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
- Genealogy: Getting Started
- 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

Digital Preservation Basics

This class will provide basic guidance to individuals about preserving personal and family memories in digital form. Learn about the fundamentals of digital preservation and discover the Library’s Memory Preservation Lab equipment that can be used for digitizing personal archive collections in multiple formats, including: audio cassettes, VHS cassettes, slides and photographic prints.

Saturday, 16 November 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Road
San Antonio, TX 78247
210-207-9110

Native American Resources

Payaya, Pajalate, Choctaw, Lipan Apache - delve into the Native American resources in Texana that illustrate the indigenous cultures that thrived, and continue to flourish, in Texas and the United States. Explore our materials during our "Come and Go" Open House featuring a display of our special collections including items from the vault.

Saturday, 23 November 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Central Library - Texana/Genealogy Department
600 Soledad 78205
210.207.2500

New Publications

John L. Stoddard’s Lectures: Illustrated and Embellished with Views of the World’s Famous Places and People, Being the Identical Discourses Delivered during the Past Eighteen Years Under the Title of the Stoddard Lectures
GENEALOGY 910 STODDARD v. 1-13
Family Record of Christian and Sophie (Marburger) Braun, 1809-2001 [Spanning Nine Generations]: 155 Years in America
GENEALOGY 929.2 BRAUN 2001

A Legacy of Love: A Reifel History
GENEALOGY 929.2 REIFEL 2002

A Great and Noble Scheme: The Tragic Story of the Expulsion of the Acadians from Their American Homeland
GENEALOGY 971.601 FARAGHER 2005

Designing America=Disenar America: Spain's Imprint in the U.S.
GENEALOGY 973.2 DESIGNING

Mayflower Families through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620
GENEALOGY 974 MAYFLOWER v. 19, pt. 2

Elisha Jones House and Shed: Minute Man National Historical Park, Concord, Massachusetts
GENEALOGY 974.44 LEE 2007

Mohonk, Its People and Spirit: a History of One Hundred Years of Growth and Service
GENEALOGY 974.7 ULSTER 1980

In the Somerset Hills: The Landed Gentry
GENEALOGY 974.9 SOMERSET 1997

Archeology at Harmony Hall: Exploring the Late Seventeenth-Century Frontier of Maryland
GENEALOGY 975.251 ARCHEOLOGY 1993

Cemeteries of Nelson County, Virginia
GENEALOGY 975.5 NELSON 2007

Becoming Southern: The Evolution of a Way of Life, Warren County and Vicksburg, Mississippi, 1770-1860
GENEALOGY 976.229 MORRIS 1995

On The Opposite Shore: The Making of North Little Rock
GENEALOGY 976.7 PULASKI

Struthers
GENEALOGY 977.1 MAHONING

Heart Mountain: Life in Wyoming’s Concentration Camp
GENEALOGY 978.72 MACKY 2000

Fort Collins Yesterdays
GENEALOGY 978.8 LARIMER 1998

Mid-America’s Promise: A Profile of Kansas City Jewry
GENEALOGY 977.80049 MID-AMERICA’S 1982

I Was Hungry: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis
TEXANA 261.8326 EVERETT 2019
Sermons in Stone and Leaded Glass
TEXANA 283.764 SERMONS

The Fight is on in Texas: A History of African American Churches of Christ in the Lone Star State, 1865-2000
TEXANA 286.6764 ROBINSON 2008

Pan American Woman: Florence Terry Griswold: The Life and Legacy of the Founder of Pan American Round Table
TEXANA 327.7308 DE LA GARZA 2016

East Texas Troubles: The Allred Rangers' Cleanup of San Augustine
TEXANA 363.20976 GINN 2019

To Survive and Excel: The Story of Southwestern University, 1840-2000
TEXANA 378.76428 JONES 2006

San Antonio Museum of Art: The First Ten Years
TEXANA 708.16435 SAN ANTONIO

Carl Rice Embrey: A Retrospective
TEXANA 759.16435 EMBREY 1997

Evidence: Contemporary Narrative Painters of the Southwest, June 24 - September 17, 1989, San Antonio Museum of Art
TEXANA 759.19 EDWARDS 1989

The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend
TEXANA 791.4372 FRANKEL 2013

