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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A cut limestone Gothic Revival church built in 1875 and renovated in 1955. There is a central front bell tower with a small steeple. All the openings are lancet arched. There is a German quality in the handling of the proportions and the simplicity of the detail which is confined to limestone pilasters at the corners and limestone string courses. There is a glazed double door with double transom and stained glass fan light. The tower was added in 1889.

In 1955 the nave of the church was lengthened and transepts were added. The architectural style of the addition harmonizes with the original portions of the building, but is obvious enough to maintain the integrity of the early section.





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The First Protestant Church in New Braunfels is strongly German in character and probably not so much Gothic Revival as a continuation of a traditional German vernacular type. There is a stout firmness in the handling of the massing and a simplicity and sureness of form that together with the fine stonework makes this a notable example of the architecture of the German settlers in Texas.

In the spring of 1845 Prince Solms of Braunfels am Lahn, Germany, and his followers landed in Houston, Texas. Solms had purchased land on the San Saba and Llano rivers. Indian raids, however, discouraged settlement near the San Saba, so Solms bought a league of land on the Comal River and took a contingent of German settlers there to begin farming.

On October 15, 1845, the Republic of Texas issued a charter to the Solms German Protestant Congregation and in the spring of the following year the settlers of New Braunfels built a log church. They laid a cornerstone March 8, 1846, and held their first services March 22, Palm Sunday, April 5, the church was consecrated.

About 1870 the congregation decided to build a larger church. They formed a building committee instead of hiring a contractor, and they commissioned architect Jacob Langkopf. To keep costs down, the committee decided to limit the length of the church to eighty feet, with construction to be done in such a way that the church could be lengthened in the future. They chose native limestone as the building material and laid a cornerstone July 18, 1875.

March 16, 1879, the congregation held their first service in the new church. They dedicated a tower July 14, 1889, at the cost of \$2,800 and finished the interior by July, 1893, at the cost of \$1,728.39.

The church was renovated in 1955 in order to accommodate a growing membership. The congregation lengthened the church

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TO:

Dr. Murtagh

FROM:

