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**: 12:00pm - 8:00 pm
- **Wednesday**: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Thursday**: 12:00pm - 8:00 pm
- **Friday**: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Saturday**: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For information about appointments, call 210.207.2500.

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
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- Jewish Genealogy
- King James Bible
- La Meri
- Local History
- Texas History
Events & Classes

Online Map Resources for Genealogists

Join us and learn where free, online digitized maps can be found and discover how they can be useful when doing family history research.

Tuesday, 6 January 2015 at 2:00 pm

Central Library - Texana Room
600 Soledad 78205
Call 210.207.2500 for more information. (Ask for Texana/Genealogy)

Remembering the Snowstorm of 1985

Come and hear KABB Fox 29 Chief Meteorologist Alex Garcia share his personal experiences covering the record-shattering San Antonio snowfall of Jan. 12-13, 1985.

Saturday, January 10 at 2:00 pm

Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad 78205
Call 210.207.2500 for more information. (Ask for Texana/Genealogy)
In Small Things Remembered: Art, Archaeology, and Ancestors
Learn how works of art and archaeological finds can help us better understand the lives of our ancestors. Changes in language will also be discussed, as well as oral histories, memoirs, letters, sales catalogs, newspaper advertisements and more.

Saturday, January 17 at 2:00pm
Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad St. 78205
Call 210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy)

The Big Snowstorm of 1985
Come and hear KABB Fox 29 Chief Meteorologist Alex Garcia share his personal experiences covering the record-shattering San Antonio snowfall of Jan. 12-13, 1985.
Saturday, January 10, 2015 2:00
Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad 78205
210.207.2514 (ask for Texana)
Applications for Enrollment of Choctaw Newborn, Act of 1905  
(GENEALOGY 970.1 CHOCTAW)

Coffins of the Brave: Lake Shipwrecks of the War of 1912  
(GENEALOGY 973.525 COFFINS)

A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733-1831  
(GENEALOGY 975.5 MONTGOMERY)

Unionists and the Civil War experience in the Shenandoah Valley, Volumes 1, 5, 6  
(GENEALOGY 975.5 UNIONIST)

Bringing the Law to Texas: Crime and Violence in Nineteenth Century Texas  
(TEXANA 976.4 HATLEY)

Captain Ransom, Texas Ranger: An American Hero, 1874-1918  
(TEXANA 976.4061 RANSOM)

Captain W.W. Withenbury’s 1838-1842 Red River reminiscences  
(TEXANA 976.66 WITHENBURY)

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.

For the November Meeting

Date: January 25, 2015
Speaker: Dr. Carolina Crimm
Occasion: Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society
Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet

Ft. Sam Houston Golf Clubhouse located at 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carolina Crimm
Social Hour: 2:00 - 2:30 pm
Buffet: 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Keynote Speaker: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Break for Dessert: 4:30 - 4:45 pm
Awards: 4:45 - 5:00 pm
Reservations: $30.00 per person - Include names of attendees
Deadline for Reservations: January 21, 2015
Send reservations to LBGHS, P.O. Box 1935, San Antonio, TX 78297

Note: The Library/Resource Center will close on Saturday, Dec 27, 2014, for the Christmas Weekend.

Help for the Beginning Genealogist
Beginning in 2009, Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society opened an office on the campus of Holy Rosary Parish to house its library. The Parish is located at 159 Camino Santa Maria (next to St. Mary’s University).

The Library is open Saturdays, except the first Saturday of the month from 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 beginners 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 Patiño      210.434.3530       patinogil@sbcglobal.net

Southwest Vaqueros Third Tuesday Meetings
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. Southwest Vaqueros is a Corral of Westerners International.

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Papa Dante’s Italian Restaurant
8607 FM 1976
Converse, TX 78109

Call 210.418.4087 or email jltolleson@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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 email saghs@sbcglobal.net 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.rootsweb.com/~txsaghs2.

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Two Women Look West: Photographs of King Ranch by Helen C. Freberg & Toni Frissell
Exhibit runs through January 4

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Manet to Gauguin
3 Sept. through 4 Jan. 2015

Intimate Impressionism
3 Sept. through 4 Jan. 2015

School at Sunset Hills
20 Aug. through 4 Jan. 2015

Artists Take the Stage
24 Aug. through 25 Jan. 2015

San Antonio Museum of Art
An Exhibition of Chinese Ceramics in Honor of Walter F. Brown
October 2014 through January 4

Raíces Americanas: Recent Acquisitions of Pre-Columbian Art
October 2014 through February 2015

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News

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Millions of Wills from England and Wales Available Online

The wills of more than 41 million people, some dating back 156 years, are now available online for the first time in a huge online archive. The new database allows the public to search a government archive of 41 million wills dating back to 1858. The search is free, but payment of a £10 fee is required to download and view the complete details. A name and year of death is required to find wills, which should be ready for download within 10 days of order. Previously, copies of many such documents could only be accessed by a face-to-face request.

NOTE: The database contains wills only from England and Wales. Different procedures apply
in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Information about Scottish wills may be found at [http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/wills.asp](http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/wills.asp) while information about wills in Northern Ireland may be found at [http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars/about_wills.htm](http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars/about_wills.htm).

The wills, covering England and Wales and owned by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS), were painstakingly scanned in by hand. The work was performed by Iron Mountain, a specialist records management company. To access the wills:

1. Log on to [https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills](https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills) and create an account.
2. Choose the section you wish to search - Wills and Probate 1996 to present; Wills and Probate 1858 to 1996; or Soldiers' Wills.
3. There are two search fields - the surname of the deceased and year of death. Both must be filled in. With the exception of the 1858 to 1996 section, you can also carry out an advanced search, which requires more information.
4. In the 1996 to present section, a list of results will appear, giving the names, date of probate, probate number, date of death and registry of each person with that name. For instance, for a person called Stanley Wood who died in 2005, there are 12 results. To order a document, click "Add to basket."
5. Under the 1858 to 1996 section, a page from the probate calendar for that year is returned in search results, providing summaries of names, birthplace and other details. These must be typed into an online ordering form on the right of the screen. 6. Click on "Proceed to checkout" to pay. Some documents take up to ten days to be sent as electronic copies. The files can be accessed for 31 days.

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The South Texas Researcher is a publication of the San Antonio Public Library Texana/Genealogy department. For more information, or to submit program information for an upcoming issue, email [genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov](mailto:genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov) by the deadline provided:

- February 2015 by January 15
- March 2015 by February 15
- April 2015 by March 15

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