

FOOTE HAWKINS RESIDENCE, LLC.

549 Heimer Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78232

February 16, 2024

Via Hand-Delivered

Mr. Ben Thatcher, City Manager



This letter is to officially request our property located at 717 N. Main, Boerne, Texas to be added and given a Historic Landmark Designation as outlined in the City of Boerne's Ordinance, Article 8, Section 4.

Mr. Daniel Avery Foote, Sr. purchased ten acres in 1897 and then built his home on the property which is now known as 717 N. Main. Mr. Foote opened a lumber, furniture, undertaker and embalmer business in Boerne until 1914. For more information on the home and Daniel Avery Foote, Sr., please refer to the enclosed article "The Pre-Boerne Settlement – Part 1, Page 5-6. This property has been listed on the Historic Walking Tour for many years. See the two brochures attached.

The owners, Lori and Shawn Franke, P.E., residents of Kendall County for over 20 years, are in the process of renovating the building and to revitalize the heritage of an important piece of Boerne. The property was placed in an entity, Foote Hawkins Residence, LLC. We plan on the property being either a high-end restaurant or a small assembly.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Shawn Franke, P.E.
(210) 325-6552 (cell)

Lori Franke
(210) 392-1727 (cell)

cc: Sara Serra-Bennett – Via email

appropriate bulletin board in City Hall prior to the meeting date in compliance with current State Laws. Notice shall be sufficient if either: (a) the party to be affected receives actual notice by any means; (b) notice is sent to the address shown on any application or permit filed by the applicant, by United States Mail, certified, return receipt requested; or (c) in the absence of any address provided by an applicant, notice is sent to the address for the registered owner as shown by the tax rolls of the Kendall County Appraisal District.

SECTION 03. INVESTIGATION AND REPORTS

The Landmark Commission may make such investigations and studies of matters relating to the protection, enhancement, perpetuation or use of historic landmarks, historic districts and included structures, and to the restoration of historic landmarks as the Commission may from time to time deem necessary or appropriate to effect the purposes of this ordinance. The Landmark Commission may submit reports and recommendations as to such matters to the Mayor and other agencies of the City. In making such investigations and studies, the Landmark Commission may hold such public hearings as it may deem necessary or appropriate.



SECTION 04. PROCEDURE FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

8.04.001. Application.

Any person or entity may request an historic landmark designation for property owned by such person or entity by submitting an application to the City Manager. The application shall state the following:

- A. The name, telephone number and mailing address of the applicant.
- B. The location and address of the property to be designated.
- C. The reasons for requesting the designation. This section of the application need not be extensive, but it should include, if available, the approximate date of construction, and information on the past and present usage of the property.

8.04.002. Review of Application.

Upon receipt of an application for historic landmark designation, the City Manager shall submit a copy of the application to the Chair of the Landmark Commission, who shall initiate a review of the application within 30 days. The Landmark Commission shall hold a regular meeting to consider the application. If the application is approved by the Landmark Commission, the application shall be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their review, comment and recommendation to the City Council. If the application is rejected by either the Landmark Commission or the Planning and Zoning Commission, the applicant shall be so notified, and the applicant may, within 60 days after receipt of the notice, appeal the decision to the City Council.

8.04.003. Action by City Council.

All decisions of the Landmark Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission, either to approve or to disapprove an application for historic landmark designation, shall be reported to the City Council. Upon receipt of the two Commission reports, the City Council may designate the subject property as an historic landmark if, in the Council's discretion, the property is deemed to have historical, cultural, archeological or educational value which reflects the heritage of the city.

SECTION 05. PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION

8.05.001. Application.

The original applicant for an historic landmark designation or the original applicant's successors in interest may request the removal of the designation of the property as an historic landmark by filing with the City Manager an application for removal of the designation. The application for removal of the designation shall be supported by evidence:

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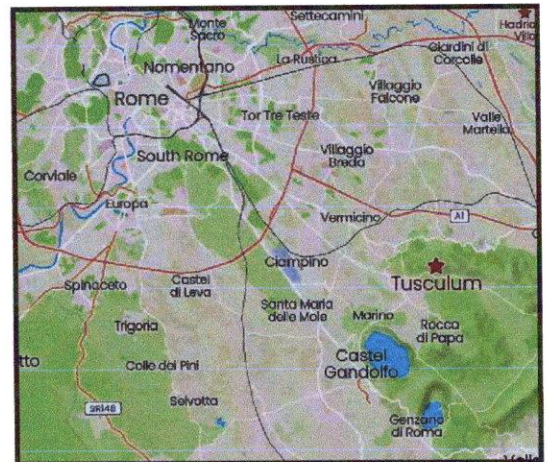
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The Pre-Boerne Settlement - Part I

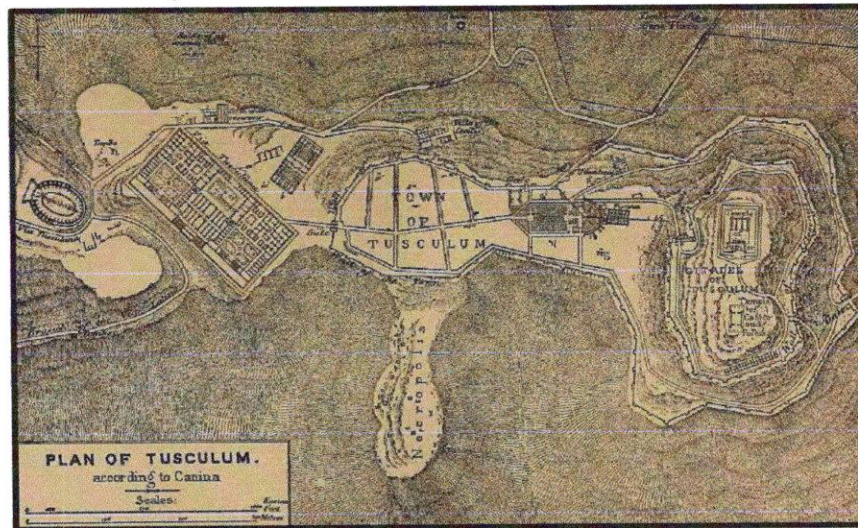
Welcome to “Tusculum,” an Iron Age Region in Italy —
Also Used by a Historian in 1894 to Describe Land along Cibolo Creek

By Bryden Moon

“Tusculum” is located in Italy; of hilly terrain, the region is situated approximately 13 miles (or 21 kilometers) as the crow flies southeast of Rome. With roots in early millennium B. C., many centuries later the wealthy members of Rome’s elite retreated to their villas in the Alban Hills to catch the breezes in the heat of the summer months. And Tusculum was once used in an 1894 German Texas history book published in San Antonio; it is the earliest known reference to describe homestead land along Cibolo Creek, but it’s not what you think!



Tusculum (in red) 21 Kilometers from Rome



Plan of Roman Tusculum (published in 1883)

mass as 7.07 square miles. In 381 BC it became the first Latin Settlement (Latium) to obtain Roman citizenship. The ancient hilltop community was once fortified with walls, and had an amphitheater, as well a forum and necropolis. Tusculum’s citadel was perched on its summit; this elevated site at one time also contained temples to Jupiter and Castor & Pollux.

“Iron Age” in origin, Tusculum occupied a small footprint; historians listed it as an Italian “city state” in 500 B. C. and calculated its then countryside land-

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Pre-Boerne, Page 2

Some Texas historians have surmised that Tusculum was the name of the Roman statesman Cicero's villa. While he did have a villa near the Italian hillside, it's possible the confusion stems from the title of one of his philosophical works called "*Tusculanae disputationes*" ("*Conversations at Tusculum*"). Regardless, Tusculum was a well-documented, centuries-old region and was not exclusive to Cicero. Due to its elevated terrain (2,000 feet), cradled in a wing of the Alban Hills, it captured the cooler airstream during summer months; in first century B.C. through fourth century A.D., it was a favorite resort and wealthy Romans had their summer villas nestled in its hills. Tusculum is now embedded in the southwest corner of Rome's physical proper, and the region of Rome's Tusculum is now called "Frascati."

