The Texas State Historical Association recently awarded Brandon Aniol the John H. Jenkins Research Fellowship in Texas History for his project titled “The Thielepape Brothers and the Socio-Politics of German-Speaking Immigrants in Texas, 1807 – 77.”

Georg and Wilhelm Thielepape were active in the socio-political art scene in San Antonio after emigrating there in the 1850s. Wilhelm was a surveyor who was the first German American mayor of San Antonio during Reconstruction (1867 – 72).

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