

Acqueduct
San Antonio, Texas.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Bartlett Cocke, District Officer
615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

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ACQUEDUCT
San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Owner: Manuel Marnies

Date of Erection: 1731

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Franciscan Friars

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories:

Materials of Construction: Stone and mortar

Other Existing Records: "San Antonio de Bexar" by William Corner

Additional Data:

The aqueduct was built of native stone by the Franciscan friars in 1731. It was used to irrigate lands in the vicinity of the Mission San Francisco de la Espada. It is still in an excellent state of preservation and water is still flowing through it. The massive round arches that span the Piedra creek, though only a few feet high resemble the arches of the Roman aqueducts built by the Caesars. It is the only structure of its kind in this locality that remains today.

This information was secured from the book "Indians and Missions" by Frederick C. Chabot.

Author: Charles Bertrand

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APPROVED: Bartlett Cocke

Bartlett Cocke, Dist. Officer.

Date: January 19, 1937.

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Structure

Espada Aqueduct

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HAER TX-1A

Espada Rd. and Piedra Creek. Stone arches span Piedra Creek to carry irrigation water from the San Antonio River to fields of the Mission San Francisco de la Espada. Built 1731 under the direction of the Franciscan Friars of the Mission. 5 photos (1936) show double arched aqueduct and embankment; 1 data page (1937). NR.

Card prepared July 1975.
See HAER & TX-1, 1A, 1B, 1C
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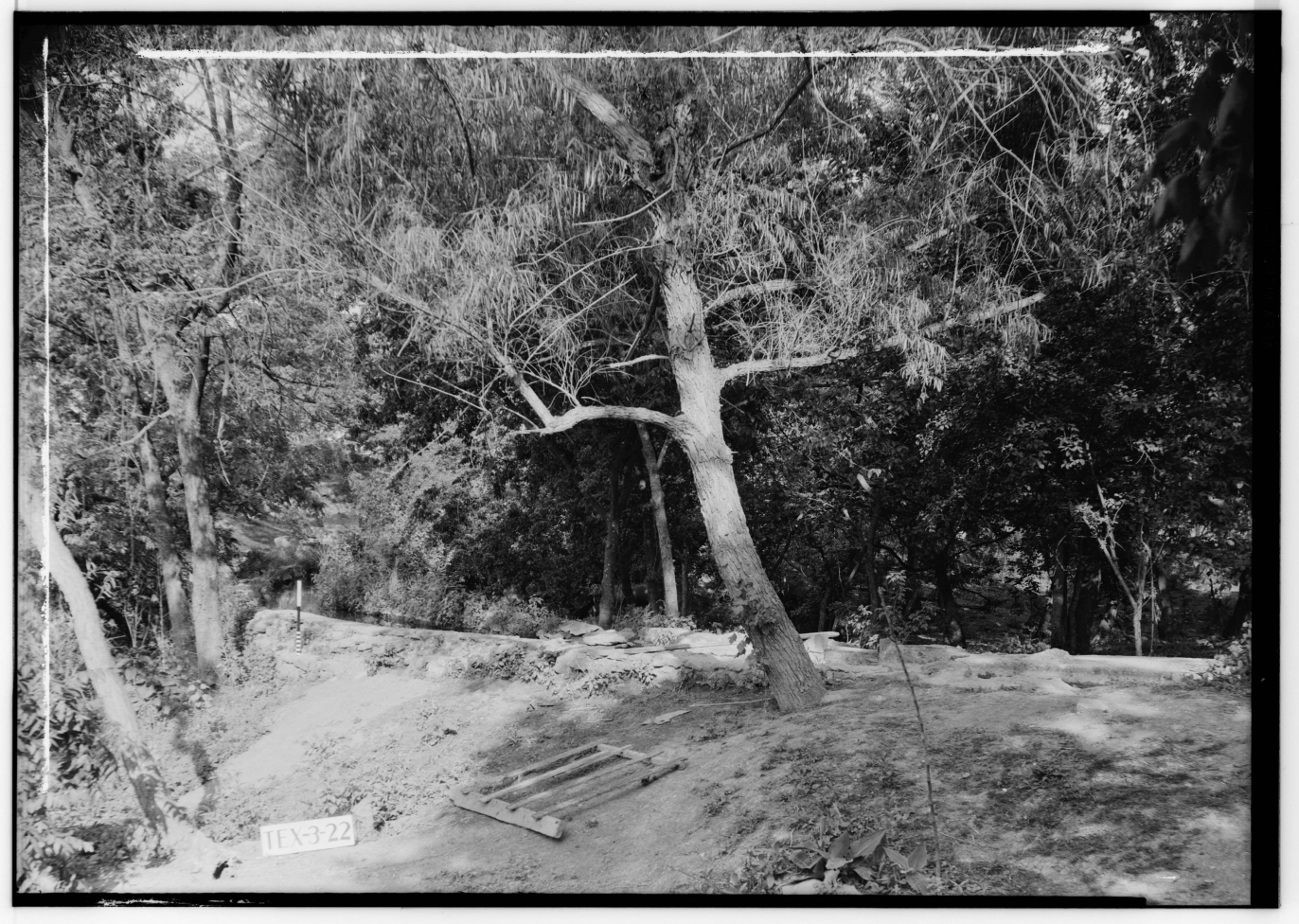
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through 1974

Ref: "Indians + Missions" by Fredericks
Chabat; "San Antonio Express" January
6th, 1935. Harvey P. Smith, Architect,
San Antonio.



A black and white photograph of a stream flowing through a dense forest. A large, light-colored rock sits in the middle of the stream, creating a small waterfall or drop. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding trees. The forest is thick with various types of trees, some with bare branches and others with leaves. In the lower-left foreground, a small white label with the text 'TEX-3-22' is visible. The overall scene is a natural, wooded landscape.

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A black and white photograph of an archaeological site. In the foreground, a wooden pallet lies on the ground. To the left, a small white marker with the text 'TEX-3-22' is visible. In the background, a large tree with a thick trunk and dense foliage stands prominently. The ground appears to be a mix of dirt and some low-lying vegetation. The overall scene suggests an excavation or survey area in a wooded or semi-wooded environment.

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