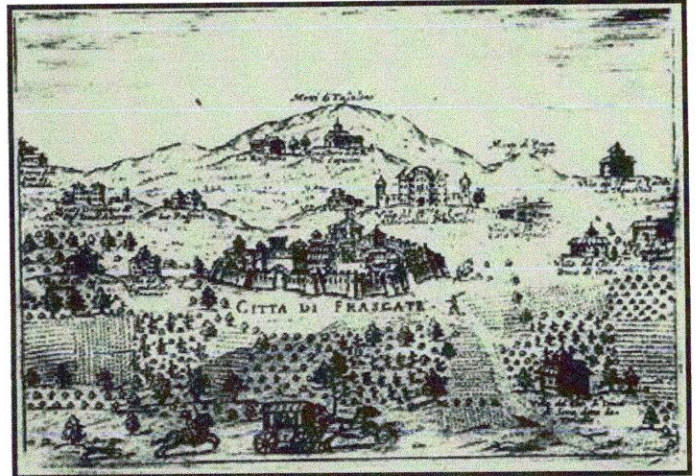
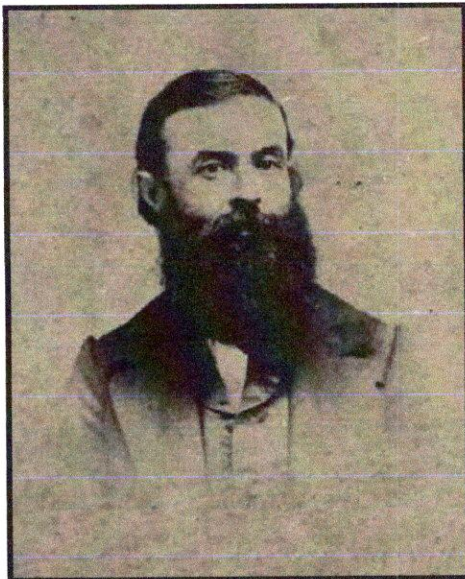


Illustration of Alban Hills
Around Frascati (Former Tusculum Region)

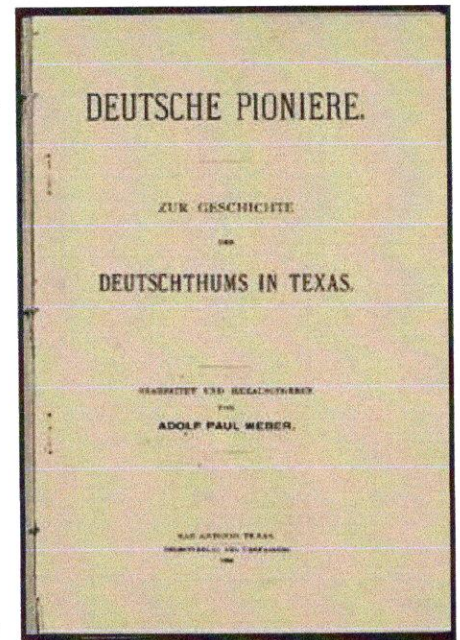
Now, a local Tusculum did exist, but only conceptually. Moving ahead nearly two millennia, in the early 1890s, historian Adolf Paul Weber came to San Antonio to research and write about the rich history of German immigration and settlement in Texas...several Texas newspapers noted his presence. In "Part 2" on page 9 of his 1894 publication, *Deutsche Pioniere: zur Geschichte des Deutschthums in Texas*, the author ventured into Kendall County, profiling early pioneers along Cibolo Creek in the Boerne area.



Dr. Ferdinand Herff Circa 1865
Credit: UTSA Special Collections

Here Weber noted the presence of well-credentialed Darmstadt emigrant, Doctor Ferdinand Herff, who after his first acquisition of 320 acres just outside the Boerne plot in 1852, steadily added adjacent parcels; before the 1850s had ended Dr. Herff had assembled a land mass of nearly 2650 acres, totaling approximately 4.14 square miles. With Cibolo Creek coursing through, here he created an enclave, a summer retreat, as the hilly terrain of future Kendall County collected the summer breezes; this assembly of land was in addition to his San Antonio residence and medical practice where he maintained a presence during the majority of the year.

His accumulated farm and ranch land ranged to the east and after 1859 abutted the southwestern edge of George Wilkins Kendall's Post Oak Spring Ranch.



Adolf Paul Weber
1894 Publication

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Pre-Boerne, continued

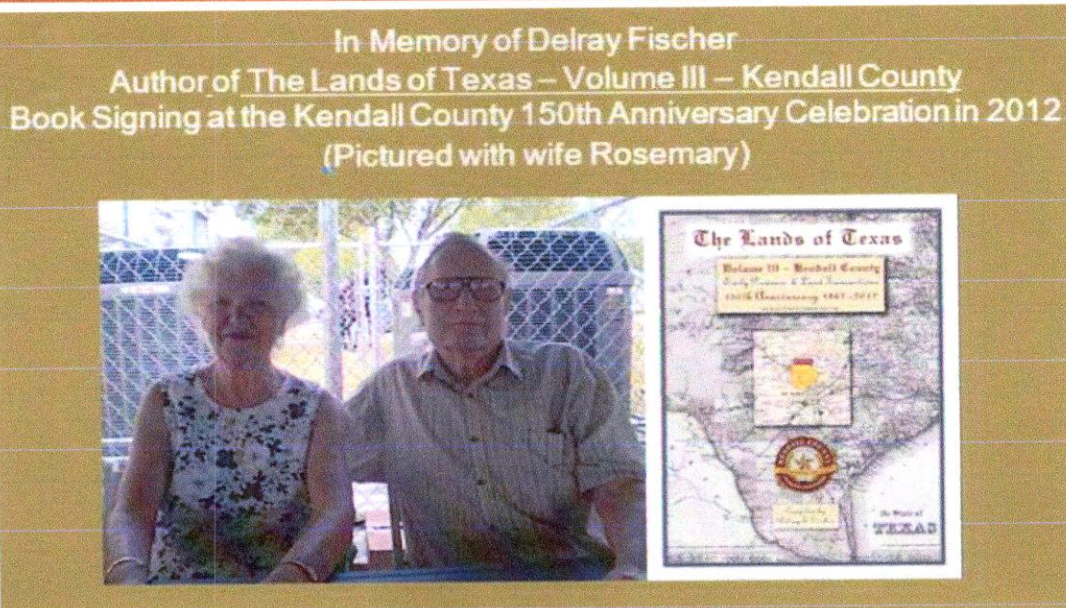
Described by Weber in his 1894 book, he used Doctor Herff's annual ritual of leaving San Antonio in the hot summer months and venturing north to his hilly property outside of Boerne and then subtly compared our landscape to the hills not far from Rome...the ancient Tusculum region. In perfect context to the Roman's hilly Tusculum location, Weber wrote, "The German pioneer doctor of southwestern Texas and old Forties, Dr. Ferdinand Herff, had acquired considerable land in the immediate vicinity of Boerne and created a friendly 'Tusculum' for himself. The presence of the elderly physician there every year during the summer months made some hopeful patients make a pilgrimage from near and far to the quiet town located in that strange hill country, which is a rarity in the geography of the earth."

Der deutsche Pionierarzt des süd-westlichen Texas und alte "Vierziger" Dr. Ferdinand Herff hat in unmittelbarer Nähe des Städtchens bedeutende Ländereien erworben, und sich daselbst ein freundliches Tusculum geschaffen. Die Anwesenheit des greisen Mediziners dort alljährlich während der Sommermonate, lässt manchen hoffenden Patienten aus Nah und Fern nach dem stillen Städtchen pilgern, das in jenem sonderbarlichen Hügellande gelegen ist, das eine Seltenheit in der Geographie der Erde bildet.

