



HISTORIC SITES DIVISION

The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Historic Sites Division is responsible for operating the agency's 20 historic properties throughout the state. These sites tell the real stories of Texas history in authentic settings. Headquarter's staff members provide assistance to field staff in the following areas:

- Architecture
- Archeology
- Collection Management
- Interpretation
- Marketing

THC State Historic Sites

Acton

Acton, Hood County

Located in Acton Cemetery, the site memorializes the final resting place of Elizabeth Crockett, second wife of Davy Crockett, with a grand monument.

Caddo Mounds

Alto, Cherokee County

The home of Mound Builders of Caddo origin who lived in the region for 500 years beginning circa A.D. 800, the site includes ceremonial and burial earthen mounds, a visitors center and an interpretive trail.

Casa Navarro

San Antonio, Bexar County

The site showcases the original 1850s adobe home of Tejano leader José Antonio Navarro, a political leader and advocate for Texas independence.

Confederate Reunion Grounds

Mexia, Limestone County

The site, featuring an 1893 dance pavilion, a Civil War-era cannon and scenic footbridges, commemorates where Civil War veterans gathered from 1889 to 1946 to remember their experiences.



*Top: Ft. Lancaster;
Right: Eisenhower
Birthplace*



Eisenhower Birthplace

Denison, Grayson County

Located in the heart of Denison, the site preserves the first home of 34th U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and illuminates the working class life of the Eisenhower family.

Fort Griffin

Albany, Shackelford County

One of a line of defensive forts built by the U.S. Army from 1867 to 1881, the site includes remnants of historic structures, an exhibit center and campgrounds. Fort Griffin is also headquarters for the official Texas Longhorn herd.

Fort Lancaster

Sheffield, Crockett County

Spanning 82 acres in remote West Texas, the U.S. Army established this fort in 1855 to guard the San Antonio-El Paso Road. The site features fort ruins, an interpretive center and walking trails.

Fort McKavett

Fort McKavett, Menard County

The 1852 U.S. Army fort housed various infantry and cavalry units, including four regiments of Buffalo Soldiers. Today, it boasts 19 surviving historic structures, exhibits, walking trails and interpretive tours.

Fulton Mansion

Rockport, Aransas County

Located in Rockport on the Aransas Bay, the elegant 1877 historic home is one of the state's surviving examples of a grand Victorian villa.

Landmark Inn

Castroville, Medina County

The 1850s inn provides quaint and comfortable historic lodging in the Alsatian community of Castroville as well as interpretive walking tours and special events.

Levi Jordan Plantation

Brazoria, Brazoria County

Not currently open to the public. The site includes an antebellum plantation house, a small cemetery and significant archeological sites, including slave quarters and evidence of African American lifeways and culture in the area.

Magoffin Home

El Paso, El Paso County

A prime example of Territorial-style architecture, the site explores one family's experience with American expansion, West Texas settlement, Civil War turmoil and U.S.-Mexico relations.

National Museum of the Pacific War

Fredericksburg, Gillespie County

The site is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. It offers extensive indoor and outdoor exhibits and programs.

Sabine Pass Battleground

Sabine Pass, Jefferson County

The 58-acre site honors the Texas soldiers that defeated Union forces attempting a coastal invasion of the state during the Civil War. Features include a bronze statue of Lt. Dick Dowling and an interpretive pavilion.

Sam Bell Maxey House

Paris, Lamar County

Built in the High Victorian style, the grand structure was the home of Confederate Gen. and U.S. Sen. Sam Bell

Maxey. It houses family furnishings, clothing and documents, chronicling generations of Maxey family history.

Sam Rayburn House Museum

Bonham, Fannin County

The site is the home of Sam Rayburn, long-serving Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and one of the most powerful and influential politicians of the 20th century.

San Felipe

San Felipe, Austin County

It was here that Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," brought the first 300 families to colonize Texas under a contract with the Mexican Government. From 1824 to 1836 this town was the social, economic and political capital of the Anglo-American colonies in Texas.

Starr Family Home

Marshall, Harrison County

This site reflects the 150-year history of the noted Starr family in Texas. The home, Maplecroft, was built by James Harper Staff, first president of the Board of Land Commissioners and later secretary of the treasury for the Republic of Texas.

Varner-Hogg Plantation

West Columbia, Brazoria County

Built in 1824 by one of Texas' first colonizers, the site was originally used as a rum distillery and cotton plantation. Acquired in the late 19th century by Texas Gov. James Stephen Hogg, it was later developed as a showplace of Texas history with a collection of period furniture and outdoor interpretation of plantation features.

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