

APPLICATION FORM
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

1934

County COMAL Town NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS Date SEPT 29 1967

This marker is for (Title or Subject) Church

Marker is to be located 296 South Seguin St
(BE SPECIFIC AS TO ADDRESS, LOCATION OF SITE, MILES FROM CITY LIMITS, ETC.)

Present Owner of Property First Protestant United Church of Christ

Address 172 West Coll St. New Braunfels, Texas

Who is responsible for Marker erection, Property maintenance? _____

First Protestant United Church Of Christ

Who prepared the history? Mr. Oscar Haas and church secretary

Address New Braunfels, Texas

Attach History with Reference Data for Authenticating this Subject (2-3 Pages) (In the case of a Building Medallion, answer questions on pages 3 & 4)

Attach the Suggested Inscription for the Marker
(Copy must meet State requirements; the Texas State Historical Survey Committee reserves the right to change the suggested inscription.)

If this is an Application for a Building Medallion, enclose current, glossy Picture of structure. (Application will NOT be approved, if picture is not included.)

Do you desire to be contacted Re Final Inscription: Yes Yes No _____

Who is to be recognized as the Sponsor of this marker?

Name Church Council First Protestant United Church Of Christ
Send all correspondence regarding this marker

Address 172 W. Coll St. 817 Fredricksburg Rd. New Braunfels, Texas
to Comal County Historical Survey Com.

This application has been submitted by:

Name Comal County Historical Survey Committee

Address 817 Fredricksburg Rd New Braunfels, Texas

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: (Price of Marker Includes Freight)

Comal County Historical Survey Committee

SHIP TO Mr. Wm. J. Kolodzie
177 Kentucky Ave New Braunfels, Texas

_____, Texas

Answer the following questions as accurately and completely as possible when ordering a:
TEXAS HISTORICAL BUILDING MEDALLION AND INTERPRETIVE PLATE.

1. When was the structure built? (Exact date, if possible) March 1875
2. If it took more than one year to build, when was it completed? March 16 1879
3. Who was the builder? Building Committee supervised project instead of contractor to save expenses Architect was Jacob Langkopf
4. What materials went into its construction? Native Limestone, oak and cedar
5. Who was the architect (if known)? Jacob Langkopf
6. What Architectural period can this structure be classified into? (Gothic, Victorian, Spanish, etc.)
Modified Gothic Early Texas
7. What distinguishing features, on exterior or interior does it have? Large hand-cut limestone Original Tower with original bells installed 1895
8. Was the location of the structure significant when it was built? Yes. If so, how?
Downtown. Site is just a short distance from the place where the original settlers held their first worship service under a tree
9. Give details of the life of the builder, where he was from, why he settled here, what family he had, were they famous, etc. Most labor on church was done by settlers themselves.
worshipped
10. How many generations have ~~lived~~ lived in this structure? 5
11. If a church or public building, give details and circumstances under which it was founded. Founded by Prince Solms of Braunfels am Lahn Germany, and his followers in 1845. The German Protestant Congregation (now First Protestant United Church of Christ) was issued a charter by Republic Of Texas in 1845 on Oct. 15th. It is
12. If a business establishment, what was sold or produced here? therefore the oldest corporation in Comal County. Prince Solms set aside for the congregation Lot No. 281 (Seguin & Coll Sts) for the Church and Lot No. 69 (Coll & Castell Sts) for the School now the site of Seele Parish House and Sunday School
13. What is the timing of the structure in the community (the first one, etc)?
Built 30 years after the first church (log building) was removed.
14. Have famous people lived or visited here? yes. Give details. Gov. Sam Houston, GEN Bruce Magruder of Confederate Army, Count Hans Georg von Oppersdorff of Braunfels, Germany (a great-great-grandson of Prince Solms)
15. What events important to the area, region, or Texas have occurred here? Focal point to bring in vast savage area of Bexas County into civilised economy



