#### 5 FLAGS: SAN ANTONIO'S MULTINATIONAL HISTORY



### Exploration and Early Settlement





SOMETHING ABOUT THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER



Lomax, Louise. *San Antonio's River*. San Antonio, Tex. : Naylor Co., 1948. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

#### Indigenous Peoples of South Texas during Spanish Rule

Tonkawa

Karankawa

Coahuiltecan

Apache

Comanche

Lipan Apache



Yoakum, Henderson. History of Texas, from its first settlement in 1685 to its annexation to the United States in 1846. New York : Redfield, 1856. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

# Searching for the Coahuilteeans, their contemporaries, and their predecessors



Figure 3. Views of Site 41 CM 85. a, general view along cleared dam site; b, excavation of test pit.



Kelly, Thomas C., et al. Archaeological investigations at four sites in the dry Comal watershed, Comal County, south central Texas. San Antonio : Center for Archaeological Research, University of Texas at San Antonio, 1975. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.



Figure 5-2. Lithic tools from 41BX323: a-d) bifaces e) edge-modified blade

Figueroa, Antonia et al. Additional Phase II Testing at 41BX323 in Brackenridge Park, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. San Antonio, TX: Center for Archaeological Reports, 2007. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.



Acuna (41BX12). San Antonio, TX: Center for Archaeological Research, 2009. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

### Spanish Exploration in South Texas



ez Cabeza de Vaca, Alvar. The journey of Alvar ez Cabeza de Vaca and his companions from Florida to the Pacific, 1528-1536. Fanny Bandelier, Tr. New York : A.S. Barnes & company, 1905, front matter.

### Domingo Teran de los Rios, 1691

had been called the Medina. There were great numbers of buffalse here. On this expedition, I named it San Luís Beltrán. traveled this day five leagues.

On the 13th, our royal standard and camp moved forward in the aforesaid easterly direction. We marched five leagues over a country with broad plains—the most beautiful in New Spain. camped on the banks of an arroyo, adorned by a great number trees, cedars, willows, cypresses, osiers, oaks, and many other kinds This I called San Antonio de Padua, because we had reached it his day. Here we found certain rancherías in which the Pern nation live. We observed their actions, and I discovered that the were docile and affectionate, were naturally friendly, and decidedly agreeable toward us. I saw the possibility of using the and another at this point. Different nations in between could be thereby influenced. We did not travel on the 14th because it we Corpus Christi day.

On the 15th, we marched towards the east five leagues, across a country much like the preceding, with buffaloes and a great may oak trees. It is suited for all kinds of agriculture. We set up or camp that night upon the banks of a certain *arroyo*, where there is a considerable quantity of water. This I named San Ignacio de Lovola. This night we had a terrible storm.

Hatcher, Mattie Alice Austin. The expedition of Don Domingo Teran de los Rios into Texas / [translated] by Mattie Austin Hatcher ; edited by Rev. Paul J. Foik. Austin, Tex. : Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission, 1932. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

### The Expansion of Northern New Spain



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RECOPILACION DE LEYES DE LOS REYNOS DE LAS INDIAS.

MANDADAS IMPRIMIR, Y PVBLICAR POR LA MAGESTAD CATOLICA DEL REY

#### DON CARLOS II. NVESTRO SEÑOR.

VA DIVIDIDA EN QVATRO TOMOS, con el Indice general, y al principio de cada Tomo el Indice efpecial de los títulos, que contiene.

TOMO PRIMERO.



Consejo de Indias. Study by Juan Ramon Bastarrachea Manzano.n deleyes de los reynos de las Indias. Madrid : Ediciones Culturanica, 1973.Facsimile Reprint of the 1681 ed. published by J. de Paredes, Madrid. Image courtesyof UTSA Special Collections.

#### San Antonio de Béxar Presidio, est. 1718



liz, Francisco. Diary of the n expedition into Texas, 1718-1719. Fritz L. Hoffmann, tr. Los Angeles: The Quivira Society, 1935. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



National Register of Historic Places Application Form, 1976

**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM** 

#### 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
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_FAIR	UNEXPOSED			

#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Spanish Governor's Palace is a long one-story, U-shaped building with three-foot thick walls of stone covered in lime plaster. The walls rise in a parapet above the flat roof with projecting downspouts or canales to carry rain water off the roof. There are two rooms and a loft which was once used to store food. The rooms in the rear open out onto a patio and a large courtyard. The pebbled paving is a reproduction, designed from a Spanish patio, but one similar to this is mentioned in historical documents.

By the 1920s, the building had long been neglected, and the rooms had been leased for various commercial purposes. It was saved only after it became unsafe for its tenants. The entrance hall was once the "Hole-in-the-Wall Bar" advertising nickle beer. The room to the right -the chapel--was used as a clothing store. The long room to the left, the ball room, was once a produce market; and the room beyond it was a tailor shop. It had also been used as a school at one time. The will of Jose Ignacio Perez from 1849 aided in the restoration as he had bequeathed each room separately to members of his family.

The building was purchased in 1928 by the city and was restored in 1929. The architect and contractors tried to preserve as much of the original building as possible. The rock and brick walls were in tact for the most part. Those walls that were replaced were done so on the basis of existing foundations. The lime plaster covering the walls now had to be added since the original had deteriorated over the years. The wooden lintels over the doorway are the originals. The tile floors in several of the rooms are the original; but had to be relaid since they were badly warped. The native flagstone was laid in place of that which was in the building at the time of the restoration and are said to have been used at one time as parts of the city streets. The doors were put on in 1929, but all were hand-carved according to the design of one remaining original door. The corrugated tin roof that covered the building was replaced with an authentic reproduction. Old telegraph poles and railroad ties were used for the ceiling. Because they look like telegraph poles rather than hand hewn vigas it produces a less than desirable result. The interior is furnished with authentic period pieces and is used as a museum of Spanish Colonial history.

Wright, S.J., The Spanish Governor's Palace. San Antonio, TX: Navlor Printing Co., Publishers, 1932. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

### San Antonio's Missions

Map from Archaeological investigations at four San Antonio missions : Mission Trails Underground Conversion Project. By Cynthia L. Tennis et al., c2001. Pp. 56.



1718: Mission San Antonio de Valero

1720: Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo

1731:

1) Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion de Acuna

2) San Juan Capistrano

3) San Francisco de la Espada

Figure 2-1. The five San Antonio Missions with Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo highlighted.



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Missions National Historical Park, Tex., 1977. H. Doc. 95-264/9.

### Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion de Acuna, 1731. ★



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Pp. 56.



Map from Proposed San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Tex., b977. H. Doc. 95-264/9

Hearing on San Antonio Missions National Historical Wagner's Bazaar, [189-?] Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

Park, Texas, 1976, SuDoc Y4.In8/14:94-24.



Map from San Antonio's River by Louise Lomax, 1948.

Photo taken by Liveon001, used under <u>cc license</u>.

### Canary Islanders, Settlers from the King, 1731



Map from google maps satellite. Arrows show approximate route from the Canary Islands to Havanna, to Vera Cruz, and finally to San Antonio.

### Villa de San Fernando de Béxar



Map of San Antonio in the 1730s, photocopy in UTSA Special Collections. Source unclear, probably dating from the 1970s. Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.



Paul Wagner's Bazaar. Souvenir of San Antonio. San Antonio, Tex. : Paul Wagner's Bazaar, [189-?] Image courtesy of UTSA Special Collections.

## An unlikely source of unity...



### **5** Flags over San Antonio



Spain 1519-1821



Mexico 1821-1836



Republic of Texas 1836-1845



United States 1845-1861



Confederacy 1861-1865



United States 1865-present

### What about that 6<sup>th</sup> Flag?

#### Some include France (1685-1689) as a 6<sup>th</sup> flag for Texas.

Fort Saint Louis was an ill-fated French fort on the Texas coast.



Image Courtesy: Texas Historical Commission

### Texas Under Mexico 1821-1836

#### Problems remained the same: distance from Mexico City, sometimes hostile Indian tribes, and floods of settlers.

Image courtesy of the CIA World Factbook

#### Political Divisions of the Mexican Republic Federal Constitution of 1824



"Courtesy of the University of Texas Libraries, The University of Texas at Austin

## **Turning Point of 3 nations**

- Pioneers from the Mexican south (Tejanos) and the Anglo north (Texians) flowed into the frontier region.
- Mexican government at first encouraged, and growing alarmed, outlawed U.S. immigration.
- But by 1835 1000 people a month were streaming into Texas.

### **Texas Independence**

- In 1835 Texas revolted.
- Several bloody battles were
- fought, including the
- Siege of Bexar in 1835 and the
- historic and iconic battle of
- the Alamo February 23-
- March 6, 1836.



James Butler Bonham, William Barrett Travis, Davy Crockett, James Bowie From *History of San Antonio and Early Days in Texas*, Robert Sturmberg, 1920, San Antonio: Press of the Standard Printing Company, p. 81

### **Republic of Texas**

Texas Revolution ended on April 21,1836 when Mexican President Santa Anna, dressed as a private, was taken prisoner in San Jacinto (now near Houston) by forces under Sam Houston.



Detail from *Battle of San Jacinto*, Henry Arthur McArdle, Texas State Capitol Building. Courtesy of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.



Surrender of Santa Anna, painting by Charles Shaw



The Alamo site you see today is far smaller than 1836 boundaries, much of which is under private and public buildings. The Alamo's distinctive front gable was added in the 1850's San Antonio Express-News, February 27, 2011

### **Republic of Texas**

Bexar was organized as the Republic of Texas, with its seat chartered in San Antonio.

Sam Houston was first president of Texas (1841-1844)

John W. Smith 1<sup>st</sup> mayor of San Antonio Despite the treaty, Mexico resisted recognizing Texas independence.

> Samuel Houston, First President of the Republic of Texas 1841-44, Statuary Hall, U.S. Capitol, Elisabet Ney, 1904, (famous German-born sculptor), 1904, from *Art in the United States Capitol*, GPO 1978.



### United States (1845-1861)

No. 8. Joint Resolution for annexing Texas to the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress doth consent that the territory properly included within, and rightfully belonging to the Republic of Texas, may be erected into a new State, to be called the State of Texas, with a republican form of government, to be adopted by the people of said republic, by deputies in convention assembled, with the consent of the existing government, in order that the same may be admitted as one of the States of this Union.

2. And be it further resolved, That the foregoing consent of Congress is given upon the following conditions, and with the following guarantees, to wit: First, Said State to be formed, subject to the adjustment by this government of all questions of boundary that may arise with other governments; and the constitution thereof, with the proper evidence of its adoption by the people of said Republic of Texas, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, to be laid before Congress for its final action, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six. Second. Said State, when ad-SR2

March 1, 1845.

Consent of Congress to the erection of Texas into a State for admission into the Union.

Conditions of admission.

U.S. Senate rejected treaty to annex Texas in 1844 but reversed the decision the following year. Texas entered the union as 28<sup>th</sup> state on December 19, 1845. Ceremony held on February 19, 1846.

28 Pub. Res. 8; 5 Stat. 797

### Confederacy (1861-1865)

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AS AMENDED IN 1861. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. THE ORDINANCES OF THE TEXAS CONVENTION: AND AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS.

PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION AND THE SENATE.

AUSTIN: PRINTED BY JOHN MARSHALL, STATE PRINTER, 1361. Secession Convention Feb. 1, 1861. Reportedly 40% of Bexar residents, primarily Germans, were opposed. Sam Houston resigned as governor of Texas in opposition.

## 1<sup>st</sup> major U.S. loss in Civil War

- First major loss for U.S. in Civil War was in San Antonio.
- Union Maj. Gen David Twiggs surrendered all U.S. Army property in Texas in Main Plaza to a force of 800 Confederate supporters under Maj. Ben McCulloch.
- Twiggs joined the Confederacy in Georgia shortly thereafter.



## United States (1865-present)



Following the Civil War, San Antonio prospered as a center of the cattle industry .

### The first railroad arrived in 1877; commerce expanded enormously



### San Antonio refuge for revolutionaries

 Ricardo Flores Magon, revolutionist & journalist re-founded his newspaper Regeneracion opposing Porfirio Diaz, in San Antonio November 1904



 Francisco Madero, future Mexican president and martyr, issued his Plan de San Luis Potosí from San Antonio and called for a rebellion on November 20, 1910.

### THE CITY OF THE LITTLE SQUARES

The Charm of San Antonio, Texas, where Revolution Breeds

BY EDWARD HUNGERFORD

Here then is the incubator of Mexican revolution. There is hardly an hour in San Antonio when the secret agents of both government and revolutionists are not swarming in the town

Harper's Weekly, Nov. 19, 1912, p. 11-12.