Adolf Paul Weber's Passage on Doctor Herff's "Friendly Tusculum"

So, what about our pre-Boerne settlement? While the commune certainly existed, no primary documents exist to support that it was called Tusculum. Instead, historian Adolph Paul Weber and eyewitnesses of their era used unique and appropriate appellations to collectively describe pre-Boerne's early pioneers. Check back as we will explore this topic and spotlight the young men who first populated the Cibolo Creek communal farm in our upcoming edition.

**Next edition: *The Pre-Boerne Settlement - Part II*
Despite Lore, No Nickname for the Communal Farm Unearthed
Alternative Names Were Chronicled by Weber and Other Pre-1900 Eyewitnesses**



Magical History Tour

Kendall County Historical Commission Hosts *Frank Graves – Early American Percussion Firearms Expert*

Wednesday, January 26, 6:00 P.M., Patrick Heath Public Library

Steeped with history, old weapons capture our imagination. At this evening program, Frank Graves, an expert on American percussion firearms, a member of the invitation-only, American Society of Arms Collectors, and a 50-year plus student of the earliest Colt revolvers, will detail early Kendall County and Boerne weapons.

Of local note, Mr. Graves was one of the guest speakers at Kendall County's 170th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Walker's Creek. Mr. Graves, who has been a collector since his youth, will share his extensive knowledge and life-long passion of early guns in his program. While many have heard of the famous marksman, Ad Toepperwein, one the details that Frank has uncovered was the fact that his father, Boerne resident E. A. F. Toepperwein, actually developed a patent for a repeating rifle in 1875. The background on this story and more will be incorporated into his presentation.

Free and open to the public in the Patrick Heath Public Library – Community Room on Wednesday, January 26th at 6:00 pm. Any questions contact Bryden Moon @ bemoonjr@aol.com.



*E. A. F. Toepperwein Repeating Rifle (top)
E. A. F. Toepperwein Patent Model (bottom)*

A Big Thank You From Boerne Book & Arts Fest



Another book festival is in the books! This would not be possible without the support of library staff, volunteers, sponsors and community organizations. A special thank you to Caren Creech, Robin Stauber and Kelly Skovbjerg for all their organization. City of Boerne volunteers and the City's Hill Country Mile initiative provided sweat equity and the cutest little book tote bags. The Moms and Daughters of the National Charity League and the Moms and Sons from YMSL Philanthropy helped with whatever was needed and manned the children's art tent. The City's Communications Director Chris Shadrock was a rockstar videographer and photographer. Sponsor The Deckle Edge was on site all day to talk to authors about their work and the importance of the written word for a wonderfully produced podcast recapping the day's events (*go to thedeckleedge.com to listen or look it up on Spotify*). Friends of the Boerne Public Library, Frost Bank, Kay and Bryden Moon, HEB, the Kendall and Bandera Electric Cooperative provided the financial support needed to undertake our small but mighty book fest. Finally, the Kendall County Historical Commission is invaluable to spreading the word and showing up in force to support Texas writers and Texas history. We are extremely grateful to you all!

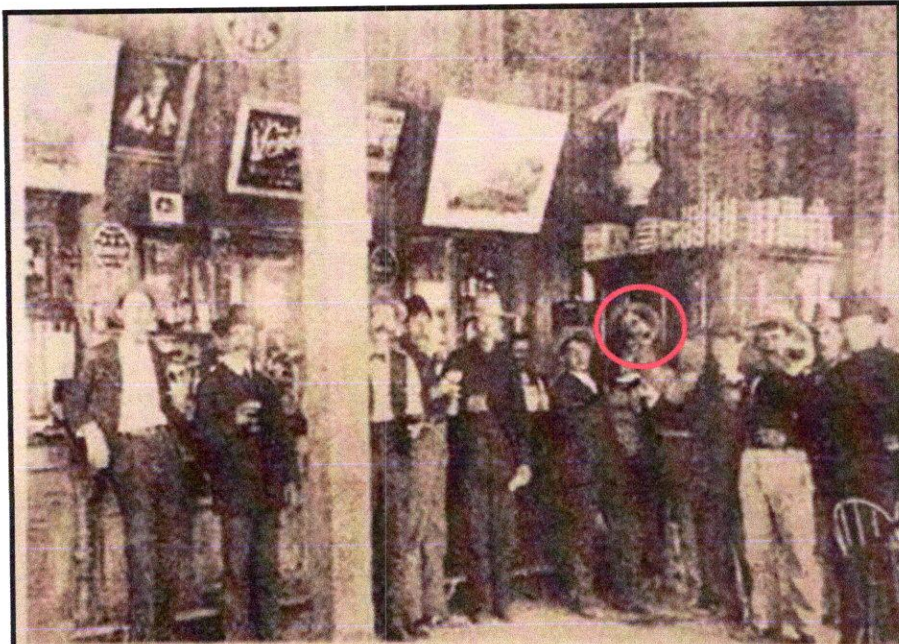
Daniel Avery Foote, Sr.

Civil War Union Veteran, Boerne Businessman

By Kathryn Adam Hurst

When the Civil War began in April 1861, Daniel Avery Foote was eighteen years old and living in Peru, LaSalle County, Illinois. Four months later, Daniel went to Chicago and joined the Union Army, and the following month he was assigned to Company G of the 88th Illinois Infantry Regiment. This regiment became part of the Army of the Cumberland. In October, they participated in the Battle of Perryville in Kentucky. The battle began when Union troops skirmished with Confederate soldiers because both sides needed fresh water. The next day fighting became more intense. Union forces were reinforced and held the line, and the Confederates, who were short of men and supplies, fell back.

For two years, the Army of the Cumberland marched through the South, spending most of their time in Georgia as part of the Atlanta Campaign. Their first battle in Georgia took place in Catoosa County at the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863. They spent eleven months in Georgia before marching to Tennessee, where in November 1864, they fought in the Battle of Franklin. The 88th remained in Tennessee until June 1865, when the soldiers were mustered out and sent home to Illinois. Daniel mustered out as a corporal and is listed on the US 1890 Veteran Census in Kendall County.



Billy Vanderstratten Saloon, 823 Main Street, which was destroyed by fire in 1908. Left to right: Johnnie Guthrie, unknown, Emil Schwethelm, Richard Schwarz, Carl Ammann, Willie Vanderstratten, unknown, D.A. Foote, C.O. Ebensberger, unknown, Ernst Bonnet, Christian Schrader, unknown.

Daniel was almost six feet tall, with dark hair, eyes, and skin. He was a farmer when he enlisted in the Army. The 1880 US census lists him living in Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, in the home of Asahel Ermigh, who is a patent right, born in New York. Daniel is 35 years old and listed as an agent.

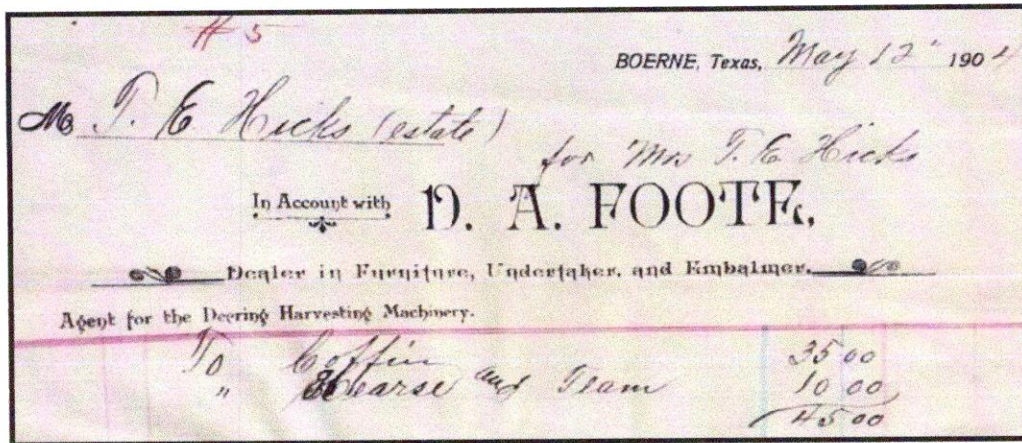
Five years later, he is living in Kendall County, where he married Abigail Gager on April 27. In 1880 Abigail "Addie" was residing in Downers Creek, DuPage County, Illinois. She moved to Texas with her family in 1883. One can suppose he followed her to Texas.

Once married, Daniel began purchasing land and opened a lumber, furniture, undertaker, and embalmer business that operated until 1914.

*This image (1) of the Vanderstratten Saloon on Main Street is the only known image we have of Daniel Foote, partially obscured in the back. A lively community spot, the saloon and a few other buildings burned down in 1908. From Garland Perry's book, *Historical Images of Boerne*.*

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Foote, cont.



Historic Kendall County Courthouse

Daniel and Addie had one son, Daniel Avery, Jr., born in December 1886, who married Louise Auguste Zoeller, daughter of Kendall County Sheriff George Zoeller. They had two children Vincent and Daniel III. Daniel Jr. and his family moved to San Antonio during the mid-1910s, where he worked for Riebe Undertakers. At age twenty-nine, he died in a San Antonio sanitarium of variola hemorrhagica, a fatal form of smallpox. Louise and her two sons remained in San Antonio after his death.

In 1908 Daniel operated D. A. Foote & Co. with his son and B. D. Wilkins. They specialized in cedar posts, logs, telephone poles, house blocks, and cedar charcoal.

Max Beseler sold ten acres to Daniel and Addie in 1897, where they built a house. It is over one hundred years old, located on North Main Street, and is in excellent condition.



Daniel Avery Foote Home
Dietert Historical Archives, Patrick Heath Public Library

Born in Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, Daniel is descended from American Revolutionary War ancestors. When he was four, his family moved to Putnam County, Illinois, where his father worked as a schoolteacher. The family later relocated to Peru in LaSalle County, where his father was a city constable.

In 1924, Daniel Avery Foote, Sr., died at age 81 in Boerne. He was a member of the Edward Otho Cresap Ord Grand Army of the Republic Post, an organization for Union veterans in San Antonio and the American Legion. His wife, Abigail, moved from Boerne to San Antonio in the 1940s. There she celebrated her 90th birthday in 1942. The highlight of the party was her recitation of "Barbara Fritsche" by James Greenleaf Whittier. The ballad written in 1863 was about the American Civil War. She memorized the poem when she was sixteen.

HISTORIC BOERNE

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OUR CEMETERY IS FILLED WITH THE GRAVES OF MANY PIONEERS WHO SOUGHT FREEDOM AND LIVED AND DIED IN BOERNE. MANY OF THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE STILL LIVING IN BOERNE.

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FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT KENDALL COUNTY AND BOERNE HISTORY VISIT WWW.ROOTSWEBANCESTRY.COM/~TKKENDAL/

VISIT THE BOERNE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SEE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS AND LEARN ABOUT THE RARE 1614 BIBLE ON DISPLAY THERE.

STROLL THE RIVER ROAD PARK ON CIBOLO CREEK AT RIVER ROAD...RELAX IN THE BEAUTIFUL SETTING...VISIT THE DUCKS...AND MOST OF ALL... ENJOY YOUR BOERNE VISIT AND COME BACK!

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC BOERNE

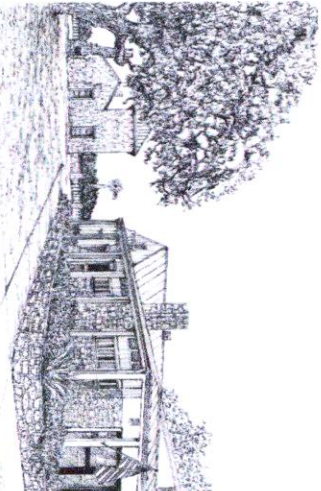


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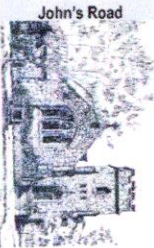


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Ebersberger Funeral Home
Is the oldest continuous business in Boerne (1883)



John's Road

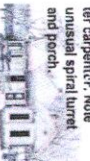
NORTH BOERNE

NORTH OF BLANCO ROAD

School Street



BESER-4482 HOUSE (1903)
518 N. MAIN- Max Beseher built this from locally quarried limestone. Note lovely curved porch.



TOPEPERWEEN (A.S.) - WILCOX HOME (1894)
612 N. MAIN- A.S. was "Ringtail Run", a master carpenter. Note unusual spiral lurret and porch.



HARZ-GOODALL HOUSE (1908) 712 N. MAIN-
Built by Ed Clemens. Victorian with wide wrap-around porch and unusual gingerbread and a stained glass window. Remains in the Harz family as a private home.

NORTH MAIN STREET

ST. HELEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (1929) The present Gothic stone church was built on the site of the old church. The first Episcopal worship service was held in Boerne in 1873. St. Helen's congregation was organized in 1881, and a small wooden structure was erected on this site. By 1927, the need for a new church was evident. The original wooden building was razed and the current limestone church was built.

Dr. Ferdinand Steffy performed the first catarract surgery in Texas (it was on an Indian Chief, who provided the Steffy family residence in Boerne from Indian trails, as thanks)



FOOTTE-HAWKINS HOUSE (1929) 717 N. MAIN-
Built by Avery Footte, an undertaker who died of smallpox. Note unusually steep roof and two windows staggered height.

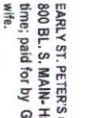
KRONKOSKY TOWER (1911) HIGHLAND DR. - Was part of Albert Kronkosky Estate. Now property owned by Benedictine Sisters.

SOUTH BOERNE

SOUTH OF THE CIBOLO CREEK



ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (1923)
800 BL. S. MAIN- Church built by parishioners with rocks from their homesteads to replace 1866 Church. Attempts of Dioceses to demolish Church later for new one went to Supreme Court. City of Boerne won. In towers saved and expansion seen to right of 1923 Church.



EARLY ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (1866)
800 BL. S. MAIN- Had to be built outside of town limits at the time, paid for by George W. Kendall for the French Catholic wife.

Boerne has the oldest Shooting Club in the U.S. in continuous use

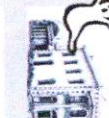
SOUTH MAIN



JAMES-SYKES HOUSE (1870)
Owned by Maria Sykes 99-year granddaughter of John James who platted the original town of Boerne in 1852. Has an East Coast flavor (VA) to the limestone architecture.



VETERAN'S PARK (1923) 800 BL. N. MAIN-
Monument erected by Graham family to honor all local soldiers who died in military action serving the USA. Sculpture of heads representing all services added later by Jay Heister, local artist. Recently renovated with the addition of the Walk of Honor.



CARSTANZJEN-HALL MANSION (1876)
705 S. MAIN - Once a private home, then an annex for Phillip Manor, across the road. Lovely architecture.



HAAG-CALDER-MARTIN HOUSE (1888) 101 LANDA-
Has had many owners and used as a rental. Purchased & restored by Sue Marsh in 2002 into a lovely home.



ROBERT E. LEE HOUSE (1889)
525 S. MAIN - General Robert E. Lee stayed here on trips on to Ft. Sam Houston. It was part of O'Grady Inn before the Civil War.

BOERNE CEMETERY (1867) Texas Historical Cemetery and Historic Marker for George Wilkins Kendall. Early pioneers buried here. Get tour map from Boerne Library Research Room for walking tour.

BOERNE CEMETERY
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HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BOERNE

Walking Tour Map

Boerne was formed in 1849 by German immigrants. Kendall County became the most thoroughly German populated area in Texas during the immigration which was over by the 1870s.

Ed Clemens Homes (1900)
448 S. MAIN - Three Victorian houses in a row built by Ed Clemens. All had picket fences at one time.



THESE HAUS (1858) 100 BL. NEWTON ALLEY - One of oldest houses in town, of rare half-sides construction. Home to the These family with Blacksmith shop in front.



ADLERBERGMANN LUMBER (1911)
235 S. MAIN - Oldest lumber hardware store in Boerne. Survived Wal-Mart and Home Depot!



WIENDLER HOUSE



FABRA SMOKEHOUSE (1887) 194 S. MAIN - Part of early Fabra Grocery & Butcher Shop. Was incorporated into the architecture of the big building to protect it.



HAUPTSTRASSE



F San Antonio
MAIN PLAZA (1850)
Has been the focal point of people gathering from the early days when farmers came to town to trade and stayed on the Chibolo Creek behind it.

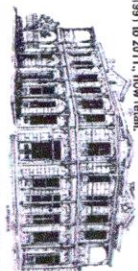


The Boerne Village Band, which has a summer concert series at Shikin Plaza is the oldest German band outside of Germany. It was formed in 1860 by Karl Dinger and has never stopped.

YE KENDALL INN (1859)
128 W. BLANCO - Built as a home. Later expanded as hotel & stage stop. Now multi-use hotel with dining room, large conference center and shops.



DIENGER (JOSEPH) BUILDING (1890)
210 N. MAIN - Began as a grocery store & home, later "Antler's Restaurant" office then was the Boerne Public Library from 1991 to 2011... now retail.



The Boerne Public Library has on display a rare 1614 Low German Bible. Only 6 known in the world today. (Brought to Texas in 1840s from Olenburg, Prussia.)



KIHN MANHANG HISTORICAL HOUSE (1895)
402 E. BLANCO - Built for Wm. Kuhnham, a German immigrant and pharmacist. Later owned by Salina King from England. House & early Pioneer Kitchen operated by HENRY J. GRAYAW BLDG (1875)
Originally a bank an has been moved several times with different uses.



BOERNE CITY HALL/UTILITIES (1910)
402 E. BLANCO - Originally Boerne High School designed by Alfred Giles

GOVIE HOUSE



KRAUSE BLDG & OPT SALOON (1880) OLDE TOWNE
Once a residence, a store and a saloon, that had the "Best chills in town!" Now part of large shopping center with unique shops.



LUCKENBACH ASHER HOUSE (1849)
118 E. JAMES - One of the oldest German Pioneer Limestone homes in Boerne



James St.



KUTZER House (1890)
208 E. THEESSEN - Has been greatly altered with added porch & rooms

Theissen St.



EBENSBERGER-FOWLER HOUSE (1907) 115 PECAN - Lovely Victorian with hipped roof and wide, curving porch. Restored by the Fowlers.



DIETERT (WILLIAM)-JONES HOUSE (1856)
604 E. RIVER RD. Dietert had the first business in town, a mill where dam is across the street. Interesting house history.

Pecan

River Road / Hwy 46

Chibolo Creek



EBENSBERGER-ANURBY HOUSE (1923) 158 COTTON- WOOD - A unique design for this area, made of hollow brick with white stucco cover.

Cottonwood



Hokekamp House (1905)
Victorian

John G. O'Grady was the first who documented Boerne's early history with the Texas Almanac.



Haunted Places

The 1870 Kendall County Historic Court-house is the second oldest courthouse in Texas in continuous use (Cass Co. Court-house in 1861 is the oldest - Kendall Co was formed in 1863 and the courthouse wasn't built until later because of post Civil War economic conditions and reconstruction)



Rosewood Ave.

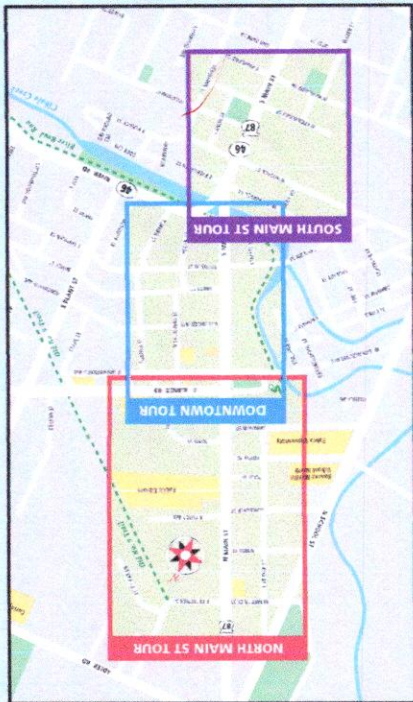
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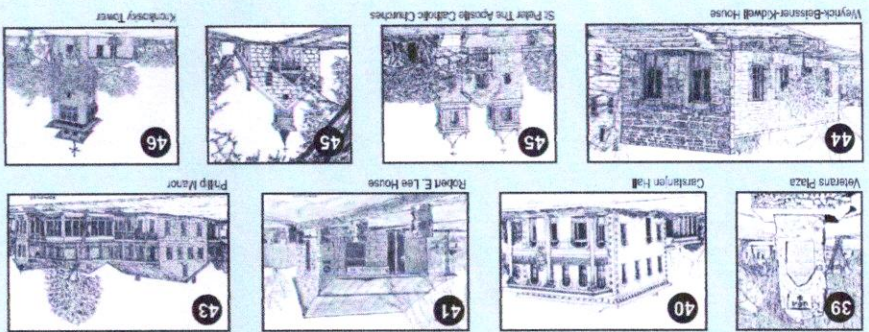
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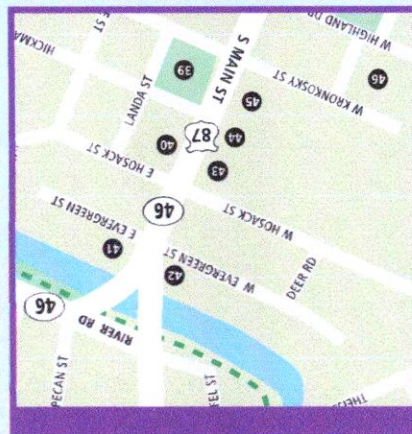
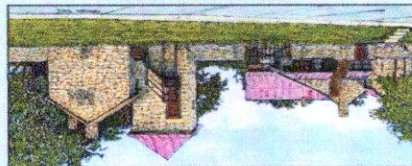




Dienger Building #12



Not included on this tour: Menger-Kingsbury-Shumard Ranch House 1407 S. Main. Located in the Wal-Mart Lot



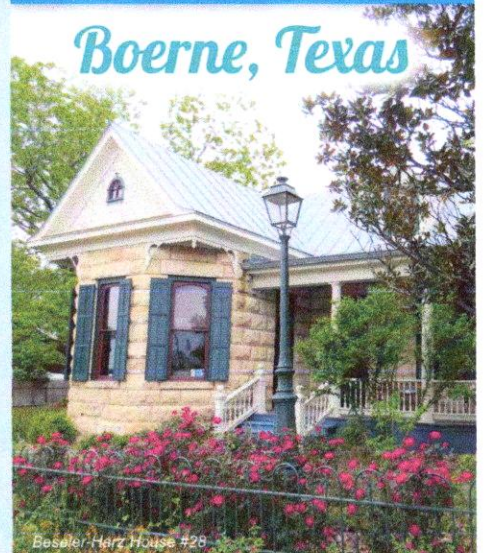
- Historical Marker
- Entrance to the tower is by appointment only. which can be seen from many vantage points around Boerne.
- Built by San Antonio business man Albert Krunkosky as part of his lavish estate.
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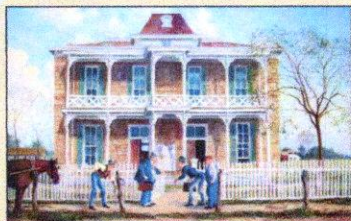
MAP & GUIDE

Historic Walking Tour

Boerne, Texas



Baseler-Hartz House #26



Kendall Co. Courthouse #25

- Our cemetery (700 N. School St.) is filled with the graves of many pioneers who sought freedom and lived and died in Boerne. Many of their descendants are still living in Boerne.
- At the Boerne Visitor Center (282 N. Main St.), gather information on Boerne events, its many unique shops, restaurants, lodging accommodations and more. www.visitboerne.org
- For more detailed information about Kendall County and Boerne history visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tkkendal/
- Visit the Patrick Heath Public Library (451 N. Main St.) to see old photographs and learn about the rare 1614 Bible on display there.
- Stroll along the Cibolo Trail following the creek, relax, visit the ever popular ducks and most of all, enjoy your visit to Boerne and come back!



