



South Texas Researcher

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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	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 pm - 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
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I



Federal Records in Genealogy Research

Curious about records created by the Federal Government and how they can be used to help research your genealogy? Join us for an introduction to such Federal records as: immigration, naturalization, military and federal land records.

Saturday, 24 February 11:00 a.m.

Central Library Auditorium

600 Soledad 78205

210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy)



Has Your Family History Already Been Written?

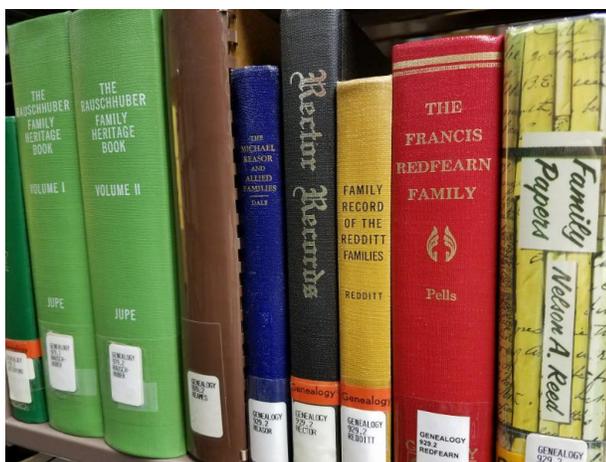
Whether you're just getting started or an experienced researcher who has run into "brick walls," there might be published family histories that contain the information you need. Join us to find out about how to search for these very useful resources. Call us to reserve a spot.

Wednesday, 28 February 2:00 p.m.

Central Library Texana

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210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy)



New Publications

San Antonio Business Journal Book of Lists 2018
TEXANA 330.9764 SAN ANTONIO

Everything's Bigger in Texas: The Life and Times of Kinky Friedman
TEXANA 782.42164 FRIEDMAN

Hometown Texas
TEXANA 779 BROWN

El Camino Real de Los Tejas
TEXANA 976.4 GONZALES

Texas Blood: Seven Generations Among the Outlaws, Ranchers, Indians, Missionaries,
Soldiers, and Smugglers of the Borderlands
TEXANA 976.4 HODGE

Maverick: The American Name That Became A Legend
TEXANA 976.405 FISHER

The Last Sheriff in Texas: A True Tale of Violence and the Vote
TEXANA 976.4117 MCCOLLOM

San Antonio's Historic Market Square
TEXANA 976.4351 GRAVENHORST

The Dukes of Duval County: The Parr Family and Texas Politics
TEXANA 976.4463 CARROZZA



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.

Date: February 3, 2018

Speaker: Teresa Van Hoy, Professor of History at St. Mary's University.

Topic: TBA

Teresa Van Hoy, Professor of History, is a native of North Carolina, but moved to Texas to study the history of Latin America and the United States. Her early research focused generally on the dynamic among local communities, federal authorities and foreign investors in Mexico. Her subsequent work has focused generally on the problematic nexus of war and celebration.

Van Hoy enjoys giving talks at area museums-most recently the former Museo Alameda, the San Antonio Museum of Art, and the McNay. History students partner with Dr. Van Hoy in designing films that share history with the public. Van Hoy's own photo-essays have been screened locally, including most recently one on Cinco de Mayo and Latino celebrations entitled, "Calor y Color de San Antonio." Future projects? Van Hoy is eager to make a full-length feature film on the history of latinos' defense of Mexico in the 1800s, tentatively entitled, "Santa Anna's Leg-is in Illinois?"

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](#) 210.647.5607
[Yolanda Patiño](#) 210.434.3530



Canary Islands Descendants Association

The Canary Islands Descendants Association's monthly meetings are open to the public. Association membership is not required to attend. There is a guest speaker at each meeting that shares information about historical events, facts or other related information on Texas, San Antonio or the Canary Islands.

Event Details:

- Every third Saturday between January 20, 2018 and November 17, 2018
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Free

Venue:

- **San Antonio Central Library**
- 600 Soledad Street
- San Antonio, TX 78205
- 210-538-0905

EVENT PRESENTED BY:

- Canary Islands Descendants Association
- cida.satx@gmail.com
- <http://www.cida-sa.org>



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



The Chisholm Kid

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

January 13, 2018 - April 1, 2018

Paying homage to the 5,000 to 9,000 Black cowboys who drove cattle along the Chisholm Trail from Texas to Kansas following the Civil War, and recognizing the Centennial of the Chisholm Trail, this exhibition features panels from the original comic strip.



Texas in the First World War

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

Opened April 6, 2017

A century since the U.S. formally entered World War I, the events that unfolded continue to have a profound impact on modern international affairs and society.



Brewing Up Texas

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

October 21, 2017 - October 28, 2018

From 1840 to the modern craft beer industry, follow the story of beer, brewers and breweries and how they left their mark on Texas culture.



