



Guidelines have been established for the protection of the Church Building. We ask that users please consider that the Church, built in 1859 is a historical structure. Our goal is to protect and preserve the integrity of the building for the enjoyment of future generations.

Your help will be appreciated.



Texas Snow-December 24, 2004



## The Historic Texana Church is available for public use.

For church availability and pricing, please contact:

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*Historic Texana Church*



# Texana Presbyterian Church

- 1859** Built in 1859 at the old river port of Texana for a cost of approximately \$600.00
- 1884** Moved to Edna in March, 1884. The 7 mile journey was accomplished by pulling it forward inch by inch on log rollers by means of a winch powered by oxen. It was used for Church and other public functions. (Located at the corner of Hanover & Church Streets.)
- 1909** Moved to be used for commercial purposes after the new church was built on Hanover Street. (Located at the corner of Hickory & S. Allen Streets.)
- 1984** Restored and re-dedicated by the Texana Heritage Society, 100 years after its move to Edna. (Located on the grounds of the Edna Presbyterian Church on Apollo Drive.)
- 2001** Moved to Brackenridge Park & Campground in October, 2001. Located near the Brackenridge Family Cemetery and Brackenridge Family Homesite.
- 2002** Restored and re-dedicated May 17, 2002 through the joint efforts of the Jackson County Historical Commission & the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority.

**The Old Texana Presbyterian Church is a recorded Texas Historic Landmark and is entered on the National Register of Historic Places in the United States.**

## The Historic Texana Church

The church building was erected in the town of Texana in 1859. The Presbyterian Church had been organized in 1855 under the leadership of John Adams Brackenridge and was so small that the Brackenridge Family accounted for more than half of the congregation.

The building, a quaint antebellum (meaning "Before the Civil War") Greek Revival structure was dedicated during the March 1860 meeting of the Presbytery of Western Texas in Texana.

The building served not only the Presbyterian Congregation in Texana but also the community as a whole for various public functions.

It was moved overland to Edna in March, 1884 following the abandonment of Texana after the New York, Texas, & Mexican Railroad was built through Jackson County and the seat of government was transferred to the new town of Edna.

In addition to the Presbyterians who had come to Edna from Texana, the structure was used by other denominations until their own sanctuaries were erected. Presbyterians and Methodists conducted a joint Sunday School there in 1884-1885. The Edna Baptist congregation was organized in this structure.



Moving and remodeling costs totaling approximately \$160,000 were funded through assistance of various foundations, donations, and the Texana Historic Commission. The church building is owned by Jackson County and is maintained by the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority.

Birds, white-tail deer and various other species of wildlife roam through the woods surrounding the church, allowing visitors to enjoy the peaceful, pleasant setting of the little church. Its beautiful, impressive steeple is nestled in the natural setting of trees and native vegetation at Brackenridge Park. The sound of the church bell echoing through the trees stirs thoughts of days gone by.

The church, where important town meetings were held, has a deep rooted connection to the history of Jackson County. The site selected for the church building is approximately one mile from its original location in the town of Texana, which is now covered by the waters of Lake Texana.