Home with Honor: Thirty Years of Freedom
TEXANA 959.704 HOME 2004

Old South Texas: The Past in Photographs, volume 2
TEXANA 976.4113 GIVENS 2003

History of Elkhart Methodist Church, Elkhart, Texas, 1878-1968
TEXANA 976.4229 TUCKER

Dedication of Rockne, Texas Historical Marker May 29, 1988
TEXANA 976.432 DEDICATION 1988

The Argyle of San Antonio
TEXANA 976.4351 KERR 2019

Supplementary Studies in Rio Grande Valley History
TEXANA 976.44 SUPPLEMENTARY 2018

When Saints Go Marching: A One-Hundred Year History of St. Boniface Episcopal Church
TEXANA 976.4886 DURDEN-NELSON 2006

Community Partners
Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Meetings will be held at the following location on the second Saturday of the month:
Mexican American Unity Council (MAUC) Building

Location: 2300 W. Commerce St.
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. with meeting starting promptly at 9:30 a.m.
Parking at the rear of the building on the Buena Vista St side.

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.

Date: November 9, 2019
Speaker: Renato Ramirez
Topic: "Homage to the Valiant: The Ultimate Expression of Duty and Honor to this Country Latino Recipients of the U.S. Medal of Honor"

Renato Ramirez is a professor of Political Science at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. He is the Department Chairperson of the Social Sciences Department at the College. He is from San Diego, Texas and a veteran of the US Army. Mr Ramirez is graduate of Texas A&I University and Texas A&M University in Kingsville.

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:**  November 16
From 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Membership Meeting at Central Library

- 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 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

DNA Consultation Hour

**Saturday, 2 November 2019, 10:00 SAGHS Library Annex**

Moderator: Annette Graham. DNA has been another avenue added to our Genealogy sources however its newness created many questions. This program is designed for individuals with question(s) on how to interpret or to use one's DNA results.

These one-hour sessions are offered on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of the month and registration is made by calling SAGHS at 210-342-5242. The one-hour sessions are 10-11a., 11am-12pm, and 12-1pm. Please be sure to bring your access codes to your DNA programs especially if you are not bringing your laptop with access codes!

We ask a $10 donation from SAGHS members and a $20 donation from non-members. If desired, one may bring his or her laptop as needed but it is not necessary to attend the hour with your questions.
Genealogical Society of Kendall County

Nancy McLarry will be speaking at the Family History Place for the Saturday morning "mini class" at 10:00 a.m. THIS SATURDAY! November 2nd. She is speaking on "Cherokee Ancestry" so if you think you have Cherokee blood in your family, come in and hear her speak. If you miss her Saturday, come Monday morning, November 4th, at 10:00 a.m. to the Family History Place and she will be speaking on the same topic that morning also.

THE FAMILY HISTORY PLACE:
-- a great place to do genealogy research; to meet others with the same interest in family history; to purchase the latest books by local authors. Volunteers are available to assist you with your research. We are located at:

114 East Blanco Street
Boerne, Texas
830.331.8730
familyhistoryplace@gvtc.com

Metal Mayhem
The Institute of Texan Cultures
29 June through 5 January 2020

Metal Mayhem captures the visual history of San Antonio's rise to fame as the Heavy Metal Capital of the World. This exhibit showcases photos, art, and memorabilia documenting San Antonio's thriving '80s heavy metal music scene and highlights the iconic 1984 battle between two infamous bands, S.A. Slayer vs L.A. Slayer, at Villa Fontana. Metal Mayhem salutes the iconic DJ Joe "The Godfather" Anthony, DJ Lou Roney, as well as promoter Jack Orbin with Stone City Attractions, various record shops, and a myriad of local metal bands that started it all.

This exhibit was produced in conjunction with TexPop.
Ancestral Visions: Yarn Paintings of a Huichol Shaman
24 August through 1 December 2019

The Spirit of Texas
Opened May 4, 2019

La Revolución Mexicana: 100 Years Later
29 August 2019 through 24 November 2019

Aaron Curry: HEADROOM
8 August 2019 through 31 July 2020

Picasso to Hockney: Modern Art on Stage
17 October to 29 December 2019

Victorian Radicals: From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts & Crafts Movement
11 October 2019 through 5 January 2020

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

Art and the Animal-Society of Animal Artists
20 September through 5 January 2020

2020 Night of Artists
27 March through 3 May 2020

News

Center for Big Bend Studies
26th Annual Conference
November 8-9, 2019

Keynote Address Presented by Patrick Dearen
Every fall the Center for Big Bend Studies hosts a two-day conference in the Morgan University Center on the campus of Sul Ross State University. The conference brings together historians, archaeologists, folklorists and other researchers studying the past and present of the Big Bend region and northern Mexico.

