

Acqueduct
San Antonio, Texas.

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ACQUEDUCT
San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Owner: Manuel Marnies

Date of Erection: 1731

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Franciscan Friars

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories:

Materials of Construction: Stone and mortar

Other Existing Records: "San Antonio de Bexar" by William Corner

Additional Data:

The aqueduct was built of native stone by the Franciscan friars in 1731. It was used to irrigate lands in the vicinity of the Mission San Francisco de la Espada. It is still in an excellent state of preservation and water is still flowing through it. The massive round arches that span the Piedra creek, though only a few feet high resemble the arches of the Roman aqueducts built by the Caesars. It is the only structure of its kind in this locality that remains today.

This information was secured from the book "Indians and Missions" by Frederick C. Chabot.

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