

Walking Tour 1 (1 mile)

Start from NE corner of courthouse Square Go east on St. Lawrence 2 blocks

1. On left - J. D. Houston House - 1898
Houston, born in Texas in 1851, was one of three Houston brothers who became cattle barons. The house features 15 rooms, an indoor conservatory, oak floors, five bathrooms, several fireplaces and two original murals in the front entry.

Continue 1 block

2. On left - G.F. Burgess House - 1897
Burgess was born in Texas in 1861. His parents were from Holland. He became an attorney and moved to Gonzales in 1885, serving in the U.S. Congress from 1902-1915. The house was designed by architect George Francis Barber.

3. On left - J. H. Remschel House - 1884
Remschel, born in Berlin, Germany in 1825, came to the U.S. in 1855. He came to Gonzales in 1882 and opened a lumberyard. The house was originally Victorian but was remodeled in the 1920s.

4. On left - R.S. Dilworth House No. 2 - 1908
Dilworth was born in Gonzales in 1868, the son of banker G.N. Dilworth. The house was designed by architect J. Riely Gordon and completed in 1910. It features marble steps, wide entry hall with mahogany paneling and tapestry, oak floors bordered with walnut, birch and maple and mahogany staircase.

5. On left - C. B. Patton House - 1907
Dr. Patton, born in Georgia in 1844, came to Gonzales around 1870. He had a degree from Tulane University and practiced law in this area for over 50 years. The house stands on two acres.

Reverse direction. Go back down St. Lawrence. Turn right onto College Street. Go 1 block, do not turn.

6. On left - northwest corner - Zilmon Boothe House - 1908
Boothe was born in Gonzales in 1878. His parents were from North Carolina. He was a cattleman but later moved to San Antonio and went into the real estate business.

7. On right - W. C. Kleine House - 1907
Kleine, born in Gonzales in 1872, was the son of

noted German furniture maker August Kleine, who owned his business in Gonzales. W. C. worked with his father for a time, but later went into the real estate business.

Turn left onto St. Francis, go 1 block

8. On left - W. H. Boothe House - 1898
Boothe was born in Gonzales in 1866. His parents were from North Carolina. He ran a grocery store with his father. His wife taught music and became a self-taught physical therapist.

Turn left onto Hamilton

9. On right - J. R. Tinsley House - 1918
Tinsley, born in 1877 in Gonzales, carried on the family tradition as a cattleman. His mother was Dora Houston, a sister to cattle barons Dunn, W. B. and R. A. Houston.

10. On left, around corner, C.J. Pilgrim House-1883
Pilgrim, born in 1853 in Gonzales, was the son of T. J. Pilgrim, who started the first Sunday School in Texas. His mother was Sarah Bennet, daughter of Valentine Bennet, one of the 'Old Eighteen.' C. J. owned and operated the *Gonzales Inquirer* newspaper.

11. On left, across street - J. H. Boothe House - 1913.
Boothe, born in 1851 in North Carolina, came to Gonzales in 1873. He died in 1911 and his wife and son built the house. J. H. was a partner in the Boothe & Lewis hardware store.

Turn right onto St. George

12. On right - W. B. Houston House - 1895
Houston, born in Texas in 1852, was one of the three brothers who all became cattle barons. His first wife died in childbirth. His second wife was an artist trained in Europe. She painted murals that still adorn the parlor ceiling and dining room walls.

13. On right - M. J. Koch House - 1907
Koch was born in 1864 in Galveston. His parents were from Germany. He married Dora Houston, sister to cattle barons Dunn, W. B. and R. A. Houston. Koch was a farmer and a rancher.

14. On left - J. F. Remschel House - 1902
Remschel, born in 1870 in Indianola, was the son of J. H. Remschel. His father came from Germany in 1850 and moved to Gonzales in 1882 where he started a lumber business. J. F. and his brother took over the business when their father died and the

family continued to operate it until 1993.

15. On left - John Fauth House - 1869
Fauth, born in Derrenbach, Germany in 1833, came to Gonzales in 1868. He built buggies, carriages, barrels and fine furniture from local walnut trees. He and his wife lived out their lives in the house.

