

Inside the Gates



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15th Texas History Forum to be Full Day

Historian General Elaine Vetter announces that the 15th Texas History Forum to be held Friday, February 27, will be a full day seminar for the first time.

Presentations include "Friars, Soldiers, and Native Americans: 1673-1683, A Decade of Change" by Dr. Maria Wade; "Researching Texas Architecture" by Eugene George; "When Will the Weary War be Over? The Civil War Letters of the Maverick Family of San Antonio" by Dr. Paula Mitchell Marks; "The Siege of Bexar" by Dr. Jesús F. de la Teja; "The Failure of Frontier Defense in the Texas Revolution" by Dr. Richard Bruce Winders; and "Remember San Jacinto" by Stephen Moore.

Mrs. Madge Roberts, Library Committee Chairman, will be the luncheon speaker with "Inside the Gates: Hidden Treasures at the DRT Library."

Registration is \$20.00 per person. Lunch reservations at the Emily Morgan are limited to the first 50 bookings and are an additional \$20. The deadline for the luncheon is Friday, **February 15**.

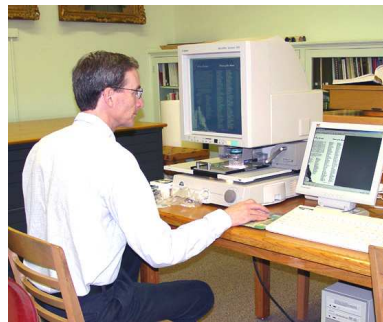
Contact staff at 225-1071 or view the day's agenda at our website:

<http://www.drtd.org/Events/Forum.asp>

The Moon McGehee Chapter, DRT, San Marcos, will be supplying the morning's refreshments.

The Semmes Foundation funds purchase of microfilm scanner

The recent purchase of the 198 reels of the Bexar Archives on microfilm highlighted the necessity of the library's upgrading its older 3M microfilm reader/printer. And when the Semmes Foundation received our proposal for a Canon 300



microfilm scanner and computer to replace our old microfilm reader/printer, they responded generously with a check for \$9,733. The scanner is networkable and microfilm images can be printed directly to our photocopier or saved to disk.

Staff training on the new machine was provided by Bill Spencer, S.T.A.R.S. of San Antonio, vendor for Canon products. Shown, left to right, is archivist Warren Stricker, Bill Spencer, Leslie Stapleton, and Martha Utterback, Assistant Director.



Visit our "Texana Shop" online!

<http://www.drtd.org/Store/index.asp>

Purchase Gentilz prints for framing, sets of notecards, our official DRT library pin, embroidered towel sets, and more. Proceeds benefit our endowment fund for general operating expenses. View our online bookstore containing books donated to the library for the purpose of raising funds for new acquisitions.

Texana Treasures

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Laura Thomas Beavers, in honor of Cynthia Thomas Brunson, *Spanish Roots of America*, by David Arias

Laura Thomas Beavers, in honor of Cynthia Thomas Brunson, *Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society*, Vol. 66 / 1995, and Vol. 70 / 1999

David and Michaele Haynes *Women Printers, Publishers, and Journalists in Colonial Mexic*, by Helen Fay Passmore

Steck-Vaughn Company

Farm Life Long Ago, by Tim Johnson (2 complimentary copies)

Sharon Wolff

Kendall County, Texas Tax Records 1880-189-, abstracted and compiled by the Genealogical Society of Kendall County

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Letters: Milledge L. Bonham to Dora McConnico Wade, 1929-1930 (transcript)

Harold L. Dawe, Jr. in memory of Carlota Dawe, *Letter: Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna to Jose Francisco Robles, November 15, 1834*

Stackpole Books

The Alamo Reader: A Study in History, by Todd Hansen (complimentary copy)

Helen Burleson Kelso

Petition: William J. Jones, Colorado County, Texas, September 27, 1847

Dr. Frank F. Johnson

Letter: Thomas W. Nicholson to William F. Nicholson, February 21, 1837

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The Life of Edward Dixon Westfall, compiled by Wanda Swearingen Westfall and Debra Harper Westfall

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The Bench and Bar of Texas by James D.

