



Aerial view of Dealey Plaza, 1987, Photo from
Dealey Plaza National Historic Landmark Nomination



Recent Successes

Dealey Plaza Prepares for 50th Anniversary of JFK Assassination

Through technical and financial assistance from the Heritage Partnerships Program, the City of Dallas successfully completed a master plan to renovate Dealey Plaza in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Dealey Plaza National Historic Landmark attracts more than one-half million visitors annually. Constructed between 1934 and 1940, the plaza serves as Dallas' western gateway and was the focus of civic pride prior to the tragic event that unfolded on November 22, 1963. The three-acre park, designed by master landscape architects Hare and Hare and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1993, comprises architectural features, fountains and landscaping. The site also is historically important to the City of Dallas because the city's initial settlement occurred here.

Dealey Plaza expects a much larger visitation in 2013 as events are being scheduled to mark the 50th anniversary of the JFK assassination. Prior to the anniversary, restoration work was needed because many of the plaza's architectural components had sustained moderate to severe deterioration over the years. With HPP assistance, the City completed a master plan and updated cost estimates to address those needs. The City is currently working on funding strategies to make the needed repairs.

Current Projects and Partners 2012

1. **Japanese American Confinement Sites in Texas: An Untold Cultural Legacy of World War II** - Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc.
2. **African American Soldiers in the West, 1866-1891** - Organization of American Historians
3. **Space Shuttle Columbia Memorial Special Resource Study** - NPS Intermountain Regional Office Planning Division
4. **Treviño-Urbe Rancho National Historic Landmark Historic Structure Report** - River Pierce Foundation

Find out more about each project starting on page 3.

Palmito Ranch Battlefield Celebrates Completion of Audio Tour

The battle at Palmito Ranch, near Brownsville, Texas, was the last of the Civil War, and was fought on May 12-13, 1865, a month after Robert E. Lee's surrender. Although the battlefield site maintains excellent integrity and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1997, it lacked interpretative elements until recently. Partnering with the Texas Historical Commission and the nonprofit Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, the Heritage Partnerships Program provided financial and technical assistance to develop and install a radio broadcast repeater that allows



Radio broadcast repeater at Palmito Ranch Battlefield

visitors to tune in to a historical narrative about the battle as they drive the length of the NHL. To alert visitors to the radio program and instruct them to dial a specific AM station (1610 AM), two visitor information panels were installed at strategic locations.

Completed in time for the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, the radio program tells an important story. With their defeat at Palmito Ranch, the Confederates lost access to

trade with Mexico and Europe through ships anchored in the Gulf of Mexico. The history of the battle site signifies the crucial role of the Lower Rio Grande Valley in the Confederacy's pursuit of international recognition and economic viability during the Civil War. The NPS recognizes the sesquicentennial as an unparalleled opportunity to discover, discuss, and commemorate America's greatest national crisis, and explore its enduring relevance in the 21st century.

3D Documentation of San Antonio Missions and Launch of iPhone and iPad Applications

In February 2012, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park launched an interactive, self-guided tour application that is available for both the iPhone and iPad. The app is the latest development in a larger project that resulted in the 3D digital documentation of San Antonio Missions. The park completed the project in partnership with CyArk, Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions, Western National Parks Association, and the Heritage Partnerships Program. Located along the San Antonio River, the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park encompasses five Spanish Colonial sites: Mission Concepción, Mission Espada, Mission San José, Mission San Juan, and the Espada Aqueduct – which represent the largest collection of Spanish Colonial missions in the United States.

The 3D digital documentation project began in 2010 when CyArk – a non-profit organization dedicated to digitally preserving cultural heritage sites around the world – began collaborating with NPS and its partners on an effort to document San Antonio Missions. continued on page 3



3D digital documentation of Mission Espada

ABOUT US

The Heritage Partnerships Program of the National Park Service (NPS) Intermountain Region includes several programs that provide technical and financial assistance to partner organizations to encourage the preservation of our Nation's most significant places. Through these activities, which are funded through National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) Programs, the NPS works collaboratively with partners to extend the core mission of the National Park Service beyond the boundaries of our national parks. These programs include: National Historic Landmarks, Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation programs, and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

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3D Documentation (cont.)

The first phase of the project included field documentation, during which laser scanning and photography were used to create a highly accurate digital record of the missions. This state-of-the-art capture technology resulted in highly detailed documentation with an accuracy of 5mm. This documentation will assist the on-going restoration efforts at the park. It also has resulted in online virtual tours of the park, computer-aided architectural drawings, and K-12 educational resources. The Heritage Partnerships Program provided technical assistance and partial funding for the project.

Current Projects

1. Japanese American Confinement Sites in Texas: An Untold Cultural Legacy of World War II

Project Partner: Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc.

HPP Contact:

Kara Miyagishima

Location: Kenedy Internment Camp, Karnes County; Seagoville Internment Camp, Dallas County; Fort Sam Houston Internment Camp, Bexar County; Fort Bliss Internment Camp, El Paso County

Project Goal:

Create online virtual tours, travel guides, and official Texas Historical Markers at the Japanese American confinement sites in Texas.

HPP Role:

Award NPS funding through a Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant, monitor the project, and provide technical assistance.

2. African American Soldiers in the West, 1866-1891

Project Partner: Organization of American Historians

HPP Contact: Lysa Wegman-French

Location: Western United States, including Texas

Project Goal:

Complete a National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form that will document the history and significance of the men known popularly as the Buffalo Soldiers, and identify properties associated with that history, including sites in Texas.



Internees arriving at Camp Kenedy – National Archives Photo



10th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers

HPP Role:

Provide funding for the project, as well as project coordination, expertise, guidance and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.

3. Space Shuttle *Columbia* Memorial Special Resource Study

Project Partner: NPS Intermountain Regional Office Planning Division

HPP Contact: Lysa Wegman-French

Location: Hemphill, Lufkin, Nacogdoches and San Augustine

Project Goal:

Determine whether the nation should create a new National Park Service unit memorializing the *Columbia* and its crew.

HPP Role:

Assist NPS IMRO Planning in assessing the national significance of the event.



Space Shuttle Columbia, March 18, 1994
NASA photo

4. Treviño-Uribe Rancho National Historic Landmark Historic Structure Report

Project Partner: River Pierce Foundation

HPP Contact: Lysa Wegman-French

Location: San Ygnacio, Zapata County

Project Goal:

Produce a Historic Structure Report on the ranch headquarters.

HPP Role:

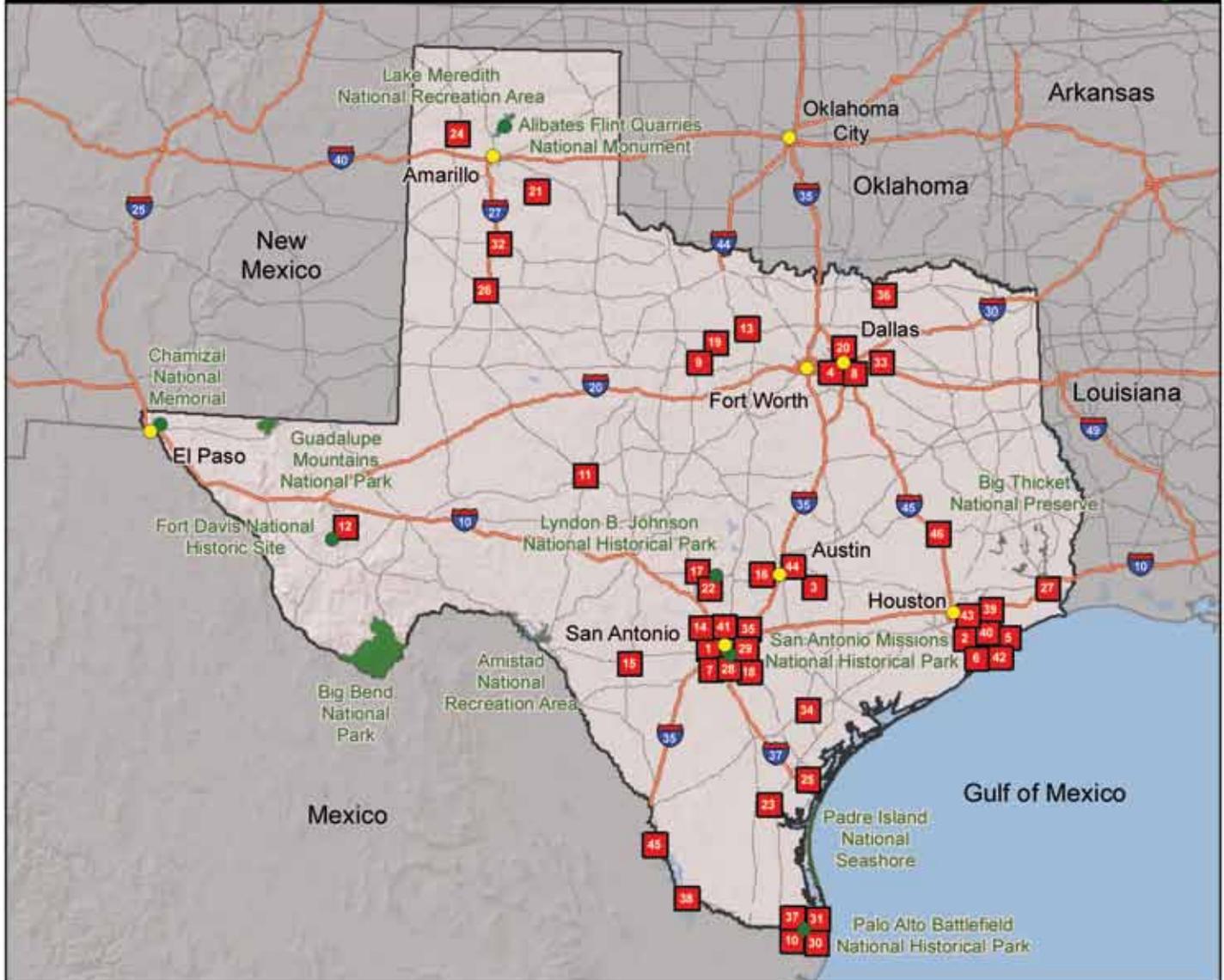
Provide NPS funding through the Challenge Cost Share Program and monitor the project.



Treviño Uribe Ranch, photo by Arthur W. Stewart,
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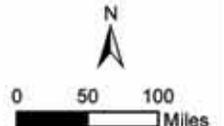
National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Intermountain Region Texas

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Legend

- National Historic Landmarks
- National Parks
- Interstates
- Cities
- Major Highways



Landmarks

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| 1 Alamo | 17 HA. 19 (Midget Submarine) | 33 Porter Farm |
| 2 Apollo Mission Control Center | 18 Hangar 9, Brooks Air Force Base | 34 Presidio Nuestra Senora De Loreto De La Bahia |
| 3 Bastrop State Park | 19 Harrell Site | 35 Randolph Field Historic District |
| 4 Dealy Plaza Historic District | 20 Highland Park Shopping Village | 36 Samuel T. Rayburn House |
| 5 East End Historic District | 21 J A Ranch | 37 Resaca De La Palma Battlefield |
| 6 Elissa (Bark) | 22 Lyndon Baines Johnson Boyhood Home | 38 Roma Historic District |
| 7 Espada Aqueduct | 23 King Ranch | 39 San Jacinto Battlefield |
| 8 Fair Park Texas Centennial Buildings | 24 Landergin Mesa | 40 Space Environment Simulation Laboratory, Chambers A and B |
| 9 Fort Belknap | 25 Lexington (USS) | 41 Spanish Governor's Palace |
| 10 Fort Brown | 26 Lubbock Lake Site | 42 Strand Historic District |
| 11 Fort Concho | 27 Lucas Gusher, Spindletop Oil Field | 43 Texas (USS) |
| 12 Fort Davis | 28 Majestic Theatre | 44 Texas State Capitol |
| 13 Fort Richardson | 29 Mission Concepcion | 45 Treviño-Urbe Rancho |
| 14 Fort Sam Houston | 30 Palmito Ranch Battlefield | 46 Woodland |
| 15 John Nance Garner House | 31 Palo Alto Battlefield | |
| 16 Governor's Mansion | 32 Plainview Site | |