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
Events & Classes

**Using Ancestry Library Edition**

Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition to help you with your family history research.

Wednesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

**Brook Hollow Library**

530 Heimer
San Antonio, TX 78232
Phone (210) 207-9030

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**New Publications**

1840 Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary & Military Services  
GENEALOGY 973.34 PAULK 2010

New Mexico Baptisms, San Felipe de Neri Church in Albuquerque, 1706-1802, 1822-1828, Survey of Dixie County, Florida Cemeteries As of September 1997  
GENEALOGY 975.9 DIXIE 1997

East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana Mortality Schedules, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880  
GENEALOGY 976.3 EAST BATON ROUGE 1983

Born from Iron: Iron Mountain, Michigan 1879-1979  
GENEALOGY 977.4 DICKINSON 1978

Mackinac Island: Its History In Pictures  
GENEALOGY 977.4 MACKINAC 1973

Lost, Texas: Photographs of Forgotten Buildings  
TEXANA 976.40022 DORSEY 2018

The Alamo's Forgotten Defenders: The Remarkable Story of the Irish during the Texas Revolution  
TEXANA 976.403 TUCKER 2016

Franklin County School Census 1914-1915  
TEXANA 976.4213 FRANKLIN 2004

Franklin County School Censuses 1922-1924
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:** September 1, 2018  
**Speaker:** none  
**Topic:** This is a members-only meeting

**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
- 210-207-2500

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

Viva Hemisfair!

The Institute of Texan Cultures
April 6 - December 31, 2018

Through historical photos, personal anecdotes, HemisFair memorabilia, archive film footage and more, the exhibit reveals what it took to put on the fair, and how it impacted San Antonio and the surrounding area.
In preparation for the HemisFair exhibit, ITC graduate intern Garrett Bader generated a HemisFair Journal StoryMap. For a more comprehensive look into the HemisFair park area, the old neighborhood, the Polish Quarter, the historic homes, St. Michael's Church and more, access the journal [here](#).

**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.

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**Predators vs. Prey: Dinosaurs on the Land Before Texas**
26 May through 3 September 2018

- **Portraits of Courage: A Commander-in-Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors**
  now through 3 Sept. 2018

- **Connecting Texas: 300 Years of Trails, Rails and Roads**
  17 February through September 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**
  5 April 2018 to 30 Sept. 2018

- **100 Years of Printmaking in San Antonio: Kent Rush**
  12 July 2018 to 30 Sept. 2018

- **Dario Robleto: Ancient Beacons Long for Notice**
  28 June 2018 to 23 Sept. 2018

- **Immersed: Local to Global Art Sensations**
  7 June 2018 to 2 September 2018

- **Egyptian Animal Mummies: Science Explores an Ancient Religion**
  23 March through 1 July 2018

- **Spain: 500 Years of Spanish Painting from the Museums of Madrid: A Tricentennial Exhibition**
  Through 16 September 2018

- **Marilyn Lanfear**
  24 August through 11 November 2018

- **Becoming John Marin: Modernist at Work**
  26 October 2018 through 20 January 2019
Fellow Historians, Genealogists, and History Buffs, please join us in San Antonio for the 39th Annual Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference. This upcoming event will take place on September 27th, 28th, and 29th, during the 300th Anniversary of San Antonio’s Founding Celebration. Early registration begins now until May 1st. The reduced rate for the Holiday Inn River Walk applies for two days prior and two days after our conference, if you chose to extend your stay in our beautiful city.

Take this opportunity to visit our Historical Missions, which have been named a "World Heritage Site" by UNESCO. Take a dinner barge down the beautiful San Antonio River as you dine with friends and learn some historical facts from your Barge Captain.

Our conference will have 30 sessions with some of the most renowned Genealogists and noted Historians. We will have instructional sessions for beginning, intermediate, and advanced genealogists, and discuss the importance of collecting oral histories. We are also providing discounts on your DNA so that you can bring your results with you, and discuss it with an expert. Bring your family trees or genealogy records and discover new "Primos" while extending our tree at our Sobremesa after dinner on Friday night.

**Saturday Evening Banquet Speaker will be:**

**Dr. Emilio Zamora**
Associate Professor with the School of Information Science with a courtesy appointment in the Department of History and associate status in the Center of Mexican American Status at the University of Texas at Austin

**Topic:** Texas Colonial - Mexican Time Period

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**Conference Speakers**

**Friday, September 28, 2018**

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<td>Dan Arellano&lt;br&gt;The French Connection to the Alamo</td>
<td>Ricky D. Reyes&lt;br&gt;The Four Directions of the Universe Prayer from the Secret Wisdom of a Yaqui Mestizo Healer</td>
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| 10:05 am| Dr. Javier Villarreal<br>His presentation follow the road taken by the Spanish language in the Americas. It will explain the results of language contact, initially, in the Antilles, later between Spanish and Nahuatl (the | Dr. Frank de la Teja Ph.D.<br>"The Other Seguín: Don Erasmo and the birth of Modern Texas."
Description: While Juan gets the lion’s share of attention among the Seguín of San Antonio, the story of his father, Erasmo, is no less compelling and full of |
He will explain how language expansion occurs linguistic and cultural environment. It concludes with a discussion on the vitality of Aztec words that have survived and thrived in today's Spanish and English.

Mostly known for escorting Stephen F. Austin into Texas in the summer of 1821, Erasmo's role during the Mexican War of Independence era and the early Mexican national period are largely unknown. This talk attempts to deal with the conflicting loyalties and responsibilities faced by Erasmo and how his experience shaped history.

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<td>Family Tree DNA</td>
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<td>You've decided to try DNA testing to help break through your genealogical brick walls, but all those test descriptions read like they're written in a foreign language. What can you really expect from testing? What test should you take? Who should you test? What does it all mean? In this talk, Janine Cloud explains DNA testing for genealogy in simple terms.</td>
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<td>Steve Gonzalez</td>
<td>Executive Director of the Camino Real de Los Tejas, will bring us up to date on ongoing research projects that shed light on various aspects of the trail's history, has allowed historic sites to be recognized as official trail resources.</td>
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<td>Anthony Delgado &amp; Joe Arciniega</td>
<td>The Interview (Dramatic presentation on Texas History)</td>
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<td>Alex Baez</td>
<td>Alex Baez tells the tell the story of their grandfather &quot;Memoirs&quot; written in his own hand. The story of the grandfather's migration from Spain to Monterrey. Beginning in 1834. The grandfather shared personal philosophies about life.</td>
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<td>Sylvia Reyna</td>
<td>Research resources available at the San Antonio Library Texana Department.</td>
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<td>Art Martinez de Vara &amp; Norma Langwell</td>
<td>The Alcades Program</td>
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<td>Gus Martinez</td>
<td>The Evolution of the Tejanos: 500 years in the Americas and 300 years in Texas. Discussing the First Families of Bexar 1716-1730</td>
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<td>Jose Sierra Sr.</td>
<td>The presentation deals with the who, what, where, when and why Texas Spanish and Mexican Land Grants were stolen from Tejano ancestors after 1848</td>
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| 8:05 am | Margarita Araiza  
The History of Women Religious in Laredo. | David Gonzales  
He will discuss his research on of Sephardic Jews in Texas and Mexico and what is the meaning of this renaissance and where do Hispanics with Sephardic ancestry go from here. | Angel of Goliad Presentation Team  
Preserving the Memory of an Incredible Lady. |
| 9:10 am | María Elena Laborde y Pérez Treviño  
Author of the bestselling book "Objective:Salvar Vidas: Mexico en Madrid, 1936" of Mexican Involvement in the Spanish Civil War.  
She is a descendant of 1716 families of Bexar and author about her grandfather who was governor of Coahuila, founder of a political party, presidential candidate and ambassador of Mexico to Spain where he saved lives during the Spanish Revolution. | Dave Gutierrez  
Author of "Patriots from the Barrio." The Story of Company E, 141st Infantry: The Only All Mexican American Army Unit in World War II. The unit consisted of men from El Paso, San Antonio & other Texas towns. Film rights have been sold for a movie. | Ed Mata  
The Cristero War. The persecution of Catholics in Mexico. This was a popular uprising against the anti-Catholic Mexican government 1926 to 1929. |
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<td>Bill Millet - film director &amp; co-producer of the Music Soundtrack</td>
<td>An unequal right to Bear Arms. State weapon laws and how regulations targeted the non-white persons of Texas, particularly the male slaves and Indians who posed a threat to the safety and social order of white communities.</td>
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<td>Lic. Miguel Angel Munos Borrego</td>
<td>&quot;Spanish Presentation&quot; His research will show a connection of the Borrego families that brought ranching into northern Mexico. To include rancher Jose Vasquez Borrego who crossed the Rio Grande near Laredo in 1750 and in 1755.</td>
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<td>Dr. Teresa Von Hoy Ph.D.</td>
<td>Presentations by several of her St. Mary's University History students who will present stories about their families in Texas, primarily South Texas.</td>
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<td>Moises Garza</td>
<td>The author of over 38 books on Mexican Genealogy, the administrator of The Mexican Genealogical Blog; and developer of the WEARECOUSINS.website will present on current findings and research.</td>
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<td>&quot;Mission Espada After Seclarization: 1794 - 2014&quot; He is a Texas historian with a passion for the history of San Antonio.</td>
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<td>Dr. David Carlson, Ph.D.</td>
<td>An Assistant Professor of History at Texas A&amp;M University-San Antonio. &quot;From Los Adaes to the Alamo: The Significance of East Texas to San Antonio's Tricentennial&quot;</td>
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The historian, author, and attorney. He was the grand prize winner at the 2016 TSGS Book Awards for "Dios y Tejas: Essays on the history of Von Ormy Texas" and the winner of the 2014 Presidio La Bahia Award for "The Jose Francisco Ruiz Papers: Report on Indian Tribes of Texas in 1828".

San Antonio celebrates the 300th anniversary of its founding in 1718, this talk considers the ties that bound Adaeseños from East Texas alongside Bexareños, Coahuiltecans, Apaches, and Comanches at the three principal institutions that constituted the Alamo City's core identity of the missions, presidio, and town in its formative years.

Adaeseños infused a spirit of accommodation and rebellion from the Texas-Louisiana border at Los Adaes and Nacogdoches to South Texas, and vice-versa, as Tejanos became caught in revolutionary movements for American, Mexican, and Texan independence. In particular, family surnames such as Losoya, Esparza, Carmona, and Tejeda are but a few who came to San Antonio from Los Adaes while others traveled back and forth along the Camino Real in search for opportunity, land, and freedom.

2:35 pm  Crispin Rendon
The well-known Genealogist who many of us depend upon will speak on: Exploring Mexican Catholic Marriage Records using FamilySearch.org

2:35 pm  Mary Ozuna Torres
The Harlingen Native write a weekly column for the Valley Morning Star, will present the weaving of the story of the Molina and related families of Revilla, Mexico and South Texas.

2:35 pm  Dr. Mary Jo Galindo, Ph.D.
La Orden Caballeros de America and the Legacy of Maria L. Hernandez La Liga Pro Defensa Escolar demonstrations protesting the discrimination in and deplorable conditions of public school for Mexican children in the 1930's

3:40 pm  Carlos Martín Herrera de la Garza
Spanish Presentation
He will discuss his book on the marriages that occurred in Burgos, Tamaulipas from 1750 until 1860

3:40 pm  Cindy A. Medina
The Administrator of the FB site "New Spain and Mexico" will talk about the Dr. Hogan Book "Abraham Lincoln and