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The Battles of Adobe Walls and Lyman's

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Republic of Texas, Vol. 1

Patricia Bush Family Papers, additions

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West of the Creek: Murder, Mayhem and

Vice in Old San Antonio, by David

Bowser (complimentary copy)

Texana Treasures, continued:

Cece Cheever

Record of Proceedings of the High Court of Impeachment on the Trial of Hon. James E. Ferguson, Governor

Don Blevins

Texas Towns: From Abner to Zipperlandville, by Don Blevins

Neil Sperry

Neil Sperry's Gardens: The Definitive Word in Texas Horticulture by Neil Sperry

Joyce Tipps Ponton

Andrew Ponton 1804-1850 Republic of Texas Pioneer and Settler DeWitt Colony, by Joyce Tipps Ponton

Cecilia Steinfeldt

The Millennium History of Panna Maria, Texas . . . 1854-1966 by Edward J. Dworaczyk

Jonathan K. T. Smith

The Land Holdings of Colonel David Crockett in West Tennessee by Jonathan Kennon T. Smith

John Floyd Gilbert Chapter, DRT

Old City Cemetery Established 1840 in Springfield, Republic of Texas recorded and compiled by the Polk County Heritage Society and the Polk County Historical Commission

Eleanor E. Harris in memory of Loula Harris, *Gray Line Bus in Front of Alamo, ca 1930s* (photograph)

Rose Mary Hill Ward

The Boy Captive of the Texas Mier Expedition by Fanny Chambers Inglehart

Jeannette Cameron Phinney

American Heritage, December 2003

German-Texan Heritage Society

Off to Texas: The Story of Richard Petri and Hermann Langkwitz Sunderhauf Film Productions (complimentary copy)

Lerner Publishing Group

The Alamo by Kristin L. Nelson (complimentary copy)

David Chapoy, Jr.

A History of Military Aviation in San Antonio (2 copies)

Lebanon County Historical Society

Pennsylvania / Kentucky Long Rifle and its Lebanon County Connection by Beverly J. Banbeck and Bruce R. Reed

Shirley Stephens Martin

My Stephens Family Skeleton and His Ghost! and *John R. Stephens – Mary Catherine Ware (Stephens Supplement #4)* by Shirley Stephens Martin

San Antonio Conservation Society

Fiesta San Jacinto Invitation, 1958

Maverick Publishing Company

Bronchos to Spurs: Sports in San Antonio Since 1888 by Chris Foltz (complimentary copy)

Dora Guerra

Marriages of Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico during the Spanish Colonial Era 1822 transcribed and translated by Micky Margot Garcia

Southern Methodist University

North America Particularly Texas in the Year 1849: Travel Account by Wilhelm Steinert (complimentary copy)

Donald J. Chuk

The Texan Army 1835-46 by Stuart Reid

Dr. Carvel E. Lincoln

Reginaldo at the Alamo by Dr. Carvel E. Lincoln

Alvin D. Brown

Oral History of the Former Brooks Air Force Base, 1917-2002 (CD-ROM)

Patsy Keelin

Sabinal Canyon at Utopia, 1852-2002, 150 Years edited by Janie Donoho Frere

Mary Carolyn Hollers George

Monterrey, A Principios del Siglo XX: La Arquitectura de Alfred Giles by Mary Carolyn Hollers George

Jonathan Schmidt, LitePro 580

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Material Purchased with Donated Funds:

Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT in memory of Ruby DeVilbiss Laxon Tetsch and Floy Fontaine Jordan, *Happy Hunting Ground* edited by J. Frank Dobie

Dr. Ducalion A. Perry Chapter, DRT in memory of Wynona Dickenson, *The Bounty of Texas* edited by Francis Edward Abernethy

Frances Cooke Van Zandt Chapter, DRT in memory of Catherine Alice Troxell Gonzales, Anna Lee Carr Harris, Mildred Janette Layne, Jennie Bess Sleeper *A Catalogue of the Everett D. Graff Collection of Western Americana*

