La Villita Historic District
Bounded by Durango, Navarro, Alamo and San Antonio River

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

San Antonio City Hall

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Some, but not all buildings, are listed in Historic American Buildings Survey

(See continuation sheet #1)
The La Villita Historic District is located four blocks from the Alamo and adjacent to downtown San Antonio. The contemporary, lush landscaping, curved bridges, and serene walks of the meandering San Antonio River form the north boundary of the district. The river front is the "backyard" for the buildings on the north side of Paseo de la Villita, the block-long street of restored structures that is the core of the district. The Hemisfair Grounds, with scattered restored buildings mixed with permanent modern fair structures, forms the eastern boundary of the district. Between Villita Street and Durango Street, the southern boundary of the district, much has been cleared, but several priceless buildings remain. Three of these are in poor condition and in danger of possible destruction. A number of small nineteenth-century houses border South Presa Street and form the western boundary of the district.

There are twenty-seven significant buildings in the district, principally of a simple vernacular masonry type which is a marked contrast to the elaborate Victorian mansions of the King William Historic District south of Durango Street.

The vernacular structures of the La Villita District are, generally, of two types. The older Mexican houses of stucco-covered brick or caliche block. These modest structures have little architectural decoration and are often rigidly geometric. A small house of the once common palisado method of construction (consisting of closely set vertical posts with nogging between) has been reconstructed on a lot south of La Villita Street.

The buildings constructed by Germanic immigrants possess similarities to those vernacular structures in other early Teutonic settlements in Texas. In their simplified architectural detailing, masonry construction and modest geometric shapes, they show a strong relationship to the earlier vernacular architectural style of the Mexican-Spanish period.

The twenty-seven notable structures located in the La Villita Historic District are listed below. The numbered rectangles on the accompanying map identify the approximate location of each building.

1. Cos House, 503 Paseo de la Villita
   Pre-1835, recorded by HABS. One-story stucco-covered adobe structure.

(See continuation sheet #2)
6. (contd.)
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108 W. 15th Street
Austin, Texas  78711

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Texas Architectural Survey
State
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Austin, Texas  78712
2. Colonel Jeremiah Y. Dashiell House, 511 Paseo de la Villita
   San Antonio Conservation Society offices. Mid-nineteenth
   century. Rectangular stone building with metal hipped
   roof on a raised basement. One-story structure with four-
   bay-wide porch extending across the main facade.

3. Henshaw House (former Martinez property), 515 Paseo de la
   Villita. One-story, modest stucco-covered dwelling. Two-
   story structure on property is a late addition.

4. Bombach House (Little Rhein Restaurant), 231 South Alamo
   Street. Pre-1850, recorded by HABS. Two-story stone
   structure.

5. Canadian House, 206 South Presa Street.
   One-story stucco-covered residence, now houses La Villita
   Art Playhouse.

   One-story stucco-covered stone former residence.

   Vernacular Mexican architecture. One-story stucco-
   covered structure.

8. House at 420 Paseo de la Villita (southwest corner of
   Villita and King Phillip V Streets.)
   One-story stucco-covered adobe structure.

9. Church of La Villita, 508 Paseo de la Villita
   1876, German vernacular stone structure.

10. Faville House (Florian House), 510 Paseo de la Villita.
    One-story stucco-covered structure with two-story rear
    addition. The River Art Group is the present occupant.

11. House at 514 Paseo de la Villita
    One-story stucco-covered structure with front gallery.

12. McAllister Building, 301-303 South Alamo Street
    Two-story stone structure.

(see continuation sheet #3)
13. Jack Hay House, 212 South Presa Street
   Circa 1847. Stucco-covered, one-story residence.

   Also known as the Tschirhart House, this one-story
   stucco-covered structure with porch across the front
   is now a motel.

15. Kuhn House, 218 South Presa Street
   Victorian

16. Gissi House Plaza Nueva

17. Aldrete House, 323 East Nueva Street
   Circa 1818, caliche block and adobe structure.

18. Aldrete House (rear building), 323 East Nueva Street.
   Circa 1818. One-story structure with overhang roof on
   main facade, constructed of cedar posts and adobe.

19. German-English School, 419 South Alamo Street.
   First building, 1859. Dedicated to Schiller; Second
   structure, 1869. Dedicated to Alexander, Baron von
   Humbolt. Stone and brick structures, one and two-story
   wings. Galleries extend the length of gallery facades.

20. Yturri House, 325 South Presa Street.
   One-story stucco-covered structure.

   1817, 1881. Two-story building with double gallery.
   One-story section is of limestone, two-story section
   of brick. The 1881 Victorian front was added by the
   architect Alfred Giles.

   Mid-1880s. One-story stucco-covered residence.

