# Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Those born in the County of Béxar and those who migrated to and made their home in Béxar County throughout the ages, whether under the influence of Tribal Law, or the laws of Spain, France, the 1st Republic of Texas, the Republic of México, the 2nd Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of América, or the United States of América are known as Los Bexareños.

Their families extend to all the lands of the world. Once a Bexareño always a Bexareño.

A Newsletter via e-Mail June 2012

LBGHS Monthly Meeting
June 2, 2012
San Antonio Public Library (Downtown)
9:00 am - 11:30 am

# Speaker: Dr. Amy M. Porter Topic: Women and their Wills in Late Spanish Colonial Bexar

Dr. Porter will explain how the wills can be used as a window into the lives of women during the colonial period. While diaries and letters from the period are few, there are numerous wills, and the wills have rich information about women's material lives, inheritance patterns, family relationships, spiritual lives, and economic pursuits.

Amy Porter studied Spanish Borderlands history and women's history at Southern Methodist University (SMU). She earned a PhD in 2004 and wrote for her dissertation "Women's Lives through Women's Wills in the Spanish and Mexican Borderlands, 1750-1846." Currently, Dr. Porter is an Assistant Professor of History at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Prior to this post, she was an Assistant Professor at Georgia Southwestern State University. •

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#### Los Bexareños



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#### LBGHS OFFICERS

Congratulations to the 2012 elected officers of Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society. Your willingness to serve this organization with your time, effort, work ethics, and countless contributions is truly appreciated.

#### 2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Ed Mata

Vice President: Joseph Zavala

Secretary: María Elena Martínez

Treasurer: Lillie Johnson

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2011 - 2012: Federico Martínez

2011 - 2012: *Sylvia Valero* 

2012 - 2013: *Anthony Delgado* 

2012 - 2013: Eduardo Hinojosa

2012 - 2013: *Yolanda Patiño* 

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Historian: Norberto Martínez

Parliamentarian: *José Hernández* 





Message
from the

President's

Desk

#### The LBGHS Newsletter

With the inauguration of this newsletter, we hope to keep members informed regarding upcoming events, genealogical or historical information, projects, items of interest, new book publications, monthly speakers/ presentations or works of other members. We hope the newsletter will create further interest and a willingness among members to exchange information about their research. We invite you to submit articles, questions, announcements, and photos for publication. Remember, the success of the monthly publication will largely depend on members' interest. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Editor, Sylvia Morales, for undertaking this effort for the betterment of "Los Bexareños." +

#### **Tejano Defenders**

On September 15, 2012, Los Bexareños will be paying tribute to the Tejano defenders who died at the Álamo. The event will take place at the Álamo at 9:00 am. I am sure that many of our members are descendants (or know of descendants) of these brave men who gave their lives

so we could enjoy the freedoms that we enjoy today.

I am asking that our members contact our Secretary, María Elena Martínez, and give her a list of names of the descendants who will be attending the this event. Contact her at:

#### 210-858-8850

#### rmtz321@aol.com

I want to thank Armandina Galán Sifuentes for offering to assist Los Bexareños in getting the names of descendants of these Tejano Defenders of Liberty.

It is important to get all the names of these descendants, or as many as we can, and have them on file at the LBGHS Resource Center & Library.

"Thank You" to all who are willing to help LBGHS with this important endeavor. •

#### **Facebook**

Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society is now on Facebook. This is one more way we can communicate with our members and the public. Try it out. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. If you have photos or comments, please contact Anthony Delgado at

#### 12thfamily@gmail.com.

He is working hard to keep our Facebook page updated. Thank you, Anthony. •

#### THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee cordially invites you to join Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society. Become part of an ever growing family who loves to do ancestral research. Meet people who have the same interests and may be doing research on your family lineages.

As a member, you will receive a copy of the annual publication, Los Bexareños Genealogical Register. You are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the San Antonio Public Library (downtown). LBGHS starts its meeting with a "meet and greet" between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Meet members and potential members and/or guests while enjoying pan dulce, tasty tacos, and coffee. At some point between 10:00 and 11:00 am you will be able to listen to the guest speaker. LBGHS has notable speakers with an array of interesting topics. Click on this link to see a list of speakers we have enjoyed in the recent http://www.losbexarenos.org/ meetings.htm

To become a member, fill out the Membership Application Form and mail it to the address on the form. Better yet, bring the form with you when you attend our next meeting. •

#### **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

<u>http://www.losbexarenos.org/LBGHS -</u> <u>Application Form - 2012.pdf</u>







A few words from the Chair—

#### **Board of Directors**

**Membership.** Each of us made an active decision to join Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society. We completed a form, paid a membership fee and started a relationship with a unique, special group of people who make up our Society. Our Society appreciates a large number of diverse members making it one of the state's largest genealogical societies. We attend monthly meetings where we learn more about our ancestors' lives and times. We share with others what we've learned and learn from others who willingly share their knowledge. Many members have been with the Society since its founding in 1983, and some of us have only appreciated a couple of years of All our members have unique skills and membership. experiences that make Los Bexareños unlike any other nonprofit organization. It's our members and all they accomplish that makes Los Bexareños the respected organization that it is. The success of the Society exists solely in its members.