3:40 pm  M. E. Ríos
M.E. Ríos is a genealogy enthusiast who is passionate about connecting people with the history of northeastern México through their genealogies. He has research experience in archives in México, Spain, and the United States. His current research focuses on tracing lineages of Jewish ancestry in northeastern México. He is the project administrator for the Cohen de México Project on Family Tree
which encompass such names such as Adame, Balli, Cano, Flores, Garza, González, Guillén, Gutiérrez, Palacios, Treviño, and Zuñiga. Professor Herrera is a faculty member of the Universidad de Tamaulipas in Ciudad Victoria Mexico. DNA, and has a forthcoming book on proving an unbroken maternal lineage of Judeo-converso origin in northeastern México dating back to 1495 in Spain and HOW that could affect YOU!
2018 Annual Conference

Friday & Saturday
Sept. 14 & 15
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?

Links

Free Online Genealogy Webinars

September 2018
North Carolina Land Grants Overview

- Presenter: David McCorkle
- Date: August 26, 2018
- Time: 7:00 PM Central
- Description: Land records can provide useful genealogical information beyond just time and place, such as relationships, clues to wealth, occupations, neighbors, and more. Land Grants are of particular interest because they represent the first time a particular plot of land was allocated to settlers, and also because the grant process required a number of steps and often took several years, with numerous documents generated. North Carolina has original documents going back to 1663, and the free website nclandgrants.com has searchable data on all the grants along with many original document images.

- Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6510824466305617923

Clayton Genealogy Library - Houston

September 8, 2018 | Starting at 10:30 a.m.

Grandparents Day Celebration - Bring the grandchildren (or children) and participate in the multi-generational Activity stations created for sharing family stories and memories.
The Virtual Genealogical Association is a global organization serving family history enthusiasts of all levels, geared towards those:

- whose circumstances make it difficult to attend local genealogical society meetings
- who prefer online presentations, special interest groups (SIGs), conferences, and socializing
- with an interest in connecting, networking, and mentoring with global genealogists

The Virtual Genealogical Association was founded on 27 April 2018 with the recognition that many family history enthusiasts are merging technology and globalization in their genealogical pursuits. We aim to provide a forum for genealogists to connect, network, and mentor with genealogists around the world through monthly meetings online, webinars, social networking, annual conferences, and in-person meet-ups at conferences, institutes and events around the world.

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From the Archives

Early Breweries Tell Interesting Story That Made San Antonio Famous

By Fred Mosebach

What ever has made San Antonio famous since the first settlers were attracted by the crystal clear springs, the beautiful trees and the salubrious climate, there is perhaps nothing can compare with the fine quality of beer that has been brewed here. That dates back as far as the memory of the oldest resident goes, for beer brewing is a time-honored industry of San Antonio that has maintained a payroll to supply the sinews for trade and commerce as a contributing share to prosperity this city has always known. There is no institution in San Antonio which has provided more employment than the breweries, and likewise none that has paid more taxes for the upkeep of the Government, and also none that has contributed more to the cause of charity. When a subscription list is started to bring in a new enterprise, such for instance as a railroad, the breweries kick in with the largest sums.

Anyone who has known the men at the head of our breweries will tell you that
William A. Menger, one of San Antonio's leading citizens before the Civil War, who founded the hotel that today still bears his name, then the leading hostelry of San Antonio and Southwest Texas, and also established the first brewery. He was one of the organizers of the first fire department when this started out as a bucket brigade as a means of protecting the homes of the citizens from the ravages of flames, and as a stroke of civic pride he presented the city with its first steam pumper. When John B. Behloradsky came here in later years to establish the City Brewery, he was enrolled as one of San Antonio's leading citizens and was in the front ranks among those to put their shoulders to the wheel to push the city ahead. Others equally as enterprising were Herman D. Kampmann, Louis S. Berg and Oscar Bergstrom. Otto Koehler, Otto Wahrmund, John Legler, George Schober and George Aschbacher are among others that could be named as wheelhorses for the progress of San Antonio, all identified with the beer brewing industry.