Early photo of the Boerne Village Band

The City of Boerne is named for Ludwig B6me, who inspired many to leave Germany in the 1840's and travel to the new world. Some of these German pioneers created a settlement called "Tusculum" near present day Johns Road. The town of Boerne was founded a mile south of this settlement in 1852 when Gustav Theissen and John James drew up a plat along the Cibolo Creek.

As businesses grew and stagecoach routes began to appear in the area, Boerne itself began to develop, as well. A post office and stage stop was opened by August Staffel in 1856. William Dietert established Boerne's first business, a gristmill and sawmill on the Cibolo Creek. Soon the town was in possession of a blacksmith shop, a livery stable, a butcher shop, a saloon and a general store. Professor Karl Dienger even created a private school in the 1860's.

Boerne is a historical delight to visit in its beautiful setting along the Cibolo Creek in the Texas Hill Country. The German immigrants brought with them their own language, customs and music, which are still very much alive, more than 160 years later. The pioneer settlers suffered extreme hardships; exposure, disease, primitive living conditions as well as Indian raids. The Germans came to colonize and through hard work, they created a town and built unique buildings that have been treasured, preserved and restored. These are the lovely homes, churches, schools and businesses that you are visiting today!



Hauptstrasse c. 1890



Boerne Convention and Visitors Bureau

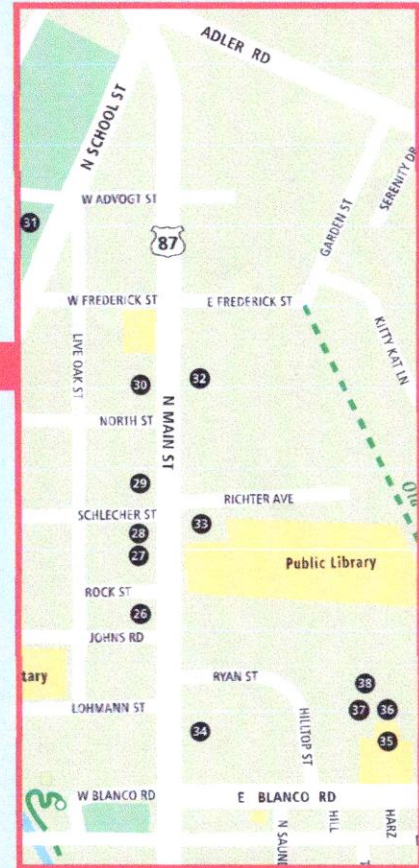
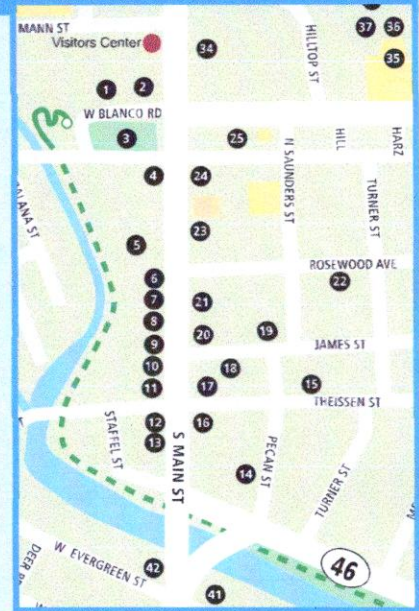
www.visitboerne.org

Downtown Boerne Tour

- The Boerne Hotel/Ye Kendall Inn/The Kendall® (1859)**
128 W. Blanco (Photo)-Originally built as a private home and later expanded as a hotel and stagecoach stop, it is now a destination hotel and both a Texas and a National Landmark.
- Dienger Building* (1894) - 210 N. Main**
It has been a grocery, residence, restaurant, office, Boerne Public Library. Now retail, cafe and event venue.
- Main Plaza (1852) - 100 N. Main (Photo)**
Originally known as the Common Area used to water livestock awaiting a cattle drive, Main Plaza is now the site of many festivals and town gatherings.
- Carstansen Building (1901) - 106 S. Main**
The property was used as a livery stable prior to the construction of the building. Once built, it was used as a pharmacy for many years. Now retail.
- Fabra Smokehouse* (1867) - 194 S. Main (Photo)**
Was part of the Fabra Grocery and Butcher Shop. The building that is now the Boerchs was built around the Smokehouse to preserve the historic structure.
- Old Citizen's State Bank (1908) - 210 S. Main**
Originally, part of the Fabra complex of buildings, a confectionary store until 1920. Then converted to a bank. Now retail.
- H.O. Adler Building (1902) - 236 S. Main (Photo)**
Originally, a single story general store. Replaced in 1911 by the current structure where the owners resided upstairs.
- Theis House* (1858) - Newton Alley (Photo)**
One of the oldest structures in town. Hand hewn beams and poles are held together with wooden pegs, mud and daub construction visible. Restored by Ruby and Edgar Bergmann.
- Wendler-Houston House (1860) - 302 S. Main (Photo)**
Built by Henry Wendler, a cabinet maker and early Boerne business man. Now retail.
- Wendler-Vollbrecht Tin Shop (1850) - 322 S. Main** Built by Henry Wendler, later acquired by his brother-in-law, Louis P. Vollbrecht, a tin smith who stayed active in the shop until 1943 at the age of 90. Now retail.
- Staffel-Shumard Building* (1850's) - 334 S. Main**
This building served as a livery stable office and Boerne's first post office. Later was used as Boerne's first telegraph office. Now retail.
- Ed Clemens Houses (Early 1900's) - 424, 438 & 448 S. Main (Photo)** Three Victorian houses built in a row by Ed Clemens for Rudolph Carstansen's daughters. They however all married and moved away without ever living in them. All had picket fences. Now retail and commercial.

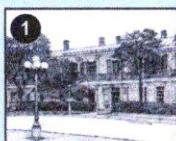
- Sach's Garage (1927) - 470 S. Main**
Formerly was a car dealership and repair shop until Mr. Sach died. Remained vacant for a time and was then opened as an antique shop in 1969. Now retail.
- Vogt-Richter House (1914) - 124 Pecan**
Another Ed Clemens house with Victorian porch and columns.
- The Kutzer Home (1930) - 208 E. Theissen**
Members of the Kutzer family lived in this home for 35 years until they moved to live in their commercial building (#20 on this tour.) There was a cotton gin attached to this house. Albert Kutzer had the first gasoline distributorship, sold automobiles and was mayor of Boerne.
- Joe Vogt Building (1912) - 401 S. Main (Photo)**
Originally, a grocery and dry goods store. Now a cafe and bakery.
- Gottlieb-Weiss House (1887) - 106 E. Theissen (Photo)**
Mr. Weiss was a German pioneer blacksmith with his shop in the back. Was in the same family for over 100 years. Now commercial.
- Schrader-Hartmann House (1880) - 115 E. James**
A lovely historic Boerne home. Note the unusual porch and woodwork.
- Luchenbach Houses (1894) - 115 & 124 E. James (Photo)**
Sold limestone from foundation to gables. Renovations at 124 E. James bear the "Ringtail Rhino" Signature Mark and date of 1908.
- Albert Kutzer Garage (1919) - 265 S. Main**
One of the first automobile garages in Boerne in a time of transition from horse and carriage to automobiles. Now retail.
- Ort Saloon & Bakery (1890's) - 259 S. Main (Photo)**
Owners lived upstairs. Now retail and restaurant.
- St. John's Lutheran Church (1832) - 217 E. Rosewood**
Rock church was built in 1832 with the tower added at a later date. Unique interior.
- Ziegler Building (1902) - 179 S. Main**
Was a hardware store with a basement and an elevator that accommodated large merchandise. Buggies were stored on the top floor. Was also used as residential rental property. Now retail.
- Kuhfuss-Gilliat Building (1908) - 129 S. Main**
Primarily used for retail including grocery, general store, pharmacy, western auto and more.
- Historic Kendall County Courthouse (1870) - 204 E. San Antonio.** (Photo) Second oldest Texas courthouse in continual use. The front portion was added in 1908. Renovated in 1999 for county use when the new courthouse was built.

