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
- Memory Preservation Lab
- Texas History
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I
Genealogy Consultation Hour

Would you like one-on-one help with your genealogy research?

One-hour sessions are offered the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Please bring your questions, along with your research materials, to the consultation.

1st session: 10-11am
2nd session: 11am-12pm

To reserve a time e-mail: genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov
Or call: 210.207.2500 (Genealogy Dept.)

[Reservations must be received no later than the Wednesday before the Saturday sessions.]

Central Library
Texana/Genealogy Room
600 Soledad 78205
New Publications

How to Trace Your African-American Roots: Discovering Your Unique History
GENEALOGY 929.1089 HOWELL 1998

The Muller-Marquardt-Perner-Weber History: Our Great Great Grandparents from the Kingdom of Saxony, Early Pioneers of Kendall County, 1850-1855
GENEALOGY 929.2 MULLER

Genealogy of the George and Anna Schmidt Family, 1843-1983
GENEALOGY 929.2 SCHMIDT
Diccionario Hispanoamericano de Heraldica, Onomastica y Genealogia
GENEALOGY 946 GARCIA CARRAFFA v. 83-85/68-70

Tamaulipas, Tamaholipa
GENEALOGY 972.12 ZORRILLA 1980

Gobiernos y Gobernantes de Coahuila
GENEALOGY 972.14 CANALES SANTOS 2005

Marrtown: Deserted Village to Revival, Georgetown Island, Maine
GENEALOGY 974.1 SAGADAHOC 2000

Signers of the Mayflower Compact
GENEALOGY 974.402 HAXTUN

Sussex County, a History
GENEALOGY 974.9 SUSSEX 1984

Sacred to the Memory: A History of the Huguenot Cemetery, 1821-1884, St. Augustine, Florida
GENEALOGY 975.9 SAINT JOHNS 1998

Marriages of Lawrence County, Tennessee, 1818-1854
GENEALOGY 976.8 LAWRENCE 1982

Carbondale: A Pictorial History
GENEALOGY 977.3 JACKSON 1991

St. Paul's Historic Summit Avenue
GENEALOGY 977.6 RAMSEY 1978

Missourians in the Civil War: (Transcribed from Missouri Newspapers)
GENEALOGY 977.8 MISSOURIANS v. 12 & v. 65

Missourians in the Civil War: Consolidated Index for Volumes 66 to 71
GENEALOGY 977.8 MISSOURIANS INDEX

Omaha: Times Remembered
GENEALOGY 978.2 DOUGLAS 1999

Lone Star Suburbs: Life on the Texas Metropolitan Frontier
TEXANA 307.764 LONE 2019

An Oil Scout in the Permian Basin, 1924-1960
TEXANA 338.27282 POPE 1972

A Pocket Guide to the Cavalry & Light Artillery Post, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
TEXANA 355.70976 POCKET 1993

San Antonio Air Materiel Area: Kelly Force Base, Headquarters & Miscellaneous Units
TEXANA 358.4 HEADQUARTERS 1960

Shod with Iron
TEXANA 363.28509 NEWSOME 1975

An Informal History of the Texas Department of Transportation
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:** March 14, 2020  
**Speaker:** Dan Arellano  
**Topic:** Debunking the Myth of the Texas Revolution

Dan Arellano has been an activist for almost 40 years. He was a member of the Austin Optimist Club for 25 years and is a past president. He is a member of the Tejanos in Action and a past commander of this Veterans Organization. Under his leadership the Post Office on South Congress in Austin was renamed in honor of the first casualty in Iraq from Austin, The Staff Sgt. Henry Ybarra Post Office. Also, under his Command the school in Southeast Austin was named the Lance Corporal Nicolas Perez Elementary School. He recently built two monuments at Johnston High School and at Wm B. Travis H.S., in Austin to honor the young men from these schools that were killed in Viet Nam. He was also involved with Dr Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez in the Defend the Honor Campaign. He was a member for seven years and president of the Tejano Genealogy Society for three years. He is a current member of the Bexarenos Genealogy Society. He has testified twice before the State Board of Education and was successful in having the Battle of Medina and the First Texas Republic adopted and is now in the curriculum to be taught in the 7th grade. He is also a professional actor appearing in *Machete Kills* along side Cuba Gooding, Jr. in a speaking role. He was also the Co-Host of the Eddie Arevalo Spotlight TV Show. He was lecturing on Tejano History at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum in Austin for two years..

