

# Inside the Gates



DRT Library

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## Transition and Continuity in the DRT Library

Change often happens quickly and unexpectedly. The DRT Library experienced recent turnover in the Library Committee and staff positions with rapidity in recent months but management emphasized continuity in all transitions.

President General Madge Roberts appointed Library Committee member Connie Impelman as Acting Library Committee Chairman upon the resignation of Nancy Marion. Mrs. Impelman has been a member of the Library Committee since 2005 and is a past member of the Alamo Committee. She was confirmed at a called meeting of the Board of Management in July. Jeanie Travis, a member of Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT, fills Mrs. Impelman's place on the committee. Other committee members include Mary Dale Brewer, Sally Buchanan, Margie Criswell, Bette Hamby, Mary Ann Oliver, Dorothy Perez, and Marie Rollin.

### Library Director Davis retires July 30<sup>th</sup>

Library Director Elaine Davis, a library employee for eleven years, ten of which were as director of the DRT Library at the Alamo, announced her retirement, effective July 30. The Library Committee will host a "Retirement Tea" for Mrs. Davis in Alamo Hall on July 29.



Library Director Elaine Davis and designated Director Leslie Stapleton

During Davis's tenure, public outreach was a priority. An annual family history seminar was developed for which there have been seven successful presentations, with an eighth set for September. She organized seventeen of the twenty-one history forums and collaborated with Alamo staff on a bi-national conference in 2005. Two book awards were established with donor funding: the June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History and the Virginia Matthews Law Award for the Most Distinguished Book for Young Adults on Texas History. Library tours and outside presentations by library staff were encouraged. The library's website had two significant changes in its interface, and EOS International became the library's catalog automation software vendor in

2006 to provide greater inventory control and easier public access. Nearly \$400,000 in grant funding was received and administered, a portion of which was designated for the installation of a fire alarm system in the library and Alamo Hall and a Novec 1230 fire suppression system in the main library, support offices, and vault. Both material and financial donations to the library increased significantly, as well as testamentary bequests.

Mrs. Davis graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a master's degree in library and information science in 1995. Her undergraduate work, completed at Pikeville College, Pikeville, Kentucky, was in English and History with a minor in French. She and her husband Fred, a retired USAF military officer, plan to travel.

### **Leslie Stapleton assumes post July 31st**

The Library Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of **Leslie Stapleton**, DRTL catalog librarian, to the position of Library Director. Since her employment in May of 2000, Mrs. Stapleton has served in various capacities. In addition to cataloging new acquisitions, her current responsibilities include planning the library's annual family history seminars; establishing the library's catalog in a new web interface; and maintaining the library's web presence. She graduated from Southwest Texas State University, now Texas State University San Marcos, in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in mass communications, specializing in print journalism with a minor in English, and the University of North Texas, Denton, in 2007 with a master's in library and information science. She and her husband Jeffery reside near Floresville in Wilson County with their son Charlie.



### **Archivist named**

**Warren Stricker's** departure in December left a significant void in staffing. A long search produced an exceptional candidate; **Caitlin Donnelly**, of St. Louis, Missouri, who begins work July 28. Ms. Donnelly is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She holds a master's in public history from North Carolina State University at Raleigh, North Carolina, and a master's in library and information science with a concentration in archival studies from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She was a processing archivist at the Missouri State Archives in the NEH Civil War Records Project in St. Louis, Missouri.

### **Reference Librarian**

Reference Librarian **Jennifer Stone** departed in February to be a media cataloger at the Dallas Museum of Art. **Stephanie Temple Boothby**, a native San Antonian and a recent graduate of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, Boston, MA, began work as reference librarian on June 24. Mrs. Boothby has a bachelor's degree in film and television from Boston University, Boston, MA. She served as an intern at the *San Antonio Express News* in 2007 and with the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Boston, in 2008. Her husband Brad is a resident in emergency services at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston.



**Other staff news:** Reference Assistant **Lydia Cuellar** has been invited to serve on the Palo Alto College Advisory Board for the college's education aide program.

