Texana / Genealogy

San Antonio Public Library Texana / Genealogy
Find Texana / Genealogy online by visiting mysapl.org/texana. Here you will find the On this day in San Antonio blog, past issues of South Texas Researcher, information about upcoming classes and guides to help you in your genealogy research.

Texana / Genealogy Department is located on the sixth floor of the Central Library, 600 Soledad 78205. The department is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays:

- Tuesday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Thursday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Library Guides from Texana / Genealogy
The Library Guides are subject bibliographies with a current twist-databases, websites, event schedule, blogs, as well as books. The department now has the following guides on the library's website under Resources:

- Cemeteries
- Civil War
- Civil War in Texas
- Death
- Family History
- HeritageQuest Online
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- Jewish Genealogy
- King James Bible
- La Meri
- Local History
- Texas History
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I
Events & Classes

Finding Your Ancestors with Ancestry.com (Library Edition)

Join us and learn how to use one of the most popular genealogy databases available today - for FREE - at all SAPL library locations. We'll look at how the site is organized and discuss effective research techniques. Registration is required.

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

Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m.

Schaefer Library
6322 US Hwy 87 E
210.207.9300

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.
Finding Your German Ancestors

Join us and discover the types of records that are available to help you uncover information about the German side of your family tree. Registration is required.

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

Saturday, August 10, 2 p.m.

Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad 78205
210.207.2500 (ask for Genealogy department)

Inheritance

Ever wonder if the stories you were told growing up were wrong or slightly skewed? Or have you had your sense of self shaken up by discovering a family secret?
Join us for a discussion of the New York Times bestselling memoir by Dani Shapiro. We'll mull over the implications of unsettling DNA test results. Come and share your own genetic detective narrative.

Tuesday, 27 August, 6:00 p.m.

Briscoe Western Art Museum - Kampmann Library Portal
210 Market St. 78205
Museum admission is free on Tuesdays after 4 pm

New Publications

The Employment of African Americans in Law Enforcement 1803-1865
GENEALOGY 363.23089 MBOMA 2018

History for Genealogist: Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors
GENEALOGY 929.1072 JACOBSON 2016
The Life of the Very Noble King of Castile and Leon, Saint Ferdinand III
GENEALOGY 946.02092 FERNANDO BIOGRAPHY 1987

The Kiowa Indians: Their History and Life Stories
GENEALOGY 970.3 KIOWA 2012

An Index to Naturalization Records in Pre-1907 Order Books of Indiana County Courts
GENEALOGY 977.2 INDEX 2001

Indiana's 200: The People Who Shaped the Hoosier State
GENEALOGY 977.2 INDIANA'S 2015

Admission Record, Indianapolis Asylum for Friendless Colored Children, 1871-1900
GENEALOGY 977.2 MARION 1978

The Last Tombstone: Formerly Titled, The Last Chance
GENEALOGY 979.1 COCHISE 2012

Historical Photos of Texas Oil
TEXANA 338.27282 COX 2009

A Linguistic Analysis of Music and Dance Terms from Three Sixteenth-Century Dictionaries of Mexican Indian Languages
TEXANA 497 STANFORD 1969

Vernon Bailey: Writings of a Field Naturalist on the Frontier
TEXANA 508.092 BAILEY BIOGRAPHY 2018

The Natural History of Texas
TEXANA 577.764 CHAPMAN 2018

Unnatural Texas? The Invasive Species Dilemma
TEXANA 578.62 DOUGHTY 2019

Texans on the Brink: Threatened and Endangered Animals
TEXANA 591.68097 TEXANS 2019

Life on the Texas Range
TEXANA 636.084 SMITH

Trans-Missouri Stock Raising: The Pasture Lands of North America: Winter Grazing
TEXANA 636.0845 LATHAM 1962

Bell Ranch: Cattle Ranching in the Southwest, 1824-1947
TEXANA 636.21097 REMLEY 1993

Desk and Derrick Club Cookbook
TEXANA 641.5 DESK 1963

Cowpuncher: Cowboyin' in the Southwest
TEXANA 779.9978 MARKUS 2000

Bob Crosby, World Champion Cowboy
TEXANA 791.8 CROSBY 1966

Texas Entertainers: Lone Stars in Profile
TEXANA 792.092 HAILE 2019
Pistols, Petticoats, & Poker: The Real Lottie Deno-No Lies or Alibis  
TEXANA 795.092 DENO BIOGRAPHY 2009

I, Jesse James  
TEXANA 813.54 ROSS 1989

Connecting Texas: 300 Years of Trails, Rails & Roads: Exhibit Guide  
TEXANA 912.764 CONNECTING 2018

The River and the Wall  
TEXANA 917.64404 MASTERS 2019

The Maya and Their Neighbors  
TEXANA 972.81 MAYA 1962

Clear Fork Kinship  
TEXANA 976.4 WAGGONER BIOGRAPHY 2005

From Santa Anna to Selena: Notable Mexicans and Tejanos in Texas History Since 1821  
TEXANA 976.40046 JOSEPH 2018