There is a risk at El Paso that is not present in San Antonio. Hence the bigger town—in its very atmosphere emitting a friendly comfort toward plottings and plannings—is chosen.

San Antonio is a safer breeding ground for insurrection than is El Paso. For one thing it is out of the range of careless rifle-shooting, and for another well, at El Paso some Mexican troop might come right across the silver Rio Grande in a dry season,

### The Future

"San Antonio breathes heavily, dreams of the days when she was a Spanish town of no slight importance, and looks forward to the morrow. She believes that the golden age is not yet come. Her plans for the future are ambitious, her opportunity yet to come."

-- Edward Hungerford, Harper's Weekly, 11/9/1912



Panoramic view of San Antonio, Texas. c1910. Library of Congress American Memory Project.

#### SAN ANTONIO AND THE U.S. MILITARY: A LONG HISTORY OF COOPERATION



Printed in San Antonio, the Metropolis and Garden Spot of Texas: and Fort Sam Houston, U.S. Army Headquarters Department of Texas © 1909, Paul Ebers. Photo courtesy of UTSA Special Collection

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#### POST RETURNS, CAMP BEXAR, OCTOBER 21, 1845

Digital copies courtesy of Mr. John M. Manguso, Director, Ft. Sam Houston Museum

War Department General Order, Name Change to Ft. Sam Houston, September 10, 1890 Digital copies courtesy of John M. Manguso, Director, Ft. Sam Houston Museum

#### **Description of the Post at San Antonio**

"Outline Descriptions of the Posts in the Military Division of the Missouri Commanded by Lieutenant General P.H. Sheridan", 1876. Printed in The Post at San Antonio1845-1879. SuDoc D 114.2:9 84/2

west, prowl around the settlements and run off horses and mules. Description of Country, etc. The San Antonio river rises three Description of Country, etc. The San Automo river rises three miles above the city. The valley of the river is shut in by hilly ranges miles above the city. The valley of the river is shut in by niny ranges running in a southeasterly direction; the hills having generally an running in a southeasterly airection; the nuts maying generative and altitude of from 200 to 300 feet above the level of the plain that lies attinue or from 200 to 300 reet nouve the fevel of the plant that has between. The land is arable, but a thorough system of irrigation is Detween. The land is arable, but a thorough system of irrigation is necessary to the successful cultivation of any crops, especially in the necessary to the successful cultivation of any crops, especially in the smaller articles, such as vegetables. The population of San Antonio to successful and the suc is estimated at 14,000. The climate is mild and very healthy.

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each, as quarters for troops; one 30 ~ 34 feet, two stories, as nospiral, and one 15 × 30 feet, one story, as guardhouse; officers' quarters, etc., and one 15×30 tect, one story, as guardnouse; oncers quarters, etc., are also rented in the city; no government buildings, excepting one Supplies. Quartermaster's and subsistence stores are furnished frame stable for 80 animals built on private grounds.

55 miles to the east, the present terminus of the Gaiveston, Harris, burg and San Antonio Railroad. Good wagon roads to all important burg and San Antonio Kairroad. Good wagon roads to all important points in the State of Texas, and along the coast. Galveston 264 Buildings. The following stone buildings are rented in the city of Buildings. I ne ionowing stone dumungs are rented in the city of San Antonio, viz: One 114×30 feet, and one 40×84 feet, one story Dan Antonio, viz: One 114 $\wedge$  30 rect, nuu one 40 $\wedge$ 04 rect, one story each, as quarters for troops 1 one 50 $\times$ 54 feet, two stories, as hospital, miles distant.

