

Treviño-Urbe Rancho National Historic Landmark.
Photo courtesy: Terri Meyers, National Historic Landmark nomination

RECENT SUCCESSES

Historic Structures Report Completed for the Treviño-Urbe Rancho National Historic Landmark

In May 2013, the River Pierce Foundation of San Ygnacio, Texas, completed a Historic Structures Report for the Treviño-Urbe Rancho National Historic Landmark with help from a Challenge Cost Share Program FY2010 grant of \$21,966. The Treviño-Urbe Rancho, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1998, is an intact multi-structure compound, significant for its representation of the movement of vernacular Mexican architecture and ranching traditions north of the Rio Grande, and is an exceptional resource for understanding Texas-Mexico borderlands history.

Beginning in March 2008, the River Pierce Foundation, a non-profit that owns the site and that is dedicated to its preservation, initiated surveys of the property's condition. The surveys revealed severe structural problems with load-bearing walls, which threatened collapse of the zaguan (gateway) and several internal walls. Emergency stabilization work began, but the need for a long-term plan was apparent. The Heritage Partnerships Program helped the Foundation undertake and complete a Historic Structures Report, a multidisciplinary planning document that brings together history, structural engineering, and architecture to chart a course of action for the property's restoration and interpretation. Defining a methodology and budget to authentically preserve this important resource, the Historic Structure Report will guide the River Pierce Foundation's future management of the important Treviño-Urbe Rancho.

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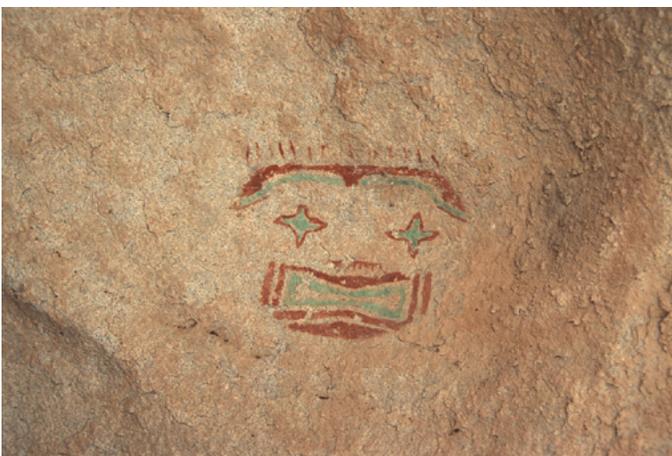
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Hueco Tanks rock formation has thousands of Native American rock art and pictographs that date between 3,000 to 1,000 years ago. Photo courtesy: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

ABOUT US



The Heritage Partnerships Program of the 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. These programs, which are funded through the National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) Program, work collaboratively with partners to extend the core mission of the NPS beyond the boundaries of our national parks and into communities across the region. Heritage Partnerships Programs include: National Historic Landmarks, Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation programs, the National Heritage Areas Program, Historic Surplus Property Program, and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

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With Two Japanese American Confinement Sites Grants, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission Interprets Previously Untold Stories at Five Texas Sites

From 1942 to 1948, the Immigration and Naturalization Service administered Crystal City Family Internment Camp, which encompassed hundreds of acres southwest of San Antonio. Here the Department of Justice (DOJ) incarcerated “enemy aliens”—men and women of Japanese, German, and Italian ancestry whom the government considered potentially dangerous.

With a FY2009 grant of \$34,400, Friends of the Texas Historical Commission installed eight interpretive panels at various sites around the camp’s large footprint. The panels were dedicated in November 2011 with more than 100 community residents and former internees in attendance. To supplement the signage and promote heritage tourism, grant monies also were used to create and publish 25,000 copies of a full-color, eight-page travel brochure on the Crystal City Family Internment Camp. These efforts, led by project manager William McWhorter of the Texas Historical Commission, corrected what had been a lack of accurate, on-site historical interpretation.

Phase two of the project, funded by a FY2010 grant of \$20,167, allowed Friends of the Texas Historical Commission to extend research, interpretation, and public outreach efforts to four additional WWII confinement sites in Texas—Kenedy Enemy Alien Detention Station, Seagoville Enemy Alien Detention Station, Dodd Field Enemy Alien Detention Center at Fort Sam Houston, and Fort Bliss Enemy Alien Detention Station. The four camps now have historical markers that tell their stories. While these markers ensure long-term local awareness, a 12-page color brochure, support from the Texas Heritage Trails program, and the Texas Historical Commission website extend outreach to the region and nation. The website features a research-based history of all five WWII camps at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/military-history/texas-world-war-ii/japanese-german-and-italian>.



