

RECORDED TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK PROPERTIES

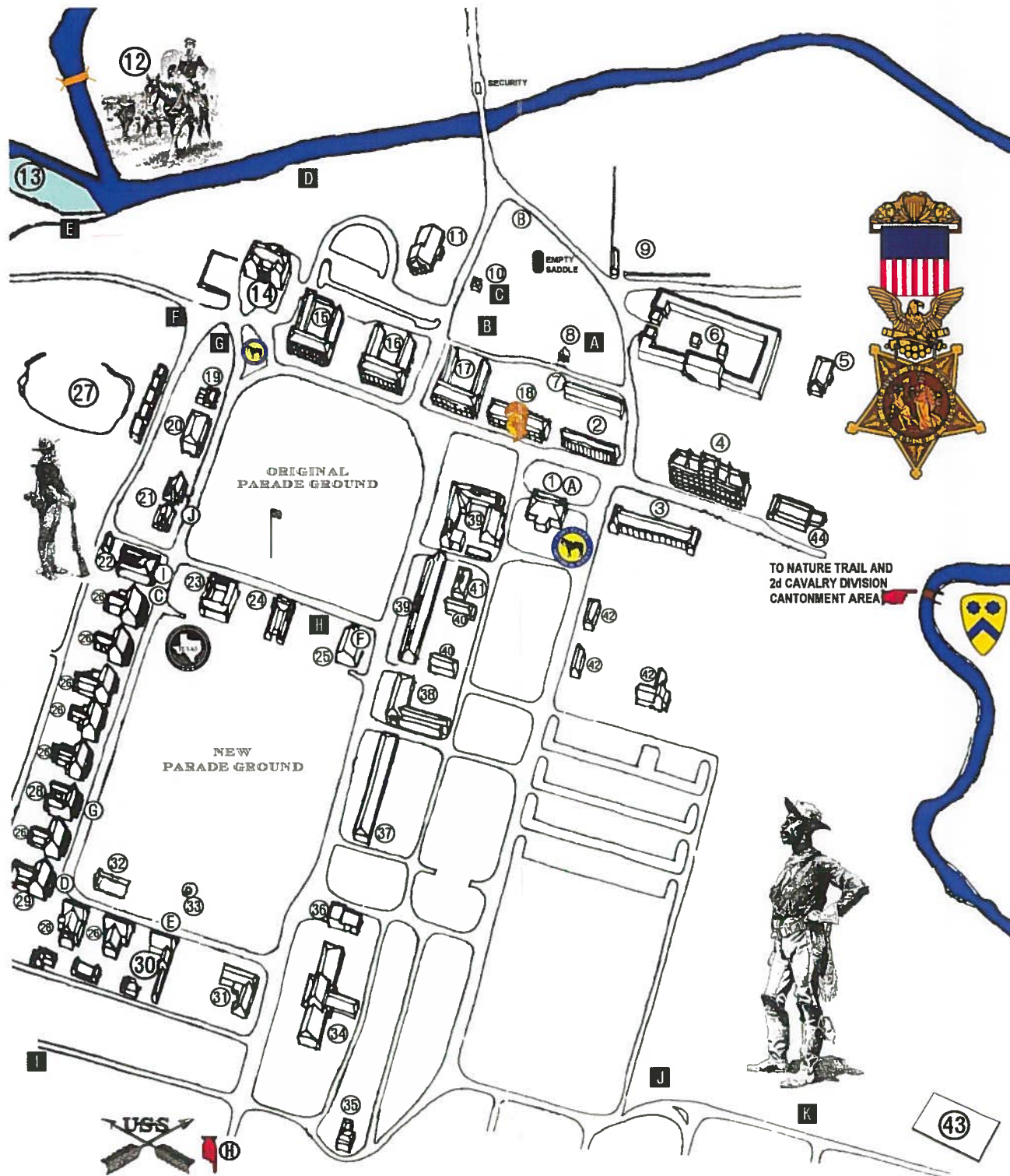
The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designation is awarded to historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark is the highest honor the state can bestow on historic structures in Texas. Properties so designated are afforded a measure of legal protection and become part of the recorded history of the state's built environment. Additionally, these properties are contributing structures to the Fort Clark Historic District, listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

- (A) Fort Clark Guardhouse
- (B) Fort Clark [Subject Marker]
- (C) Officers' Row Quarters
- (D) Staff Officers' Quarters
- (E) Commanding Officer's Quarters
- (F) Post Theater
- (G) Adjutant's Quarters, 5th US Cavalry
- (H) Seminole Scout Camp on Ft Clark [Subject Marker]
- (I) Married Officers' Quarters 8-9
- (J) Ante-bellum Log Officers' Quarters No. 2-3 and No. 4



HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

- (1) **GUARDHOUSE (Museum)** 1874. Open weekends & holidays, 1-4 P.M. or by appointment, call (830) 563-9150. [the *Sutler's Store* is adjacent to the museum]
- (2) **QUARTERMASTER WORKSHOPS** 1892. Included shops for wheelwrights, farriers, wagon repairs, and early motor vehicle maintenance. Used as a bowling alley (4-lanes) for the 2nd Cavalry Division in 1943-44.
- (3) **STABLES** 1939. Replaced earlier stables on this site since the 1870's. Used by Hqs Troop 1st Cav Brigade. Still in use by the *Fort Clark Horse Club*.
- (4) **QUARTERMASTER STOREHOUSE (Commissary)** 1892. Largest and most prominent post building.
- (5) **BLACKSMITH SHOP** 1880's. Also the site of an earlier post sawmill.
- (6) **MOTOR POOL** 1939. Still in use by the Fort Clark Springs Maintenance Department.
- (7) **BAKERY (Shafter Hall)** 1870's. Also served as a granary and forage house. [Meeting hall of the Fort Clark Community Council]
- (8) **BUTCHER SHOP** 1870's. Early meat house. Last used as NCO quarters in the 1940's.
- (9) **QUARTERMASTER CORRAL** 1870's. Housed draft animals, mules, remounts and escort wagons. Cavalry mounts were kept at the stables.
- (10) **POWDER MAGAZINE** 1850's. Originally without windows. Possibly the oldest building on the fort. [Visitor's Center for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce]
- (11) **SERVICE CLUB** 1938. Site of the first stone guardhouse in the 1850s. Still in use for social functions.
- (12) **RENDEZVOUS PARK**. This grove of ancient oak and pecan trees by Las Moras spring was a welcomed resting place for Native Americans, early Spanish explorers, and immigrant trains headed for California. The 1st Infantry established Fort Clark here on June 20, 1852.
- (13) **SWIMMING POOL** 1939. Built by the WPA when Brig Gen Jonathan Wainwright was the Post Commander, this spring fed 100x300 ft pool was the largest on any post in the army. The site was first developed from the spring pond into a swimming pool at the turn of the 20th century.



- (14) **OFFICERS' CLUB (Dickman Hall)** 1939. Officers' Club of the 5th U.S. Cavalry. Many important post facilities have occupied this site. The original post commissary and quartermaster storehouse in 1850's, sutler's store and post exchange in the late 19th century, and a gymnasium just prior to WWI.
- (15) **CAVALRY BARRACKS** 1931. Barracks have occupied this site since early 1870's. Extensions off rear of building were kitchens. Now the building is *Fort Clark Springs Association Member Services and Motel Registration*.
- (16) **BARRACKS (Patton Hall)** 1931. Rebuilt from the 1870's building. Messhall and office wings in the rear (circa 1886) were connected to barracks in 1931. Barracks building now 18 room motel facility.
- (17) **BARRACKS (Bullis Hall)** 1932. Another rebuild of an 1870's barracks. North wing was once the Post Exchange. South wing was a messhall. Barracks is now 20 room motel. [75th Anniversary 1932-2007]
- (18) **BARRACKS (Seminole Hall)** 1932. Housed "B" Troop 5th Cavalry. Barracks for the WAC detachment of the 1855th Service Unit in WWII. Only barracks with self-contained messhall. Site of the first post commissary (1870's). [75th Anniversary 1932-2007]
- (19) **OFFICER'S QUARTERS** 1931. Last remaining wood construction quarters.
- (20) **BACHELOR HALL** 1885. Building housed eight bachelor officers in individual two-room suites.
- (21) **ANTE-BELLUM LOG OFFICERS' QUARTERS** 1854-55. Vertical post and horizontal log construction. Earliest officers' quarters, occupied by J.E.B. Stuart, James Longstreet, and John Bell Hood before the Civil War.
- (22) **MARRIED OFFICERS' QUARTERS 8-9** 1871. Now a single family home, each side has double fireplaces.
- (23) **POST HEADQUARTERS** 1857. Finest stone masonry on the fort. Originally built as the Commanding Officer's quarters. Became Post Headquarters in 1873. Size doubled with an addition in 1919. Outer addition is from the early 1940's. Burned in November 1959 during filming of John Wayne's *"The Alamo."* [150th Anniversary 1857-2007]
- (24) **DUPLEX OFFICERS' QUARTERS** 1870. Also served as Commanding Officer's quarters 1870-73 and the Officers' Mess and Club at the turn of the 20th century.
- (25) **POST THEATER** 1932. Only steel frame building on the fort. Seated 400 soldiers. Classic 1930s movie house. [75th Anniversary 1932-2007]
- (26) **OFFICERS' ROW QUARTERS** 1874. These eight sets of duplex quarters make-up the first Recorded Texas Historic Landmark District in Texas. When built each building cost \$6,955.72.
- (27) **POST QUARRY (Amphitheater)**. Many of the stone buildings and additions constructed after 1880 used the soft limestone from this quarry. "Glory Road" performed here by the "Old Quarry Society."
- (28) **ADJUTANT'S QUARTERS, 5th US CAVALRY** 1874. Stone and adobe construction. Served as Adjutant's quarters for 5th Cavalry Regiment 1921-41.
- (29) **STAFF OFFICERS' QUARTERS (Patton House)** 1888. The coming of the railroad made available the finer construction materials used in this building. Served as quarters for Post Surgeon in 1890's and Regimental Commander (Colonel) 5th Cavalry 1921-41 (south side). Residence of Colonel (later General) George S. Patton Jr., July to November 1938.

