Texana / Genealogy

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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 Services -> Guides:

- British and Irish Genealogy
- Cemeteries
- Civil War in Texas
- Death
- Genealogy: Getting Started
- HeritageQuest Online
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- King James Bible
- La Meri
- Local History
- Texas History
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I
Events & Classes

Friends of Texana/Genealogy Meeting

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy will hold their quarterly meeting on February 22 beginning at 10 a.m.

Quarterly Meeting
Central Library - Sixth Floor
Texana/Genealogy Department
February 22, 2020
10 a.m. - noon

Upcoming Genealogy Classes

Tobin Library - Ancestry Library Edition
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:00 PM
4134 Harry Wurzbach 78209

Cody Library - Census Record Research
Friday, Feb. 7, 3:00 PM
11441 Vance Jackson 78230

McCreless Library - Introduction to Genealogy
Thursday, Feb. 13, 1:30 PM
1023 Ada St 78223

Johnston Library - Preserving Family Treasures
Saturday, Feb. 15, 2:00 PM
6307 Sun Valley 78227
San Antonio Black History: Near and Far

Saturday, 1 February 2020, 2pm
Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad, 78205
210.207.2500

Native San Antonian, Everett Fly, was honored in 2018 by the San Antonio Power of Preservation Foundation with a “Champion of Preservation Award” for his work preserving African American history here in San Antonio and Bexar County. Mr. Fly will speak on San Antonio’s Black History and an exhibit, featuring African American resources housed in the Texana Special Collections, will be on display. 3 hours free parking in library garage.

New Publications

Genealogy Tool Kit: Getting Started on Your Family History at the National Archives
GENEALOGY 929.1028 DEEBEN 2012

2018 Bustillos Family Reunion: Descendants of Francisco and Teodora Bustillo(s)
GENEALOGY 929.2 BUSTILLO 2018

The Hollies: A Hollis Family History from Surrey to Splendora
GENEALOGY 929.2 HOLLIS 2003
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: February 8, 2020
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
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:** February 15  
San Antonio Public Library  
Latino Collection and Resource Center  
600 Soledad Street

- Information and registration to be found [here](http://www.cida-sa.org).

**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 to 4pm, Wednesday 10 am to 9pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 1 to 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](http://www.txsaghs.org)

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**DNA Consultation Hour**

**Saturday, 1 February and 8 February, 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.

Finding Your German Hometown

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
SAGHS Dwyer Center

Speaker: Lloyd Shenberger. When doing research in Germany, it is necessary to know the name of the town where your ancestor lived. In order to “jump across the pond,” you must do your research in the United States records. Once you locate the town name in US records, you will be prepared to locate records in Germany. We will look at US sources for hometown names and how to locate your records in Germany after you know the hometown. A case study will be used to demonstrate this process.

We ask that you pre-register to avoid cancellation by calling SAGHS at 1-210-342-5242 or emailing Education@txsaghs.org.
A $5.00 contribution is asked from SAGHS members whereas $10.00 is asked from non-members.
Saturday February 22, 2020

Guest Speaker - Kevin L. Meyers

A fifth generation Texan and professional forensic genealogist since 1996, Kelvin L. Meyers is a frequent speaker at genealogical societies and family associations throughout the United States. Kelvin is also a local expert on land and Texas research. He brings his expertise to our Family History Seminar with four member-selected presentations.

The topics are:

1. Plowing Through the Land Records
2. The Hand that Rocked the Cradle - Finding the Women in Your Tree
3. The Texas State Library
4. Southern Records that Connect Colonial Families

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Doors open at 8:15 (breakfast tacos and snacks included)

Place: Kronkosky Place, 17 Old San Antonio Road, Boerne, TX 78006

For more information: contact seminar chair, Brooks Boye at info@GSKCTX.org. Local accommodations are listed on the Where to Stay page at www.visitboerne.org.

Register early and save money!

Early Registration - GSKC members - Early registration ends on February 9, 2019 $ 50.00
Early Registration - Non-members - Early registration ends on February 9, 2019 $ 55.00
Late registration (after February 9, 2019) and at the door - GSKC member and non-member $ 60.00
Lunch (Optional) $ 10.00

Special Membership Offer: We are happy to offer non-members a one-time special offer. Become a member at a discounted rate for the 2020 membership year, and save on registration plus receive all benefits of membership. A individual membership is $20.00 (regularly $30) and a family membership, if both family members are attending the seminar, is $35.00 (regularly $45). This offer is only good if you register for the seminar and must be paid with the seminar registration (see online registration form) and the offer is only good until the day of the seminar. Only valid if you have never been a member of the Genealogical Society of Kendall County, Texas. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

You can register and pay online with a credit card or register online and mail check.

