



THE SEAL AND CREST

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Sr. Harral Ayers,
Knight Commander,
Royal Order of Isabel la Catolica,
San Antonio, Texas.

Honored Sir:

I take much pleasure in congratulating you on your forthcoming title to be conferred upon you by order of the King of Spain, in connection with your activities in reference to the perpetuity of the old Spanish Trail.

I am very much interested in the correct establishment of route of the old Kings Highway, or San Antonio Road, passing from Louisiana through Texas and through San Antonio. I want to locate the real crossing of this old road over the Sabine River. I have lived in Texas since my birth 77 years ago, and was taught from my birth that I was born on this old road where it passed through Sabinetown, on the Sabine River. In my boyhood this road was called the Old Kings Hiway. But landed interests have tried to divert its course to Fendleton some four or five miles above the old Sabinetown crossing. I feel sure they are wrong, but need backing proof for my position. If you can furnish me with assistance in the proper location of the crossing on the Sabine river I will be under deep gratitude to you. Recently I was in Mexico City, and while there I was graciously permitted to secure a photographic copy of the road as laid off by original workers in this line.

I have always been told that the Old San Antonio Road crossed the Sabine just below the mouth of the Pologoch creek, and thus passed through Sabinetown. Can you give me some proof of this?

Thanking you in advance, I am courteously yours,

A. F. Beddoe