- 30 **COMMANDING OFFICER'S QUARTERS (Wainwright House) 1874.** First occupant was Colonel Ranald Mackenzie, 4th Cavalry. Later quarters for the commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Brigade between the World Wars. Residence of General Jonathan M. Wainwright 1938-1940.
- 31 **TRIPLEX OFFICERS' QUARTERS 1939.** Quarters for medical corps officers assigned to the station hospital just across the street.
- 32 **TENNIS COURT 1915.** Tennis was a popular pastime for officers at Ft. Clark as early as the 1880's. This court has been in use since before WWI.
- 33 **BANDSTAND (Reconstruction) 1880's**
- 34 **POST HOSPITAL (Adult Center) 1874.** 16 bed facility with a central administrative building and two wings for patient wards. Rebuilt in 1930's adding a messhall in the rear of the building.
- 35 **HOSPITAL STEWARD'S QUARTERS 1874.** Housed the post's senior Medical Corps sergeant.
- 36 **POST FIRE STATION 1930's.**
- 37 **BARRACKS 1874.** Two barracks joined together by the Army in 1937. South end barracks served as *Post Hall* (for hops, plays, and social activities), chapel, and library in the 19th century.
- 38 **BARRACKS 1874.** Only remaining stand-alone single story barracks.
- 39 **INFANTRY BARRACKS 1869.** Earliest stone barracks connected in the 1930's.
- 40 **KITCHEN / MESSHALL 1886.** One to support each company or troop barracks.
- 41 **PALISADO KITCHEN / MESSROOM 1869.** Vertical log construction (cedar posts). Built by 25th Infantry Buffalo Soldiers. Later used as company storeroom, tailor shop, and amusement hall at the turn of the century. Interior is tin lined. [Meeting hall of the Fort Clark Historical Society]
- 42 **STABLE TACK AND FARRIER SHEDS 1920's.** Covered stall area stretched between these stone buildings.
- 43 **FIRST POST CEMETERY 1850's.** All remains were disinterred in 1946 and removed to the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.
- 44 **POST EXCHANGE TAILOR SHOP 1940's.**

HISTORIC FOUNDATIONS AND SITES

- A POST ENGINEER AND QM OFFICE 1940's**
- B WAC OFFICER BARRACKS 1940's**
- C WOOD BARRACKS 1940's.** Site of Post Trader's and Sutler's Store 1850's-90's.
- D ENLISTED BATH HOUSE**
- E OFFICERS' BATH HOUSE**
- F BACHELOR OFFICER QUARTERS**
- G FIRST POST HOSPITAL 1855.** After 1874 the building was used successively as a schoolhouse, chapel, library, and band barracks. Torn down in 1940.
- H POST CHAPEL 1941.** Building removed to Brackettville in 1947, now the 1st Baptist Church. Site of a Y.M.C.A. building and service club in 1920s.
- I POST BASEBALL FIELD GRANDSTAND**
- J HORSE DIPPING VATS**
- K VETERINARY HOSPITAL WARD**

U.S. ARMY UNIT MEMORIAL AND SEMINOLE-NEGRO INDIAN SCOUT MEMORIAL AND STATUE



U.S. Army Unit Memorial, "Cavalry Formations" plaque dedication, June 17th, 2006 (Photo by SFC Rick Lewis, 1st Cav Div, Public Affairs Office)

INFANTRY REGIMENTS

1ST INFANTRY, 1852-1853; 1858-1859
2ND INFANTRY, 1860-1861
4TH INFANTRY, 1902
5TH INFANTRY, 1855-1856
8TH INFANTRY, 1830
18TH INFANTRY, 1872-1879
18TH INFANTRY, 1880-1894
19TH INFANTRY, 1882-1889
20TH INFANTRY, 1878-1880
22ND INFANTRY, 1879-1882
23RD INFANTRY, 1884-1888
24TH INFANTRY, 1869-1870; 1876-1878
25TH INFANTRY, 1870-1872; 1877-1878
26TH INFANTRY, 1906
41ST INFANTRY, 1864-1869 (CONNECTION WITH 28TH TO BE DATED 1911)
2ND INFANTRY, 1898-1899 (DURATION OF 5TH AN WAC)

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CAVALRY FORMATIONS

1ST Dragoon, April 1854
Regiment of Mounted Rifles, 1854-1856
1ST Cavalry, 1903-1906
2ND Cavalry, 1856-1858
1ST Brigade, 1ST Cavalry Division, 1921-1941
2ND Cavalry, 1856-1858
3RD Cavalry Division, 1943-1944
4TH Cavalry, 1866-1868; 1875-1875; 1878-1879
5TH Cavalry, 1893-1895; 1921-1941
6TH Cavalry, 1893-1895
8TH Cavalry, 1876-1886
9TH Cavalry, 1868-1871; 1875-1876; 1899-1900; 1943-1944
10TH Cavalry, 1878-1879; 1900-1901
12TH Cavalry, 1901-1903
13TH Cavalry, 1917-1921
14TH Cavalry, 1912-1916
17TH Cavalry, 1943-1944 [Fort Clark's Own]
11TH Cavalry, 1941-1942
106TH Cavalry, 1917-1918

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OTHER UNITS AND SERVICE

1ST Cavalry, 1860-1861; 1869-1870, 1912
U.S. Cavalry Corps, 1860-1870
1ST Auxiliary Regiment, Jan Chl 18 59; Aug 1859 July 1860
2ND Auxiliary Regiment, Apr 1858 Oct 1860
3RD Field Artillery, Feb 1843 Feb 1844
12TH & 13TH Cav. Command Artillery, Mar 1860 Jun 1862
Mounted Line Platoon, Sept 1912 Apr 1915
Mounted Line Troop, Mar 1915 Jun 1916
1ST Machine Gun Squadron, Sept 1915 June 1916
10TH Cavalry, 1863-1864 [Fort Clark's Own]
Battalion Major Indian Scouts [Fort Clark's Honor Guard]
Aug 1872 June 1893; Mar 1898 Sept 1914
Lopez Indian Detachment, Dec 1878 Jan 1880
Seminole Indian Scouts, Dec 1881 July 1882

18 Aug 1912; 24 August 1942
Department of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Finance Department
Department of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ordnance Department
Signal Corps & National Warfare Service Air Corps Military Police Corps
Transportation Corps Medical Department Hospital Corps Marine Corps
Dental Corps Investment Corps Medical Service Corps and Chaplain Corps
Army Bands
Post Soldiers Fashion Tailors and other Civilian Employees
Daughters of Mary Army Landowners Army Streets and Children
The Indianapolis Area Inside and Outside's Companion - 1880-1885

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LOGO OF THE KINNEY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The circular shape, lettering, and map of Texas are in harmony with the logo of the Texas Historical Commission. "1850" identifies the year Kinney County was formed. The **RED STAR** locates Kinney County on the Texas map, the single most recognizable geographic shape in the world. The **BLUE BACKGROUND** represents the cool waters of Las Moras Spring, the source and lifeblood of our community. A **STAGECOACH** facing west across Texas evokes the origins of Brackettville as a stage stop on the "Lower Road" to California. The "U.S.S." [1903 branch insignia for United States Scouts] singles out Kinney County's long and proud relationship with the U.S. Army and specifically the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, Fort Clark's most heroic unit, and their four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried here.

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FORT CLARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

WALKING TOUR



A KINNEY COUNTY HERITAGE SITE

The largest and most complete military historic district in Texas, listed in the National Register of Historic Places