   Circa 1868, one-story stucco-covered structure.
   (See continuation sheet #4)
24. Diaz House, 206 Arciniega Street  
   Recorded by HABS, stucco-covered double house; In poor condition.

25. Elmendorf House, 220 Arciniega Street  
   Elmendorf-Taylor House, also known as the Arciniega House. Circa 1811, stucco-covered double-house with center chimney and a pedimented porch.

26. House at the corner of Arciniega and South Alamo streets.  
   Circa 1900, two-story brick structure, not outstanding.

27. Anton Phillip House (Staffel House), 422 South Presa Street.  
   One-story, Victorian cottage.
8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
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- Architecture
- Art
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- Communications
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- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The La Villita Historic District is a European type quarter that reflects the Spanish, European and American influence which shaped San Antonio's history. Once the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian village, La Villita became a shabby barrio, or quarter, in Spanish times. Occupying lands that originally belonged to the Mission San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo), the barrio probably first grew up as groups of huts for the families of soldiers attached to the San Antonio de Bexar Presidio. In 1773 the area was opened to refugees fleeing from East Texas (Webb, Texas Handbook).

San Antonio, along with Goliad and Nacogdoches, is one of the oldest European settlements in Texas. The La Villita quarter was probably inhabited as early as 1768, and the name "La Villita" first appears in records in 1792 (Connally, Ecclesiastical and Military Architecture...p.312). Since the quarter was established on land originally belonging to the Alamo, for years La Villita was often called, "The Town of the Alamo" and had its own alcalde, or mayor (Ramsdell, San Antonio, p.99).

Before the massive flood of 1819, the area had little appeal to the wealthier families of San Antonio; however, after it was discovered that the quarter was on relatively high and safe ground, it began to attract more prominent citizens. Contrary to popular folk tales, the La Villita District does not seem to have been instrumentally connected with the activities of either the Mexican Revolution against Spain, the Texas Revolution, or the Battle of the Alamo.

In the 1840s German immigrants began to move into La Villita. The Germans, and later the Swiss and French immigrants modified the character of the community to a more European flavor.

In the early twentieth century the area deteriorated and became a slum. The city of San Antonio, the San Antonio Conservation Society, and the National Youth Administration combined in 1939 to accomplish a two-year restoration project. The restoration of the buildings along La Villita Street

(See continuation sheet #)
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Wayne Bell, Project Director; Gary Hume, Architectural Historian; Roxanne Williamson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION: Texas State Historical Survey Committee

DATE: 11-18-71

STREET AND NUMBER: 108 W. 15th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Austin

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [X] Local [ ]

Name: [Signature]

Title: State Liaison Officer

DATE: 11-30-71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE: JAN 20, 1972

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Keeper of The National Register

DATE: JAN 4, 1972
preserved for San Antonio a vignette of the type of buildings that were once typical throughout the city. The San Antonio Conservation Society restored 511 Paseo de la Villita as its headquarters.

The restoration and development of La Villita was undertaken to preserve early Texas and Spanish culture, to foster arts and crafts and to provide a community center. The area has become a favorite of tourists and establishes a permanent visual record of simple vernacular building types in early Texas architecture of the nineteenth century.
9. (contd.)


La Villita Historic District — TX

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General view of the river and the Arneson River Theater
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General view of La Villita Street from the west, showing Hemisfair site in background.
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General view from the intersection of South Presa and Villita streets.
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Aldrete House, 323 East Nueva

North elevation

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Aldrete House (rear) 1818

View south

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German-English School, 419 South Alamo, general view of east facade

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**Also Notified**

- Hon. John G. Tower
- Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
- Hon. Henry B. Gonzales
- Hon. Olin Teague

**State Liaison Officer**
- Mr. Truett Latimer

**Executive Director**
- Texas State Historical Survey Committee

**Post Office Box 12776**
- Capitol Station
- Austin, Texas 78711
Mr. William Murtaugh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240  

Dear Bill:  

The San Antonio Historic Review Board in meeting today denied permission for demolition of two historic structures in the National Register La Villita Historic District.  

One, located at 327 S. Presa Street (CA. 1817) also is a registered Texas Historic Landmark bearing a Texas State Medallion and plaque. The other at 323-25 S. Presa, while not yet a registered Texas Historic Landmark, is recorded as the one time residence of Francisco Madero, famed leader of the 1910 Mexican Revolution and later president of Mexico who authored the Mexican Manifesto, basis for that country's present constitution, while living in San Antonio.  

Both properties are carried on the HABS, Texas State and City of San Antonio Historic Surveys, and also are within the San Antonio La Villita Historic District.  

The buildings are endangered seriously at this time despite denial of permission to demolish. Under the San Antonio Historic Ordinance, the owner can go forward with demolition in 120 days from date of denial if no other solution is found.  