Installation of an interpretive panel at the Crystal City Family Internment Camp. Photo courtesy: Texas Historical Commission/Friends of the Texas Historical Commission



William McWhorter (right) and former Crystal City German American internee Werner R. Ulrich at the dedication. Photo courtesy: Texas Historical Commission/Friends of the Texas Historical Commission

“The family split up twice,” remembers Seiji Aizawa, whose father was interned at Crystal City. “Once when my father was taken away and the second time when the government asked my mother and sister to join him.” Among DOJ camps, Crystal City was unusual because it was the only one established specifically for families.



The U.S. Post Office, Court House, and Custom House building in Laredo, Texas. Photo courtesy: National Park Service

The City of Laredo Acquires Historic Laredo U.S. Post Office, Court House, and Custom House through the Historic Surplus Property Program

The City of Laredo recently acquired the historic U.S. Post Office, Court House, and Custom House building, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 for its significant association with early twentieth-century federal construction programs, as well as for being an excellent example of federally designed Classical Revival architecture. The City of Laredo acquired the building through the federal Historic Surplus Property Program, which enables state, county, and local governments to obtain historic buildings once used by the Federal government at no cost and to adapt them for new uses. The City of Laredo moved the majority of its City Hall into the historic building, resulting in minimal changes to the building's use.

As part of the Historic Surplus Property Program, the National Park Service works with the applicants who seek to acquire the historic properties by providing guidance to ensure that any work on the property meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The Heritage Partnerships Program (HPP), which worked with the City to develop the required Program of Preservation and Utilization, helped ensure all planned work either preserved or rehabilitated the building's historic fabric, such as its classically detailed portico, wooden windows with raised decorative surrounds, and well-manicured, mature landscaping.



The historic U.S. Post Office, Court House, and Custom House building, also known as the Laredo Federal Building was constructed in 1907. Photos courtesy: National Park Service

The exterior of the building, faced with a lightly fluted limestone, remains largely unaltered since its 1907 construction.

USS Texas National Historic Landmark Dry Berth Consultation

The *USS Texas* was the first battleship to be designated a National Historic Landmark and a National Mechanical Engineering Landmark. The vessel, significant as the last remaining American-built warship powered by reciprocating steam engines, is docked within the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, which is also a National Historic Landmark. In July 2011, the stewards of the battleship—the Department of the Navy and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department—proposed plans to dry berth the ship as a permanent solution for its preservation, and they invited the National Park Service to consult on the project's Programmatic Agreement.

Texas voters had approved a \$25 million bond issue for the *USS Texas* preservation project. In 2012, however, corrosion caused a breach of the ship's hull, and emergency stabilization was implemented. An engineering assessment concluded the necessary repairs exceeded the available funds, and the dry berth proposal was abandoned. In early 2013, the Programmatic Agreement was re-written to include only the repair of the ship, which remains safely docked within the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site.

The Heritage Partnerships Program consulted on the dry berth project proposal, which was ultimately rewritten to include only the repair of the fragile ship in its current location, rather than preserve it on dry land.



The *USS Texas* National Historic Landmark, with the San Jacinto Monument in the background. Photo courtesy: National Park Service



The *USS Texas*, top right, is docked within the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. Photo courtesy: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

CURRENT PROJECTS



Caddo Mounds State Historic Site.
Photo courtesy: National Park Service.



Casa Navarro interior. Photo courtesy: Rachel Leibowitz,
National Historic Landmark nomination



Hueco Tanks rock formation.
Photo courtesy: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

1. Crystal City Family Internment Camp Archeological Survey and National Register of Historic Places Nomination

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

HPP Contact: Kara Miyagishima, Alex Hernandez

Location: Zavala County, and four other Texas camps, indirectly

Project Goal: Conduct a low-invasive archeological survey of two key tracts at the Crystal City Family Internment camp, and draft a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the confinement site.

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

2. Caddo Mounds National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Texas Historical Commission

HPP Contact: Charles Haecker

Location: Cherokee County

Project Goal: Create a successful National Historic Landmark nomination that will demonstrate the high level of physical integrity and national significance of this property, resulting in designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

HPP Role: Provide expertise, guidance, and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.

3. Casa Navarro National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers, Texas Historical Commission

HPP Contact: Shirl Kasper

Location: San Antonio

Project Goal: Create a successful National Historic Landmark nomination that will demonstrate the high level of physical integrity and national significance of this property, resulting in designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

HPP Role: Provide expertise, guidance, and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.

