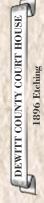
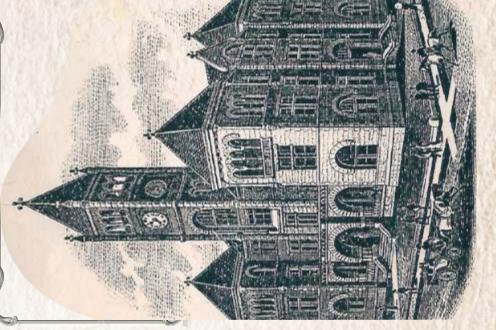
HISTORIC SITES GUIDE

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HISTORICAL SITES GUIDE

Some sites have Texas Historical Commission markers. Others were requested by DeWitt County Historical Commission members or leaders of cities within the county. Directions and points on the map are provided to assist you. Mileage is rounded to the nearest half mile. Be prepared to do a little searching. Additional historical information is available at the following sources:

www.tshaonline.org/handbook, www.texashistory.unt.edu,

congregation in the area since 1841, on this site was erected in 1886. The service in the present sanctuary hodist Church of Cuero,

Iss Presbyterian Church of Cuero, N McLeod St ime church was floated across the Jalupe from Clinton and rebuilt on this site in 3. A brick sanctuary was built in 1916 and ced in 1969 with the present structure.

ichael's Catholic Church & School, VicLeod St thed in 1875, the congregation built and school buildings on this site, pres is remodeled in the 1960s, the early od center and gym added in 2013.

ce Episcopal Church, 401 N Esplanade St ished in 1874, the congregation built this in 1889, the original clapboard siding d with stucco in the 1920s, the copper added in 1986. ero Heritage Museum, 124 E Church St d and operated by the City of Cuero in the r post office built in 1915, exhibits include football, Turkey Trot, Coca Cola, and in Flying Field.

Mark's Lutheran Church,

Explanade St
nized in 1880, German Lutherans held nized in 1880, German Lutherans held ces at this site in 1889, the present building cated in 1939, the parsonage in 1953, and ellowship hall in 1959.

seum opened in 2013 in the hall built by order in 1903. Meeting rooms were and the lower floor with unfinished dis leased to various businesses.

uero Land & Immigration Company marker, *llock of E Main St between the library & fin*

Viorgen Ave

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brought mail and settlers to
see any as 1835. Rail transportation to
as early as 1835. Rail transportation to
affluenced the development of the city and
dring area.

Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas, E Main St igned in 1889 for a pharmacy/drugstore, the ding never housed any other business and many original furnishings. It was transferred the City of Cuero in 2013.

arly Texas Bandstands, 200 block of E Main ween the library 8 fire station lica of the first band stand erected in the the marker details the importance of music ghout the history of DeWitt County.

ned by four men for whom city streets are ned, the company developed 4,128 acres, ng 100 acres to the railroad and donating lots hurches, schools, and for public use.

s. Brayton Flying Field Marker, 200 block of E ain St between the library & fire station arker tells of the civilian flying school which inted pilots for the US and Allied countries ring WWIII. The school was located at 1500-00 FM 766, where an original hangar med by a private manufacturing business can seen from the road.

on Drive and Leonard Roy Harmon or Stinto Cuero Municipal Park, of Park Clubhouse in named for a black man reared in infliced his life to evacuate nates. The marker gives additional is life and service.

ches of service. suitable for playin

Settler's Park across from the Cuero I Performing Arts Center of two markers erected during 1936 celebrations with history of the ff DeWitt County and names of men DeWitt County, across from the Cu

yy Benavides Monument, US 87 S in rs Park across from Cuero High School ment to Roy Benavides, born in Lindena eceived the Medal of Honor from Presid Reagan for valorous actions in South side Cemetery, End of E Reuss Blvd pal burial ground, established in 1875, n ss Evergreen Cemetery, the once-ated African American Cemetery.

d in the historic Bates-Sheppard Home, nent and seasonal exhibits depict various is of DeWitt County history, including the ties to Old Indianola.

Jaule School,

Daule St, marker at 107 Daule St at park
in 1949 after the previous school for black
fren was condemned by the State Board of
cation, voluntary integration in 1963,
datory integration in 1965.

ordheim Shooting Club, End of W Broadway
ned by the merger of the Nordheim Fortschritt
in (Progress Club) & Nordheim Schautzen
in (Shooting Club), the oldest Nordheim
inzation still in existence. ordheim Museum,
comer of Broadway & Second St
copened in the Old Fire Station when it was
cated in 1986, the impressive collections
aliar to the communitys rich heritage are now
sed at 215 Broadway. Call Gilbert Pargman
38-5571 or Roberta Hale 361-584-7149 for

u cemetery/Nordheim Cemetery 5 miles SE from SH 72 at FM 239 8 emetery Rd travelers, and the site of public its flat top, a part of this high hil d by Nordheim's cemetery.

