



South Texas Researcher

August 2015

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



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

Events & Classes

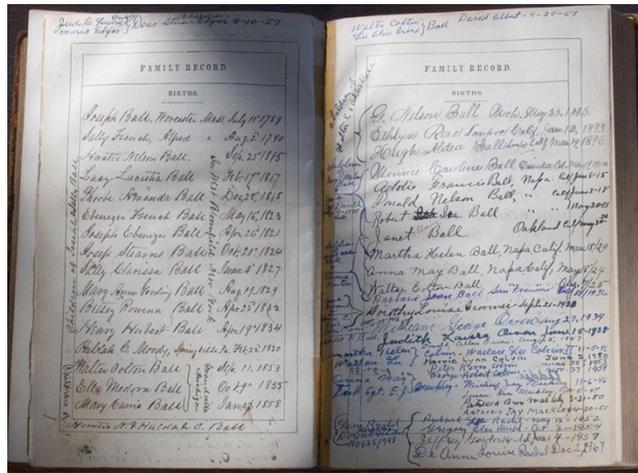


Searching for Family Bible Records

Family Bibles can be valuable sources of genealogical information. Even if you don't own one, you may find Bible records online, in published journals or in archives that contain information about your family.

Registration is required.

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 2 p.m.



Central Library

600 Soledad

Call 210.207.2500 to register or if you need more information. (Ask for Texana)

New Publications



Texas Ranger N. O Reynolds, The Intrepid
(TEXANA 363.309.76 PARSONS)

The Enemy Within Never Did Without: German and Japanese Prisoners of War at Camp Huntsville, 1942-1945
(TEXANA 940.54727 ENEMY)

Our Fighting Governor: The Life of Thomas M. Campbell and the Politics of Progressive Reform in Texas.
(TEXANA 976.40609 SCHMELZER)

Bosque Primer: An Introduction to the History of Bosque County
(TEXANA 976.4518 RADDE)

Civil War Soldiers of Kendall County, Texas: A Biographical Dictionary
(TEXANA 976.4886 KIEL)

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 August Meeting

Date: August 1, 2015

Speaker: Dr. Gabriela González

Topic: Jovita Idar: Journalist, Teacher and Activist

Jovita Idar worked as a journalist, teacher, and activist during the early twentieth century. Methodism and democratic principles of civil and human rights informed her activism in Jaime Crow Texas and her work in Revolutionary Mexico. This presentation highlights the ideological influences shaping Jovita Idar's identity and activism through an analysis of her family background and work.

Gabriela González is associate professor of history at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is the author of "Redeeming La Raza: Transborder Modernity, Race, Respectability, and Rights" (Oxford University Press, forthcoming), "Jovita Idar: The Ideological Origins of a Transnational Advocate for La Raza" in *Texas Women: Their Histories, Their Lives*, (The University of Georgia Press, 2015) and "Carolina Munguía and Emma Tenayuca: The Politics of Benevolence and Radical Reform, 1930s," *Frontiers* (2004). She received her PhD in U.S. history from Stanford University in 2005

Note: 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 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There is no charge to use the Library and one need not be a member of the Society.

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](#)
[Yolanda Patiño](#)

210.647.5607
210.434.3530



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](#).

**SOUTHWEST
VAQUEROS**

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Papa Dante's Italian Restaurant
8607 FM 1976
Converse, TX 78109

Call 210.418.4087 or email jtolleson@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 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



Los Tejanos

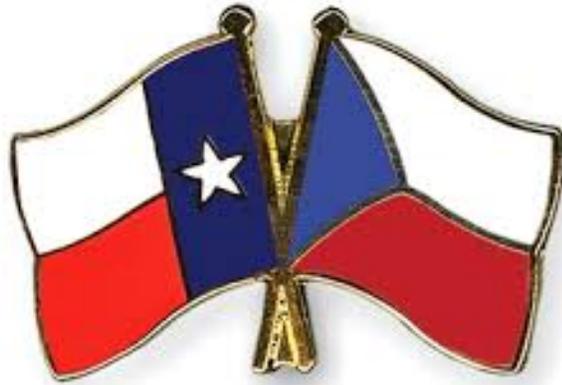
[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#) presents an exhibit on the Tejano experience.