Our Society, thanks to its involved, dedicated members, has many accomplishments. We've produced more than 100 publications, established a library and resource center and aided many others in genealogical and historical research. Each of these accomplishments required many hours of hard work and a team of dedicated members to turn ideas into reality. We cannot let these accomplishments sit alone on the shelf. We must continue to build upon the excellent foundation our hardworking members have laid for us. With your help, we can turn the Society's list of initiatives into a list of recognized accomplishments. ��

-Anthony Delgado

#### Websites That Tell Our Stories

There is more to genealogy than just gathering names of ancestors. Yes, it is important to do the basics, like pedigrees, names, dates, places, family work sheets, etc. But let us not forget that there are stories that go with these names. There are histories in the places and times they lived. Photographs and stories bring our ancestors to life. Here we intend to transport you to websites that tell our stories. •

#### Alamo's Tejano Heroes Gain Recognition

The names aren't familiar like Crockett and Bowie, but history is starting to honor these defenders.

By: Vianna R. Davila

Published: 10:29 p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2011

http://www.mysanantonio.com/alamo/article/Alamo-s-Tejano-heroes-gain-recognition-1033709.php#ixzz1vOUAJP9s

#### **Bexar Genealogy**

http://bexargenealogy.com/

#### Children of the Revolución

http://video.klrn.org/program/children-revolucion/

#### **National Hispanic Heritage Month**

http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/

#### **Texas Tejano.com**

http://www.texastejano.com/

## Tell Us Your Stories

Do you have a special, interesting, historical, or just a funny story about your relatives that you would like to share? Un chiste that you would like to share? Email your ancestral stories to <a href="mailto:lousyl@att.net">lousyl@att.net</a>, and we will try to print them in this newsletter on a first-come-first-serve basis. •

~~ Experiences that are shared are added to life's beautiful memory books ~~



33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference

"Los Caminos del Rio"

## South Padre Island, Texas October 11 - 14, 2012

Hosted by:
Rio Grande Valley
Hispanic Genealogical Society

#### **Registration Form**

http://www.rgvhispanicgenealogicalsociety.com/uploads/ Conference Registration form October 11-14\_2012.pdf

#### **Hotel Registration**

http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/B/BROSPGI-THG-20121008/index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG

#### **Shuttle to Airport**

http://southpadreshuttle.com/

#### Vendors Application Form

http://www.rgvhispanicgenealogicalsociety.com/uploads/ Vendor\_s\_Application\_Form.pdf

#### Menu Choice

http://www.rgvhispanicgenealogicalsociety.com/uploads/ Menu\_Choices\_for\_Banquet.pdf

#### **Tour Information**

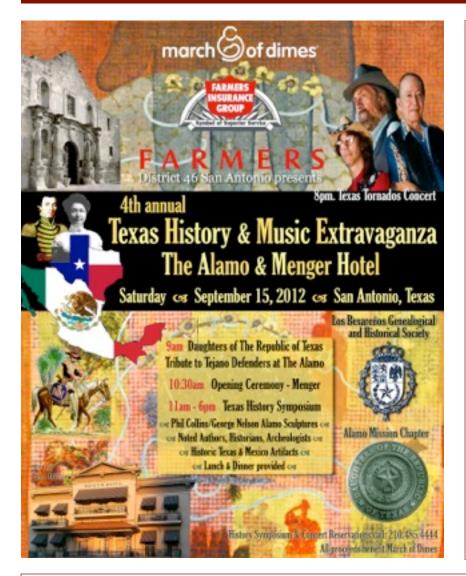
http://www.rgvhispanicgenealogicalsociety.com/uploads/ 33rd\_Annual\_Texas\_Hispanic\_Genealogical\_and\_Historical\_Society\_Tours.pdf

#### Speakers

http://www.rgvhispanicgenealogicalsociety.com/uploads/Speakers\_Page.pdf

Please register as soon as possible.

The Rio Grande Valley HGS is doing an excellent job of hosting this year's Conference. See y'all at South Padre Island! •



There are many descendants of the Tejano Defenders at the Álamo. Family members are invited to pay tribute to their ancestors. One descendant of each defender will be asked to present a wreath in honor of his/her ancestor who courageously defended and died at the Álamo. This was the second time Tejanos fought for their liberty and independence as a Republic of Texas. •

Juan Abamillo
Juan Antonio Badillo
Carlos Espalier
José María "Gregorio" Esparza
Antonio Fuentes
Damacio Jiménez
José Toribio Losoya
Andrés Nava

## 4th Annual Texas History & Music Extravaganza

Join us at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas History & Music Extravaganza presented by Farmers Insurance Group on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at the Álamo and the Menger Hotel. The Álamo Mission Chapter of the DRT and Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society will pay tribute to the Tejano Defenders at the Álamo. Register for the Texas History Symposium which will be from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm at the Menger Hotel. Noted authors, historians, and archeologists will provide interesting facts of our Tejano ancestors. They will also exhibit Texas & Mexican artifacts. At 8:00 pm, get ready for the Texas Tornados Concert.

#### All proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes.

Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society together with the Álamo Mission Chapter of the DRT will assist Farmers Insurance Group in presenting this extravaganza. September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month and this extravaganza is part of our heritage celebration. Come join us in remembering and celebrating our Tejano Heritage. �

## June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <b>LBGHS Meeting</b> 9:00 am - 11:30 pm
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17	18	19	20	21	22	LBGHS Resource Center 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	LBGHS Resource Center 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Do you have a "Save The Date" announcement you want to share with your fellow genealogists? If yes, please email your announcement to <a href="lousyl@att.net">lousyl@att.net</a>.

## **Important Dates to Remember**

**July 21** The Hispanic Heritage Cup - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

**September 15** The 4th Annual Texas History & Music Extravaganza

October 11-14 The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference

## The LBGHS Resource Center & Library

IT WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED ON NOVEMBER 2009. The LBGHS Resource Center & Library is open to the public on Saturdays (except the first Saturday of the month) from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You will be able to do your family research in a very friendly and casual environment. You will be able to peruse the books and other genealogical information at your leisure. There will be volunteers to help you with any questions you may have. They can help you start your family tree or assist you in your research. It is preferable to set an appointment, so they can dedicate some time just for you. Call or email Yolanda Patiño at (210) 434-3530 /patinogil@sbcglobal.net or Dennis Moreno at (210) 647-5607 / dennis.moreno@sbcglobal.net.

**HELP FOR THE BEGINNING GENEALOGISTS.** The Society assists individuals in getting started with genealogical research through beginner's workshops. Beginners also receive one-on-one assistance from the more experienced members of the Society.

MAP AND DIRECTIONS. The Library is located on the campus of Holy Rosary Parish in one of their portable buildings. The Church is located at 159 Camino Santa María, just north of Culebra Road and adjacent to the southeast part of the St. Mary's University campus. Park in the noted parking lot and walk through the gate to the courtyard and turn to the right passing the first building. The Library is located in the second building on your right as you approach it. Click on the following link to see a larger virtual view. •



http://g.co/maps/hhc8r





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### **Folklife Volunteers**

Want to help get people interested in genealogy? AND have fun while you're doing it?

Well, join us at this year's 2012 Folklife Festival. Wear your Los Bexareños shirt or name tag. Give a few hours of your time. Enjoy the festival. .

## Contact Sylvia Reyna at:

(210) 207-2500

sylvia.reyna@sanantonio.gov

For more information contact:



Austin: News from Tejano Genealogy Society of Austin

Corpus Christi: News from Spanish American Genealogical Association (SAGA)

Dallas: News from HOGAR de Dallas

Harlingen: News from the Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Genealogy Society

Houston: News from Hispanic Genealogy Society of Houston

Laredo: News from Villa de San Agustín - Laredo Genealogy Society

This section will be dedicated to our sister Hispanic Genealogy Societies throughout the State. They can let us know what their organizations are doing and what their members are researching. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to stay in touch with the different Hispanic Genealogy Societies and encourage them to submit monthly reports on their organizations. We are also contemplating "Around The Nation" and "Across The Border" as resources for genealogical information. I do not want to get to far ahead of ourselves, but we are willing to entertain all ideas for this Newsletter. •

## Message from the Editor

LBGHS members have been asking for an informational and entertaining newsletter. This will not be an easy task. With the ever-rising cost of everything, and the state of our economy, it is not cost effective to snail-mail a newsletter to the membership. Fortunately, most LBGHS members have an email address. This will allow Los Bexareños to email a monthly newsletter with information about and from the organization to its members. I am willing to start this endeavor by myself, but eventually I hope to have a Newsletter Staff of volunteers (my husband, Luis, is automatically a volunteer). If you are willing to help, please contact me.

The most critical aspect of a newsletter is getting articles from the membership. What do YOU want in your newsletter? Without your suggestions and articles, there will not be enough new information to write (especially if it's a monthly newsletter). We encourage you to submit relevant articles.

You can send your suggested articles to: Sylvia Morales

3543 Byron St

**San Antonio, TX 78247-3193** (210) 494-7932 or (210) 291-7702

<u>lousyl@att.net</u> (preferred method of communication)

I am not a writer, nor do I have any editing experience, but I am willing to try to work on this newsletter for at least a year. With your assistance, I think we can make this work. Please be patient as we will start on a small scale and add more sections on future issues. Thank you in advance for any and all suggestions, critiques, ideas, and most importantly for your articles.

Sylvia Morales