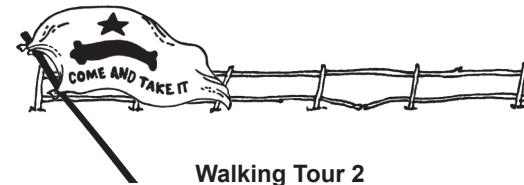
Continue on 1 block to St. Paul

16. On right - Frederich Reese Building - 1888
Reese built this building of stones mined from the Maurin Quarry east of Gonzales. He owned and operated a mercantile store. The signs on the side were added in the 1920s.

Turn left onto St. Paul

17. Confederate Square - Buildings around this square date from 1885. It was originally named Jail Square but was renamed in 1910 when the monument was dedicated.

Continue 1 block to beginning point.



Walking Tour 2 one-half mile Drive to the Municipal Building parking lot, 820 St. Joseph Street

Walk across St. Joseph Street and turn left.

1. On right - F.M. Fly House - 1914.
Fly, born in Big Hill in 1866, was president of the Gonzales State Bank and in 1914 hired builder Capp Smith to build his home. It is constructed of Gonzales brick with foundation walls two feet thick that extend seven feet into the ground.

Turn right onto St. Andrew. Go 1 block

2. On right - B. N. Peck House - 1884
Peck, born in Gonzales in 1856, was a prosperous merchant. His grandfather fought with Sam Houston at San Jacinto. He was in the mercantile business and built the red Peck & Fly building on Confederate Square. The house was originally Victorian but was converted to the current style in the 1920s.

3. On left - W. H. Kokernot House - 1914

Kokernot, born at Big Hill in 1874, the son of cattle baron L.M. Kokernot, he was in the cattle and mercantile business. He had the house designed by architect James Phelps and lived there with his family until the 1940s when he moved to Alpine.

4. On right - I. N. Smead House - 1876
Smead, born in 1815 in New York, came to Gonzales shortly after the Civil War. He was a cabinetmaker and built this home himself. It was originally a Mansard-style home but was converted to Greek revival in the 1920s.

5. On right T. R. Skinner House - 1914
Folk Victorian architecture. Skinner was a butcher.

Turn left onto St. John

6. Third house on right - Lucien Chenault House - 1875.
Chenault was born in Gonzales in 1852. His father came from Kentucky. Lucien married Narcissa DeWitt, granddaughter of Gonzales founder Green DeWitt. Chenault built the first part of the house in 1875. The house was purchased by Solomon Stahl who built other wings after 1882.

Turn left onto St. Francis

7. On left - T. H. Spooner House - 1875
Spooner, born in 1849 in Mississippi, came to Texas in 1865 and became an attorney. The house features a hand-carved staircase and revolving oval stained glass window between the entry hall and the dining room.

8. On right - Jacob Stahl House - 1907
Stahl was born in Gonzales in 1885. He and his brother were merchants. When Jacob married he built this house where he and his wife lived the rest of their lives.

9. On left - W. B. Sayers House - 1875
Sayers, born in 1843 in Mississippi, moved to Gonzales in 1865. He became an attorney but later went into banking with J. F. Miller.

Continue 1 block to St. Joseph

10. On left - The Old Post Office - 1909
This building served as the Gonzales post office until the mid-1960s when it was converted into an office building.

Turn left onto St. Joseph Go 1 block to point of beginning.

Walking Tour 3

1 mile

Start at southeast corner of Courthouse Square, go south on St. Paul.

1. On left - Hugh Lewis House - 1883
Lewis, born in 1832 in Mississippi, came to Gonzales in 1852. He made his fortune in the cattle business and hired Frederick Ruffini to design his home. Originally Victorian, it was modified by his son in 1920.

Turn left onto St. Matthew - go 1 block

2. NE corner - C. A. Burchard House - 1897
Burchard, born in Gonzales in 1858, was in the first Texas A&M class in 1876. He became an attorney and founded the Burchard Abstract Co., still in existence today.

Turn right onto St. Peter

3. On left - C. E. Dilworth House - 1912
Dilworth, born in Gonzales in 1874, was the son of local banker G.N. Dilworth. He hired noted architect J. Riely Gordon to design his Greek Revival home. It features a full-length ell-shaped porch and balcony, marble inlaid terrazzo floors, a carriage house and a reflecting pool.

