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
An overview of RootsMagic

RootsMagic is the award-winning genealogy software which makes researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy! Smart Computing Magazine calls it 'the best genealogy program we've seen'.

Registration is required.

Thursday, March 7, 2-4 p.m.

Central Library Connect
600 Soledad
San Antonio, TX 78255
Phone (210) 207-2500 (ask for Texana)

Friends of Texana Book Sale

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

Saturday, March 9, 10-3 p.m.

Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad
San Antonio, TX 78255
Phone (210) 207-2500 (ask for Texana)
Finding Your Female Ancestors

Celebrate Women's History Month and learn how to better research the often forgotten women in your family tree. Helpful genealogy databases and special research strategies will be discussed.

Registration is required:
genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Sunday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.

Central Library Auditorum
600 Soledad
San Antonio, TX 78255
Phone (210) 207-2500 (ask for Texana)
Using Census Records in Your Genealogical Research

Learn how census records can help you in doing your family history research. Emphasis will be on the U.S. federal census but we will also discuss agricultural, manufacturing, and slave schedules as well as other census alternatives. Registration is recommended.

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 PM

Central Library - Texana
600 Soledad 78205
210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy)

New Publications

Mayflower Families through Six Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in December 1620
GENEALOGY 974 MAYFLOWER v. 21, pt. 3

Early Vermont Settlers to 1771
GENEALOGY 974.365 BARTLEY 2017 v. 1

Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation
GENEALOGY 974.402 BANGS 2009

Survey of Brooks County, Georgia White Cemeteries: A Survey and Index of 108 Brooks County, Georgia White Cemeteries/Gravesites, as of December 2000
GENEALOGY 975.8 BROOKS 2012

Wayfarers in Walton: A History of Walton County, Georgia, 1818-1967
GENEALOGY 975.8 WALTON 1967

Whiteside County
GENEALOGY 977.3 WHITESIDE 1968

Women in Texas History
TEXANA 305.40976 BOSWELL 2018

Texas Society of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century: History 1939-2007
TEXANA 369.123 BASSETT 2006

A Rock Between Two Rivers: Fracturing a Texas Family Ranch
TEXANA 551.48309 FITZSIMONS 2018

Leaving the Gay Place: Billy Lee Brammer and the Great Society
TEXANA 813.54 BRAMMER BIOGRAPHY 2018
Backroads & Byways of Texas: Drives, Day Trips & Weekend Excursions
TEXANA 917.6404 BROWN 2019

Born Again Texana! A Newcomer's Guide to Texas
TEXANA 917.6404 COLE 2000

John Chisum: Frontier Cattle King
TEXANA 921 CHISUM BIOGRAPHY 2018

Jose Mora Y Del Rio: Archbishop of Mexico during the Mexican Revolution and the Cristero Rebellion
TEXANA 972.082 MORA Y DEL RIO 2015

Lust for Glory: An Epic Story of Early Texas and the Sacrifice that Defined a Nation
TEXANA 976.403 HARDIN 2018

Pioneer Partners: Thomas and Molly Bugbee, Frontier Ranchers
TEXANA 976.406 BUGBEE 1996

Hallowed Ground: A Monograph on the Sacred History of Cathedral Park at the Bishop James Center in San Antonio, Texas
TEXANA 976.4351 GEORGE 2018

Archaeological Investigations of the Winters-Jackson Cemetery (41BX2245), San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas
TEXANA 976.4351 WIGLEY 2018

In the Shadow of Pecos Bill
TEXANA 976.4447 COQUAT 2009

Cottonwood's My Home: Recipes, Memories, History
TEXANA 976.4726 COTTONWOOD'S

Journal of Big Bend Studies: Index to Volumes 20-27
TEXANA 976.493 INDEX 2018

The First Baptist Church of Fort Davis, Texas: Our Hundredth Year
TEXANA 976.4934 FIRST 1996

Up the Trail: How Texas Cowboys Herded Longhorns and Became an American Icon
TEXANA 978 LEHMAN 2018

Community Partners

Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Meetings are normally held at 9:30 a.m. every second Saturday of the month. 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 March 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: March 9, 2019
Speaker: Matthew Elverson, Assistant City Archaeologist
Topic: The Spanish Colonial Powder House

Matthew Elverson was raised just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and on the island of Nantucket, Massachusetts. Matthew began his career as an archaeologist in Tuscany, Italy where he served as Assistant Supervisor and Field Supervisor on the Mugello Valley Archaeological Project during the summers of 2009-2010. In 2008, he completed his field training in Tuscany at the Poggio Colla Field School. Matthew graduated from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina in 2009 with a B.A. in History. Upon graduation, he served as a field archaeologist for several cultural resource management firms throughout Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

During the fall of 2011, Matthew enrolled in the Anthropology graduate program at Texas State University-San Marcos, where his research focused on historic archaeology and bioarchaeology. At Texas State, he served as Field Director and Adjunct Professor at the St. George’s Caye Archaeological Field School in St. George’s Caye, Belize. After graduating in 2013, he became the principal investigator for an environmental consulting firm in Austin, Texas. Matthew was hired by the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation in 2014 as the Assistant City Archaeologist. He works closely with the development community and the general public to preserve and protect the rich and diverse cultural fabric of San Antonio.

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 19, 2019 and November 16, 2019
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Free

Venue:

- There is no meeting scheduled for March or April

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
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.

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 through 5 May 2019

Auto Show
9 January through 12 May 2019

American Dreams: Classic Cars and Post-War Paintings
14 February through 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
An Exhibit about the Alazan- Apache Courts

You are invited to the Central Library to view Los Courts, an exhibition created by the Westside Preservation Alliance and the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center documenting the history of the Alazan-Apache Courts, San Antonio's oldest and largest public housing development.

February 23 - March 31, 2019
Central Library, Latino Collection & Resource Center, 1st. fl.
600 Soledad St., San Antonio, TX 78205
Hours: M-F 9am - 9pm, Sat 9am - 9pm, Sun 11am - 5pm
UNVEILING AND DEDICATION
OF
THE FOUNDERS MONUMENT

Saturday, March 9, 2019
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in front of the
Bexar County Courthouse

Bexar County, in partnership with the Canary Islands Descendants Association, cordially invites you to attend the dedication of the Founders Monument.

This commemorative project, by artist Armando Hinojosa, consists of five pieces. There is one male and female Canary Islander, one Native American, one Spanish friar, and one presidio soldier – representing the founders of our community.

Please join us as we unveil these sculptures and enjoy light refreshments after the ceremony.

The event is FREE and open to the public.
Family Discovery Day
Saturday April 13, 2019 8:30am to 3 pm
9626 Adams Hill Drive - SA, TX. 78245

Discover Your History
Gather information, Connect with your family past and present.
Dozens of classes to choose from for all experience levels and ages.
Attendance is Free.
Come Join the excitement.

Sponsored by the San Antonio Texas Stake
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Register @ familydiscoveryysa.org
NAACP San Antonio Records Open for Research at UTSA

by Katie Rojas

UTSA Special Collections is pleased to announce that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) San Antonio Branch Records have been processed and are open for research. The collection contains 21 boxes of records which span the years 1976-2016 (bulk 1986-2008). The records are primarily those of branch presidents Ethel Minor, Thomas Rockeymore, and Oliver Hill. The records consist of written histories of the branch, constitutions and bylaws for the branch, meeting minutes, correspondence, reports from committees, newsletters, files from the community work of various committees, and select records from the state and national levels of the NAACP.

The San Antonio Branch of the NAACP was established in 1918 by Mr. J.A. Grumbles with 503 founding members. Amongst those present at the first meeting were Mr. J.A. Grumbles, Mrs. Carol Brooks, Mrs. Edna Billups Carter, Mr. J.D. Lowery, Sr.; Mr. Harold Tarver, Mr. Cal Burton, Mrs. F. Hooks, Rev. Lazarus Richards, and Dr. J.T. Walton. At the outset, the organization secured a property at the present day site of San Antonio’s Carver Community Cultural Center, and focused on increased employment for African American women. Over the next five decades the branch focused on a variety of issues, including the importance of the vote (1930s), discrimination and abuse (1940s), segregation in public schools (1950s), employment discrimination (1960s), and human rights (1970s). In the 1980s, the branch focused on equality and justice issues, established a Job Bank, and began production of a newsletter. The 1990s saw a renewed focus on employment discrimination, as well as census redistricting, involvement in ACT-SO (Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics), and the distribution and receipt of numerous scholarships and awards. The branch’s work in the 2000s focused on combating racial profiling, working on discrimination cases for community members, additional scholarship work, further involvement in ACT-SO, and supporting victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In 2016 the branch petitioned to host the national NAACP convention; the convention was subsequently held in San Antonio in 2018.

You can read more about it here.

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 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

Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Reclaim The Records: Using Freedom of Information Laws for Genealogy

Tired of being told by archives, libraries, and government agencies that the genealogical records you want are "unavailable"? We were too, so we figured out how to do something about it. We're Reclaim The Records, a new not-for-profit activist group of more than 5,300 genealogists, researchers, historians, and journalists. We use Freedom of Information laws - and sometimes even lawsuits - to obtain copies of previously inaccessible archival record sets, which we then put online for free public use.

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!

Wednesday, March 13 7:00 p.m. Central
Presenter: Brooke Ganz
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.

Check out the free webinar schedule here.

From the Archives

ELECTION IN SAN ANTONIO
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The election passed off in our city quietly and orderly, and resulted in favor of Union and "against secession," in spite of all the combinations, societies, court-house cliques &c., and in the face of threats, bullying, menaces, and brow beating. Of course the majority is small, but sufficient to redeem our city from the many misrepresentations sent abroad in regard to it.

Now let us review the field and see what odds this victory was gained: There has been two secession newspapers thundering away for the last three months - the court house clique, from the Hon. District Judge to the precinct magistrates, embracing all teh State and County and some of the city officials: - the K. G. C. [Knights of the Golden Circle] order, embracing many Americans, several foreign born citizens and several prominent Mexicans (and if we take the word of our neighbor the Herald this order embraces the principal men of wealth in our city,) with a State Convention in session; were the strong combinations arrayed against the Union party. The secessionists were well organized and worked hard, the Union party was unorganized and did but little challenging, while the disunionists by their close and insulting challenging kept many from the polls - making native Americans and men who had been citizens of the Republic of Texas and who have voted in our city for the last fifteen years swear to their votes andcompelled many foreigners to show their papers. The Mexicans, with a few honorable exceptions, were corralled [sic] for Disunion. Upon the whole we think it a glorious victory. San Antonio was persistently claimed by the secessionists.

San Antonio Tri-Weekly Alamo Express
February 25, 1861

On February 23, 1861, a Referendum on Secession was held across the State of Texas. In the end, Bexar County voted in favor of secession, 827 to 709. Nearby counties of Blanco, Gillespie, Mason and Uvalde did not.
The Tri-Weekly Alamo Express was a pro-Union newspaper published by James P. Newcomb. Later in 1861, the Knights of the Golden Circle burned the office of the newspaper and threw the printing press in the river. Newcomb was forced to flee for his life to Mexico. Years later, he returned to San Antonio and served as the editor for the San Antonio Express and was the first editor of the San Antonio Light in 1881.

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:

- April 2019 by March 15
- May 2019 by April 15
- June 2019 by May 15

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