



A GUIDE TO THE
Historic Buildings
 OF FREDERICKSBURG
 AND GILLESPIE COUNTY



KENNETH HAFERTEPE

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A richly illustrated book that tracks the evolution of Fredericksburg architecture

For many Texans and out-of-staters alike, nothing says “Texas Hill Country” like the picturesque town of Fredericksburg, in Gillespie County. The area’s unique German immigrant heritage, combined with its natural beauty, make it a must-visit destination for travelers from all over the world.

One of the most visible aspects of German Texan heritage is the distinctive architecture that developed as settlers from the German fatherland began making a new home for themselves on the Texas frontier. Anyone who has given even the most casual glance to the beautifully preserved, historic commercial buildings, churches, and residences lining the streets of Fredericksburg has surely wondered exactly what it is that gives these cultural treasures their distinctive look. Why did these German pioneer families build in the way they did? What influenced their preferred materials, their floor plans, their decorative choices?

Now, Kenneth Hafertepe has answered these and other questions for both the casual traveler and the dedicated cultural tourist. *A Guide to the Historic Buildings of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County* is a treasure trove of information about these beautiful old buildings, their history, the people who built them, and how they have changed over the decades. With the eye of an architect and the lore of a trained historian, Hafertepe takes readers on a street-by-street tour. Complete with color photographs of each building and, in many cases, historic images of the original structures, Hafertepe’s book will help you see Fredericksburg and its surrounding area—including the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site as well as the famed community of Luckenbach (“where everybody is somebody”)—in a way you never did before!

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