

alope at Scott's crossing; thence up Block creek, crossing Big Hill at the present crossing.

Across Grape creek at the present crossing, and Rordenelas creek at about the present crossing; thence to Fredericksburg along about the present road.

It should be mentioned here that from Fredericksburg an old trail passed westward and southwestward, over Horsehead Crossing the Pecos river and into Chihuahua, Mexico; also branched at Comanche Springs (Ft. Stockton), and passed westward through Limpia Canyon and Ft. Davis to El Paso and the West.

The San Saba trail continued northwestward (see Nickerson's map, 1870); from Fredericksburg it proceeded to Ft. Mason, then to Ft. San Saba in the center of Menard County. Then it continued as the upper stage-coach road to El Paso through the Green mountains; thence up the main Concho river, south of Castle mountains, crossing the Pecos at Emigrant Crossing (?); thence up the Pecos river and Delware creek and on to El Paso.

This trail to El Paso, however, was not successful, because of difficulty in finding the needed amount of water along the way. The other road through the Davis Mountains was the more traveled route.

Spanish Pass, north of Coerne, is so named because of this old Spanish trail through there. This trail was established some time in 1700.

Mr. Locke suggests there must have been considerable population around old Ft. San Saba. Old irrigation works there and other things indicate this.

The Spanish Fort at San Saba is the initial starting point for surveys there just as the headstone of an officer's grave at Ft. Lancaster is the initial starting point for blocks of surveys in Crockett County.