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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.