He has been preserving Tejano History by doing living reenactments of the Battle of Medina in Losoya Texas for 10 years and also the First Texas Republic which was founded by our Tejano ancestors under the leadership of Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara on April 6, 1813 which is now formally recognized in House Resolution 709 approved by the 83rd Texas State Legislature. He is also the President of The Battle of Medina Historical Society whose mission is to protect, preserve and promote Tejano History.

He is a descendant of Diego Hernandez who arrived in 1718 with his Father Francisco Hernandez and two brothers, Andres and Jacobo. This was the Entrada of Martin de Alacorn. He is also a descendant of Sgt Francisco Arellano, a soldier in the Alamo de Parras Company, which was sent to San Antonio between the years 1798 and 1803. This is the company from which the Alamo gets its name. He was a commissioner on San Antonio’s Tri-Centennial Committee and is currently a candidate for the State Board of Education District 3.
He has also been successful in having named a school after Colonel Miguel Menchaca, the Tejano hero who lost his life fighting for freedom at the Battle of Medina in 1813.

Dan Arellano, Author/Historian, is a Commissioner on the Bexar County Historical Commission and President Battle of Medina Historical Society.

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

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**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:**

**289th Anniversary Arrival Luncheon:**
March 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Plaza Club
100 West Houston Street, 21st Floor
San Antonio, Texas 78205

- 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)
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, 7 March and 14 March, 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.

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**Finding Your Ancestors in Virginia Research Using 18th Century Records**

**Sunday, 8 March, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**SAGHS Dwyer Center**

**Speaker:** Nancy Brennan. Today's class focuses on Virginia's 18th Century records during 1700-1799. The class provides information on sources, books, websites, etc. for Virginia county development, westward migration, etc. It further identifies what records are available as many records are lost or difficult to find. The program does not include researching Revolutionary War records.

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.

THE 24-HOUR GENEALOGY WEBINAR MARATHON
Make History with Us

familytreewebinars.com/24

The marathon will begin on Thursday, March 12 at 4 P.M. Central U.S. time

Join us in making history as we embark on the first-ever 24-hour genealogy webinar marathon, where you will learn how to trace your ancestors from the world's top genealogists and educators. From advanced Googling to DNA, from The Great Lakes to Australia and Germany, there's something for everyone... in every time zone. And thanks to FamilyTreeWebinars.com and MyHeritage, the entire event is free! Pop in for a session or two, or stick around for the full 24 hours - it's completely up to you. There will even be time for Q&A and door prizes. If you can't join us in real time, we've got you covered: all recordings will be available absolutely free for a week. Beyond that, you can watch them anytime with a webinar membership to FamilyTreeWebinars.com.

Read more about the event [here](#).

Fertility, Blessings, and Protection:
Cultures of Baby Carriers
The Institute of Texan Cultures
12 October 2019 through 21 June 2020

Inspired by the deep love between parents and children, Fertility, Blessings, and Protection: Cultures of Baby Carriers uses traditional fabrics, slings, and wraps to celebrate the artistic tradition of baby carriers from Taiwan and other Asian indigenous cultures, and to highlight the universal commonality of the love, affection, and devotion of parenthood.
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

Backyard Adventures
Open through 3 May 2020

Selena Forever/Siempre Selena
15 January through 5 July 2020

Robert L. B. Tobin: Collection, Curator, Visionary
9 January through 26 April 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 Arts of China’s Educated Elite, 1400-1900
7 November 2019 through 31 March 2020

Texas Women: A New History of Abstract Art
7 February through 3 May 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

New in Texana
The Texana/Genealogy Department has put together a Memory Preservation Lab for patrons to reserve and utilize in the department for digitizing paper documents, audio and/or video recordings. The kits can support the following digital preservation activities:

- Transfer Audio Cassette to PC
- Transfer VHS to digital format
- Transfer VHS-C to digital format
- Digitize printed photographs (up to 8.5 x 11")
- Digitize negatives and slides (35 mm)

The kits do NOT include equipment to convert all moving image & video formats. For example, we currently cannot accommodate 16 mm film; Video8, Hi8, MiniDV or Digital 8.

The kits include the following equipment with basic instructional handouts:

- PC Laptop: Dell
- Headphones
- Microphone
- Cassette Player: ION Tape2PC Deck
- Scanner: Epson Perfection V370 Photo (includes 35 mm film guides)
- Elgato Video Capture: hardware transfers video to computer
- DVD / VCR Player: Magnavox
- VHS-C Adapter

To access the equipment, please contact the Texana/Genealogy department (210-207-2500) to make an appointment during the department’s normal hours of operation. We will schedule a time to make the equipment available that depends on the type of media you need to migrate. For example, scanning photos will typically take less time than migrating an audio or video format. That is because the audio and video conversions must be done in real time. The the duration of the audio/video will determine how long the conversion process will take. You will need to provide your own digital storage device like a USB thumb drive or portable hard drive on which to save the digital files.
Three More ScanPro Machines

The Texana/Genealogy Department has also recently acquired three new ScanPro microfilm scanners, bringing our total to four. The machines allow patrons to scan articles from our microfilm resources and save the images to a USB drive. The machines allow scanning in high resolution and saving in multiple formats (PDF, JPG, TIFF, etc.) These new machines are not connected to printers so a USB drive is required. Patrons are encouraged to utilize them whenever the department is open and staff is always ready with assistance.
Making Sense of the Census!

A GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 7
9 AM - 5 PM

West Waco Library & Genealogy Center
5301 Bosque Blvd

Register online to save your spot

Topics include:
- What Do You Think You Know?
- 1790-1840 Hen Scratch
- 1850-1870 Census, Discover Household Members
- 1880 Census, It's All about Relationships
- 1890 Census Substitutes
- 1900-1940 Census, the War Years
- I Can't Find Them in the Census!
- 2020 Census What to Expect
- Enumerator Instructions
- Special Non-Population Schedules

WACO LIBRARY GENEALOGY CENTER
For more information visit us on the web or call (254) 750-5945
wacolibrary.org  ctgs.org

CENTRAL TEXAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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

_AUSTIN -_The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) will host a special traveling exhibit, *They Took An Oath: Traveling Exhibit of Texas' First Black Legislators*, on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin. The exhibit is part of the 19th Century Black Legislators’ Monument project unveiled at the Texas State Cemetery in March 2010. As part of the exhibit project director Larry Thomas will deliver a 20-minute talk on his research and take questions in a special program beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Part of an ongoing effort to commemorate the 19th century African American Texas Legislators and delegates to the Constitutional Conventions of 1868-69 and 1875, *They Took
An Oath is an exhibit of large format facsimile reproductions of proposed legislation these men introduced during their time in the Texas Legislature. The exhibit has been compiled from original legislative bills, House and Senate Journals and other legislative documents courtesy of TSLAC and the Legislative Reference Library of Texas.

Registration is requested but not required. This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information and register visit: [https://tslac_theytookanoath.eventbrite.com](https://tslac_theytookanoath.eventbrite.com).

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**Digital Archives of the Joe Barnhard Bee County Library**

Explore the digitized copies of the Beeville newspapers from the Joe Barnhard Bee County Library through the Community History Archive found [here](https).

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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**
Indeed, this apprehension with regard for safety for life and property in Texas is all the more inexplicable from the very fact that the great mass of the citizens of the State were interested to maintain law and order, and fought the outlaws who founds their way among them with bitter persistence. It is true that during, and for two years after, the War things were in lamentable condition. Outlaws and murderers infested the highroads, robbed remote hamlets, and enacted jailed deliveries; there were a thousand murders per year within the State limits; but at the end of the two years the reconstruction government had got well at work' and annihilated the murderers and robbers. It was a noteworthy fact, too, that the people then murdered were mainly the fellows of the very ruffians who murdered them; shot down in drunken broils [sic], or
stabbed in consequence of some thievish quarrels. Of course, innocent people were plundered and killed; but then, as now, most of the men who "died with their boots on" were professional scoundrels, of whom the world was well rid.

It may with truth be said that there exists in all of the extreme Southern States a class of so-called gentlemen who employ the revolver rather suddenly when they fancy themselves offended, sometimes killing, now and then only frightening, their opponent. These people are not treated with sufficient contempt in Texan society as yet; there are some instances of men who have killed a number of their species, who are still considered respectable; and the court do not mete out punishment to them with proper severity, sometimes readily acquitting men who have wantonly and willfully shot their fellow-creatures on fantastic grounds of provocation.

