio, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center will host the conference’s workshops, lectures, and exhibit hall.

200 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

REGISTRATION
The Journal of South Texas
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“Nuevo Santander: Its history and Life” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 5-8

“Our Children Must Not Suffer…Another No-Action Generation: The Limitations of Liberalism in the Mexican-American Generation” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 10-28

“Alternative Chicano Education in Texas: A Comparative History” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 29-49

CSOs, Dev CSOs, Development and Governance in Mexico’s Northern Border” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 51-78

“From Villaverde to Monterrey. Traveler’s notes, Jose Llaguno Serna, 1882” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 79-90

“Henry Gonzalvo Woods: Indian Fighter, Texas Revolutionary, Defender of the Republic, and Beloved Brother” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 91-117

“The Judgement of William B. Longworth” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 118-136

“A Suspiciously Fast Growing IDEA: A Retrospective Look at Working in a Charter School Setting” The Journal of South Texas, 26:2 (Fall 2013): 137-140

Still More Studies in Rio Grande Valley History
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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 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, 6510 San Pedro Avenue at the intersection with Jackson-Keller Road. 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.

We look forward to having you attend our meetings and become an active member.

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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

WWW.ALAMOCITYGUARDS.COM
**FamilySearch Adds More Than 10.7 Million Images to Collections from Australia, Brazil, England, France, Italy, Peru, Spain, and the United States**

FamilySearch has added more than 5.8 million images to collections from Belgium, England, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 90,674 images from the new Belgium, West Flanders, Civil Registration, 1582–1910, collection; the 485,188 indexed records from the England, Essex Parish Registers, 1538–1900, collection; and the 1,188,800 indexed records from United States Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798–1914, collection. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at FamilySearch.org.

**Pennsylvania Death Certificates Starting to Appear Online**

The following information is from the People for Better Pennsylvania Historical Records Access (PaHR-Access):

The initial batch of Pennsylvania state death certificates is now online through Ancestry.com (as of April 18th). Remember only birth and death certificates that are open records will be online (50 years for death certificates and 105 years for birth certificates). The overall schedule is:

- 1906-24 death certificates – April 2014
- 1925-44 death certificates – June 2014
- 1945-63 death certificates – November 2014
- 1906 birth certificates – March 2015

Reminder: You can access these records in *Ancestry Library Edition* for free in any public library location in San Antonio.

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Please submit information and articles to the above e-mail.

For the
June 2014 by 15 May
July 2014 by 15 June
August 2014 by 15 July