Introduction

Note: the *South Texas Researcher* is also now available at [http://www.mysapl.org/texana.aspx](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, 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 Classes
San Antonio Central Library

Programs are free and held at the San Antonio Central Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. One hour free parking. E-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

No classes scheduled for June and July
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 June Meeting

Date: June 7, 2014

Speaker: Jesús Morón

Topic: Hispanic-American Art in the United States

Jesus Moron is an American artist of Spanish descent. He has studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, Garrot School of Art in Houston and the Houston Art League. Mr. Moron has actively participate in Art Workshops organized by the American Artist Magazine and American Artists in Europe (France and Spain). He is a Historian, Poet, and a professional Artist. Jesus, recently opened the MUSEO MORON 'Casa del Artista' in Parras, Coahuila, Mexico, and a Gallery and Art studio: SAINT GABRIEL’S CHAPEL, in San Antonio, Texas. He has done many paintings on the Hispanic American. One of his paintings of Don Bernardo Gutierrez is displayed in the Museum at the Old Stone Fort in Nacogdoches, Texas. Other paintings are featured permanently in the famous Museum, Bishops Palace, in Monterrey, N.L., Mexico, as well as, Museum Hda San Pedro, ZuaZua, N.L., Mexico and the Spanish Governor's Palace in San Antonio. He currently lives in San Antonio, Texas.

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

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

*Julian Onderdonk in New York: The Lost Years, the Lost Paintings*
through 9 September 2014

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

*Constructing the Stage: Artists from the Theatre Collection*
22 January - 1 June 2014

*Paul Strand: The Mexican Portfolio*
4 June – 24 August 2014

*Beauty Reigns: A Baroque Sensibility in Recent Painting*
11 June - 17 August 2014

*Matisse and Picasso: A Friendly Rivalry*
18 June - 10 August 2014

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

*Bob Kuhn: Drawing on Instinct*
15 March 2014 – 8 June 2014

*Glories of the Baroque: 17th Century European Art*
3 May 2014 – 26 July 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](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.”

- Cemetery
- 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](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](http://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

Name:_________________________________________ e-mail:_________________________________
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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
Summer Reading

“Josiah Miller, an Antislavery Southerner: Letters to Father and Mother” *Kansas History*, 36: 2 (Summer 2013): 66-89

“Indian Census and Annuity Rolls and Other records relating to Individual Tribal Members at the National Archives at Fort Worth” *Le Raconteur*, 33: 3 (September 2013): 224-236


“Wishful Thinking: Attempts to Create Rainfall on the Southern Plains during the 1890” *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review*, 83 (2011): 43-51


“Jabez Fitch Diary, 1 October to 31 December 1789” *Vermont Genealogy*, 18:1 (Spring 2013: 29-42.


*Ohio Valley History*. 13:3 (Fall 2013): entire issue devoted to Indiana in the Civil War


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.ALAGUARDS.COM
More than 4 Million Devon Parish Registers from 1538-1915
Now Online

Leading UK family history website findmypast.co.uk has today, 30 May 2014, published online for the first time parish records in partnership with Devon Heritage Services, as the latest installment of their 100in100 promise to launch 100 record sets in 100 days.

Spanning 1538 to 1915, the Devon Collection is a rich source comprising over 4 million fully searchable transcripts and scanned colour images of the handwritten parish registers held by the record offices in Barnstaple and Exeter. With Plymouth and West Devon Record Office’s records already available on findmypast, these new additions mean that findmypast’s Devon Collection is the best possible place to find Devonshire ancestors.

World War I P.O.W. Records launched online

Prisoner of War records from the Great War are notoriously difficult to obtain, particularly for the lower ranks, and this is the first time the records of both officers and other ranks can be found together in one source on a family history website. Many records were destroyed in the 1930s and the Blitz of 1940, so these records are a valuable source for tracing those military ancestors.

The records include British and Commonwealth military personnel and have been brought together from a variety of sources. The records are fully searchable and provide the main details including forename, surname, rank, regiment and the date the information was received. All can be found in the Prisoner of War record set in the Military Collection on TheGenealogist. They cover the army, navy and air force of the many thousands of British and Commonwealth servicemen held captive.

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