Oldenburg, Wo Bist Du?  
TEXANA 976.4251 TIEDT 1990

Secrets in the Dirt: Uncovering the Ancient People of Gault  
TEXANA 976.4287 BLACK 2019

The Canary Islanders in Texas: The Story of the Founding of San Antonio  
TEXANA 976.4351 CURBELO FUENTES 2018

Sutherland Springs, Texas: Saratoga on the Cibolo  
TEXANA 976.4445 MCCASLIN 2017

Historic Kingsville, Texas: Guide to the Original Townsites, Volume II  
TEXANA 976.4472 HUNTER 1997

On The Texas Frontier: Autobiography of a Texas Pioneer  
TEXANA 976.4552 BECK BIOGRAPHY 1999

Painted Post Past: A 150-Year History of Palo Pinto County Texas  
TEXANA 976.4552 PAINTED 2006

My Home Town: A History of Munday, Texas  
TEXANA 976.4743 MY 1981

Toyah Taproots: A Memory Book of Those Who Put Down Their Roots in Toyah  
TEXANA 976.4924 TOYAH 1984

Fort Davis, Texas, 1583-1960  
TEXANA 976.4934 SCOBEE 1963

The Death of Billy the Kid  
TEXANA 978.02 BONNEY 1933

No Life for a Lady  
TEXANA 978.9 CLEAVELAND 1977
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.

Our Library/Resource Center is moving. We are in the process of packing our material at the library and will complete the move by July 1, 2019. Future meetings will be at the Mexican American Unity Building. Stay tuned for detailed information.

Date: July 13, 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: July 20**
From 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Membership Meeting at San Fernando Hall

- 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](http://www.cida-sa.org)

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**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.txsgags.org](http://www.txsgags.org)

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**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

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

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

News
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.
Tuesday, September 24, 2019  6PM
Briscoe Western Art Museum
Clingman Education Gallery
210 W. Market St. 78205

Museum admission free on Tuesdays after 4pm

Utilizing a multimedia extravaganza in their duo presentation at the Briscoe, authors “Cowboy” Gene Fowler and “Brother” Bill Crawford will bring to life their well-known book Border Radio -- Quacks, Yodelers, Pitchmen, Psychics and Other Amazing Broadcasters of the American Airwaves.

Active from 1930 to 1986, border radio is the cultural phenomenon of high-powered American radio stations on Mexican soil. Blasting their programming northward, they exerted a peculiar, mesmerizing influence on American culture. The stations also introduced American culture to Mexicans and Mexican culture to Americans.

For questions, call #210-207-2500 (and ask for Texana).
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

Let's Talk Autosomal DNA: Session Four

Join Clayton Library staff member Franklin Smith for this fourth discussion session on autosomal DNA research. Previous sessions covered the basics of DNA testing, now we continue discussing 3rd party DNA tools. In this session learn to use these tools to determine how matches connect to you and each other through organizing, clustering, and networking your matches. While open to all experience levels, this discussion group is best for beginners who have completed a DNA test and are unsure what to do with their test results. Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600.

Saturday, July 20, 2019 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
5300 Caroline St.
Houston, TX 77004
The Texas Seaport Museum

The Texas Seaport Museum has a database of more than 132,000 passengers who first disembarked at Galveston from 1844-1948. If a passenger first disembarked at another port (such as New York) and then traveled to Texas, they will not be found in this database. This database is made up of names from the National Archives microfilm, various book sources and information from the Galveston Daily News. You can search the database online for free.

For more information visit this [webpage](#).

Arkansas State Archives Project Opens Access to Historical Newspapers

In the next few weeks, the Arkansas State Archives will have scanned 40 newspaper titles, or about 103,000 pages, and sent them to the Library of Congress. People will have a whole new way to access these historical records online, said Wendy Richter, state historian and director of the Arkansas State Archives.

"One of my biggest goals for the Arkansas State Archives has been to make records more accessible to the public," Richter said. "This project puts tens of thousands of documents at the fingertips of more people in Arkansas and nationwide."

The Archives was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant of $208,128 in 2017 to be part of a National Digital Newspapers Program that created the website Chronicling America, which is an open-source website.

The Newspapers Program is a long-term effort to develop an internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers. Institutions from across the country are participating in the project, which is a joint effort of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.

The Library of Congress serves the U.S. Congress and is the de facto national library for the U.S. The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent, federal agency that supports research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities.

To make sure the process runs smoothly, the Arkansas State Archives partnered with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to help with technical aspects of creating and sending quality images. Apex CoVantage, the vendor the Archives uses, has been duplicating microfilm and digitizing newspapers from the duplication. Using the duplicated film protects the originals, staff said.

Processing the newspapers and getting them online has been slow. At one point, the Library of Congress experienced a backlog, but as of last month, 35,947 pages from Arkansas newspapers were put online. More will go up soon, said Kelsey Kahlbaum-
Hoisington, project archivist.

"For me, the most interesting thing about this project is getting to read the historical newspapers," Kahlbaum-Hoisington said. "I was surprised by the amount of humor in the newspapers."

The last pages for this grant cycle will be sent to the Library of Congress in July, said Kahlbaum-Hoisington, but the State Archives has applied for another grant to continue the program, Richter said.