*Historical Marker



North Main Street Tour

- St. Helena's Episcopal Church* (1861) - 410 N. Main (Photo)**
In 1881, St. Helena's was the first church allowed within the city limits of Boerne. Originally, a small wooden church that was demolished in 1929 for the new stone, Gothic-style church.
- Hagemann-Gremmel-McGinnis House (1890) - 508 N. Main**
Originally three rooms and a basement. Interesting additions enhance early theme.
- Beseler-Harz House (1903) - 518 N. Main (Photo)**
Built by the well-known builder, Ed Clemens, with limestone quarried from nearby Ranger Creek, sawn into large rectangles. Note lovely carved porch.
- A.S. Toeppenwein-Wilcox House (1894) - 612 N. Main (Photo)** A.S. Toeppenwein was a master craftsman, furniture and cabinet maker with a well-known "Ring Tail Rhino" trademark. Note the lovely wrap-around front porch with conical roofline.
- Leesch-Harz House (1907) - 712 N. Main. (Photo)**
Easily recognized by the red roof and large wrap-around porch, the house was built by Henry Clemens for a descendant of early German settlers.
- Historic Boerne Cemetery (1867) - Advoigt and School St.**
Many early pioneers are buried here, including George Wilkins Kendall. The 1st burials were of a family scalped by the Indians. Well cared for by the City of Boerne Parks and Recreation Department and Cemetery Foundation.
- Foote-Hawkins House (1879) - 717 N. Main (Photo)**
Built by Avery Foote, an undertaker who died of smallpox. Note unusually steep roof and the 2 windows of staggered height.
- Kuhfuss-Schweppe House (1860) - 515 N. Main**
Very active in Boerne politics and religion, Wilhelm Kuhfuss owned a large portion of what is now North Main St. In the 1860's, this house served as the courthouse.
- Luckenbach House (1860) - 265 N. Main**
Originally a log cabin, the house was purchased as a retirement home by Jacob Luckenbach who is often incorrectly called the founder of Luckenbach.
- Old Boerne High School/Old Boerne City Hall* (1910) - 402 E. Blanco (Photo)** Original Boerne High School. Used for City offices from 1950's-2020.
- Old Boerne Public School* (1870) - 402 E. Blanco**
The first Boerne public school. The two room school house was restored, and used as the City Hall annex until 2020.
- Kuhlmann-King Historical House* (1865) - 402 E. Blanco**
Built for Wm. Kuhlmann, a German immigrant, and later owned by Salina King from England. The house and kitchen are operated by the Historical Society and available for tours from 12:00-3:00 pm on 2nd Saturdays.
- Henry J. Graham Building* (1891) - 402 E. Blanco**
Originally a bank and has been moved several times with different uses. Now is a museum and open for tours with the Kuhlmann-King House.



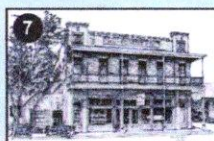
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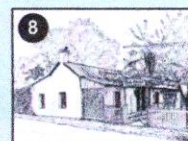
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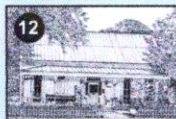
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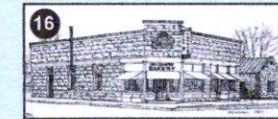
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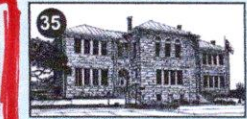
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Boerne City Hall



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Daniel Avery Foote

BIRTH

23 Jul 1843
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County, New York, USA

DEATH

5 Dec 1924 (aged 81)
Boerne, Kendall County, Texas, USA

BURIAL

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FLOWERS **1**

G.A.R.

Family Members

Spouse



Abigail Thurston Gager Foote
1852-1943

Children



Daniel Avery Foote Jr
1886-1916

Flowers

Plant Mer



Added by Libby Quintero

Attachment 2: Historic District Survey Information for 717 N Main St & 711 N Main St

PropertyID 19840 Subdivision S15065 - Boerne Original Block Lot 15, Survey # 7 BPL 8

Historic Name Foote House

Common Name Foote House

717 N Main St
Boerne Texas 78006

USGS Quad Extant

Date 1900 Est.

Style Queen Anne Shingle

Architect

Builder

Historic domestic Current domestic

GIS Long -98.73495833 Lat 29.80037778

Zoning



Historic Designation: Natl Register district contributing Eligible:

Historic District:

Level of Significance Period Threats none

Significance:

Built around 1900, the Foote House exhibits a unique mix of Queen Anne and Shingle style details. The Shingle style influence is visible in the roof form and the second story cladding. A steeply pitched side-gabled roof with a large hipped dormer is the dominate element of the home. Unlike Queen Anne roofs that stress the vertical, the symmetrical roof of the Foote House emphasizes the horizontal and ties the home firmly to the landscape. Rustic wood shingles, the hallmark feature of the Shingle style, cover the upper story of the home.

Other details of the home are clearly influenced by the highly popular Queen Anne style. The two cutaway bay windows, decorative wood trim, and turned columns of the porch all reflect the complexity and decorative emphasis of the Queen Anne style.

New Yorker Daniel A. Foote and his wife Abigail operated a furniture store and funeral business in Boerne during the early 1900s. Their son, Daniel Avery Foote Jr. married Louis Zoeller, daughter of George Zoeller, Kendall County sheriff from 1900 to 1908.

Integrity high **Condition** good

Additions extensive rear additions

Roof gable - side, dormers -

Plan rectangle

Stories 2

Roof shingle composition

Walls wood clapboard wood shingles

Porch full face, shed, turned columns

Built Landscape metal fence
stone/paver walk
pool/pond

Natural Landscape

Description:

The two-story Foote House was built circa 1900. The home features a steeply pitched side gabled roof with a large central hipped dormer. Wood shingles cover the upper story walls and wood clapboard siding covers the lower story. A porch with turned columns and a lattice frieze stretches across the front facade. Earlier balusters have been replaced by lattice. Cutaway bay windows form shallow extensions on both the north and south side elevations. Decorative wood trim is included on the southern bay window.

The second story windows on the south elevation have been altered and new openings created. The semicircular shingle detailing above the ventilation openings are later additions. The current entry door presumably replaced an earlier plank-style door. Extensive additions have been made to the rear of the house.

Notes Photos of the house are part of the Louis Zoeller Foote Collection at the Institute of Texan Cultures.
(Call No. 92-114 & 92-115)



Sources Sanborn Maps

Kendall County Appraisal District

Boerne Public Library, Vertical Files #8

1900 and 1910 U. S. Census Records

Garland A. Perry, *Historic Images of Boerne, Texas*. San Antonio, Texas: Perry Publications. 1998: 42.

Research: Amy Unger

Sanborn Maps: 1937

Recorder Brandon Melland

Created 11/18/2008 **Modified** 2/23/2009

PropertyID 19838 Subdivision S15065 - Boerne Original Block Lot 15, Survey # 8 BPL

Historic Name

Common Name 711 N Main St
711 N Main St
Boerne Texas 78006

USGS Quad Extant

Date 1950 Est.

Style Postwar Ranch

Architect

Builder

Historic **Current** commerce/trade

GIS Long -98.73426389 **Lat** 29.80026944

Zoning

Historic Designation:



Eligible:

Historic District:

Level of Significance	Period	Threats none
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Significance:

The home at 711 N. Main St. is a good example of the Postwar Ranch style homes built in Boerne during the mid 20th century. Constructed as residential infill in the 1950s, the home exhibits several of the distinctive characteristics of its style including a predominantly horizontal, asymmetrical facade; low pitched roof; metal casement windows; and a large front picture window. The home adapted the west coast Ranch style to the south Texas region through the use of limestone facing. After World War II, limestone facing became a popular means of connecting a building with the German Texas building tradition established in Boerne during the 1800s.

