

Round Table discussion and decisions are planned. Provision for a large Round Table was in mind in selecting the present Hall. All historical studies should be carefully studied before being approved; and when approved, financial and other support should be given to the publication, and proper distribution should be promoted. An "Approved Study" thus published would carry weight and authority. Moreover, all studies would be guided better, on their way, by Round Table discussion.

The Round Table cannot be overemphasized. Here are illustrations:

The "Old San Antonio Road" (Camino Real) from Presidio to San Antonio and thru New Braunfels and Bastrop to Nacogdoches and eastward is constantly eulogized as the great trail of the Spaniards. It was but a minor trail. The great Spanish trails covered very different courses; they are lost to general knowledge yet the history associated with them is the history of imperial empire building. Our studies indicate their location and show their geographical and colonizing values, but it will be difficult for any one individual to overthrow the deep-seated legends respecting the "Old San Antonio Road." Round Table discussion will fill in the links and establish the historical values of these great trails in their reach thru this vast Texas-Mexico country, and the trails can be mapped and published with authority. It will be found that a number of present-day communities, now "lost" historically, are the products of those trails over which flowed the mighty efforts of the Spaniards. Such a map will open Spanish South Texas and North Mexico, and their historic communities, to rich tourist travel. Roads are built, or building, or financed, today that essentially cover most of these trails--but this fact is not known.

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The Yanagana Society is so-named because, it is claimed, the Yanagana Indian village was the first discovery at the present San Antonio (1691), and that the San Antonio River was so-named at that time. The Yanagana village was not here at San Antonio but on the Medina River...it was the Medina River that was named San Antonio de Padua in 1691....Massanet and Terán did not touch the present San Antonio River on that entrada, but proceeded from the Medina directly to the present Comal River.... the San Antonio River was named San Antonio de Padua in 1709.

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Many claims respecting the missions are wrong, and crudely so.

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Things have been done at San Antonio in the name of restoration that profane the culture of the Spanish arts. Crooked walls and crude parts are in the "Governors' Palace", put there because the constructors were unable to understand the craftsmanship of those people that had given to Europe the finest cathedrals--- yet around San Antonio were sufficient examples to show how good Spanish craftsmanship was during the pioneer period.

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