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 12:00pm - 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

Getting Started with Familysearch.org

This website offers access to digital images of genealogical records from around the world, including the United States and Mexico. Join us and learn about the various database collections and tutorials that can help you uncover your family history.

Tuesday, 3 February 2015 at 2:00 pm
Central Library - Texana Room
600 Soledad 78205
Call 210.207.2500 for more information. (Ask for Texana/Genealogy)

Friends of Texana/Genealogy Book Sale

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy will be offering for sale a huge selection of both Texana and Genealogy books at practically give-away prices! Come early for the best selection.

Saturday, February 14 from 10 am-1 pm
Central Library - Gallery
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, February 21 at 10:00 am  
Central Library Auditorium  
600 Soledad 78205  
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.  
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The Big Snowstorm of 1985

The weekend of January 12-13, 1985, San Antonio received over 12.5” of snow, more than tripling the local previous single storm record. Come hear KABB Fox 29 Chief Meteorologist Alex Garcia share his personal experiences of covering this record-shattering weather event.

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New Publications

For Better or Worse: Frontier Army Life
(GENEALOGY 355.7 ALTSHULER)

Dating Old Photographs, 1840-1929
(GENEALOGY 929.3 DATING)

Inheritance in America: From Colonial Times to the Present
(GENEALOGY 973 SHAMMAS)

A Tour Guide to the Civil War
(GENEALOGY 973.7 CROMIE)

Historical and Genealogical Miscellany: Data Relating to the Settlement and Settlers of New Jersey (Five volumes)
(GENEALOGY 974 HISTORICAL)

Records of the Rockland Congregational Church, Rockland, Maine, 1855-1945
(GENEALOGY 974.1 KNOX)

Vital Records of Camden/Rockport, Maine
(GENEALOGY 974.1 KNOX)

Vital Records of St. George, Maine
(GENEALOGY 974.1 KNOX)

Settlement and Cemeteries in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom
(GENEALOGY 974.3 ESSEX)

Witchcraft Prosecution: Chasing the Devil in Connecticut
(GENEALOGY 974.6 TOMLINSON)

Camden County (NJ) Marriages
(GENEALOGY 974.9 CAMDEN)

Genealogical Data from Cumberland County, New Jersey, Wills
(GENEALOGY 974.9 CUMBERLAND)

Mathews County, VA Records
(GENEALOGY 975.5 MATHEWS)

Founding of the Cumberland Settlements, The First Atlas, 1779-1804
(GENEALOGY 975.6 DRAKE V. 1 & 2)

Land Grant Genealogy, Second Atlas, 1779-1804
(GENEALOGY 975.6 LAND)
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 February Meeting

**Date:** Feb 7, 2015
**Speaker:** Fr. Bob Wright
**Topic:** Fr. Refugio de la Garza, Controversial Religious Leader

**Synopsis:** Fr. De la Garza has been taken by history as the almost sole representative of a Church that gravely neglected the people during the entire Mexican period in Texas. His weaknesses must be acknowledged, but so also must his important contributions to Texas history that are never mentioned, in the same way that the other priests working in Texas during that period are often completely ignored. Why?

Fr. Wright is a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a religious order who were sent to the Texas-Mexico border in 1849 and have served there and throughout Texas and the United States ever since. A professor of Culture and Religion at the Oblate School of Theology since
1984, he has served in parishes along the border and written many essay on the Hispanic Catholicism. He is a former president of the Texas Catholic Historical Society and a member of the executive committee of CEHILA, an international association of Latin American Christianity.

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:

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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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Education@txsaghs.org www.txsaghs.org

P.O. Box 790087, San Antonio, TX 78279-0087
News

The Train to Crystal City

The hardships endured by Japanese-Americans who suffered forced relocation and incarceration during World War II are well documented and well-known. The rationale is that these Americans of Japanese ancestry might have been spies. However, Japan was not the only nation at war with the United States and not the only nation to have sent emigrants to the United States.

Americans of German descent were also sent to internment camps. Many of the detainees were pawns traded for “more important” Americans held behind enemy lines during and after the war.
San Antonio author Jan Jarboe Russell has spent five years researching and writing The Train to Crystal City, a book that exposes a secret and sordid World War II prisoner-exchange program centered on a South Texas internment camp for families of German, Japanese and Italian descent.