Suzanne Duncan

SUBJECT: First Protestant Church, Comal County, Texas

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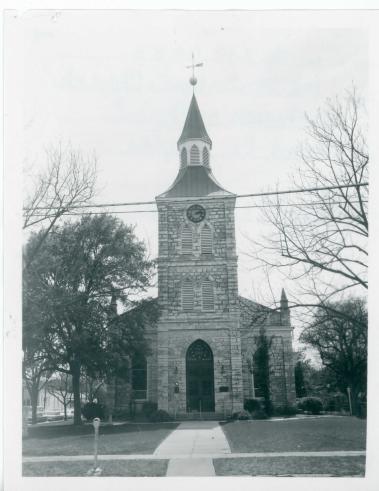
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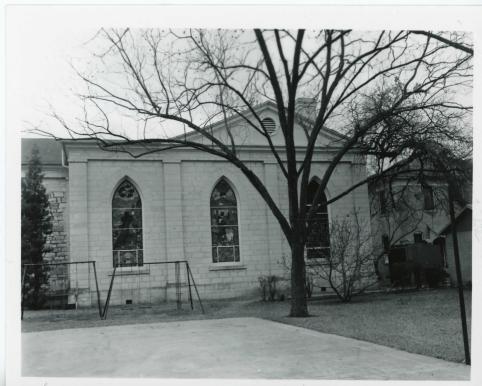
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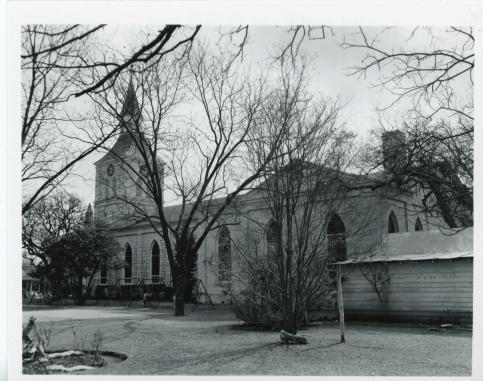
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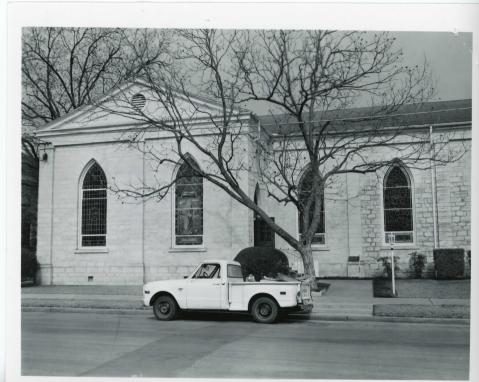
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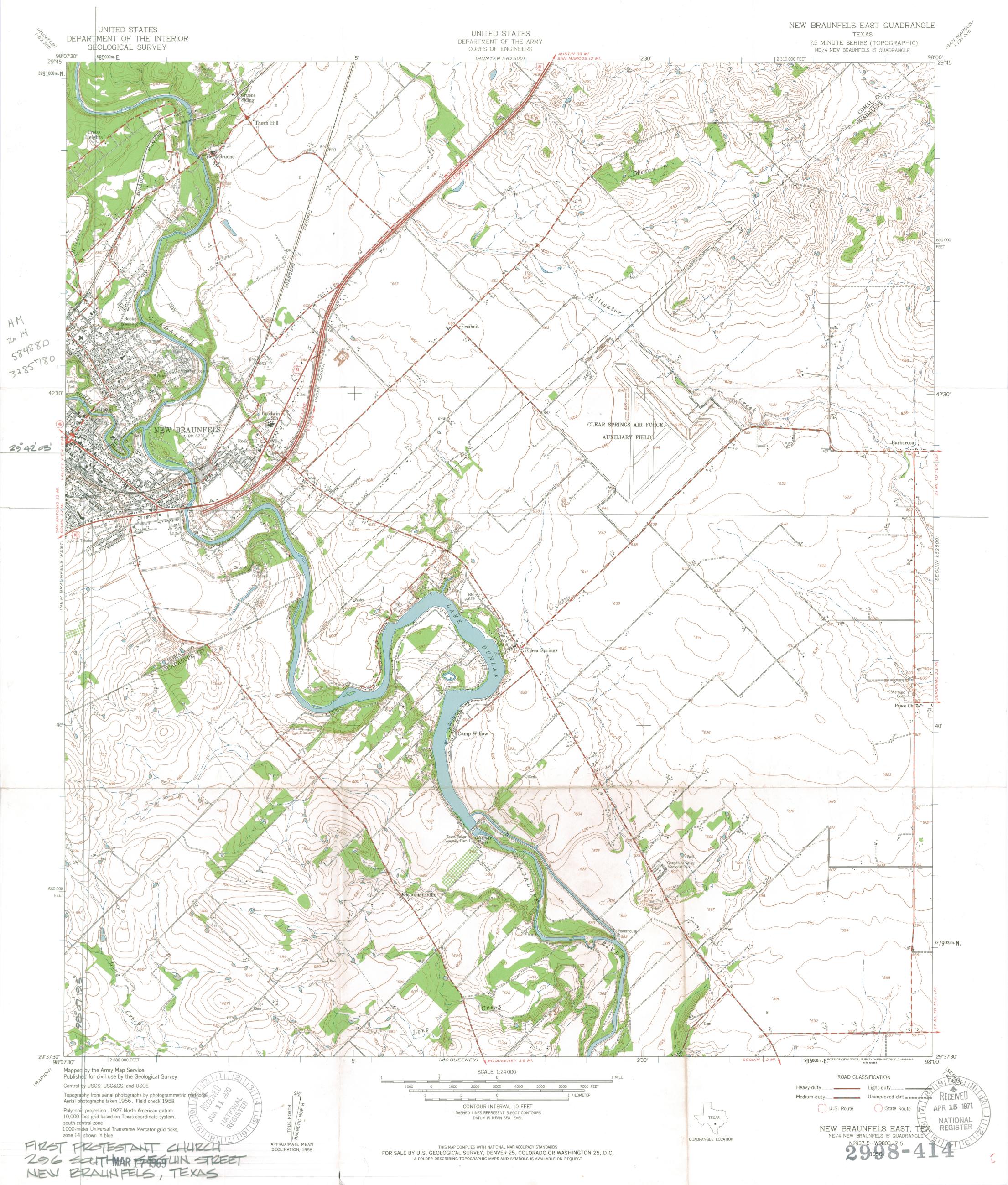
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Mr. Truett Latimer Executive Director Texas State Historical Survey Committee Post Office Box 12276 Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Latimer:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators John G. Tower and Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., and the appropriate Representatives are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

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Mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz

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Director, Southwest Region

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Bentsen:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed the Covernor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation of the National Register of Program in Texas and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator John G. Tower and the appropriate Representative also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter State Liaison Officer, Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas Historical Survey Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, Texas 78711, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

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cc: Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical School Committee, Post Office Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas

Also notified: United States Senate Hon. John G. Tower House of Representatives Hon. O. C. Fisher Hon. Richard C. White Hon. Omar Burleson Hon. Jack Brooks Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

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