POST OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Established in 1865. Lat. 29° 30', long, 98° 23'. In the city of San Establianed in 1805, 1.at. 29' 30', 100B' 98' 23 . In the city of San Antonio, which is also the headquarters of the Department of Texas. Antonio, which is also the headquarters of the Department of Lexas, Postoffice and telegraph in the city. Nearest railroad at Kingsbury, Fostomee and telegraph in the city, Nearest railroad at Kingsbury, 55 miles to the east, the present terminus of the Galveston, Harris-

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS. POSTS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, ADJUANTENS OF THE ANALT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, September 11, 1890. The following orders have been received from the War Depart-GENERAL ORDERS, ) By direction of the President the new militury post near Newport, Kentucky, By direction of the President the new military post near Newport, Kentucky, will hereafter be known and designated as "Fort Thomas" in honor of the bete Maler Concern I. Thereas II. 2. Annue concernment distinguished will hereafter be known and designated as "Fort Thomas," in honor of the net Major General George H. Thomas, U.S. Army, one of the most distinguished late Major General George H. Thomas, U.S. Army, one of the most distinguished generals during the late war, and whose eminent services received the thanks of Congress. Evidence ion of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be direction of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will be a set of the Poet at S ment: Ev direction of the President the military Poet at Sau Antonio, Texas, will bereafter be known and designated as "Fort Sam Houston, "in honor of General See Houston Commander in Chief of the Army of the Benublic of Texas, the bereafter be known and designated as: "Fort Sam Houston." in nonor of General Sam Houston, Commander in-Chief of the Army of the Republic of Texas—the Best Devident of their Derivbic and the flow memories of the State of Texas Sdm Houston, Commanuer-In-Unier of the Army of the Republic of Texas. of Congress. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SCHOFIELD : CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER, Acting Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.
Geronimo and other Apache prisoners at

NATCHEZ

the Quadrangle at Ft. Sam Houston, 1886, and the Quadrangle today.

> Geronimo photo credit: *The Quadrangle: Hub of Military Activity in Texas,* An Outline History, SuDoc D 114.2:Q 2/5

Quadrangle photo credit: Historic American Buildings Survey, Photographer David J. Kaminsky. The National Park Service: http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/tx/tx39.htm





### Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders at Ft. Sam Houston, 1916.

Accessed March 16, 2011 from: http://jdlong.wordpress.com/2009/07/28/when-titans-meet-when-teddyroosevelt-met-loved-texas/

Plaque at the Menger Hotel commemorating Roosevelt's Rough Rider recruitment in 1898.

Accessed March 16, 2011 from: <u>http://www.travbuddy.com/San-Antonio-</u> travel-guide-122258/photos/view/481

#### THE MENGER BAR

EXACT REPLICA OF PUB IN LONDON'S HOUSE OF LORDS. THEODORE ROOSEVELT RECRUITED "ROUGH RIDERS" HERE IN 1898. SITE OF MORE CATTLE DEALS THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN TEXAS AND SAN ANTONIO'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATED SALOON. DEDICATION

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President William Howard Taft dedicating Gift Chapel at Ft. Sam in 1909. Chapel centennial rededication ceremonies in 2009.

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### MACHINE GUN MULE AT FT. SAM HOUSTON, 1909.

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#### Military Life in San Antonio.

ROM the earliest time San Antonio has been prominent in the military history of the country. Indians, Spaniards, Frenchmen, Mexicans, Texans, Federals and Confederates have marched and countermarched across the valley of the San Antonio where they have engaged in many bloody conflicts.

This has ever proved a natural strategic point and the first permanent barracks were built in 1773 on Military plaza. Later Spanish soldiers were quartered in the Alamo, followed by United States troops, and it was then known as the Quartermaster's Department, which name it retained until 1778.

The arsenal was located near the Veramendi house until it was removed to its present lovely site on South Flores street.

As there were no regular barracks, the troops were quartered at various places on Military plaza, in Mission Concepcion, the Mahneke hotel, French building and at the head of the river.

The commanders of this post before the war, were Albert Sydney Johnston, who lived at 225 St. Mary street, and Robert E. Lee, who lived at the Howard house on South Alamo. It was in this house that he wrote the resignation of his commission in the United States army when he assumed the leadership of the Confederate forces.

In 1878 Ft. Sam Houston was established and the headquarters of the Department of Texas is also located here.

This is the second largest post in the United States, many additions having been recently made, as it is the policy of the War Department to abandon the smaller forts and make a brigade post of Ft. Sam Houston.

18,082 acres of ground are included in the government domains and there are quartered here one regiment of cavalry, one of infantry and two batteries of artillery. The new pay list will exceed fifty thousand dollars each month and the government has expended here about \$2,500,000. Great attractions for the many visitors are the weekly dress parades and daily concerts.

