

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing the Pape-Borchers Homestead National Register of Historic Places

WHEREAS, the Pape-Borchers Homestead, located at 142 Hueco Springs Loop Road was listed September 4, 2020 on the National Register of Historic Places, designating the site to be a significant part of the history of New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation, and funding to prepare the Pape-Borchers Homestead nomination was provided by a Texas Historical Commission Certified Local Government grant; and

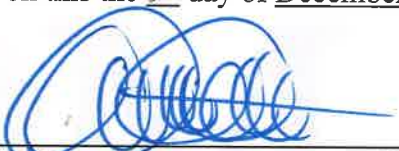
WHEREAS, hundreds of German immigrants settled and became landowners in Comal County from 1845 to 1898, with Mission Valley among several small communities that emerged because of expanding and migrating population in the mid to late nineteenth century, including Conrad and Dorothea Heinemann Pape and their family, which included son Christian Pape; and


WHEREAS, the Pape-Borchers Homestead is a first-generation German immigrant farmstead that was the home of Christian and Katharina Haag Pape and their family until they sold it to their daughter Anna and her husband Hermann Borchers, who continued agricultural operations on the property in the tradition of the Pape family; and

WHEREAS, the Pape-Borchers Homestead is among the oldest properties in the Mission Valley community and continues to be owned by a direct descendant of the original family, Lisa Steffens, who along with her husband Jeff, still lives on the property that dates back to 1859.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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, your commitment to historical preservation, and for recording of the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 9th day of December, 2021.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest: 
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk