

HISTORIC BOERNE

BOERNE IS AN HISTORICAL DELIGHT TO VISIT IN ITS BEAUTIFUL SETTING ALONG THE CIBOLO CREEK IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY.

THE TOWN WAS SETTLED IN 1849 BY GERMAN IMMIGRANTS WHO BROUGHT WITH THEM THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS & MUSIC, WHICH ARE STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE, 150+ YEARS LATER.

THE PIONEER SETTLERS SUFFERED EXTREME HARDSHIPS, CONFRONTED WITH 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!

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.

AT THE BOERNE VISITOR'S CENTER, GATHER PAMPHLETS ON BOERNE EVENTS, ITS MANY ANTIQUE SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, MOTELS AND BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATIONS.

PURCHASE THE BOOKLET, "THE JOURNEY TO BOERNE," FOR \$2.00, WHICH SUMMARIZES THE STORY OF THE GERMAN IMMIGRATION AND THE HISTORY OF BOERNE TO DATE. IT'S FUN, EASY READING AND A FASCINATING STORY.

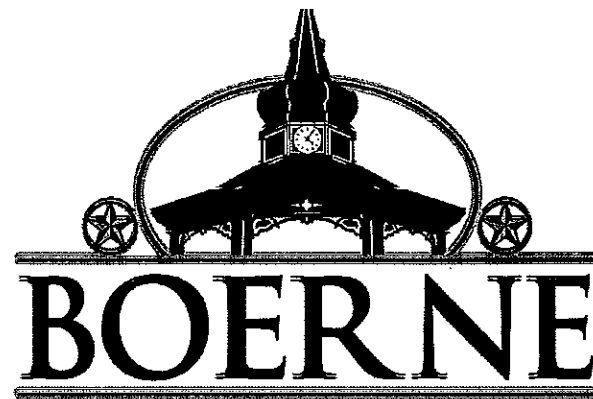
VISIT <WWW.ROOTSWEB.COM/~TXKENDAL> FOR MORE DETAILED INFO ABOUT BOERNE HISTORY.

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

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

HISTORIC BOERNE

BOERNE HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES GUIDE & DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR



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1407 South Main

In The Historic Kingsbury-Shumard House

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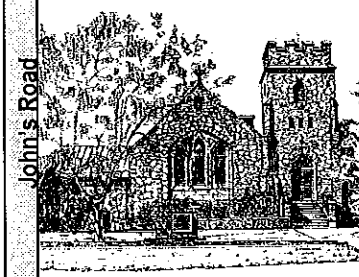
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*Ebensberger Funeral Home
Is the oldest continuous
business in Boerne (1883)*



NORTH BOERNE NORTH OF BLANCO ROAD

School Street

BESELER-HARZ HOUSE (1903)
518 N. MAIN- Max Beseler built this from locally quarried limestone. Note lovely curved porch



TOEPPERWEIN (A.S.) - WILCOX HOME (1894)
612 N. MAIN- A.S. was "Ringtail Rino", a master carpenter. Note unusual spiral turret 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

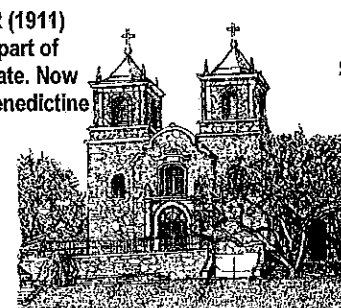
ST. HELENA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (1929) The present Gothic stone church was built on the site of the old church. The first Episcopal worship service was held in Boerne in 1873. St. Helen's congregation was organized in 1881, and a small wooden structure was erected on this site. By 1927, the need for a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

Dr. Ferdinand Herff performed the first cataract surgery in Texas (It was on an Indian Chief, who protected the Herff family residence in Boerne from Indian raids, as thanks)



FOOTE-HAWKINS HOUSE (1879) 717 N MAIN - Built by Avery Foote, 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.
BEST VIEW IN TOWN



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. Main towers saved and expansion seen to right of 1923 Church.

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



MOORE-YOUNT HOUSE (1906) 206 E. ROOSEVELT- A "Sears Kit" house, it has been expanded into a lovely large wooden home with magnificent old oak trees around it. Renovated by the Yount family.

SOUTH BOERNE SOUTH OF THE CIBOLO CREEK

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 his French Catholic wife.



PHILLIP MANOR SQUARE (1866) 706 S. MAIN
Started as a house, home of the early Boerne Shooting Club. Grew into a hotel. Now being completely restored.

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

SOUTH MAIN

Hickman



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



HAAG-CALDER-MARTIN HOUSE (1868) 101 LANDA- Has had many owners and used as a rental. Purchased & restored by Sue Martin in 2002 into a lovely home.

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ROBERT E. LEE HOUSE (1860)
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
ESTABLISHED 1867

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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.

PEACH TREE COUNTRY KITCHEN (1900)
448 S. MAIN- Great food! One of three Victorian houses in a row built by Ed Clemens. All had picket fences at one time.



THEIS HAUS (1858)
100 BL. NEWTON ALLEY-
One of oldest houses in town; of rare palisades construction. Home to the Theis family with Blacksmith shop in front.

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



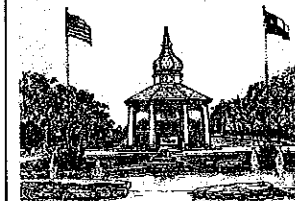
FABRA SMOKEHOUSE (1887)
194 S. MAIN-
Part of early Fabra Grocery & Butcher Shop. Was incorporated into the architecture of the big building to protect it.



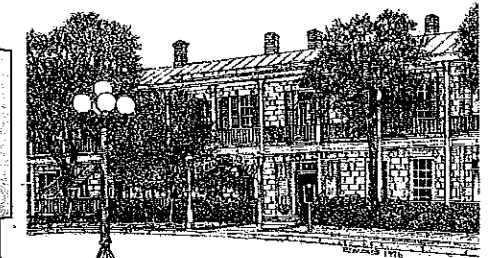
The Boerne Village Band, which has a summer concert series at Main Plaza, is the oldest German Band outside of Germany. It was founded in 1860 by Karl Dienger and has never stopped.

E. 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 Cibolo Creek behind it.



Blanco



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 in 1991 became the Boerne Public Library. Ask about the ghost.

VOGT BUILDING (1912) 401 S. MAIN- Originally a grocery & dry goods store. Now is the popular Hill Country Bakery. Stop by for a taste in the Coffee Shop.



EBENSBERGER-FOWLER HOUSE (1907) 116 PECAN -
Lovely Victorian with hipped roof and wide, curving porch. Restored by the Fowlers.



Pecan



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.



GOTTLIEB WEISS HOME (1887)
106 E. THEISSEN- Mr. Weiss was a German pioneer blacksmith with his shop in the back. In Weiss family for over 100 years.



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

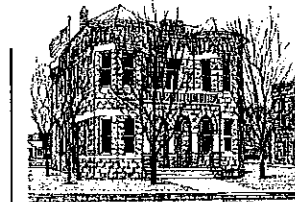


KRAUSE BLDG & ORT SALOON (1880) OLDE TOWNE
Once a residence, a store and a saloon, that had the "Best chili in town !" Now part of large shopping center with unique shops.



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

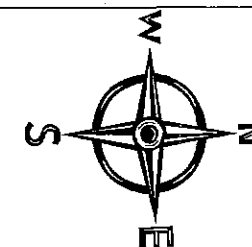
The 1870 Kendall County Historic Courthouse is the second oldest courthouse in Texas in continuous use (Cass Co. Courthouse in 1861 is the oldest- Kendall Co. was formed in 1862 and the courthouse wasn't built until later because of post Civil War economic conditions and Reconstruction)



Plant St.



Vogt-Clegg Cabins



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 Oldenburg, Prussia)



KUHLMANN-KING HISTORICAL HOUSE (1885)
402 E. BLANCO -Built for Wm. Kuhlmann, a German immigrant and pharmacist. Later owned by Salina King from England. House & early Pioneer Kitchen operated by Historical Society.
HENRY J. GRAHAM 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



COYLE HOUSE

▲ = public restrooms