

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing the Albert and Marie Kopplin House as a Texas Historical Commission Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

WHEREAS, the Albert and Marie Kopplin House has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission marker designating it as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and the history of the site to be a significant part of Texas History; and

WHEREAS, the Kopplin house, located at 564 Hill Avenue in New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, is an excellent example of the late nineteenth century Victorian architecture made popular by the arrival of the railroad, which trended away from local handmade building materials with the use of machine and industrially manufactured resources; and

WHEREAS, the house is a local example of Folk Victorian architecture which was a popular residential building style in New Braunfels from circa 1885-1900, with symmetrical facades and porches, carved gingerbread frieze and balustrades; and

WHEREAS, the Kopplin's granddaughters, Elsie and Thekla Pfeuffer, lived with them during the week to attend school and returned to the ranch on weekends, which allowed the children to obtain a high school education that the one-room county schools did not provide and to participate in the social activities that ranch life lacked; and

WHEREAS, located near the crest of Sophienburg Hill overlooking the town of New Braunfels, German native Albert Kopplin (1845-1929) and his wife Marie Caroline (Hitzfelder) Kopplin (1851-1921) built the house in 1892 as their retirement home after leaving ranch life in the Vogel's Valley area of Comal County; and

WHEREAS, the Kopplin family sold the property in 1945, and it subsequently sold to Bill and Bonnie Leitch in 1989, and in 2018 to S. Brock Blomberg; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark are Bill and Bonnie Leitch; and

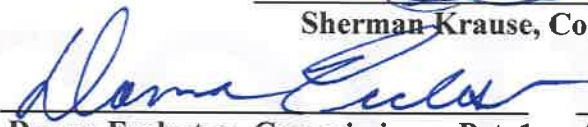
WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Kopplin House at 564 Hill Avenue, New Braunfels.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 16th day of February, 2023.



Sherman Krause, County Judge



Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1



Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2



Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3



Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk