

WELCOME TO GONZALES, birthplace of Texas freedom and site of the capital of Green DeWitt's colony, established in 1825 at the confluence of the Guadalupe and San Marcos rivers. Seven public squares center the town, following the original survey. The first shot of the Texas Revolution was fired here and 41 colony members died at the Alamo, including the 'Immortal 32, the only ones to answer Travis' call for help. It was here that the Run Away Scrape began, along with Sam Houston's famous retreat to victory at San Jacinto.

We Invite You To Tour Our Town

1. Begin at 414 St. Lawrence St., the Old 1887 Jail Museum and the Chamber of Commerce office. It housed, among other notorious persons, Gregorio Cortez. Closed as a jail in 1975. Texas Historical & National Register of Historic Places markers.

2. Across the street is the fire station built in 1903, remodeled in 1951. The weather vane, a steer with T41 brand, was designed by cattle baron R. A. Houston in the 1870's for his home.

3. To the R (east) is the First United Methodist Church, 1900. Texas Historical Marker honors the 150th year of organization. Block designated Church Square in 1832.

Turn L (north) onto St. Paul St. 1 block

Turn L (west) onto St. George St. 1 block

4. On right, 427 St. George, 1896, 3 story Randle-Rather Bldg. Built by J. P. Randle & C. T. Rather. Roman Revival structure built of brick made in Gonzales.

5. To your left is Confederate Square. The monument sculpted by Frank Teich was donated by the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1910. Originally designated Jail Square in 1832. Buildings around square date from 1885.

Turn R (north) onto St. Joseph St., 1 block.

Turn L (west) onto St. Francis St.

6. On R, 1909, old Post Office Building, Spanish Style architecture.

7. Continue to 221 St. Francis, 1875, house of W. B. Sayers, prominent attorney and banker.

8. Next door, 207 St. Francis, 1875, Judge T.H. Spooner House. First house to use natural gas.

9. On L, 206 St. Francis, 1907, Jacob Stahl House. Example of turn-of-the-century residential architecture.

Turn R (north) onto St. John St.

10. Second house on L, 713 St. John, 1875, Lucien Chenault House. Additions made later.

Turn R (east) onto St. Andrew St.

11. On L, 205 St. Andrew, 1914, T. R. Skinner House, good example of Folk Victorian architecture.

12. On L, 213 St. Andrew, 1876, I. N. Smead House. Originally Mansard-style architecture, remodeled as two-story late Georgian style. Original model of house was found in attic.

13. On R, 228 St. Andrew, 1914, Walter Kokernot House. Good example of Transitional architecture. Nine fireplaces, leaded glass pocket doors.

14. On L, 229 St. Andrew, 1884, B. N. Peck House. Owned by descendants. Portion built around early log structure.

Turn L (north) onto St. Joseph St.

15. On L, 827 St. Joseph, 1914, Frank Fly House. Designed by architect Capp Smith for banker F.M. Fly. Foundation of Gonzales brick, 2 ft. thick, extending 7 feet into ground.

Turn R (east) onto Thornton St.

You are crossing North Avenue, one of two city avenues designated for public use in the 1832 City Charter. This avenue is one block wide and extends five miles north.

16. Blue & white building ahead held roof garden for dances in 1920's & 30's. Local bands provided music. Note urns on roof top.

Turn R (south) onto St. Paul St.

17. On L, 620 St. Paul, Gonzales Inquirer Bldg., built 1897 by Henry Reese Sr.

18. On L, in second block at 614 St. Paul, the Alcalde Hotel, built in 1926 by Aref Droupy. Legend tells of visit by Bonnie & Clyde (famous gangsters of the 1930's) who escaped through second floor window as police approached.

19. On L corner, 602 St. Paul, 1888, Frederick Reese Bldg. Remodeled 1923. Note advertising on side of building.

Turn L (east) onto St. George St.

20. On R, SW corner of St. George & St. Peter, c. 1869, John Fauth House. Built with lumber shipped through Indianola. Texas Historical Marker.

21. Across the street on R, 524 St. Peter, 1907. New Orleans Raised Cottage built by lumberman J. F. Remschel.

Turn L (north) onto St. Peter St., go 1 block

22. On R 605 St. George, 1907. Another Raised Cottage built by M. J. Koch.

23. Ahead on L, NW corner, 705 St. Peter, 1915, J. S. Douglas House.

Turn R, (east) onto St. Francis St.

Proceed 1 block to Hamilton St.

24. On R, 623 Hamilton, 1918, J. R. Tinsley Sr. House. Raised Cottage style.

Turn L (north) onto Hamilton St., 1 block

Turn R (east) onto St. Andrew St., 1 block to College St., turn R (south) on College St.

25. On L, 724 N. College, 1907, W. T. Dawe House. Built by F. B. Baker but, upon completion, purchased by Dr. Dawe. Remained in the family until 1996.

26. On R, 720 St. Francis, 1898, W.H. Boothe house.

27. On L, 620 N. College, 1907, W. C. Kleine House. Built by furniture maker and realtor William Kleine.

Turn R (west) onto St. George St.

28. 723 St. George, 1908, Zilmon Boothe House.

29. On R, (NE corner) 707 St. George, built in 1883 as a gift to his bride Mary Fleda Boothe, by C.J. Pilgrim, owner and editor of Gonzales Inquirer.

30. On L, SE corner, 706 St. George, 1913, J. H. Boothe House. Designed by noted architect Atlee B. Ayres, who also designed San Antonio Municipal Auditorium and Randolph Air Force Base Tower.

31. On R, NW corner, 621 St. George, 1895, W. B. Houston House. Mrs. Houston painted murals in attic then hung them on dining room walls and parlor ceiling.

Turn L (south) onto Hamilton St.

32. On R, NW corner of Hamilton & St. Lawrence, 1898, Dunn Houston House.

Turn L (east) onto St. Lawrence St.- 1 blk

33. On L, 803 St. Lawrence, 1897. Excellent Victorian architecture. Built by Congressman G. F. Burgess. Funds were appropriated during his tenure to build 1909 Gonzales Post Office.

34. On L, 811 St. Lawrence, 1884, J. H. Remschel House.

35. On L, 903 St. Lawrence, 1908, R. S. Dilworth House. Designed by noted architect J. Riely Gordon.

36. On L, 927 St. Lawrence, 1907, Dr. C. B. Patton House. Has no fireplaces, was heated by a coal-burning furnace located in the basement.

37. On L, in next block, 1025 St. Lawrence, 1888, G. W. Betts House.

38. On L, 1109 St. Lawrence, 1926, Edward Sweeney House. English Tudor Cotswold Cottage with stately live oaks and circular drive.

39. On R, Gonzales Memorial Bldg. (museum, amphitheater & reflection pool). Built in 1936 for the Texas Centennial by the Works Projects Administration (WPA). Murals inside painted by James Buchanan Winn. Home of Come & Take It Cannon. Texas & National Historical Markers.

40. On R, c. 1930's. Native red stone building used by the Daughters of the American Revolution organization. Originally built as Boy Scout Hut by Mrs. J. M. Murphy.

Continue on St. Lawrence St.- 5 blks

41. On L, tall smoke stack is all that remains of the old Gonzales Cotton Mill. Built in 1901, operated over 50 years, was closed in 1950's, torn down in the mid-1970's.

Turn R (south) on to Fair St.

1 block to St. Louis St.

You are crossing East Avenue, one of two city avenues set aside for public use in the 1832 Mexican Survey. One block wide, extends three miles east.

Turn R (west) on St. Louis St.

42. On L, 1520 St. Louis, 1913, red brick house built by banker O. B. Robertson.

43. Continue on St. Louis to log cabin on the R, built by Horace Eggleston, 1845. It is the oldest standing structure in Gonzales. Texas Historical Marker.

44. On L, 1118 St. Louis, Guadalupe Apts., built as a hospital by Dr. George Holmes in 1920. Texas Historical Marker.

45. On L, at end of next block, 1006 St. Louis, c. 1925, Frank Vrazel House. Their cotton gin was next door.

46. On L, 912 St. Louis, 1911, S. H. Hopkins House. Designed by architect Atlee B. Ayres.

47. Next door, 906 St. Louis, 1911, Charles Hoskins House. Designed by Atlee B. Ayres.

48. On L, 828 St. Louis, 1892, C. T. Rather House. Partner in Randle-Rather Building. Texas Historical Marker.

49. On L, 820 St. Louis, Old Gonzales College, built in 1851 with stone from Maurin Quarry near Peach Creek. W. M. Atkinson remodeled college for his home in 1892.

50. On R, 721 St. Louis, 1881, the Episcopal Church of the Messiah and 1912 rectory. The altar, lectern and pulpit are made from Gonzales County walnut. Texas Historical Marker. Block originally designated Cemetery Square.

51. On R, 621 St. Louis, 1895. Built by lumberman J. B. Kennard. Queen Anne style, fishtail shingles, clapboard siding. Glass and pottery-chip mosaics in gables. Texas Historical & National Register of Historic Places markers.