The correct verdict, however, with regard to the present condition of Texas, ma be summed up as follows: A commonwealth of unlimited resources, with an unrivaled climate, inhabited by a brave, impulsive, usually courteous people, who are anxious for the advent of others to share the State's advantages with them; who are by no means especially bitter on account of the results of the War; who comprise all grades of society, from the polished and accomplished scholar, ambassador, and man of large means, to the rough, unkempt, semi-barbaric tiller of the soil or herder of cattle, who is content with bitter coffee and coarse pork for his sustenance, and with a low cabin, surrounded with a scraggy rail-fence for his home. The more ambitious and cultured of the native Texans have cordially joined with the newly-come Northerners and Europeans in making improvement, in toning up society in some places, toning it down in others; in endeavoring to compass wise legislation with regard to the distribution of lands, and the complete control of even the remote sections of the State by the usual machinery of courts and officials; and the binding together and consolidation of the interests of the various sections by the rapid increase of railway lines.

Thus the impressions formed during a residence of some weeks in various parts of Texas took shape in my mind as I sat beside the driver of the San Antonio stage, on the high box-seat, perched above four sleek and strong horses, in front of the Raymond House, at Austin, the Texan capital, one charming morning in the month of April. Heavy heat was coming with the growing day; the hard, white roads glistened under the fervid sun; the patches of live-oak stood out in bold relief against a cloudless sky; the shop-keepers were lolling under their awnings, in lazy enjoyment of the restful morn; a group of Mexicans, squatted upon their haunches, cast wild glances at us from beneath their broad sombreros and their tangled and matted black hair; in the distance, Mount Bonnel showed a fragment of its rock-strewn summit, and white stone houses peered from the dark green of the foliage; the State House, crowning a high knoll, and flanked on either side by the Land Office and the Governor's Mansion, hid from us the view of the rich plain, extending back to the bases of the hills, which form an amphitheater, in whose midst Austin is prettily set down.

Nine inside and three outside. Now then, driver, are you ready? Here is your way-bill; here are half-a-dozen mail-bags; ballast up carefully, or you will have your coach upset! The driver, a nut-brown man, handsome and alert withal, clad in blue overalls, velvet coat, and black slouch hat, spring lightly into his seat, cracks his long whip-lash, and we plunge away towards the steep banks of the Colorado, bound for an eighty mile stage-ride to the venerable and picturesque city of San Antonio. Rattle! We are at the bank, and now we must all dismount, and walk down the declivity, cross the almost waterless river channel on a pontoon bridge, toil painfully across a sandy waste, then up the bank on the other side, turning to look at the town behind us,
while the horses pant below. A cavalcade of hunters, mounted on lithe little horses and grave, sure-footed mules, returning towards Austin, passes us. The men are brown with the sun; they carry rifles posed across their high-peaked Mexican saddles; their limbs are cased in undressed skin leggings, and their heads are covered with broad hats, each with silver braids twined around them. Each man bows courteously; then all canter briskly down to the stream where their tired animals drink eagerly.

Mounting once more to our perches, artist and writer alike are inspired by the beauty of the long stretch of dark highway, bordered with huge live-oaks, or with the wayward mesquite, whose branches are a perpetual danger to the heads of outside passengers. The driver nervously inspects us; then lights a cigar, and, in a gentle voice, appeals to his horses, thus: "Git up, ye saddle critturs!" - this being evidently a mild reproach. The saddle critturs dash forward at a rapid gait. The glossy flank of each is branded with the name by which he is known; and whenever a leader lags or a wheel horse shows a disposition to be skittish, the loud voice says, "You Pete!" or "Oh Mary!" and Pete and Mary alike prick up their pretty ears and manifest new energy. The driver's tones never rise beyond entreaty or derisions; and the animals seem keenly to feel each stricture upon their conduct. So we hasten on, past pretty farm-houses with neat yards, where four year old boys are galloping on frisky horses, or driving the cattle or sheep afield; past the suburbs of Austin, and out into the open country, until we have left all houses behind and only encounter from time to time long wagon trains, drawn by oxen, and loaded with barrels and boxes, with lumber and iron, toiling at the rate of twenty miles a day towards the West. Behind each of the wagons marches a tough little horse, saddled neatly; and a forlorn dog, who has a general air of wolfishness about him, brings up the rear, showing his teeth as we dash past.

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