[Gathering at the Waters:
12,000 Years of People](#)

13 January through 1 July
2018

[Behind the Screen: Tim
Burton's The Nightmare
Before Christmas](#)

28 September 2017 to
4 February 2018

[The Magic of Clay and Fire:
Japanese Contemporary
Ceramics](#)

14 Dec. 2016 through Spring
2018

[Connecting Texas: 300 Years
of Trails, Rails and Roads](#)

17 February through
September 2018

[Stage Frights: Madness,
Monsters, Mayhem](#)

28 September 2017 to
4 February 2018

[San Antonio 1718: Art from
Viceregal Mexico](#)

[A Tricentennial Exhibition](#)
17 February through 13 May
2018

[Confluence and Culture: 300
Years of San Antonio History](#)

3 March 2018 through
6 January 2019

[Captain Seth Eastman's
Journey with a Sketchbook:
Down the Mississippi](#)

4 January 2018 to 1 April 2018

[Egyptian Animal Mummies:
Science Explores an Ancient
Religion](#)

23 March through 1 July 2018

[Predators vs. Prey: Dinosaurs
on the Land Before Texas](#)

26 May through 3 September
2018

[100 Years of Printmaking in
San Antonio: Mary Bonner](#)

4 January 2018 to 1 April 2018

[Spain: 500 Years of Spanish
Painting from the Museums
of Madrid A Tricentennial
Exhibition](#)

22 June through 16
September 2018



News

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?

How Many Backup Copies of Important Files Do You Need?

Here's the old data center 3-2-1 rule-of-thumb for backing up:

- 3 copies of anything you care about - Two isn't enough if it's important.
- 2 different formats - Example: Dropbox plus DVDs or Hard Drive plus Memory Stick

or CD plus Crash Plan, or more

- 1 off-site backup - If the house burns down, how will you get your memories back?

Fourteenth Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar Boerne, Texas

Guest Speaker - John Sellers

John is a fifth generation Texan and native of Hopkins County. He has been researching for thirty years and he has been lecturing for over twenty five years. He is a popular regional and national speaker. John has served as both the President of the Hopkins County Genealogical Society and as the Mayor of Sulphur Springs, Texas. He specializes in courthouse research and a myriad of other topics.

The full day seminar will consist of 4 sessions. The topics are:

- Women: That Gender You Can't do Without in Your Research.
- What's Hidden in Courthouse Records?
- Researching Newspapers in Cyberspace.
- What Do You Mean it Burned? How to Find Alternate Records.

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Doors open at 8:15 (breakfast tacos, lunch, and snacks included)

Place: Kronkosky Place, 17 Old San Antonio Road, Boerne, TX 78006

Seating is limited - register early!

Early Registration - GSKC members - Early registration ends on February 10, 2018

\$ 50.00

Early Registration - Non-members - Early registration ends on February 10, 2018

\$ 55.00

Late registration (after February 10, 2018) and at the door - GSKC member and non-member

\$ 60.00

For more information: <https://gskctx.org/cpage.php?pt=66>



Links

Free Online Genealogy Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

View here https://familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars_free.php

RootsWeb is Currently Unavailable and Probably Will Remain That Way for Some Time

The following announcement was posted on the RootsWeb home page at: <http://rootsweb.com>:

We have been in the process of improving the site throughout 2017, and as a result of an issue we recently became aware of, we have taken the site offline while we work to resolve it. We take the security of our contributors and our viewers seriously. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but protecting our users' personal information is our top priority.

Update: January 9, 2018

We have spent the last few weeks reviewing the functionality on RootsWeb and have created a plan to bring many of your contributions back online over the next few months. As we stated before, our first priority is security, and ensuring that every part of RootsWeb meets our stringent security standards. Our next priority is getting you, the users of RootsWeb and its services, access to your content.

Right now, the best way for us to meet both goals is to begin bringing portions of RootsWeb back online in a read-only state.

This means you will have access to content, but you will not be able to load new content in these sections. While this may not be ideal, it is the best way for us to protect RootsWeb users while also providing the ability to use the content you value. This is an interim step while we continue to evaluate the potential for bringing more of the RootsWeb services back online in a more complete manner.

Here's our current plan:

Hosted Web Sites: Soon we will begin bringing Hosted Web Sites back online. We will start with a few hundred and then add more over time, giving us a chance to scan the content.

Family Trees/WorldConnect: Family Trees or WorldConnect allows you to upload a GEDCOM file and publish it for others to see. It is currently being reviewed by our software engineers and security team and we plan on having a read-only, searchable version up in the next few weeks. The ability to upload new GEDCOM files will be available in the coming months.

Mailing Lists: Mailing Lists have been functioning as normal, but the archives have been unavailable. We plan to make the archives available to you once we have WorldConnect available to you in a readable version.

We will be making decisions about other functionality over time.

We appreciate your patience as we bring the different pieces of RootsWeb back online in a secure manner. You, our contributors and viewers, are what has made RootsWeb the vibrant free genealogy community it is.

The RootsWeb Team

Weatherford, Texas is Downsizing the City Library's Genealogy Section

The Weatherford Public Library's decision to downsize its genealogy section to deal with increasing need for space and a lack of funding for expansion has caused concern and outrage among some. In preparation for an anticipated renovation, the city is donating some of its non-Parker County-related materials from the genealogy area.

"Materials that are still accurate and in good shape that will not be kept in our collection are being offered, in accordance with law and policy, to other libraries and non-profit organizations," according to Library Director Chris Accardo. The city held a public meeting Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the library to discuss the issue.

You can read the details in articles by Christin Coyne in the Weatherford Democrat here <http://bit.ly/2CLXw1f> and <http://bit.ly/2DWLTo7>.



From the Archives

Two New Parks Will Be Ready for Use Soon

Commissioner Lambert Also Has Comfort Stations Nearing Completion

NEW BRIDGE IN PARK

Donations to City Zoo Include Two Rocky Mountain Sheep from Canada

With the approach of spring, Commissioner Lambert hopes to have two new parks improved and ready to be thrown open to the public. One of these is the old Elmendorf Lake property, donated to the city last year, which is being converted into a palm garden and the other is the old post camp property, along the Zalzamorras [sic] Creek, about half a mile southwest of Elmendorf Lake, which is being transformed into a playground.

In addition, city workmen are now completing the construction of two comfort stations at the City Market House, two others are in course of construction at Brackenridge Park and two others soon are to be built, one at Houston Street and the river and the other at Commerce Street at the river. The new footbridge in Brackenridge Park, crossing the river at the ball park, which is to be made one of the beauties of the park, also is nearing completion.

Donations to Zoo

Among the additions to the municipal zoo for this year will be a pair of Rocky Mountain sheep, the gift to San Antonio from the Dominion of Canada. These sheep are almost impossible to buy and when purchasable find a ready market at around \$1,000 each. Ever since the municipal zoo was laid out, Commissioner Lambert has recognized that the old rock quarry cliffs, which were utilized, afforded just the right setting for Rocky Mountain sheep or goats.

First Commissioner Lambert tried to get them from the states of Arizona and New Mexico but failed, and then appealed to Senator Sheppard to use his influence with the supervisor of national parks. The sheep are very scarce, however, and the federal government does not undertake to get them as it does buffalo, elk, bear or beaver for exhibition purposes, so Senator Sheppard suggest that Commissioner Lambert write J. B. Haiken, supervisor for the Dominion Park Branch, with headquarters at Ottawa, Canada.

To Be Sent From Banff

In a letter just received, Supervisor Haiken informs Commissioner Lambert that on

instruction from him, two of the Rocky Mountain sheep will be shipped to San Antonio from Banff, Alberta with the understanding that this city will bear the cost incurred in catching, crating and expressing the animals here. When they arrive the sheep are to be given range, adjoining that of the elk, which will include cliffs and hills of the old rock quarry.

Two other recent additions to the zoo are a cage of 31 Mexican parrots, donated to the city by Henry Caley of Tampico, and a pen of registered Belgian hares.

No name has yet been decided upon for the Mexican playground along the Zalzas Creek, but it will be one of the most delightful in the city. Commissioner Lambert plans to invite the various Mexican societies to appoint a joint committee to select a suitable name and when the playground is completed it is to be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

Will Have Bathing Beach

The advantage of this playground over most of the others is that it has an ample supply of clear, fresh water and the erection of a low rock dam will provide a wading and bathing beach. Frank Cassiano has donated several carloads of sand which will be spread along the beach. The pool is fed from a number of springs, which flow directly into it, thus insuring a constant supply of clear, fresh water. The playground apparatus now being installed will be similar in all details to that with which the Buena Vista Street playground is equipped. In addition, a giant grape-vine, some twenty years old, which was growing on the property and the fruit trees, planted three years ago, have been pruned and are to be mulched to insure the maximum of production. Seats will be provided under the ancient willow trees and a check room will be built adjoining the beach.

The park at Elmendorf Lake, although small, promised to be one of the most attractive in the city. The ruined dam, which impounded the water and in days gone by provided one of the finest fishing lakes in this section has been repaired and only a heavy rain is needed to restore it as a lake. Commissioner Lambert plans to make this a palm garden and has purchased a number of five or six varieties which thrive in this climate. The lake itself is to be bordered with cypress trees.

Will Be Fern Bridge

Commissioner Lambert is much pleased with the appearance of the foot-bridge in Brackenridge Park. This is a reinforced concrete structure, completely covered with the honey-comb rock which Commissioner Lambert has used with such artistic effect in other park work. In time it is planned to fill the spaces in this rock with soil and plant ferns, and as it spans the river at a point almost always in the shade. It is expected that ultimately the bridge will become a bank of ferns.

The two comfort stations in Brackenridge Park, near the bathing beach, will provide accommodations for both men and women and while their construction may necessitate a slight increase in the park budget, Mayor Bell urged that the work be done at once.

San Antonio Daily Light

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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 by the deadline provided:

- March 2018 by February 15
- April 2018 by March 15

- May 2018 by April 15

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