Click here to register.
OR
Click here to print registration form and mail with check.
New Frontiers: African American Figures, 1850 - 1920
The Institute of Texan Cultures
28 June 2019 through 1 March 2020

Come explore and enjoy the latest student exhibit at the UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures. New Frontiers displays applique quilt squares created by 7th and 8th grade students from the Young Women’s Leadership Academy exploring the history of African-American figures during post-Civil War reconstruction and westward expansion. Encouraged to immerse themselves in what someone else’s life might have been like, student poems about their historical figures accompany each quilt.

Ancestral Visions: Yarn Paintings of a Huichol Shaman
Open now through 1 March 2020

How the West was Fun! Circus, Saddles and the Silver Screen
Open now to 31 March 2020

Selena Forever/Siempre Selena
15 January through 5 July 2020

Paris: Notre-Dame and Beyond
5 December to 23 February 2020

Mary Cassatt’s Women
31 October 2019 to 9 February 2020

Aaron Curry: HEADROOM
8 August 2019 to 31 July 2020

The Magic of Clay and Fire: Japanese Contemporary Ceramics
13 April 2019 to 19 April 2020

Elegant Pursuits: The Art of China’s Educated Elite
7 November 2019 to 23 February 2020

Taihu Rock
6 November 2019 to 6 November 2021

2020 Night of Artists
27 March through 3 May 2020

22 May to 6 September 2020
JOIN OUR WATCH DAY FOR A BUILDING WORTH SAVING

“Integrating History: The Role of Alamo Plaza in Bexar County’s Civil Rights Legacy.”

During the national Sit-In Movement, the San Antonio Woolworth Building on Alamo Plaza was the epicenter of the voluntary and peaceful integration of seven downtown lunch counters. Its recent inclusion on the 2020 World Monuments Watch underscores its importance as a civil rights landmark. It’s been 60 years since the scene inside this very building became...

“A story that should be told around the world.”
~ Jackie Robinson

OPEN-TO-THE-PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM

WHEN WHERE
Saturday, Feb. 1, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
PRESENTERS

Everett Fly, FASLA, San Antonio • Dr. Tara Dudley, University of Texas at Austin
Dr. Bruce Winders, Bexar County • Dr. Todd Moye, University of North Texas
Dr. Kathryn O’Rourke, Trinity University

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For more information on how you can help Save the Woolworth, visit SAconservation.org.
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**
Paper Trails: Tracing African American Ancestry

Celebrate African American History Month at Holocaust Museum Houston as we explore family histories and genealogy.

This full day of learning sessions is brought to you through a partnership between the Houston Public Library, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research (HPL/CLA); the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc., Willie Lee Gay H-Town Chapter (AAHGS); the Clayton Library Friends (CLF) and Holocaust Museum Houston.

Each learning session is designed to offer resources and records for family history research. Celebrating African American History month, the presentations will highlight not only specific research, but broad concepts that can be applied to any family history research project.

The day offers 4 lectures by nationally recognized speakers, Ari Wilkins from Dallas, TX and Sharon Batiste Gillins from Galveston, TX. These excellent speakers have lectured at national, state and local genealogy conferences and meetings, and are both recognized as leaders in the field of African American family history research.

This full day is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Museum. Attendees are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m. for a pre-workshop session across the street at Clayton Library Carriage House (5300 Caroline St, Houston, TX 77004).

Review the workshop's schedule and speakers [PDF]
RootsTech 2020 Free Livestream Schedule

If traveling to Salt Lake City isn't an option for you, don't worry! Many of the sights and teachings from the conference will be streamed live on our home page—for free! Join us starting on Wednesday, February 26, at 8:00 a.m. mountain standard time, and enjoy learning from presenters such as Crista Cowan, Blaine Bettinger, Jenny Hansen, and more! General sessions featuring keynote speakers will also be streamed. Join the conversation happening on social media using #NotAtRootsTech.

You can view the full streaming schedule [here](#). All times are listed in mountain standard time. If you need help calculating the time difference to your time zone, visit [TheTimeZoneConverter.com](#).

Sessions will be available to view on demand after the livestream ends.

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**Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars**


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!

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**Free Family Search Webinars**
The FamilySearch Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, does not yet have any webinars scheduled for December but you can keep up with the free webinars offered by FamilySearch [here](#).

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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](#).

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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
Galusha A. Grow, once the noted speaker of our national House of Representatives, and now the energetic and successful manager of a railroad in the Lone Star State, has changed the once memorable words, "Go to Texas!" from a malediction into a beneficent recommendation. The process was simple: he placed the curt phrase at the head of one of those flaming posters which railway companies affect, and associated it with such ideas of lovely climate and prospective prosperity, that people forthwith began to demand if it were indeed true that they had for the last twenty years been fiercely dismissing their enemies into the very Elysian Fields, instead of hurling them down to Hades.