Among the distinguished officers who have done duty here are Generals Zach Taylor, U. S. Grant, W. R. Shafter, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston, Phil Sheridan, Harney Worth, E. O. C. Ord, Lawton, Stanley, Luther Hare, McKibbin, Graham, Fred Grant, Jesse M. Lee, McCaskey and General Myer, the present commander.

#### MILITARY LIFE IN SAN ANTONIO

Printed in San Antonio, Historical and Modern ©1909, Passing Show Publishing Photo courtesy of UTSA Special Collections Presidents Taylor, Grant, and Eisenhower all served in San Antonio during their time in the U.S. Military.



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 http://www.latinamericanstudies.org/mexican-war.htm

 Grant photo credit:
 http://lincolnslunch.blogspot.com/2010\_10\_01\_archive.html

 Eisenhower photo credit:
 http://lincolnslunch.blogspot.com/2010\_10\_01\_archive.html

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/History/presidents/Presidents\_34\_Eisenhower.htm





### Camp Bullis filming of "Wings," winner for Best Picture at the first Academy Awards in 1929

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#### WAR DEPARTMENT\*

Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington

August 1, 1907

OFFICE MEMORANDUM NO. 6

An Aeronautical Division of this office is hereby established, to take effect this date.

This division will have charge of all matters pertaining to military ballooning, air machines, and all kindred subjects. All data on hand will be carefully classified and plans perfected for future tests and experiments. The operations of this division are strictly confidential, and no information will be given out by any party except through the Chief Signal Officer of the Army or his authorized representative.

Captain Charles DeF. Chandler, Signal Corps, is detailed in charge of this division, and Corporal Edward Ward and First-class Private Joseph E. Barrett will report to Captain Chandler for duty in this division under his immediate direction.

> J. Allen, Brigadier General, Chief Signal Officer of the Army.

\*Central Files 321.91A "S. C. Organ." (USAF Library).

# AIRPLANE NUMBER 1

Following the establishment of the Army's first Aeronautical Division in 1907, the Army wasted no time in finding pilots and beginning their mastery of the skies.

The first plane owned by the U.S. Army, assembled and flown by Lieutenant B.D. Foulois (2<sup>nd</sup> from left).

Brought to Ft. Sam in a crate in 1910.

Photo printed in *A History of Military Aviation in San Antonio,* SuDoc D 1.2: H 62/14



August 29, 1916. [H. R. 17498.]

[Public, No. 242.]

**CHAP. 418.**—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Acquirement of land for aviation purposes, if no reservation avail-able.

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The Secretary of War is directed to investigate the suitability of the various military reservations for aviation purposes, and should any of the reservations be found not suitable and not available for aviation he is authorized, in his discretion, to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, for the United States of America, such

land as may be necessary for aviation purposes, and there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-priated, the sum of \$300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary,

for said purpose.



HANGAR AND WIND-VANE, KELLY FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

### **Authorization to purchase Kelly Field**

#### Statutes at Large (39 Stat. 622 1910-1917)

Photo: Architectural Record, v.45, Jan-June 1919, pg. 445



### THE TAJ MAJAL

### **Randolph Air Force Base**

Accessed March 11, 2011 from http://www.snopes.com/photos/military/randolph.asp

#### Authorization to purchase **Randolph Field** February 18, 1928

45 Stat. 129 1927-1929

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Opening of San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Lackland Air Force Base, July 4, 1942



Plan of the Provisional Hospital, 1879

Printed in The Post at San Antonio1845-1879, SuDoc D 114.2:9 84/2



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON, DC

May 9, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Chairman, Medical Joint Cross Service Group

SUBJECT: 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Recommendations

References: (a) Defense Base Closure And Realignment Act of 1990, Section 2903 (c)(5)

> (b) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure Memorandum" dated 15 November 2002

This is the Medical Joint Cross-Service Group (JCSG) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Report for BRAC 2005, as required by Section 2903(c)(5) of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended. I certify that the information contained in this report is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I look forward to working with the Commission as our recommendations proceed through the BRAC process<sub>p</sub>

each GEORGE PEACH TAYLOR JR.

Lieutenant General, USAF, MC, CFS Chairman

Attachment: Report



Authorization to form the Medical Joint-Cross Services Group at the San Antonio Regional Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston May 9, 2005, Department of the Air Force

Accessed March 9, 2011 from www.defense.gov/brac





Photo of new River Walk extension to the Pearl Brewery from San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau 2010 Annual Report.

