South Texas Researcher
June 2019

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
**Beginning Genealogy**

Do you want to learn more about your ancestors? Come and learn how to start researching your family history. We'll discuss basic resources that can help launch you on a rewarding journey.

**Wednesday June 5, 6:00 p.m.**

**Schaefer Branch Library**
6322 U.S. Highway 87E
210.207-9300

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**Using Census Records in 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 census alternatives. Registration is recommended:

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

**Tuesday, July 23, 6-7 p.m.**

**Kampmann Library**
**Briscoe Western Art Museum**
210 W. Market St. 78205
Free entrance to museum on Tuesdays after 4 p.m.

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**New Publications**

William Brewster of the Mayflower and the Fifth Generation Descendants of his daughter Patience
GENEALOGY 929.2 BREWSTER

Family History (1860-1950) of a Doctor’s Daughter
GENEALOGY 929.2 WALSTAD 2017
Middlesex County: Crossroads of History
GENEALOGY 974.9 MIDDLESEX

Crowning the Gravelly Hill: A History of the Roland Park-Guilford-Homeland District
GENEALOGY 975.2 BALTIMORE 1987

Charles County
GENEALOGY 975.2 CHARLES 2007

Community News Northwest Johnson County, Arkansas, 1924-1949
GENEALOGY 976.7 JOHNSON 2005

Indiana to 1816, the Colonial Period
GENEALOGY 977.2 BARNHART 2016

Finding Indiana Ancestors: A Guide to Historical Research
GENEALOGY 977.2 FINDING 2007

Mapping Indiana: Five Centuries of Treasures from the Indiana Historical Society
GENEALOGY 977.2 MAPPING 2015

A Leaf of Voices: Stories of the American Civil War in the Words of Those Who Lived and Died, 1861-65
GENEALOGY 977.2 MCSPADDEN 2014

The Governors of Indiana
GENEALOGY 977.2009 GOVERNORS 2006

The Miami Indians of Indiana: A Persistent People, 1654-1994
GENEALOGY 977.201 RAFERT 1996

Hanna's Town: A Little World We Have Lost
GENEALOGY 977.283 WABASH 2010

An Atlas of Historic New Mexico Maps, 1550-1941
GENEALOGY 978.9 EIDENBACH 2012

Snohomish County: An Illustrated History
GENEALOGY 979.7 SNOHOMISH

Turning the Pages of Texas
TEXANA 002.09764 TAYLOR 2019

Mexican-American Catholics
TEXANA 282.73089 FERNANDEZ

African Americans in Central Texas History: From Slavery to Civil Rights
TEXANA 323.1196 AFRICAN 2019

Powering a City: How Energy and Big Dreams Transformed San Antonio
TEXANA 333.7932 COOKE

Regular Army O! : Soldiering on the Western Frontier, 1865-1891
TEXANA 355.10978 MCCHRISTIAN 2017

The Ghost Dance of 1889: Among the Pai Indians of Northwestern Arizona
TEXANA 394.3 DOBYNS 1967
History of Psychiatry in Bexar County
TEXANA 616.89009 REDMAN 2006

The Image of the Indian and the Black Man in American Art, 1590-1900
TEXANA 709.73 PARRY 1974

Earth Horizon, an Autobiography by Mary Austin
TEXANA 928.1 AUSTIN 1932

Walk In Your Soul: Love Incantations of the Oklahoma Cherokees
TEXANA 970.3 KILPATRICK 1965

The Civil War on the Rio Grande, 1846-1876
TEXANA 973.7 CIVIL 2019

Douglas's Texas Battery, CSA
TEXANA 973.7464 DOUGLAS 1966

Sea of Misfortunes: General Vicente Filisola's Shameful and Unnecessary Retreat from Texas in 1836
TEXANA 976.403 BORROEL 2014

Brigido Guerrero: Alamo Survivor & Texas Hero
TEXANA 976.40309 BORROEL 2018

Clear Fork Cowboys: Contemporary Cowboys along the Clear Fork of the Brazos River
TEXANA 976.406 CLAYTON 1985