The world is beginning to learn something of the fair land which the adventurous Frenchmen of the seventeenth century overran, only to have it wrested from them by the cunning and intrigue of the Spaniard; in which the Franciscan friars toiled, proselyting Indians and building massive garrison mission; which Aaron Burr dreamed of as his empire of the southwest; and into which the "Republican" army of the North marched, giving presage of future American domination. The dread pirates of the Gulf made the islands of the Texan coast their retreats and strongholds; Austin and his brave fellow-colonists rescued Texas from the suicidal policy of the Mexican government; the younger Austin accepted it as his patrimony, and elevated it from the degraded and useless condition in which the provincial governors held it; it spurned from its side its fellow-slave, Coahuila, and broke its own shackles, throwing them in the Mexican tyrant Guerrero’s face; it nourished a small but notable band of mighty men, who made the names of San Felipe, of Goliad, of the Alamo, of Washington, of San Jacinto, immortal. It crushed the might of Santa Anna, the Napoleon of the West;
it wrested its freedom from the hard hands of an unforgiving foe, and maintained it, as
an isolated republic, commanding the sympathy and respect of the world; it places the
names of Houston, of Travis, of Fannin, of Bowie, of Milam, of Crockett, upon the roll
of American heroes and faithful soldiers; and brought to the United States a marriage-
gift of two hundred and thirty-seven thousand square miles of fertile land. The world
is beginning to know something of this gigantic south-western population of fifty
millions; who climate is as charming as that of Italy; whose roses bloom, whose birds
sing, all winter long; whose soil can bring forth all the fruits of the earth, and whose
noble coast-line is broken by rivers which have wandered two thousand miles in and
out among the Texan mountains and plains. The land is a region of strange contrasts
in peoples and places: You step from the civilization of the railway junction in Denison
to the civilization of Mexico in the seventeenth century in certain sections of San
Antonio; you find black, sticky land in norther Texas, incomparably fertile; and sterile
plains, which give the cattle but scant living, along the great stretches between the San
Antonio and the Rio Grande. You may ride in one day from odorous, moss-grown
forests, where everything is of tropic fulness, into a section where the mesquite and
chaparral dot the gaunt prairie here and there; or from the sea-loving populations of
Galveston and from her thirty-mile beach, to peoples who have never seen a mast or a
wave, and whose main idea of water is that it is something difficult to find and
agreeable to taste if one is exceedingly thirsty. The State has been much and unduly
malignied in many respects; has been made a by-word and reproach, whereas it should
be a glory and a boast. It has been guilty of the imperfections of a frontier community,
but has rapidly thrown the majority of them aside, even while the outer world
supposed it growing more and more away from what it should be. Like some strange,
unknown fruit, it has ripened in the obscurity of its rind, until, bursting its covering, it
stands dislosed as something of passing sweetness, whereas all men had willingly
believed it bitter and nauseous. Texas has suffered much odious criticism at the hands
of people who knew very little of its actual condition; border tales have been
magnified into generalities; the people of the North and of Europe have been told that
the native Texan was a walking armament and that his only argument was a pistol-shot
or the thrust of a Bowie-knife. The Texan has been paraded on the English and French
stages as a maudlin ruffian, who only became sober in savagery; and the vulgar
gossipings of insincere scribes have been allowed to prejudice hundreds of thousands
of people.

Now that the State is bound closer than ever before the United States, by iron bands;
now that, under good management and with excellent enterprise, it is assuming its
proper place, the truth should be told. Of course, it was be necessary to say some
disagreeable things; it would even be just to make severe and strictures upon certain
people and classes of people; but it would not be necessary to condemn the State
wholesale, and to write of it in a hostile spirit. The first impression to be corrected - a
very foolish and inexcusably narrow one, which has, nevertheless, taken strong hold
upon the popular mind - is, that travel in Texas, for various indefinite reasons, is
everywhere unsafe. Nothing could be more erroneous; there is only one section where
the least danger may be apprehended and that is vaguely known as the "Indian
country." Hostile Comanches, Lipan or predatory Kickapoos might rob you of your
cherished scalp if you ventured into their clutches; but in less than three years they will
have vanished before the locomotive - or, possibly, before the legions of Uncle Sam,
who is said to be possessed of a strange mania for removing his frontier quite back to
the mountains of Mexico.
November 1873 - April 1874

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- March 2020 by February 15
- April 2020 by March 15
- May 2020 by April 15

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