### A diverse and growing population

#### **Redistricting Data**

Click on a blue state in the map tool below to view county level Census data. Data for states shaded gray have not yet been released. The Census Bureau will deliver state data on a rolling basis through March. See what states are coming next.



 State: urban population growing

Hispanic/Latino
 population exploding

Bexar County: steady
growth

• as diverse as Texas is becoming, San Antonio is more so ...

Census Bureau. 2010 Census Data. http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/index.php

#### San Antonio (city), Texas

	People QuickFacts	San Antonio	Texas
0	Population, 2006 estimate	1,296,682	23,507,783
0	Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006		12.7%
Ð	Population, 2000	1,144,646	20,851,820
0	Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000	8.1%	7.8%
0	Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2000	28.5%	28.2%
0	Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2000	10.4%	9.9%
Ð	Female persons, percent, 2000	51.7%	50.4%
0	White persons, percent, 2000 (a)	67.7%	71.0%
0	Black persons, percent, 2000 (a)	→ 6.8%	11.5%
Ø	American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2000 (a)	0.8%	0.6%
0	Asian persons, percent, 2000 (a)	1.6%	2.7%
0	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2000 (a)	0.1%	D.1%
0	Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2000	3.7%	2.5%
0	Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2000 (b) -	→ 58.7%	32.0%
0	Living in same house in 1995 and 2000, pct 5 yrs old & over	51.0%	49.6%
0	Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	11.7%	13.9%
0	Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000 -	→ 46.7%	31.2%
0	High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	75.1%	75.7%
Ø	Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	21.6%	23.2%
0	Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	23.8	25.4
0	Housing units, 2000	433,122	8,157,575
0	Homeownership rate, 2000	58.1%	63.8%
D	Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$68,800	\$82,500
0	Households, 2000	405,474	7,393,354
0	Persons per household, 2000	2.77	2.74
0	Median household income, 1999	\$36,214	\$39,927
0	Per capita money income, 1999	\$17,487	\$19,617
0	Persons below poverty, percent, 1999	17.3%	15.4%

Census Bureau. "State & County Quick Facts." http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html

### Diverse weather — all or nothing!

#### MONTHLY/ANNUAL/AVERAGE PRECIPITATION SAN ANTONIO, TX (1871-2011)

30-YEAR NORMAL: 1941-1970	<u>JAN</u> 1.66	FEB 2.06	MAR 1.54	APR 2.54	MAY 3.07	JUN 2.79	<u>JUL</u> 1.69	AUG 2.41	SEP 3.71	<u>OCT</u> 2.84	<u>NOV</u> 1.77	<u>DEC</u> <u>1.46</u>	ANNUAL 27.54	<u>30-YEAR</u> NORMAL: 1941-1970
30-YEAR NORMAL: 1931-1960	<u>JAN</u> 1.74	FEB 1.65	MAR 1.67	APR 2.82	MAY 3.45	JUN 2.95	<u>JUL</u> 2.09	AUG 2.36	SEP 3.49	OCT 2.50	<u>NOV</u> <u>1.37</u>	<u>DEC</u> 1.75	ANNUAL 27.84	<u>30-YEAR</u> <u>NORMAL:</u> 1931-1960
30-YEAR NORMAL: 1921-1950	<u>JAN</u> 1.81	<u>FEB</u> 1.58	MAR 2.12	APR 3.02	MAY 3.52	JUN 3.20	<u>JUL</u> 1.91	AUG 1.98	SEP 3.37	<u>OCT</u> 2.10	<u>NOV</u> <u>1.40</u>	DEC 1.92	ANNUAL 27.93	30-YEAR NORMAL: 1921-1950
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NOAA. "Monthly/Annual/Average Precipitation." http://www.srh.noaa.gov/images/ewx/sat/satmonrain.pdf

Critical Period Triggers, Stages, and Withdrawal Reductions \*The following Critical Period triggers and percent reductions apply to all Municipal, Industrial and Irrigation users. ANTONIO POOL\*\* TRIGGER CRITICAL PERIOD CRITICAL PERIOD CRITICAL PERIOD STAGE I STAGE II STAGE III (based on 10-day average) Index Well J-17 <660 <650 <640 <630 Level (MSL) San Marcos <96 <80 N/A N/A Springs Flow (CFS) Comal Springs <225 <200 <150 <100Flow (CFS) Withdrawal 20% 30% 35% 40% Reduction

