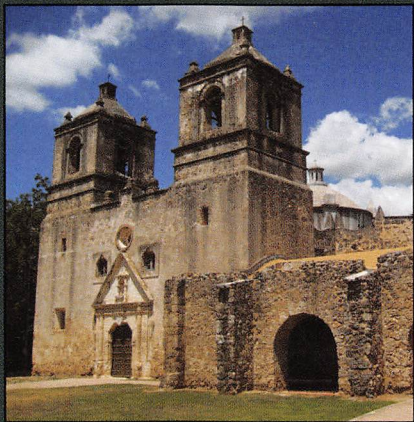




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SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

MISSION CONCEPCIÓN

One of the San Antonio Missions, Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña has the distinction of being the oldest unrestored stone church in America. In its heyday, colorful geometric designs covered its surface, but the patterns have long since faded or been worn away. Spanish missions have a long history in the United States, being some of the first European settlements in America, predating British and French settlement.