



## South Texas Researcher

February 2019

### Texana / Genealogy



#### San Antonio Public Library Texana / Genealogy

Find Texana / Genealogy online by visiting [mysapl.org/texana](http://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



## Introduction to SAPL Genealogy Databases

Learn how to use SAPL databases to help you in doing your family history research. Special emphasis will be on Ancestry Library Edition.

Space is limited and registration is recommended:  
genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

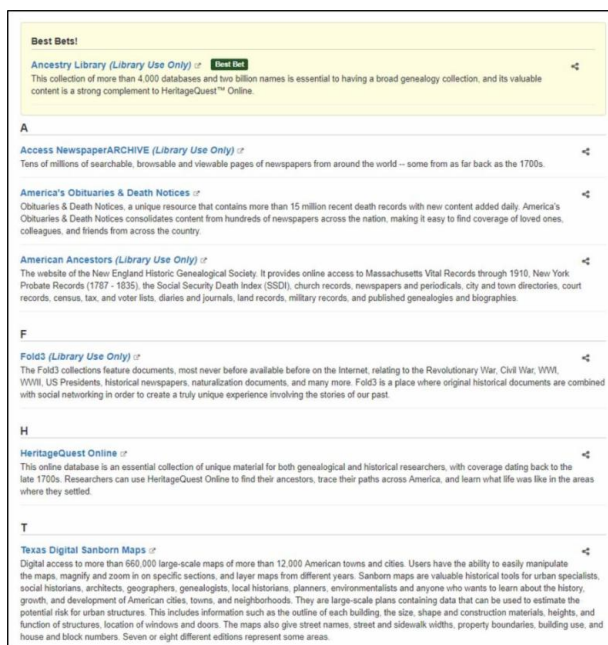
2 hours and 59 minutes of free parking in the Central Library Garage.

**Sunday, 17 February, 1:00 PM**

### Central Library - Connect

600 Soledad 78205

210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy)

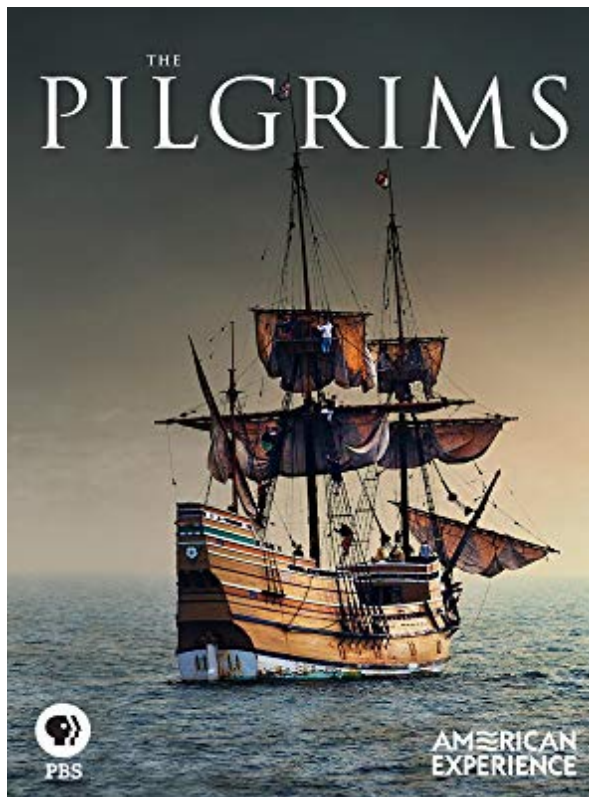


The screenshot shows a list of genealogy databases under the heading "Best Bets!". The databases listed are:

- Ancestry Library (Library Use Only)**: This collection of more than 4,000 databases and two billion names is essential to having a broad genealogy collection, and its valuable content is a strong complement to HeritageQuest™ Online.
- Access NewspaperARCHIVE (Library Use Only)**: Tens of millions of searchable, browsable and viewable pages of newspapers from around the world -- some from as far back as the 1700s.
- America's Obituaries & Death Notices**: Obituaries & Death Notices, a unique resource that contains more than 15 million recent death records with new content added daily. America's Obituaries & Death Notices consolidates content from hundreds of newspapers across the nation, making it easy to find coverage of loved ones, colleagues, and friends from across the country.
- American Ancestors (Library Use Only)**: The website of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. It provides online access to Massachusetts Vital Records through 1910, New York Probate Records (1787 - 1835), the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), church records, newspapers and periodicals, city and town directories, court records, census, tax, and voter lists, diaries and journals, land records, military records, and published genealogies and biographies.
- Fold3 (Library Use Only)**: The Fold3 collections feature documents, most never before available before on the Internet, relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWII, WWI, US Presidents, historical newspapers, naturalization documents, and many more. Fold3 is a place where original historical documents are combined with social networking in order to create a truly unique experience involving the stories of our past.
- HeritageQuest Online**: This online database is an essential collection of unique material for both genealogical and historical researchers, with coverage dating back to the late 1700s. Researchers can use HeritageQuest Online to find their ancestors, trace their paths across America, and learn what life was like in the areas where they settled.
- Texas Digital Sanborn Maps**: Digital access to more than 660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 American towns and cities. Users have the ability to easily manipulate the maps, magnify and zoom in on specific sections, and layer maps from different years. Sanborn maps are valuable historical tools for urban specialists, social historians, architects, geographers, genealogists, local historians, planners, environmentalists and anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, and neighborhoods. They are large-scale plans containing data that can be used to estimate the potential risk for urban structures. This includes information such as the outline of each building, the size, shape and construction materials, heights, and function of structures, location of windows and doors. The maps also give street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers. Seven or eight different editions represent some areas.

## The Pilgrims

From award-winning director Ric Burns, and with a moving final performance by Roger Rees as William Bradford, *The Pilgrims* explores the riveting true story of a small group of English Separatists whose determination to worship God as they saw fit planted the seeds of the American dream. Arguably one of the most fateful and resonant events of the last half millennium, the Pilgrims journey west across the Atlantic in the early 17th century is a seminal, if often misunderstood episode of American and world history. *The Pilgrims* explores the forces, circumstances, personalities and events that converged to exile the English group in Holland and eventually propel their crossing to the New World; a story universally familiar in broad outline, but almost entirely unfamiliar to a general audience in its rich and compelling historical actuality.



Screening sponsored by the San Antonio Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants.

**Saturday, February 23, 2-4 p.m.**

**Central Library Auditorium**

### **Genealogy for the Beginner: Getting Started**

Researching your family tree involves more than a DNA test. Join us as we explain how to get started uncovering your family history.

Registration is required.

2 hours and 59 minutes of free parking in the Central Library Garage.

**Sunday, 24 February, 1:00 PM**

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## **New Publications**

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The Scotch-Irish: A Social History  
GENEALOGY 325.241 LEYBURN 1962

Certain Topics on the Ingham, Waterhouse and Allied Families  
GENEALOGY 929.2 INGHAM 1974

Eternal Rest: Owen County, Kentucky Cemetery Records  
GENEALOGY 976.9 OWEN 1989

The Counties and Courthouses of Iowa  
GENEALOGY 977.7 PRATT 1977

Prison of Culture: Beyond Black Like Me  
TEXANA 305.80097 GRIFFIN 2011

Status of Civil Rights in Texas: An Employment Profile of San Antonio 1968-1978  
TEXANA 323 STATUS v. 2

Shale Boom: The Barnett Shale Play and Fort Worth  
TEXANA 333.8233 HINTON 2018

Texas Rangers: Lives, Legend, and Legacy  
TEXANA 363.20976 ALEXANDER 2017

Arming for Battle against Disease through Education, Research and Patient Care at Baylor

College of Medicine  
TEXANA 610.71176 BUTLER v.5

Copies of Minutes of Albert Sydney Johnston Camp 144, United Confederate Veterans,  
San Antonio, Texas, 1893-1926  
TEXANA 973.742 COPIES v. 1-4

Links to the Past: The Hidden History on Texas Golf Courses  
TEXANA 976.35206 UTLEY 2018

War in East Texas: Regulators vs. Moderators  
TEXANA 976.414 O'NEAL 2018

Rural Church Census for Franklin and Titus Counties in Texas  
TEXANA 976.4213 RURAL 2007

Gildersleeve: Waco's Photographer  
TEXANA 976.4284 GILDERSLEEVE 2018

San Antonio Secret History  
TEXANA 976.4351 DAVIES 2018

San Antonio: A Tricentennial History  
TEXANA 976.4351 MILLER 2018

Remembrance: The Former POWS of Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
TEXANA 976.4351 REMEMBRANCE 2015

The Changing Face of San Antonio: An Insider's View of an Emerging International City  
TEXANA 976.4351 WOLFF 2018

Texas' Big Bend: A Photographic Adventure from the Pecos to the Rio Grande  
TEXANA 976.493 MARVINS 2009

The Making of a Mexican American Mayor: Raymond L. Telles of El Paso and the Origins of  
Latino Political Power  
TEXANA 976.49606 TELLES

The Age of the West  
TEXANA 978 AGE 1975



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## Community Partners

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### **Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society**

Meetings are normally held at 9:30 a.m. every first Saturday of the month on the first floor in the auditorium of the San Antonio Public Library, 600 Soledad Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Visitors are always welcome to attend. Membership is not required. Speakers at the meetings are people with a passion for history, professional historians, genealogists, archaeologists and researchers.

## The February Meeting will be held at the following Location:

Luby's Cafeteria  
4541 Fredericksburg Rd.  
San Antonio, Texas

Luby's opens at 8:00 am for those interested in buying breakfast.  
Meeting will be in reserved room starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Date:** February 2, 2019

**Speaker:** Barry Harrin

**Topic:** Helena, Texas: The Toughest Town on Earth

Author Barry Harrin fought his way up from a gang infested section of New York City to the top of corporate America. He has worked in the immigrant slums of London, Paris, Brussels and Frankfurt in addition to the violent streets of Cairo, Johannesburg and Mexico City. Barry is also the author of "A Manager's Guide to Guerrilla Warfare", "Guess Who's Listening at the Other End of Your Telephone," and "The Islamic Conquest of Europe 2020." He has been featured in articles or news stories by the Associated Press, LaSoir (Brussels, Belgium), Dallas Times Herald, Houston Post and Success Magazine to name a few. He has conducted business training seminars and been interviewed on television and talk radio shows across America and Europe. During the Vietnam Period, Barry served in the United States Naval Air Force as a Combat Air Crewman. Barry is a former kick-boxer, and telecommunications entrepreneur. Barry's best-selling book "A Manager's Guide to Guerrilla Warfare," was chosen by the United States Air Force-Patrick AFB Library System, as one of the top leadership and management books of all time.

### 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:

<a href="#">Dennis Moreno</a>	210.647.5607
<a href="#">Yolanda Patiño</a>	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 19, 2019 and November 16, 2019
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Free

#### Venue:

- **San Fernando Hall**
- 231 W. Commerce St.
- San Antonio, TX 78205
- 210-576-1365

#### EVENT PRESENTED BY:

- Canary Islands Descendants Association
- [cida.satx@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.txsaghs.org)



#### San Antonio 1860s - 1890s

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

August 4, 2018 - March 31, 2019

This exhibit highlights the UTSA Special Collections, which includes historic photographs from San Antonio history. The exhibit covers historic views of San Antonio, ethnic communities and culture, daily life, street scenes, family photographs, portraits, events, architecture, and UTSA history. A sanctioned Tricentennial exhibit.



## Brewing Up Texas

[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

October 21, 2017 - April 28, 2019

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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San Antonio Museum of Art

### [My Heart Is Not Blind](#)

5 January through 31 March  
2019

### [Planet Pioneers](#)

2 February through 7 April  
2019

### [The Birds and the Bees: Pollinators in Nature, Science and Culture](#)

5 October 2018 through 17  
May 2019

### [Estampas Chicanas](#)

17 January to 5 May 2019

### [Auto Show](#)

9 January to 12 May 2019

### [American Dreams: Classic Cars and Post-War Paintings](#)

14 February to 19 May 2019

### [AT&T Lobby: Teresita Fernandez](#)

30 August 2018  
through 19 August 2019

### [Harry Bertoia: Sculptor and Modernist Designer](#)

14 September 2018 through  
31 March 2019

### [Capturing the Moment: Photographs from the Marie Brenner and Ernest Pomerantz Collection](#)

22 February through  
12 May 2019



## News



2019 TSHA Annual Meeting  
February 28 - March 2, 2019

Corpus Christi, Texas

The largest gathering of its kind for Texas history enthusiasts. Join the leaders in the field for three days of sessions, networking, events, and professional development that will expand your knowledge, energize you, and help you to deepen your connections with the state's extraordinary past.

Register here: <https://www.tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting/registration/>

## Annual Meeting Events

(All events will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel unless otherwise noted.)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Women in Texas History Luncheon**, Sarita Armstrong Hixon *presiding*, TSHA President

*Hermine Tobolowsky's Cold War Feminism and the ERA in Texas*, Nancy E. Baker, Associate Professor of History, Sam Houston State University

Presentation of the Liz Carpenter Award for Research in the History of Women

Presentation of the Ellen Clarke Temple Research Fellowship in Texas Women's History

**5:00 p.m.**

**Graduate Student Mixer**

Invitations are extended to all graduate students and TSHA Fellows. No charge, but registration is required.

**6:30 p.m.**

**President Elect's Reception at the Tejano Civil Rights Museum and Resource Center (Transportation provided from the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel.)**

We will warmly welcome Emilio Zamora, TSHA's incoming 2019-2020 President, at a celebratory reception among the exhibits at the Tejano Civil Rights Museum and Resource Center.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

**7:30 a.m.**

**Book Lovers' and Texana Collectors' Breakfast**, Emilio Zamora *presiding*, TSHA First Vice President

*Postcards as Local Historical Documents*, Jim Moloney, Owner of Energy Gas Compression, author, collector, and local radio personality

**12:00 p.m.**

**Fellows Luncheon and Awards Presentation**, Mary Margaret McAllen *presiding*, TSHA Second Vice President

Induction of new Fellows of the Texas State Historical Association

Presentation of the following awards:

Mary Jon and J.P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award

Kate Broocks Bates Award for Historical Research

Coral H. Tullis Memorial Prize

Ron Tyler Award for Best Illustrated Book on Texas History and Culture

H. Bailey Carroll Award

Al Lowman Memorial Prize

Catarino and Evangelina Hernández Research Fellowship in Latino History

Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship

John H. Jenkins Research Fellowship in Texas History

Cecilia Steinfeldt Fellowship for Research in the Arts and Material Culture

Texas State Library and Archives Commission Research Fellowship in Texas History



**1:45 p.m.**

**Business Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association**, Sarita Armstrong Hixon *presiding*, TSHA President

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Historian, and committee chairs. All members should attend. Non-members are welcome to attend.

**6:00 p.m.**

**Live Auction Reception**

Texana items featured in the Live Auction will be available for viewing.

**President's Dinner & Live Auction**, Emilio Zamora *presiding*, TSHA First Vice President

We will honor Sarita Armstrong Hixon, who will make a final presentation in her capacity as outgoing TSHA President. The Live Auction will conclude the event.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Tour Lunch**

Boxed lunches available at the Omni Hotel for ALL tour attendees.

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Walking tour to Old Baview Cemetery (Limited to first 25 registrants.)**

Herb Canales, former city library director who led a group to research and document the history of the cemetery, will lead the walking group on a tour of the area between the hotel and the cemetery, pointing out landmarks and commenting the area's rich history.

**1:00 – 3:30 p.m. (Transport provided. Buses board at 12:45 p.m.)**

**Toast to Texas Independence and Tour of Old Bayview Cemetery**

The Toast to Texas Independence Ceremony, on Texas's 183<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day, will begin with an invocation, pledges, and songs. After the proclamation, attendees will join in a Toast to Texas with sparkling water, and the ceremony will conclude with a benediction. The self-guided tour of Old Bayview Cemetery will be given by the South Texas Historians. Attendees are invited to interact with local reenactors in period costumes as they present the history of the area and the cemetery at thirteen stations within the cemetery. Special guest "Susanna Dickinson" will be among them.

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## The Genealogical Society of Kendall County announces the Fifteenth Annual Hill Country Family History Seminar Saturday February 23, 2019

### Guest Speaker - Cari Taplin

Cari Taplin is a native of Wood County, Ohio, but migrated to Wyoming, Colorado, and then to Pflugerville, Texas, just outside of Austin. She is a Certified Genealogist (CG) and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for state, local, and national genealogical societies. She currently serves on the boards of the Association for Professional Genealogists (APG) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). As the owner of GenealogyPANTS, she provides speaking, research, and consultation services. When not working on her genealogy, Cari is a wife and mother of two very cute kids.

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

- Spitting is the easy part! What to do with your DNA results.
- PERSibilities: Better Research with Allen County Public Library's Periodical Source Index
- Newspapers Online
- Organizing Your Research: Making Molehills out of Mountains

### Seminar - Saturday, February 23rd:

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

For more information: contact seminar chair, Brooks Boye at [info@GSKCTX.org](mailto:info@GSKCTX.org).

Local accommodations are listed on the Where to Stay page at [www.visitboerne.org](http://www.visitboerne.org).

Register early and save money!

**Early Registration - GSKC members** - Early registration ends on February 9, 2019 \$ 50.00

**Early Registration - Non-members** - Early registration ends on February 9, 2019 \$ 55.00

**Late registration** (after February 9, 2019) and at the door - GSKC member and non-member \$ 60.00

**Special Membership Offer:** We are happy to offer non-members a one time special offer. Become a member at a discounted rate for the 2019 membership year, and save on registration plus receive all benefits of membership. A individual membership is \$20.00

(regularly \$30) and a family membership, if both family members are attending the seminar, is \$35.00 (regularly \$45). This offer is only good if you register for the seminar and must be paid with the seminar registration (see online registration form) and the offer is only good until the day of the seminar. Only valid if you have never been a member of the Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Texas. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

You can register and pay online with a credit card or register online and mail check.

[Click here to register.](#)

OR

[Click here to print registration form and mail with check](#)

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## Bill Filed in Texas to Place 125 Year Embargo Period on Birth Records

If passed, this will be a major obstacle to researching Texas ancestors. The following message was received from Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson of the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee:

A bill has been filed in the Texas State Legislature that would impose a 125 year embargo period on access to birth records. Death records are not changed from their current 25 year embargo. Existing law regarding indexes whether a general or summary index is not being proposed to be amended from current statute.

To read the bill see: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/billtext/pdf/HB00703I.pdf>.

The bill was filed on January 9, 2019 and not yet assigned to a committee.

<https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=86R&Bill=HB703>.

You can find your Texas state Representative [here](#).

(Courtesy of Dick Eastman's genealogy newsletter - <http://www.eogn.com>)

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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?

### 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?



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## Links

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### Free USCIS Online Genealogy Webinars

#### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

The USCIS Historical Research Branch offers several webinars for beginner and advanced researchers. They are an easy and free way to learn about the USCIS history, library, and genealogy programs and services from agency historians, librarians and program representatives.

Check them out here: <https://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars>

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### Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars

#### Applying Evidence to Genealogical Research Questions

The best approach to solving genealogical problems is to start with a strong, attainable research question. Learn about the different types of research questions, the components of a good research question, and how the research question drives the elements of the Genealogical Proof Standard.

Click [HERE](#) to register for FREE - via Legacy Family Tree Webinars. This lecture is FREE, but seating is limited to the first 1,000 attendees and promises to fill up fast! Make sure you log in at least 15 minutes before start time!

**Friday, Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m. Central**

**Presenter:** Melissa Johnson, CG

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### Free Georgia Genealogical Society Webinars

#### Newspapers for Genealogical Research

Discover the wide array of information about your ancestors that can be found in newspapers, and learn the best search strategies for finding and searching historic newspapers through a number of free and subscription-based websites.

**February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Central**

**Register to Attend:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5018379272027333635>



## From the Archives

### AWAY FROM THE DUSTY CITY

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According to a previous engagement, we paid a visit to the country in the vicinity of the head of the river yesterday. The County Commissioner's Court on Monday evening resolved to visit and inspect the manual labor poorhouse, and they thought proper to take the reporter of the leading city journal along, and that's all in the premises, no matter to what extent we may regret our attendance. There were two hacks full of us, all told, the party consisting of Judge Dwyer, Sam D. Smith, Commissioners Jones, Light, Sheiner and Weir. The County Physician, Judge Leslie Thompson and this reporter were taken along to the keep the others straight and to pilot the way. After escaping the city limits, we wound our weary way over the hill to the poorhouse, for the official position of the Commissioners, under command of the County Judge, made it incumbent upon them to visit this institution first - other matters afterwards.

