

# HISTORY ON THE SQUARE

A DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR OF OZONA, TX

Begin your walking tour on the west side of the Square at the SW corner of the intersection of TX Hwy 163 and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.



1.

**THE OZONA STOCKMAN** - This weekly newspaper has provided continuous coverage of Ozona and the surrounding areas since 1892.

Turn north and cross 10<sup>th</sup> St. and walk to the center of the next block.



2.

**OLD OZONA NATIONAL BANK** - The site of Crockett County's first financial institution was constructed of native stone in 1905. An unsuccessful robbery was attempted in 1954. The robbers almost made off with \$10,800 but were apprehended within blocks by quick thinking lawmen and local residents.

Walk north to the next intersection (9<sup>th</sup> St & TX 163). Cross 9<sup>th</sup> St. then turn east to cross TX 163. Walk east to the end of this block.



3.

**OLD OZONA HOTEL - (Now Kerbow Funeral Home)** - Built in 1893, this hotel was established to board teachers, visiting athletic teams and business visitors to the city.

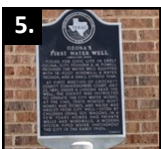
Continue walking east and cross Ave. D.



4.

**FIRST COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING** - The first Crockett County Commissioners' Court was convened in the shade of this oak tree on July 22, 1891.

Turn south and cross Water Works Dr. to the front of the First Baptist Church. Walk past the front steps. The marker is located between the sidewalk and the front of the church.



5.

**FIRST WATER WELL** - This well was drilled in 1891 and became the focus for early life in Ozona.



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Walk to the southwest corner of the church. Turn east and walk through the parking area. The large limestone building attached to the back of the church is your next stop.



6.

**CROCKETT COUNTY JAIL** - This jail was built in 1892 of stone quarried nearby.

Return to the sidewalk which crosses in front of the church and walk south to the center of the block



7.

**CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE** - Designed by Oscar Ruffini, this building was completed in 1902. Completely restored in 2011.

Continue walking south past Crockett County Museum. Turn west and cross Ave. D, to the southeast corner of Square.



8.

**CROCKETT COUNTY CENTENNIAL MARKER** - Placed by the Texas Highway Department in 1936, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas Independence from Mexico. This marker explains the formation of Crockett County.

Continue west to Davy Crockett Monument



9.

**DAVID "DAVY" CROCKETT MONUMENT** - Erected in 1939, this monument honors the famous statesman and hero who died at the Alamo.

Walk north to the center of square



10.

**THE CROCKETT COUNTY HERITAGE APPRECIATION MONUMENT "The Tie that Binds"** - a reminder of the pioneer spirit that settled this great land!

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