A thematic approach to 500 years of history, the exhibit draws upon major themes in Tejano life: migration, making a living, struggles for inclusion, and cultural traditions.



Texas Czechs: Rooted in Tradition

Also at [The Institute of Texan Cultures](#):
Immigrants from around the world have settled in the Lone Star state, each contributing to its unique and dynamic culture. This exhibit highlights the vibrancy of Texas Czech culture in the 21st century.





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Images of the San Antonio Missions
25 April - 29 August 2015

Discover the Ice Age
23 May - 7 September 2015

Bodies Revealed
opens October 3

Richard Duardo: Maestro of Pop
1 July - 6 September 2015

Recycled, Repurposed, Reborn
10 June - 6 September 2015

Lesley Dill: Performance as Art
10 June - 6 September 2015

Merida's Mexico
3 June - 6 September 2015

Voices of Suffering
20 May - 16 August 2015

Viva Zapata!
20 May - 16 August 2015

Raíces Americanas: Recent Acquisitions of Pre-Columbian Art
now on view

Miguel Covarrubias: Culture and Caricature
18 July - 18 October 2015

28 Chinese
5 September 2015 - 3 January 2016

News



U.S. National Archives opens an Innovation Hub

David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, has announced in his [personal blog](#) the opening of an Innovation Hub on the first floor of the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. The new Innovation Hub has two sections: a meeting area, and a citizen scanning room where researchers can scan the National Archives' records with state-of-the-art equipment at no cost as long as they also contribute a copy of their digital scans for inclusion in the National Archives' online catalog.



The result is a win-win: the visitor to the National Archives receives free use of state-of-the-art digitizing equipment to keep for his or her own use while the National Archives gets pieces of its holdings digitized at no additional expense beyond creating and stocking the Innovation Hub. (Paying someone to digitize documents normally is quite expensive.)

Dallas Genealogical Society 2015 Summer Symposium

"Researching in Texas"

Friday & Saturday, August 7-8, 2015, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas, TX

Our featured speaker is Teri E. Flack. The Symposium is a 2-day program of eight presentations that focus on resources, sources, methodologies, and techniques for finding your Texas ancestors. Teri's lectures will cover researching the Republic of Texas, Civil War, and Reconstruction periods, as well as using manuscript collections. Additional speakers from the State of Texas General Land Office, The Portal to Texas History (University of North Texas Libraries), the University of Texas at Arlington Library's Special Collections, and the Texas/Dallas History & Archives Division of the Dallas Public Library will describe the depth and breadth of materials related to Texas history and genealogy that are in their collections.

"Late Night at the Library" is a free, bonus event. The Genealogy Division of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library will remain open on Friday evening, August 7, from 5-10 pm, exclusively for Summer Symposium attendees. Professional librarians from the Division and DGS volunteers will be available to offer assistance.

Details on the DGS web site: www.dallasgenealogy.org.

Clayton Library Friends General Meeting, Saturday, August 8, 2015

Genealogy to Go - Mobile Devices and Apps

Clayton Library Carriage House at 5300 Caroline St., Houston, TX

Presentation by Fidel Ramirez, Microsoft-Certified Professional at 10:15 a.m. in the Clayton Library Carriage House.

This will be a FUN as well as "high tech" program discussing the many available application programs for electronic communications devices that can be used to further our genealogical research. Come and find out how technology can help YOU with your genealogy! The public is invited and welcome to attend this FREE program!

For more information about our upcoming events, go to <http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org>.

Clayton Library Friends Annual Symposium

Featuring nationally recognized genealogy speaker, Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D.

10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., at the Asia Society Center,
1370 Southmore at Caroline St. (near Clayton Library), Houston, Texas

Dr. Abbott is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), the National Genealogical Society (NGS) as well as other state and local genealogical societies. She teaches a monthly class entitled, "Using Ancestry.com in Genealogical Research" to patrons at Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood, Ohio and coordinates the "Genealogy and Family History Clinic" for the Cleveland Public Library.