We all arrived at the poorhouse in good time, and springing from the conveyances, proceeded in a sober mood to inspect the home of the poor. The result was as follows:

We found the main building to be a frame structure, divided into twelve rooms, size 14x14, with two windows and one door each. Each room was furnished with a fire-place, and upon measurement, the height from the floor to the ceiling was discovered to be 9 ½ feet. This main building is supported above the earth by stone pillars two feet high, and is used principally for such inmates as are not under the treatment of a physician.

The storeroom and kitchen, we found neat, and clean and in perfect order. The floors of all the rooms were as clean as they could possibly be, and proved the great care taken by the Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Delaroche, in administering to the comforts of the dependant [sic] persons under his charge.

On our tour of inspection of the main building, we missed Mrs. Gurloff, a German woman, who has been mute some time, and supported by the County. Upon questioning the Superintendent, we heard that she had been informed last evening that Dr. Graves was to be the city Physician, which so aroused and invigorated her that she spoke freely, and upon demanding permission to visit a friend, was not denied the privilege, and hence her absence.

Passing through the clothing department where the cleanliness and order of the other rooms was kept up, we invaded the quarters of a couple of aged Teutons, one



of them quite an interesting character. We conversed with him for some moment in his native tongue and found that his name was Schoenen, that he was about seventy-three years of age, and had been in this section of Texas thirty-two years. He had two grown sons and daughters, all of whom were wise and wealthy, but had discarded their aged parent, for which treatment an immediate contempt for them was generated in our bosom, and Judge Dwyer called them rascals.

Nora Quinn, an old Irish woman, with hair as white as cotton, was the next person visited, and we passed on to Aunt Polley Robinson's abode. The old negro woman was as happy as a sap-sucker, although ninety and odd summers have passed over her head. She stated that she had belonged to Gen. John R. Baylor, and was a high chicken in her time but was now standing at the door of the next world.

This closed the survey of the main or frame building of the poorhouse, and we proceeded to the hospital building. This structure is shaped in the form of an ell, the wings projecting north and west, and has a plaza on the north side. It consists of four rooms, the two on the northwardly-projecting wing being 14x15, and were constructed for the imprisonment of lunatics or persons subject to violent fits of insanity. As a prison, however, they have proved a grand failure, for the only really violent man ever confined in them soon released himself by boring through underneath an east window. The third and fourth rooms are large and airy, being 37x20, and 14 feet from floor to ceiling. They contain four windows each and one door, and have ventilators over the doors and windows. As these two rooms are used exclusively for invalids, there should certainly be some means instituted for shielding the windows, which are large and wide and admit a blinding and disagreeable light. Besides, from two o'clock until sunset, the hot rays of the sun penetrate these windows, falling upon the couches of the sick, increasing the suffering and retarding recovery. Blinds should therefore be put up without delay. In these two large rooms, eleven invalids are now confined, ten from the country and one from the city.

We will here remark that this hospital building is a very poor specimen of workmanship. Although the site is a rocky one, the foundation was not dug sufficiently deep to sustain the weight of the walls, as they are cracking and parting, though not two years old, and built of hard rock.

From the hospital we were piloted to the grave-yard, one hundred yards southwest of the hospital building. There are sixteen graves in the yard, which, although unenclosed, is neat and orderly. There is a head-board at each grave, giving the place of birth, name, nationality, place of last residence and age of persons buried.

The poorhouse grounds include twenty acres, ten acres of elevated land west of the upper labor ditch, and ten acres of irrigable bottom land, recently purchased from the city by the county, and which extends east of the above named ditch to the river. These lands are, however, under poor cultivation this season.

The poor house is kept in the best of order, the paupers are well fed and cared for, and invalids receive every possible attention, for which Mr. Delaroche received the warm commendations of the Commissioners. There are nineteen county, and thirteen city inmates at the institution, besides three prisoners.

Want of space cuts us short here, and we shall conclude this account of our visit in to-morrow's issue, for strange things happened ere we were returned to the city.



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:

- March 2019 by February 15
- April 2019 by March 15
- May 2019 by April 15

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