Visit the Chronicling America here: https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/


This collection contains 141,366 applications for border crossing identification cards for non-resident aliens created at El Paso, Texas, 1945-1952. It corresponds with NARA series M1756. Card manifests (INS Form I-190) are mainly arranged alphabetically by surname, then first name and include such information as the aliens name, address, date and place of birth, sex, marital status, occupation, nationality, etc. Some cards may also have a fingerprint and photograph.

You can find these records at FamilySearch.com here. You will need to create a user name and password.

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!
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.

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

From the Archives

CAME DOWN WITH A CRASH
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COLLAPSE OF FLOOR IN HEUSINGER HARDWARE STORE

Six Persons Were In the Building, But No One Was Injured. Damage to Building $2000. Stock Loss Not Estimated.

By almost a miracle six persons escaped a terrible death Tuesday at 12:00 o'clock, in the collapse of the first and second floors of the store occupied by the Heusinger Hardware Company, on the south side of Military Plaza.

No one was injured but the building is almost a complete wreck.

A. Heusinger, Sr., George D. Hargis and his son, Hewitt Hargis, Adolph Schwartz and Ed Powell, the last a negro, and a customer whose name is not known were in the building when half of the second floor fell with a crash. That any escaped alive is cause of universal wonder. Yet, not one was scratched.

The disaster occurred, fortunately, just afternoon, when trade was light. The second floor fell without any premonitory crackling and its weight broke through the lower floor, loaded as they both were with the weight of hardware and woodenware.

A stove in the front of the story at first threatened fire, but the department was prompt and prevented the added horror of conflagration.

Mayor Hicks saw the disaster from the window of this office across the plaza and promptly telephoned the fire alarm office, directing that hose wagons be hurried to the scene. The flames did not get a fair start before the firemen arrived.

Mr. Heusinger, Sr., the proprietor of the store, was in the office when the floor fell. The Messrs. Hargis, father and son, were eating their luncheon in the rear of the second floor. This part of the floor did not fall which accounts for the safety of these three.

Adolph Schwartz and the negro, Ed Powell, were in the front of the store directly under the part of the floor that fell, but fortunately for them, they were on the west side, behind the counter. The customer was near the east wall. The floor gave way in the center and the west and east sides did not drop down which saved Schwartz, Powell and the customer. The last rushed out of the east door and Schwartz and Powell ran to the west door but found it stuck fast by the settling of the building. At this moment City Marshal Van Riper arrived and kicking the glass out of the window, he pulled the two men through to safety. Both were covered with dust, but were uninjured.

The weight and shock of the fall of the second floor broke the first floor but did not carry it down into the cellar.

The police at once took charge of the building and kept back the crowd that quickly collected, attracted by the noise, which was heard for two blocks. The fire department roped off the sidewalk immediately in front of the building.

Chief Tobin made a hasty examination of the building and decided that as much of the stock as possible should be removed at once, in order to relieve the strain on the wrecked floors which he feared would cause a complete collapse of the building.

George D. Hargis took charge of the company and a vacant storeroom on Main Plaza was engaged. At once the work of removing the stock was begun by the firemen under the direction of Chief Tobin. Drays, wagons and hose wagons were used to haul away the stuff and soon nearly all the stock in the front of the building had been removed.

This work was stopped about four o'clock by Mayor Hicks, who observed that the front wall had bulged. He feared that it would fall and he told Chief Tobin that the building and contents was not worth the life of a fireman.
Soon after this work began, a warning came of what might happen. When a piece of the stone coping on top of the front wall fell to the top of the gallery over the sidewalk narrowly missing two firemen who were on a ladder.

Late Tuesday evening the second floor slipped down further, precipitating its load on to the first floor but beyond this, no changes took place in the building after the first crash.

The collapse in the opinion of Fire Chief Tobin and others who examined the building was caused by the unloading, especially in its center, of wagons and other heavy woodenware, stove pipe, iron and a carload of ammunition that were on that part of the floor which [sic] fell. The center of the second floor was supported on pillars upon which rested a heavy girder under the first floor which was supported by pillars in the basement.

The weight was too much for the first floor pillars and when they gave way, the second floor parted in the center.

Chief Tobin said late Tuesday night that in his opinion the walls of the building were not seriously damaged. "The bulge in the front wall," he said, "is at the top, affecting only the ornamental part. The side and rear walls are all right. I should say that for $2,000 the building could be restored.

Edward W. Heusinger, son of the proprietor, said the whole stock of goods in the store was worth about $40,000. He said he could not estimate the amount of damage, but thought it would not be very large. The stock of stoves, which stood on the first floor, and received the most of the weight from above, suffered most.

It was at first thought that considerable powder and other explosives were in the store and there was fear of explosion, but this was set at rest by a statement from Mr. Hargis that the powder and dynamite were stored in an iron clad building in the rear.

The building is owned by H. B. Shiner and is comparatively new. It was erected at a cost of about $15,000.

San Antonio Daily Express - February 12, 1902.
(photo from the collection of Rosemarie Heusinger)