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## **Committee Chairman Impelman announces the establishment of the Davis Research Award**

Library Committee Chairman Connie Impelman announced at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the DRT Library Committee the establishment of the Elaine Davis Research Award Fund in honor of the library director. The purpose of the fund will be to draw researchers to San Antonio to use the library's collections. Donations may be sent to the attention of Chairman Impelman at the DRT Library, P. O. Box 1401, San Antonio, Texas 78295-1401. Details of the award and application procedure will be posted to the library's website when finalized.

## Walker wins 2007 Naylor Award



Library Committee Chairman Nancy Marion presents the 2007 Naylor Award to Paul Robert Walker as President General Madge Roberts applauds.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee is pleased to announce that the 2007 June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History is awarded to Paul Robert Walker for his book *Remember the Alamo: Texans, Tejanos, and Mexicans Tell their Stories*, published in 2007 by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C., as part of National Geographic's Remember series on pivotal events in American history.

The announcement was made Friday evening, May 16, by Nancy Marion, Chairman of the Daughters of the

Republic of Texas Library Committee, at the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, held in Tyler, Texas.

A three-member panel of judges comprised of historians, educators, and librarians judge the entries. The 2007 committee included its chairman Dr. Barbara Immroth, professor in the School of Information, the University of Texas at Austin, and committee members Dr. Viki Ash, Coordinator of Children's Services, San Antonio Public Library, and Linda Plevak, Library Director, Bulverde/Spring Branch Public Library. The committee noted that Mr. Walker brings his journalistic credentials to bear in this balanced account of the battle of the Alamo. Placing the conflict within its broader political and historical context, he paints a detailed picture of the many personalities and perspectives involved.

The book, which includes a forward by Alamo Curator and Historian Richard Bruce Winders, features archival photos and period paintings as well as maps and timelines that provide the reader with additional historical detail. These same features lend the volume considerable value as a reference tool for those looking for specific facts and figures. The 2007 Naylor Award Committee recommends the book as an engaging and informative read that should appeal to children and adults alike.

The June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas History, endowed by the family of June Franklin Naylor and sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, is given annually to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished book for children and young adults, grades K-12, that accurately portrays the history of Texas, whether fiction or nonfiction. Mrs. Naylor, for whom the award is named, was a former schoolteacher and long-time resident of Odessa. She served as President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Inc., from 1989-1991.



Historian General Laura T. Beavers congratulates Mr. Walker.

### “Bursting Through Brick Walls” — Theme of Eighth Family History Seminar

Well-known lecturer Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck will be the guest speaker at the eighth annual family history seminar to be held in Alamo Hall on Saturday, September 20, 2008. His topics for the all-day event are 1) *Illegitimacy*; 2) *Substitutes for Birth and Death Records*; 3) *Pitfalls*; and 4) *Onomatology: Surnames and Forenames and the Genealogist*. Mr. Bockstruck currently serves as supervisor of the genealogy department of the Dallas Public Library, where he has been on staff as a librarian since 1973. His weekly “*Family Tree*” column appears in the *Dallas Morning News*. He has been a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University since 1974. In 1999 he received the Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship. A popular lecturer, Mr. Bockstruck is well respected for his extensive knowledge of genealogical research methods

## “Texas in the Civil War” hot topic of 21<sup>st</sup> Texas History Forum



The 21<sup>st</sup> Texas History Forum – *Texas in the Civil War* – on February 29<sup>th</sup> in Alamo Hall drew 110 people to hear historians Dr. Donald E. Reynolds, *Prelude to Secession: The Texas Slave Insurrection Panic of 1860*; Dr. Steven Townsend, *Cotton on the Texas Border : Union and Confederate Efforts to Control the Brownsville Cotton Trade*; and Dr. Jerry Thompson, *Mexican Texans in the Civil War*.

Donald E. Reynolds taught for thirty-one years at East Texas State University/Texas A&M, Commerce, serving as head of the Department of History from 1982 until 1993. Upon his retirement in 1996, he was named emeritus professor of history. He has published *Editors Make War:*

*Southern Newspapers in the Secession Crisis* (Vanderbilt U. Press, 1970), which won a Texas Writers Roundup Award in 1971, *Professor Mayo’s College: A History of East Texas State University* (ETSU Press, 1993), and *Texas Terror: The Slave Insurrection Panic of 1860 and the Secession of the Lower South*, which was awarded the 2007 Kate Broocks Bates Award for Historical Research.

