

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Emmie Seele Faust Memorial Library Texas Historical Commission Recorded Texas Historical Landmark

WHEREAS, the Emmie Seele Faust Memorial Library, at Coll Street and Magazine Avenue in New Braunfels, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission Marker designating it to be a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark and the history of the site to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels Library Association formed in 1928 to meet the need for better education in the growing community, and for ten years, the association operated a public library at various locations around the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, Emmie Seele Faust (1867-1957), daughter of first New Braunfels teacher, Hermann Seele, spearheaded a combined effort of the City of New Braunfels, the Sophienburg Museum and the New Braunfels Library Association to give the public library a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, the rectangular, 65x30-foot native-rock building was designed by architect Jeremiah (Jimmie) Schmidt, built by Edwin Hanz, sits on a bell-shaped foundation made of rock and concrete, and opened in 1938 with 250 visitors; and

WHEREAS, when the Dittlinger Memorial Library was built in 1967 on the back of the property, the Emmie Seele Faust Library building ceased to be the public library, taking on a new use as an archive and artifact collection storage space for the Sophienburg Museum and Archives; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Emmie Seele Faust Library was restored and repurposed as a meeting hall and classroom, preserving the original front door and wrought-iron window gates and returning the facility to the original intent of the Library Association and Emmie Seele Faust; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of the marker is the Sophienburg Museum and Archives; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at Coll Street and Magazine Avenue, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Comal County Commissioners Court, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend you on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 5th day of April, 2018.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jon Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:


Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk