Early History of Rio Grande City

Rio Grande City lies along the Rio

Grande River near the border of Texas and Mexico. It is part of Los Caminos del Rio or *roads of the river* - a heritage corridor rich in natural and cultural legacies.

It was founded by Henry Clay Davis in 1848 and patterned after Austin's layout with a main road leading to the courthouse. Rio Grande City became an important part of river commerce. Despite the town's isolation and inadequate roadways, the Rio Grande River provided the growing community an active passenger and cargo ship trade with New Orleans and flourished as a cattle center.

The walking tour encompasses ten sites and lets you go at the pleasure of your own pace. Explore the history of homes and commercial properties located in Rio Grande City's Downtown Historic District recognized by the National Park Service in 2005.



Rio Grande City, circa 1900



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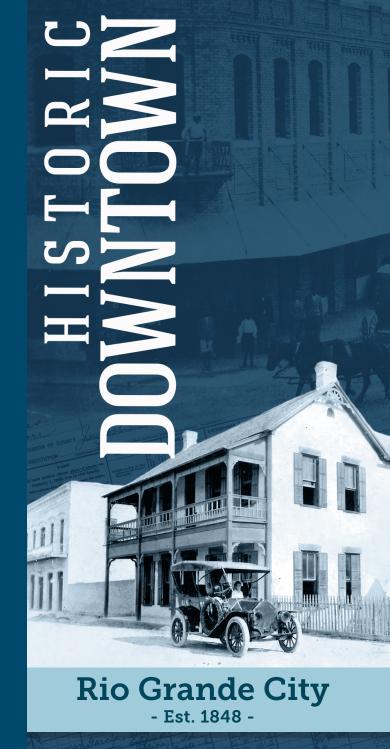
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