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HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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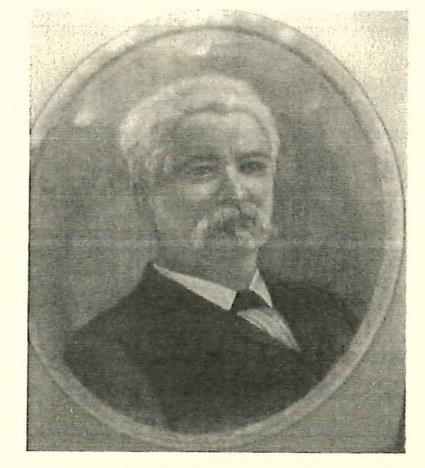
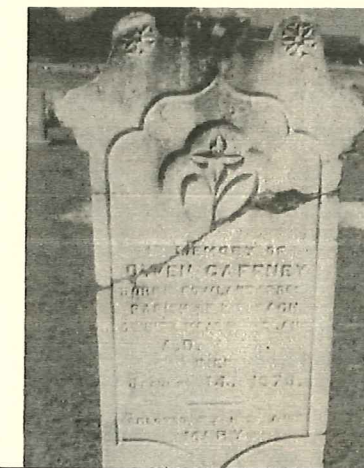
# NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## " Gaffney, Young, Westergren Clan, Warts and All "

Speaker: Judge Mike Westergren

Tuesday April 5, 2016 7PM at First Presbyterian Church



Above:  
Family home in Ireland.  
Center:  
Grave of Owen Gaffney  
Right:  
Michael Thomas Gaffney

Some of what follows is provable, Westergren says; some is family lore. The first relative to set foot on Texas soil was Owen Gaffney. He was wounded early in the Civil War which made him available to be on both the Grand Jury and Jury that convicted Chipita Rodriguez. By all accounts the Jury wanted mercy but the Judge wanted a quick hanging which he got. Congressman John Young was also a member of the family. In fact each generation including that of our speaker has held numerous public offices.

Judge Mike Westergren has served as Justice of the Peace, County Attorney, District Judge, and as Vice President of Nueces County Historical Society.

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 (361) 779-7571.

### NCHS OFFICERS & CONTACTS 2015-16

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NCHS Board meeting tentatively scheduled Thursday April 28, 10AM, La Retama Library

## THE NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Your support as a registered member is vitally important and sincerely appreciated.

**NCHS Membership Year: September 2015 to August 2016**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Select Membership Category:

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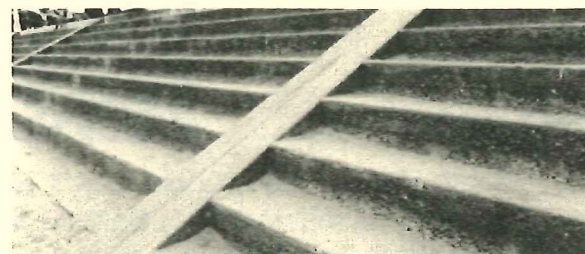
(\*Veterans should present ID card)





The Nueces County Historical Commission announces the publication of the latest edition of the BULLETIN, a scholarly journal. This issue contains most of the Civil War articles and Texas Historical marker submissions by Dr. Norman Delaney. Cost is \$10.00. He will be available for signing at the April NCHS meeting. Come 20 minutes early to obtain your copy and visit with Dr. Delaney. Articles include John Dix, Camp Semmes, Two Hangings, Maltby Brothers, the whiskey balls, and more.

Texas Historical Marker dedication May 7: **"The Corpus Christi Seawall"**  
 The Nueces County Historical Commission (NCHC), the Nueces County Historical Society (NCHS), local government officials, interested public, and American Society of Civil Engineers members will gather at 10:30 am on the Corpus Christi Seawall at the site of the 1988 Texas Historic Civil Engineering Landmark marker. This location is approximately one-block south of the Holiday Inn – Downtown Marina Hotel, which is at 707 N. Shoreline Blvd. Adjacent to the existing ASCE marker, a new Texas Historical Commission (THC) marker will be unveiled. The application was written by Mary Jo O'Rear.



