

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

presents

“LOUIS de PLANQUE, South Texas Photographer”

Speaker: Dr. Norman Delaney

Tuesday November 3, 2015 7PM at First Presbyterian Church

Norman Delaney, who wrote and researched a Texas Historical Marker commemorating pioneer South Texas photographer Louis dePlanque will speak on dePlanque's life and work at the November Society meeting. DePlanque, a native of Prussia, recorded thousands of images of Corpus Christi, South Texas and border individuals and scenes. He had a studio in Brownsville wiped out by a hurricane in 1867. Later he came near losing his life in a hurricane that destroyed Indianola. For many years, he was the only photographer in Corpus Christi. It was said no celebrity or near celebrity ever visited the city without being tracked down by and dragged off to his "photo art" studio.



Only unreadable wooden markers stand over the graves of Louis de Planque and his wife at Old Bayview Cemetery.

Louis dePlanque died in 1898. The marker to dePlanque is to be dedicated about 11AM Saturday November 7 near the photographer's graveside at Old Bayview Cemetery.



Photos by Louis dePlanque in Library of Congress: left, Monterrey, Mexico street scene in 1860s; right, Porfirio Díaz. (Original photos larger and clearer. Only thumbnails were available on line.)



The Nueces County Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of the months of September through April each year with a wide-range of programs and presentations focused on the rich local history of Nueces County and the surrounding area. Monthly presentations are held at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 430 S. Carancahua St. in Corpus Christi, adjacent to the YMCA. . An Annual Local History Awards Banquet is held in May. For more information, please call the Society President, Dan Garza at 779-7571.

Visit our website: www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org

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The tattered remains of a “stars and bars” flag rests on a marker commemorating Confederate dead buried at Old Bayfront Cemetery.

VOICES OF SOUTH TEXAS

is coming up at Old Bayview Cemetery November 7th, 10 AM to 2PM. The event is sponsored by the Nueces County Historical Commission and supported by the Historical Society. Old Bayview is the final resting place of veterans of War of 1812, Texas Revolution, Mexican War, Civil War, victims of yellow fever epidemics, pioneers, immigrants, and many other Corpus Christi residents of the 1800s. Their experiences of the city’s early days will come to life as a corps of historian storytellers speak in the words of the long-gone, standing alongside each individual’s actual gravesite. (Contact Karen Howden if you would be willing to be a storyteller at the Voices of South Texas event.)

A Buffalo Soldier reenactor is to appear, in the authentic uniform and gear of the freed Black soldiers who were assigned to patrol the frontier after the Civil War. Some of those troops are entombed at Old Bayview.

Members of the South Texas Historians, reenactors, will portray specific local and area historical personages.

The Veterans Band will perform, combining HISTORY with music and patriotism. Band leader Ram Chavez says they will play authentic music of the 1836 and Mexican War periods.

Also participating will be Venture Crew 6, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Daughters of the American Revolution and possibly Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The Society’s October program was featured prominently in the Viewpoints section of the October 18th Sunday Caller Times, in a quarter-page column written by NCHS past-president Herb Canales. Mentioned:



Maxine Snapka’s personal memories of service members killed in World War II, some who were her classmates at Corpus Christi High School. The Veterans Band used music to salute those who served, and “drafted” NCHS members who served in various branches to stand beside their flag while the song of each armed service was played.



Coming months will include another new book of local history from Nueces Press in December.

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(Dues paid for the 2015-2016 NCHS year as of mid-October)

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 Norman & Linda Delaney
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A complete roster of paid members is scheduled to be published in the *Bulletin* again in a spring issue.

(Family continued)

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