52. On L, across the street, 624 St. Louis, 1898, J.P. Randle House. Partner in Randle-Rather Building.

53. Next door, 612 St. Louis, 1877, Paul Levysen House.

54. On R, 605 St. Louis, 1910, Edward Lewis House. Mrs. Lewis' grandfather, Andrew Ponton, was Alcalde (mayor) of Gonzales in 1835.

55. On R, NE corner of St. Louis and St. Paul, 1903, First Baptist Church.

Turn L (south) onto St. Paul St.

56. On R, center of block, facing St. Louis, the Presbyterian Church, 1925. Texas Historical Marker. Block designated Military Square in 1832.

57. On L, 300 St. Paul, 1883. Hugh Lewis House designed by architect Frederick E. Ruffini, remodeled 1920 and 1997.

Go 1 block, turn L (east) on St. Michael St.

58. On R, 510 St. Michael, G. W. Littlefield House. Built in 1885 on another lot, was moved in 1911.

Turn L (north) onto St. Peter St.

59. On L, 205 St Peter, 1914, Mrs. L.M. Kokernot House. Raised Cottage style.

60. On R, 222 St. Peter, 1912, C. E. Dilworth House designed by architect J. Riely Gordon.

Turn R (east) onto St. Matthew St.

61. On L, 605 St. Matthew, 1897, C. A. Burchard House.

62. On L, 623 St. Matthew, 1921, Everett Lawley House.

Continue on St. Matthew St.

63. On L, 720 St. Matthew, 1896, Milton Eastland House.

Continue on St. Matthew St. to Bright St.

Turn R (south) onto Bright St.

64. On L, 1006 St. Matthew, 1911, J. C. Bright House. Originally built in middle of the block, was moved to the corner to make room for his daughter's house when she

married.

Cont. on Bright St. across St. Vincent St.

65. On L, end of Bright St., 1926, James Patek House.

Turn R (west) onto Mitchell St.

66. On L, 834 Mitchell, 1902, Dr. J. J. Fouts House. Built of Florida curly pine and cypress from his father's Florida sawmill. Texas Historical Marker.

67. On R, 829 Mitchell, 1885, T. N. Matthews House, better known as the J. B. Wells residence. Barns and servants' quarters on grounds. Built of Florida long-leaf pine shipped through Indianola. Texas Historical Marker.

Turn R (north) onto College St.

68. On R, 117 S. College, W. J. Bright House, 1885. Walls of the original log cabin are contained within the walls of this house.

69. On R, at corner, 808 St. Vincent, 1898, J. C. Bright House. Built by parents while bride & groom were on honeymoon.

Turn L (west) onto St. Vincent St., 1 block

Turn R (north) onto Hamilton St.

70. On R, 108 Hamilton, 1885, Dr. J.C. Jones House. Remodeled c. 1950.

71. On R, 124 N. Hamilton, 1893, R.S. Dilworth House. Lots were gift from Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Jones, parents of his bride.

Turn L (west) onto St. Michael St.

72. On R, 623 St. Michael, 1897, J. W. Bailey House. Texas Historical Marker.

73. On L, 620 St. Michael, 1911, H.W. Matthews House.

74. On L, 604 St. Michael, 1910, built by lumber-man George Ewing.

Continue west on St. Michael St., 2 blocks

Cross St. Joseph Street

75. On L, 121 St. Joseph, corner St. Joseph & St. Michael, 1901, J. F. Miller House.

Turn R (north) onto St. James St.

76. On L, 205 St. James, 1893, Solomon Joseph House.

77. On R, 206 St. James, 1884, E. S. Atkinson House.

78. On L, 213 St. James, 1907, Hyman Friedman House. Built when Friedman married Blossom M. Joseph, daughter of Solomon Joseph.

79. On L, 223 St. James, 1877, T. J. Pilgrim House. Pilgrim was one of the pioneers of Gonzales, starting the first Sunday School in Texas.

80. On R, 226 St. James, c. 1900, Solomon Joseph House. Original location of Suzanne & Almaron Dickinson House. Brick cistern in front yard reportedly belonged to Dickinsons. Texas Historical Marker.

81. At end of next block on L, site of George W. Davis' Peach Orchard where Come & Take It Cannon was buried. Texas Historical Marker on St. Louis St.

Continue on St. James St.

82. On R, Texas Heroes Square, originally Plaza Square. Monument built in 1910 with state funds through efforts of the Gonzales Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Sculptor was Pompeo Coppini. Mid 1800's buildings on two sides of square.

Turn R (east) onto St. Lawrence St.

83. On R, in next block, the Gonzales County Courthouse, 1896, designed by J. Riely Gordon. Texas Historical & National Register of Historic Places markers.

84. On R, Brand Monument, 1995, branded with many registered Gonzales County livestock brands.

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