**Attending the Conference**

Conference attendees are also invited to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends at the complimentary Friday night social, followed by our annual banquet. Center for Big Bend Studies members will receive a registration form in the mail several weeks before the conference that offers a discount for CBBS members and a discounted price for early registration. Registration can also be completed online at the [CBBS store](#).

Non-members may also register after September 1, 2019 online at the CBBS store or download the registration form or request one by calling (432) 837-8179, faxing (432) 837-8381, or e-mailing: [cbbs@sulross.edu](mailto:cbbs@sulross.edu).

**Submitting Papers and Instructions for Presenters**

Presentations are allotted 30 minutes, and we recommend that the presentation itself last no more than 20 minutes, to leave time for questions. If you would like to present, please complete the [Call for Papers form](#) and send materials to the Center for Big Bend Studies. For detailed instructions for presenters, see the [Instructions](#) page.

Presentations should focus on prehistoric, historic and modern cultures of the Borderlands Region of the United States and Mexico, with emphasis on the area encompassed by the greater Big Bend region of Texas or adjacent areas of West Texas and northern Mexico. Please prepare a Powerpoint slideshow to accompany your talk.

All presenters are encouraged to write up their presentation as a formal paper after the conference and submit it for consideration in the next fall's [Journal of Big Bend Studies](#). Selected papers will be edited and published. It is not required that journal
papers be presented at the conference, but all conference presenters may then write a paper on their or another topic and submit it to the journal. All papers are required to follow a specific format which can be referenced here.

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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**

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**Clayton Genealogical Library**

**Cherokee Genealogy**

In this recorded webinar from FamilySearch learn the basic steps of Native American genealogy research and discover the records available for researching Cherokee ancestors.

Reservations required, please call 832-393-2600. Adults/Teens.
How to Obtain a Copy of Your Census Record

Wanna See Yourself on the Census?

The Census Bureau's National Processing Center (NPC) in Jeffersonville, IN, maintains copies of the 1910 to 2010 census records. Records from the censuses of population and housing are publicly accessible 72 years after each decennial census' "Census Day." The most recent publicly available census records are from the 1940 census, released April 2, 2012.

After the 72 years have passed, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is responsible for making the records publicly available for viewing or purchase. Therefore, records from the 1950 census will be released on April 1, 2022.

Individuals may request their own records (before they are publicly available) via the Census Bureau's Age Search service. This service provides individual information from censuses that are still protected by the 72-year rule, but only to the named person, his or her heirs, or legal representatives. There is a Congressionally-mandated fee for this service ($65).

Individuals interested in requesting a search of their personal census records must complete a form BC-600 [PDF 142k], Application for Search of Census Records (form BC-600sp [PDF - 156k], Solicitud Para Busqueda De Registros Censales).
Click [HERE](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php) 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!

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**Free Family Search Webinars**

The FamilySearch Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, has announced its free classes and webinars for November 2019. [Latin America Seminar](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php) classes are offered November 1-2, and [Nordic Seminar](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php) content from November 11-15. Spanish beginner content will be available during the Latin America seminar. Interesting topics include Chilean cemeteries, DNA, online resources for Hispanic research. Intermediate content for the Nordic Seminar will include Scandinavian handwriting, Swedish emigration, solving problems with the FamilySearch Wiki and more. Attend in person or online. No registration is required.

If you cannot attend a live event, most sessions are recorded and can be viewed later online at your convenience at [Family History Library classes and webinars](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php). Online classes are noted on the schedule as webinars.

All class times are in mountain time (MDT).

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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.

Check out the free webinar schedule [here](https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php).