Watering the Drags: The Life and Times of W.E. Connell, Pioneer Cowboy, Rancher, and Banker
TEXANA 976.40609 CONNELL 2017

A Sesquicentennial History: First Baptist Church, Gilmer, Texas, 1846-1996
TEXANA 976.4222 JENKINS 2000

San Antonio, Texas: A Photographic Portrait
TEXANA 976.4351 RENDON 2017

Tricentennial Chronology and the Founding Events in the History of San Antonio and Bexar County
TEXANA 976.4351 TRICENTENNIAL 2018

A Few Good Horses
TEXANA 976.4548 BURNS 2008

Memory Cups of Panhandle Pioneers
TEXANA 976.48 PORTER 1945

The Last Rustler
TEXANA 978 SAGE BIOGRAPHY 1930

Pioneer Western Empire Builders: A True Story of the Men and Women of Pioneer Days
TEXANA 978 KING 1946

The Shawnee-Arbuckle Cattle Trail 1867-1870: The Predecessor of the Chisholm Trail to Abilene, Kansas
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.

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: June 8, 2019
Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA

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:

Monthly Meeting: June 15
From 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Trinity University
William Knox Holt Center, 106 Oakmont Court, San Antonio, Texas 78212.
(Corner of Oakmont Court and Shook Avenue.)

- Please visit their Facebook page for schedules and more information.

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 10am -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
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.

Transcendental Tricentennial
The Institute of Texan Cultures
23 March through 28 July 2019

This exhibit is a visually explosive narrative highlighting Zamora Casas' life and artistic trajectory. Exploring the ethos of Americans of Mexican origin in San Antonio, this exhibit uses multiple mediums to celebrate the people of San Anto and the river that shares its name.

Blast From the Past: Fiesta 1969
17 April through 28 July 2019

The Art of Texas: 250 years
4 May through 25 August 2019

Survival: The Exhibition
25 May through 2 September 2019

Spotlight: San Antonio's K-12 Artists Embrace Diego Rivera
6 May through 15 September 2019

We're Still Here: Native American Artists, Then and Now
16 May through 11 August 2019

Harry Bertoia: Sculptor and Modernist Designer
14 September 2018 through 31 July 2019

The Magic of Clay and Fire: Japanese Contemporary Ceramics
13 April 2019 through 11 April 2020

AT&T Lobby: Teresita Fernandez
30 August 2018 through 19 August 2019

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

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 during the class. Class size is limited. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600.

Saturday, May 25, 2019 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
5300 Caroline St.
Houston, TX 77004

San Antonio Cemetery Records, 1893-2007
On Family Search
Over 38,000 miscellaneous cemetery records from the city of San Antonio have been digitized. Records from the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Old City Cemetery, and San Jose Burial Park are included.

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

Ancestry free through the Texas State Library

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission houses a vast collection of documents related to Texas government and history and provides a variety of reference services and materials for free public use at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin and the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty.

Free access to our records that have been digitized by Ancestry is available to Texas residents. This access requires you to create a free Ancestry.com Texas account. Continue reading for further instructions.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I already have an Ancestry.com account?

All the records made available through the Ancestry.com Texas partnership are included in your Ancestry.com subscription. Your search results will include all of the records available on Ancestry.com.

Why am I asked to set up a paid account?

Some Ancestry.com searches may lead you to records outside the free Texas material, at which point you may be prompted to set up a paid account. If you choose not to do so, you may return to the results of your previous search. Onsite researchers may access the entire Ancestry (Library edition) database while at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

What if I do not wish to receive email messages from Ancestry.com?

To opt out of receiving e-mail from Ancestry.com:

Log into your account at Ancestry.com. At the top you will see a link for "My Account" with a dropdown arrow. Hover over the arrow to see email preferences. Click on that link. You will go to the page where you can select your email preferences.
Why can’t I find what I’m looking for in the records?