There will be four sessions:

- * Cluster Genealogy: Finding Your Lost Ancestor
 - * Using Manuscript and Oral Collections for your Research
 - * Researching African Americans Prior to 1870: What Records Exist?
 - * Critical Thinking in Genealogy Research: A Case Study Using Oral History
- Registration is required and may be done online. Registration discounts are available for early registration received or postmarked on or before August 1 and for CLF members. For pricing, more information, and to register, go to <http://www.claytonlibraryfriends.org> and click on the Symposium links.

Don't miss this great opportunity - join us on Saturday, August 22!

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?



From the Archives

SKETCH

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Secession Times in Texas

AND

JOURNAL OF TRAVEL

FROM

Texas through Mexico to California

INCLUDING A HISTORY OF THE "BOX COLONY"

BY

JAMES P. NEWCOMB

(Formerly Editor of the "Alamo Express", San Antonio, Texas)

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 1863

TEXAS - BEFORE AND AFTER

It will not be inappropriate to take a glance at the sad story of the birth of the rebellion against the Federal Government in Texas, as an introductory to my subsequent travels. Yoakum winds up his somewhat defective but otherwise excellent history of Texas, thus:

"Texas came into the Union for the love she bore it; their wars, their hopes and their glory, are henceforth the same. And it is the ardent wish of every good man that the same God, who guided the young republic through so many trials will continue to bless that Union of which she now forms a part."

The unsurpassing beauty and wild sublimity of Texas as a country, her vast empire of fertile lands, her delightful and healthy climate, her solitudes the haunt of the Indian, wild horse, deer and buffalo, and the charm of her romance and chivalry which hung about her early history, attracted her to those who tired of the peaceful restraints of the older States and loved novelty and adventure, and those who sought homes and better fortunes in a new country. We muse over the history of first settlement as we would a romantic tale; our hearts beat with pride as we review her as a chivalrous Republic beating back Mexican

tyranny, and then as an American State, we can not help but marvel at her unexampled prosperity, her happy and opulent people, and the magnificent future which was in store for her - forming one of the most pleasing pictures of a free people waxing great under the genial influences and fostering care of the best government under heaven. And now comes a change in this bright and pleasant record, which is almost enough to make us doubt the reason in man and the wisdom of God. Of a sudden Texas became a lunatic, a suicide, a fratricide. The smile of contentment deserted her once happy people, patriotism narrowed down to sectionalism, their hearts were chilled, brutalized, demoralized - they forgot all that good and glorious of the past - shut their eyes to the inestimable blessings of liberty, peace and plenty which then surrounded them, and plunged blindly, madly into an unknown and terrible future. Now, her once busy towns are "deserted villages," her frontier a waste, her sons enlisted under the banner of the suicides who are stabbing at the life of the nation, and by thousands their bones bleach upon the banks of the Potomac, while in their poverty stricken homes lonely women wring their hands in agony, and young children watch in vain for their sires who will never return. By thousands, her citizens have fled from the persecution and ignominious death offered them for loyalty to the Union, and sought refuge in Mexico or the loyal States. Terrible punishment of wicked, wanton rebellion. Texas was the pet child of the Republic; millions of the common treasure had been expended and the blood of the nation freely shed to establish her Mexican boundary; millions of dollars had been yearly expended to protect her frontier against the Indian; nothing was refused which her people have asked in reason; they were free from taxation, other than that self-imposed; no liberty had ever been threatened; no right guaranteed by the Constitution had ever been trespassed upon, and yet her people were led to commit that base act of ingratitude - treason against the Union; they rebelled against their own liberties, and the future historian will search in vain for a cause, and at last write the melancholy verdict, "committed by her own hands." I will not dismiss the subject thus summarily, but try and trace the history of the breaking out of the rebellion, and prior events, which, while it may not discover a cause, it will the authors and their agents, and show how strangely an entire people can be misled and humbugged by a few designing men.

To Be Continued...



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- September 2015 by August 15
- October 2015 by September 15
- November 2015 by October 15

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