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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.
 Memories of San Antonio - 1857 (part two)  
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by Rudolph F. Lafrentz, written in 1908

My father and my brothers left the hotel immediately in order to find a pair of countrymen recently arrived from Germany, the brothers Radeleff. The older of these, Rudolph, at the time bookkeeper and Ulrich and Jones promised to help us find a place to live and paid us a visit in the evening.

From him we heard that the reports we had heard at the coast, though outrageously exaggerated, were however not entirely snatched out of the air. Times in San Antonio were very bad; it hadn't rained in eighteen months and only the irrigated gardens had a few vegetables which were offered for sale at extremely high prices. Also the stories of robberies were not entirely untrue. A number of desperadoes and gamblers had committed excesses but the citizens of San Antonio had decided to bring their activities to an end.

Even on the very next morning the lynch activity began. Though only for temporary occupancy, we had found a suburban dwelling almost immediately, which we took only to avoid the high cost of the hotel. As we departed from the hotel, Mr. Radeleff suggested that the ladies be taken by way of Houston Street because the dead bodies of the morning's shootings were still lying in the main street.

Concerning this the following had transpired: Among the desperadoes which made San Antonio and surroundings insecure, a certain Bill Hart was the main threat. He ostensibly conducted a small grocery on South Alamo Street; however, the store
was only the cover for a gambling hall patronized by young people too lazy to work
and who preferred to occupy themselves with gambling or robbery. A human life
meant nothing to them, and may an eighteen or nineteen-year-old already had one
or more murders on his conscience. To this group also belonged the real Bob Agustin
who fled San Antonio just in time but who was later convicted and sent to prison. At
the beginning of the Civil War he was released and found his way back to San
Antonio where the citizens of San Antonio lynched him.

One asks how it was possible that the good citizens of the town tolerated the
unlawful activity so long without taking the law into their own hands; the
explanation lies in the fact that no unity existed among the citizens as among the
bandits. Those held together and considered an attack on one as an attack on all.
The law found itself helpless and so the young devils could carry on their
depredations uninhibited.

But finally the measure of patience among the citizens ran over. The murder of a
Mexican family near one of the missions provided the impulse, a vigilance
committee was organized which decided to clean up the bandit group summarily.
Among those on the vigilance committee were the most respected citizens of the
town, of all nationalities, Germans, Americans, French and Mexicans.

A Dane by the name of Fielstrop [Fieldstrup] had acquired an arrest order for Bill
Hart for the first named crime and lay in wait at Hart's house all night. The next
morning when Hart, together with two youths by the name of Miller and Owens,
stepped out of the door he began to shoot. The two youths fell slain and Hart
received a wound in the leg. Fielstrop was shot through the forehead. Hart went
back into the house, locked the door, and sat in his rocker as if nothing had
happened.

In the meantime the citizens had gathered. Among these was Bill Taylor, himself a
known desperado. He knocked out a window and jumped in and, although shot
through the lung by Hart, wrestled him to the ground where he was dispatched into
the beyond by more than 30 shots from the citizens. Through the ministrations of Dr.
Schloemann, Taylor recovered and fell in Virginia during the Civil War.

After this beginning the citizen decided to clean up thoroughly. In the following
night, several of the most notorious of the young men were handed on trees along
Houston Street. During the following weeks one found trees along the streets
yielding such fruit almost every morning. Then tranquility and order prevailed. The
companions of those who were lynched were beset by a wholesome fear and
departed in haste. Many of the lads who had fallen into bad company and were not
yet irretrievable spoiled, may have been taught by fright that they might share the
destiny of their friends and were induced to rectitude. Only a week after these
events San Antonio was the quietest town in the world.

Our first dwelling in San Antonio which we occupied the next day of our arrival
was by all means too small for a family of 8, as we were at the time, and served only
as a stop-gap while we found something better. Our next home was in the barracks
(Kaserne) of Grenet which was a long one-story adobe building on Nacogdoches
Street between Crockett and East Houston Streets. It contained about ten
apartments under one roof. In addition to the door the front room had only one
window, but was quite decent in that it had a wooden floor and a fireplace. The back
room which was the kitchen had a clay floor and a masonry fireplace at which
cooking was done on the open fire.

Today the barracks as well as the entire Grenet building complex has disappeared
from the earth and the apparently valuable real property has lain desolate and
fallow for over ten years.