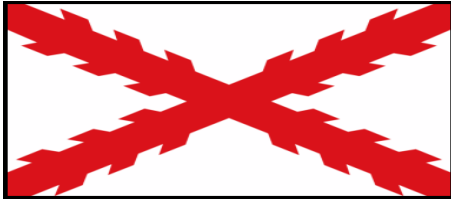


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FIRST SPANISH SETTLEMENT OF SAN ANTONIO
MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE VALERO ~ THE ALAMO
PRESIDIO DE BEXAR
VILLA DE BEXAR

The 1718 San Antonio Founding Families and Descendants group is dedicated to the founding of San Antonio through community awareness, education, genealogy, history and science.

In April 1718 Martin de Alarcón, Governor and Captain-Lieutenant General of the Province of Coahuila crossed the Rio Grande into the province of Tejas with an entrada numbering 35 soldiers, six with families, all totaling 72 persons. Alarcón's company was supplied with sheep, cattle, horses and other necessities.

On May 1, 1718 Alarcón assisted Father Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares in the founding of San Antonio de Valero Mission.

On May 5, 1718 Martin de Alarcón established the San Antonio de Bexar Presidio.

Although the history of San Antonio is recognized as May 5, 1718, this group does incorporate the previous expeditions and those ancestors who explored this area, such as the 1716 expedition establishing missions in East Texas; the 1709 expedition naming of San Pedro Creek and the San Antonio River by Father Antonio de San Buenaventura y Olivares; and the 1691 expedition naming of San Antonio by Father Damian Massanet.

It is with these combined efforts, sacrifices and vision of our ancestors that has contributed to the founding of the first settlement of San Antonio, Presidio de Bexar, Villa de Bexar and our beloved Mission San Antonio de Valero now known as The Alamo.

The 1718 San Antonio Founding Families and Descendants invites all individuals to join our group (i) who are descendants from the list of families who participated in the 1718 Martin de Alarcón Expedition; (ii) descendants of participants in the early Spanish expeditions entering Texas and the San Antonio area prior to 1718; (iii) descendants who lived on the land in and around San Antonio in 1718 or prior to 1718; and (iv) individuals who want to learn and take part in San Antonio's rich history.

Upon providing documentation to support descendant lineage to one of the 1718 Martin de Alarcón listed Presidio Soldiers, families, Franciscan Friars, and or participants in the early Spanish expeditions entering Texas prior to 1718, the member will receive a certificate approving membership in this group and voting rights at each meeting.