**Banquet Ticket Order Form**  
**Prepaid Ticket Deadline: April 21, 2016**

**DANIEL E. KILGORE**  
**LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS**  
**BANQUET**

Tuesday May 3rd, 2016 7:00 PM  
 Emerald Beach Hotel  
 1102 S. Shoreline, Corpus Christi  
 TICKETS: \$35 per person  
 GUEST SPEAKER:

**Gregg Dimmick, author**  
*Sea of Mud: The Retreat of the Mexican Army after San Jacinto, An Archeological Investigation*

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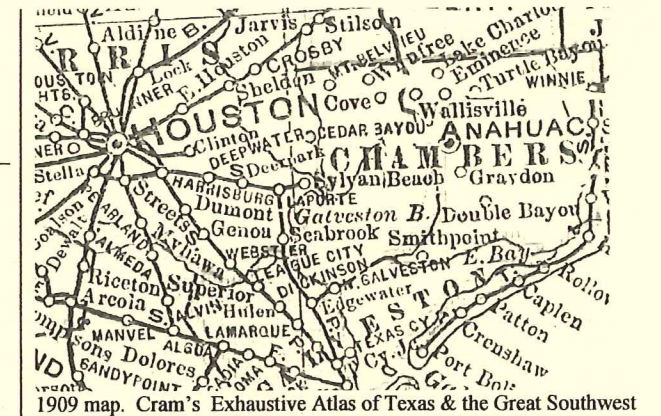
**Please Select Entree Desired:**  
**Roast Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Parmesan**

My Name \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib - Chicken  
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Please contact Karen Howden to confirm attendance:  
 361-986-1268 Jhowdencc@aol.com

**NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**BULLETIN**

**TEXAS MAP SOCIETY Spring Meeting**  
 April 1-2 in Corpus Christi hosted by Texas A&M CC  
 Holiday Inn Downtown Marina  
 Information:  
<http://www.texasmapsociety.org/events.html>  
 Registration deadline March 27 midnight



**Nueces County Historical Society Membership**  
 (Dues paid for the 2015-2016 NCHS year)

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| <b>Individual:</b><br>Patricia Dix Aleman<br>Kenneth Anthony<br>Mrs. Diana Bell<br>Pat Booth<br>Christine Bounds<br>Mary Margaret Campbell<br>Herb Canales<br>Donald Carr<br>Kim Cox<br>Mary Dettman<br>Mark A. Di Carlo<br>Dottie Ewing<br>Michael A. Flores<br>Jacqueline Flynn<br>Oscarine T. Garcia<br>Aaron Goldstein<br>Mary Goldston<br>Jack Green (veteran)<br>Allan Hayes<br>Msgr. Michael A. Howell<br>Mary Lou Huffman<br>Richard Kronke<br>Pat McDonough<br>John Morris<br>Alice Napier<br>Rudy Tejano Peña (veteran)<br>Alfreda Rankin<br>Robin Reames<br>Harriett Tillman<br>Suzi Smith Warzecha<br>Jan Weaver<br>Mrs. Erich Wendl<br>C. Herndon Williams<br>Janis G. Wood | <b>Veteran:</b><br>Guadalupe Ector Atkinson<br>James Eskew<br>Richard Salinas Quijas, Sr.<br>Domingo Quintero<br>Ronnie Sizemore<br>Frank W. Wearden   | <b>Sustaining Patron:</b><br>Michael William Bergsma<br>George & Lorraine Dawson<br>Frances T. (Sissy) Farenthold<br>Sharon Haberer Farris<br>John & Karen Howden<br>Oscar Ortiz<br>Mrs. Elaine Miller Richardson<br>Judge Henry Santana<br>Dr. Gloria Scott<br>Jim & Sylvia Whitworth<br>Helen Wilk |
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|  |  | <b>Supporting</b><br>Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa  |
|  |  | <b>Benefactor:</b><br>Liz Elizondo<br>Joe R. Fulton<br>Carol Kilgore<br>Mary Ann & John McGregor   |

Updated to March 21, 2016

Visit our website: [www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org)  
 Bulletin deadline for May 3 program (banquet): April 11, 2016