4. On right - L M. Kokernot House - 1914
This house was built for Mrs. L. M. Kokernot. L.M., born in 1836 in Louisiana, came to Texas in 1850. He made his fortune in the cattle business and died in 1914. Local builder Fred Meisenhelder did the construction for the widow.

Turn left onto St. Michael

5. On right - George Ewing House - 1910
Ewing, born in Texas in 1864, came to Gonzales in 1901. He worked for the Alamo Lumber Company and later owned his own lumber business.

6. On right - H. W. Matthews House - 1911
Matthews, born in Texas in 1857, was the son of one of the original DeWitt Colony settlers. His mother was Naomi DeWitt, daughter of founder Green DeWitt. He made his fortune in the cattle business. The house was designed by famed architect J. Riely Gordon.

7. On left - J. W. Bailey House - 1897
Bailey, born in Tennessee in 1825, came to Gonzales in 1851. He was a prominent rancher. The house fea-

tures longleaf pine woodwork, nine-foot high pocket doors and three fireplaces.

Turn right onto Hamilton

8. On left - R. S. Dilworth House No. 1 - 1893
Dilworth, born in Texas in 1868, was the son of banker G. N. Dilworth. This was the first of two homes built by Dilworth and his wife Susan. The house was originally Victorian, but was remodeled in the 1920s as a Greek Revival home.

9. On left - Dr. J. C. Jones House - 1885
Dr. Jones, born in Alabama in 1837, came to Texas in 1856. Educated in Europe, he came back to Texas to serve the Confederacy as General Hood's personal physician. The house features a free-standing curved staircase hand-carved of Gonzales walnut.

Turn left onto St. Vincent - go 1 block

10. On right - SE corner - J. C. Bright House - 1898
Bright, born in Gonzales in 1876 to W. J. and Nora Mitchell Bright, worked in his father's bank. He later became a pharmacist. This house was built as a wedding gift by his and his bride's parents.

Turn left onto College Street - go 1 block

11. On right - NE corner - John Steiner House - 1911
Steiner was born in Saturn in 1886. He sold the house in 1920 and moved to San Antonio where he became an executive for Texaco.

Continue on College Street

Turn right onto St. Matthew - go 1 block

Turn left onto Rather Street - go 1 block

12. On right - C. H. Hoskins House - 1911
Hoskins, born in Texas in 1881, came to this area in 1891. He made his fortune in the mercantile business.

Turn left onto St. Louis

13. On left - C. T. Rather House - 1892
Rather, born in Texas in 1855, came to Gonzales in 1871. He made his fortune in banking, land and cotton. Builder W. H. Kishbaugh constructed the home that features longleaf pine woodwork, intricate hardwood floors and a brick cistern on the rear porch.

14. On left - The Old College - 1851
This structure was built by a local builder named Mooney. It opened in 1853 as the first women's college in Texas. The stones came from a quarry about 10 miles east of Gonzales. It was purchased in 1892 by attorney W. M. Atkinson and converted to a private residence.

15. On right - Episcopal Church Rectory - 1912

16. On right - Episcopal Church of the Messiah - 1881. It features a hand-carved walnut altar, lectern and pulpit.

17. On right - J. B. Kennard House - 1895
Kennard, born in Texas in 1861, came to Gonzales in 1893. He made his fortune in the lumber business. The house was designed by J. Riely Gordon and features fish-scale shingles, longleaf pine siding, glass mosaics, six fireplaces and Tiffany leaded glass over some of the doors.

18. On left - J. P. Randle House - 1898
Randle, born in 1845 in Gonzales County, made his fortune in banking and the mercantile business.

19. On the left - Paul Levysen House - 1877
Levysen was born in Pozen, Germany in 1839. His father, who brought his family here in 1856, was the first of many Jewish businessmen who settled in Gonzales. Levysen owned and operated a mercantile business.

20. On right - Edward Lewis House - 1910
Lewis was born in Gonzales in 1869. His father was from Mississippi and his mother from Missouri. He married Cayloma Ponton, the granddaughter of Andrew Ponton, Alcalde of Gonzales during the revolution. Lewis owned and operated a hardware business.

Continue 1 block to point of beginning.

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