Stephen A. Townsend teaches history at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs. He holds a Ph.D. in American History from the University of North Texas (2001). His paper, based on his book *The Yankee Invasion of Texas*, published in 2006 by Texas A&M University Press, analyzed two military campaigns launched against Brownsville, Texas: the Union effort, launched in 1863, which proposed to shut down the cotton trade, and the Confederate campaign, launched in 1864, which sought to restore the trade. His book received the 2006 Kate Broocks Bates Award for Historical Research and the 2006 SCV-SGR Book Award presented by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Jerry Thompson, Regents Professor at Texas A&M International University, is among the best and most prolific historians of the Southwestern campaigns of the American Civil War. A past president of the Texas State Historical Association, he has edited and written twenty books on the history of Texas and the Southwest, besides numerous articles in national and regional journals. His presentation focused on the Mexican Texan participation in the Civil War.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Texas History Forum was funded in part by a generous grant from The Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation. Partial funding for travel expenses incurred by speakers Jerry Thompson and Stephen Townsend was provided by Texas A&M University Press. Proceeds in excess of expenses were deposited to the June Franklin Naylor Fund of the DRT Library at the Alamo, which supports an annual book award for the best book for children on Texas history.



Left to right: Nancy K. Marion, DRT Library Committee Chairman, Dr. Jerry Thompson, Dr. Stephen Townsend, Dr. Don Reynolds, and Laura T. Beavers, DRT Historian General.

*No history forum is scheduled for October 2008. Please check the Library’s website for future events.*

## The Grandjean Collection

The Edward Grandjean Photograph Collection contains approximately 500 images dating from the late 19th century into the early 20th century, ca. 1870-1910. The photographs are primarily of San Antonio street scenes, architecture, historic sites, structures, including dwellings and commercial buildings, parks and plazas, local customs, and individual and group portraits. The original collection is made up primarily of 900 photographs in 14 photograph albums, and in over 400 lantern slides and 130 glass plate negatives. Many of the images are duplicated in the three formats and also in different sizes in the albums. The original album photographs have been copied and are available to the public in 5 x 7 black and white copy prints arranged in 13 loose-leaf notebooks, organized by San Antonio streets and neighborhoods and by general subjects for ease in browsing and locating images.

The collection was acquired by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library in 1966 from Mr. George Mueller of Southwest Photo Supply, a long-time establishment for commercial and amateur photographers located in downtown San Antonio, not far from the Alamo. Mr. Mueller had been asked by Mrs. Bertha Grandjean, widow of Edward Ulysses Grandjean, a former manager of the business, to place the photograph collection in a suitable repository. Mr. Grandjean had acquired the collection, intact, approximately 10 years earlier and had inventoried it, recording exact locations and street numbers and names of original owners of historic properties in the photographs, as they were known to him. His ledgers with these records are part of the collection received by the library. A condition of the gift was that each image would be copied, with a permanent negative on file and a print to be made available to researchers, to protect the original albums and glass plates.

The Grandjean collection is one of the most often used photograph collections in the library, easily accessible in the notebooks of copyprints, and consulted by preservation architects, historians, writers, publishers, neighborhood organizations, and individuals interested in old family homes and neighborhoods in San Antonio. The 14 original albums, along with the lantern slides and glass negatives, are housed in the vault, preserved as stipulated by the donor. There are no collection restrictions on the use of the images, and they can be ordered by the number on the index card filed at the back of each of the copyprints, which also carries an identifying caption or subject of the photograph.



Alamo Plaza, west side, across from the Alamo; galleries of the Maverick Bank building visible at right. Grandjean S-333.

As work continues on the identification of a box of miscellaneous photographs outside the main body of the collection, the mystery remains about the identification of the original collector. Many of the images in the albums are copyprints of half-stereos, not the original stereographic cards, which leads one to wonder about the location of the rare, early stereographs from which they were copied. A final, unrelated but interesting, side note is that Edward Grandjean was a cousin of Carlos Castañeda, the great Latin-American scholar and historian, and was also related to the Frétellière family through marriage. Auguste Frétellière was the brother-in-law of the early Texas artist Theodore Gentilz.

# Texana Treasures

Gifts received January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008

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William Dupont's architecture students, UTSA, examined library materials in March.

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Dorothy Perez and her brother Rueben Perez brought copies of a ledger kept by Alejo Perez, along with other photocopied documents pertinent to Juana Navarro Alsbery and Jose Angel Navarro.

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#### Honorary Donations

**Laura T. Beavers** in honor of The DRT Library Staff, Ellen McCaffrey, Anita Cooper, Barbara Stevens, Kaye Jenschke, Florence "Pud" Crozier, Dr. Betty Jo Edwards, Elaine Davis, Nancy Marion

**Billie Beth Moore** in honor of her Texas ancestors

**Connie Impelman and Margie Criswell** in honor of Nancy Marion

#### Davis Research Award Fund

**Connie Impelman, Margie Criswell, Dorothy M. Perez, Laura Beavers** in honor of Elaine Davis

**Daughters of the Republic of Texas License Plate Fund** Microfilm cabinet and vault shelving

#### In Kind Donations

**World Post Technologies**  
**Madge Roberts**, President General's Project, Epson scanner  
**Marie Rollin**  
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#### Material Donations:

**Thomas W. Knowles:** *They Rode for the Lone Star: The Saga of the Texas Rangers* by Thomas W. Knowles

**Capstone Press:** *German Immigrants in America* by Elizabeth Raum, *The Battle of the Alamo* by Amie Jane Leavitt

**Mr. Geary W. Wallace:** Photograph – The Alamo ca. 1858

**Gloria Briley Mayfield:** *Briley: Family and Friends, 1860 Census of Rusk County, Texas, Cemeteries of Panola County, Texas, Records of the Hawthorn Funeral Home: Carthage, Texas 1941 thru 1999* by Gloria Briley Mayfield

**Cradle of Texas Chapter, DRT:** *Autobiography of a Spoon 1828-1956* by Sarah Wharton Grace Berlet

**Maurice McAshan Adams:** *Trott, Brashear, McGowen & McAshan: Places, Events and Records showing Early Texas Connections* by Maurice McAshan Adams

**Mark Lemon:** *The Illustrated Alamo 1836: A Photographic Journey* by Mark Lemon, Posters – The Alamo 1836 & The Alamo 1836/View from the Southeast

**Larry Kirkpatrick:** *Memoirs of Early Texas* by Jose Maria Rodriguez

**Michael Moore:** *New York Spectator, Vol. XXXVII, November 6, 1834; New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette, April 11, 1836*

**Pearson Longman:** *Land, People, Nation: A History of the United States* by Anna Uhl Chamot and Kathleen Anderson Steves

**Dallas Museum of Art:** *Julian Onderdonk, American Impressionist* by William Rudolph, 2 copies

**Patsy R. Edwards:** *History of Texas Together with a Biographical History of the Cities of Houston and Galveston*

**Gene Fowler:** *Mavericks: A Gallery of Texas Characters* by Gene Fowler

**Stephen S. Kirk:** *Sul Ross' Sixth Texas Cavalry* by Stephen S. Kirk

**Charles R. Gamez:** *On the Border with Mackenzie* by Robert G. Carter, in memory of **Bruce E. Avrett**

**Paso de la Conquista:** *Ancestry and Descendants of Francisco X. Chavez* by Robert Garcia

**Dorothy Musgrave Johnson:** *The Family Histories of the Musgrave/Walker Family and the Johnson/Brown Family* by Dorothy Naomi Musgrave Johnson

**Jay A. Stout:** *Slaughter at Goliad* by Jay A. Stout

**James W. Fannin Chapter, DRT:** *Goliad in the Texas Revolution* by Nell White and *Goliad Remembered 1836-1940* by Beth White

**Amy Canon Alves:** *Joske's of Texas* by Amy Canon Alves

**Dr. Mark Bumpus:** *125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook, First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program and DVD, First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas*

