

Samples of 4 of the
'Fredericksburg, Crabapple, And The
Willow City Loop'
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Vereins Kirche - Fredericksburg, TX - 2005



**TEXAS DAYTRIPPER'S
DAY TRIP 1**

**FREDERICKSBURG, CRABAPPLE,
AND THE WILLOW CITY LOOP**

**Back Roads - Word Puzzle - History - Trivia
All on 46 Fun-Filled cards!**

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Continue on W. Creek street to the next block and watch for the Kuenemann House at 413 W. Creek on your right.

Kuenemann House

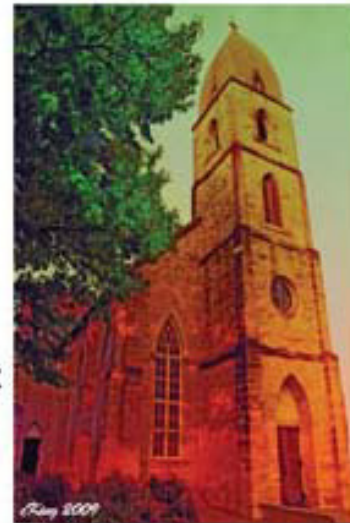
Take a moment here and carefully read the first few sentences on the historical marker. Try to imagine the high hopes that were dashed after sailing from Germany to the Texas Coast, only to find no transportation to New Braunfels. Reflect on how it must have felt to lose a child as the family walked all the way to New Braunfels on crowded and disease ridden roads. It's heart wrenching and amazing. Not ONLY did they walk all the way to New Braunfels, but when they arrived in Fredericksburg, they had to settle amidst hostile natives. Most of these settlers didn't have any idea about any of these issues when they left their homeland.



Continue East on W. Creek Street. Cross Edison Street. Go one block and turn left on Milam Street. Go one block on Milam Street to San Antonio Street and turn right. Watch for the St. Mary's Churches on your left. (One pic is on front or previous card.)

St. Mary's Churches

When Fredericksburg was first settled, the Adelsverein provided the residents with one church that included all faiths. We will see a replica of that Vereins Kirche on the next stop. The Catholic group was the first to split from the Vereins Kirche's interdenominational group. Using the stipend received from their interest in the Vereins Kirche, the Catholics first built a wooden church. By 1861, they were able to erect the stone Marienkirche (mar ee' in kirch uh) that still stands before you. Notice the contrast with, yet the compatibility of, the Gothic Revival St. Mary's Church built later in 1905-06. The interior of the St. Mary's Church is pretty awesome, and if you go in, you'll see why it's included as one of the Painted Churches in Texas.



**I Down - 18 x 48 x 15 were my dimensions.
The place where I first sat
Is worthy of mention.**

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From the Middle Creek Ranch, continue north on Lower Crabapple Road for almost 6 miles until you reach a T. You should see Itz-Kast Road going to the right. You don't need to take that road, but try to find a place to stop to read the info below. On the way, look for the answers to the riddles on this card.

13 Down - I can be used to describe murder. But I'm more peaceful before a star.

17 Down - The longhorn wants to follow. But must protect the mails. Don't worry for our sorrow. We are the happy _____.



Art In The Country

Soooo, Did you see the turkey on the way?

Admittedly, our photo makes it stand out a little more. But, that's the thing... if you watch, you can spot all kinds of art lurking on fence posts, gates, or out in the fields. Capture the gem of the art in your camera or in your mind! Feel the thrill of discovering a treasure! Take time to ponder how it was made, what it's made of, and why it was done.