Laura Thomas Beavers

In memory of June Naylor, *Corners of Texas* edited by Francis Edward Abernethy

Brit Bailey Chapter, DRT

A Tenderfoot Kid on Gyp Water by Carl Peters Benedict

Aaron Estes Chapter, DRT

The Texas Folklore Society, 1971-2000, Vol. III

Village of Salado Chapter, DRT

The Texas Folklore Society, 1909-1943, Vol. I

Jane Wells Woods Chapter, DRT

Features and Fillers: Texas Journalists on Texas Folklore by Jim Harris and Carolyn Satterwhite

James W. Brown Chapter, DRT

Hecho en Tejas: Texas-Mexican Folk Arts and Crafts edited by Joe S. Graham

Paso del Norte Chapter, DRT

in memory of Sidney Nolan Kelso *Mexican-American Folklore* compiled and edited by John O. West

Paso Del Norte Chapter, DRT *Mexican Folktales from the Borderland* by Riley Aiken

Texana Treasures, continued:

Abishai Mercer Dickson Chapter, DRT
in honor of Martha McLain
Sonovagun Stew: A Folklore Miscellany
edited by Francis Edward Abernethy

Jeffery and Leslie Stapleton in memory of Annie Wiatrek Dryzmala
Fighting the Good Fight: The Life and Work of Benajah Harvey Carroll by Alan J. Lefever

Jodi Ann Rushing and Jean S. Buckwalter in memory of Leo M. J. Dielmann, Jr., *Clayton's Galveston* by Barrie Scardino and Drexel Turner

Jean Sitterle in memory of Dorothy Robertson, *Twelve Years in the Saddle with the Texas Rangers* by W. J. L. Sullivan

Keith and Eleanor O'Gorman
in memory of Agnes Virginia Temple
Rainbow in the Morning edited by J. Frank Dobie

Public History Intern at DRT Library

Amy Canon, graduate student in Public History at Texas State University, San Marcos, is serving her internship in public history with Assistant Director Martha Utterback. Her project is the processing of a collection of approximately 8,000 photographic negatives and 200 prints created during a 40-



year period by San Antonio area commercial photographer Joe Elicson. Mr. Elicson documented many of the businesses and social and recreational activities of the area and also served as the principal photographer for the DRT Library. An existing collection of Mr. Elicson's photographs and negatives is in the library.

Amy's supervising professor is Dr. Jeffrey Mauck.

Kate Broocks Bates Award Nominees 2003-2004

Mrs. Kate Harding Bates Parker and Mrs. Clara Elisabeth Bates Nisbet established in 1976 a perpetual endowment fund for historical research honoring their mother, Mrs. Kate Broocks Arnall Bates, a Real Daughter and dedicated member of the DRT. In 1985 the Texas State Historical Association assumed responsibility for the award given annually for significant research dealing with any phase of Texas history prior to 1900. Recent history may be included if it is relevant but preference remains for topics dating from the period of the Republic or pre-Republic years. The winner is announced at the awards luncheon during the annual March meeting of TSHA. This year's nominees, for which one copy of each has been submitted to the DRT Library, are:

I Would Rather Sleep in Texas by Mary Margaret McAllen Amberson

Uniforms of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution by Bruce Marshall

Eighteen Minutes: The Battle of San Jacinto and the Texas Independence Campaign by Stephen L. Moore

The Native Americans of the Texas Edwards Plateau, 1582-1799
by Maria F. Wade

A Tejano Son of Texas: A Record of Jose Policarpio "Polly" Rodriguez
by Rudi R. Rodriguez

A Tejano Son of Texas: An Autobiography of Jose Policarpio Rodriguez
by Rudi R. Rodriguez

Lone Star Rising: The Revolutionary Birth of the Texas Republic
William C. Davis

The La Salle Expedition on the Mississippi River edited by William C. Foster
Almonte's Texas: Juan N. Almonte's 1834 Inspection, Secret Report, and Role in the 1836 Campaign edited by Jack Jackson and translated by John Wheat

Death in Every Shape: The Dawson Massacre and the Men of the Fayette Company by Harry L. Krenek

Lone Star Justice: The First Century of the Texas Rangers by Robert Utley

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Personnel News:

Reference librarian Lucie Olson is preparing an annotated bibliography of books about the Alamo for children through eighth grade to be ready by March when 10,000 Texas librarians meet in San Antonio. Her cataloging efforts are concentrated on our map collection.

