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Fischer officially listed in National Register of Historic Places

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The 165-year-old Fischer Historic District in northern Comal County has officially been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The listing is the culmination of many hours of work by the Comal County Historical Commission and Texas Historical Commission, with assistance from Comal County itself, which supported and helped fund the effort, said Karen Boyd, chair of the county historical commission.

"We are proud and pleased that the community of Fischer is now recognized at the highest level as a site of importance to the history of Comal County, the state of Texas and the United States," Boyd said.

The Fischer Historic District comprises about 429 acres and more than 70 structures, including Fischer Store, Fischer Cemetery, Fischer Hall and Bowling Alley, and several late 19th century and early 20th century homesteads. The area was settled by immigrant brothers Hermann and Otto Fischer in 1853.

Work on achieving the listing began in 2015, when the Texas Historical Commission awarded a matching grant to the county's historical commission to help fund the historical research necessary to achieve the honor. Comal County provided the matching funds.

The National Register of Historic Places is the National Park Service's official list of historic places worthy of preservation; the Fischer Historic District joins St. Joseph's Chapel on FM 452 as the only sites in unincorporated Comal County to be placed on the register.

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