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independence, even before it was a Mexican territory, it was the new Spanish frontier. As lush as it was dangerous, Texas was already home to several peoples before the Spaniards decided it was theirs. Colonizing this land meant dealing with the native population one way or another; this is where the missions came into play.

Spanish Missions served many purposes. They were used to convert local peoples to Christianity, establish trade, and protect Spain's interests on the frontier. While many were unsuccessful, others left lasting legacies and helped shape the communities of modern Texas.

Today, remnants of this Spanish colonization can still be found scattered across the state. With this map and checklist, I hope to inspire others to research and explore our state's often-forgotten history and origins.

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> H 29. San Francisco de la Espada (Mission Espada), 1731 | San Antonio, Bexar County Many original structures have been preserved or rebuilt. Part of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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- 30. Rancho de las Cabras, 1731 | Wilson County Ruins of original structures are currently being excavated. Part of San Antonio Missions UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **31.** [El Fuerte de] Santa Cruz del Cíbolo, 1734, 1771 | Karnes County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- H 32. Nuestra Señora de los Dolores del Río de San Xavier, 1745 | Milam County Original structure lost.
- H 33. San Francisco Xavier de Horcasitas, 1748 | Milam County Original structure destroyed. Only artifacts remain.
- 134. San Ildefonso, 1748 | Milam County Original structure destroyed. Only artifacts remain.
- 135. Nuestra Señora de la Candaleria, 1749 | Milam County Original structure destroyed. Only artifacts remain. Eventually relocated to #51.
- 36. San Agustín de Laredo [a Visita], 1749 | Starr County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.

- H 1. San Clemente, 1632, 1684 | Menard County
- Original structure lost and location unknown. Reestablished mission ruins unverified.
- H 2.Corpus Christi de la Ysleta del Sur, 1682 | El Paso, El Paso CountyOriginal structure destroyed. Parts of current chapel date back to 1851.
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   Secore de la Limpia Concepción del Socorro, 1682 | Socorro, El Paso County

   Original structure destroyed. Current chapel built around 1840.
- +++ 4. San Antonio de Senecú, 1682 | El Paso County Original structure lost and exact location unknown
- ++ 5. La Navidad en las Cruces, 1683 | Presidio County Original structure lost and exact location unknown
- 16. San Francisco de los Julimes, 1683 | Presidio County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
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   El Apóstol Santiago, 1684 | Presidio County

   Original structure lost and exact location unknown
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   8.
   San Francisco de los Tejas, 1690 | Houston County

   Original structure lost and exact location unknown. A commemorative chapel was built nearby in Mission Tejas State Park in the 1930s.
- 🕂 9. 🛛 Santísimo Nombre de María, 1690 | Houston County 👘
- **T** 9. Santisino kombre de Maria, 1990 | Houston County Original structure destroyed by flood in 1692.
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   San Cristóbal, 1715 | Presidio County

   Original structure destroyed. Only artifacts remain.
- 11. Santa María de la Redonda de los Cíbolos, 1715 or 1684 | Presidio County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- 12. San Francisco de los Neches, 1716 | Cherokee County Originally Nuestro Padre San Francisco de los Tejas as it succeeded #8. Original structure lost. Eventually relocated to #29.
- 13. Nuestra Señora de los Dolores de los Tejas, 1716 | Cherokee County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- H 14. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de los Nacogdoches, 1716 | Nacogdoches County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- H 15. Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de los Hasinai, 1716 | Nacogdoches County Original structure lost and exact location unknown. Eventually relocated to #27.
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   16. San José de los Nazonis, 1716 | Nacogdoches County

   Original structure lost and exact location unknown. Eventually relocated to #28.
- 17. Nuestra Señora de Dolores de los Ais, 1717 | San Augustine County Original structure destroyed. Only artifacts remain.
- H 18. San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo), 1718 | San Antonio, Bexar County Many original structures have been preserved or rebuilt. Part of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 19. San Antonio de Béxar, 1718 | San Antonio, Bexar County While most of the presidio has been erased, the Spanish Governor's Palace, which originally served as the presidio captain's quarters, survives today.
- H 20. San José y San Miguel de Aguayo (Mission San José), 1720 | San Antonio, Bexar County Many original structures have been preserved or rebuilt. Part of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 21. Nuestra Señora de Loreto [de la Bahía] (Presidio La Bahía), 1721 | Goliad County Relocated to current site in 1749. Much of the original has been preserved or rebuilt.
- H 22. Nuestra Señora de la Bahía del Espíritu Santo de Zúñiga (Mission Espíritu Santo), 1722 | Goliad County Relocated to current site in 1749. Many original structures have been preserved or restored. Located in Goliad State Park & Historic Site.
- + 23. San Francisco Xavier de Nájara, 1722 | San Antonio, Bexar County No permanent structures erected and nothing remains.
- 24. Tonkawa Bank, 1726 | Victoria, Victoria County Temporary site of Espíritu Santo (#22) and Presidio La Bahía (#21). Remains were covered up by construction of nearby baseball fields.
- 25. Site of three missions moved to Colorado River, 1730 | Austin, Travis County Unknown site of three East Texas missions (#12, #14, #16) relocated to the area.
- H 26. Nuestra Señora Santa María de las Caldas, 1730 | El Paso County

   Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- H 27. Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña (Mission Concepción), 1731 San Antonio, Bexar County

Best preserved of the missions. Some original decoration survives today. Part of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

H 28. San Juan Capistrano (Mission San Juan), 1731 | San Antonio, Bexar County Many original structures have been preserved or rebuilt. Part of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- 37. San Joaquín del Monte [a Visita], 1749 | Hidalgo County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- 38. Nuestra Señora de los Dolores [Hacienda], 1750 | Zapata County Ruins of structures still exist on private property.
- **39.** La Purísima Concepción (Mier a Visita), 1750s | Starr County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- **40. San Francisco Xavier de Gigedo, 1751 | Milam County** Original structure lost and location unverified.
- **41.** San Elizario, 1752 | San Elizario, El Paso County Originally Nuestra Señora de las Caldas de Guajoquilla. Relocated to current site in 1789. Current chapel was built to replace previous one in 1877.
- **42.** San Francisco Solano de Ampuero (Revilla a Visita), 1753 | Zapata County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
- + 43. Nuestra Señora del Rosario, 1754 | Goliad County Ruins of original structure comprise Nuestra Señora del Rosario State Historic Site.
- **H** 44. Relocated San Xavier missions, 1755 | Hays County Unknown site of three relocated San Xavier missions (#33, #34, #35).
- 145. San Francisco Xavier de Guadalupe (Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe), 1756 | Comal County Original structure lost and exact location unknown.
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   46. Nuestra Señora de la Luz del Orcoquisac, 1756 | Chambers County

   Original structure destroyed.
- 47. San Agustín de Ahumada, 1756 | Chambers County Original structure destroyed.
- **H** 48. Santa Cruz de San Sabá, 1757 | Menard County Original structure destroyed.
- **49.** San Luis de las Amarillas (Presidio San Sabá), 1757 | Menard County Original structures have been preserved or rebuilt.
- H 50. San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz [del Cañon], 1762 | Real County Ruins of original structure have been excavated.
- **H** 51. Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria del Cañon, 1762 | Uvalde County Original structure lost.
- 52. Nuestra Señora del Refugio, 1793 | Refugio County Original structure foundations remain but are buried under modern construction.
- **53.** San Marcos de Neve, 1808 | Hays County Original structures lost. Only artifacts have been found so far.
- **54.** Palafox, 1810 | Webb County Ruins of town structures still exist on private property.

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