Library Director Elaine Davis will present the paper "Dr. William E. Howard and the DRT Library: The Establishment of a Research Collection" at the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association on March 5 and to the annual conference of the Texas Library Association on March 19. She is also serving as Co-Chairman of the Information Booth for the upcoming library conference.

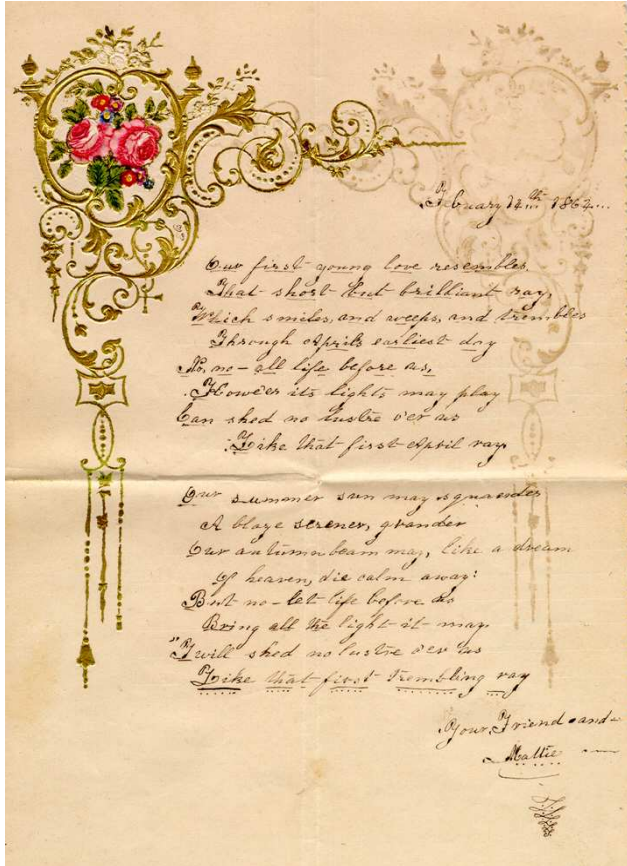
Archivist Warren Stricker is serving on the Local Arrangements Committee for the Society of Southwest Archivists' meeting in San Antonio May 27-29.

Congratulations to Madalene Morgan for five years of service and to Rusty Gamez for sixteen years of service to the library; and to Jim and Jeannette Phinney on their 50th wedding anniversary December 21.

Focus on the Collections:

The Maverick Family Papers

The Maverick family has become synonymous with Texas – their family history is intertwined in the life and growth of San Antonio. Samuel Augustus Maverick felt such strong connections with the Alamo, having been present until days before the final assault that he built his home at the corner of Alamo Plaza and Houston Street where the Gibbs Building now stands.



*Valentine poem to Willie Maverick,
February 14, 1862*

It was in consideration of her family's attachment to San Antonio and the Alamo that Laura Maverick Graves Avery of Eugene, Oregon, decided to present to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo one hundred letters of Maverick family correspondence. Several photographs and memorabilia are also included.

The letters date from 1852 to 1895, and were exchanged by several members of the family of Samuel Augustus Maverick, San Antonio businessman, landowner and legislator. Many of the letters were sent or received by Maverick's son, William H. "Willie" Maverick, many of those dating from his time as a student in the Bastrop Military Institute in the years immediately before and during the war. Letters from his parents contain news of home, commentary on events, and advice. His older brothers, soldiers in Confederate service, wrote of military life in Texas camps and offered their counsel on matters of education and deportment.

Willie Maverick's own letters to family range from his schoolboy days through his years in college in Virginia and North Carolina and express his interest in events and his occasional frustrations with academic life. Some of the most detailed letters were sent by Mary Ann Adams Maverick to her children, and show her eye for the details of social and

political life in Texas. Other family members represented in the papers include Lewis Maverick, George M. Maverick, Mary Brown Maverick and Laura Maverick.

Virginia Van Cleave, Retiring President General of the DRT, commented that these family letters give researchers new insights into the dynamics of this prominent San Antonio family in the turbulent Civil War era.