Cross Catholic Church and Cemetery, at 1214 Zorn Rd, Cemetery at Old FM 237 Rd

orktown Co-Founders Marker, Corner of Main & Eckhardt St rker recounts the founding of Yorktown by in York and Charles Eckhardt in 1848.

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Cameron, First County Seat of DeWitt County,
U 766 3 miles from Esplanade & Rauss Blvd
istorical marker marks the site, details on

etery, N Reidel/FM 240,

13th St 1 cemetery formally established in 1872 by

eran congregation 1888 until the dicated in 1952, the

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On March 24th, 1846, the brand-new State of Texas legally created the county of DeWitt, named after Empresario Green B. DeWitt. As we honor our past and look to a bright future, we invite you to visit and explore the Historical Landmarks around DeWitt County's Cuero, Yoakum, Yorktown and Nordheim. Stay for a while to enjoy our events museums, shops, restaurants and much more. Follow us on our Chamber, Museum, Downtown Facebook pages and Websites, and take a journey into South Texas history to create and take a journey into South Texas history family memories you'll cherish for a lifetime. 4

1846 - 2021 Honored Past...Bright Fuli



reckeville, FM 236 SE 7.5 miles from nade, left on Arneckeville Center Rd .5 m nool

riving community in the late 1800s, only ch on Zion Cemetery Road and the schot serving as the community center, remai

n immigrants built their first church, the hot the Immaculate Conception, and slished a cemetery in 1867. The present red church was built in 1914 and med Holy Cross Church.

Cuero Marker, US 87 S & Serendipity Ln stablished in 1873, Cuero's population increase gnificantly following hurricanes in 1875 and 886 that caused Indianola residents to move

etnam Veterans Memorial, block of E Main St/SH 72 indeed at night, a Huey UH-8 helicopter is at renter of the memorial dedicated in 2012. It are than 500 DeWitt County residents are more than 500 DeWitt County residents served during the Vietnam war, including 12 lost their lives.

Yorktown Historical Museum,
 Ecorner of Main & Eckhardt St
 Two buildings built of local sandstone in 1871 and
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 Two buildings built of local sandstone in 1871 and

Westside Cemetery, N. Mehnert St./SH 119, left on 12th St./ Westside Cemetery Rd
 Largest burial ground for City of Yorktown since the late 1800s.

e of Home of Captain John York, FM 237 7 from SH 72 to York Cemetery Rd, right .5

entennial marker marks the site of the home of ixas patriot and co-founder of Yorktown, killed hile tracking Indians. Burial site of Capt York nd his son-in-law James Madison Bell is in a smetery on private property in a mott of trees at can be seen across the road from the marker

Original Yoakum National Bank Building, 17 W. Grand St. st National Bank of Yoakum, reorganized as skum National Bank, operated in buildings on site from the early 1890s to 1971.

and Theatre, 212 W May St ated at this location from the early 1930s till the theater was restored and opened in the theater was restored and the think the thi

akum Heritage Museum, 312 Simpson St ed in a 1912 Victorian home, ongoing its showcase Yoakum's history as a railroad and leather goods industrial center; short exhibits are also presented.

It Ann's Church & Gemetery, SH 111 W. 4.5 as from Dairy Queen in Yoakum rich & cemetery established for Eastern opean immigrants of Catholic faith.

sellevue Cernetery/Cheapside Community, 766 7.5 miles from Esplanade & Reuss Blvd, on Bellevue Cernetery Road & miles netery is all that remains after early church, ool, and lodge hall were moved 1.5 miles th Cheapside in Gonzales County.

netery is all that remains of the inity that straddled the DeWitt and County line.

5. Terryville Community, Church & Cemetery M 682 at intersection of SH 111 East & Edgar X. C 8.5 miles to intersection with FM 1447 erryville moved to this site in 1881 where a baptist Church and a few houses remain. A istorical marker marks the site of Old Terryville miles farther, through two 90-degree turns on the communication.

urch built in 1855 from lumber om Florida to Texas and brought by n Indianola, first recorded burial in

an Pedro Cemetery, 83 N 10 miles from Broadway oric Texas Cemetery established in 1920

wn of Concrete and Concrete College er, US 183 N 10 miles from Broadway ist townsite surveyed in DeWitt County, fical marker marks the site of Concrete ge, a well respected state-chartered coec

3. Thomaston Community and Thomaston Cemetery, US 87 & 11 miles from Esplanade, left on Loop 105.5 miles to community left on Todram Rd, left to cemetery 1848 settlement on Price's Creek was forerunner to Thomaston, named in 1872 as the first railroad town in DeWitt County.