Most of the Texas data collections have been indexed, which means you can search by name, location, or other keywords. Records that have not been indexed can be browsed page by page to see what data is available.

What Texas materials are available?

The following data collections are included free to Texans via Ancestry.com:

- Alabama, Texas and Virginia, Confederate Pensions, 1884-1958
- Texas, Prison Employee Ledgers, 1861-1938
- Texas, Muster Roll Index Cards, 1838-1900
- Texas, Wills and Probate Records, 1833-1974
- Texas, Convict and Conduct Registers, 1875-1945
- Texas, Court of Criminal Appeal Indexes, 1892-1947
- Texas, Capitol Building Payroll, 1882-1888
- Texas, Memorials and Petitions, 1834-1929
- Texas, Bonds and Oaths of Office, 1846-1920
- Texas, Index Card Collections, 1800-1900
- Texas, Voter Registration Lists, 1867-1869
- Nacogdoches, Texas, Spanish and Mexican Government Records, 1729-1836
- Texas, Land Title Abstracts, 1700-2008 (original records held by the Texas General Land Office)

Visit the site here: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/ancestry

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Ancestry.com Adds Online 1850 U.S. Federal Census Slave Schedules

This database details those persons enumerated in the Slave Schedule of the 1850 United States Federal Census, the Seventh Census of the United States. Slaves were enumerated separately during the 1850 and 1860 censuses, though, unfortunately, most schedules do not provide personal names. In most cases, individuals were not named and only details such as age, sex, and color are recorded. However, some enumerators did list the given names of slaves, particularly those over one hundred years of age. These names are generally found in the "name of slave owners" column. The names of owners are recorded. Other questions asked about the slave include whether a fugitive from the state (meaning if the slave had fled and not returned); number manumitted (or freed); and whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.

Sometimes the listings for large slaveholdings appear to take the form of family groupings, but in most cases slaves are listed from eldest to youngest with no apparent effort to portray family structure. In any event, the slave schedules themselves almost
never provide conclusive evidence for the presence of a specific slave in the household or plantation of a particular slaveholder. At best, a census slave schedule can provide supporting evidence for a hypothesis derived from other sources.

The slave schedule is especially useful for researchers who are seeking information about their slaveholding ancestors. This is because of the specific information it provides about their holdings and other information you can draw from it. For example, the number of slaves enumerated under an owner could help you determine if he had a plantation or not, and if so, what size it was.

The slave schedule was used in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia.

The United States was the first country to call for a regularly held census. The Constitution required that a census of all "Persons...excluding Indians not taxed" be performed to determine the collection of taxes and the appropriation of seats in the House of Representatives. The first nine censuses from 1790 to 1870 were organized under the United States Federal Court system. Each district was assigned a U.S. marshal who hired other marshals to administer the census. Governors were responsible for enumeration in territories.

The official enumeration day of the 1850 census was 1 June 1850. All questions asked were supposed to refer to that date. By 1850, there were a total of thirty-one states in the Union, with Florida, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, and California being the latest editions. There were no substantial state- or district-wide losses.

Taken from Szucs, Loretto Dennis, "Research in Census Records." In The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, ed. Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997).


You can find the 1850 Census Schedules in Ancestry Library Edition, which is free to use at any San Antonio Public Library location.

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Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars

https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php

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](#).

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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](https://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars)

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From the Archives

In Which Way the Undersigned Came to Texas

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For the Freie Presse für Texas

In the year 1850, I worked, since Spring, in Northeim, 4 hours from Gottingen. It was a very difficult time. The reaction against 1848 had entered with full force. Additionally there was a cholera outbreak in that region, which was low lying. Moreover in that year I received a letter from my father with the content that, if I had the desire to emigrate to Texas, I should come halfway to meet him the following Sunday. We should then meet to discuss it. Northeim lay 11 hours distant from Bodenwerder, my place of birth. I answered with "Yes, I am coming", made the Sunday of these 11 hours seven, as I met my father and my youngest brother. We went back into the village through which I had just passed.

