

*WALK TO YOUR RIGHT OR SOUTH ALONG THE SIDEWALK UNTIL YOU REACH THE FLAG POLE WITH THE AMERICAN FLAG. LOOK DOWN AND YOU SHOULD SEE A BRASS MARKER IN THE PAVING THAT STATES "ALAMO MISSION ORIGINAL PROPERTY LINE" STOP HERE.*

Stop 2: Palisade

The Mexican Army built a palisade of wooden posts here in 1835. The palisade or wall of log and earth was constructed to close off the only open area that led to the interior of the compound and make it secure. It was 115 feet long from the corner of the Church to the southeast corner of the low barrack or gatehouse and was supported by a single cannon at its center. Early in the siege of 1836, Travis assigned David Crockett to defend the palisade wall. At least one eyewitness tells us that Crockett's body was seen lying dead, "between [the] church and two-story barracks, his peculiar cap at his side."

*NOTICE THE TWO PARALLEL LINES IN THE PAVEMENT OF THE STREET. FOLLOW THESE LINES AWAY FROM THE ALAMO GROUNDS UNTIL THE LINES END AT THE CORNER OF THE RAMP AND THE LOW STONE PLANTER WALL. THESE LINES MARK THE PALISADE.*