DC Riley House

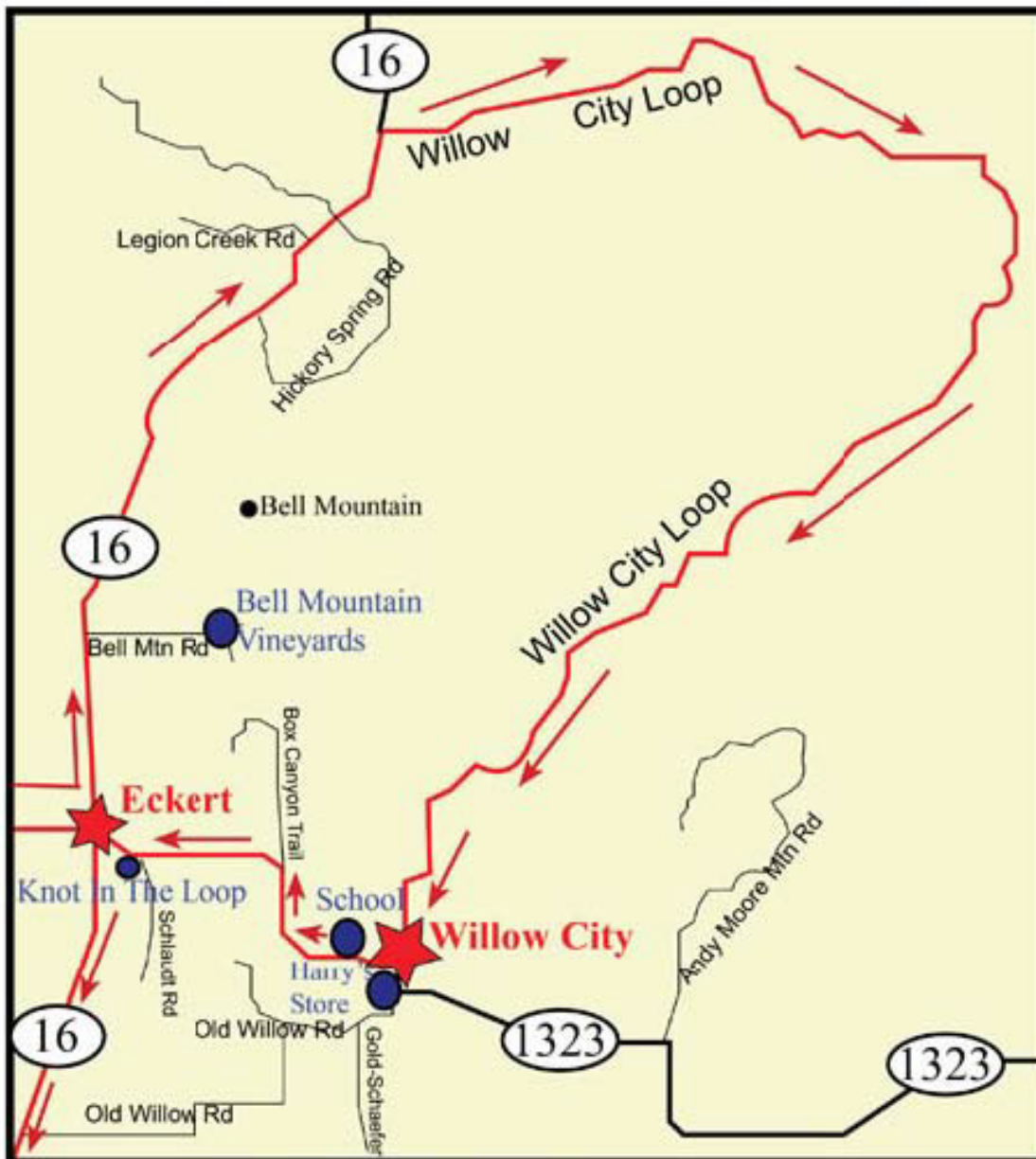
Just up Itz-Kast road is the DC Riley House, but it is a private residence so we'll just show you a photo here. One interesting thing is that the "DC" stands for David Crockett. Sound familiar? Well, we did talk to the current owners of the house and there's a reason for that. DC Riley was a descendent or related to a woman that married Davy Crockett. ANYWAY, four generations have lived in this house built in the early 1870's by pioneer David Crockett Riley. Stone for 24" outer walls and 18" partitions came from a nearby hill. Workers were paid 50 cents and a pint of Crockett Riley's whiskey (home-distilled) for a day's work.



The OTHER interesting thing they told us was that the ridge you can see to the south of here was the agreed-upon dividing line between the new pioneer settlements and the Native Americans. SO, DC Riley was taking a big risk by building north of that ridge!

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Hwy 16 and the Willow City Loop



Willow City Loop

The two-lane road travels 13 miles through canyons that were sliced by tranquil creeks. Hilltop views will take your breath away. Travel through meadows painted with bluebonnets or granite rock protrusions. You'll feel like you're on a Disney movie set!

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