I discovered then that 18 persons wanted to emigrate on the 15th of September from Bodenwerder. I declared my intent to go along. And so I came then, despite the efforts of my master and my uncle, who was commissioned as a musician with the Guard-Cuirassiers, to dissuade me. But away. I must add, however, that I had it very good under my master. He, as well as his son, who was overseer, looked after me...
quite well. Earlier, I was required to make only very heavy footwear.

I made it home by the first days of September. I still had to work very proficiently and take the nights to help me to finish the work, as it needed to be completed. The names of the emigrants were: Nolte, 8 persons; H. Allerkamp, 5 persons; Mrs. Voges, Miss Scholing, Miss Fehlis, August Burchhard, who had a military commitment, and Miss Krause, who later still married Mr Nolte here in Texas. She was the fourth wife of Mr. Nolte.

The first traveled by steamer to Hameln, had to transfer and were to travel the next morning farther down the middle Weser. August Burchhard, who could not depart that day due to his military commitment, and I left about 10 o’clock accompanied by a large company of our school comrades 3/4 of an hour up to Hohlen, where we romped around until 1 o’clock. We still had over three hours when we set out to cross the Weser on a boat. As I mentioned, I had worked through the nights in order to complete the work and during the day visited my many relatives to take leave in addition to taking commissions to find missing persons among other things, in short, I was terribly fatigued and had slept about 2 hours while underway, so that my companions called to me at least 20 times, "Heinrich, you are falling into the grave!" They were on every side of the way.

We were still an entire hour away from the steamship when the first ship’s bell rang although this means there was still much running about and so we arrived exactly as the plank was to be drawn in, not a minute later and we would have been left to watch the departure. At any rate, it didn’t hurt us as hardly were we underway when a large fog arose so that we couldn’t reach Minden in time to make our connection. We had to stay one night in Minden and, because we were 19 persons, not all of us could find beds - only for a part of the children and women. All who were masculine had to go to the hay. It was comical to us all and that reminds me of a small incident. My grandfather, who had a seemingly large music group, 5 sons, always a pair of hired help as well as apprentices, was invited by the steamship company to accompany the trip. He was well contented with the revenue. This occurred, but once they arrived in Minden they too couldn’t find beds anywhere except for my grandfather. The rest also had to sleep in the straw. One of the party observed: "By steamship traveled and now into the straw." I related this to the others and now they too declared "Traveled by steamship and now into the straw."

On the next day we traveled to Bremen via Hanover by train. We all went together to the shipping company office to obtain our ship tickets. While I hadn’t entered a contract beforehand I was told: "We can take your money, however we can only give you the Schiffschein (ticket or banknote) after the departure of the ship." I was satisfied with this arrangement. The ship was named "Estafette" and was ready to receive passengers. We traveled to Brake, an Oldenburger harbor, were loaded aboard, were three days on the ship. The anchor was slowly raised, my best things were packed in my aunt’s great trunk and that was already packed under in the cargo hold. Then came a wherry rowed by sailors with two men: one was the clerk of the shipping company, the other appeared to be a distinguished man with a fine red rimmed cap. The passengers had to all come on deck. The names were read aloud and each must answer with "here" and then proceed to the steerage deck below. At the end I stood alone with an old grandmother. The clerk said to me: "You can’t travel with this ship, but in a few days another ship, the "Hermann Theodor", departs and perhaps you can arrive a few days sooner than the "Estafette" to Galveston. I will bring you to shore and you will stay in a hotel at our cost."

Now, what could I do, but comply? He went with me to the hotel to arrange my stay and then traveled with me to the harbor to visit the "Hermann Theodor." That
this ship would not be ready in three days was obvious to me. "Estafette", however, had already sailed into the North Sea. In place of the grandmother, however, a 19 year-old granddaughter went with the clerk to Bremen where she could earn something in order to follow afterwards.

Hn. Boerner

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*(Translated from the original German, May 2019 by Gary F. Graham)*