

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Hall, Grant

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INTERVIEWER: David Marshall

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Grant Hall talks about the prehistory, history, and discovery of the San Saba site located in present day Menard, Texas.

ABSTRACT:

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| Introduction | 00:00 |
| San Saba location | |
| Prehistory of San Saba site | |
| Native American inhabitants | |
| Spanish interests with the San Saba area | |
| Motivations for Spanish colonist to move north | |
| Founding the Mission and Presidio | |
| Miles of separation | |
| Strategic error when building the Presidio | 00:10 |
| Attack on San Saba | |
| Mission burned | |
| Largest Spanish fort built | |
| Stone quarry | |
| Presidio rock used for modern construction | |
| Reconstruction of the front entry way | |
| Redesigning the fort in San Saba | 00:20 |
| Opinions on the reconstruction of the site | |

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| Reconstruction failing to preserve site | |
| Searching for the original mission site | |
| Analyzing documents and conducting field studies | |
| Texas A&M University survey team | |
| San Saba County | |
| Texas Tech University Archaeological field school | 00:30 |
| Presidio heroes and Presidio occupation | |
| Aerial photographs of the site | |
| Discovery of the San Saba Mission | |
| Artifacts found at the Mission | |
| Finding funding to excavate the San Saba site | |
| Mission on County Judge Otis Lyckman's property | 00:40 |
| Judge Lyckman's reaction | |
| Artifacts recovered indicating attack on the Mission | |
| Media coverage of the San Saba site | |
| Lead comparisons | |
| Artifacts recovered at the San Saba site | |
| Inventory of Spanish artifacts | 00:51 |
| Missing artifacts over time | |
| Discovering the dimensions of the mission | |
| Historical marker of the site | |
| Killing of all the livestock | |
| Gold sun dial recovered | |
| Cleaning of the sun dial | 1:00 |
| Reading the inscriptions | |
| European instrument maker | |
| Speculations on the sun dial | |
| Comparisons on artifacts found at the Presidio and Mission | |
| Texas Tech University field school | |
| Fragment of a statue | |
| Locating a broken statue | 1:10 |
| Donny Hamilton | |
| Working with "La Belle"—La Salle's ship | |
| Locating the San Saba site | |
| Spanish planting vegetation | |
| Pecan tree growth | |
| Homesteads | |
| Finding post stains | 1:20 |
| Discovering layout of a homestead | |
| Plow zone | |

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| Finding graves | |
| Stock pen crossing | |
| Thoughts on the San Saba site | |
| Native American problems | |
| Charming career | 1:30 |
| Growing up in Edinburg, Texas | |
| Early interest in Archaeology | |
| Attending the University of Texas | |
| Changing major | |
| Working at Allen's Creek | |
| Moving to San Antonio, Texas | |
| Analyzing artifacts from Allen's Creek | 1:40 |
| Major research interests | |
| Native Pecan trees | |
| Deciding on an Archaeological field school | |
| Prehistoric Catfish farms | |
| Working on Choke Canyon project | |
| Father's support for archaeology career | 1:50 |
| Grandfather's career | |
| Father's career | |
| Archaeology training | |
| Archaeology as a multidisciplinary study | |
| Strong interests in history | |
| Preferring to teach | 2:00 |
| Rewards of teaching | |
| Getting students interested in Archaeology | |
| Interview ended | |

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