Crystal City was in the desolate South Texas desert, 120 miles from San Antonio. It's official name was the Crystal City Enemy Detention Facility. But some of the "enemy aliens" held there called it a "kidnap camp."

The Train to Crystal City is available in the Texana Department (TEXANA 940.53177 RUSSELL).

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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?

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From the Archives

The Cornerstone of the City & County Hospital is laid in February 1886

LAYING THE CORNER STONE
The Ceremonies Incident to That of the New Joint County and City Hospital.
Yesterday afternoon, at four o'clock, the mayor, county judge, city councilmen, county commissioners, city physician, county clerk, members of the local press, and prominent citizens assembled on San Fernando hill to witness the ceremonies incident to laying the corner stone for the joint county and city hospital now in course of construction, and at the invitation of the contractors, Messrs. Niggli & Witte, and the architects, Messrs. Wahrenberger & Beckmann.

THE STONE

The corner stone, a neatly dressed cube of about two and a half feet of white limestone, contained two inscriptions, the first of which is: "City and County Hospital, 1886," and the second is "B. Callaghan, mayor; C. L. Wurzbach, County Judge."

Prior to the ceremony of laying the stone, a number of articles were placed in it, among them a list of the city and county officers, plans of the building, copies of THE DAILY EXPRESS, Freie Presse and Austin Statesman, a silver horseshoe by Alderman French, a badge of the Mutual Aid Society and a Spanish coin dates 1706 by A. P. Rivas, a bistuary [sic] scalpel and vaccine point by City Physician Braunnagel, a ticket to the Legion of Honor ball by Judge Wurzbach, a postal registered letter receipt and a 10-cent fractional currency hill by Harry E. Gunther, street car tickets, nickels, dimes and other coins, drink checks, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, letters, receipt of lodge dues of the Brotherhood of Brakemen, the jaw bone of a skull found in the Alamo, ticket to the museum here and one to the Milwaukee museum, check on the San Antonio National Bank, pencils, pocket knives and numerous other articles.

THE CEREMONIES

All of these articles were placed in a tin box, which was closed and inserted in the stone, after which is was hoised and the ceremonies commenced with a speech by Judge Wurzbach, who said: "Unexpectively [sic] I have been informed that I am to deliver an address, for which I am unprepared. I can not give you a set speech, but I can not help saying that I am glad that we have assembled here to-day to witness the commencement of an undertaking and participate in the ceremonies which will be of a great deal of benefit to our people. It is a work which should have been done long ago; but let us rejoice that it has been commenced at last. It will redound to the credit of the administration of the city and county under whom it has been created. Standing on this hill, I see many other buildings erected by the city for public schools recently, all of which are creditable to her, as they will give intelligence to her rising generation; but this building will afford succor and assistance to the suffering and indigent sick of the city and county. It is an institution which will be the means also of the county and city both saving a great deal of money that they now pay out for their maintenance. It will also, I hope, tend to unite the city and county administrations closely and enkindle among them a kindly feeling. I am glad the work is now in progress. I will rejoice more when it is completed."

At the conclusion of his brief address, Judge Wurzbach was cheered and Mayor Callaghan was called for. The mayor said: "I, like Judge Wurzbach, did not come here to make a speech or prepared to make one, but I am glad that we are here to witness a good work for a very worthy object. This hospital is for the indigent sick of this county and city, and will also afford treatment to some of the strangers who come here. Whether it caused the saving of money or not, I do not know. I was to see all the money which is necessary for the purpose spent to
alleviate the sufferings of the sick. I regret it has not been built before; but it takes considerable money to build an institution of this kind and I suppose that we are now more able to build it."

Commissioner Braden also made a brief address. At the conclusion of these speeches, the county judge and mayor, with trowels, laid mortar beneath the stone and it was placed in position, after which both smote it thrice with a hammer and exclaimed; "Here may you rest forever" and a bystander exclaimed: "So shall it be."

This concluded the ceremonies and the assembled gathering dispersed, the city officers in hacks and the county officers on foot and thus ended the commencement of a great undertaking.

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*12 February 1886*