

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Grant Hall talks about the prehistory, history, and discovery of the San Saba site located in present day Menard, Texas.

ABSTRACT:

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Introduction San Saba location Prehistory of San Saba site Native American inhabitants Spanish interests with the San Saba area Motivations for Spanish colonist to move north Founding the Mission and Presidio Miles of separation	00:00
Strategic error when building the Presidio Attack on San Saba Mission burned Largest Spanish fort built Stone quarry Presidio rock used for modern construction Reconstruction of the front entry way	00:10
Redesigning the fort in San Saba Opinions on the reconstruction of the site	00:20

Reconstruction failing to preserve site
Searching for the original mission site
Analyzing documents and conducting field studies
Texas A&M University survey team

San Saba County	
Texas Tech University Archaeological field school	00:30
Presidio heroes and Presidio occupation	
Aerial photographs of the site	
Discovery of the San Saba Mission	
Artifacts found at the Mission	
Finding funding to excavate the San Saba site	
Mission on County Judge Otis Lyckman's property	00:40
Judge Lyckman's reaction	
Artifacts recovered indicating attack on the Mission	
Media coverage of the San Saba site	
Lead comparisons	
Artifacts recovered at the San Saba site	
Inventory of Spanish artifacts	00:51
Missing artifacts over time	
Discovering the dimensions of the mission	
Historical marker of the site	
Killing of all the livestock	
Gold sun dial recovered	
Cleaning of the sun dial	1:00
Reading the inscriptions	
European instrument maker	
Speculations on the sun dial	
Comparisons on artifacts found at the Presidio and Mission	
Texas Tech University field school	
Fragment of a statue	
Locating a broken statue	1:10
Donny Hamilton	
Working with "La Belle"—La Salle's ship	
Locating the San Saba site	
Spanish planting vegetation	
Pecan tree growth	
Homesteads	
Finding post stains	1:20
Discovering layout of a homestead	
Plow zone	

Finding graves	
Stock pen crossing	
Thoughts on the San Saba site	
Native American problems	
Charming career	1:30
Growing up in Edinburg, Texas	
Early interest in Archaeology	
Attending the University of Texas	
Changing major	
Working at Allen's Creek	
Moving to San Antonio, Texas	
Analyzing artifacts from Allen's Creek	1:40
Major research interests	
Native Pecan trees	
Deciding on an Archaeological field school	
Prehistoric Catfish farms	
Working on Choke Canyon project	
Father's support for archaeology career	1:50
Grandfather's career	
Father's career	
Archaeology training	
Archaeology as a multidisciplinary study	
Strong interests in history	
Preferring to teach	2:00
Rewards of teaching	
Getting students interested in Archaeology	
Interview ended	

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