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
San Fernando Cemetery #1 Tour - Part 2

Take a walk on the "Other Side" and learn about the famous (and infamous) people buried in San Antonio's historic San Fernando Cemetery #1. Visit the gravesites of some of the founding members of our city.

Participation is limited. Registration is required.

Dress for the weather. Rain or shine.

Email: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov or call 210.207.2500 (ask for Texana)

Saturday, 11 May, 9-11 a.m.
San Fernando #1
1110 S. Colorado St. 78207

Preserving Family Treasures

Do you have a family Bible, photographs, heirlooms or other objects that have been passed down in your family? Join us and learn the simplest and best methods to help preserve these treasures. Registration is encouraged.

Saturday, 18 May, 2:00 PM
Central Library - Texana
600 Soledad Street
210.207.2500 (ask for Texana)

Friends of the Texana/Genealogy Department

We have our monthly meeting on May 18th at 10 AM. Along with our usual business items, we will have a presentation from Peggy Price who works with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. She will highlight resources from the Texas State Archives. Please join us for this informative meeting.

Saturday, 18 May, 10:00 AM
Central Library - Texana
600 Soledad Street
Discover the Genealogy of Your House

Interested in the history of your home or how to apply for a landmark? Join us as Library and Office of Historic Preservation representatives discuss the sources and techniques used in answering these questions and more.

Limited seating. Registration is required.

**Tuesday, 21 May, 6:00 PM**

**Kampmann Library Portal - Briscoe Western Museum**
210 West Market Street
210.207.2500 (ask for Texana)
Email: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov

Fold3 Database Overview

The fold3 database collections feature documents, many never before available on the Internet, relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I, World War II, United States presidents, historical newspapers, naturalization documents, Native American records and other topics. Registration is required

**Sunday, 23 May, 2:00 p.m.**

**Central Library - Connect**
San Antonio, TX 78255
210.207.2500 (ask for Texana)

New Publications

In Harm’s Way: East German Latter-Day Saints in World War II
GENEALOGY 289.34309 MINERT 2009
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.

Meetings are 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: May 11, 2019
Speaker: Members who want to share their genealogy and family stories
Topic: Member's Family History: Bring your family stories and
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:

- May 16th - San Fernando Hall, 231 W. Commerce

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

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**Esta Es Mi Ciudad**

*The Institute of Texan Cultures*

30 March 2019 - 16 June 2019

Students at Robert G. Cole High School, who primarily come from military families stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, have already seen different parts of the world. Now they document San Antonio from their unique perspective.

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**Brewing Up Texas - Closing Reception**

*The Institute of Texan Cultures*

May 3, 2019

For more than a year, the UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures has displayed Brewing Up Texas, on the state's beer traditions and history, from the small town brewer, to industrialization, to today's craft brewing renaissance. Exhibit partners who sponsored Brewing Up Texas and made the exhibit possible will contribute products for sampling at this closing event. Exhibit curators will attend to answer any final questions on San Antonio's beer connections. 21 and over only. Buy tickets here.
Blast From the Past: Fiesta 1969
17 April - 28 July, 2019

The Birds and the Bees: Pollinators in Nature, Science and Culture
5 October 2018 through 17 May 2019

The Art of Texas: 250 years
Opens May 4

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

Capturing the Moment: Photographs from the Marie Brenner and Ernest Pomerantz Collection
22 February through 12 May 2019

Men of Steel, Women of Wonder
21 June through 1 September 2019

News

Celebrate the Westside of San Antonio's history, culture and people with the Paseo por El Westside on Saturday, May 4th, at the Rinconcito de Esperanza (816 S. Colorado).

This event is intergenerational at the core with activities for all ages. The event will include fotobanner tours through the Westside, workshops, demos, food, and live music.

The community will also get a chance to visit the newest building on the Rinconcito property, which is an adobe (compressed earth block) building that is used as a studio for Mujer Artes Cooperativa de Esperanza Peace & Justice Center.
Admission is free and the event is open to the public as well as family friendly. The whole family is invited whether they were born and raised in the Westside or simply enjoy cultural festivities honoring San Antonio's heritage! If you can, please bring camping or folding chairs along to setup at our seating area!
Want to donate to help us cover the costs of the festivities or volunteer to help on the day of the event? Visit our website to learn more -> esperanzacenter.org or call us at 210.228.0201.

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10 AM
* Conjunto: Barrio Music, Identity, & Vision with Armando & Juan Tejeda
* Chiles/Peppers: Varieties, Cooking Methods, and Tasting con Blanca Rivera
* Tracing Family Roots using San Antonio Public Library Resources: Genealogy with Sylvia Reyna
* Clay Demo with Mujer Artes Cooperativa de Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
* Loteria

11 AM
* Museo Presentation by Sarah Gould
* Clay Demo with Mujer Artes Cooperativa de Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
* Medicinal Plant Talk with Jacinto Madrigal
* Canciones y juegos infantiles/ Children's Songs and Games
* Medicinal Plant Walk with Margarita Elizarde (FOLLOWED BY COOKING DEMO con Blanca Rivera)

12 PM
* Searching for Your House's History using San Antonio Public Library Resource with Sylvia Reyna
* Clay Demo with Mujer Artes Cooperativa de Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
* Still Here: Homenaje al Westside de San Antonio (storytelling & book signing)

12:30 PM
Chiles/Peppers: Varieties, Cooking Methods, and Tasting con Blanca Rivera

1 PM
Clay Demo with Mujer Artes Cooperativa de Esperanza Peace & Justice Center

2 PM
Lotería
The Texas Historical Commission would like to invite the public to the Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony in honor of

**Lydia Mendoza**

Saturday
June 1, 2019
2pm – 4pm
at
San Fernando
Cemetery #2
746 Castroville Road
San Antonio TX 78237

Lydia Mendoza was an American guitarist and singer of Tejano, Conjunto and Traditional Mexican-American music, she is known by her fans as “La Alondra De La Frontera”

Afterwards please join us for a Celebration in honor of Lydia Mendoza
at El Rinconcito de Esperanza
5:00pm - 7pm
816 S. Colorado St.
San Antonio TX 78207

Call for more information: (210) 385-5911 - Rudy Gutiérrez San Antonio Music Publishers, Inc.
(210) 228-0201 – Sarah Z. Gould – Museo Del Westside
FRANCES SPROTT GOFORTH

MEMORIAL GENEALOGY WEEKEND
August 2 & 3, 2019

Friday, August 2
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Lock-in with light supper provided

Saturday, August 3
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Silent auction ends

“BELIEVE IT OR NOT? — How to Verify Research”

HOSTED BY:
Walker County TX Genealogical Society &
The Huntsville TX Public Library

On-site registration opens 9:30 a.m. each day or register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call (936) 291-5471 to pre-register.
Historic Hollywood Cemetery Records, 1895-2008
Houston, Texas

New on Family Search

Family Search has added to their collection of records for the historic Hollywood
This collection contains burial applications, obituaries, lot books, interment documents, mausoleum records, and plot maps from the Historic Hollywood Cemetery near downtown Houston. It is being published as images become available.

You can access them here through Family Search. You will need to create a User ID and password.

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**Family Search FAQ on DNA Testing**

As you learn more about DNA testing, there may be terminology that is unfamiliar to you, and you may have a few questions. Learn more about unfamiliar terminology, and get answers to common questions here.

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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**

**Clayton Genealogical Library**

**Genealogy Online: Ancestry.com Library Edition**

Learn to navigate the home page and find the records you need out of Ancestry's 16 billion digitized records and indexes. Bring a laptop if you wish to follow along
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


Should you use Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Findmypast.com or MyHeritage.com? Or should you be using more than one site to accomplish your family history goals? Learn how these genealogy giants compare in 2019 for historical records, online trees, DNA tools and access options. This overview of each site's strengths and weaknesses will help you know which to use now and which to keep in mind when your research interests or budget change.

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, April 24 1:00 p.m. Central
Presenter: Sunny Morton

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

MEMORIES OF OLDEN TIMES
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For the Freie Presse für Texas

In 1846, a large number of people moved to Texas. The causes of this great emigration was partly due to difficult times, but a book published by Victor Bracht also worked its influence. Surely many negatives were omitted from the book, or else some of them would have been left behind. From my birthplace eight or nine people connected to the reputable and great family Mittendorf from Stadtoldendorf emigrated. Additional families from the villages near Bodenwerder and Stadtoldendorf came with this group. From the city of Braunschweig came the families Mueller and Eikenroth, who joined several families from the surrounding area. Whether these people all came on the same ship, I cannot say exactly. We did not hear from the emigrants for a long time. In January or February 1847, we received news that they had camped on the other side of New Braunfels around Christmas in the great bottom along the Guadalupe and that nearby a large troop of Indians was encamped nearby, which when they would consume one of their native repasts would invite some of the immigrants to feast. Also that they would purchase the land and would name the place Horton Settlement. The address, if we wanted to write, would be: Horton Settlement, New Braunfels, Texas. My father's sister, Caroline Voges, had two sons, Friedrich and Wilhelm Voges, who were with the emigrants. Since my aunt could not write, I had to answer the letters in her name. The letters went quickly back and forth. The writer of the letters was the eldest, Friedrich, describing Texas as the land where milk and honey flows. There were plenty of deer, turkeys and rabbits. The rivers were swarming with fish, berries of all sorts, nuts, wild plums in bulk, and so forth. From her second son, Wilhelm, she did not hear anything, so my aunt believed he had died. I had to ask, "What about Wilhelm?" In the next letter came his laconic answer: "As evidence that I still live, here's my name, Wilhelm Voges." This is surely the briefest news a mother ever received from her youngest child, who for many years was more than a thousand miles away from her. The names of the emigrants were Conrad and Heinrich Richter, Friedrich and Wilhelm Voges, Ferdinand Scholing, Ch. Mützel, who died soon afterwards; Wilhelm Fehlis from Donsen had joined those from Bodenwerder. Also Gustav Bodemann, and a pastor W. Albrecht were among them. These joined
together and bought 50 acres of land, which was called the Apostle Farm for many years. Also those from Braunschweig settled in Horton Settlement. Not to be forgotten are the families Mittendorf and the rest, as there (among them) Schulzes and many others whose names I have forgotten.

It would be a full four years before a large stream of immigrants from Bodenwerder would flow over Texas again. Next time, I will report about this second immigration to which I also belonged.

H. Boerner

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