Cemetery is all that remains; Burns Station was stage stop in first log home built in DeWitt County by Arthur Burns, later named Verhelle for a allroad agent.

Garfield Shooting Club, FM 2980/Garfield Rd 1: niles from SH 72 SW of Yorktown Still in operation as a community gathering place the club is the only public building left in the community.

SOUTHEAST OF CUERO

1. Taylor Family Cemetery, US 87. S.2.5 miles from Splanade, right on Taylor Rd 1.5 miles arecor articlest burial in 1830, cemetery provides a record two pioneer families, the Taylors and the

i. Lithuanians in Texas Marker, FM 119 S 3 mile rom SH 72 in Yorktown at Alvis Bd Lithuanian immigrants in the mid 1800s were argely assimilated into the German population.

7. Five Mile/Ratcliffe/Rabke Community, US 183 S 4 miles from Main Street, right on FM 2718 5 miles, another mile to church Settled by four German families, the community was known as Five Mile. A school was built on the Ratcliffe fam, and Edward Rabke's store housed the post office. The Rabke Methodist Church holds services once a month.

Gruneau Turn and Scheutzen Verein, SH 119 N in iles from SH 72, right on FM 108 3 miles, le Gruneau Rd 1 mile mnastics and target shooting were popular nong German immigrants who organized the rn and Scheutzen Verein (Gymnastics and arkmen's Association) in 1898.

on meetings stabilished the first Catholic ation settlers established the first log church in DeWitt County, the first log church 860, the present one dedicated in 1939.

. Shiloh Community and Woods Cemetery H 72 W 7.5 miles from US 87 to marker, emeraery at end of Woods Cemetery Rd almed for a Methodist Church established 882, Shiloh Cemetery, now called Woods emetery, is all that remains of the commu

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church & metery, US 183 S 13 miles from Main Stre. on FM 237 2 miles

rine second German settlement in DeWitt Count the post office was established in 1851 in Adolp Weyer's home, moved to Isaac Egg's store in 879, Egg and his descendants served as ostmasters until 2007.

Westhoff, US 87 N 11 miles from SH 72 he post office rejected the town's original na ello because there was a town named Bella ell County; townspeople reluctantly change ame to Westhoff.

5. Meyersville Community & Meyersville Post Diffice, US 183 S 11 miles from Main St, left on Meyersville Rd, 3.5 miles The second German settlement in DeWitt County

4.5t John Evangelical Lutheran Church & Cemetery, US 183 S, 11 miles from Main St, left on Mayersville Rd, 2 miles First a log furuch, then a stone church, then a brick church with basement were built by German immigrants and their descendants; the latter two remain as well as their burial ground.

Site of Home of Robert Justice Kleberg 1S 183 S, 11 miles from Main St, right on Mueller ang Rd, .5 miles Jentennial marker marks the site of the home of a eteran of San Jacinto and a Texas State senator.

Golly Hollow School and Community, A 236 SE 16 miles from Esplanade, right on Jily Rd 1.5 miles, right on Golly Rd.5 miles rist school built in 1847, closed in 1946, the Jily Hollow Community Club meets in the nilding to play dominoes.

2. Hopkinsville Community
US 183 S, 5.5 miles from Main St to marker
Black community established by freed slaves wh
organized Antioch Baptist Church and
purchased land for the church and
ben diff their families, school down Hopkinsville R
is no longer standing.

established for German Lutherans Isly traveling 8 miles to Meyersville ted in 1868, cemetery shaded by la

ay-Hickey Home, FM 682 at intersection of 11 East 6 Edgar St. S 2 miles to first section with Rice Davis Rd. section with Rice Davis Rd. rivate property, the log home with open rot and stone chimneys on either end can ed looking south from this intersection.

ounty Line School, Church & Cemetery 682 at intersection of SH 111 East & Edgal \$ 7.5 miles

tie of Friar-Cardwell Stage Stand,
183 N 3 miles from Broadway
187 N 3 miles from Broadway
orical marker marks the site of the first trade
ter, post office, and stop on stagecoach lines
ween San Antonio and coastal towns.

. Buchel Community and School,

St 183 N 5 miles from Broadway, left on Old
onzales Road 1 mile
ommunity settled as early as 1839, school built
1921 closed in 1950, used as a community
enter for many years.

ockhart Community Cemetery, 183 N 5 miles from Broadway, left on khart Cemetery Road est known African American burial ground in Witt County, New Hope Missionary Baptist rich sits among the graves. . Hebron Community, Church, & Cemetery, IM 682 at intersection of SH 111 East & Edgar Yt. S 12.5 miles, left on CR 437 (Hebron Church Toad) 1 mile