Only a small portion of the property fronts N. Main St. and the house, now converted to commercial use, is located outside the current historic district boundaries. Nevertheless, the structure is considered to contribute to the historical character of the area.

Integrity medium **Condition** good

Additions possible addition to left side

Roof hipped

Plan rectangle

Stories 1

Roof

Walls limestone wood clapboard

Porch shed

Built Landscape driveway - asphalt
parking lot - asphalt

Natural Landscape

Description:

This Postwar Ranch style residence, now being used commercially, was built around 1950. It features a deep overhanging hipped roof with a shallow pitch. Its plan may have originally been rectangular, but with an addition is currently more irregular. There is one interior chimney covered in a limestone facing as is a majority of the home. The main entrance is paneled with glazing and the windows are casement in type.

Notes KCAD date = 1949



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Recorder

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Photos of interior of 717 N. Main shared by Mr. and Mrs. Franke



Upstairs bedroom with original windows and glass.



Small arch window in closet upstairs.



Upstairs original windows and glass



Typical original door and glass transoms.



Typical door opening with original wood plank walls, this was covered with wall paper and then sheet rock.



Typical existing door and transom, with old cook stove chimney still in place.



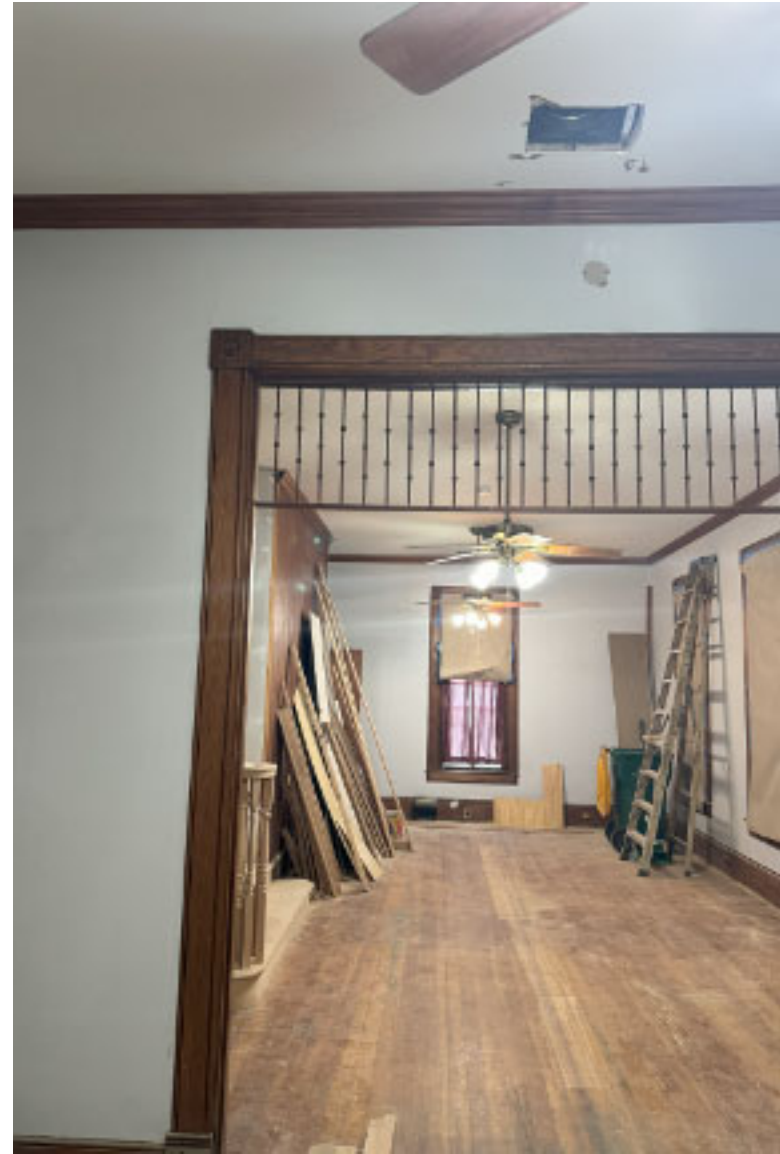
Typical interior doors and transoms.



Existing fireplace in parlor, existing wood floor uncovered from 4 layers of material including concrete.



Existing existing front door.



View into existing dining room. Original uncovered from parquet floor.



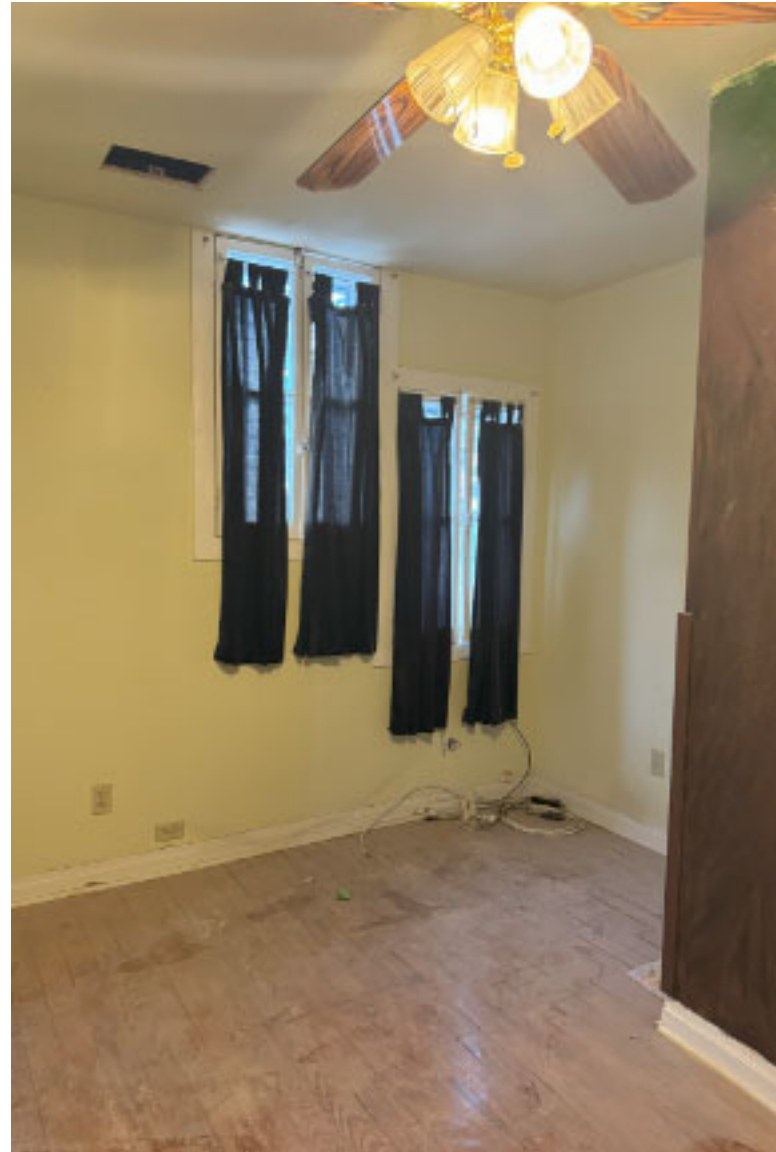
Existing wood floor exposed from under parquet floor.



Second fire place in front living room.



Upstairs bedroom windows



Offset windows mentioned in Boerne Historic Walk Tour. Not sure why they are like this.

#6 BOERNE, Texas, May 12 1904

No. D. C. Hicks (estate) for Mr. F. C. Hicks

In Account with **D. A. FOOTE,**

Dealer in Furniture, Undertaker, and Embalmer.

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D. A. FOOTE,

ON CALL DAY
and NIGHT

Funeral Director
and
Embalmer.

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BOERNE, TEXAS.