Yeast Cakes for Housewives

It is the old Menger Brewery, however, that still strums a vibrating chord in the memory of those who were here at the time, for they delight to recall when they used to go to the brewery, which was on Blum Street, to get there yeast for their mothers for the making of bread and "kaffe-kuchen." Ed Lyons recalled the other day how his mother at the old Lyons homestead on Sixth Street made yeast cakes and laid these on a board out in the sun to dry. Hundreds of others can recall the old days of yeast cakes, for no household was without them. The housewives would soften the yeast cakes in water and mix them with dough for baking bread. That was before bakeries became numerous to take care of the bread supply and bread making was an art among housewives.

William A. Menger was born in Wildecken bel Hanau, Kurhessen, Germany, on March 15, 1827. He was a cooper and brewer and had traveled extensively before coming to Texas. He operated a cooperage in San Antonio and manufactured wooden barrels and tanks of all kinds. As he knew how to make good beer he started a brewery about the year 1855. The fame of the Menger beer became state wide and was delivered in kegs to all parts of Texas by wagon trains and ox carts. In 1858, Menger built his hotel on Alamo Plaza, and this he opened on Feb. 1, 1859, operating it until his death, March 18, 1871, at the age of 44. His widow and son, the late L. William Menger, operated the hotel for 10 years after his death. A daughter, Mrs. C. Barbara Menger, is still living.

Some Early Breweries

Among other early breweries was the Joe Hutzler on Presa Street, at the river, just south of Market Street. Henry Karber had a brewery on San Pedro Creek near where Martin Street now crosses, and not far from there, H. Hammer had a brewery. Don Heder had a brewery on south Laredo Street, near Arsenal Street; William Esser had one on North Flores, between Hickman and Krempkau Streets, and in the same block, Henry Diedler had a brewery, all back 60 years ago, so there was no danger of a drouth in San Antonio. These brewers used to import piloncillo from Mexico by wagon trains and used this instead of sugar. Piloncillo is made from sugar cane and is put up in conical form, as which it is still handled by some grocers. It used to be a favorite among sweets for children. It gave the beer a heavy brown body. Lorenz Kaupert, whose home was on Avenue E, at the corner of Seventh Street, used to
make a sweet beer and George Aschbacher used to make weiss beer, which was very popular at the time. This was light colored, highly effervescent, weiss beer, meaning white beer.

San Antonio's most distinctive brewery was that of Carl Degen which went out of existence when prohibition came in during the World War. In a little rock house on Blum Street he had his vats where he brewed the beer. He did not place it on the market, but served it to his customers who called at his place of business where he had a bar equipped with tables and chairs. This little room was filled with customers almost constantly. Some of these called in the morning and others in the afternoon. They would sit at the tables and order their beer, which was served in schooners at five cents each. Some of the leading families of San Antonio would drive to Degen's place in their carriages for a schooner of this refreshing beverage. Tourists and traveling theatrical troupes when they visited the city never failed to visit Degen's for that was one of the points of interest in the city. Notwithstanding the popularity of his beer, Degen refused to capitalize it. He was content with the business he did and refused offers to incorporate to put his product on the market on a large manufacturing scale. He used to say, "It is not what you put in the beer, but it is how you brew it that makes it what it is." For that reason, he always personally supervised the making of his beer and would allow nobody to help him in the process of making it until the years began to weigh down on him and he was compelled to retire until he passed away. But the Degen beer had never been the same from the time that he could not attend to the vats himself.

When prohibition came in all the breweries went out of business. The old City brewery was converted into a food product concern, but has since been taken over for the beer industry as which it is now operating. The Lone Star Brewery closed down. George Schober had a thriving brewery just south of East Josephine Street, but this went out of business with his death.

San Antonio Express
August 25, 1935