Due to the importance of both landmarks, we are notifying your office and that of Truett Latimer, State Historic Liaison Officer, at this time.  

Regard,  

Patricia E. Osborne  
Historic Preservation Planner  

APPROVED:  
George D. Vann, Jr.  
Director of Building and Planning Administration  

"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"
Ms. Patricia E. Osborne  
Historic Preservation Planner  
City of San Antonio  
P.O. Box 9066  
San Antonio, Texas 78285  

Dear Pat:  

Thank you for your letter concerning the possible demolition of 327 and 323-5 South Presa Streets, San Antonio.  

The importance of these buildings to the La Villita Historic District was documented in the National Register nomination for the district.  

Apparently, the owners intend to demolish simply to prove they retain that right despite the properties' registered cultural importance. Unfortunately, as long as no Federal monies are involved, we are powerless. Listing in the National Register does not affect in any manner, the range of actions an owner could take, as long as Federal financing is not involved; and it gives no governmental unit any authority or control over the property, its use, or disposition.  

At least Truett will be able to stall the project for an additional 90 days under the provisions of the Texas Antiquities Act.  

We appreciate your efforts.  

Sincerely yours,  

(Sgd.) William J. Murtagh  

William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  

cc: Mr. Truett Latimer SHPO Texas w/c inc.)  
Executive Director, Texas State Historical Survey Committee  
P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711  

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Mr. Joseph B. Swanner
Director, Southwest Region
Economic Development Administration
600 American Bank Tower
221 West 6th Street
Austin, Texas  78701

Dear Mr. Swanner:

During a recent visit to San Antonio to attend a meeting of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, I had an opportunity to inspect the La Villita Historic District. This property is included in the National Register of Historic Places and will be affected by the proposed grant assisted restoration project; an undertaking by the Economic Development Administration.

Section 800.4 of the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), sets forth the agency's responsibilities when a Federal assisted undertaking is likely to affect a property listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register. Please investigate this matter to determine whether the EDA's involvement requires obtaining the comments of the Council pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call Robert Fink at (303) 234-4946, an FTS number.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division
of Project Review
September 8, 1980

Mr. John W. Faris  
Acting Regional Environmentalist  
Southwestern Region  
Economic Development Administration  
600 American Bank Tower  
221 West 6th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Faris:

We have received your letter of September 4, 1980, in which you determined that a grant to the City of San Antonio for the restoration of the area known as La Villita, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places, would not result in an adverse effect. The Executive Director objects to your determination because historic fabric within La Villita will be altered in the restoration process.

Pursuant to Section 800.6(a)(2) of the Council's regulations (36 CFR Part 800), the Executive Director will withdraw this objection if, in addition to the "Special Condition" contained in your letter of September 4, 1980, which incorporates the recommendations contained in the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer's letter of September 4, 1980, Economic Development Administration will assure that the following conditions are also met:

1. Testing, by a professional archeologist experienced in working with prehistoric and historic materials to determine the presence or absence of archeological features, will be done in advance of any construction requiring disturbance of the subsurface. Where existing structures are to be demolished, care will be taken to minimize subsurface disturbance. Upon removal of such structures the land previously occupied will be tested to determine the presence or absence of archeological features. Where foundation work is required on existing structures, archeological testing and data recovery, where applicable, will precede foundation excavation.
Mr. John W. Faris
La Villita
September 8, 1980

2. Should the archeological testing of those areas within La Villita that will be affected by the proposed rehabilitation and improvement program identify archeological features that are likely to yield important information about the prehistory and/or history of the area, sufficient time and funds will be provided to recover professionally the data, and report on the finding in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines (36 CFR Part 1213).

3. All rehabilitation work proposed for La Villita's historic structures will be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Historic Structures". The plans for the proposed modification of historic structures and those for new construction will be coordinated with the Texas SHPO's historical architect to assure appropriateness and compatibility of the proposed construction with the historic property. Where possible, rehabilitation plans will take into consideration any pertinent information about the structures that is obtained from the archeological studies.

If you agree to these conditions, please sign on the concurrence line below and return this letter to us. These will then be incorporated into your determination and the Executive Director will withdraw his objection to your determination of no adverse effect.

In accordance with Section 800.9 of the Council's regulations, a copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be included in the EDA's records as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division of Project Review
I concur:
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

2. APPLICANT'S APPLICANT
   a. NUMBER: 701-19-800
   b. DATE: 1978 07 27

3. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
   a. NUMBER: 74-6016195
   b. TITLE: Historic Preservation

4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT
   a. Applicant Name: State Historic Preservation Office
   b. Organization Unit: Texas Historical Commission
   c. Address: P.O. Box 12276
   d. City: Austin
   e. County: Travis
   f. State: Texas
   g. ZIP Code: 78711

   h. Contact Person: Truett Latimer
   i. Phone Number: (512) 475-3094

7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT
   Staffel House Development Project, San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

   The structure is located within the La Villita Historic District. The project objective is rehabilitation for an adaptive use as an entertainment and meeting space for the Hotel Plaza Nacional Complex.

