

## ★ 1 Landmark Inn Historical Site

Start your tour at Landmark Inn where you can learn about the history of the area. Perched along the Medina River, Landmark Inn was a key stop for those heading west from San Antonio.



## ★ 2 Joseph Burell House

This house represents a double-dwelling place and was constructed in 1845 by Joseph Burell, a native of Altorf, Alsace, who arrived on the Castro ship, Jeanette Marie. The structure is considered one of the oldest in Castroville.



## ★ 4 Burger Hüs

Considered to be the oldest home in Castroville, the home was built in 1844. The original ceiling was cheese cloth and the floors made of cypress wood. You can still see the original flooring in the back section of the home.



## ★ 6 Joe Bendele Log Cabin

This is the only log cabin structure that remains in Castroville from the early pioneer period. Built from 1847-1849, the home is constructed of oak logs and may have been used for servants quarters.



## ★ 8 Huth/Jungman Hüs

The home has non-vertical flues that were common in early homes. When you look at the end of this home, you can see windows directly below chimneys. The flues were run in the walls from the living room and bedroom.

## ★ 10 Zimmerly House

The walls of Zimmerly House are 18" limestone that were then covered with stucco and originally, painted white. The original 12' ceiling and floors are all original. The original construction took place in 1855.



## ★ 3 Valentine Vollmer House

Deeded to Louis Huth by Henri Castro, this limestone home was purchased for \$200 by the Vollmer family in 1870. Vollmer came to Castroville from Eppstein, Pfalz, Bavaria, Germany.



## ★ 5 A.H. Tondre Hüs

Purchased from Sears, Roebuck & Co. by Adolph H. Tondre in 1911, this house was shipped by rail to La Coste and hauled to Castroville by horse and wagon. The house is very close to its original condition.



## ★ 7 Nicholas Tondre Hüs

An example of French-Norman architecture, the house had two rooms flanked by a hallway and steep staircase that led to a loft. The S-shaped iron rods hold the walls together. The walls are 16" to 18" and extend nearly three feet under ground.



## ★ 9 John Vollmer Hüs

The stone walls of this home are 20" to 24" thick with a floor constructed of local cypress. The home was built in 1863 with a dining room added in 1900.



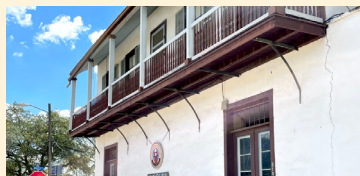
## ★ 1 September Square

September Square honors the founders of Castroville. In 1994, a State Historical Marker was placed in honor of Henri Castro. Two monuments honor veterans of World War I and II.



## ★ 5 Monier Hüs

Built in 1847, this was the home to the Monier family. With 11 children, they needed plenty of space and acquired the lot from Henri Castro in 1847.



## ★ 9 Carle Hüs & Store

Built around 1865, this structure started as a single room with a cellar. It was eventually turned into a general store with living space upstairs.



## ★ 13 First Stone St. Louis Church

This was the first stone Catholic Church built in Medina County and west of San Antonio in the Republic of Texas. Construction began nine days after the settlers arrived in 1844.



## ★ 17 The Old Standby

One of only a few two story buildings in Castroville, the building began as a saloon in 1857. It had its share of gun battles and during prohibition, became a soda fountain and drug store.



## ★ 2 Brauer Hüs

Built in the 1850s, it was built of limestone and cypress beams. The property includes another small house that was living quarters, smokehouse, and rock-lined well.



## ★ 6 Biry-Ahr Property

This home houses the Castro Colonies Living History Center. Step into the home and experience how those early settlers lived.



## ★ 10 St. Louis Catholic Church

One of the largest Catholic churches in Texas when constructed, it was built from 1868-1870 of limestone and cypress. Stained glass was added in 1908 along with a taller spire.



## ★ 14 Joseph Courand Hüs

The family constructed the home in the 1850s, taking several years because they also worked and farmed. The original family operated a general store next door.



## ★ 18 Keiffer/Wernette Tondre Store

Originally the Keifer Brewery & Saloon, the second floor was added and had a balcony and dance hall. In later years it was turned into a grocery, lumber, and dry goods store.



## ★ 3 Knobloch Hüs

August Knobloch was the city tinsmith and operated his shop out of this address. Knobloch expanded the house by adding two rooms made of limestone blocks.



## ★ 7 The Tarde Hotel

Built as a hotel in 1852, the inn was recognized for its fine French food and hospitality. Considered to be one of the finest of its time; many historic figures stayed in this charming place.



## ★ 11 Jungman Hüs & Store

Built in 1867, Peter Jungman added the business to the east of the house with stones he purchased that were originally a part of the first courthouse building in Medina County.



## ★ 15 Dan's Meat Market

The original meat market was built in 1925 with the saloon added later. The corner originally housed the Castroville Anvil and a Tin Shop.



## ★ 19 Henri Castro Homestead

The empresario and founder of Castro's colony. Castro chose this lot when laying out the blocks in his namesake. The earliest home designs were 16 x 32 feet with an 8-foot-wide rear addition which could contain the kitchen.



## ★ 4 Cordier-Tschirhart Hüs

The Cordier-Tschirhart home was built of native rock between 1844 and 1847. It often took several years to construct a home because of farming and other work needed to survive.



## ★ 8 Kieser/Pingenot Hüs

This combination Alsatian/Victorian architecture is the only one in Castroville. The original home was built in 1850 with the Victorian style added in 1905.



## ★ 12 Claude Dubois Hüs

Father Claude Dubois was the first Priest in Castro Colonies, was captured twice by Comanches, and was later the Bishop of Texas. Before all of that he replaced a picket hut with this structure.





## ★ 16 Hans Meat Market

This property also housed the Dolch House, well house, smokehouse, and barn. Today the property houses All Local Castroville.



## ★ 20 Old Highway Filling Station




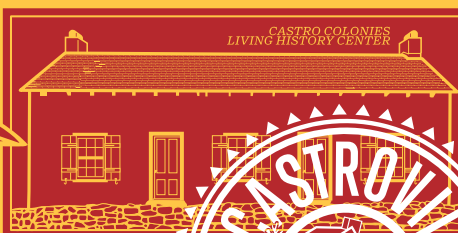

Originally constructed as a saloon, the Highway Filling Station was also the Painter Bus Station and a liquor store. It became a gas station in 1920 as the automobile replaced the horse.



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# HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

“Dropping into Castroville is finding peace. A weight is lifted from your soul... Each house is interestingly different from its neighbors, but still they are alike in friendliness of color and form.”  
— Dave Williams, Southwest Review - Oct. 1928





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# CASTROVILLE

★ TEXAS ★

The Alsatian-influenced structures push against the narrow streets of Castroville, bringing the visitor into a place and time where they can relax and unwind as they step back in time. Take time to explore our comfortable community, filled with historic homes and an easy-going atmosphere. We have tried to give you some historic background here, but in the end, we simply don't have the space. Please, enjoy your walking tour of Castroville, and we pray that you feel wellkumma.

What to look for when viewing Alsatian influenced architecture: small scale, rectangular shape, shed roofs (for snow influenced by Alsace), unusual placement of chimneys and exterior openings, sloped chimney tops, asymmetric windows, and wood shutters for windows to list a few.

## ★ September Square Walking Trail

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| 5. Monier Hüs  | 14. Joseph Courand Hüs            |
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## ★ Additional Historic Places

1. Steinbach Hüs Visitors Center
2. Jean Merian Hüs
3. Joseph Courand, Jr. Hüs
4. Dominic Schott Hüs
5. Johannes Kepler Hüs
6. Charles Naegelin Hüs
7. Bippert-Kueck Hüs
8. Joseph Naegelin Hüs
9. Joseph Weber Hüs
10. Henry Vonflie Hüs
11. Edward E. Tschirhart Hüs
12. Antoine Xavier Jung Hüs
13. Gerhard Ihnken Hüs
14. Moyer Retreat Center
15. Houston Square