- usually nothing: droughts
- water management a multi-level governmental concern
- Edwards Aquifer: a regional resource
- well levels trigger different stage water restrictions

Edwards Underground Water District. "Critical Period Triggers, Stages, and Withdrawal Reductions." http://www.edwardsaquifer.org/includes/tng/pub/tNG\_download4.php?cID=6&KT\_download1=0e9fe5fd7f796bc8a93e8bc6f50c0a3a



USGS. "Floods in the Guadalupe and San Antonio River Basins in Texas, October 1998." http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/FS-147-99/pdf/fs-147-99.pdf

- often, when it rains, it pours!
- urban flash floods not uncommon
- Hill Country floods have been devastating



### A diverse ecosystem



Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. "Ecoregions of Texas." http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/pwd\_pl\_w7000\_1187a/media/1.pdf

### A diversity of recreation options nearby !



Beach photo: Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. "Mustang Island State Park." http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/mustang\_island/

### A diversity of sightseeing options in town



• River Walk is the most interesting ...

 ... and the most convenient

a little history

still evolving

Photo of new River Walk extension and San Antonio Museum of Art: San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau. "2010 Annual Report." <u>http://www.visitsanantonio.com/partner-resources/annual-report-fy-2010/index.aspx</u>



### Before there was a River Walk...



Lomax, Louise. San Antonio's River. San Antonio, Tex. : Naylor Co., 1948.

- River has always been important to the area
- Establishment of Missions along the river, enhanced by network of acequias



Photo (ca. 1877) from UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures, reproduced in *Crown Jewel of Texas: the story of San Antonio's River*. By Lewis F. Fisher. San Antonio: Maverick Pub. Co. 1997.



### Before there was a River Walk...

- many bends straightened out over the years
- different schemes for solving flood/drought problems
- proposals to pave over the river completely were often put forward



"Floodwaters on Houston Street, 1913." UTSA's Institute of Texas Cultures, No. 101-0001.



Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio. *Historic overview and archival archaeological investigation for the San Antonio River Improvements Project : Houston to Lexington segment.* Archaeological Survey Report, No. 299.



#### Before there was a River Walk...



1921 flood photos from UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures, Nos. 80-137 and 91-292, reproduced in *Flash Floods in Texas*. By Jonathan Burnett. College Station, Tex.: Texas A&M Press. 2008.

- Population and commerce grew
- Cycles of drought/floods caused more problems
- 1921: major flood: killed 50 people
- Olmos Dam built upstream
- "Great Bend" cutoff with flood gates: 1929





### **Building it: Robert Hugman & WPA**

 locally-raised funds matched with WPA grant

- proponent of river improvements since 1929, Robert Hugman was project architect
- construction: 1939-41

#### Flood gates protecting the "Great Bend"

Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration in the State of Texas. *Along the San Antonio river.* 1941. Courtesy of UTSA Library Special Collections.



walkways, retaining walls, bridges

- deepening channel
- landscaping
- initial focus on "Great Bend"
- 1946: Casa Rio opens, first River Walk
   restaurant



### **Expanding for Hemisfair**



Photos from Portal to Texas History (<u>http://texashistory.unt.edu/</u>), contributed by UTSA.

- World's Fair in 1968, 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of city founding
- Extension of the River to the new convention center



# River Walk: History

### **Expanding for Hemisfair**



• Increased focus on the River by businesses all through the 1960's

New hotels for Hemisfair





Fisher, Lewis F. Crown Jewel of Texas: the story of San Antonio's River. San Antonio: Maverick Pub. Co. 1997.

President Johnson speaking at Hemisfair, July 4, 1968

Photos from Portal to Texas History (<u>http://texashistory.unt.edu/</u>), contributed by UTSA.





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# RIVER WALK: TODAY

- exciting extensions
- much inter-governmental cooperation required
- upstream extension complete to Pearl Brewery
- downstream extensions will return the River to a more natural state
- eventually: a linear park from Witte Museum to **Mission Espada**





# RIVER WALK: TODAY

### It gets a lot of use !



# WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN OUR CITY!

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