10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT
   Texas

11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING
   12,000,000

13. PROPOSED FUNDING
   a. FEDERAL: $33,500
   b. APPLICANT: 47,230
   c. STATE: 80,730
   d. LOCAL: 80,730

14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:
   a. APPLICANT: statewide
   b. PROJECT: 20

15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For 12c or 16c)
   a. Increase Dollars: F-Other (Specify): A
   b. Decrease Dollars: F-Other (Specify): N/A
   c. Increase Duration: F-Other (Specify): N/A
   d. Decrease Duration: F-Other (Specify): N/A
   e. E-Other (Specify): A

16. PROJECT START DATE: Year month day
   a. FEDERAL: 1978 07 27
   b. APPLICANT: 1978 07 27
   c. LOCAL: 1978 07 27

17. PROJECT DURATION
   a. FEDERAL: 12 Months
   b. APPLICANT: 12 Months
   c. LOCAL: 12 Months

18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY
   a. FEDERAL: 1978 07 27
   b. APPLICANT: 1978 07 27
   c. LOCAL: 1978 07 27

19. EXISTING FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST
   a. Agency Name: OAHF, HCRS, Washington, DC 20240

21. REMARKS ADDED
   a. Yes: Yes
   b. No: No
   c. Responses attached: Yes

22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT:
   a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the data in this proposal/application are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is approved.

23. TYPED NAME AND TITLE
   Truett Latimer, State Historic Preservation Officer

24. AGENCY NAME
   Department of the Interior

25. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT
   Service

26. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
   Grants Administration Div.

27. ADDRESS
   Washington, D.C. 20240

28. FEDERAL AGENCY ACTION
   a. Action Taken: 1
   b. FEDERAL AGENCY A-95 ACTION: Same as #35

29. Action Date
   a. 1978-09-18

30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION
   a. 48-8A30

31. Action Taken
   a. AWARD: Yes
   b. REJECTED: No
   c. RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT: No
   d. DEFERRED: No
   e. WITHDRAWN: No

32. FUNDING
   a. FEDERAL: $33,500
   b. APPLICANT: 47,230
   c. STATE: 80,730

33. ACTION DATE
   a. 1978-09-18

34. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
   a. Name: Stephen D. Newman
   b. Telephone Number: 202 523-5472

35. REMARKS ADDED
   a. Yes: No

36. ATTACHMENTS
   a. In taking above action, any comments received from clearinghouses were considered. If agency response is due under provisions of Part I, OMB Circular A-95, it has been or is being made.
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

1. TYPE OF ACTION ☐ PREAPPLICATION ☑ APPLICATION ☐ NOTIFICATION OF INTENT (Opp) ☐ REPORT OF FEDERAL ACTION

2. APPLICANT'S APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

3. STATE ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

4. LEGAL APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

5. FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

6. PROGRAM

7. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT’S PROJECT

8. TYPE OF APPLICANT/RECIPIENT

9. TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

10. AREA OF PROJECT IMPACT (Names of cities, counties, States, etc.)

11. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS BENEFITING

12. TYPE OF APPLICATION

13. PROPOSED FUNDING

14. CONGRESSIONAL Districts OF:

15. TYPE OF CHANGE (For lte or Is)

16. PROJECT START DATE Year month day

17. PROJECT DURATION

18. ESTIMATED DATE TO BE SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL AGENCY Year month day

19. CURRENT FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

20. FEDERAL AGENCY TO RECEIVE REQUEST (Name, City, State, ZIP code)

21. REMARKS ADDED

22. THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT

23. CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE

24. AGENCY NAME

25. APPLICATION RECEIVED Year month day

26. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

27. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

28. FEDERAL APPLICATION IDENTIFICATION

29. ADDRESS

30. FEDERAL GRANT IDENTIFICATION

31. ACTION TAKEN ☐ AWARDED ☐ REJECTED ☐ RETURNED FOR AMENDMENT ☐ DEFERRED ☐ WITHDRAWN

32. FUNDING

33. ACTION DATE Year month day

34. CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Name and telephone number)

35. REMARKS ADDED

36. ENDING DATE Year month day

37. Same as #25

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Texas Historic Preservation Office

San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

Elmendorf-Tyler House Development Project

The structure is located within the LaVillita Historic District. The project objective is to rehabilitate the property for an adaptive use as a food/beverage and dining space for the Hotel Plaza Nacional complex.

Truett Latimer, State Historic Preservation Officer

Department of the Interior

Heritage Conservation & Recreation

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