4. Hueco Tanks National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Texas State Parks and Monuments

HPP Contact: Charles Haecker

Location: El Paso County

Project Goal: Create a successful National Historic Landmark nomination that will demonstrate the high level of physical integrity and national significance of this property, resulting in designation by the Secretary of the Interior.

HPP Role: Provide expertise, guidance, and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.

5. Fort Brown National Historic Landmark Boundary Study

Project Partner: Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, International Boundary and Water Commission, City of Brownsville, Texas Southmost College
HPP Contact: Tom Keohan, Shirl Kasper
Location: San Antonio

Project Goal: Reevaluate the National Historic Landmark boundary within its larger cultural landscape, and potentially expand the boundary to include more of the fort and sites of additional American and Mexican earthworks.

HPP Role: Provide expertise, guidance, and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.

6. San Jacinto Battlefield National Historic Landmark Boundary Expansion

Project Partner: San Jacinto Battleground Conservancy
HPP Contact: Tom Keohan, Shirl Kasper
Location: Harris County

Project Goal: Expand the National Historic Landmark boundary to include more of the historic battlefield recently acquired by the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site.

HPP Role: Provide expertise, guidance, and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.

7. Fort Richardson National Historic Landmark Master Plan Revision

Project Partner: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
HPP Contact: Tom Keohan
Location: Jacksboro

Project Goal: Develop a revised Master Plan document to guide future capital and repair projects for preserving the historic site.

HPP Role: Provide financial and technical assistance.

8. Apollo Mission Control Center Historic Furnishings Report

Project Partner: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Colorado State University
HPP Contact: Christine Whitacre
Location: Lyndon B. Johnson Space Flight Center, Houston

Project Goal: Produce a Historic Furnishings Report on the Apollo Mission Control room.

HPP Role: Provide financial and technical assistance.



Fort Brown National Historic Landmark. Photo courtesy: National Park Service



Aerial view of the San Jacinto Battlefield National Historic Landmark, including the San Jacinto Monument and the USS Texas National Historic Landmark (top left). Photo courtesy: Texas Parks & Wildlife Department



Apollo Mission Control Center, 1980. Photo courtesy: Carol M. Highsmith Archive, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division



Palmito Ranch Battlefield National Historic Landmark, location of the American Civil War's last major battle. Photo courtesy: National Park Service

9. SpaceX Development Consultation

Project Partner: Federal Aviation Administration, SpaceX
HPP Contact: Tom Keohan
Location: near Brownsville, Cameron County

Project Goal: Avoid and/or minimize adverse impacts to Palmito Ranch Battlefield National Historic Landmark from the proposed space port.

HPP Role: Consult with FAA and SpaceX regarding the potential impacts to Palmito Ranch Battlefield National Historic Landmark.

10. George W. Bush Childhood Home Reconnaissance Survey

Project Partner: University of Colorado-Boulder, George Bush Childhood Home Museum
HPP Contact: Christine Whitacre
Location: Midland

Project Goal: Evaluate the national significance of George W. Bush's childhood home for potential National Historic Landmark designation or as a new National Park Service unit.

HPP Role: Evaluate the property and prepare the report.

11. Space Shuttle *Columbia* Memorial Special Resource Study

Project Partner: NPS Intermountain Regional Office Planning Division
HPP Contact: Christine Whitacre
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 Intermountain Regional Office Planning in assessing the national significance of the event.

12. African American Soldiers in the West, 1866-1891, Multiple Property Documentation

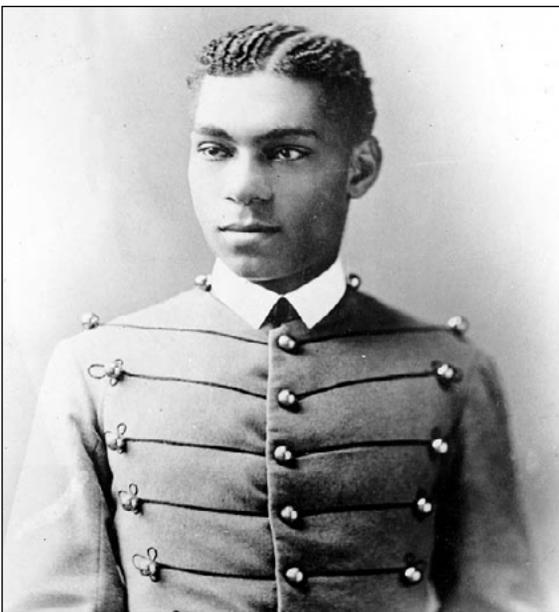
Project Partner: Organization of American Historians
HPP Contact: Charles Haecker and Shirl Kasper
Location: Western United States, including Texas

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.

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



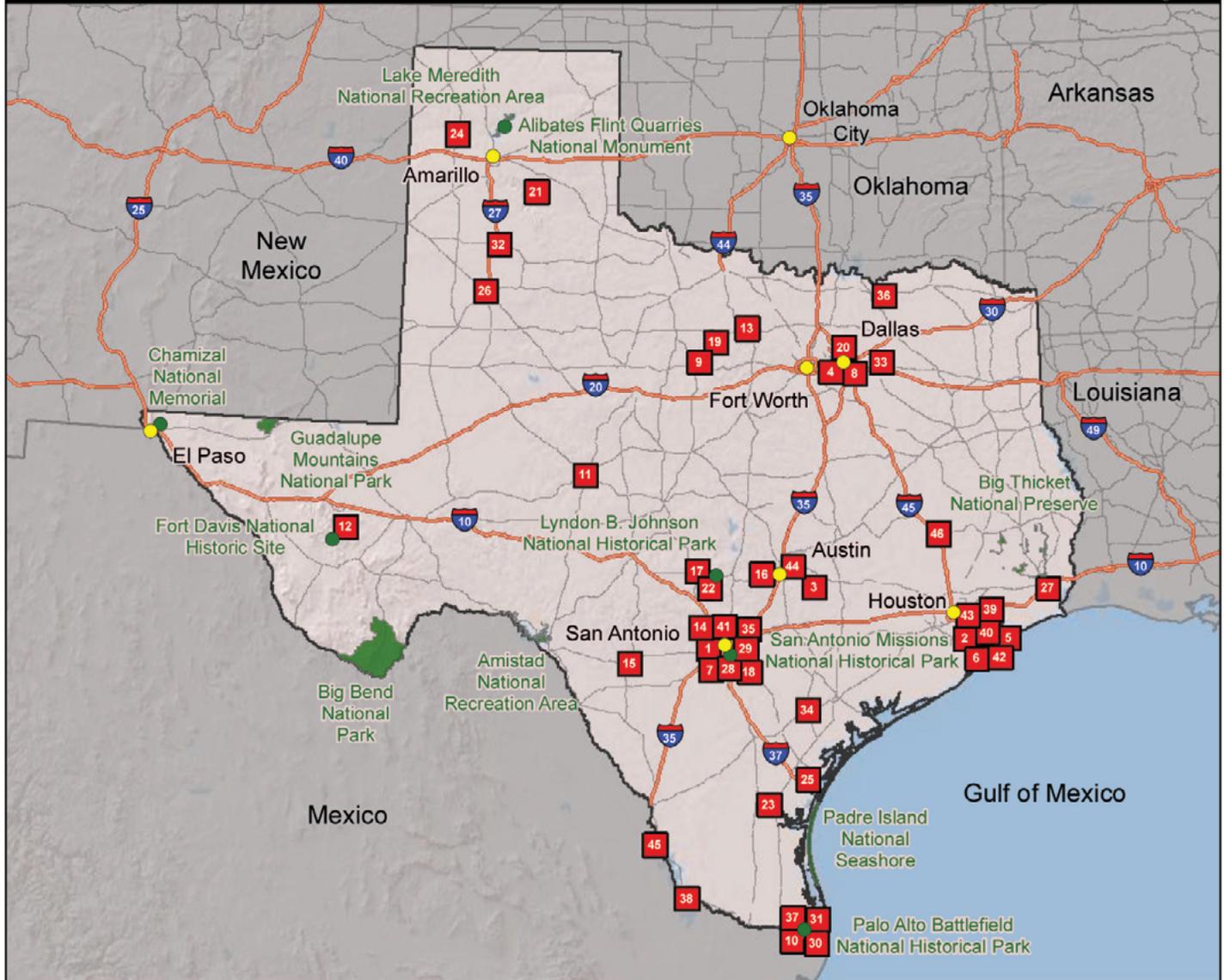
Space Shuttle *Columbia*. Photo courtesy: NASA



Lieutenant Henry Ossian Flipper, the first black graduate of the United State Military Academy at West Point, served with the 10th Cavalry in Texas. Photo courtesy: U.S. Army.

National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Intermountain Region Texas

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U.S. Department of the Interior

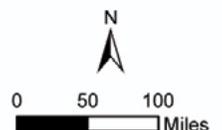


Legend

■ National Historic Landmarks

● Cities
■ National Parks
— Interstates

— 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 | |