

courtesy department is maintained for visitors. Over 1,000,000 lbs. of refined sugar shipped daily. Country hotel. Camp space.

***RICHMOND.** The first Anglo-American settlement in Texas. Other early settlements were Spanish or Mexican. NATIONAL HOTEL.

BRAZOS RIVER. Note height of bridge above normal water. All OST bridges contend with high floods.

ROSENBERG. Cotton and corn. Country hotel, good meals. Free camp, east side, shady. Jurica's OST Garage has good mechanics.

NOTE. The Rosenberg—East Bernard sector, about 16 mi., is black dirt, bad in wet weather. This is financed for pavement. A gravel and paved detour adding 8 mi., northward by Wallis, is provided.

SAN BERNARD RIVER.

EAST BERNARD. Rice, cattle and cotton. See dirt road memo. under Rosenberg. Inf.—Highway Garage.

***EAGLE LAKE.** About 40,000 A. of rice lands in this district. 40% developed. Water from Colorado River and from wells 27 to 40 ft. which flood 35 to 50 A. **DALLAS HOTEL**, running water in rooms. Also **DRUMMERS HOTEL**. Free camp on OST, east. Davis Garage, battery and tire service, capable management.

COLORADO RIVER at Columbus.

***COLUMBUS.** Numerous fine old live oaks about the town. Under the oak near the Court House the first district court of the Republic of Texas was held. Columbus was in the path of Santa Ana during the Texas revolution and was burned by Gen. Sam Houston. **HOTEL LIVE OAK** and several lodging houses. Auto camp five blocks off OST with shade and conveniences, and several cabins. Camp 2 mi. east on OST under construction.

WEIMAR. General farming; chicken and turkey raising. Rolling country and pretty farms. **JACKSON HOTEL**. Camp space. Inf.—Brasher's Garage and good service.

SCHULENBURG. Cotton and pretty farm section; nice views over the hills. Only cotton-seed flour mill in world; shipped everywhere for bread used in diabetic cases. This part of Texas German and Bohemian. Clean rooms at the station hotel, also at new boarding house. Nice camp on OST, west. Inf.—J. C. Baumgarten. OST Director.

FLATONIA. Important turkey, chicken and egg production; cotton and pretty farms and rolling hills. Country hotel. Free camp in town. Inf.—Lee's Garage, Chevrolet dealer—service and filling station. Competent and good.

WAELEDER. Lodging. Camp space.

***GONZALES.** Noted in the history of Texas liberation as the "Lexington of Texas." Thirty-two of her men died in the Alamo. The Texans mobilized there and fired the first shot for Texas independence. Santa Ana invested the town. State Park reservation in the town on the OST. Civic improvements progressing, asphalt streets, golf, nice residences. Rich wooded and farming country, rolling hills and valleys, cotton, corn, a leading poultry shipping center, natural pecan growing country. **PLAZA** and **ALCADE** hotels. Auto camp on OST, north of P. O.

SAN MARCOS RIVER, west of Gonzales 2½ mi. Fine camp in riverside grove.

***SEGUIN.** Prosperous farming country. **AUMONT HOTEL**, only modern fireproof hotel between Houston and San Antonio. Free camp on river, south.

GUADALUPE RIVER at McQueeney. Other villages westward Marion, Cibolo and Schertz. Nice farms.



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THE ALAMO, SAN ANTONIO

Mission San Antonio de Valero now known as the Alamo. Transferred from the Rio Grande in 1718 it is recognized as the beginning of San Antonio. The corner stone of this building was laid May 8, 1744. In 1762 a report stated the tower and sacristy had fallen and a quarried stone church of harmonious architecture was being built.

It was occupied by the Texas patriots in defense of San Antonio and for the independence of Texas against Santa Ana and the Mexican army. The Alamo fell March 6, 1836. All the patriots were killed. The defense of the Alamo is one of the epic stories of the ages.



Drawing by Mary Louner

MISSION SAN JOSE, SAN ANTONIO

Mission San José y de San Miguel Aguayo, founded 1729. This building was begun apparently in 1768. A record of 1778 says "It was the finest mission in all New Spain." This church approached the majesty of a cathedral; its village had the strength of a castle. Its architectural and the sculptural detail is the joy of artists and etchers and the wonder of all travelers.

*Many careless statements are given out concerning the construction of the missions, most of them untrue. The founding of a mission, the establishment of the mission at its present location, the beginning of the present church building, and when completed, and the beginning and completion of associated buildings, are very different dates, and in most cases obscure dates. Other old cities also suffer from this careless statement.