Historic Hill Country Schools Driving Tour Touts... 

The Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, a THF supporter, has developed a self-guided tour of 17 historic one-room schools built between 1847 and 1936. The 120-mile driving trail takes visitors through the scenic countryside surrounding Fredericksburg.

In Texas, rural one-room schools evolved into a means of education for students living beyond the reach of larger schools. These schools are important in the state’s history because rural education was an effective means of teaching children the values society deemed important during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

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drive to the award-winning publication.

To verify significant lost sites in San Antonio. Archeologist Matthew Elverson led the effort and wrote about the project in the THF member magazine.

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