**National Endowment for the Humanities:** *Picturing America* 2 posters

**Mel Brown:** *Chinese Heart of Texas: The San Antonio Community 1875-1975* by Mel Brown

**Bowman-Mclean Library, Saint Mary's Hall:** *A Treasury of Mexican Folkways* by Frances Toor and *German Culture in Texas: A Free Earth, Essays from the 1978 Southwest Symposium*

**Floyd Collins:** *West Branch*, no. 47, Fall 2000, *Sewanee Review*, vol. 115, no. 4, Fall 2007, *Gettysburg Review*, vol. 12, no. 1, Spring 1999, *Kenyon Review*, vol. 26, no. 2, Spring 2004 – *Periodicals*

**Mary Frances Chupick Bennett:** *Invitation to Cat Spring* by Mary Frances Chupick Bennett

**Texas Department of Agriculture:** *Deep Roots* by Caleb Pirtle

**We the People Program, National Endowment for the Humanities:** *Picturing America Teachers Resource Book & Picturing America* (poster) by National Endowment for the Humanities

**Lonnie Ray Glosson:** *The Long March to Disaster: The Mexican Campaign against Texas, 1836* by Lonnie Ray Glosson

**Douglas K. Boyd:** *Preliminary Report on Archival Research & Archeological Investigations at the First Capitol Site (41B0225), West Columbia, Texas* by Douglas K. Boyd

**John Tilley Edwards Chapter, DRT:** *Brazos County, Texas Births 1850-1910*

**Jim Menke:** Map of Bexar County

**Karen Tanguma:** *The Perez Casanova Papers*, by Robert Tanguma and *The Travieso Family Papers* by Karen Tanguma

**Joan Seifert:** ["The Alamo" carpet]

**Kenn Berry:** [Alamo drawings] 6 prints/CD-ROM

**Don Blevins:** *A Priest, a Prostitute, and some other early Texans* by Don Blevins



**History of Dermatology:** Dr. Thomas Cropley organized a presentation and tour of the DRT Library for the History of Dermatology group January 31. About fifty members who were in San Antonio for American Academy of Dermatology Annual Convention chose to visit the library to view 19<sup>th</sup> century medical texts and ledgers.

### In Memoriam

Alamo Ranger Daniel Martinez, Alamo Curatorial Assistant Bruce E. Avrett, former DRT Library cataloger Jeannette Phinney, National Park Service Historian Dr. Rosalind Rock, former Third Vice President General, Board of Management, Marian Beckham

### Texans donate newspapers

Michael and Helen Moore, Crandall, Texas, donated four 19<sup>th</sup> century newspapers to the library this spring: *New York Spectator*, Vol. XXXVII, November 6, 1834, *New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette*, April 11, 1836; *The Hagerstown Mail*, Hagerstown, Maryland, May 6, 1836, and *The New York Tribune*, March 10, 1860, plus two early postcards of the Alamo and Alamo Plaza



## Alamo Summer Camp

Library staff welcomed the first group of three scheduled this summer to Research 101 on Thursday, June 26. Students were introduced to a research library, the proper use of materials in it, and the types of items which could help them in preparing for historical essays or history fair displays.



Above, Martha Utterback, Stephanie Boothby, and Sherri Driscoll instruct the children in proper use of manuscript material.



In the photo at the left, Library Assistant Rusty Gamez and summer intern **Sarah Tomka** help the children locate material in reference books. Sarah, a sophomore at Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, works with the Elicson Photo Collection. spending two days each week identifying and housing negatives created by San Antonio photographer Joe Elicson

### Three sessions held

June 23-27

July 7-11

July 21-25

## Library Visitors

Spring and Summer brought numerous independent researchers as well as class groups of all ages to the library for tours and research. At right is a group of professors of Asian Studies.



Above, 75 students and 30 chaperones from the fourth grade at Blattman Elementary, NSISD, listen attentively to a presentation about the library, followed by a quick walk-through of the library's reading room.



At left are independent researchers – authors, genealogists, and historians -- visiting the library during March.