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7. La Hacienda – return to Oak Street and proceed West across the highway bridge to the southwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Oak. This was the home of Flores Grocery, Café and Bar.

8. Terrell County Visitor Center - head west to the corner of 3rd and Oak. This building has information about Big Bend National Park and other scenic attractions in this part of Texas. Terrell County merchandise, curios and informative books, including the Terrell County history book, are for sale. Outside is a nature walk with many species of cacti and plants native to this area, all with identifying tags.

9. El Buen Pastor Methodist Church - **from the Visitors' Center** on Oak Street turn north 1 block to 3rd and Pine Street. This was a Methodist Church for Hispanics. It has a Texas Historical Medallion Number 1407, which was granted in 1962.

10. First Calvary Baptist Church – return to Oak and go west 1 block to the corner of Oak Street and 2<sup>nd</sup>. **This was Cook's Meat Market and Grocery Store.** First Calvary Baptist Church began as a mission church in 1978.

11. Saint James Catholic Church – continue north on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 2 blocks to Hackberry. This building was built to replace the original Catholic Church that was located on Oak Street, a little adobe church built by joint effort of all the parishioners.

12. General Alexander W. Terrell Monument - located on the southeast corner of Court House square, across the street from St. James. The county is named for the famed Confederate General Alexander W. Terrell, who was a Texas state legislator at its founding.

**13. Terrell County Veteran's Monument is on the south sidewalk** leading to the main entrance of the Court House.

14. Centennial Time Capsule - **located next to the Veteran's Monument.** Various items were collected and sealed in 2005, in **celebration of Terrell County's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday,** and to be re-opened in 2055.

15. Eagle Monument – **Across from the Veteran's Monument is a** cast-iron eagle mounted on a spire of native limestone. The eagle was originally mounted on the court house at its construction, lost during a later renovation, then returned recently.

16. Terrell County Court House - This building was built in 1906-**1907 and renovated in 1930 and 1983. The Sheriff's office and jail house** are also located in the Court House.

17. Terrell County Library - located on the northeast corner of the Court House square. Organized in 1968 and housed on the second floor of the Court House, this new building was built in **the '70s.**

**18. Mother's Monument** - return to the front of the Court House, then to the southwest corner of the Court House square. This monument is dedicated to service personnel of Terrell County killed during World War II.

19. Sanderson High School - on Hackberry, across from the Court House. This delightful building with Art Deco architectural elements was built in 1931.

20. First Baptist Church – across the street from the High School at 1<sup>st</sup> and Hackberry. This beautiful structure was constructed in 1927. The congregation was established in the early 1900s.

21. Sanderson Junior High School – now go east 1 block on Hackberry to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, across the street and south of St.

James Catholic Church. Unique octagon shape still confuses incoming 6th graders with its circular hallway.

22. Lamar Ward Mexican School, now the TCISD Band Hall, - go east on Hackberry to the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Hackberry. Sanderson Hispanic students, grades 1 – 8, were segregated in this building and integrated with white students at grade nine.

23. Terrell County Fair Hall - going east on Hackberry between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. Originally this building was used as the Club Atletico Catolico, which played a large part in the entertainment and life of the Hispanic people of Sanderson and Terrell County. It was purchased in 2002 by the Terrell County Fair Association to become the Terrell County Fair Hall.

24. Terrell County Museum – go back 1½ blocks to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, then north 1 block to 2nd and Mansfield. Home of the pioneer W. H. Lemons family, the museum contains many artifacts, photos and documents of early Terrell County life.

25. Joe Kerr Home - corner of Mansfield and 2<sup>nd</sup> street, across from the Museum. The Kerr Home was constructed by Joe Kerr, Sr. and was the home of the Edward Kerr family and the Hudson Kerr family, prominent families in the community.

26. Dryden Methodist Church - located just behind Terrell County Museum, this building originally was located in Dryden, Texas, 20 miles to the east of Sanderson. It is used annually for community Easter Sunrise Services and other meetings.

27. First Presbyterian Church - from the Dryden Methodist Church, continue north on 2nd St., ½ block to 2nd and Richard St. First Presbyterian celebrated its centennial in 2009.

28. Bi-Centennial Park - go west on Richard St. to 1<sup>st</sup> St., then south one block to the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Mansfield, west of the Court House. The park contains a playground, community swimming pool, water playscape and the new pavilion and cactus garden.

29. Church of Christ – proceed one block west on Mansfield to Persimmon Street. The congregation was formed in 1925 and the present building was constructed in the 1940s.

30. Cactus Capital Hiking Trail - go west 1 block to School St. and turn right. The trail winds around Hominy Hill, behind the TCISD stadium and around Javelina Hill to the west, exiting on the northwest side at Pine and Wilson. Be sure to take water.

31. First Methodist Church – go south on Persimmon from the Church of Christ, 3 blocks to Pine and Persimmon. This is the oldest protestant church in Terrell County. It was built in 1905 and used by various denominations in their beginnings.

32. Bohiman Building - From First Methodist Church, go south 1 block to Persimmon and Oak. This building contained a confectionary (candy store) and picture show on the lower level and the St. Francis Hotel on the upper level.

33. Joe Kerr Building - continue south ½ block on Persimmon, third building on the left. Once the center of operations for Joe Kerr, Sr. and Kerr family enterprises, it now houses the Terrell County Tax Office.

34. Original Sanderson State Bank building – adjacent to and south of the Terrell County Tax Office. It has a Texas Historical Medallion on the building, with marker number 4564, issued in 1962.

35. Southern Pacific Depot – go south on Persimmon to Downie street, across from the Post Office. When the railroad pushed

through Sanderson in 1883, the first depot was a box car on a siding. It was soon replaced by a spacious, standard design redwood depot.

36. Southern Pacific Bunk House - continue on Downie Street and go east 1 block. This building was a layover residence for Southern Pacific Railroad crews in the days of steam locomotives.

37. Harrell Dairy – go east on Downie ½ block to 2nd Street, then across the railroad track (CAUTION!). Neglected for many years, this historic operation is being restored to its former glory. It is now a private residence.

38. Old Fire House – backtrack to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, then north ½ block, across from Kerr Mercantile. This facility was used until a new building was built on the corner of Oak and 1<sup>st</sup>.

**39. Frazier's Meat Market** – adjacent to the Fire House. This two-storey structure held many businesses, but was originally a meat market owned by Mr. Tip Frazier.

40. Kerr Mercantile - on 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak Street. This building, the flagship of the Kerr family enterprises, began in the early days of the county and quickly became the main retail outlet in Sanderson.

41. The Masonic Hall - ½ block north on 1st St. The Masons were strong in Sanderson...many of the railroaders were members...and a fitting edifice was raised about 1930. It is now a private residence.

42. Princess Theater – return to Oak Street and east ½ block, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. This was the local cinema for many years, opening in 1929 and closing in the 1970s.

43. Jolly Harkins Warehouse – go 2 1/2 blocks west on Highway 90/Oak Street to School Street. This building was used as a bulk oil and gasoline distributorship.

44. SP Bunk House #2– north on School Street, adjacent to the Jolly Harkins Warehouse. This was another Southern Pacific building for crews laying over for their return trip.

45. Old Power Station and Ice house - proceed west on Highway 90 (Oak Street) to the road cut...structure is located south of the highway. Still in its original state, the building was built in 1929.

46. Old Wool House site - adjacent to the Power House, all that remains of this historic building is the clearly visible foundation. The 1965 flood destroyed the building and a new one was built on Highway 285, which is still in operation.

47. Terrell County Marker is 1 mile west on Highway 90, just west of the Town and Country Convenience Store. This imposing pink granite monument and plaque honors early founders of Terrell County and was erected in 1936.

48. Stock Pens - to the West of town just off Highway 90, see south of the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 285. Many thousands of cattle, sheep and goats were loaded onto cattle cars from this facility. This is private property...no admittance.

49. 90th Aero Squadron Air Field Marker – north on Highway **285, near the wool house. The 90th Aero Squadron Flight "B"** arrived in November, 1919, to open an airfield west of Sanderson near the present-day Wool Commission warehouse. The Terrell County Historical Commission had this marker created to commemorate the site, now covered by a flood control dam.

# A Walking and Driving Tour of Sanderson and Terrell County Texas

Brief History - Between 1871 and 1905 the Terrell County area was part of Pecos County. The region was opened for settlement in the early 1880s in anticipation of the arrival of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, which had surveyed a route through the region. Cyrus W. (Charley) Wilson developed a townsite called Strawbridge at a designated stop along the railroad, where he bought the land and laid out streets and lots. In May 1882, when the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad reached the site, the town was renamed Sanderson after a railroad engineer.

1. East Gate Park - entering from the East on Highway 90/Oak Street, on the right side shortly after entering town. Artist Leo Smith, Sr. hand-painted and drew on each rock a Terrell County historical theme representing the major epochs in the area and county history.

2. Santa Rita Cemetery – go west on Avenue A to Legion St., and to the left is Santa Rita, a private cemetery owned by the Saint James Catholic Church.

3. Cedar Grove Cemetery – adjacent to and south of Santa Rita. This is a county cemetery. There are markers for the **Train Robbers, many Civil War veterans' markers and a monument** that honors victims of the 1965 flood.

4. Clarence Mulkey American Legion Post #160 – go north on Legion Street and to the right. It is named for the first World War I veteran to die in Sanderson, who passed away on August 9, 1927.

5. Rock Tourist Camp - continue north on Legion Street, left side, adjacent to the Terrell County Food Pantry. This was one of the earliest motels in Sanderson, and was operated by the Turner family.

6. County Road and Bridge Building - adjacent to the **Rock Tourist Camp. This building first was Turner's Grocery Store, then a clinic and dentist's office. Now the front is occupied by the Terrell County Food Pantry, and the rear by County Road and Bridge offices.**