Historian Paula Mitchell Marks has written a book about the Maverick family using many of the letters given by Mrs. Avery. *When Will the Weary War Be Over? The Civil War Letters of the Maverick Family of San Antonio* will be released this spring.



The Alamo – December 2003



Santa Anna Items Donated: Major and Mrs. Harold Dawe, Arvada, CO, are shown with Alamo Committee Chairman Kathleen Carter and Library Committee Chairman Madge Roberts in October 2003. Mrs. Carter is holding the sword once belonging to Santa Anna that the Dawes gave to the Alamo and Major Dawe the letter written November 15, 1834 by Santa Anna that he gave to the library.



Seated are Jane Richmond, Crockett, and Ruth Hickman, Nacogdoches, of the Bluebonnet Lacemakers. Watching are Lois MacTaggart and Beryl Sonnenburg, San Antonio. Not shown is Kathrine Richmond.

Bluebonnet Lacemakers and Alamo Bobbin Lacers study Dickinson Lace Petticoat

Our Dickinson petticoats have received much attention these past six months. First, artist Sherry Steele illustrated the women at the Alamo through a painting of Susannah Dickinson for auction at the Alamo's Fall fundraising event "An Evening with the Alamo Heroes." She spent a morning in the library reading material and studying Susannah Dickinson's embroidered cutwork petticoat that was given to the library by her great granddaughter Mrs. R. E. Nitschke. Then, just recently, three ladies from the Alamo Bobbin Lacers, San Antonio, and two from Bluebonnet Lacemakers, Crockett, examined the lace petticoat once owned by Angelina Dickinson. An article plotting the lace pattern and giving its history is planned.



Upcoming Events:

- February 27, 2004, **15th DRT History Forum**, Alamo Hall, San Antonio, TX, <http://www.drtl.org/Events/index.asp>
- February 28, 2004, **Glory at the Alamo**, beginning of the Siege, 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., Alamo Plaza, SALHA
- February 28, 2004, Alamo Couriers Chapter, **Voices from the Alamo**, 7 p.m., Alamo Shrine, speaker Stephen Harrigan
- March 2, 2004, **Texas Independence Day Memorial**, at 12 noon in front of the Alamo
- March 5, 2004, **Presentation of rifle to the Alamo by Fess Parker**, 9 a.m. inside the Shrine
- March 4-6, 2004, **Texas State Historical Association's 108th Annual Meeting**, Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, TX, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/about/meeting/upcoming.html>
- March 6, 2004, **Dawn at the Alamo**, 6 a.m., Alamo Plaza, SALHA
- March 6, 2004, **Memorial to Alamo heroes** by Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT, at 2:30 p.m. inside the Shrine
- March 6, 2004, **Memorial to Alamo defenders** by Alamo Defenders Descendants at 6 p.m. inside the Shrine
- March 6-7, 2004, **Remembering the Alamo Weekend**, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Alamo Plaza, SALHA
- March 17, 2004, **Harp & Shamrock Society of Texas** in front of the Shrine at 12 noon
- March 17-20, 2004, **Texas Library Association's Annual Conference**, San Antonio, TX, <http://www.txla.org>
- March 27, 2004, **The Alamo**, premiere at the Majestic Theater, San Antonio, TX; nationwide release on April 9, <http://www.thealamofilm.com/movie.php>
- March 30 - April 2, 2004, **Texas Association of Museums**, Waco, TX, <http://www.io.com/~tam/>
- April 2, 2004, **Scottish Society – Tartan Day Ceremony**, 6:30 p.m. in front of the Shrine
- April 2-3, 2004, **Texas Map Society**, Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, TX, <http://libraries.uta.edu/txmapsociety/sp2004pre.htm>
- April 16, 2004, **Fiesta Opening Ceremony** at 9 a.m. in front of the Shrine
- April 23-25, 2004, **Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association**, Albany, TX. For additional information contact Bill Hicks, P. O. Box 985, Mount Vernon, TX 75457, (903) 537-2264.
- 2004 – **Karnes County Sesquicentennial**, e-mail the Karnes County Historical Society <kcmuseum@yahoo.com> or telephone (830) 780-3210 for information about upcoming historical celebrations.